

Benefits available to ND Veterans and Dependents

STATE

FEDERAL

Burial and Memorial

ND Veterans Cemetery
Funeral Honors

National Cemetery
Funeral Honors
Burial Allowances
Burial Flags
Plot Allowance
Headstones, Markers & Medallions
Presidential Memorial Certificates
Transportation of remains (if eligible)

Education

Dependents Tuition Waiver
Assistance (ND National Guard)
Honorary High School Diploma
Veterans Educational Training (VET)
Resident rate for Tuition

Survivors and Dependents Educational Tuition
Assistance (DEA)
GI Bill to those who qualify
Army Student Loan Repayment (if Qualified)
Troops to Teachers
Voc Rehab (for disabled Veterans)

Employment

ND Job Service (Federally Funded)
Veterans Preference for State employment
Military spouse specialized work license

Vet reps at Job Service Offices
Veterans Preference for Federal employment

Financial

Veterans Loan Program
Veterans "War Bonus"
Disabled Veterans License plates
Vehicle Excise tax exemption
Aircraft Excise tax exemption
Property Tax Exemption
Hardship assistance grant
Based on financial eligibility
Storage and reproduction of discharge papers
At no charge.

Home Loan Guarantee
Disability Compensation (based on disability)
Pension program (war veterans)

HealthCare

Dental Grant (if eligible)
Financial
Denture Grant (if eligible)
Financial
Hearing aids (if eligible)

Dental: if 100% disabled. Or Service
connected
General Health care (for Service connected
disability, or if eligible)
Hearing aids (if Service connected or 10% or

Healthcare continued...

Financial
Optical Grant (if eligible)
Financial
Veterans Home
Transportation program
Purchase of vans
Agent Orange Outreach

higher disability rating)
Optical (if Service connected or 10% or
higher disability rating)
Veterans Home
Transportation program
Fuel, repairs, license insure vans
Health insurance for qualified dependents
VAMC in Fargo
Community Based Outreach Clinics(CBOC;s)
-Williston, Dickinson, Minot, Grand Forks,
Bismarck, Jamestown, Grafton and
soon in Devils Lake

Housing Assistance

Rental deposit grant

Home Loan guarantee-based on eligibility
Homeless Veterans resources
Housing vouchers
Utility assistance
Homeless shelter
HUD VASH

Mental Health Care

PTSD service dog grant
ND Human Services
NDNG family support
Transition assistance

Mental health treatment facilities
Mental health Drs. At VAMC
Counselors at Fargo VAMC
Vet Centers (Fargo, Bismarck Minot)
Crisis line 800-273-8255 (273-Talk)
DOD/VA outreach for Suicide Prevention
Military One Source help line

Military and Family Outreach

Military and Family Assistance Centers
Women Veterans coordinator -NDDVA
NDDVA

Military and Family Assistance Centers
Vet Center Counseling
Women Veterans Coordinator-VAMC
Survivor Outreach Services

Veterans Appreciation

Absentee Voting
ND Driver License w/V indicator
Reduced fees for Hunting and Fishing
Veteran license plates
ND State parks reduced fees (disability based)
POW and Gold Star License Plates

Absentee Voting
National Park fees reduced (eligibility)

ND State Veterans Cemetery

Eligibility For Burial

Any Veteran of wartime or peacetime service who is eligible for burial in a "National Cemetery", in accordance with VA Publication VA-NCS-IS-1, regardless of state of residency.

VA-NCA-IS-1 Interments in VA National Cemeteries

Present & past National Guard members and present & past members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Reserve forces. Length of service in the National Guard and Reserve, for enlisted personnel will be completion of at least one term of enlistment and officers who have completed at least four years of service. All military people interred in the cemetery must have received a discharge shown as: "Honorable", "Under Honorable Conditions" or "General". Undesirable, bad conduct, and any type of discharge other than honorable may or may not qualify the individual for burial, depending upon a determination made by the Adjutant General of North Dakota.

The eligible spouse, widow, or widower of any person listed above. Normally the veteran and spouse (and other eligible dependents of the veteran) will be interred in the same gravesite or an adjoining gravesite, as appropriate.

Application and Eligibility For Burial

It is not required that you have an application on file at the cemetery. However, the cemetery will accept applications if you so desire.

To pre-register, please complete the application form below and submit a copy of your discharge (DD Form 214 or the equivalent) for active duty or the NGB 22 for National Guard and reservists. These documents must verify that you meet the eligibility requirements prior to any interments taking place.

The funeral director will contact us to complete final arrangements.

