

Burial Expenses Up to \$250 Will Be Paid for Eligible Deceased Vets

Up to \$250 for burial expenses for eligible deceased veterans will be paid by the Veterans Administration if the claim is filed within two years after the veteran's burial or cremation, according to M. W. McDonaugh, Manager of the Juneau VA Regional Office.

Burial claims may be filed by the undertaker, if he has not been paid, or by the party who paid the undertaker, the VA spokesman explained.

McDonaugh said the VA will reimburse up to \$250 in expenses for the permanent burial or cremation of any veteran who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, if the veteran served during wartime or after August 4, 1964.

McDonaugh pointed out that burial expenses up to \$250 are also reimbursable for a deceased veteran who had served between

January 31, 1955, and August 5, 1964, and who was receiving service - connected disability compensation at the time of death or was separated from service as the result of a disability incurred in line of duty.

(Burial expenses for servicemen who died on active duty are borne by the military, not the VA.)

Almost every deceased veteran is eligible for an American flag for his casket, McDonaugh said. Flags are furnished undertakers, on request by any VA office or post office.

Following the veteran's burial, the flag may be given to the next of kin, or, if there is no next of kin, to the closest friend of the deceased veteran.

Further information may be obtained at the Juneau VA Regional Office or from any VA office.