



Resources for Spouses, Children, and Family Caregivers of Deceased Veterans or Service Members

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers services to support the spouse, children, or family caregiver of a deceased Veteran or service member. You may qualify for the following services. Visit this website for a complete list of benefits: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/family-caregiver-benefits/>.

Bereavement Counseling

If you're the surviving spouse, child, or parent of a service member who died while serving their country, you may qualify for bereavement counseling through VA. Bereavement counseling provides assistance and support for people going through emotional and psychological stress after the death of a loved one.

To access bereavement counseling services, contact the Readjustment Counseling Service staff at 202-461-6530 or by email at vetcenter.bereavement@va.gov. More information can be found on this website: <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/bereavement-counseling/>.

Burial Allowance

You may be eligible for Veterans burial allowances if you're paying for the burial and funeral costs and you won't be reimbursed by any other organization, like another government agency or the Veteran's employer.

Visit the following website to find out how to qualify for Veterans burial allowances to help cover burial, funeral and transportation costs: <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/veterans-burial-allowance/>.

CHAMPVA

The surviving spouse of or a child of a Veteran with disabilities or a Veteran who has died may be able to get health insurance through the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA). Through this program, we cover the cost of some of your health care services and supplies.

Find out if you qualify and for CHAMPVA here: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/family-caregiver-benefits/champva/>.

Every VA Facility has a CSP Team who assists with information and referrals. To learn more about PGCSS and caregiver services offered, visit us online:

www.caregiver.va.gov

VA Caregiver Support Line
☎ 1-855-260-3274 toll-free

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Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

If you're the surviving spouse, child, or parent of a service member who died in the line of duty, or the survivor of a Veteran who died from a service-related injury or illness, you may be able to get a tax-free monetary benefit called VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (VA DIC). Find out if you can get VA benefits or compensation. For more information on eligibility requirements and how to apply, please visit: <https://www.va.gov/disability/dependency-indemnity-compensation/>.

TRICARE

If you're the family member of an active duty, retired, or deceased service member, National Guard soldier, Reservist, or Medal of Honor recipient, you may qualify for the TRICARE program.



TRICARE provides comprehensive health coverage, including health plans, prescription medicines, dental plans, and programs for people with special needs. The Department of Defense's Defense Health Agency manages this program. Visit this website for more information: <https://www.tricare.mil/Plans>.

VA Chaplain Service

To locate a chaplain at your local VA medical center for information and support, please visit <http://vaww.va.gov/CHAPLAIN/index.asp>.

VA Survivors Pension

A VA Survivors Pension offers monthly payments to qualified surviving spouses and unmarried dependent children of wartime Veterans who meet certain income and net worth limits set by Congress. Follow this link to find out if you qualify: <https://www.va.gov/pension/survivors-pension/>.

Veterans Legacy Memorial

The Veterans Legacy Memorial website is the nation's first digital platform dedicated entirely to the memory of more than 3.7 million Veterans interred in VA's national cemeteries to honor the service and sacrifice of Veterans and to help ensure "No Veteran Ever Dies." Launched in 2019 with Veteran service and cemetery information, VLM now allows family, friends, and others to post Tributes to a Veterans page and to share Veteran pages using email, Facebook, and Twitter. Additionally, headstone/marker photos and a mapping feature are now displaying approximately half of the Veteran profile pages. Please visit www.va.gov/remember, for more information.

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