**VA Expands Burial Benefits for Veterans**

I know this may be a subject some of us might not feel comfortable talking about but non-the-less, it’s a subject we need to be up to date on.

For eligible Veterans and Family members, VA National Cemetery burial benefits include:

* Opening and closing of gravesite
* Inscribed headstone or markers
* Burial Flag
* Award of the Presidential Memorial Certificate
* Perpetual care of gravesite

For those being placed in private cemeteries, benefits only include:

* Headstone, markers or medallions for the gravesite
* Burial Flag
* Presidential Memorial Certificate

VA also may provide burial allowances to assist with a family member’s burial and funeral costs for those eligible. VA encourages Veterans to consider their ‘end-of-life benefits’ provided by the department. To learn more, visit <http://www.va.gov/plan-ahead>.

I hope this helps.

Ride Safe,



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