**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**



Veterans Benefit and Health Administration

What to do when a Veteran Passes Away

The loss of a loved one is a difficult experience.

The VA has established a streamlined process for families, executors and legal representatives to follow to notify VA about the death of a Veteran.

**Why should I notify the VA about the death of a Veteran?**

* Notifying VA limits the change for others to falsely use the Veteran’s identity
* By Updating the Veteran’s information, you will reduce the likelihood of VA continuing to send correspondence about VA benefits, services, and bills.
* You are helping the VA maintain up-to-date records, which will enhance the agency’s efforts to better distribute services to the Veteran community.

**Steps for notifying the VA**

1. Contact your State or county representative.
2. Give your representative the date of passing.
3. When available give your representative a copy of the death certificate.