

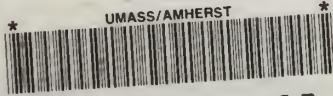
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APPLICATION
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CRITERIA FOR INTERMENT**



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APPLICATION FORM FOR PRE-REGISTRATION INTERMENT

Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries

AGAWAM

WINCHENDON

This application is used to establish the eligibility of a veteran for interment in a Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. It should be submitted to the address shown above, along with military service and residency documentation.

VETERAN APPLICANT'S NAME AND PERSONAL INFORMATION: (Type or print legibly)

1. FIRST		2. MIDDLE (or initial)		3. LAST		4. SUFFIX	
5. ADDRESS (number, street, apt./unit, city, state and zip)				6. HOME PHONE (include area code)			
				7. WORK PHONE (include area code)		8. EXTENSION	
9. DATE OF BIRTH MONTH DAY YEAR		10. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		11. MARITAL STATUS		12. GENDER	
				married	single	widowed	divorced

SPOUSE'S NAME AND PERSONAL INFORMATION: (Complete only if currently married)

13. FIRST (or initial)		14. MIDDLE (or initial)		15. LAST		16. SUFFIX	
17. DATE OF BIRTH MONTH DAY YEAR		18. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		19. IS IT ANTICIPATED THAT VETERAN'S SPOUSE WILL ALSO WISH TO BE INTERRED AT THIS CEMETERY?			
				YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

VETERAN'S MILITARY SERVICE INFORMATION:

20. BRANCH OF SERVICE (must be consistent with rank/grade)		21. WAR SERVICE (check applicable box(es))						
22. SERVICE NUMBER		23. HIGHEST RANK/GRADE ATTAINED		WWI	WWII	KOREA	VIETNAM	OTHER (specify)
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26. VA FILE NUMBER (if available/applicable)		PERIODS OF ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY SERVICE						
		24. DATE(S) ENTERED			25. DATE(S) SEPARATED			
		MONTH	DAY	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	
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I certify that all information I have provided on this application and the supporting documentation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
Signed under the penalty of perjury.

Signature of Veteran, Spouse or Next of Kin: _____ Date: _____

To Completed By D.V.S. Approved Pending Disapproved

Name & Title: _____ Date: _____



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Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries Pre-Registration Interment Information for Agawam and Winchendon, Massachusetts

PRE-REGISTRATION allows a veteran to establish eligibility for interment in the State veterans' cemetery in advance.

There is no cost for pre-registration and it does not obligate the veteran to be interred in the cemetery. It will simplify the process for the veterans' next-of-kin at the time of death. Spouses, widows/widowers who have not remarried, and dependent children* of eligible veterans may also be interred at the cemetery. A separate pre-registration application is not necessary for dependents. **Specific gravesites may not be reserved.**

ELIGIBILITY for a veteran's interment at the cemetery is based on **Military Service** and **Massachusetts Residency**.

Veterans whose military service and state residency fulfill the following requirements are eligible:

Military Service:

1. The veteran was discharged or released from active duty service under honorable conditions, **OR**
2. The veteran served at least 20 years in the National Guard or United States' Reserves and is in receipt of a military pension or has documentation verifying he/she will receive retirement pay at age 60, in accordance with Title 10, Chapter 67, **OR**
3. Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who dies on active duty and whose home of record is Massachusetts.

Residency:

1. The veteran was a resident of Massachusetts at the time he/she entered military service, **OR**
 2. The veteran was a resident of Massachusetts at the time of death, **OR**
 3. The veteran entered the military from another state and was not currently residing in the Commonwealth at the time of death, **but was a Massachusetts resident for any five consecutive years after discharge from active duty.**
- **If the veteran was a resident of Massachusetts at the time he/she entered active duty** (including active duty for training) and "home of record at the time of entry into active service" was Massachusetts, the veteran's military discharge form (DD214 or other discharge form) will usually establish Massachusetts residency. If it does not, other documentation will be necessary.
 - **If veteran entered military service from a state other than Massachusetts**, to pre-register the veteran must document that he/she lived in Massachusetts for at least five consecutive years after discharge from active duty. Any one of the following types of residency documentation will be acceptable:
 1. Copies of Massachusetts's tax returns for five consecutive years after discharge from active duty showing a Massachusetts address.
 2. An affidavit from a city or town clerk indicating that the veteran resided in Massachusetts for five consecutive years after veteran's discharge from active duty.
 3. A statement from the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services (with supporting documentation) indicating that the veteran was a Massachusetts resident for five consecutive years after veteran's discharge from active duty.

**Dependent Children:*

- Unmarried minor child, under 21 years of age, or 23 if pursuing a course of instruction at an approved educational institution.
- Unmarried adult child incapable of self-support with physical or mental disability acquired before age 21, or 23 if pursuing a course of instruction at an approved educational institution and was totally dependent upon the eligible veteran for support.

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ELIGIBILITY (Continued)

Procedure:

The procedure for pre-registering is to complete the **PRE-REGISTRATION FOR INTERMENT APPLICATION FORM** and send it to the address shown above, along with documentation of military service, Massachusetts's residency and marriage certificate (if appropriate). Questions may be directed to the phone number listed above.

Military Service:

- If veteran served on active duty (or active duty for training for the National Guard or United States' Reserves), include a copy (photocopy is acceptable) of **military discharge form**. This will usually be **DD Form 214**, but may have a different form. If this form is not available, the information may be on file in The Adjutant General's Office, Military Records Section, 100 Cambridge St., Room 1001, Boston, MA 02202 (Massachusetts home of record residents only). Please contact The Adjutant General's Office by phone (617) 727-2964. Military discharge form will be used to establish dates of service, condition of service, and to show home of record.
- If veteran's qualifying military service was in the National Guard or Reserves, include a copy of **Letter of Retirement and a photocopy of the veteran's most recent Guard or Reserve retirement pay statement**. This letter will establish that the veteran served 20 years and qualified for retirement pay.

Marriage:

- If veteran is married and his/her spouse also wishes to be interred at the cemetery, please submit a copy of marriage license or certificate.
- Should death or divorce dissolve a second marriage (widow/widower) the spouse would then revert back to burial eligibility.
- A fee (\$300.00, subject to change and **paid at time of interment**) will be charged for burial of spouse, widows/widowers who have not remarried, and qualified dependent(s). **There is no charge for the veteran.**

Note:

- Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries will abide by all Commonwealth of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) and Federal Regulations (CFR) that govern the operations of veterans' cemeteries.
- Ineligible persons include "such others excluded from eligibility according to Public Law 105-116" and other applicable federal laws which prohibit burial in a National Cemetery of anyone convicted of a federal or state capital crime and sentenced to death or life imprisonment.

Should Veteran/Dependent(s) Pre-Apply?

- Yes - This assures the Veteran/Dependent(s) a final resting place without delay and eliminates the necessity of locating military records during a time of mourning.

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