

Veteran eligibility instructions for Veterans of Special Guerrilla Units (SGU) Units and Irregular Forces in Laos

Beginning July 1, 2026, an SGU or Irregular Forces applicant who wants to obtain a certificate of eligibility from the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) must submit a completed application for pre-need determination of eligibility, **VA Form 40-10007**, for burial in a VA national cemetery and submit it to the National Cemetery Administration (NCA).

Applicants can fax the form to the VA National Cemetery Scheduling Office (NCSO) at 1-855-840-8299 or mail the form to:

NCA Intake Center
PO Box 5237
Janesville, WI 53547

When completing the form (VA Form 40-10007), SGU applicants must ensure they complete the entire form, including these SGU-specific steps:

1. Write "PL115-141" in Block 5
2. Write the Certification of Naturalization Registration "A" number in Block 6
3. Select "Other" in Block 14.

If you need help, assistance in completing this form is available from County Veterans Service Officers and the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs.

Providing evidence of service

In addition to completing this form, SGU applicants must also send NCA documentation of evidence of service. VA will accept the following types of documentation as evidence of service:

- Original documentation issued by a government agency officially documenting the service type, location and dates served.
- An affidavit of the decedent's superior officer attesting to the type of service, location and dates served.
- Two affidavits from other individuals who were also serving with such a special guerilla unit or irregular forces and who personally knew of the decedent's service.
- Other appropriate evidence that factually documents the service, location and dates served.

Status Determinations

Once SGU or Irregular Forces applicants receive a positive determination from the National Cemetery Administration, they can send that document to the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs via monitored email box or drop off in person at the Veterans Service Building at 20 W 12th Street Saint Paul, MN 55155.

They will then receive a certificate of eligibility from the MDVA Commissioner.

For SGU or Irregular Forces applicants who receive a negative determination from the National Cemetery Administration, they must submit that document as part of the MDVA Commissioner Special Consideration Process application. If the applicant receives a favorable determination on the special consideration application, they will receive a certificate of eligibility from the MDVA Commissioner.

Only SGU or Irregular Forces Veterans whose service has been verified and have received a Certificate of Eligibility from MDVA will be eligible for the benefits listed in Minn.Stat.197.448.

Questions

For questions relating to this application process, please contact Government Affairs Planning Analyst Dan Tengwall at sguapplication.mdva.access@state.mn.us or 651-201-8277.