

## Texas State Veterans Cemeteries Interment Packet

#### **Funeral Homes and Family Members**:

This packet has been constructed to ensure funeral homes and families receive the highest level of efficient processing of interment applications and other services provided by the Texas State Veterans Cemeteries.

All documents contained in this packet must be filled out and signed by the next of kin or designated representative of the family/funeral home. All previous versions (dates prior to NOV 2023) of Interment Applications and Monument Worksheets are obsolete and *may* not be accepted by cemetery staff. Using obsolete versions of these forms may result in delayed processing of interment application packets.

The monument worksheet is a vital document required to order the headstone/marker/niche cover from the Veterans Administration. In an effort to order headstones/markers/niche covers in a prompt and timely manner, as well as reduce the number of headstones/markers/niche cover reorders, we ask that you please take the time to complete this very important document during the interment application process.

Once the Interment Application and Monument Worksheet have been completed and signed, please forward all documents to cemetery staff for processing within 48 hours of scheduling the service date and time.

<u>Note</u>: This packet contains the most current Texas Veterans Land Board and Veterans Administration documents for processing interment requests. Additionally, information and instructions regarding eligibility and what documents are required for interment at the Texas State Veterans Cemeteries is included in this packet.

#### Eligibility:

There is no requirement for the Veteran to be a Texas native or to be retired from military service; however, the discharge must be under honorable conditions. The eligibility rules for the State Veterans Cemeteries are the same as those for the VA National Cemeteries. DD Form 214 or discharge documents are used to verify service times, rank, branch of service, and awards and medals for the Veteran. To ascertain eligibility, please review the regulations on the VA website, call a VA Benefits Counselor toll free at 1-800-827-1000, or contact a Texas State Veterans Cemetery Representative at any of the locations listed below.

Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery 11463 State Highway 195 Killeen, TX 76542 Phone: 254-616-1770	Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery 2520 S. Inspiration Road Mission, TX 78572 Phone: 956-583-7227	Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene 7457 W. Lake Road Abilene, TX 79601 Phone: 325-673-4446	Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery 9974 IH37 Access Road Corpus Christi, TX 78410 Phone: 361-248-4830	West Texas State Veterans Cemetery 4614 E 50 <sup>th</sup> Street Lubbock, TX 79403 Phone: 512-913-7985
Fax: 254-616-1769	Fax: 956-508-5211	Fax: 325-673-4448	Fax: 361-248-4965	Fax: Not Available
Inception: 1/3/2006	Inception: 12/1/2006	Inception: 6/1/2009	Inception: 12/14/2011	Opening: Early 2026
Status: Open for interments	Status: Open for interments	Status: Open for interments	Status: Open for interments	Status: Pending; Under Construction

The spouse or surviving spouse of an eligible Veteran is also eligible under current VA guidelines. A copy of the spouse's military identification card, front and back (if retired) or a copy of the marriage license is required. If a marriage license is not available, a notarized statement signed by both husband and wife must be presented at the time of need. There are no burial fees for Veterans, spouses, and/or their eligible dependent children.

The Veterans Land Board owns and operates the cemeteries under VA guidelines with the continued coordination of VA benefits available to Veterans upon death. The VA provides to the Veteran free of charge the following service; opening and closing of grave or columbarium niche, grave liner as needed, headstone, marker, or niche cover, and a facility for committal service. Upright granite or marble headstones are provided for casketed burials and in-ground cremain areas. Flat granite or marble markers will be for in-ground burial of cremated remains and scattered ashes. Granite or marble niche covers are for columbarium interments. Granite or marble memorial plaques are available for scattered ashes, or for those Veterans whose remains cannot be recovered (i.e., Missing in Action, buried at sea, donated to science, etc.).



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This packet contains the necessary information to process interment requests for burial in Texas State Veterans Cemeteries.

- TSVC Interment Application
- TSVC Monument Worksheet

In addition to the above documents, a clear and legible copy of the following documents is also needed to confirm the Veteran's and/or family member(s) eligibility to be interred.

