How To Apply

Family members of a deceased veteran can apply for various burial allowances including obtaining burial flags, flag holders, headstones, medallion markers and Presidential Memorial certificates. Qualifying family members can also file a claim for VA burial benefits.

Our Montgomery County Veterans Service Officers (VSOs) make the process as easy as possible for the veteran's family. VSOs are trained to prepare claims by the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs.

Contact a VSO at 610-213-4022 to learn more and to set up an appointment. The VSO will instruct you on which paperwork is needed to file with the VA.

Like all accredited Veteran Service Organizations, there is *no charge* for these services.

Our staff of knowledgeable Veteran Service Officers can be contacted at 610-213-4022.

Contact Us

Montgomery County Human Services Center
1430 DeKalb Street
Norristown, PA 19404-0311
610-213-4022
Fax: 610-278-5935
MontcoHHS@montcopa.org
www.montcopa.org/veteransaffairs

@HHSMontcoPA

Montgomery County Board of Commissioners
Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH, Chair
Kenneth E. Lawrence, Jr., Vice Chair
Joseph C. Gale, Commissioner

#rescue4recoveryxopioids

If you require assistance with Opioid addiction or dependence for yourself or another, please contact:

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1
or Text 838255

MONTGOMERY COUNTY MOBILE CRISIS
1-855-634-HOPE (4673)

Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services

Office of Veteran Affairs

For When They are Gone: Federal and County Burial Benefits

Claim for Burial Benefits

Veterans who die from service-connected disabilities are eligible for a $2000 service-connected burial allowance from the Federal Department of Veteran Affairs.

How to Apply

Make an appointment by calling 610-213-4022. A VSO will attempt to establish a connection between the cause of death and a service-connected disability; the primary criteria for eligibility.

Paperwork Needed

- Copy of DD-214
- VA Award letter detailing disabilities
- Death certificate

Headstones and Medallion Markers

Headstones and Markers are available to veterans with an "other than dishonorable" discharge.

How to Apply

A VSO is required to complete the National Cemetery Service form. Our office will send the twice endorsed (see below) to the National Cemetery Service. Headtones and medallions can take 4-6 months for delivery.

Signatures Needed on Form

- Person who will accept receipt of the headstone or medallion markers (usually a monument service or cemetery).
- The cemetery must sign the form to indicate they will accept the item.

Burial Flags

Burial flags are free of charge at any local post office. Bring the veterans discharge papers and death certificate at least three days in advance to obtain a flag. In the event a post office does not have flags in stock, contact our office immediately at 610-213-4022.

Flag Holders

Flag holders are bronze-like badges indicating a veteran's wartime service or branch of service. They also serve to mark a veteran's grave to hold Memorial Day flags. Flag holders are provided free of charge to various veteran service organizations or to the family, representative, or friend of an eligible deceased veteran for placement at the grave or place of interment.

Paperwork Needed

- Completed County application found at www.montcopa.org/VAFlagHolder
- DD-214 or discharge record
- Death certificate

Specific grave location (cemetery, plot, range, section) is required. Completed applications may be mailed or e-mailed for review prior to pick up in person. Applications can also be filled out and picked up the same day, but appointments are preferred.

Presidential Memorial Certificates

An office representative will help you complete the necessary National Cemetery Service form.

Paperwork Needed

- Copy of the death certificate
- Military discharge paperwork

Burial Allowances

Montgomery County grants $100 to defray the costs of funeral expenses and headstones or headstone foundations for all wartime active duty veterans and their widows who are county residents at their time of death and have been buried or interred.

- Headstone allowances must include the veteran's name, year of birth and death, rank, branch of service, and era of conflict.
- Reserve and National Guard members who deployed on active duty are eligible. Reserve and National Guard members, please note: active duty for training (ADT) is not the same as active service.

Paperwork Needed

- Completed County application found at www.montcopa.org/VABurialAllowance
- DD-214 or discharge record
- Death certificate
- Paid funeral bill

Specific grave location (cemetery, plot, range, section) is required. Applications can be mailed or picked up in person as well.