

# Things To Do Before A Veteran Dies

Veteran needs to provide the following information to family members in the event of the Veterans passing, and not wait in doing this.

The important things for the families to have within their reach are certain papers and documents which include the following:

1. Family insurance policies.
2. Birth certificates of all children.
3. The veterans discharge ((DD 214) and DD 215)) if he has upgraded his DD 214 for Medals and Awards.
4. Any VA documents, showing the veterans VA Claim number (also called a C number), which is assigned by the VA as soon as the veteran files for any VA benefits, and after June 1974 the Social Security number was assigned as a claim number, even after his/her death.
5. Veterans Social Security number – it is also on the veterans DD 214 & 215.
6. A copy of Marriage certificate's and any divorce decree's of both the veteran and spouse.

## Survivor's Worksheet

1. Veterans Full Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ VA Claim # \_\_\_\_\_
4. GI Insurance File #, if one: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Dates of Entry into Active Service: \_\_\_\_\_ on DD 214.
6. Dates of Separation from Active Service: \_\_\_\_\_ on DD 214.
7. Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Discharge Paper DD 214: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Previous Marriage of Marriages: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place: \_\_\_\_\_
13. Previous Marriages of Spouse – Names, Dates, Places if there are more they need to be listed: \_\_\_\_\_
14. Children's – Names, Dates, and places of births: \_\_\_\_\_  
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You may contact the VA direct but be advised call your Veterans Service Organization if you have one. VA Toll Free Number: 1.800.827.1000, for hearing impaired: 1.800.829.4833. The VA Home Page is: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

Our VVA Veterans Service Office is: 312.980.4268 – 2122 W. Taylor St. Chicago, IL. 60612 – Rm 107.  
All Veterans Service Officer's Main Offices are at the Taylor street listed above.

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