IMPORTANT - READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION: The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). They may be disclosed outside the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) only if the disclosure is authorized under the Privacy Act, including the routine uses identified in the VA system of records, 58VA21/22/28, Compensation, Pension, Education and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records - VA, published in the Federal Register. The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine maximum benefits under the law and is required to obtain benefits. Information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.

RESPONDENT BURDEN: We need this information to determine your eligibility to burial benefits. Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 15 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. If desired, you can call 1-800-827-1000 to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form.

1. GENERAL

a. ELIGIBILITY - NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED

(1) NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED BURIAL ALLOWANCE - A one-time payment for a veteran who was receiving VA pension or disability compensation; would have been receiving disability compensation but for the receipt of military retired pay, or had an eligible pending claim at the time of death.

(2) SERVICE-CONNECTED BURIAL ALLOWANCE - A one-time payment for a veteran who was rated totally disabled for a service-connected disability or disabilities; excluding individual unemployability, or who died of a service-connected disability.

(3) VA MEDICAL CENTER DEATH BURIAL ALLOWANCE - A one-time payment for a veteran whose death was not service-connected and who died while hospitalized by VA.

b. BURIAL ALLOWANCE - A one-time benefit payment payable toward the expenses of the funeral and burial of the veteran's remains. Burial includes all legal methods of disposing of the veteran's remains including, but not limited to, cremation, burial at sea, and medical school donation.

c. PLOT OR INTERMENT ALLOWANCE - A one-time benefit payment payable toward:

(1) Expenses incurred for the plot or interment if burial was not in a national cemetery or other cemetery under the jurisdiction of the United States; OR

(2) Expenses payable to a State (or political subdivision of a State) if the veteran died from non-service-connected causes and was buried in a State-owned cemetery or section used solely for the remains of persons eligible for burial in a national cemetery.

"Plot" means the final disposition site of the remains, whether it is a grave, mausoleum vault, columbarium niche, or similar place. "Interment" means the burial of casketed remains in the ground or the placement of cremated remains into a columbarium niche.

d. TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES - The cost of transporting the body to the place of burial may be paid in addition to the burial allowance when:

(1) The veteran died of a service-connected disability or had a compensable service-connected disability and burial is in a national cemetery; OR

(2) The veteran died while in a hospital, domiciliary or nursing home to which he/she had been properly admitted under authority of VA; OR

(3) The veteran died en route while traveling under prior authorization of VA for the purpose of examination, treatment; OR

(4) The veteran's remains are unclaimed and burial is in a national cemetery.
2. WHO SHOULD FILE A CLAIM - VA may grant a claim that any eligible person files. Upon death of the veteran, VA will pay the first living person to file a claim of those listed below:

   (1) The veteran's surviving spouse; OR
   (2) The survivor of a legal union* between the deceased veteran and the survivor; OR
   (3) The veteran's children, regardless of age; OR
   (4) The veteran's parents or the surviving parent; OR
   (5) The executor or administrator of the deceased veteran's estate, or person acting for the deceased veteran's estate.

   *For purposes of this application, legal union means a formal relationship between the veteran and the survivor that existed on the date of the veteran's death, was recognized under the law of the State in which the couple formalized the relationship, and was evidenced by the State's issuance of documentation memorializing the relationship.

If the veterans remains are unclaimed, VA will pay the person or entity that provided burial services for the remains of an unclaimed veteran.

3. TIME LIMIT FOR FILING A CLAIM - A claim for non-service-connected burial allowance must be filed with VA within 2 years after the date of the veteran's permanent burial or cremation. If a veteran's discharge was corrected after death to "Under Conditions Other Than Dishonorable," the claim must be filed within 2 years after the date of correction. There is no time limit for the service-connected burial allowance, plot or interment allowance, VA hospitalization death burial allowance, or reimbursement of transportation expenses.

4. COMPLETING CLAIM BY A FIRM OR STATE AGENCY - The claim must be executed in the full name of the firm or State agency, and show the official position or connection of the individual who signs on its behalf.

5. PROOF OF DEATH TO ACCOMPANY CLAIM - Death in a government institution does not need to be proven. In other cases, the claimant must forward a copy of the public record of death. If proof has previously been furnished VA, it need not be submitted again.

6. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT MUST ACCOMPANY TRANSPORTATION CLAIMS - If transported by common carrier, a receipt must accompany the claim. All receipts for transportation charges should show the name of the veteran, the name of the person who paid, and the amount of the charges. The itemized statement of account should show the charges made for transportation. Failure to itemize charges may result in delay or payment of a lesser amount.

7. SERVICE RECORD - The original or certified copy of the veteran's service separation document (DD214 or equivalent) which contains information as to the length, time, and character of service will permit prompt processing.

8. TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE - You can call us toll-free within the U.S. by dialing 1-800-827-1000. If you are located in the local dialing area of a VA regional office, you can also call us by checking your local telephone directory. For the hearing impaired, our TDD number is 711.

9. WHERE DO I MAIL MY COMPLETED APPLICATION? - You should mail your application to the VA regional office located in your state. You can obtain the mailing address for VA regional offices by accessing the VA Internet web site at www.va.gov/directory. The address is also located in the government pages of your telephone book under "United States Government, Veterans."
### PART I - PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. **First, Middle, Last Name of Deceased Veteran's Name**
   - JOE AVETERAN

2. **Veteran's Social Security Number**
   - 999 - 99999

3. **VA File Number**
   - C/CSS - 999999

### CLAIMANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION

4. **Claimant's Name (First, middle initial, last)**
   - SALLY VETERAN

5. **Current Mailing Address (Number and street or rural route, P.O. Box, City, State, ZIP Code and Country)**
   - No. & Street 999 ANYWHERE ST
   - Apt./Unit Number
   - City ANYWHERE
   - State/Province CA
   - Country US
   - ZIP Code/Postal Code 99999

6. **Preferred Telephone Number (Include Area Code)**
   - 999 - 99999

7. **Preferred E-mail Address**
   - SALLY_V@EMAIL.COM

8. **Relationship of Claimant to Deceased Veteran (Check one)**
   - [X] Spouse
   - [ ] Executor/Administrator of Estate or Person Acting for the Estate
   - [ ] Child
   - [ ] Other (Specify)

### PART II - INFORMATION REGARDING VETERAN

9A. **Date of Birth**
   - 01/10/2016

10A. **Date of Death**
    - 12/01/1945

9B. **Place of Birth**
   - ANYWHERE, CA

10B. **Place of Death**
    - ANYWHERE, CA

10C. **Date of Burial**
    - 01/15/2016

**SERVICE INFORMATION** (The following information should be furnished for the periods of the Veteran's Active Service)

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<th>11A. Entered Service Date</th>
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12. **If Veteran Served Under Name Other Than That Shown in Item 1, Give Full Name and Service Rendered Under That Name**
The Department of Veterans Affairs will furnish, upon request, a Government headstone or marker at the expense of the United States for the unmarked graves of certain individuals eligible for burial in a national cemetery, but not buried there. These individuals may include any veterans with an other than dishonorable discharge who dies after service or any servicemember who dies on active duty. Certain other individuals may also be eligible for the headstone or marker. Headstones or markers for all individuals in a national or post cemetery are furnished automatically without request from the family.

For additional information on burial benefits go to the web site, www.cem.va.gov/bbene_burial.asp. To obtain VA Form 40-1330, Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker go to www.va.gov/vaforms or contact your local VA regional office. The address of that office can be found at www.va.gov/directory.