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UNITED STATES CODE (U.S.C.)	38 CFR §	TITLE
38 U.S.C. § 103(c)	3.1(j)	Definitions
38 U.S.C. §§ 501	3.50	Spouse and surviving spouse
38 U.S.C. § 103(a)	3.52	Marriages deemed valid
38 U.S.C. § 501	3.53	Continuous Cohabitation
38 U.S.C. § § 1532, 1534, 1536, 1541, 103(b)	3.54	Marriage dates
38 U.S.C. § § 101, 104, 501, 1521, 1541	3.57	Child
38 U.S.C. § § 1521(h)(2)	3.60	Definition of "living with"
38 U.S.C. § § 501, 5101	3.152	Claims for death benefits
38 U.S.C. § § 5103, 5103A	3.159	Department of Veterans Affairs assistance in developing claims
38 U.S.C. § 501	3.160	Status of claims
38 U.S.C. § 501	3.211	Death
38 U.S.C. § 5121	3.1000	Entitlement under 38 U.S.C. § 5121 to benefits due and unpaid upon death of a beneficiary
38 U.S.C. § § 5121, 5121A	3.1010	Substitution under 38 U.S.C. § 5121A following death of a claimant

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