



VETERANS SURVIVORS BENEFITS

Various veterans benefits may be available to the survivors of a deceased war time veteran. They consist of burial allowances and monthly benefits to eligible spouses.

Applications for survivor's benefits can be arranged through your local Veterans Service Agency. In Southern Chautauqua County the address is:

Chautauqua County Veterans Service Agency
110 E. Fourth Street
Jamestown, New York 14701
716-661-8255

VETERANS BENEFITS INCLUDE:

1. United States Flag
2. Grave marker, but not the cost of the installation of the marker in the cemetery. The marker must contain the name, branch of service, war served in, date of birth and date of death. The marker must be placed on an unmarked grave.
3. Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, an award paid to the widow and minor children of a veteran who died in military service or as a result of a disability incurred in such service.
4. Death pension paid to eligible dependents of a war time veteran who died from disabilities not related to his/her military service. This benefit is based on the family's income.
5. Only veterans who die in a VA Hospital or who are receiving disability or pension benefits at the time of death are eligible for burial benefits. Application must be made within two years following the death of a veteran.

All benefits, in the name of the veteran, received after their death, must be returned to the local Veterans Service Agency. Eligibility for these benefits will be evaluated on behalf of the survivors by the Veterans Administration.

To file any claim for a deceased veteran you should have the following:

1. Copy of the military discharge for form DD#214
2. Photocopy of the death certificate

3. Marriage certificate or license
4. Birth certificate of entitled children under 18 years of age
5. Copy of funeral expenses and/or cemetery expenses
6. Social Security number of all applicants
7. A divorce decree for/or a death certificate of the spouse of a previous marriage
8. Policy and number of life insurance through the VA
9. A claim number issued to the deceased prior to his death