

State of Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs Veterans' Cemetery

Required Documents and Federal Compliance Statement

To certify that a deceased Veteran or qualifying spouse is eligible for burial in a State Veterans Cemetery the following must be provided:

1. For a Veteran a legible copy of the Veteran's discharge papers indicating an Honorable Discharge or General Discharge Under Honorable Conditions (e.g. DD-214 or its equivalent). Veterans with a Bad Conduct or Other than Honorable Discharge are not eligible for burial in a State Veterans' Cemetery.
2. A legible copy of the decedent's death certificate.
3. Federal 38 U.S.C. 2411 Eligibility Compliance Statement, regarding the deceased Veteran or eligible spouse, completed by a family member of the decedent or lawfully representative thereof.

38 U.S.C. 2411 Eligibility Compliance Statement

I have read the summary of 38 U.S.C. §2411 below and understand that Federal Law prohibits persons who have been convicted of certain crimes from being buried in Federally funded state Veteran Cemeteries and receiving other burial benefits and certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that (insert decedent's name here): _____, was never convicted of a Federal or State capital crime for which a sentence of imprisonment for life or the death penalty may be imposed and was never sentenced to a minimum of life imprisonment upon conviction of sex offense.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Printed name: _____

Relationship to Deceased: _____

38 U.S.C. 2411 Summary (Capital Crimes)

Persons Found Guilty of a Capital Crime

Under 38 U.S.C. §2411, interment or memorialization in a VA national cemetery or in Arlington National Cemetery is prohibited if a person is convicted of a Federal or State capital crime, for which a sentence of imprisonment for life or the death penalty may be imposed and the conviction is final. Federal officials may not inter in Veterans cemeteries persons who are shown by clear and convincing evidence to have committed a Federal or State capital crime but were unavailable for trial due to death or flight to avoid prosecution. Federally funded State veterans cemeteries must also adhere to this law. This prohibition is also extended to furnishing a Presidential Memorial Certificate, a burial flag, and a headstone or marker.

Persons convicted of Certain Sex Offenses

Under 38 U.S.C. §2411, interment or memorialization in a VA national cemetery or in Arlington National Cemetery is prohibited if a person is convicted of a Tier III sex offense, who was sentenced to a minimum of life imprisonment and whose conviction is final. This prohibition also applies to Presidential Memorial Certificate, burial flag, and headstone and marker benefits.