

Surviving Spouse Check List

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Veteran's Name: _____ Funeral Home: _____
Surviving Spouse Name: _____
Did Veteran Die at VA Health Facility/Contract: YES / NO Cause of Death: _____
Locations of Death/City, State, Facility: _____
Private Burial Location: _____ Neptune Society: _____
Cremated Not Buried: _____
National Cemetery: _____ Body Donated: _____

Veterans Military Information:

ERA: WWII / KOREA / Vietnam / Gulf / GWOT / PT
BRANCH OF SERVICE: Army/ Navy/ Marine/ Air Force/
Coast Guard/ Space Force/ Merch Marine

VSO TO DO:

1. Print Current Share Pages before VA notification.
(VA locks claims file after Veterans death)
2. Notify VA Benefits if receiving Disability Comp
3. Notify VA Pension Center if receiving VA Pension
4. Notify VA Health if enrolled in VA Health Care
5. Notify DFAS if Retired Military
6. FUNERAL HOME notifies Social Security

VA Benefits to Evaluate for Surviving Spouse

- ___ DIC (Service-Connected Veteran Death)
- ___ Survivor Pension(Wartime Service/Income, Asset Based)
- ___ Aid & Attendance with DIC or Survivor Pension
- ___ Month of Death Payment - MOD
- ___ Accrued Claim-if Veteran had monies owed
- ___ Substitution of Surviving Spouse as Claimant
- ___ VA Life Insurance (800)866-8477
- ___ Evaluate Need for Fiduciary for Surviving Spouse
- ___ New Property Tax Letter in Spouse's name
- ___ Copy of Voided Check-New Direct Deposit
- ___ Is Surviving Spouse Eligible for ChampVA

VA BURIAL BENEFITS

1. Monetary Burial Claim. Must be receiving Disability Compensation or Non-SC Pension, or Die in a VA Health Facility or Contracted Facility)
2. Non-SC Death - \$896
3. Death at VA Facility/Contract -\$896
4. Service-Connected Death - \$2,000
5. Private Plot - \$896
6. VA Headstones or Markers
7. Presidential Memorial Certificate
8. Burial Flag-provided by Funeral Home or obtain at Post Office
9. Burial at National Cemetery- Veteran & Spouse
(Coordinated by Funeral Home)
10. Roundtrip Mileage if buried at a National Cemetery

Retired Military Surviving Spouses

- ___ SBP (DD 2656-7)
- ___ DFAS Arrears of Pay (SF 1174)
- ___ Change allotments
- ___ Obtain New Survivor ID Card
- ___ Update DEERS
- ___ Notify Tricare/Tricare for Life
- ___ Notify Express Scripts

Documents

1. Death Certificate & Marriage Certificate
2. All DD-214's
3. Voided Bank Check for certain claims
4. 2- Receipts from Funeral Home
5. Receipts from Private Cemetery Plot
6. VA Award Letters
7. DFAS Statement if Retired Military