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FREE CHECKLIST

Navy burial plan checklist (PDF)

Settle where, how and who calls whom

Tick each box when it is done. If you cannot decide, write the question in the margin and ask the people who will carry out the plan.

1. Where do you want to rest?

- [ ] We talked about a VA national cemetery near our children
- [ ] We talked about burial at sea through the Navy, which VA says the Navy provides and VA cannot perform
- [ ] We talked about a state veterans cemetery or a private cemetery
- [ ] We chose a first place and a backup
- [ ] The spouse's wishes are written down too

2. Ask VA before the time of need

- [ ] We read VA's pre-need page
- [ ] The veteran applied for a pre-need eligibility decision
- [ ] The spouse applied for their own decision
- [ ] We know the decision does not guarantee our preferred cemetery
- [ ] We filed the decision letter in the folder

> VA says a pre-need decision does not reserve a specific gravesite. Choose a second cemetery as well.

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3. What do VA and the Navy provide?

Item	Who provides it	Our note
Gravesite, opening and closing, care	VA, in a national cemetery for eligible veterans and spouses	
Headstone, marker or medallion	VA, for eligible veterans, including some buried at sea	
Burial flag	VA, for eligible veterans	
Military funeral honors	Requested by the funeral director	
Burial at sea committal	The Navy	

4. What does the family pay?

- [ ] We priced two funeral homes by phone, as the FTC Funeral Rule allows
- [ ] We know whether we want cremation or a casket
- [ ] We listed shipping to the port or the cemetery
- [ ] We chose a service and a gathering, or decided against one
- [ ] We sized a policy to the total, or counted savings

5. Who calls whom?

Funeral home and phone

Person who calls the cemetery or Navy office

Person who requests honors

Person who tells the family

Folder is kept at

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6. Review

- [ ] Copies given to my spouse and one adult child
- [ ] Review date written on the calendar
- [ ] The DD214 is in the folder or requested

Sources

- VA: Pre-need eligibility for national cemetery burial
  www.va.gov/burials-memorials/pre-need-eligibility/
- VA: Burial at sea
  www.va.gov/burials-memorials/eligibility/burial-at-sea/
- VA: Eligibility for burial in a national cemetery
  www.va.gov/burials-memorials/eligibility/
- VA National Cemetery Administration: Military funeral honors
  www.cem.va.gov/military_funeral_honors.asp
- VA: Plan a burial
  www.va.gov/burials-memorials/plan-a-burial/

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