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CLAIM FOR STANDARD GOVERNMENT HEADSTONE OR MARKER

IMPORTANT: Type or print clearly all information except for signatures. Illegible printing could result in an incorrect headstone or marker or delivery. Failure to complete each block may result in delayed processing. PLEASE INCLUDE MILITARY DISCHARGE DOCUMENTS.							Type of Request			
							<input type="checkbox"/> Initial Request			
							<input type="checkbox"/> Replacement			
NAME OF DECEASED TO BE INSCRIBED ON HEADSTONE OR MARKER (No Nicknames or Titles)										
First			Middle			Last			SUFFIX (Sr., Jr., II., III., etc.)	
GENDER		DATE OF BIRTH			DATE OF DEATH			Last 4 SSN#		
<input type="checkbox"/> MALE		MONTH	DAY	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	Veteran's Service Number		
<input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE										
Date Entered			Date Separated			Highest Rank Attained				
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	Branch of Service				
Type of Headstone						EMBLEM OF BELIEF (See Attached)				
GRANITE						<input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> NONE <input type="checkbox"/> PRAYING HANDS				
Inscription of Endearment (Optional)										
Name and Mailing Address of Applicant					Daytime or Cell Phone (Include Area Code)					
					E-Mail Address					
Relationship to Deceased Veteran					Signature of Applicant			Date		

ILLUSTRATIONS OF STANDARD GOVERNMENT HEADSTONES AND MARKERS

UPRIGHT HEADSTONE
WHITE MARBLE (U) OR
LIGHT GRAY GRANITE (V)



This headstone is 42 inches long, 13 inches wide and 4 inches thick. Weight is approximately 230 pounds. Variations may occur in stone color, and the marble may contain light to moderate veining.

BRONZE NICHE (Z)



This niche marker is 8-1/2 inches long, 5-1/2 inches wide, with 7/16 inch rise. Weight is approximately 3 pounds; mounting bolts and washers are furnished with the marker. Used for columbarium or mausoleum interment. Also provided to supplement a privately-purchased headstone or marker for eligible Veterans who died on or after November 1, 1990 and are buried in a private cemetery.

FLAT MARKERS

BRONZE (B)



This grave marker is 24 inches long, 12 inches wide, with 3/4 inch rise. Weight is approximately 18 pounds. Anchor bolts, nuts and washers for fastening to a base are furnished with the marker. The base is not furnished by the Government.

LIGHT GRAY GRANITE (G) OR WHITE MARBLE (F)



This grave marker is 24 inches long, 12 inches wide, and 4 inches thick. Weight is approximately 130 pounds. Variations may occur in stone color; the marble may contain light to moderate veining.

SMALL FLAT GRANITE (L)



This grave marker is 18 inches long, 12 inches wide, and 3 inches thick. Weight is approximately 70 pounds. Variations may occur in stone color.

THIS IS THE
INSCRIPTION OF
ENDERMENT

NOTE: Historic headstones (Prior to World War I) - In addition to the headstone and markers pictured, two special styles of upright headstones are available for those who served with Union Forces during the Civil War or for those who served in the Spanish-American War. Another style headstone is available for those who served with the Confederate States of America during the Civil War. Requests for these special styles should be made in block 33 of the claim. It is necessary to submit detailed documentation that supports eligibility. Inscriptions on these headstone types are intentionally limited to assure historic accuracy. For example, only rank above 'Private' was historically authorized; emblems of belief and the words 'Civil War' are not authorized.

INSCRIPTION INFORMATION

MANDATORY ITEMS - Information in English about the decedent (provided by an authorized applicant). Such items are: Legal Name, Branch of Service, Year of Birth, Year of Death, and for State Veterans and National Cemeteries only, the section and grave number. Branches of Service are: U.S. Army (USA), U.S. Navy (USN), U.S. Air Force (USAF), U.S. Marine Corps (USMC), U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), U.S. Army Air Forces (USAAF), and other parent organizations authorized for certain periods of time; and special units such as Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC), Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASP), U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS), and National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Different examples of inscription formats are illustrated above. More than one branch of service is permitted, subject to space availability. The phrase "IN MEMORY OF" is a mandatory inscription on all memorial headstones and markers, as required under 38 CFR 38.630(c).

