

NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION



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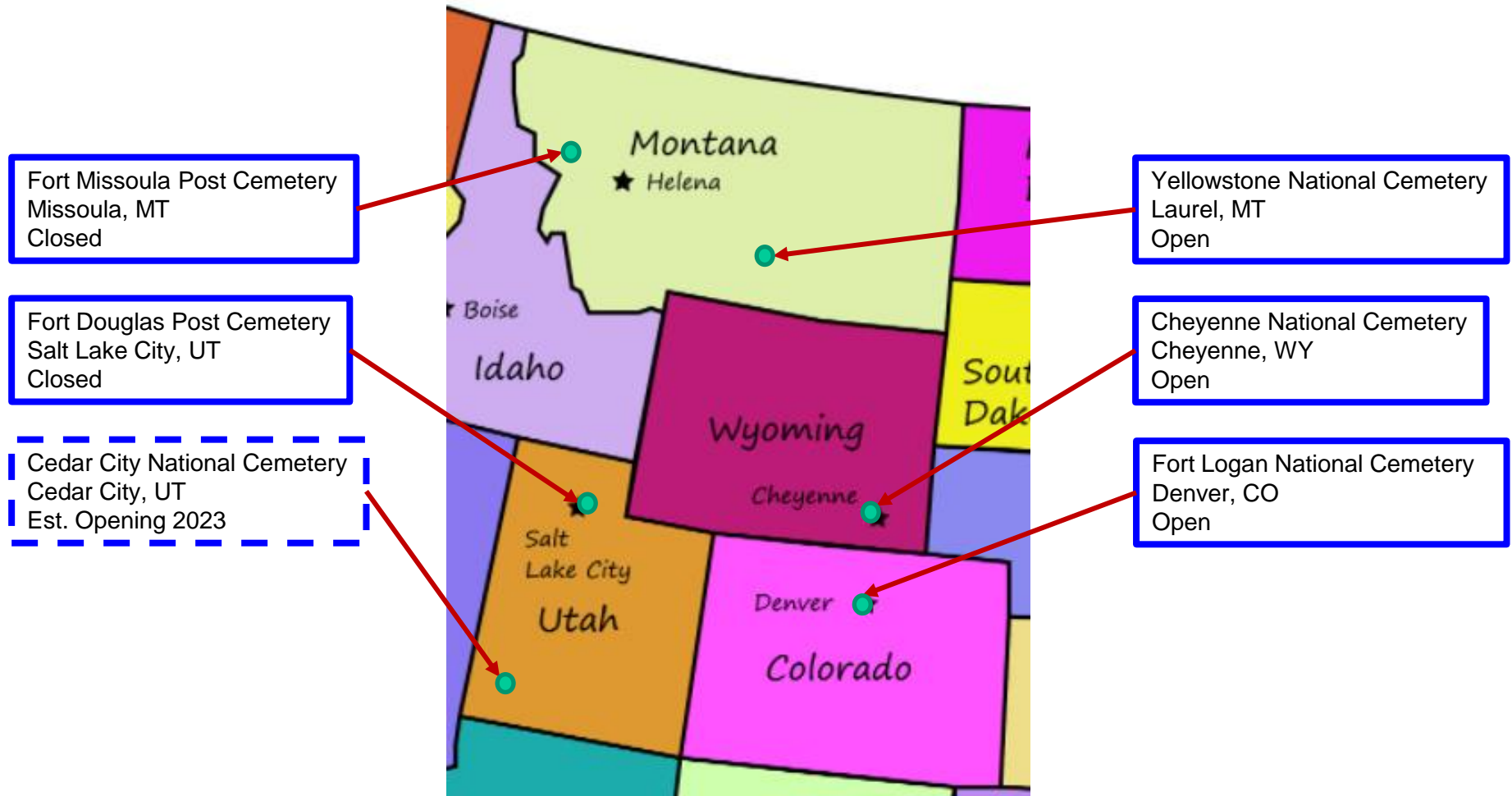
MISSION OF NCA

NCA honors Veterans and their eligible family members with final resting places in national shrines and with lasting tributes that commemorate their service and sacrifice to our nation

PURPOSE OF NCA

- Provide burial space for Veterans and dependents
- Maintain cemeteries as National Shrines
- Administer the Federal grants program for construction of state & tribal government Veterans cemeteries
- Furnish headstones/niche covers & markers
- Administer the Presidential Memorial Certificate Program

FORT LOGAN NATIONAL CEMETERY COMPLEX



COLORADO VETERANS CEMETERIES

Veterans Memorial Cemetery
of Western Colorado
Grand Junction, CO
Open

Homelake Military Veterans
Cemetery
Monte Vista, CO
To Be Determined



Fort Logan National Cemetery
Denver, CO
Open

Pikes Peak National Cemetery
Colorado Springs, CO
Open

Fort Lyon National Cemetery
Las Animas, CO
Open

Any eligible person may be interred in any National Cemetery that has available space



WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR BURIAL AT A NATIONAL CEMETERY?

