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Dear Veteran,

The Onondaga County Veterans Service Agency is pleased to assist you with your application for burial in the historic Onondaga County Veteran Memorial Cemetery.

Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- All eligible honorably discharged Onondaga County veterans \* may apply for interment.
- Veterans must be or have been (for five years) a resident of Onondaga County.
- The legal spouse of the veteran is eligible for interment.
- If the spouse is a veteran he/she is eligible to a separate and adjacent plot.
- Dependent children of the veteran (under age 18 or disabled prior to age 18) are eligible for interment.

Pursuant to Local Law No. 01-2019 that went into effect May 1, 2019, there is no charge for burial in the Onondaga County Veteran Memorial Cemetery for eligible veterans, spouses and dependents. In all cases, the Veterans Service Agency will be responsible for determining eligibility.

All committals will be performed at the cemetery chapel. Operation of the Veteran's Cemetery, including plot assignments, burial records and care of the grounds is the responsibility of Onondaga County Parks. Burials may be scheduled by calling the cemetery staff at 315-484-1564.

Included, please find a Veteran Memorial Cemetery Application. Please complete and return to: Onondaga County Veterans Service Agency, 421 Montgomery Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Syracuse, NY 13202. Please include a copy of your DD-214,

marriage license (if applicable) and proof of Onondaga County residency, if you no longer live in Onondaga County. Such proof includes: government-issued photo ID, residential lease/property deed, bank statement, driver's license, car registration, notarized affidavit of residency.

Sincerely,

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Anne-Marie Mancilla

Director, Veterans Service Agency

\*Veteran is defined as any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who dies while on active duty; Reservists and National Guard members who, at the time of death, were entitled to retired pay; An active duty member of the Armed Forces who was discharged with an Other-than-Dishonorable discharge providing that the Veteran was serving on active duty, or his/her death was due to an injury or disease that developed during, or was aggravated during, active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty for training