

Surviving Spouse APPLICATION CHECKLIST

If you have any questions, please contact

951.767.4508 OR 800.827.1000

	21-534 Application
	21-4142 Authorization and Consent to Release Information to the Dept of VA (#7A-fill in the name, address or telephone phone number of the claimant's doctor; if the claimant has more than one doctor, you will need to submit additional forms)
	21-8416 Medical Expense Form
	VDVA10 Medical Statement (must be completed by a doctor; must include diagnosis, abilities and limitations)
	Letter from care provider, i.e, nursing home, assisted living, home health care agency, family member. (letter should include diagnosis, type of care provided and the total cost of monthly care)
	DD-214 Discharge Paper ¹ (In most cases a copy is sufficient)
	Marriage Certificate
	Death Certificate of Veteran
1.	Please review the application and all supporting documents before mailing them to the Veterans Administration. Make sure all sections are complete; if a section is not applicable, put a line through the section and write N/A. If an amount is zero, fill in column with "0".
2.	Make copies and keep them with other important documents.
3.	Mail the original application and supporting documents to the Veterans Administration Regional Office closest to you. You can locate the appropriate office by calling 1-800-827-1000 or on the web at www.va.gov . Click on "Find a Facility" from the tool bar; choose "Benefits Office" from the Facility Type drop down; type in your zip code and click <u>GO</u> .

¹ **Requesting Military Records**

If you are a military veteran or next of kin to a deceased, former member of the military, you may request information from your or your relative's military personnel records on line at:
http://www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs/ (scroll down and click on the red bar that reads REQUEST MILITARY RECORDS)

If you are not the veteran or next of kin, you must complete the Standard Form 18 (SF180). You can obtain this form from http://www.archives.gov/research_room/obtain_copies/standard_form_180.pdf then mail or fax it to the appropriate address on the form.