

WIDOW'S BURIAL

INSTRUCTIONS

1. A Deceased Service Man's widow is defined as the unremarried widow of any male deceased service person, at the time of his death, serving in, or having served in and been honorably separated from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard, (1) during any war or armed conflict in which the United States has been, is now or shall hereafter be engaged, or (2) in a zone where a campaign or state or condition of war or armed conflict (established by the records of the Department of Defense of the Federal Government) then existed. (Secs. 1908 and 1909, "The County Code" of 1955.)
2. Application must be made by the personal representative, if any, of the widow, otherwise by any next of kin, individual, or veterans' organization, who or which assumes responsibility for the cost of burial of the body. (Sec. 1911, "The County Code" of 1955.)
3. Application must be made within one year from the date of death. (Sec. 1910, "The County Code" of 1955.) No application will be given consideration unless fully completed.
4. The following papers must be attached to this application:
 - (a) Official death certificate of the deceased service person whose widow the decedent is.
 - (b) Official death certificate of the decedent, but if either or both death certificates are not procurable attach either (1) an affidavit of one or more persons personally acquainted with the deceased service man or the widow, as the case may be, and the fact of his or her death, or (2) proof of the record of death kept by the attending physician, or (3) of the record of burial kept by the undertaker by whom he or she was buried, or (4) of the record of the church, burial association or cemetery company maintaining the cemetery in which he or she was buried.
 - (c) Honorable discharge or other official record showing war service or service in zone where campaign or state or condition of war existed. Copies of War or Navy Department of Air Force records on file with State Department of Military Affairs will be accepted.
 - (d) Proof of legal residence of widow in the county.
 - (e) Proof that decedent was married to the deceased service man at the time of his death and that she has not since remarried.
 - (f) Itemized statement, from the undertaker, of the expenses incurred in the burial. (Subdivision (b) of Article 19 of "The County Code" of 1955.)

PENALTY

Every person making a false oath is guilty of a felony and on conviction will be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \$3000.00 or to undergo imprisonment by separate or solitary confinement, at labor not exceeding seven years or both, and will be forever disqualified from being a witness in any matter in controversy. (Section 322, Act of June 24, 1939, P.L. 872.)