- Any member of the Armed Forces who dies while on active duty
- Any Veteran who was discharged from active duty for other than training purposes under conditions other than dishonorable (9/7/80 -Enlisted & 10/16/81 - Officer)
- National Guard members and Reservists with 20 years of qualifying service, who are entitled to retired pay or would be entitled, if at least 60 years of age or who have been recalled by Executive Order (ADT ALONE IS NOT QUALIFYING SERVICE)
- Spouses, minor children, and adult dependent children (age limitations apply for children)

MORE INFORMATION

Order of death does not impact eligibility.

A spouse or child may pre-decease the Veteran

No reservations at a National Cemetery

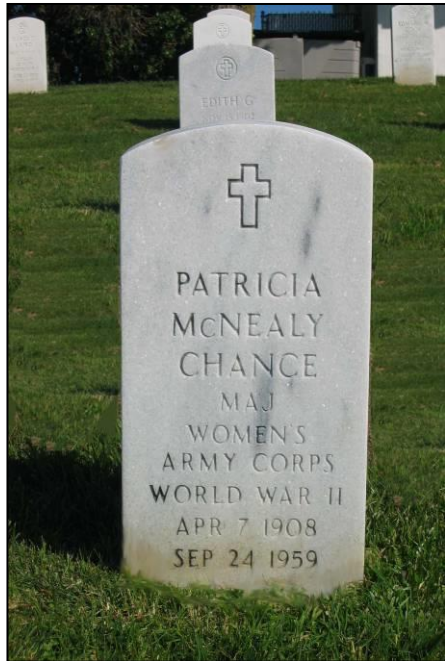
We encourage Veterans to discuss funeral arrangements with family members – Funeral Directors – Locate and safeguard discharge documents.

BURIAL BENEFITS

- Grave Site or Memorial Site
- Opening and closing of the grave site
- Grave liner (For the Casket)
- Headstone/niche cover/marker
- Perpetual care of the grave site
- Medallion (for private headstone/marker)
- U.S. Burial Flag
- Presidential Memorial Certificate
- Funeral Honors (DOD)

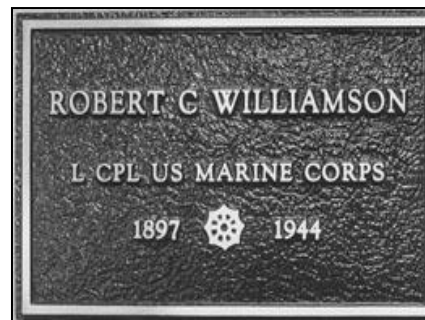
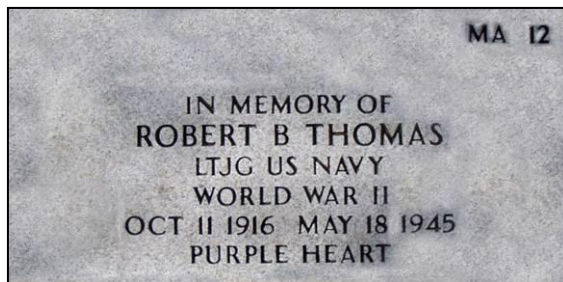
NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE VETERAN OR FAMILY

MEMORIAL PROGRAMS SERVICE



Headstones
and Markers

Medallions



PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE



*The United States of America
honors the memory of
John H. Service
This certificate is awarded by a grateful
nation in recognition of devoted and
selfless consecration to the service
of our country in the Armed Forces
of the United States.*

Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States

- President Kennedy initiated program in 1962
- Issued even if burial is not in a National Cemetery
- Presented to NOK or designated person

MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS

- DOD Responsibility - Section 578 of Public Law 106-65
- Two Armed Forces Personnel
- One from the decedent's branch of service
- Folding and presenting of the U. S. Burial flag to next of kin
- Sounding of "Taps"
- 48-hour prior notification
- Authorized Provider Partnership Program: VSO Units, ROTC, and others
- **Military Honors must be arranged by the Funeral Director or a family member!**



WHAT HAPPENS AT THE TIME OF NEED?