- Copy of Form DD214; or any other authorized discharge paperwork from service branch (Veterans/Retirees).
- Copy of VA letter showing disability rating [if applicable].
- Copy of Enlisted Record Brief (ERB) / Officer Record Brief (ORB) or DD Form 1300 (Report of Casualty) (Active duty service members or National Guard/Reserves who perish in line of duty). Note: a review may be required for National Guard/Reservists to determine eligibility for burial benefits.
- Copy of marriage license or current valid military identification card; divorce decree [as applicable].
- Copy of documents depicting mental and/or physical disabilities for dependent children (i.e., letter from doctor, primary care provider, etc.) [as applicable].

#### Obtaining Burial Flags and Military Honors for Deceased Veterans:

Texas State Veterans Cemeteries are not able to schedule military honors or provide a burial flag for the service. This must be done by the Funeral Home, Next of Kin (NOK), other family member, or the decedent's personal representative (DPR) as deemed appropriate.

U.S. Flags are typically obtained by filling our <u>VA Form 27-2008</u>, Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes and taken to a local post office for issue. We have included the web link to this form for your convenience, just click on VA Form 27-2008 above.

<u>Note</u>: In addition to VA Form 27-2008, the post office will ask for a copy of the Veterans DD214 or military discharge paperwork and a copy of the Report of Death, Certificate of Cremation, or Death Certificate.

Several of the Texas State Veterans Cemeteries have a dedicated Military Service Detachment (MSD) that will perform military honors for Veterans interred there. You may coordinate with the funeral home or obtain the MSD's contact information from cemetery staff once the committal service has been scheduled and confirmation of date and time received.

A list of servicing military casualty offices that provide honors teams is listed below. You may contact the appropriate service branch to schedule honors for the Veteran once the committal service has been scheduled and confirmation of date and time received. (*Note*: Military service branches normally require a minimum of 72 hours notice)

Service Branch	Scheduling Office	Phone Number	Fax Number	Email
US Army	Fort Cavazos, TX (Casualty Office)	254-287-7200	254-288-5600	usarmy.cavazos.usag.mbx.casualty- fthfuneral@army.mil
US Air Force	Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX	210-671-2562	210-671-4137	jbsa.af.hg@us.af.mil
US Navy	Jacksonville, FL (Casualty Office)	904-542-1536 904-542-9807	904-542-0422	Not Available
US Marine Corps	Quantico, VA (Casualty Office)	866-826-3628 800-847-1597	703-432-9248	Not Available
US Coast Guard	New Orleans, LA (Casualty Office)	504-628-5177	504-942-4059	Not Available



# **Texas State Veterans Cemeteries**Interment Application

**Select Cemetery Location** 

Abilene, TX Corp	us Christi, TX	Killeen, TX	Mission, TX Lubbock, TX
CONFIDENTIALITY CLAUSE: Please indicate whether you would like the following information about the decedent withheld from public disclosure: home address, home telephone number, next of kin information, emergency contact information, date of birth, social security number and any other information that reveals whether the decedent has family members.   Yes  No			
	SECTION I - DEC	EDENT INFORMA	TION
First Name M	liddle Name	Last Name	Suffix
Social Security #	Date of Birth		Date of Death
City	State	Zip Code	County
	Dece	dent Status	
O Veteran O Spouse	O Dependent C	_	ar Parent Other Eligible Relative
	<u>Mar</u>	ital Status	
Married Divorced	<ul><li>Separated</li></ul>	○ Widowe	d Never Married
SI	ECTION II - INTERM	IENT TYPE INFOR	RMATION
Casket Columbariu Wall (urn)	m O In-Ground (urn Flat Marker	) O In-Ground (urn) Upright Headsto	
Oversized Casket? Yes	s O No If y	es: Casket Length (in.)	) Casket Width (in.)
Private Vault? Yes	S O No If yes:	Vault Brand	Other Note:
Is this a disinterment from anoth	ner cemetery?	O Yes	No
Please provide name of cemetery performing disinterment:			
Are both husband and wife Vete	erans? Yes	○ No	
If yes, does the surviving spous	e want an adjoining set-a	-side grave?	Yes O No
Does the eligible Veteran have a lif yes, provide information below			Yes O No
Full Name		Date	of Birth
Full Name		Date	of Birth
SECTION III – FUNERAL HOME INFORMATION			
Funeral Director (or representative)		Funeral Home	
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email	



