

Veteran Benefits

Porta Coeli Funeral Home and Crematory is honored to serve the veteran and military community and offer a wide range of service plans and Veteran specific merchandise to the families we serve.

Research has shown that many Veterans do not receive all the benefits that they are entitled to. One call to Porta Coeli Funeral Home and Crematory and we handle all the details. Our licensed staff is trained to assist with every detail of making burial and cremation arrangements for Veterans. We will help you in obtaining all VA benefits available, social security benefits, life insurance and arrange for military honors and burial in a National Cemetery, Osceola Memory Gardens Cemetery or the cemetery of your choice.

It is important that you know that all Veterans, and possibly their spouses and children, are entitled to free cemetery spaces, grave opening/closing, grave liner and headstone at any VA cemetery.

VETERAN DISCOUNTS

At Porta Coeli Funeral Home and Crematory, we offer veterans and their families **up to a \$500 credit** on our services and merchandise. This discount applies to veterans and their spouses.

This is just another way we salute our fallen heroes and their families. Please ask one of our directors for more information.

COMPLETE SERVICES

- ★ Low Cost Cremation & Burial Plans
- ★ Affordable Burial Options
- ★ National & Private Cemetery Burials
- ★ New, State-of-the-Art Crematory
- ★ Out-of-Town Arrangements
- ★ Simplified Services
- ★ Pre-Planning
- ★ Pre-Funding
- ★ Medicaid Specific Plans
- ★ “No-Interest” Pre-Payment Plans
- ★ Church, Chapel & Graveside Services
- ★ Veteran-Specific Caskets, Vaults & Urns

WHAT WE DO FOR VETERANS *No one honors Veterans like we do.*

- ★ Apply for all VA Cash Benefits & Social Security Benefits
- ★ Flag Retirement Program
- ★ Burial Flag
- ★ Military Honors
- ★ Presidential Memorial Certificate
- ★ Replacement Medals

NATIONAL CEMETERIES

All honorably discharged Veterans, both peacetime and wartime, along with their spouses and dependent children are entitled to:

- ★ **FREE** Grave Space
- ★ **FREE** Burial Vaults
- ★ **FREE** Perpetual Care
- ★ **FREE** Opening & Closing
- ★ **FREE** Cemetery Marker

Florida National (Bushnell) and Cape Canaveral National are the closest National Cemeteries to Central Florida.

FLAG RETIREMENT

We Want to Help Our Community Dispose of Flags Properly

When flags are no longer worthy of display, please bring them to us. We have a drop off box at the funeral home. When flags are available, we will cremate them with an honorably discharged veteran or make sure they are properly disposed of. This is a fitting tribute to veterans and it's a patriotic way to “retire” aged and tattered flags. *There is no charge for this service.*

SAVE UP TO \$500
ON VETERAN FUNERAL OR CREMATION SERVICES
Veterans, their spouses and/or dependent children are eligible.

VETERAN ADMINISTRATION BENEFITS

Veteran Administration (VA) burial allowance are partial cash reimbursement of an eligible Veteran's burial and funeral costs.

If the burial benefit has not been automatically paid to the surviving spouse, VA will pay the first living person to file a claim of those listed below:

- Veteran's surviving spouse; **OR**
- The survivor of a legal union between the deceased Veteran and the survivor; **OR**
- The Veteran's children, regardless of age; **OR**
- The Veteran's parents or surviving parent; **OR**
- The executor or administrator of the estate of the deceased Veteran.

The Veteran must also have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

In addition, at least one of the following conditions must be met:

- the Veteran died as a result of a service-connected disability, **OR**
- the Veteran was receiving VA pension or compensation at the time of death, **OR**
- the Veteran was entitled to receive VA pension or compensation, but decided instead to receive his or her full military retirement or disability pay, **OR**
- the Veteran died while hospitalized by VA, or while receiving care under VA contract at a non - VA facility, **OR**
- the Veteran died while traveling under proper authorization and at VA expense to or from a specified place for the purpose of examination, treatment or care, **OR**
- the Veteran had an original or reopened claim for VA compensation or pension pending at the time of death and would have been entitled to benefits from a date prior to the date of death, **OR**
- the Veteran died on or after October 9, 1996, while a patient at a VA-approved state nursing home.



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Florida for over 15 years*

HOW MUCH DOES VA PAY?

Service-Connected Death

- If the Veteran died on or after September 11, 2001, the maximum service-connected burial allowance is \$2,000.
- If the Veteran died before September 11, 2001, the maximum service-connected burial allowance is \$1,500.
- If the Veteran is buried in a VA national cemetery, VA may reimburse some or all of the cost of transporting the deceased Veteran's remains.

Non-Service-Connected Death

- If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2017, VA will pay a \$300 burial allowance and \$762 for a plot.
- If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2016, but before October 1, 2017, VA will pay a \$300 burial allowance and \$749 for a plot.
- If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2015, but before October 1, 2016, VA will pay a \$300 burial allowance and \$747 for a plot.

Effective October 1, 2011, there are higher non-service-connected death rates payable if the Veteran was hospitalized by VA when he or she died.

- If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2017, VA will pay a \$762 burial allowance and \$762 for a plot.
- If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2016, VA will pay a \$749 burial allowance and \$749 for a plot.
- If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2015, but before October 1, 2016, VA will pay a \$747 burial allowance and \$747 for a plot.
- If the death occurred while the Veteran was properly hospitalized by VA, or under VA contracted nursing home care, some or all of the costs for transporting the Veteran's remains may be reimbursed.

Note: If the Veteran dies while traveling at VA expense for the purpose of examination, treatment or care, VA will pay burial, funeral, plot or interment allowances, and transportation expenses.

How Do You Apply?

Call us at 407-846-2804 for assistance. We will contact the Veterans Administration and apply for all benefits on the Veteran's behalf. Generally, all we need to begin the process is a copy of the Veteran's honorable discharge (DD-214).

We take our responsibility to you very seriously. It is helpful to consider all your options and take time to ask questions before making final decisions about such an important event. It is our intent to help make the entire experience as positive as possible. We hope the information provided will answer any questions you have regarding the various benefits available to Veterans and their families. If you have additional questions, please free to contact us.

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