



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RIVMC Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery

OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Dear sir or ma'am,

Thank you for contacting the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Attached please find the pre-application form that will assist us in determining your eligibility for burial. Once you have completed the form and located the requested documentation, please return it to us via mail, fax or hand-delivery to **301 South County Trail, Exeter, RI 02822**. The form can also be completed online at www.vets.ri.gov under the "Memorial Services" section.

Eligibility requirements for burial at Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery are as follows:

1. **Honorable Service AND**
2. **Entry into the service from Rhode Island or two (2) consecutive years Rhode Island residency prior to death AND**
3. **Active duty during a wartime period OR two (2) or more consecutive years of active duty during peacetime OR twenty (20) years of National Guard or Reserve time.**

Veterans' service records, including the DD-214 can be requested from the National Archives at <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>. Upon receipt of the completed form, we will review the documentation. When a determination is made, you will receive a letter indicating your eligibility. Determinations are usually made within two weeks of receipt of the pre-application. Please feel free to contact us if you have not received a timely response or if you have any questions. We can be reached Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:00pm at 401-268-3088.

Spouses and dependent children may be buried with an eligible veteran. No charges will be incurred for the veteran, but a liner fee for the spouse and dependent child will apply. For common law marriages and documentation pertaining to dependent children, please contact us. If we have any questions or need additional information, we will reach out to you so please be sure to include current contact information.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to call.

James A. Bessel, Administrator
Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery



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PRE-QUALIFICATION APPLICATION

VETERAN'S NAME _____

SOCIAL SECURITY # _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

VETERAN'S ELIGIBILITY: RI resident upon entry into service: ____ Yes ____ No

If no, provide driver's license, voter registration or IRS tax forms to show 2 years of consecutive RI residency.

Type of Discharge _____ Branch of Service _____ Highest Rank _____ Service Number _____

Entry Date _____ Entry Place _____

Discharge Date _____ Discharge Place _____

Does Spouse wish to be buried with Veteran? Yes _____ No _____ N/A _____

If N/A, divorced _____ single _____

If yes, Spouse's name _____ Social security # _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

Dependent Children? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, provide Social Security Administration's Supplemental Security Income (SSI) award letter.

The information on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I further attest that I have not been convicted of any disqualifying offenses under 38 U.S.C. § 2411.

Veteran's signature _____ Date _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Telephone # _____

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY:

1. Discharge Paperwork (DD-214)(copies acceptable)
 2. Proof of RI residency (if applicable)
 3. Marriage Certificate for Spouse (if applicable)
 4. Dependent child or common law documentation (if applicable)
 5. 20 Year Retirement Letter from NATIONAL GUARD or RESERVES (if applicable)
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