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SECTION IV – NEXT OF KIN INFORMATION			
First Name Middle	e Name	Last Name	Suffix
Social Security # (spouse only)	Date of Birth	Phone Number	1
Address	City	State Zip Code	
Email Address			
	Next of Kin Relation to	the Decedent	
O Husband O Wife	C Father	O Mother O Son	
O Daughter O Brother	○ Sister	Other Relative Not Related	
If Other Relative, or Not Related, pleafriend, Funeral Director, Executor, etc.			
	ON V – VETERAN SEF	RVICE INFORMATION	
First Name Middle	e Name	Last Name	Suffix
Social Security #	Service #	VA Claim #	-
Service Branch	Rank	Entry Date Discharge Date	
Military Status	Retiree	O Veteran O Active Duty	
Is the Veteran Unclaimed/Unaccomp	anied?	○ Yes ○ No	
Any previous interments under this Veterans eligibility?		○ Yes ○ No	
If above answer yes, please provide	information below:		
Name of person interred under Veter	an Date of Interment	Location	
SECTION VI – INTERMENT SCHEDULING INFORMATION			
Date Requested		Time Requested	
		Please confirm time with o	
O Monday	Tuesday O Wedn	esday O Thursday O F	riday
Funeral Type		O Processional O Non-Procession	
Direct Burial (No Service)		With Witness     With No Witness	ess
Funeral Directors or Next of Kin must schedule military honors and obtain a burial flag for the ceremony. (See checklist)			
Will you be scheduling military honor	s for the ceremony?	O Yes O No	
,	Full 2-3 Pe Honors Team		Caisson
CERTIFICATION: I certify to the best of my know and correct. I also certify, to the best of my know	ledge, that all the information entere ledge, that the decedent has never c entence of a minimum of life impriso	ed on this application as well as the supporting documentation committed or have been convicted of a serious crime (i.e., capit nment. I understand the commission of a serious crime can res	al crime or
Signature:		Date:	



## Texas State Veterans Cemeteries Monument Worksheet

PANS CEMETER			Monumen	t Worksheet
Abilene, TX	Corpus Christi, TX	Killeen, TX	Mission, TX	Lubbock, TX
		- DECEDENT INF		
First Name	Middle Name or Ini	tial La:	st Name	Suffix
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Da <sup>-</sup>	te of Death (mm/dd/yyy	yy) Emblem o	f Belief
	SECTION II - VE	TERAN'S SERVIC	E INFORMATION	
Cemetery staff will collect '	√eteran's service inforr	nation from DD Form 2	114, or other discharge pa	aperwork provided.
If Veteran served in multip	e branches of service,	then provide DD Form	214, or military discharg	e papers for each branch.
If the Veteran's highest randocumentation showing the (Note: pay grades are not a	e next higher rank mus	t be provided to cemet	ery staff before it can be	
Highest rank attained:		Service	e Branch:	
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SEC	ΓΙΟΝ III – VETERA	N'S PERIOD OF S	ERVICE INFORMAT	ΓΙΟΝ
World War II, Korea, and/o served in the military durin				
I <u>do not</u> want the following period placed on the monur		r II	O Vietnam	
All other wars/conflicts must their government-furnished				
		– ADDITIONAL II		
Additional inscription(s) ma	ay be terms of endearm	ent, nicknames, titles,	or awards. ( <u>Note</u> : limited	to space available)
Flat Markers: Do not have	space for additional in	scription(s).		
Upright Headstones: Tex	•			
Columbarium Niche Cov	ers: Text/words cannot	wrap to next line.		
Applicant Is:			Phone#:	
If family member, specify relationship				

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

TSVC Form 1a

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:

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



To obtain the most recent information about headstones and markers including the complete and most current list of available emblems of belief (listing and graphics), please visit our website at <a href="https://www.cem.va.gov">www.cem.va.gov</a>.

