

## Texas State Veterans Cemeteries Pre-Registration 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.

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 pre-registration. There are no burial fees for Veterans, spouses, and/or their eligible dependent children.

The Veterans Land Board will own and operate 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 or niche cover, and a facility for committal service. Upright granite or marble headstones are provided for casketed burials. Flat granite or marble markers will be for in-ground burial of cremated remains and scattered ashes. Granite or marble niche covers are for columbaria inurnments. 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.).

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

- Pre-Registration Application
- 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 Enlisted Record Brief (ERB) / Officer Record Brief (ORB) (Active duty service members); <u>Note</u>: a DD214 will be required once the servicemember exits active military service.
- 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].

Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery 11463 State Highway 195 Killeen, TX 76542 Phone: 254-616-1770 Fax: 254-616-1769	Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery 2520 S. Inspiration Road Mission, TX 78572 Phone: 956-583-7227 Fax: 956-508-5211	Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene 7457 W. Lake Road Abilene, TX 79601 Phone: 325-673-4446 Fax: 325-673-4448	Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery 9974 IH37 Access Road Corpus Christi, TX 78410 Phone: 361-248-4830 Fax: 361-248-4965	West Texas State Veterans Cemetery 4614 E 50 <sup>th</sup> Street Lubbock, TX 79403 Phone: 512-913-7985 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



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Fax: 254-616-1769 Opens: Early 2026 SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION First Name Middle Name Last Name Suffix Social Security # Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Phone Number City Address State Zip Code Gender Relation Male Female O Veteran (self) O Spouse Family Member **Email Address: Marital Status** Married Divorced Separated ○ Widowed Single Selected Type of Interment Service (type of interment can be changed later if necessary): Casket Columbarium In-Ground (urn) In-Ground (urn) Scatter Garden Wall (urn) [Upright Headstone] [Flat Marker] Memorial Honors Only Only SECTION II - VETERAN'S MILITARY SERVICE INFORMATION Branch of Service (must be consistent with rank): US Army US Air Force US Marine Corps US Coast Guard US Space Force National Guard or Reserves Other: US Navy US Merchant Marines (20+ years of qualifying service or retired) Military Rank (pay grades are not authorized on government-furnished markers): Veterans highest rank attained: SECTION III - VETERAN'S PERIOD OF SERVICE INFORMATION \*Iraq \*Afghanistan \*Persian Gulf \*Kosovo \*Somalia Vietnam Korea O WW II WW II, Korea, Vietnam will be placed on government-furnished markers for those who served in the military during these war periods regardless of whether they deployed overseas. \*All other wars/conflicts must be listed on the Veteran's DD214 to have it placed on their government-furnished marker.



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APPLICATION IS: O Approved – date confirmation sent to applicant:								
Denied – Reason: / date applicant informed:								

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## **Texas State Veterans Cemeteries Monument Worksheet**

TAS CEMETER			Monumen	t Worksheet
Abilene, TX	Corpus Christi, TX	Killeen, TX	Mission, TX	Lubbock, TX
		I – DECEDENT INF	ORMATION	
First Name	Middle Name or In	itial La	st Name	Suffix
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Da	ate 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 infor	mation from DD Form 2	214, or other discharge pa	aperwork provided.
If Veteran served in multiple	e branches of service	then provide DD Form	214, or military discharg	e papers for each branch.
If the Veteran's highest ran documentation showing the (Note: pay grades are not au	next higher rank mus	st be provided to cemet	ery staff before it can be	
Highest rank attained:		Service	e Branch:	
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SECT	ION III – VETERA	N'S PERIOD OF S	ERVICE INFORMAT	ΓΙΟΝ
World War II, Korea, and/or served in the military during				
I <u>do not</u> want the following v period placed on the monun		ar II	◯ Vietnam	
All other wars/conflicts mus their government-furnished				
	SECTION I	/ – ADDITIONAL II	NSCRIPTION	
Additional inscription(s) ma	y be terms of endearr	nent, nicknames, titles,	or awards. ( <u>Note</u> : limited	to space available)
Flat Markers: Do not have	space for additional in	nscription(s).		
Upright Headstones: Text	•	, ,		
				<del></del>
Columbarium Niche Cove	ers: Text/words canno	t wrap to next line.		
Applicant Is:			Phone#:	

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:

Printed Name	Signature:	Date:

If family member, specify relationship

#### 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>.

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(78)

KINGIAN

FAITH

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PEACE

Emblems 79

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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
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- 31. HE LIVED WITH HONOR ÉL VIVIÓ CON HONOR

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