- Next-of-Kin contacts Funeral Home (optional)
- Funeral Home / Family will contact National Cemetery Scheduling Office (NCSO) – (800) 535-1117
- NCSO confirms eligibility
- Case scheduled & transferred to National Cemetery
- Funeral Home / Family will arrange Military Honors and Clergy

The Cemetery Staff will call you prior to the day of interment to review your case, explain what will happen on the day of interment, and answer your questions.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE AT FORT LOGAN NATIONAL CEMETERY?

- Service procession – Assigned Staging Area (A, B, C)
- Cemetery Representative meets & escorts funeral procession to the Committal Shelter
- Military Honors and final committal service at Committal Shelter (No gravesite services)
- Staff conducts interment



Established December 8, 2016



New Instructions, New Form

PRE-NEED ELIGIBILITY

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) implemented the pre-need burial eligibility determination program to assist anyone who would like to know if they are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery.



“Let us serve our Veterans as well as they have served us.”

**--President Barack Obama
State of the Union Address, February 2011**

PRE-NEED VS. TIME-OF-NEED



- Pre-Need means before death.
Only complete this form if you are applying for a Pre-Need determination of eligibility for burial in a VA national cemetery.
- Time of Need means time of death. DO NOT complete this form if the individual is already deceased; instead, contact a local funeral home or the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-800-535-1117 to expedite processing.

VA FORM 40-10007

CMS NUMBER: 2900-0784
EXPIRATION DATE: November 30, 2018
RESPONDENT BURDEN: 20 minutes