For veterans with multiple enlistments, it is imperative all discharges are considered. Information on the headstone is taken from the discharges; therefore war service, highest rank earned, significant decoration's and branches of service will reflect what is displayed on the headstone.

Burials and Committal Services

Burials are conducted on the hour, every hour, between 9:00AM and 3:00PM CT.

All committal services are held in our committal chapel. We provide a limited number of chairs for the immediate family.

Committal services are the only type of service we accommodate in the committal chapel. The intended purpose of the committal chapel is to provide a safe, comfortable gathering space, away from gravesites, for a brief committal service.

Services such as funeral services or memorial services are not allowed in the committal chapel or on the cemetery grounds at any time. Viewing open caskets is not allowed at any time.

Burial Costs

There is no cost to the veteran for burial.

If a spouse or eligible dependent is to be interred at the cemetery there is a \$550.00 interment fee, subject to change over time.

Lot determination is normally the next one available in the area currently being utilized. As in National Cemeteries, only one plot would be used for the veteran, spouse and/or eligible dependent. The first vault would be placed at a depth sufficient to accommodate additional vaults.

A basic grave liner is required, but can be up graded to a vault through the funeral homes. The grave liner or vaults are purchased thorough the funeral home, they are not provided by the cemetery.

There is no vault requirement for cremated remains, whatever urn or container provided will be placed directly into the grave.

Veterans Cemetery Headstones

Every grave will be marked with an upright granite headstone at no cost to the veteran, non-military spouse, eligible dependents, and National Guard and Reserve retirees.

National Guard and Reserve members with less than 20 years of service and are not on active duty at the time of their death are required to purchase the headstone through the cemetery. Please contact the cemetery for current pricing.

Federal Burial Benefits

Service Connected Death

- Up to \$2,000 reimbursement for burial expenses.
- If buried at a National Cemetery the VA may reimburse some or all of transportation expenses.

Non-Service Related Death

- \$700 Reimbursement for burial and funeral expenses if hospitalized at VAMC at time of death
- \$300 reimbursement for burial and funeral expenses if NOT hospitalized at VAMC at time of death.
- \$300 reimbursement for plot allowance (not applicable if buried at State Veterans Cemetery)
- Some or all of transportation of remains may be reimbursed if death happened while under care of VA hospital or VA contracted nursing home care.

Free to all veterans (unless disqualified for reasons such as capital crime conviction, dishonorable discharge, etc.)

- Headstones, Markers or Medallion (Placement in private cemetery is at expense of survivors)
- Military Funeral Honors
- Burial Flag
- Presidential Memorial Certificate



BURIAL

BURIAL AND PLOT-INTERMENT ALLOWANCES

WHAT ARE VA BURIAL ALLOWANCES

VA allowances are partial reimbursements of an eligible Veteran's burial and funeral costs. When the cause of death is not service related, the reimbursements are generally described as two payments: (1) a burial and funeral expense allowance, and (2) a plot or interment allowance.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

You may be eligible for a VA burial allowance if:

- you paid for a Veteran's burial or funeral, **AND**
- you have not been reimbursed by another government agency or some other source, such as the deceased Veteran's employer, **AND**
- the Veteran was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

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

- the Veteran died because of a service-related 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 not to reduce his/her 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**
- 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 pending at the time of death and has been found entitled to compensation or pension 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.



Disabilities determined by VA to be related to your military service can lead to monthly non-taxable compensation, enrollment in the VA health care system, a 10-point hiring preference for federal employment and other important benefits. Ask your VA representative or Veterans Service Organization representative about Disability Compensation, Pension, Health Care, Caregiver Program, Career Services, Educational Assistance, Home Loan Guaranty, Insurance and/or Dependents and Survivors' Benefits.



**U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs**

HOW MUCH DOES VA PAY?

Service-Related Death. VA will pay up to \$2,000 toward burial expenses for deaths on or after September 11, 2001. VA will pay up to \$1,500 for deaths prior to September 10, 2001. If the Veteran is buried in a VA national cemetery, some of all of the cost of transporting the deceased may be reimbursed.

Non-service-Related Death. For deaths on or after October 1, 2011, VA will pay up to \$700.00 toward burial and funeral expenses (if hospitalized by VA at time of death), or \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses (if not hospitalized by VA at time of death), and a \$700.00 plot-interment allowance (if not buried in a national cemetery). For deaths on or after December 1, 2001, but before October 1, 2011, VA will pay up to \$300.00 toward burial and funeral expenses and a \$300.00 plot-interment allowance. The plot-interment allowance is \$150.00 for deaths prior to December 1, 2001. If the death happened while the Veteran was in a VA hospital or under VA contracted nursing home care, some of all of the costs for transporting the Veteran's remains may be reimbursed. An annual increase in burial and plot allowances, for deaths occurring after October 1, 2011, begins in fiscal year 2013 based on the Consumer Price Index for the preceding 12-month period.

