

Taps Information

Please inform a member or members of the 28th FARA Board of Directors as soon as possible.

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Documents needed: DD Form 214, death certificate, birth certificate, marriage license(s), divorce decree(s), any receipts for costs.

Veterans death benefits help cover burial, funeral, and transportation costs.

You may get:

VA Allowance for burial and funeral costs.

VA plot or interment allowance for the cost of the grave site.

VA transportation reimbursement for cost of transporting the remains to the final resting place.

You must pay for these services first before applying for an allowance. You must file within two years.

You must have a statement from the funeral director or cemetery owner that includes:

Veteran's name

Service or item purchased

Any credits

Unpaid balance

To apply go to <https://www.va.gov/burials-and-memorials/application/530/introduction> or download the VA Form 2IP-530EZ at <https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-2IP-530EZ-ARE.pdf>.

For assistance call 800-827-1000 M-F 0800-2100 ET.

Allowances are \$893 for burial and \$893 for plot.

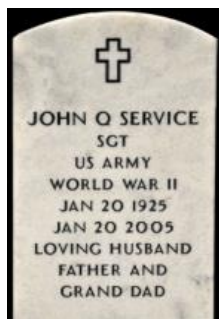
Allowance for some or all costs of moving remains if the veteran was in a VA hospital or VA contracted nursing home or dies en-route to VA authorized care at the time of death.

Headstone allowance is \$231.

To qualify the veteran must have served 24 consecutive months on active duty.

To apply for a headstone, grave marker, or niche marker you need VA Form 40-1330. Go to

<https://www.va.gov/find-Forms/about-form-40-1330/>.



Upright marble headstone



Flat granite Grave Marker



Flat Bronze Grave Marker



Bronze Niche Marker

To apply for a bronze medallion for the marker you need VA Form 40-1330M. Go to <https://www.va.gov/find-Forms/about-form-40-1330M/>. Medallions are for privately purchased headstones and markers.



To apply for any of these you can use the Quick Submit Tool through Access VA or mail with a copy of DD Form 214 to:

NCAFP Evidence Intake Center
PO Box 5237
Janesville, WI 53547

DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. For assistance call 800-697-6947 M-F 0800-1700 ET.

For burial in a private cemetery check with officials at the specific cemetery to make sure they allow the style you want.

All headstones must include:

- Veteran's legal name
- Branch of Service
- Beginning and ending years of life.
- Section and grave number if in a state or national cemetery

You can choose to provide

- Full beginning and ending dates of life
- Highest rank attained
- Awards and war service
- An emblem of belief

These may be included

- Nickname
- Terms of endearment like "Loving Father"
- Special unit identification

Staff in national, military post, and military base cemeteries will set the headstone or marker at no cost. Some veteran cemeteries might charge you for doing this.

If installed in a private cemetery you are responsible for the cost of placing it. If you get a medallion it comes with a kit to help you attach it.

For information about care and cleaning of headstones and markers go to:

<https://www.cem.va.gov/hmm/cleaning.asp>.

If buried in a private cemetery you can receive:

- Headstone/marker or medallion
- Burial flag
- Presidential Memorial Certificate

Taps Folder Checklist		
Points of contact for 28FARA		
Tommy Houston 248-794-9081		
Bill Dunham 706-825-1341		
Danny Marksberry 859-404-1555		
Points of contact for veteran (name, phone, address)		
Location of DD Form 214(s)		
Is your DD Form 214 filed with your local Clerk of Court? If so, where.		
Location of Birth Certificate		
Location of marriage license(s)		
Location of divorce decree(s)		
DoD ID Number		
VA Benefits call 800-827-1000 MF 0800-2100 ET		
For VA Benefits complete VA Form 2IP-530EZ		
Go to https://www.va.gov/burials-and-memorials/application/530/introduction		
Download form at https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-2IP-530EZ-ARE.pdf		
For headstone/grave marker/niche marker complete VA Form 40-1330		
Go to https://www.va.gov/find-Forms/about-form-40-1330/		
Headstone information		
*Full legal name		
*Branch of service: US Army		
*Beginning and ending years of life		
**Highest rank attained		
**Awards and war service		
**Emblem of belief		
**Full beginning and ending dates of life		
**Nickname		
**Term of endearment – for example: Loving Father		
**Special Unit Identification		
*Required information		
**Optional information		
	Yes	
Do you desire a military honors (burial detail, burial flag, gun salute, taps)?		
Do you desire a Presidential Memorial Certificate?		
Do you desire a Medallion for a civilian headstone/marker?		
Do you desire that the 28FARA contact your next of kin?		
Do you desire 28FARA provide services at your funeral/memorial?		
Eulogy		
Pall bearers		
Honorary pall bearers		
Soldier's cross		
Have you completed the attached VA National Cemetery Scheduling Office checklist?		
Are you a member of either the VFW or the American Legion?		
If so, what post		

Complete this checklist and send to bdunham53@yahoo.com.

You can mail a copy to Bill Dunham, 5271 Meadowlark Lane, Grovetown, GA 30813

Also include the VA National Cemetery Scheduling Office checklist.

USEFUL INFORMATION

To find the benefits resources for your state go to: <https://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/Benefit-Library/Resource-Locator>

To have a veterans service organization appointed as a claimant's representative go to: <https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-22-ARE.pdf>

To have an individual appointed as a claimants representative go to: <https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary/survivors/Retiree-Death/>

To request military funeral honors go to: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/leaders-service-providers/sp-1-casualty-assistance/military-funeral-honors/>

To request financial assistance from Army Emergency Relief go to: <https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/assistance/>

To file with Veterans Group Life Insurance go to: <https://www.va.gov/life-insurance/>

For assistance with a death as a result of a service related injury or illness go to: <https://www.va.gov/disability/dependency-indemnity-compensation/>

For help with a DOD Survivor Benefit Plan go to: <https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary/survivors/ApplySBP/>

For help with arrears of a retiree's pay go to: <https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary/survivors/1174RetireeAOP/>

Transferring Thrift Savings Plan go to <https://www.tsp.gov/publications/tspb31.pdf>

For help with Social Security go to: <https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/survivors/ifyou.html>

To update ID cards go to: <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>

For state specific veterans benefits go to: <https://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/Benefit-Library/State/Territory-Benefits>

To update TRICARE go to: <https://www.tricare.mil/LifeEvents/DeathinFamily>

To update dental and vision insurance call: 877-372-3337

For information about Social Security go to: <https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10017.pdf>

For information about Social Security survivor's benefits go to: <https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/survivors/>

For the nearest legal assistance office to you go to: <https://legalassistance.law.af.mil/>

To find the nearest Retirement Service Office go to: <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/Retirement/contact-us>.

To find your Veterans Service Officer go to: nvf.org/veteran-service-officer/.