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| Department of Veterans Affairs | | APPLICATION FOR PRE-NEED DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL IN A VA NATIONAL CEMETERY | |
| NOTE: Please read information on reverse before completing this form. If additional space is required, attach a separate sheet of paper. | | Submit Application and Supporting Documentation to VA by: Mail: to National Cemetery Scheduling Office, P.O. Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151; or Fax: to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at (855) 840-8299 | |
| IMPORTANT: Pre-Need means before death. Only complete this form if you are applying for a Pre-Need determination of eligibility for burial in a VA national cemetery. Time of Need means time of death. DO NOT complete this form if the individual is already deceased; instead, contact a local funeral home or the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-800-535-1117 to expedite processing. | | | |
| *REQUIRED ITEMS: YOU MUST COMPLETE THOSE ITEMS IDENTIFIED WITH AN ASTERISK (*) | | | |
| SECTION I - VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER (Claims for eligibility for burial are based upon the Veteran/Servicemember's military service) | | | |
| *1. VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER NAME (Include Suffix) (Last, First, Middle Name or Initial) | *2. NAME USED DURING MILITARY SERVICE (Include Suffix) (If different than item 1) (Last, First, Middle Name) | 3. MAILING ADDRESS (Street, City, State, and Zip Code, P.O. Box, Rural Route, etc.) | |
| *4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER | 5. MILITARY SERVICE NUMBER (If different from SSN) | 6. VA CLAIM NUMBER (If known) | *7. GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE |
| 8. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) | 9. PLACE OF BIRTH (City, State or Territory) | *10. IS VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER DECEASED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW | 11. DATE OF DEATH (If applicable) (MM/DD/YYYY) |
| *12. MARITAL STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATED <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED | *13. MILITARY STATUS USED TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> A. VETERAN <input type="checkbox"/> B. RETIRED ACTIVE DUTY <input type="checkbox"/> C. DIED ON ACTIVE DUTY <input type="checkbox"/> D. RETIRED RESERVE <input type="checkbox"/> E. RETIRED NATIONAL GUARD <input type="checkbox"/> F. DEATH RELATED TO INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING <input type="checkbox"/> G. OTHER (See instructions) | | |
| MILITARY SERVICE DATA | | | |
| *14. BRANCH OF SERVICE | 15. DATE OF ENTRY | 16. DATE OF DISCHARGE | 17. DISCHARGE - CHARACTER OF SERVICE (See instructions) |
| | | | 18. HIGHEST RANK ATTAINED (No pay grades) |
| | | | 19. STATE (Abbrev.) (National Guard Service Only) |
| 20. IS THERE ANYONE CURRENTLY BURIED IN A VA NATIONAL CEMETERY UNDER THIS VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER'S ELIGIBILITY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES (Complete item 21) <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Skip item 21) <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW (Skip item 21) | | 21. NAME OF DECEDENT(S) AND VA NATIONAL CEMETERY WHERE BURIED | |
| 22. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (See instructions for information on recommended documentation) | | | |
| SECTION II - CLAIMANT INFORMATION (Information about the individual for whom determination for eligibility for burial in a VA National Cemetery is requested) | | | |
| *23. CLAIMANT (See instructions) (**Each Claimant requires a separate VA Form 40-10007) (Name) Last First Middle | | 24. CLAIMANT'S MAILING ADDRESS (Street, City, State, and Zip Code, P.O. Box, Rural Route, etc.) (If different from item 3) | |
| WHO IS (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> A. THE VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER NAMED IN ITEM 1 <input type="checkbox"/> B. THE SPOUSE/SURVIVING SPOUSE OF THE VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER IN ITEM 1 <input type="checkbox"/> C. AN UNMARRIED ADULT CHILD OF THE VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER IN ITEM 1 <input type="checkbox"/> D. OTHER (Please specify) | | 25. CLAIMANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code) | |
| | | *26. CLAIMANT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (If different from item 4) | |
| | | *27. CLAIMANT'S DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) (If different from item 8) | |
| | | *28. CLAIMANT'S MAIDEN NAME (If applicable) | |
| 29. DESIRED VA NATIONAL CEMETERY (Optional - See instructions) | | 30. EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional - See instructions) | |
| SECTION III - CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE | | | |
| CERTIFICATION: By signing below, I certify that I am the Claimant identified in item 23, or an individual signing for the Claimant identified in item 34. All of the information entered on this form about the Claimant is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. A fraudulent statement that leads to burial in a national cemetery or receiving other benefits from the VA could result in disbarment from that national cemetery and other penalties in accordance with the law. I acknowledge that otherwise eligible individuals may be barred from burial for committing certain serious crimes, as provided under 38 U.S.C. § 2411. VA will therefore validate a previous determination of eligibility at the time of need to check for those bars in addition to law changes or Claimant status changes that may affect eligibility of the Claimant. | | | |
| *31. YOUR SIGNATURE | *32. DATE | *33. YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE CLAIMANT IN ITEM 23 (Check one; See instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> A. SELF (Skip here. Leave items 34-37 blank) <input type="checkbox"/> B. INDIVIDUAL SIGNING FOR THE CLAIMANT who is under 18 years of age, is mentally incompetent, or is physically unable to sign the pre-need application (Complete items 34 through 37) | |
| *34. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL FROM ITEM 33B COMPLETING FOR THE CLAIMANT (Last, First, Middle Name) | | *35. MAILING ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL COMPLETING THIS FORM FOR THE CLAIMANT (Street, City, State, and Zip Code, P.O. Box, Rural Route, etc.) | |
| *36. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code) | | 37. EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional) | |

VA FORM 40-10007
MAY 2017

- Form can be mailed or faxed to the scheduling office
- MAILING ADDRESS:
National Cemetery Scheduling Office
P.O. Box 510543
St. Louis, MO 63151
- FAX:
(855) 840-8299

WHY PRE-PLAN?

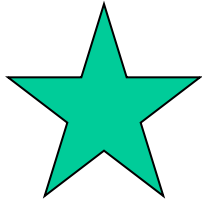
- Planning in advance for a Veteran's or loved-one's final resting place can eliminate unnecessary delays and reduce stress on a family at a difficult time.
- What is involved
 - Casket: What type
 - Liner: Government or Private Liner
 - Cremation: Inground or Columbarium
 - Final Resting Place
 - DOD Honors – Honor Guard
 - Headstone or Marker

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

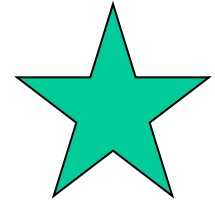
- VA will review pre-need burial applications and provide written notice of a determination of eligibility.



CONTACT US



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Fort Logan National Cemetery

303-761-0117

National Cemetery Scheduling Office

Phone (800) 535-1117

Fax (866) 900-6417

Email NCA.Scheduling@va.gov

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS