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MASSACHUSETTS VETERANS' MEMORIAL CEMETERIES

APPLICATION
AND
GENERAL ELIGIBILITY
CRITERIA FOR INTERMENT

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APPLICATION FOR INTERMENT REGISTRATION Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries AGAWAM WINCHENDON

This application is used to establish the eligibility of a veteran for interment in a Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. It should be submitted to the Agawam address shown above, along with military service, residency documentation, marriage certificate (if applicable), and birth certificates for veteran, spouse, and/or dependent child(ren). PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS CAREFULLY. All applications remain the property of the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. VETERAN APPLICANT'S NAME AND PERSONAL INFORMATION: (Type or print legibly) 4. SUFFIX 1. FIRST 2. MIDDLE (or initial) 3. LAST (Jr., Sr., etc.) 6, HOME PHONE (include area code) 5. CURRENT ADDRESS (number, street, apt Junit, city, state and zip) 8.EXTENSION 7. WORK PHONE (include area code) 9. DATE OF BIRTH 10, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 11. MARITAL STATUS 12. GENDER MONTH DAY YEAR widowed divorced female married single SPOUSE'S NAME AND PERSONAL INFORMATION: (Complete only if spouse wishes to be interred at this Cemetery) 13. FIRST 14. MIDDLE (or initial) 15, LAST 16. SUFFIX (Jr., Sr. etc.) 18. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 19. IS IT ANTICIPATED THAT VETERAN'S SPOUSE WILL ALSO 17. DATE OF BIRTH WISH TO BE INTERRED AT THIS CEMETERY? MONTH DAY. YEAR YES NO VETERAN'S MILITARY SERVICE INFORMATION: 21. WAR SERVICE (check applicable box(es)) 20. BRANCH OF SERVICE (must be consistent with rank/grade) KOREA VIETNAM PERSIAN OTHER (specify) 23. HIGHEST RANK & GRADE PERIODS OF ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY SERVICE 22. SERVICE NUMBER ATTAINED (Documentation 24. DATE(S) ENTERED 25. DATE(S) SEPARATED required) MONTH DAY YEAR MONTH DAY YEAR 26. VA FILE NUMBER (if available/applicable) I certify that all information I have provided on this application and the supporting documentation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I have read and understand all of the requirements and obligations for burial. Signed under the penalty of perjury. Signature of Veteran, Spouse or Next of Kin: Date: Approved Pending Disapproved To Completed By D.V.S.

Form; PIA-101 (Feb. 2002)

Name & Title:

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Interment Registration Instructions and Requirements for Agawam and Winchendon

Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries will abide by all Commonwealth of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) and Federal Regulations (FR) that govern the operations of veterans' cemeteries.

PRE-REGISTRATION allows a veteran to establish eligibility for interment in the State Veterans' Cemetery in advance.

There is no cost for pre-registration and it does not obligate the veteran to be interred in the cemetery. It will simplify the process for the veteran's next-of-kin at the time of death. All pre-approved applications will be reviewed at the time of death to re-ensure burial eligibility. Specific gravesites may not be reserved.

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS CAREFULLY.

PROCEDURE:

The procedure for pre-registering is to complete the <u>PRE-REGISTRATION FOR INTERMENT</u> APPLICATION FORM and send it to the address shown above along with the following documentation:

- Documentation of all military service (copies of <u>all</u> discharge (DD214) papers for all years served). <u>Copies of detailed pages (listing dates of entry, discharge, home of records, medals) must be submitted</u>. This includes DD215 if any corrections were made to your discharge papers and/or a notarized affidavit regarding any discrepancies on your discharge (i.e. name spelled incorrectly, date of birth incorrect, Jr., III, etc. missing). Include all documentation of medals received if they are not listed on your DD214.
- 2. Massachusetts residency certificate (if applicable).
- 3. Marriage certificate (if appropriate).
- 4. Birth certificate(s) for veteran, (spouse, and dependent child(ren) if applicable).

<u>Veteran must sign and date the application.</u> If veteran is incapable of signing, the spouse or next of kin may do so.

Applications will be returned (so that all paperwork remains together) to the veteran if <u>all</u> applicable documentation is not attached. No application will be approved until <u>all</u> documentation is received.

If both husband and wife are veterans, they should each complete an application for Interment Registration. This will ensure that all pertinent military service will be documented in full for each.

Completion and approval of this application does <u>not</u> qualify or reserve a plot in the National Cemetery in Bourne.

ELIGIBILITY for a veteran's interment at the cemetery is based on Military Service and Massachusetts Residency.

