

Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm Grounds: 7:00am-Dusk*, Daily

*from November 12th to February 1st, gates may close at 4:00pm. Gates may be closed in any inclement weather.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR INTERMENT IN THE MASSACHUSETTS VETERANS' MEMORIAL CEMETERIES

- Applications for interment in Agawam are not accepted on a pre-need basis.
- At the time of need (when a death has occurred) you may have the funeral director fax the following documents to us <u>OR</u> you may submit these documents <u>in person</u> to our office between the hours of 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday (except holidays).
- The following documents are required at the time of need:
 - The original, completed Application for Interment Registration. Available at the funeral home or Cemetery Office.
 - 2. Copy of <u>all</u> military service documentation for all time periods served (DD214, Title 10 Retirement letter, et. al).
 - 3. Copy of marriage certificate (if applicable). If spouse is also a veteran, a separate application with supporting documentation must be completed at the same time.
 - 4. Copy of birth certificate(s) or driver's license(s) or State ID(s) for veteran and spouse (if applicable).
 - 5. For dependent children: a "Dependent Child Application" along with copy of child's full, long form birth certificate and letter from child's doctor regarding type of disability, age acquired and dependency on veteran (if applicable).
- It is suggested that you keep all of these documents in a safe location. Let your family members know of this location so they may have easy access when needed. If you prearrange your funeral, you may give these documents to the funeral director at that time.
- Eligibility is based on Military Service as determined by the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs. Subject to change without notice.

Military Service:

- The veteran was discharged or released from active duty service (other than for training purposes)
 under honorable conditions. <u>Certain exceptions do apply.</u> <u>OR</u>
- The veteran served at least 20 years in the National Guard or United States Reserves and is in receipt of a military pension or has documentation verifying he/she will receive retirement pay at age 60, in accordance with Title 10, Chapter 1223. OR
- Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who dies while honorably serving on active duty.

Fees: (Subject to change without notice)

- There is no charge for the veteran's initial burial.
- A fee (\$300.00 for full casket burial, \$150.00 for cremation burial) subject to change and paid at time of interment will be charged for burial of spouse and qualified dependent(s).
- A \$200 fee, subject to change, will be charged for all dis-interments and/or re-interments. A fee may also be charged for the replacement cost to any damaged concrete crypt.