NICHIREN

SHOSHU TEMPLE

(78)

KINGIAN

FAITH

DOVE OF

PEACE

Emblems 79

not yet been

assigned

through 97 have

DRUZE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

CHURCH

(73) UNIVERSALIST

CROSS

FAITH AND PRAYER ICHTHYS

### TEXAS STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES SUGGESTED OPTIONAL INSCRIPTIONS FOR MARKERS – (ENGLISH AND SPANISH)

### Upright Headstone Inscriptions Inscripción Para Lápidas Mortuorias

- 1. ABIDE WITH ME PERMANEZCA CONMIGO
- 2. GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN IDO PERO NO OLVIDADO
- 3. UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN HASTA QUE NOS REUNAMOS DE NUEVO HASTA QUE NOS VOLVAMOS A ENCONTRAR
- 4. LOVING FATHER AND HUSBAND AMOROSO PADRE Y MARIDO
- 5. LOVING WIFE AND MOTHER AMOROSA ESPOSA Y MADRE
- 6. IN THE BEST GARDEN OF ALL EN EL MEJOR DE LOS JARDINES
- 7. IN LOVING MEMORY EN AMOROSA MEMORIA
- 8. MAY HE REST IN PEACE DESCANSE EN PAZ
- 9. PROUD FATHER AND VETERAN ORGULLOSO PADRE Y VETERANO
- 10. SEMPER FI SIEMPRE FIEL
- 11. HE LOVED GOD AND COUNTRY ÉL ADORO A DIOS Y EL PAÍS
- 12. TOGETHER FOREVER POR SIEMPRE JUNTOS
- 13. TRUST IN THE LORD CONFIA EN EL SEÑOR
- 14. LOVING COMPANIONS COMPAÑEROS AMOROSOS
- 15. A BLESSING TO ALL UNA BENDICIÓN PARA TODOS
- 16. FLY WITH THE ANGELS VUELE CON LOS ÁNGELES

- 17. EVERLASTING LOVE AMOR ETERNO
- 18. PROUDLY SERVED SIRVIÓ ORGULLOSAMENTE
- 19. BELOVED FATHER AMADO PADRE
- 20. ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS SIEMPRE EN NUESTROS CORAZONES
- 21. WIND BENEATH MY WING VIENTO BAJO MIS ALAS
- 22. THE LORD BE WITH YOU EL SEÑOR ESTE CON USTED
- 23. I DID IT MY WAY LO HICE A MI MANERA
- 24. I AM AT PEACE ESTOY EN PAZ
- 25. WE MISS YOU LO/LA EXTRAÑAMOS
- 26. TRUE COMPANION VERDADERO COMPAÑERO
- 27. FAMILY HERO HÉROE DE FAMILIA
- 28. MY BEST FRIEND MI MEJOR AMIGO
- 29. DECON HUSBAND FATHER DIÁCONO MARIDO PADRE
- 30. INTO THE HANDS OF THE LORD EN LAS MANOS DEL SEÑOR
- 31. HE LIVED WITH HONOR ÉL VIVIÓ CON HONOR
- 32. HIS SPIRIT LIVES FOREVER SU ESPÍRITU VIVE PARA SIEMPRE
- 33. HUSBAND FATHER PATRIOT MARIDO PADRE PATRIOTA
- 34. PARTNER FRIEND HUSBAND DAD SOCIO AMIGO MARIDO PAPÁ

### TEXAS STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES SUGGESTED OPTIONAL INSCRIPTIONS FOR MARKERS – (ENGLISH AND SPANISH)

<b>Niche Covers Inscriptions</b>		
Inscripción Para Nichos de		
Marbol		

- 1. ABIDE WITH ME PERMANEZCA CONMIGO
- 2. GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN IDO PERO NO OLVIDADO
- 3. UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN HASTA QUE NOS REUNAMOS DE NUEVO
- 4. LOVING FATHER AND HUSBAND AMOROSO PADRE Y MARIDO
- 5. LOVING WIFE AND MOTHER AMOROSA ESPOSA Y MADRE
- 6. IN THE BEST GARDEN OF ALL EN EL MEJOR DE LOS JARDINES
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- 29. DECON HUSBAND FATHER DIÁCONO MARIDO PADRE
- 30. HUSBAND DAD BEST FRIEND MARIDO PADRE MEJOR AMIGO
- 31. HE LIVED WITH HONOR ÉL VIVIÓ CON HONOR

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