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DEAR FAMILY & FRIENDS

I prepared this guide for you and those I care about. Inside you will find a brief overview of my life, my military information, and other information you may need. For your peace of mind, as well as my own, I have included wishes for my funeral service along with other vital information you will need at the time of my death. My hope is that this will lessen the burden you may have at my time of passing so that you can celebrate the life we shared.

Vital Information

Full Legal Name (First, Middle, Last):

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Sex: _____ Race: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Birthplace: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Spouse's Name (if wife, give maiden name please)

Father's Name: _____

Birthplace: _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____

Birthplace: _____

Historical Information:

In Community Since: _____

Date & Place Married: _____

Occupation (former, if retired): _____

Employer: _____ Number of years employed: _____

Religious Affiliation: _____

Education History: _____

Organization Memberships (non-military): _____



Military Service Information

Branch of Service: _____

Rank at Discharge: _____ Service Number: _____

Enlistment date & place: _____

Discharge date & place: _____

Location of military discharge papers: _____

I am currently "Service Connected" for the following conditions:

The Veteran Service Organization that has access to my VA Records is (i.e. American Legion, DAV, etc): _____

The last Service Officer I worked with was (Name, Organization & Location):

During military service I have earned the following medals/awards: (also will be noted on the veterans Form DD214/Discharge Papers)

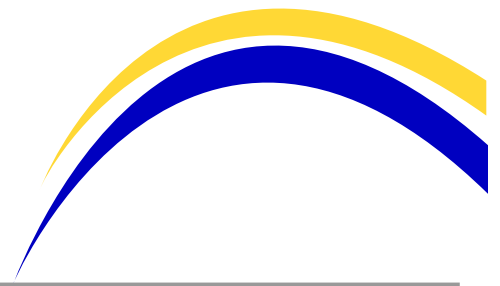
I am a current member of the following Military Organizations (include Post # and location if possible):

I would like the following from the Department of Veterans Affairs:

- A government-furnished headstone or marker
- A government-furnished flag to drape the casket or urn
 - A Presidential memorial certificate
 - Military funeral honors



Personal Information



Location of important papers: _____

Wills and/or Trusts: yes no Location(s): _____

Investment Accounts: yes no Location(s): _____

Life Insurance Policies: yes no Location(s): _____

Contact information for Trusts, Investments or Life Insurance:

Insurance Company	Policy Number	Contact Phone Number

Safe Deposit Box location: _____

Cemetery Property/Plot: _____

Additional important contacts or accounts:

Department of Veterans Affairs Benefits for Veterans

VA burial allowances are flat-rate monetary benefits. They help cover eligible Veterans' burial and funeral costs. These amounts are periodically updated so check with the local VA when the time comes or call your Service Organization.

For service-connected deaths:

If the Veteran died on or after Sept. 11, 2001: maximum \$2,000

If the Veteran is buried in a VA national cemetery: some or all of the costs of transporting remains

For non-service-connected deaths:

If the Veteran died on or after Oct. 1, 2019: \$300 burial allowance; up to \$796 for funeral expenses and a \$796 for plot-interment allowance.

Payable rates are higher **if the Veteran was hospitalized by VA** at time of death.

(These amounts are all correct as of November 2022)

Pre-need eligibility for Burial in an VA Cemetery can be filed by the veteran. Making the burial process easier. Submit the VA Form VA40-10007

Please reference the American Legion contact numbers on the last page of this guide for additional access to assistance.

Helpful websites for family/friends:

VA website for funeral information:

<https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials>

National Cemetery Website:

<https://www.cem.va.gov/>

Ohio American Legion:

<https://www.ohiolegion.com>

National Cemetery Scheduling
Office:

800-535-1117

Headstones and markers:

800-697-6947

VA benefits hotline:

800-827-1000

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American Legion Contacts

Cincinnati: American Legion Veterans Service Officer
Cincinnati VA Medical Center
513-475-6440

Dayton: American Legion Veterans Service Officer
Dayton VA Medical Center
937-268-6511 ext. 2967

Cleveland Regional: American Legion Veterans Service Officers
Cleveland VA Regional Office
1240 E. 9th Street, Rm. 1259, Cleveland, OH 44199
216-522-3504

State Headquarters: American Legion Department of Ohio
60 Big Run Road, Delaware, OH 43015
740-362-7478

Washington DC Headquarters:
American Legion Washington DC
1608 K St. N.W. Washington, DC 20006
202-861-2700

