

Q: Am I eligible to be buried in a Veterans Cemetery?

A: One of the following must be true:

1. Any Veteran who was discharged under honorable conditions (conditions other than dishonorable). 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 continuous months or the full period for which the person was called to active duty (as in the case of a Reservist called to active duty for a limited duration). Undesirable, bad conduct, and any other type of discharge other than honorable may or may not qualify the individual for Veterans benefits, depending upon a determination made by a VA Regional Office. Cases presenting multiple discharges of varying character are also referred for adjudication to a VA Regional Office.
2. Reservists and National Guard members who, at time of death, were entitled to retired pay under Chapter 1223, title 10, United States Code, or would have been entitled, but for being under the age of 60. Specific categories of individuals eligible for retired pay are delineated in section 12731 of Chapter 1223, title 10, United States Code.
3. Members of reserve components who, during a period of active duty for training, were disabled or died from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty or, during a period of inactive duty training, were disabled or died from an injury or certain cardiovascular disorders incurred or aggravated in line of duty.
4. For a complete list you can visit VA.GOV.

Q: If I am unsure about my eligibility how can I find out if I am eligible?

A: Each Veterans Cemetery can let you know if you are eligible for burial by filling out a Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility and returning that along with your discharge documents (DD-214 in most cases) and any additional information we may need to determine eligibility.