Veterans whose military service and State residency fulfill the following requirements may be eligible:

Military Service:

- 1. The veteran was discharged or released from active duty service under honorable conditions,* OR
- 2. 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, <u>OR</u>
- Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who dies on active duty and whose home of record is Massachusetts.

*With certain exceptions, service beginning after September 7, 1980, as an enlisted person, and service after October 16, 1981, as an officer, must be for a minimum of 24 months <u>OR</u> the full period for which the person was called to active duty. (Examples include those serving less than 24 months in the Gulf War or Reservists that were federalized by Presidential Act).

INELIGIBLE persons include "such others excluded from eligibility according to Title 38, United States Code, Section 2411 and other applicable federal laws, which prohibit burial in a National or State Cemetery of anyone, convicted of a federal or state capital crime and sentenced to death or life imprisonment." Persons who served on "Active Duty for Training" only are ineligible for burial.

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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

Military Documentation:

- If veteran served on active duty, include a copy (photocopy is acceptable) of the <u>military discharge</u> form. This will usually be a <u>DD Form 214</u>, but may be a different form. If this form is not available, the information may be on file in The Adjutant General's Office, Military Records Section, 239 Causeway St. Suite 101, Boston, MA 02114 (Massachusetts home of record residents only). Please contact The Adjutant General's Office by phone (617) 727-2964. The military discharge form will be used to establish dates of service, condition of service, and to show home of record.
- If veteran's qualifying military service was in the National Guard or Reserves only, include a copy of Letter of Retirement and a photocopy of the veteran's most recent Guard or Reserve retirement pay statement, along with any/all discharge documents. This letter will establish that the veteran served 20 years and qualified for retirement pay.
- If there are <u>any</u> discrepancies (incorrect spelling of name, incorrect date of birth, Jr., III, etc.) a DD215 (correction of discharge) must be submitted with the application. If no DD215 exists a notarized affidavit must accompany the application.

Residency:

- If the veteran was a resident of Massachusetts at the time he/she entered active duty and "home of record at the time of entry into active service" was Massachusetts, the veteran's military discharge form (DD214 or other discharge form) will usually establish Massachusetts residency. If it does not, other documentation (Residency Certificate)* will be necessary. OR
- 2. <u>If veteran entered military service from a state other than Massachusetts</u>, to "pre-register" the veteran must document that he/she lived in Massachusetts for at least any five consecutive years after discharge from active duty. An affidavit (Residency Certificate)* from a city or town clerk indicating that the veteran resided in Massachusetts for any five consecutive years after veteran's discharge from active duty. <u>OR</u>
- 3. The veteran was a resident of Massachusetts at the time of his/her death. (A certified death certificate, stating "home of residence" at time of death, must accompany this application).

Marriage:

- If veteran is married and his/her spouse also wishes to be interred at the cemetery, please submit a copy of marriage certificate.
- Veteran and spouse must be legally married at the time of death. A former spouse of an eligible veteran whose marriage to that individual has been terminated by annulment or divorce is <u>not</u> eligible.
- If spouse remarries after the death of the veteran, he/she will be ineligible for burial in the Veterans'
 Cemetery unless he/she remarries an eligible veteran.
- Should death or divorce dissolve a second marriage (widow/widower) the spouse would then revert back to burial eligibility of the previous marriage.

Dependent Children:

- Unmarried minor child, under 21 years of age, or 23 if pursuing a course of instruction at an approved educational institution.
- Unmarried adult child incapable of self-support with physical or mental disability acquired before age 21, or 23 if pursuing a course of instruction at an approved educational institution, and was totally dependent upon the eligible veteran for support. Letter from the Child's doctor or court documentation stating that child is totally dependent on veteran for support is required and must accompany the application.

FEES:

- There is no charge for the veteran for initial burial.
- A fee (\$300.00 for full casket burial, \$150.00 for cremain burial) subject to change and <u>paid at time of interment</u> will be charged for burial of spouse, widows/widowers who have not remarried, and qualified dependent(s).
- A fee of \$200.00 (subject to change) will be charged to ALL dis-interment and/or re-interment of remains. A fee may also be charged for the replacement cost of the concrete liner.

^{*}Blank Residency Certificates available at the Cemetery office.

