

Clinical Social Work

Veterans, Their Spouses, and Their Minor or Disabled Children

**Burial in Private Cemeteries:** Some veterans may be eligible for a small allowance for cremation and other funeral expenses in a private cemetery including a government headstone or marker, a burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate. Some Veterans may also be eligible for Burial Allowances.

Please contact a benefits counselor at the nearest VA regional office for assistance: 800-827-1000 or see: [benefits.va.gov/compensation/claims-special-burial.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/claims-special-burial.asp)

Burial in Veteran’s Cemeteries

**Benefits**- Burial in a Veteran's Administration (VA) national cemetery which includes a gravesite in any of the 131 national cemeteries **with available space**, opening and closing of the grave, perpetual care, a government headstone or marker, a burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate at no cost to the family. Cremated remains are buried or inurned in national cemeteries in the same manner and honors as casketed remains.

**Eligibility**- An eligible veteran must have been discharged or separated from active duty under conditions other than dishonorable and must have completed the enlisted period of service. Spouses and unmarried children under age 18 are eligible as well as any disabled adult child.

**How to Access**- call a Veteran’s Benefits Counselor (U.S. Dept of Veteran’s Affairs) at 800-827-1000 or the Boston Veterans' Services Department at 617-727-3578. Once eligibility is confirmed, you may contact your local funeral home to make arrangements.

**For more information** - [cem.va.gov/cem](http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/)

National VA Cemetery

* + Bourne National Veterans’ Cemetery

Connery Ave., Bourne, MA 02532 | 508-563-7113

Massachusetts State Veterans’ Cemeteries

* + Massachusetts State Veterans’ Cemetery - Agawam 1390 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001 | 413-821-9500
  + Winchendon Veteran Cemetery

111 Glenallen Street, Winchendon, MA 01475 | 978-297-9501