

Gratiot County

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Survivors VA Benefits Checklist

**The following items are needed to complete your application for benefits.
Contact this office to schedule your Survivors Benefits Review.**

- ☐ Veteran's Military Discharge (DD-214, Report of Separation, etc.)
 - Original or Certified copies will help expedite the claim
- ☐ Death Certificate of the Veteran
- ☐ Social Security Number(s) for Surviving Spouse and Dependent Children
- ☐ Current Marriage Certificate
- ☐ Proof that previous marriages have been terminated
 - Names, Dates and Location of all Previous Marriage(s) for both the veteran and surviving spouse
 - Divorce Decrees or Death Certificates of all Previous Marriage(s) for both the veteran and surviving spouse
- ☐ **Direct Deposit information/void check (bank, routing and account number)**
- ☐ Gross income including details of deductions. **All** income must be reported.
 - To include: Earned Interest, IRA withdrawals, Rental income, etc.
- ☐ Detailed asset information
 - Recent account statements (checking, savings, annuity, IRA, stocks, etc.)
 - Value of property (other than Homestead)
 - Asset allocations (Trusts, disbursement of property in past 3 years)
- ☐ Monthly amount of healthcare expenses – Medicare, insurance premiums, co-pays, supplies, and accommodations (Medical, prescriptions, dental, Nursing Home or Assisted Living, etc.)
- ☐ Burial Receipts – Itemized, Paid in Full – i.e.: Funeral Home, Cremation, Plot, Headstone, Foundation.