HOW CAN YOU APPLY?

You can apply by filling out VA Form 21-530, *Application for Burial Benefits*. You should attach a copy of the Veteran's military discharge document (DD 214 or equivalent), death certificate, funeral and burial bills. They should show that you have paid them in full. You may download the form at <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/>

RELATED BENEFITS

[VA National Cemetery Burials](#) / [Headstones and Markers](#) / [Presidential Memorial Certificates](#) / [Burial Flags](#)

PTSD service Dogs: SB 2344

Service Dogs of America

Plan to have 4 dogs trained and ready for placement by June of 2014.

1 year of service dog training and now in the 6 months of PTSD training.

Setting standards for Veterans with PTSD who are good candidates for a PTSD Dog

The Veterans need for a dog.

Is this the best help for the Veteran

Using the VA's PTSD assessment check list

And referral from their counselors/Dr's

Financial need

Ability to care for dog

Maintain the dog's physical, mental health.

Service Dogs of America currently has a financial need application in place.

Will start advertising at the end of February of 2014 for applications

Veterans who receive a service dog will train with the dog for 3 weeks



Specialized trained dogs

Service Dogs for America (SDA) specializes in cross-training dogs to meet the multiple disability challenges our returning veterans are facing

Many of today's wounded warriors have multiple physical injuries plus traumatic brain injury (TBI), and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). PTSD and TBI are the "invisible wounds" that many of our veterans will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

SDA's dogs assist veterans in the process of managing both the visible and invisible wounds they carry each day, so they can live more independent and prosperous lives.



To learn more about service dogs for wounded warriors, please call **701-685-2242** or go to **www.servicedogsforamerica.org**



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Independence and opportunity
through trained service dogs



"66% of the most seriously wounded soldiers returning from Afghanistan and Iraq have **"invisible" injuries** of brain trauma (TBI) or post-traumatic stress (PTSD), which their **families and society** will be dealing with at **great cost for decades**," said Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli, the Army's vice chief of staff

Stars & Stripes Article September 29, 2011



Trained Service Dogs

Service Dogs for America (SDA) emergency medical response (EMRD), mobility assist and PTSD service dogs are trained and cross-trained to assist and respond to individual needs in unique ways such as:

Provide balance, support or assist in sitting or standing;

Retrieve items, open and close doors and cabinets;

Operates light switches and automatic door openers;

Get help by alerting another person or activate an emergency button, electronic alert system, or pull cord;

Retrieve medications at set schedules;

Stand in front of or circle an individual in crowded areas in order to create personal space;

Assist in interrupting anxiety attacks;

Assist in waking an individual from nightmares and night terrors;

Assist in leading an individual safely to an exit.

SDA's service dogs are never trained to protect or defend its partner, and are expected to be friendly toward all people when in public.



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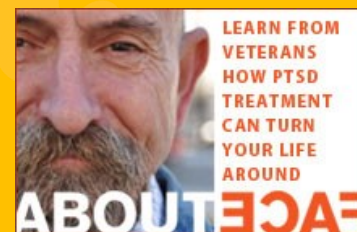
For demonstrations and presentations, please contact:
info@servicedogsforamerica.org

To learn about volunteer opportunities, please contact: 701-685-2242 ext. #1 or ext. #3

To apply, go to:
www.servicedogsforamerica.org/apply/

Service Dogs for America—

recently provided testimony before North Dakota's House and Senate, advocating legislation that will provide funding for eligible North Dakota veterans with a clinical diagnosis of PTSD to receive a service dog.



[www.ptsd.va.gov/about/ptsd-awareness/ptsd awareness month.asp](http://www.ptsd.va.gov/about/ptsd-awareness/ptsd%20awareness%20month.asp)

HB 1405 Agent Orange

Placed 2 Billboards in ND

- One in Fargo

- One on I94 outside of Steele exit

Billboards will stand for 2 years

\$26,448

Billboards have been put up in Louisiana, Alabama, working on New Jersey

NDDVA has received many (approx. 200) calls from Vietnam Veterans and their family members.

Town Hall Events

In planning stage to have town hall events this spring and summer throughout ND

- Have literature for Town Halls

- Have mailed out several packets as requested

- Other partners in Town Hall events

- ND DVA Veteran Service Officers

- County Veteran Service Officers

- VA Mobile Vet center-with counselors

- VA Outreach

- VA Medical Center outreach staff

- NDCARES