OPTIONAL ITEMS - Information in English about the decedent (provided by an authorized applicant). Optional items are in bold outlines, which includes month and day of birth in block 10A, month and day of death in block 10B, highest rank attained in block 12, awards in block 14, war service in block 16, and emblem of belief in block 17. War service includes active duty service during a recognized period of war and the individual does not have to serve in the actual place of war, e.g., Vietnam may be inscribed if the Veteran served during the Vietnam War period, even though the individual never served in the country. Supporting documentation must be included with the claim if you wish to include the highest rank and/or awards.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS - Information in English or non-English text about the decedent (provided by an authorized applicant), consisting only of characters of the Latin alphabet and/or numbers. Examples of additional items include appropriate terms of endearment, nicknames (in expressions such as "OUR BELOVED POPPY"), military or civilian credentials or accomplishments such as DOCTOR, REVEREND, etc., and special unit designations such as WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS, ARMY AIR CORPS, ARMY NURSE CORPS or SEABEES. All requests for additional inscription items must be stated in block 18, and are subject to VA approval. No graphics, emblems or pictures are permitted except authorized emblems of belief, the Medal of Honor, and the Southern Cross of Honor for Civil War Confederates.

INCOMPLETE OR INACCURATE INFORMATION ON THE CLAIM MAY RESULT IN ITS RETURN TO THE CLAIMANT, A DELAY IN RECEIPT OF THE HEADSTONE OR MARKER, OR AN INCORRECT INSCRIPTION.

AVAILABLE EMBLEMS OF BELIEF FOR PLACEMENT ON GOVERNMENT
HEADSTONES AND MARKERS (See block 17)

 (01) LATIN CROSS (Christian)	 (02) BUDDHIST (Wheel of Righteousness)	 (03) JEWISH (Star of David)	 (04) PRESBYTERIAN CROSS	 (05) RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CROSS	 (06) LUTHERAN CROSS	 (07) EPISCOPAL CROSS	 (08) UNITARIAN CHURCH (Flaming Chalice)	 (09) UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 (10) AARONIC ORDER CHURCH	 (11) MORMON (Angel Moroni)	 (12) NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA	 (13) SERBIAN ORTHODOX	 (14) GREEK CROSS	 (15) BAHAI (9 Pointed Star)	 (16) ATHEIST	 (17) MUSLIM (Crescent and Star)	 (18) HINDU
 (19) KONKO-KYO FAITH	 (20) COMMUNITY OF CHRIST	 (21) SUFISM REORIENTED	 (22) TENRIKYO CHURCH	 (23) SEICHO-NO-IE	 (24) CHURCH OF WORLD MESSIANITY	 (25) UNITED CHURCH OF RELIGIOUS SCIENCE	 (26) CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH	 (27) UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH
 (28) ECKANKAR	 (29) CHRISTIAN CHURCH	 (30) CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE	 (31) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	 (32) HUMANIST	 (33) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)	 (34) IZUMO TAISHAKYO MISSION OF HAWAII	 (35) SOKA GAKKAI INTERNATIONAL (USA)	 (36) SIKH (KHANDA)
 (37) WICCAN (Pentacle)	 (38) LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD	 (39) NEW APOSTOLIC CHURCH	 (40) SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH	 (41) CELTIC CROSS	 (42) ARMENIAN CROSS	 (43) FAROHAR	 (44) MESSIANIC JEWISH	 (45) KOHEN HANDS
 (46) CATHOLIC CELTIC CROSS	 (47) CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST (Cross & Crown)	 (48) MEDICINE WHEEL	 (49) INFINITY	 (51) LUTHER ROSE	 (52) LANDING EAGLE	 (53) FOUR DIRECTIONS	 (54) CHURCH OF NAZARENE	 (55) HAMMER OF THOR
 (56) UNIFICATION CHURCH	 (57) SANDHILL CRANE	 (58) CHURCH OF GOD	 (59) POMEGRANATE	 (60) MESSIANIC	 (61) SHINTO	 (62) SACRED HEART	 (63) AFRICAN ANCESTRAL TRADITIONALIST (Nyame Ye Ohene)	 (64) MALTESE CROSS
 (65) DRUID (AWEN)	 (66) WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD	 (67) POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH	 (98) ISLAMIC 5-POINTED STAR (not shown due to copyright)					

To obtain the most recent information about headstones and markers including the complete and most current list of available emblems of belief (listing all names and graphics), please visit our website at www.cem.va.gov.