

**C. Authorized VA & NM Benefits:**

**1. VA Benefits:**

Req:	Authorized Benefits:	Required Forms & Documents/Reference:	Notes:
—	<p><b>a. Declaration of Dependents:</b></p> <p>(<b>Note:</b> Only if not previously Declared.)</p>	<p><b>Form Required:</b> VA Form 21-686c</p> <p><b>Documents Required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Marriage License (Copy).</li> <li>b. Birth Certificate (Copy).</li> <li>c. Divorce Certification (Copy).</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference:</b> Instructions on VA Form 21-686c</p> <p><b>Submit to:</b> VARO (Non-POA Claim)</p>	
—	<p><b>b. <u>Burial Benefits:</u></b></p> <p>1) Burial At SF National Cemetery</p>	<p><b>Note:</b> Internment arrangements are made by Funeral Director, who is responsible for contacting the SF National Cemetery.</p> <p><b>Reference:</b> Federal Benefits for Vets &amp; Dependents (2006 Edition) (<b>Pages 49-51</b>)</p>	
—	<p>2) Headstone &amp; Marker</p>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <p>1) When burial or memorialization is in a national, state, or military cemetery, the headstone or marker <b>must</b> be ordered through the cemetery officials, <b>usually</b> by Funeral Director.</p> <p>2) When burial occurs in a <b>private cemetery</b>, submit an Application for a Standard Government Headstone or Marker to the VA on <b>VA Form 40-1330</b>, along with <b>DD214 &amp; Death Certificate (Copy)</b>.</p> <p><b>Reference:</b> Federal Benefits for Vets &amp; Dependents (2006 Edition) (<b>Pages 51-52</b>). Also refer to Form Instructions Page for Mailing Address.</p>	
—	<p>3) Presidential Memorial Certificate</p>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <p>1) Certificates signed by the President are issued upon request to recognize the service of honorably discharged deceased Veterans. Next-of-Kin, other relatives, or friends may request certificates in person at any VARO, or by mail at: <b>Memorial Programs Service (403A), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20420-0001</b></p> <p><b>Reference:</b> Federal Benefits for Vets &amp; Dependents</p>	

	<b>4) Military Funeral Honors</b>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <p>1) Upon request the DoD will provide military funeral honors for the burial of eligible Veterans.</p> <p>2) Requests <b>must</b> be made by funeral directors.</p> <p><b>Reference:</b> Federal Benefits for Vets &amp; Dependents (2006 Edition) (Pages 53-54)</p>
	<b>5) Burial Flags</b>	<p><b>Note:</b> VA provides U.S. Flags to drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased Veteran. Flags may be obtained at the VARO, SF National Cemetery, or most local Post Offices.</p> <p><b>Reference:</b> Federal Benefits for Vets &amp; Dependents (2006 Edition) (Page 52)</p>
	<b>6) Burial Expenses</b>	<p><b>Form Required:</b> VA Form 21-530</p> <p><b>Document Required:</b> DD214/Death Certificate</p> <p><b>Notes:</b></p> <p>1) VA will pay a <b>burial allowance</b> up to <b>\$2,000.00</b>, if the Veteran's death was service-connected.</p> <p>2) VA will pay <b>\$300.00 burial and funeral expense allowance</b> for Veterans who, at time of death were entitled to receive a <b>NSC Pension</b> or <b>S/C Disability Compensation</b> benefits, or would have been entitled, but for receipt of military retirement pay.</p> <p>3) VA will pay a <b>\$300.00 plot allowance</b> when a Veteran is not buried in a cemetery that is under the U.S. Government jurisdiction.</p> <p><b>Reference:</b> Federal Benefits for Vets &amp; Dependents (2006 Edition) (Page 53) and <a href="http://www.cem.va.gov">www.cem.va.gov</a> for more <b><u>www.cem.va.gov</u></b> for more information on burial and memorial benefits. For <b>monetary benefits</b>, call: <b>1-800-827-1000</b>.</p>
	<b>c. Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs (CHAMPVA)</b>	<p><b>Forms Required:</b> VA Forms 10-10d &amp; 10-7959c</p> <p><b>Documents Required:</b> DD214, VA 100% Award Ltr., Marriage License, Birth Certificate (Dependents Only), Social Security Card (Copy-Dependents Only), Medicare Card (Copy) (If Applicable), and School Certification (If Applicable).</p> <p><b>Reference:</b> Federal Benefits for Vets &amp; Dependents (2006 Edition) (Pages 77-78)</p>

**Mail to:** VA Health Admin. Center, CHAMPVA,  
P.O. Box 469028, Denver, CO 80246-9028

**d. Commissary & Exchange Privileges**

**Notes:**

1) Report to Kirtland AFB or Santa Fe NG Armory w/the following documents:

- \* VA 100% Award Letter
- \* DD214 (Discharge/Separation)
- \* Marriage License
- \* Dependent's Birth Certificates
- \* Dependent's Social Security Card(s)
- \* Wife's Picture ID Card

2) To get on base (Kirtland AFB) you need to have on-hand:

- \* Valid Driver's License
- \* Current Vehicle Registration
- \* Proof of Vehicle Insurance (Ins. Card)

**Reference:** Federal Benefits for Vets & Dependents (2006 Edition) (**Page 91**)

**e. Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC), Death Pension and Accrued Benefits**

**Form Required:** VA Form 21-534

**Reference:** Federal Benefits for Vets & Dependents (2206 Edition) (**Pages 73-75**) and Instructions Pages Attached to VA Form 21-534.

**f. Education Assistance Benefits:**

**a. Spouse & Dependent Children**

**Note:** Authorized 45 Months of Educational Assistance Benefits.

**Form Required:** VA Form 22-5490

**Reference:** Federal Benefits for Vets & Dependents (2206 Edition) (**Pages 75-77**).

Also Refer to Instructions Page on VA Form 22-5490 and [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) or call **1-888-442--4551** for mor info.

**g. Home Loan Guarantee**

**Form Required:** VA Form 26-1817

**Note:** A VA Loan Guarantee to acquire a home may be available to an unmarried spouse of a Veteran or service-member who died as a result of service-connected disabilities

**Reference:** Federal Benefits for Vets & Dependents (2006 Edition) (**Page 80**)

**h. VA Insurance Benefits**

(Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_)

**Note:** For information about related insurance topics or about government life insurance (e.g., Service-Disabled Life Insurance (RH), etc.), call the VA Insurance Center in

		Philadelphia at <b>1-800-669-8477</b> or visit the VA website at: <a href="http://www.insurance.va.gov">www.insurance.va.gov</a>	
		<b>Reference:</b> Federal Benefits for Vets & Dependents (2206 Edition) ( <b>Pages 43-47</b> ) and VA Pamphlet 29-9 (Service-Disabled Veterans Ins. (RH)).	

**2. New Mexico State Benefits:**

—	<b>a. Veterans' Property Tax Exemption</b>	<p><b>Form Required:</b> DVS Form 1</p> <p><b>Reference:</b> Refer to instructions contained on back page of DVS Form 1 for required supporting documentation and mailing address.</p>	
—	<b>b. Disabled Veterans' Property Tax Exemption</b>	<p><b>Form Required:</b> DVS Form 9</p> <p><b>Reference:</b> Refer to instructions contained on back page of DVS Form 1 for required supporting documentation and mailing address.</p>	
—	<b>c. Special Veterans' Registration Plates</b>	<p><b>Note:</b> If a Veteran who has been issued Military Service Special Plates dies, the plate(s) become(s) invalid and a regular plate(s), for applicable fees, must be obtained by the surviving spouse, <b>unless</b> the vehicle was registered under <b>both</b> the Veteran and the spouse.</p> <p><b>Reference:</b> Refer to the back page of MVD-103253 Form for more information.</p>	