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INFORMATION SHEET

- Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries will abide by all Commonwealth of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) and Federal Regulations (FR) that govern the operations of veterans' cemeteries.
- Specific gravesites may <u>not</u> be reserved.
- At the time of need (when a death has occurred) contact your funeral director. The Cemetery does <u>not</u> remove bodies from their place of death.
- The Veterans' Cemetery does <u>not</u> provide caskets, cremain urns or vaults, cremation of decedent, or pay for any funeral costs.
- Burials and services are held by appointment only, Monday-Friday, except on legal holidays. No private
 funeral/committal services allowed on Cemetery grounds at <u>any</u> time. No receptions after services allowed
 at the Cemetery.
- Military funeral honors are to be arranged by the funeral director. Taps will be provided by the Cemetery through the sound system.
- The non-denominational Chapel is used for committal service only. The funeral or other service is held at the decedent's place of worship or at the funeral home. It is the responsibility of the funeral director and/or family to provide clergy. No graveside services allowed.
- Government concrete liners are preinstalled for full body burials. Double liners will be used for veteran
 and spouse, with first decedent placed on the bottom of the liner and second decedent placed on the
 concrete shelf above first decedent.
- In-ground burial of cremated remains must be in an urn that will not deteriorate <u>OR</u> must be placed in an
 urn vault. The funeral director will handle the urn vault ordering for you. The Veterans' Cemetery/Staff
 does not offer any endorsement or suggestions on cremation vaults.
- Upright (granite) markers will be provided for in-ground (full casket or cremain) burials, granite niche covers will be engraved for the Columbariam wall. Private markers will <u>not</u> be allowed to be placed in the Veterans' Cemetery. The Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery staff will handle the ordering of said headstone/niche cover. Headstones/niche covers will <u>only</u> be ordered <u>after</u> interment. Inscriptions will follow the rules and regulations set forth by the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. <u>No decorations (of any type) may be attached in any way to either the headstone or niche cover.</u>
- Veteran's information will be on the front of the headstone and spouse's information on the back. If spouse
 pre-deceases veteran, his/her information will be on the front of the headstone and after the death of the
 veteran a new headstone will be engraved to place veteran's information on the front and spouse's on back.
- All Veterans' Cemetery policies, procedures, rules and regulations regarding, but not limited to, interment, eligibility, and floral regulations must be strictly followed.
 No exceptions will be made.
- Completion and approval of this application does <u>not</u> qualify or reserve a plot in the National Cemetery in Bourne, Cape Cod.
- If veteran changes his/her address, phone number, marital status, or desire to be interred in the Veterans' Cemetery please notify the Cemetery in writing.
- Floral regulations are available at the Cemetery office. Flags are not permitted on graves at any other time than those placed by Cemetery personnel.

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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. No flag may be issued unless a completed application form has been received (38 U.S.C. 901). The person filling out the application must state under Item 7, "Relationship to Deceased" whether he/she is: (a) A relative, and degree of relationship (e.g., "Brother"); (b) the funeral director; (c) a representative of a veterans' or other organization having charge of the burial (e.g., "The American Legion"; (d) other person having a knowledge of the facts, and acting in the interest of the deceased or his/her family (e.g., "Friend"; "Det. Clerk").
- 2. One of the lettered conditions listed in Item 4, "Condition Under Which Veteran Was Released From Service" must be evidenced, normally by a document such as a discharge paper (Form DD 214), before a flag may be issued.
- (a) The phrase "veteran of a war" in Item 4A requires showing that the deceased was in service in the United States armed forces during a war period. The phrase "Mexican border service" means active service during the period beginning on January 1, 1911, and ending on April 5, 1917, in Mexico, on the borders thereof, or in the waters adjacent thereto. The phrase "service after January 31, 1955" relates to veterans with active military, naval, or air service after the date.
- (b) The phrase "under conditions other than dishonorable" in Items 4A, 4B, and 4D requires a showing of discharge or release from active duty under honorable conditions. These must be ("Honorable" or "General") from the indicated period of service in the United States armed forces. In the absence of such discharge or release from active duty under conditions other than dishonorable, there must be a determination by the Department of Veterans Affairs that discharge or release from active duty was "under conditions other than dishonorable."
- (c) The phrase in Item 4B "at least one enlistment" is construed to include service of a commissioned officer whose service, computed from date of entrance into commissioned status to date of separation from service, terminated under honorable conditions, and in all cases, relates to peacetime service before June 27, 1950.
- (d) In Item 4B when the deceased was honorably discharged for disability, it may be assumed that the disability was "incurred in line of duty."
- (e) Issue of a flag in in-service cases Item 4C is required only when deceased was interred outside the United states, or remains not recovered, or where service department cannot supply flag in time for burial. Explanation should be included under "Remarks."
- 3. When the applicant is unable to furnish documentary proof, such as a discharge under honorable conditions ("Honorable" or "General"), an application may be accepted and a flag issued when statement is made by a person of established character and reputation that he/she personally knows the deceased to have been a veteran of a war, the Mexican border service, or of service after January 31, 1955, discharged or released from active duty, under honorable conditions, or to have been a person discharged from, or released from active duty in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard under honorable conditions after serving at least one complete peacetime enlistment, before June 27, 1950, or for

