

When A Veteran Passes**Larry LaVerne March 27, 2025 (530) 885-1428**

Veterans who have served some active duty other than as a Reservist for training and were discharged under other than dishonorable conditions.

To establish eligibility, you must provide the **death certificate and the Veteran's DD214**

Unable to pay Mortuary: Contact County Health & Human Services.

Steps to take once notified of the Veterans Death:

If Death occurs:

Not at home: Contact facility where the deceased is located. Make sure they have your name and contact information. Find out where the Veterans body will be going, which hospital, Morgue, etc. Contact that facility and give them your contact information and find out how long they will be holding the body. Let them know you are locating a Mortuary to work with and will get them that information. See items 4 thru 6 below.

At Home: Contact the local Sheriffs Office and let them know of the Veterans passing. When a homeowner contacts the Sheriff's Office in California to report a resident's passing, the process typically involves the following steps:

Dispatching Law Enforcement: Deputies are sent to the location to assess the situation and ensure there are no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death

Involving the Coroner: If the death is unexpected or occurs outside of a medical facility, the Sheriff's Office often notifies the Coroner's Bureau. The coroner investigates and determines the cause, manner, and mode of death, especially in cases of sudden, violent, or unusual deaths.

Pronouncement of Death: A licensed physician or coroner must legally pronounce the death. This is a necessary step for obtaining a death certificate.

Contact your local Mortuary: Get a listing of their services and cost. Once you have selected a mortuary, let the Hospital or Coroners office know which mortuary you are using. Get a copy of the death certificate as soon as possible from the mortuary. Make arrangements with the mortuary to provide cremation services or other arrangements for internment.

Contact the Social Security Office: Go to your local Social Security Office with Veterans DD214, Death Certificate, your photo ID, and Marriage certificate. Let them know that you want to make sure they have the information about the Veterans passing and ask about the portion of his SSI that you would receive and when. They may already have the information from the Mortuary service.

Visit your Veterans Service Office: Bring the Death Certificate, Marriage license, all receipts for burial expenses, your photo id, and Veterans DD214. Apply for Burial Benefits. See Placer County VSO information sheet for contact information.

March 2024.....New Placer HHS and VSO building in Auburn, CA
 11434 B Ave, Auburn, CA 95603

<https://www.placer.ca.gov/1679/Health-Human-Services>

<https://www.placer.ca.gov/7834/New-Health-and-Human-Services-Center>



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