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VI Office of Veterans Affairs Policy Letter #4

Subject: Burial Entitlements for Veterans of the Virgin Islands

In Accordance With (IAW) VI Code Title 3, Chp 1 Subsection 8b(c) Veterans who were domiciliaries of the Virgin Islands at the time of death, and who entered the armed services in the Virgin Islands or who were domiciliaries of the Virgin Islands but entered the armed services in another jurisdiction while temporarily residing in that jurisdiction are entitled to burial benefits provided by the Government of the Virgin Islands per guidance below.

Burial in all Virgin Islands cemeteries, with spaces set aside for veterans, shall be made available to all members of the Armed Forces and veterans discharged under conditions other than dishonorable who completed the required periods of service, as well as either their spouses, minor child, and/or under certain conditions, an unmarried adult child. Also eligible are members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard Reserves and the Army and Air Force National Guard with 20 years of qualifying service or who die while on active duty for training, active duty, or territorial active duty, as well as members of the Reserve Officer Training Corps of the Army, Navy or Air Force who die on active duty for training. If a surviving spouse of an eligible veteran marries a nonveteran, and the remarriage is terminated by death of or divorce from the nonveteran, the spouse is eligible for burial in the designated burial site set aside for veterans. Only veterans who were bona fide residents of the Virgin Islands at the time they were either drafted or enlisted, whether residing in the Territory or attending college, are eligible for burial in the burial site set aside for veterans.

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