

IMPORTANT VETERAN INFORMATION

Every spouse of a veteran should have in his/her personal file the following:

- Veteran's Birth Certificate - 3 copies
- Spouse's Birth Certificate - 3 copies
- Children's Birth Certificate - 3 copies
- Certificate of Marriage - 3 copies
- Wills (for veteran & spouse) - 2 copies
- Spouse's Social Security number
- Veteran's Social Security number
- Discharge papers - 2 copies
- Separation records - 2 copies
- V.A. "C" number
- G.I. Insurance Policy Number
- All Insurance Policies with addresses and numbers. (Originals needed)
- Cemetery plot or vault locations and numbers
- Death Certificates and divorce decree of all prior marriages (if applicable)

Copies of the following are needed to file a Claim for Death Benefit:

- Certificate of Marriage
- Birth Certificate of minor children
- Death Certificates or divorce decrees of all prior marriages on either side
- Service discharge papers
- Service separation papers
- V.A. "C" number
- Social Security number of both parties
- V.A. insurance papers
- Proof of Death Certificate (minimum 4 copies)
- Bills from Funeral Home

ALL originals should be kept in a safety deposit box or equivalent.

NEVER release an ORIGINAL copy.

APPOINT an administrator for minor children.

FURTHER ASSISTANCE: contact your County Veterans' Service Officer