

Change in VA Benefits Means Families Now Get \$978 to Cremate

Veterans Death Benefits Increase

PHILADELPHIA, PA, UNITED STATES, November 11, 2024 / EINPresswire.com/ -- Just in time for Veterans Day, recent changes in VA benefits mean the US government will now reimburse veteran families that qualify up to \$978 for a burial or cremation, according to J.G. Sandom, CEO of Cremstar, an online cremation service available in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

“Since Cremstar’s starting price for a direct cremation is only \$893,” says Sandom, “that means your cremation is covered. Plus, if you inter that urn in a columbarium,” Sandom adds, “you may be eligible for a reimbursement of \$978, just for that.”

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To see who is eligible and to apply for reimbursement online, veterans are encouraged to visit the [VA website](#). Cremstar offers families a comprehensive [Veterans Planning Kit](#) so that they’re ready when the time comes. (Visit [cremstar.com](#) and click on Forms & Kits in the footer.)

Veterans can reach out to an accredited Veterans Service Officer (VSO) for assistance. They can also contact their [state office of Veterans Affairs](#) for help with their

application. And, they can always call the VA at (800) 827-1000 for benefits information.

How does it work?

If a veteran has died and you believe they qualify, you must first order and pay for the cremation. If you order online using Cremstar, they will provide you with all of the paperwork you’ll need to

obtain reimbursement.

Veterans have two years from the time of the passing to apply for reimbursement.

The VA will review the application and, if the veteran was honorably discharged and in good standing, the authorized Next-of-Kin will be reimbursed up to \$978 for the cremation. Veterans who die because of a service-connected disability may be eligible for the highest level of death benefits — up to \$2,000.



Military Cemetery Philadelphia

“During their lifetime, vets serve our country with dignity and respect. The least we can do is make sure they’re treated the same way as they move on. We at Cremstar are proud to support this veteran’s program,” Sandom concludes. “With every Cremstar cremation, we also fund the planting of a tree in memory of the fallen. They will never be forgotten.”

This Veterans Day, visit [cremstar.com](https://www.cremstar.com) to learn more about the new death benefits available to veterans and their families.

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