- disability incurred in line of duty; or that the deceased was in active service at the time of death and a flag was not obtainable from a military or naval establishment in time for burial.
- 4. The following classes of persons are ineligible for issue of a burial flag:
- (a) A discharged or rejected draftee, or a member of the National Guard, who reported to camp in answer to the President's call for World War-I service but who, when medically examined, was not finally accepted for military service.
- (b) A person who was discharged from World War I service prior to November 12, 1918, on his/her own application or solicitation, by reason of being an alien, or any person discharged for alienage during a period of hostilities.
- (c) A person who served with any of the forces allied with the United States in any war, even though a United States citizen, if he/she did not serve with the United States armed forces.
- (d) A person inducted for training and service who, before entering upon such training and service, was transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps and given a furlough.
- (e) A former temporary member of the United States Coast Guard Reserve.
- (f) A reservist who served only on active duty for training unless he/she was disabled or died from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty.
- 5. Flags will not be issued subsequent to burial, except where circumstances render it impossible to obtain a flag in time to drape the casket of a deceased veteran prior to final interment. The applicant must personally sign the application and include (under "Remarks") a statement explaining the circumstances preventing the requesting of a burial flag prior to final interment.
 - 6. The flag will be disposed of as follows:
- (a) When actually used to drape the casket of the deceased, it must be delivered to the next of kin (or to a close friend or associate when no claim is made by next of kin) following interment or inumment. If there is no living relative, or one cannot be located, and no friend or associate requests the flag, it must be returned to the nearest Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (b) The phrase "next of kin," for the purpose of disposing of the flag, is defined as follows with preference to entitlement in the order listed below:
- (1) Widow or widower
- (2) Children, according to age (minor child may be issued a flag on application signed by guardian).
- (3) Parents, including adoptive, stepparents, and foster parents
- (4) Brothers or sisters, including brothers or sisters of the halfblood
- (5) Uncles or aunts
- (6) Nephews or nieces
- (7) Others cousins, grandparents, etc.
- (c) The phrase "close friend or associate" means any person who establishes by evidence that he/she was a close friend or an associate of the deceased.

USE OF THE FLAG

- 1. This flag is issued on behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs to honor the memory of one who has served our country.
- 2. When used to drape the casket, the flag should be placed as follows:
- (a) Closed Casket When the flag is used to drape a closed casket, it should be so placed that the union (blue field) is at the head and over the left shoulder of the deceased.
- (b) Half Couch (Open) When the flag is used to drape a half-couch casket, it should be placed in three layers to cover the closed half of the casket in such a manner that the blue field will be the top fold, next to the open portion of the casket on the deceased's left.
- (c) Full Couch (Open) When the flag is used to drape a full-couch casket, it should be folded in a triangular shape and placed in the center part of the head panel of the casket cap, just above the left shoulder of the deceased.
- 3. During a military commitment ceremony, the flag which was used to drape the casket is held waist high over the grave by the pallbearers and, immediately after the sounding of "Taps," is folded in accordance with the illustration below.
- 4. Folding the flag (see illustration below):

- 5. The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground. When taken from the casket, it should be folded as shown (see illustration).
- The flag should form a distinctive feature of the ceremony of the unveiling of a statue or monument, but it should never be used as a covering for the statue or monument.
- 7. The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stowed in such a manner as will permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way.
- 8. The flag should never have placed upon it, nor any part of it, nor attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature.
- 9. The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.
- 10. The flag, when badly worn, torn, or soiled should no longer be publicly displayed, but privately destroyed by burning in such a manner as to convey no suggestion of disrespect or irreverence.

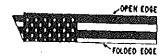
CORRECT METHOD OF FOLDING THE UNITED STATES FLAG



(a) Fold the lower striped section of the flag over the blue field.



(b) Folded edge is then folded over to meet the open edge.



(c) A triangular fold is then started by bringing the stripe corner of the folded edge to the open edge.



(d) Outer point is then turned inward parallel with the open edge to form a second triangle.



(e) Triangular folding is continued until the entire length of the flag is folded in the triangular shape of a cocked hat with only the blue field visible.





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