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State Veterans Cemeteries

VSD-002 - Eligibility for Burial Benefits Determination Form

This application is for burial at:

California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery (CCCVC) in Seaside (Monterey County) []

Northern California Veterans Cemetery (NCVC) in Igo (Shasta County) []

VETERAN'S INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Gender [] Male [] Female Date of Birth _____ Social Security # _____

Marital Status: [] Single [] Married [] Divorced [] Widowed [] Legally Separated

SERVICE RECORD (A copy of Form DD-214 or equivalent discharge documents MUST be included with this form)

Branch of Service _____ Dates of Service _____ Highest Rank _____

Military Retiree [] Yes [] No

Date of Entry into Active Service _____ Date of Separation _____

CONTACT INFORMATION (Who should be contacted about this form)

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Daytime Phone (____) _____ Evening Phone (____) _____

Relationship to Veteran _____ Email Address _____

SPOUSAL INFORMATION (Complete for Spousal pre-registration; copy of Marriage License MUST be included)

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Spouses Date of Birth _____ Social Security # _____

If spouse is a veteran, please submit a separate application

AUTHORIZATION

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this application and supporting documents is given for the purpose of obtaining burial benefits and is true, correct and complete. I authorize the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) employees, officers and designees to verify these documents. I hereby authorize the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense to release information regarding my service to CalVet with the understanding that benefits may be denied if any information is found to be incomplete or inaccurate.

Veteran's Signature _____ Date _____

(Or person authorized to act on the veteran's behalf)

Spouse's Signature _____ Date _____

For CalVet Use Only

Approved

Denied: _____

Letter Sent

This form is required to assist CalVet in determining eligibility for burial in a California State Veterans Cemetery.

Eligibility determination allows a veteran to establish his/her eligibility for interment at a California State Veterans Cemetery. There is no cost for this determination and it does not obligate the veteran to be interred at the cemetery. Eligibility determination is intended to simplify and assist the veteran's next-of-kin.

Eligibility determinations shall be made in accordance with federal regulations (38 CFR 38.620) ~~and~~ state regulations (CCR, Title 12, Sections 460-461). In certain circumstances, dependent children may also be eligible for interment. Please contact a State Veterans Cemetery for more information regarding dependent eligibility.

~~There will be an interment fee for eligible spouses and dependent children at the time of need. Associated funeral expenses are incurred by the Veteran and/or family.~~

~~Please complete the application as instructed below:~~

To register for eligibility determination, please submit the following:

- **Completed application form** – Be sure to sign and date the form after filling it out.
- **Copy of veteran's military discharge document** – This is most commonly a Form DD-214, but may be a different record, particularly for World War II and Korean war era veterans. The document(s) must show the veteran's name, dates of active duty military service, and type of discharge. A discharge certificate is not sufficient to establish eligibility. For help obtaining your DD-214 or discharge documents, contact your local County Veterans Service Office or a State Veterans Cemetery (contact information below).
- **Copy of marriage certificate** – If a spouse is applying for interment at a State Veterans Cemetery, a copy of the marriage certificate is required. If the certificate is in a foreign language, please provide a translation.
- **Copy of death certificate** – If the application is for a deceased veteran or spouse, provide a copy of the death certificate.

There is no interment fee for eligible veterans. There is an interment fee for eligible spouses and dependent children, which is due at time of interment. Any additional expenses associated with the interment (such as a burial permit and funeral home expenses) are at the cost of the veteran and/or family.

Please note that at this time the CCCVC in Seaside offers only interment of urns containing cremated remains in above-ground columbaria, and memorial plaques; future phases of the cemetery's development will include in-ground burials. The NVC in Igo offers in-ground burials for caskets and urns, placement of urns in above-ground columbaria, and memorial headstones.

- Complete the "Veteran's Information" and "Service Record" sections of the form. Please note that the "Service Record" information listed on this application is not in lieu of providing the cemetery with a copy of Form DD-214 or other equivalent discharge document. **A copy of either of these documents MUST be included when submitting this application.** Failure to provide the required service record document will delay processing the application.
- ~~Complete the "Contact Information" with either the veterans contact information or the family member who will be able to assist the Cemetery in the event more information is needed.~~
- ~~Complete the "Spousal Information" if the eligible spouse wishes to be interred in the Veterans Cemetery. **A copy of the Marriage License MUST be included when submitting this application.** Failure to provide a copy of the Marriage License will delay processing.~~
- ~~In certain circumstances, dependent children may also be eligible for interment. Please contact a State Veterans Cemetery below for more information regarding dependents.~~
- ~~The person completing this application must sign and date the form. Please indicate the relationship to the Veteran.~~

It is recognized that in certain cases the Veteran may require assistance and not be the individual completing the application.

~~*Please note that the following are considered required supporting documentation: a copy of Form DD-214 or other equivalent military discharge document, copy of marriage certificate, copy of death certificate, and copy of burial permits.*~~

~~For questions or further information: For CCCVC, please call (831) 647-7613; for NCVC, please call (530) 396-2429.~~

For questions or further information, please call the appropriate cemetery at the phone numbers listed below. Mail the completed application with supporting documents to the appropriate cemetery:

Northern California Veterans Cemetery PO Box 76 – 11800 Gas Point Rd. Igo, CA 96047-0076 <u>Cemetery Analyst: Mark George</u> <u>(530) 396-2429</u>	(After cemetery opens) California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery 2900 Parker Flats Road Seaside, CA 93955 <u>Cemetery Manager: Daria Maher</u> <u>(530) 396-2429</u>
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PRIVACY NOTIFICATION

The Information Practices Act of 1977 (Civil Code Section 1798.17) and the Federal Privacy Act (Public Law 93-579) require that this notice be provided when collecting personal information from individuals. The California Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Services Division, is requesting the information for the purposes of identification, and to determine eligibility for benefits under the provisions of California Code of Regulations, Title 12, §461. Individuals may visit ~~the Monterey County Military and Veterans Affairs Office (information above)~~ cemetery in which a person is interred (location and contact information shown above) to review their personal records during normal business hours. Providing the requested information is ~~voluntary~~ mandatory for interment in a State Veterans Cemetery. Failure to provide the requested information may result in the delay, or denial of benefits.