



## REQUEST FOR CASKET/URN ALLOWANCE

*(For a deceased Veteran buried in a VA National, State, or Tribal Cemetery with no next-of-kin and insufficient resources for burial)*

**RESPONDENT BURDEN:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response. Statutory authority for casket or urn allowance is 38 U.S.C. 2306 for deaths **occurring on or after January 10, 2014 if interred in a VA national cemetery or on or after December 14, 2016 if interred in a VA-funded State or Tribal cemetery.** The information requested is approved under OMB Control Number 2900-0799 and is necessary to allow a person authorized to purchase a casket or urn for the decedent to request allowance for the cost of such a burial receptacle. The National Cemetery Administration does not give, sell or transfer any personal information outside of the agency. VA may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, this collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. Responding to this collection is voluntary.

**PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION:** VA is asking you to provide the information on this form under 38 U.S.C. Section 2306 in order for VA to obtain information sufficient to provide allowance for the purchase of a casket or an urn, if that Veteran has no next-of-kin that is willing or able to pay for the burial and insufficient resources for burial. VA may disclose the information that you put on the form as permitted by law. VA may make a "routine use" disclosure of the information as outlined in the applicable Privacy Act system of records notice (48VA40B, Veterans (Deceased) Headstone or Marker Records - VA, as published in the Federal Register on August 26, 1975, (40 FR 38095)). Providing the requested information is voluntary, but if any or all of the requested information is not provided, it may delay or result in denial of your request for allowance. VA may also use this information to identify Veterans and persons claiming or receiving VA benefits and their records and for other purposes authorized or required by law.

### PART I - APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION *(Completed by the Applicant)*

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING A REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE:** Type or print clearly all information required. This part serves as a means for applicants to certify information that is necessary to claim allowance for a casket or urn purchased for unclaimed deceased Veterans with insufficient resources for burial. To apply for allowance, applications should be submitted to the National Cemetery Administration Finance Service via fax 703-221-8680 or via mail to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attention: NCA Finance Services, P.O. Box 141, Triangle, VA 22172.

Applicants must also have a Vendor ID on file with the VA Finance Service Center (FCS). Applicants who do not have a Vendor ID may submit, either before or after the interment, a completed and signed FSC Vendor File Request Form (VA Form 10091) to the NCA Finance Service at the above address (**Attention: Casket and Urn Program**). Applicants may download the form at <http://vaww.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA10091.pdf>.

**PLEASE NOTE:** VA will not process the allowance request unless the applicant has completed all requirements in Parts I of this form and submitted all required documentation for allowance.

1. NAME OF DECEASED VETERAN	2. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	3. SERVICE NUMBER <i>(If available)</i>	4. DATE OF DEATH
5. RACE OR ETHNICITY <i>(Optional. You may select more than one. Information will be used for statistical purposes only.)</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> ASIAN OR ASIAN AMERICAN <input type="checkbox"/> BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN <input type="checkbox"/> HISPANIC OR LATINO <input type="checkbox"/> NOT HISPANIC OR LATINO <input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE			
6. SEX <i>(Optional. Information will be used for statistical purposes only)</i>			7. AGE AT TIME OF DEATH <i>(Optional)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/> UNSPECIFIED OR ANOTHER GENDER IDENTITY			
8. NAME OF FUNERAL HOME REPRESENTATIVE <i>(If applicable)</i>		10. ADDRESS OF FUNERAL HOME	
9. TELEPHONE NUMBER OF FUNERAL HOME			
11. NAME OF APPLICANT		13. ADDRESS OF APPLICANT	
12. TELEPHONE NUMBER OF APPLICANT			
14. APPLICANT E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>(Optional)</i>			
15. PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS. <i>(Please ensure decedent's name and/or DECEDENT ID appears on each attachment.)</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS REFLECTING NO NEXT-OF-KIN WAS LOCATED <input type="checkbox"/> FSC VENDOR FILE REQUEST FORM (VA FORM 10091) <i>If previously enrolled provide Vendor ID:</i> _____			

**By signing below I certify the following:**

- I. I cannot identify the Veteran's next-of-kin or an identified next of kin is unwilling or unable to assume responsibility for the deceased Veteran's burial arrangements.
- II. I have followed applicable state or local law relating to the disposition of unclaimed remains.
- III. To the best of my knowledge, sufficient resources are otherwise unavailable to furnish the casket or urn.

16. SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO CERTIFY (*Ink signature*)

17. DATE

**PENALTY** -The law provides severe penalties, which include fine or imprisonment, or both, for the willful submission of any statement or evidence of a material fact, knowing it to be false, or for the fraudulent acceptance of any benefit to which you are not entitled.

**PART II - CEMETERY OFFICIAL OBSERVATION OF BURIAL CONTAINER**

*(For Completion by VA National, State, or Tribal Cemetery Official)*

1. BEFORE ALLOWANCE FOR THE CASKET OR URN CAN BE PROCESSED, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUALITY STANDARDS FOR THE BURIAL RECEPTABLE MUST BE OBSERVED:

**CASKET**

- STANDARD SIZE (*Exterior dimensions are generally 82 X 28 inches*)
- CONSTRUCTED OF 20 GAUGE OR THICKER METAL
- IS NOT LEAKING
- HAS FIXED RAILS OR SWING ARM HANDLES
- HOLDS THE WEIGHT OF THE DECEDENT'S REMAINS

**URN**

*(Must be of durable material. Select one)*

- PLASTIC       METAL       OTHER
- WOOD       CERAMIC/STONE
- SEALED, NOT LEAKING

THE CASKET/URN EXHIBITS ALL OF THE LISTED QUALITY STANDARDS

THE CASKET/URN DOES NOT EXHIBIT ALL OF THE LISTED QUALITY STANDARDS (*Please Explain*) \_\_\_\_\_

2. PRINTED NAME OF VA NATIONAL, STATE, OR TRIBAL CEMETERY OFFICIAL

3. CEMETERY NAME

4. CEMETERY STATION NUMBER

5. CEMETERY STATE

6. SIGNATURE OF VA NATIONAL, STATE OR TRIBAL CEMETERY OFFICIAL (*Ink signature*)

7. DATE

8. APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OBSERVATIONS (SIGNATURE) (*Ink signature*)

9. DATE