

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FROM FAMILY MEMBERS

1) How much does a Military Funeral Honors detail cost?

Military Funeral Honors are provided by the Department of Defense at no cost to the family.

2) How does a family request funeral honors?

Families of eligible veterans request funeral honors through their funeral director. The funeral director will contact the appropriate Military Service to arrange for the funeral honors detail. The POC list to request honors is located on this webpage and Military Funerals Honors website.

3) What can the family of an eligible veteran expect?

The core elements of the funeral honors ceremony, which will be conducted on request, include:

- Flag folding
- Flag presentation
- Playing of Taps

The veteran's parent Service representative will present the flag.

4) Who is eligible for a burial flag?

The Veterans Administration establishes eligibility. Your funeral director will assist you in obtaining a flag. More information is available at: www.cem.va.gov/bflags.htm.

5) What is a Presidential Memorial Certificate? Who is eligible to receive this certificate? How does the family obtain this certificate?

This is a parchment certificate with a calligraphic inscription expressing the nation's grateful recognition of an honorably discharged, deceased veteran's service in the Armed Forces. The veteran's name is inscribed and the certificate bears the signature of the President.

Next of kin, other relatives and friends may request the certificates in person at any VA regional office or by mail. For information about requesting a Presidential Memorial Certificate and additional information please visit www.cem.va.gov/pmc.htm

6) How do I request a grave headstone or marker?

The funeral director will assist the families with any questions about grave markers. Family members can write to the VA at:

*Memorial Programs Service (41A1)
Department of Veterans Affairs
5109 Russell Road
Quantico, VA 22134-3903*

More information available at: <http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm>