

Preparing for That Unexpected Day

**What you should
know before and
after.**



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Make
a
Plan!!!

**IN CASE
YOU GET
HIT BY A
BUS**

**How to
Organize Your
Life Now
for When
You're Not
Around Later**

Stop talking
about it and

Start preparing



- Gather Information
- Talk to spouse and family



Binders Fire -Proof Box or Safe



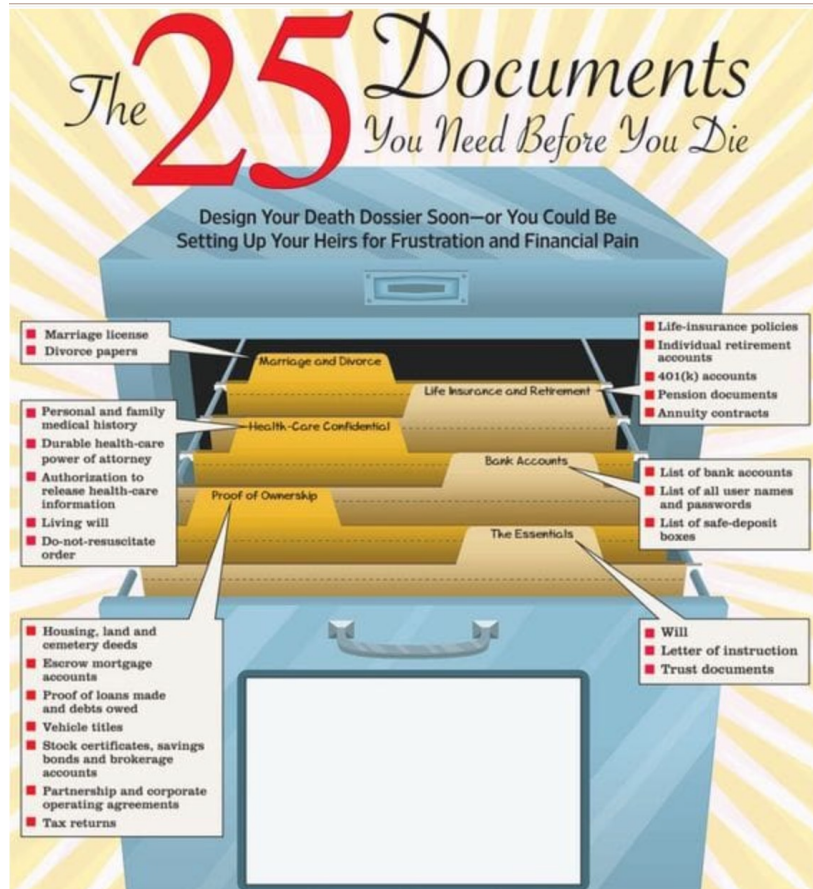
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- Repository
- Everplans™

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HUNT & GATHER



- Start with legal documents
- Hard copies vs Digital
- Everplans™



MOST IMPORTANT DOCUMENT

What Does a DD214 Look Like? (And Why Is it so Important?)

14. SELECTIVE SERVICE DATA		15. DISTRICT OR ARMY COMMAND TO WHICH RESERVIST TRANSFERRED		16. DATE OF ENTRY		
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18. TERMINAL DATE OF SERVICE OBLIGATION			19. CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE GRADE WHEN BY INDUCTION			20. TERM OF SERVICE (Years)			21. DATE OF ENTRY		
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22. NAME OF RESERVE AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE (City, County and State)		23. SUMMARY OF SERVICE			THREE	MONTHS	DAYS
GRACELAND HIGHWAY 51 SOUTH TENNESSEE (SHEDLEY)		197	NOV	1978	1	11	12
133.60 AFSAOR INTEL SPEC		198	OTHER SERVICE	1979	0	0	0
		199	TOTAL (Line (1) + line (2))	1978	1	11	12
		200	TOTAL ACTIVE SERVICE	1978	1	11	12
		201	PERIODS UNDER SEA SERVICE	1978	1	5	11

Things to update before death

- Insure everything is “Joint” (in both names); utilities, property you own, vehicles, safety deposit boxes etc.
- Update BANK & Investments beneficiaries.
- USAA will not let you access spouses account without a listed beneficiary.

GATHER Additional Paperwork

- **Organize and Create Pages:**
- **Worksheet (if you have one)**
- Bank Accounts, Passport numbers, License numbers, credit card numbers
- Monthly bills how they are paid electronic or mailed in, when due and account numbers.
- Internet and Banking passwords in one place
- Annuity or 401K, Pension Paperwork
- If you do not have a credit card in your name, you should open one up for emergency's.
- Open your own Checking account. (SPOUSE)

Gather these documents for your binder

:

- Wills or Trusts
- House Deed and Titles of all property/cars owned
- Marriage Certificates, Birth Certificates and SS Cards, Passports
- Insurance policy
- House and Car Insurance
- Current Years Taxes
- 401k's
- Annuities, Retirement



Getting prepared!

- Reference Guide for When your Veteran Dies
- Burial Information or Burial Insurance- VA vs Civilian
- DD214's Request a DD 214 military record form (800) 818 -5298 or www.archives.gov
- Veteran Disability Paperwork
- VA Aid and Attendance-apply

Additional Things to Plan Before Death

- KEEP CALM & CARRY ON!
- Develop page with Doctors names and phone numbers, pharmacy and numbers, prescription names, dosage and when taken.
- Phone tree- family and friends
- Eligibility for burial
- Gather burial information- mortuary and interment choice
- Military Bio for Obituary

At Your
Fingertips

Reference
Guides
and lists



“A Reference Guide for When Your Veteran Dies”

Details also in your Veterans Health
Benefits Handbook

- Internment Choices
Arlington National
Cemetery?





MARYLAND CEMETARY & MEMORIAL PROGRAM

The screenshot shows the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs website. The header includes the Maryland state logo and the text "DEPARTMENT OF Veterans Affairs". A search bar and social media icons (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, LinkedIn, and a general "ALL" button) are visible. The navigation menu includes: HOME, BENEFITS, HEALTHCARE, EMPLOYMENT, MARYLAND LIVING, and OTHER RESOURCES.

MDVA Programs

- > [About Us](#)
- > [VA Benefits Help](#)
- > [Charlotte Hall Veterans Home](#)
- > [Cemetery and Memorials](#)
- > [Communications and Outreach](#)
- > [Veterans Trust Fund](#)
- > [Women Veterans/Inclusion Program](#)

Quick Links

- > [Get Started with the VA](#)
- > [2023 Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents, and Survivors](#)
- > [Veterans ID Card](#)
- > [MDVA Information Sheet](#)
- > [FAQ's](#)
- > [State Agency Veteran Liaisons](#)
- > [Veteran-Owned Small Business Extension \(VOSBE\)](#)

Cemetery and Memorial Program

The State of Maryland and the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) are honored to offer our veterans, National Guard, Reservists and their eligible dependents a final resting place at one of five state veterans cemeteries located throughout Maryland. The MDVA Cemetery Program is the largest of its kind in the nation. In addition the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs manages three veteran Memorials. The Maryland World War II Memorial is in Annapolis, and the Vietnam War and Korean War Memorials are in Baltimore. Additionally, the Department shares joint responsibility with the City of Baltimore for the War Memorial Building in Baltimore.

Cemetery Program

- > [Eligibility](#)
- > [Hours of Operation and Visiting](#)
- > [Pre Interment Planning](#)
- > [Burial Costs](#)
- > [Floral Tributes](#)
- > [Military Funeral Honors](#)

Memorial Program

- > [Maryland World War II Memorial](#)
- > [Vietnam Veterans Memorial](#)
- > [Korean War Memorial](#)
- > [War Memorial Building](#)
- > [Gold Star Families Memorial](#)

Cemetery Program

Maryland's State Veterans Cemeteries

- **Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, Prince George's County, Maryland, Phone: 301-372-6398**

Final Day

- Contact Funeral Home
- Speak with medical Examiner or Attending Physician regarding “Cause of Death” –
- MD needs to be aware of VA service connection disability included on Death Certificate –
- Covid death? Death Certificate states: Died of Covid-19 with underlying conditions.
- Request at least 10 certified copies of the death certificate; will need copies for loans, insurance policy’s, 401k’s etc. Some will not accept photocopies.

CAUSE OF DEATH (See instructions and examples)

Enter the chain of events—diseases, injuries, or complications—that directly caused the death. DO NOT enter terminal events such as cardiac arrest, respiratory arrest, or ventricular fibrillation without showing the etiology. DO NOT ABBREVIATE. Enter only one cause on a line. Add additional lines if necessary.

SE (Final ICD-10 code) → a. Acute respiratory distress syndrome
Due to (or as a consequence of): _____

Underlying conditions, the cause of death, or the disease that is resulting in death → b. Pneumonia
Due to (or as a consequence of): _____

c. COVID-19
Due to (or as a consequence of): _____

d. _____

Enter significant conditions contributing to death but not resulting in the underlying cause given in PART I

33. WAS AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED? Yes No

34. WERE AUTOPSY FINDINGS AVAILABLE TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF DEATH? Yes No

CO CAUSE CONTRIBUTE TO

36. IF FEMALE:
 Not pregnant within past year
 Pregnant at time of death
 Not pregnant, but pregnant within 42 days of death
 Not pregnant, but pregnant 43 days to 1 year before death
 Unknown if pregnant within the past year

37. MANNER OF DEATH
 Natural Homicide
 Accident Pending Investigation
 Suicide Could not be determined

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

VA Form 10-1090 (Rev. 10-2019)

1. Death Certificate (See Instructions)

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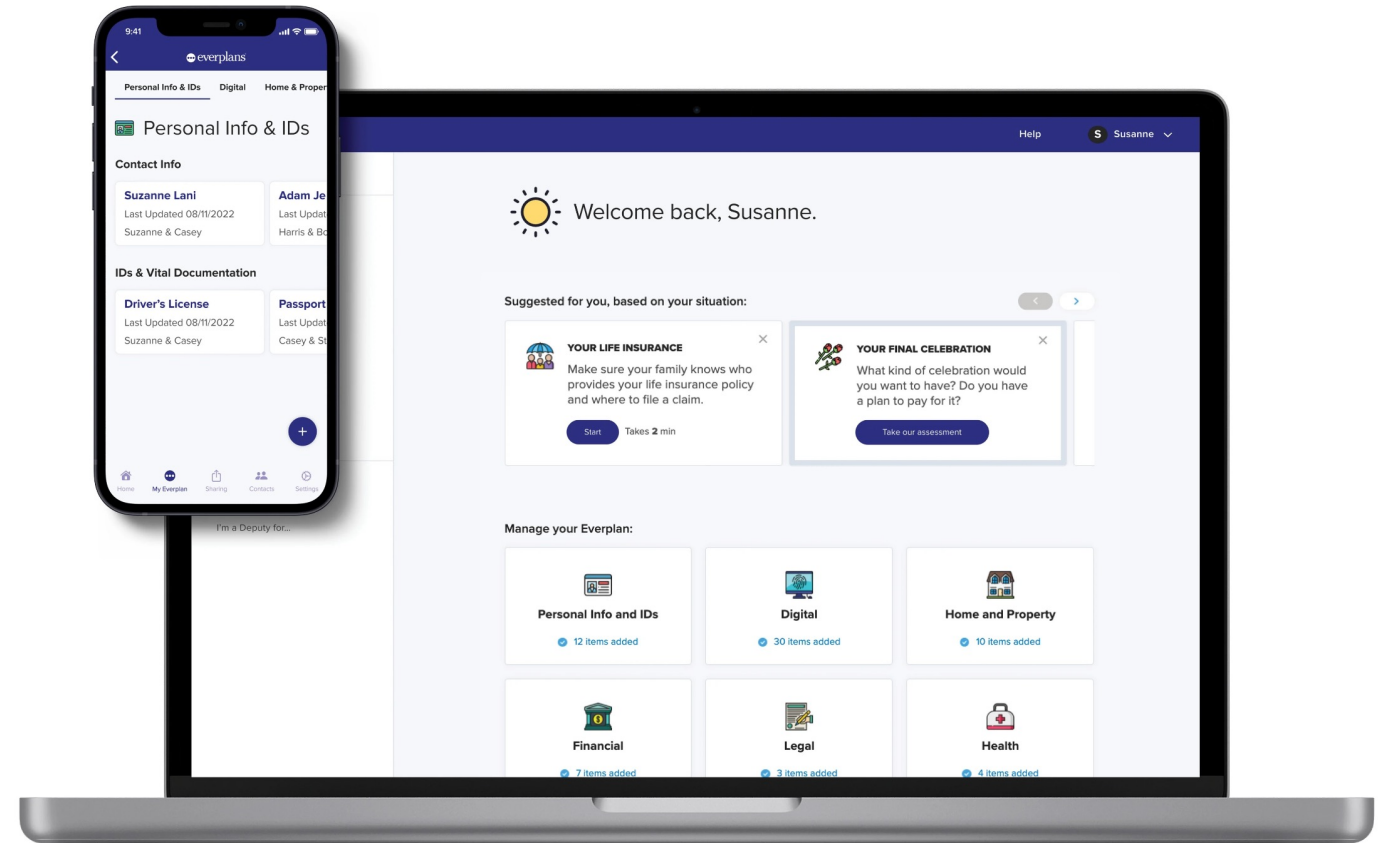
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MOAA benefit

- **What Exactly Is an Everplan?**
- An Everplan is a smart digital vault with everything your loved ones need. It's a plan with all the important details and information about your life and legacy—from legal, financial, and healthcare information, to account numbers and passwords, and even information about cherished items like family photos and secret recipes.

EVERPLANS



Residence

For the final
“term”



- Check eligibility for End-of-Life Care using VA benefit
- Veteran assistive living facilities
- MD State Veterans Home

After Death Contacting Agencies

- **Defense Finance and Accounting Service:** (800) 538-9552 – for settlement of military retired pay and to start the application process for survivor annuity benefits such as RSFPP, SBP, RCSBP and SSBP. www.dfas.mil
- **NOAA Corps-** NOAA Corps Commissioned Personnel Center
Toll Free: 1 800-224-6622 Coast Guard PSC RAS:
Toll Free: 1 866- 772 8724
- **Social Security Administration:** (800) 792-1213 – to stop social security payments. Normally you can apply for the Social Security of the deceased if it is more than yours in lieu of yours. Surviving spouses and eligible children may also be eligible for death and or survivor benefits. www.ssa.gov
- **Review financial paperwork,** look in safe deposit
- Locate will or trust, begin probate procedures if necessary. Contact estate attorney if support needed
- Communicate with CPA or Tax consultant

After Death – Surviving Spouse

- Contact Appropriate Government agencies to notify of the death and check for possible benefits. See Checklists
- Family support services, contact Military one Source (800) 342-9647 or www.militaryonesource.com
- Emotional Support www.TAPS.org 800-955-TAPS (8277)
- **Department of Veterans Affairs** (800) 827-1000 – for settlement of veteran insurance programs such as SGLI, VGLI, USGLI, or DIC. Ask about benefits for surviving spouse and eligible children. www.va.gov
- Office of Personal Management: (724) 794-2005 – to report death and check on benefits if the deceased was a retired Civil Service employee. www.opm.gov

Saying Goodbye

- Memorial Service
- Interment
- Reception
- Obituary





Burial at Sea



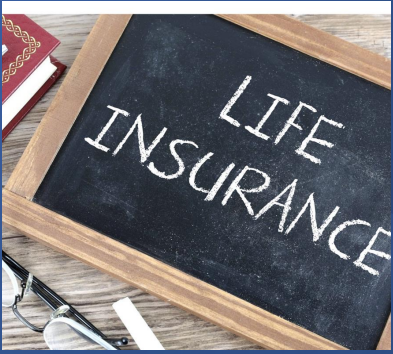
Burial at sea is a means of final disposition of remains, which is performed:

- On U.S. Naval vessels
- While the ship is deployed
- Without family members present

Once completed, the commanding officer will notify the family of the ceremony's specifics.

Contact:

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil>



After Death Banking and Pensions



CONTACT as soon as possible

Banks/credit unions, check for insurance on loans. Review savings and checking accounts for automatic deposits and withdrawals and stop if necessary.

Creditors to report the death to check if there was any credit life insurance or accidental life insurance benefits- USAA

Current and former employers to report deaths as there may be insurance, a pension or other benefits.



Eligibility Criteria

- Active-duty service members
- Honorably discharged retirees and veterans
- U.S. civilian marine personnel of the Military Sealift Command
- Dependent family members of active-duty personnel, retirees and veterans



OPTIONS FOR THE SURVIVING SPOUSE

The screenshot shows a web browser with several tabs open. The active tab is 'veteranbenefitsmaryland.com'. The page content includes a header with the text 'Proudly helping senior Veterans and their families' and a logo for 'Partners In Veterans Care' with the tagline 'Supporting Veterans In Our Community'. A red button in the top right corner says 'Call Today (443) 355-4601'. The main image shows an elderly man in a military uniform saluting. A white form titled 'Get The Benefits You Deserve' is overlaid on the right side of the image. The form contains the following fields: Name*, Applicant Name*, Phone Number*, Email*, Dates of Service, and Health (Good, poor, Needs Help)*. A red button at the bottom of the form says 'FIND OUT WHAT YOUR ELIGIBLE FOR'. At the bottom of the page, there is a blue banner with the text 'Imagine having an extra \$2,642 a month'.

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FIND OUT WHAT YOUR ELIGIBLE FOR

Imagine having an extra **\$2,642 a month**

HELP me where to get started!

It's not too late to START!

- You have 2 lists in folder. Cross off as you put them in the folder. Don't focus on organizing just collect.
- If you can't find something move on to the next item
- Choose your method of organizing – manual – computer or computer program.
- Give your grace as you continue this path!



Thank you for your time!



- Cheryl Glang
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Thank you for this opportunity!