

May 9, 1925.

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Mr. George T. Leech,
Pension Claim Agt.,
708 American Bldg.,
Baltimore, Md.

MOALES, John
Civil War Vet.
Deceased.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent letter requesting information relative to reimbursement for burial expenses incurred for the above named Civil War Veteran, as provided by the Act of Congress amended and approved June 7, 1924. The Act provides for the payment of a sum not to exceed \$100 toward actual burial expenses and in addition, \$7.00 for a flag to drape the casket, where a veteran of any war dies after discharge from the service without leaving sufficient assets to defray his burial expenses.

The enclosed Forms #531, Claimant's Affidavit in Support of Burial Expenses" and #536, Affidavit Supporting Burial Claim, are designed by the Bureau to furnish the evidence required and should be filled in completely and accurately, sworn to before a Notary Public, who shall affix his seal thereon, and returned to the Bureau, with a certified copy of the public record of death and fully itemized bills of actual burial expenses and the bill for the flag, if one was used. The bill should clearly show for whom and by whom the services were rendered and if paid, by whom paid, as reimbursement may be made only to the one who rendered the services or that one in whose favor the bill is receipted.

In case the undertaker's bill has been paid, Form #531 should be filled in by the person who paid the bill. If unpaid, the undertaker should execute the affidavit Form #531 in its entirety.

When the evidence as indicated above, has been received, further consideration will be given the claim as promptly as possible. A careful compliance with these instructions will avoid much unnecessary delay in the settlement of the claim. All future correspondence relative to this claim should bear the above reference.

By direction,

CHARLES E. MULHEARN,
Assistant director.

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