

**GUIDELINES FOR
CHAPTERS UPON THE DEATH OF
A VVA MEMBER**

VVA chapter participation in services held at the death of a Vietnam Veteran is intended to honor the deceased Veteran and to provide support to the bereaved family. Everything done by VVA members should request first the wishes of the family, and secondary the direction of the clergy.

There are four major ways that VVA can offer ceremonial support to the family and friends of a deceased member:

- 1. Escort at the Funeral Home*
- 2. A Special Memorial Service either at the funeral home prior to the funeral, or at another time and place when the casket is not present.*
- 3. Ceremonial participation in the funeral itself by arrangement with clergy and family.*
- 4. Ceremonial participation in the gravesite service by arrangement with clergy and family*

1. When the family and clergy request that VVA participate in the Graveside service, participation may involve:

- * Pallbearers (Honor Guard)*
- * Color Guard*
- * Chaplain if requested to participate by the family's clergy*
- * Firing squad*
- * Bugler*

Important Information Required:

- A) VA Claim number
- B) National Service Life Insurance number
- C) Social Security number
- D) Military Service number
- E) Branch of Military Service: US Army, US Navy, US Air Force, US Marines, US Coast Guard
- F) Military Active Duty (see DD 214)
- G) VVA Chapter name and number to which member belongs

Did you know that there are just as many decisions to be made regarding a funeral as there is in planning any event in your life?

However, in the case of a funeral, the family does not have enough time to plan the funeral services.

They have just, sometimes, less than 24 hours to three days to prepare this special service.

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PLANNING GUIDE

for the Veterans Family
Upon the Death
of their Beloved Veteran

-- Special Phone Numbers --

1-800-827-1000 - VA Hotline

1-800-829-4833 - TDD

(Telecommunication Device for Deaf)