



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE VETERANS CEMETERY PRECERTIFICATION APPLICATION

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS. This application will be used by the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery to pre-certify eligibility for burial in South Dakota's State Veterans Cemetery. A COPY OF THE VETERANS DISCHARGE PAPERS OR DD 214 IS REQUIRED AND MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

VETERAN APPLICANT'S NAME, PERSONAL AND SERVICE INFORMATION: (Type or Print Legibly)

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS (include mail address, city, state and zip code)

1. LAST NAME (Legal Last Name; not Maiden Name)		1b. FIRST NAME		1c. MIDDLE NAME	
2. ADDRESS		3. CITY		3b. STATE	
3c. ZIP		6. MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATED <input type="checkbox"/> NEVER <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/>		7. GENDER: MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. DATE OF BIRTH (Month/Day/Year) MONTH DAY YEAR		5. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		8. MILITARY STATUS: VETERAN <input type="checkbox"/> RETIRED <input type="checkbox"/>	
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE ARMY <input type="checkbox"/> MARINE CORPS <input type="checkbox"/> NAVY <input type="checkbox"/> AIR FORCE <input type="checkbox"/> COAST GUARD <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) _____			10. WAR SERVICE: (must be consistent with discharge & Federal guidelines) WWII <input type="checkbox"/> KOREA <input type="checkbox"/> VIETNAM <input type="checkbox"/> PERSIAN GULF <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY): _____		
11. SERVICE NUMBER (if applicable)			12. LAST NAME ON DISCHARGE IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE		
13. PERIOD(S) OF ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY SERVICE: (Month/Day/Year) Entry date(s) : _____ Discharge date(s) : _____				14. IF RETIRED MILITARY (Active or Reserve), Date of retirement: _____	

*****If veteran is deceased, please attach copy of death certificate.

SPOUSE'S NAME AND PERSONAL INFORMATION:

15. LAST NAME (Legal Last Name; not Maiden Name)		16. FIRST NAME		17. MIDDLE NAME	
18. DATE OF BIRTH (Month/Day/Year)		19. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		20. WILL VETERAN'S SPOUSE ALSO BE INTERRED AT THIS CEMETERY? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
				21. IS SPOUSE ALSO A VETERAN? (Documentation <u>must</u> be provided at this time) YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
22. IF SPOUSE IS ALSO A VETERAN, PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: (Only if eligible and all documentation received prior to veteran spouse burial, otherwise will be in same gravesite)				I DESIRE TO BE INTERRED WITH VETERAN <input type="checkbox"/> OR I DESIRE ADJACENT GRAVE/NICHE OF MY OWN <input type="checkbox"/>	

(Attach copy of marriage certificate)

PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE ARRANGEMENTS:

23. LAST NAME		24. FIRST NAME		25. MIDDLE NAME	
26. CURRENT ADDRESS (Number, Street, City, State, Zip)			27. Phone Number: Home: Cell:		28. EMAIL

(Please forward this form to the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs at 425 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501)

Precertification Application Instructions and Requirements for South Dakota Veterans Cemetery

BEFORE SCHEDULING SERVICE, the following documents must be provided:

1. Copy of all military service documentation (DD214, *et al.*), and military valor award documentation (*i.e.* Purple Heart, etc.)
2. Official signed copy of marriage certificate or legal proof of marriage (state/IRS tax return or completed death certificate).
If spouse is also a veteran, a separate application with supporting documentation must be completed at this time.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Criteria for burial at a South Dakota Veterans Cemetery is the same as for a national cemetery. For a complete list of eligibility criteria for veterans, spouses and dependents, please visit the National Cemetery Administration website at www.cem.va.gov/burial_benefits/eligible.asp
- Marriage - Veteran and spouse must be legally married. Any former spouse of an eligible veteran whose marriage to that veteran has been terminated by annulment or divorce is not eligible.

Military Service:

- Veterans may request military records at the National Archives website at <https://www.archives.gov/Veterans/military-service-records>

Residency:

- There are no residency requirements for burial in the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery.

FEES:

- There is a fee for non-veteran spouse/eligible dependents.

PERSONS FOUND GUILTY OF A FEDERAL OR STATE CAPITAL CRIME, ARE INELIGIBLE.

***38 U.S.C. §2411 Summary Persons Found Guilty of a Capital Crime and Persons Convicted of Certain Sex Offenses**

Under 38 U.S.C. § 2411, interment or memorialization in a VA national cemetery or in Arlington National Cemetery is prohibited if a person is convicted of a federal or state capital crime, for which a sentence of imprisonment for life or the death penalty may be imposed and the conviction is final. Federal officials may not inter in veterans cemeteries persons who are shown by clear and convincing evidence to have committed a federal or state capital crime but were unavailable for trial due to death or flight to avoid prosecution. Federally funded state veterans cemeteries must also adhere to this law. This prohibition is also extended to furnishing a Presidential Memorial Certificate, a burial flag, and a headstone or marker. Under 38 U.S.C. § 2411, interment or memorialization in a VA national cemetery or in Arlington National Cemetery is prohibited if a person is convicted of a Tier III sex offense, who was sentenced to a minimum of life imprisonment and whose conviction is final. Federally funded state and tribal organization veterans cemeteries must also adhere to this law. This prohibition also applies to Presidential Memorial Certificate, burial flag, and headstone and marker benefits.

By signing below, I certify that I am the veteran identified on this document or an authorized individual signing for the veteran. All information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. A fraudulent statement that leads to burial in a state cemetery could result in disinterment from the state cemetery. I acknowledge that otherwise eligible individuals may be barred from burial by committing certain serious crimes, as provided under 38 U. S. C. 2411. I acknowledge that I am obligated to inform cemetery personnel if such crimes have been committed.

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN:

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*****DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE*****

To be completed by South Dakota Veterans Cemetery.

This application has been reviewed and burial has been ___ Approved ___ Disapproved in the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery.

Signature _____ Date _____