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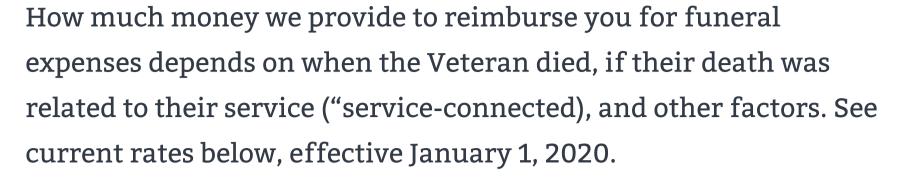
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# How much does VA pay for funeral expenses?

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Note: We may also pay you back for some or all of the costs of moving the Veteran's remains if they:

- Were hospitalized or in a VA-contracted nursing home at the time of death, or
- Died while traveling to VA-authorized care

**Apply for burial allowance** 

## Burial allowance amounts if the Veteran's death was:

#### Service-connected

Status	Maximum burial allowance	
If the Veteran died on or <b>after</b> September 11, 2001	\$2,000	
If the Veteran died <b>before</b> September 11, 2001	\$1,500	
If the Veteran is buried in a VA national cemetery	We may pay you back for some or all of the costs of moving the Veteran's remains	

### **Not service-connected**

Status	Maximum burial allowance
If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2018	We'll pay a \$300 burial allowance and \$780 for a plot
If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2017, but <b>before October 1, 2018</b>	We'll pay a \$300 burial allowance and \$762 for a plot
If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2016, but <b>before October 1, 2017</b>	We'll pay a \$300 burial allowance and \$749 for a plot
If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2015, but <b>before October 1, 2016</b>	We'll pay a \$300 burial allowance and \$747 for a plot
If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2014, but <b>before October 1, 2015</b>	We'll pay a \$300 burial allowance and \$745 for a plot
If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2013, but <b>before October 1, 2014</b>	We'll pay a \$300 burial allowance and \$734 for a plot

## Not service-connected and in a VA hospital at the time of death

Status	Maximum burial allowance
If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2019	We'll pay a \$796 burial allowance and \$796 for a plot
If the Veteran died on after October 1, 2017, but before October 1, 2019	We'll pay a \$762 burial allowance and \$762 for a plot
If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2018	We'll pay a \$780 burial allowance and \$780 for a plot
If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2017, but before October 1, 2018	We'll pay a \$762 burial allowance and \$762 for a plot
If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2016, but before October 1, 2017	We'll 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	We'll pay a \$747 burial allowance and \$747 for a plot
If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2014, but before October 1, 2015	We'll pay a \$745 burial allowance and \$745 for a plot
If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2013, but before October 1, 2014	We'll pay a \$734 burial allowance and \$734 for a plot

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### Need more help? **VA benefits hotline:** <u>800-827-1000</u>

**eBenefits technical support:** 800-983-0937

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Eligible spouses and other family members eligible for burial in some cemeteries may also qualify for headstone markers, flags, niche covers, presidential certificates, and medallions.

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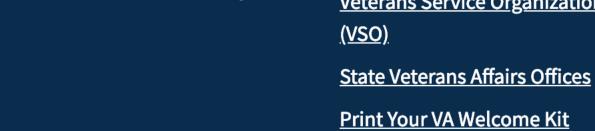
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