

BURIAL BENEFITS APPLICABLE TO PATIENTS WHO DIE AT A VA MEDICAL CENTER:

\$745.00 for burial and funeral expense allowance.

\$745.00 for burial plot or interment allowance. (If the grave is already purchased, this may go toward opening and closing the grave.)

A headstone or marker can be furnished by the government. VA delivers the headstone or marker at no cost and the family will pay to have it permanently set in position. For information: 1-800-697-6947

A government medallion (1.5", 3", or 5" sizes are available) can be furnished for a grave in a private cemetery with a privately purchased headstone or marker. The medallion is shipped without charge along with appropriate affixing adhesives, hardware and instructions. You can choose either a headstone/marker (#3) or a medallion (#4), not both.

We will issue a burial flag to the funeral director for use in the burial service after which the flag will be presented to the next of kin.

Burial in a national cemetery may be chosen in lieu of the \$745.00 allowance for a burial plot. In this general area, there are national cemeteries at Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois; Keokuk, Iowa; and Springfield, Illinois; and a federally funded state cemetery near Van Meter, Iowa (near Adel). For availability of space, the family or funeral director may contact the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at (800) 535-1117 or visit their website

<http://www.cem.va.gov/bbene/need.asp>

State veterans' cemeteries also offer burial options for veterans and their families. Some services, particularly for family members, may require a fee. To locate a state veterans' cemetery, visit

<http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/scg/lsvc.asp>

Military funeral honors consisting of folding and presentation of the United States flag and the playing of "Taps". Family members should inform their funeral directors if they want military funeral honors.

Presidential memorial certificates are issued upon request to recognize the military service of honorably discharged deceased veterans. Information and a sample certificate can be found at

<http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/pmc.asp> or call 1-800-202-565-4964 for information.

TWO YEARS ARE ALLOWED TO FILE FOR THESE VA BENEFITS WHICH ARE RECEIVED FROM THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF JURISDICTION.

The latest edition of VA's "Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors" is available online at

http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp

Any Questions Please call the Details Clerk (319)338-0581 ext 96370