



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); **Note: 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: 956.583.7887	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 th Street Lubbock, TX 79403 Phone: 806.392.9927 Fax: 806.392.9929
Inception: 1/3/2006	Inception: 12/1/2006	Inception: 6/1/2009	Inception: 12/14/2011	Inception: 6/1/2026
Status: Open for interments	Status: Open for interments	Status: Open for interments	Status: Open for interments	Status: Open for interments



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Abilene, TX
Texas State Veterans
Cemetery at Abilene
7457 W. Lake Road
Abilene, TX 79601
Phone: 325.673.4446
Fax: 325.673.4448



Corpus Christi, TX
Coastal Bend State
Veterans Cemetery
9974 IH37 Access Road
Corpus Christi, TX 78410
Phone: 361.248.4830
Fax: 361.248.4965



Killeen, TX
Central Texas State
Veterans Cemetery
11463 State Highway
195 Killeen, TX 76542
Phone: 254.616.1770
Fax: 254.616.1769



Mission, TX
Rio Grande Valley State
Veterans Cemetery
2520 S. Inspiration
Road Mission, TX 78572
Phone: 956.583.7227
Fax: 956.583.7887



Lubbock, TX
West Texas State
Veterans Cemetery
4614 E. 50th Street
Lubbock, TX 79403
Phone: 806.392.9927
Fax: 806.392.9929

SECTION I – APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix
Social Security #		Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Phone Number
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Gender	Relation		
☐ Male ☐ Female	☐ Veteran (self) ☐ 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 Wall (urn) ☐ In-Ground (urn) [Upright Headstone] ☐ In-Ground (urn) [Flat Marker] ☐ Scatter Garden

☐ Memorial Only ☐ Honors 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

☐ US Navy ☐ US Merchant Marines ☐ National Guard or Reserves (20+ years of qualifying service or retired) ☐ Other: _____

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

☐ *Lebanon ☐ *Grenada ☐ Vietnam ☐ Korea ☐ 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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SECTION IV – SPOUSE INFORMATION

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix
Social Security #		Date of Birth	Phone Number
Address (if different from Veteran)		City	State Zip Code

SECTION V – DEPENDENT INFORMATION

Applicant must provide all required documentation for each dependent before eligibility can be granted (see below).

DEPENDENT #1

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix
Social Security #		Date of Birth	Phone Number
Address (if different from Veteran)		City	State Zip Code

Dependents relation to the Veteran (i.e., son, daughter, adopted children, adopted stepchild, etc.):

Dependent's relation to Veteran: _____

DEPENDENT #2

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix
Social Security #		Date of Birth	Phone Number
Address (if different from Veteran)		City	State Zip Code

Dependents relation to the Veteran (i.e., son, daughter, adopted children, adopted stepchild, etc.):

Dependent's relation to Veteran: _____

Eligibility and Required Documents

Eligibility Requirements: A minor child is a person who is unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or under 23 years of age and pursuing a full-time course of instruction at an approved educational institution.

An unmarried adult child is a person who became permanently physically or mentally disabled and incapable of self-support before reaching 21 years of age, or before reaching 23 years of age if pursuing a full-time course of instruction at an approved educational institution, and was never married, or, if married at any time during their life, was not married at time of death.

Required Documents: *Letter from the unmarried adult child's physician; *Letter from the applicant; Adult child's divorce decree (if previously married).

*For detailed information regarding the evidence required (letters, etc.), contact the respective cemetery at one of the phone numbers listed at the top of this form.

CERTIFICATION: I certify to the best of my knowledge, that all the information entered on this application as well as the supporting documentation are true and correct. I also certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the individual(s) listed on this application has never committed or have been convicted of a serious crime (i.e., capital crime or sexual offense) which could have resulted in a sentence of a minimum of life imprisonment. I understand the commission of a serious crime can result in non-approval, disinterment, or other action deemed appropriate.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY CEMETERY PERSONNEL:

Name: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION IS: ☐ Approved – date confirmation sent to applicant: _____

☐ Denied – Reason: _____ / date applicant informed: _____



Texas State Veterans Cemeteries Monument Worksheet

☆ Abilene, TX

☆ Corpus Christi, TX

☆ Killeen, TX

☆ Mission, TX

☆ Lubbock, TX

SECTION I – DECEDENT INFORMATION

First Name	Middle Name or Initial	Last Name	Suffix
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)		Date of Death (mm/dd/yyyy)	Emblem of Belief

SECTION II – VETERAN'S SERVICE INFORMATION

Cemetery staff will collect Veteran's service information from DD Form 214, or other discharge paperwork provided.

If Veteran served in multiple branches of service, then provide DD Form 214, or military discharge papers for each branch.

If the Veteran's highest rank attained is different from the furnished DD Form 214 or military discharge papers, then documentation showing the next higher rank must be provided to cemetery staff before it can be added to the monument.
(Note: pay grades are not authorized on government-furnished markers: i.e., E-5, O-6, etc.)

Highest rank attained: _____ Service Branch: _____

Highest rank attained: _____ Service Branch: _____

SECTION III – VETERAN'S PERIOD OF SERVICE INFORMATION

World War II, Korea, and/or Vietnam **will automatically be placed on government-furnished markers** for those who served in the military during these war periods regardless of whether they deployed overseas and were in country.

I do not want the following war period placed on the monument: ☐ World War II ☐ Korea ☐ Vietnam

All other wars/conflicts must be listed on the Veteran's DD Form 214, or other military documents to have them placed on their government-furnished marker. These include Iraq, Afghanistan, Persian Gulf, Kosovo, Somalia, Lebanon, Grenada.

SECTION IV – ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTION

Additional inscription(s) may be terms of endearment, nicknames, titles, or awards. **(Note: limited to space available)**

Flat Markers: Do not have space for additional inscription(s).

Upright Headstones: Text/words cannot wrap to next line.

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Columbarium Niche Covers: Text/words cannot wrap to next line.

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Applicant Is: _____ **Phone#:** _____

If family member,
specify relationship _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS National Cemetery Administration

EMBLEMS OF BELIEF AVAILABLE FOR PLACEMENT ON STANDARD GOVERNMENT HEADSTONES AND MARKERS



(1) LATIN (CHRISTIAN)
CROSS



(2) BUDDHIST



(3) JUDAISM
(STAR OF DAVID)



(4) PRESBYTERIAN
CROSS



(5) RUSSIAN
ORTHODOX CROSS



(6) LUTHERAN
CROSS



(7) EPISCOPAL
CROSS



(8) UNITARIAN
(FLAMING CHALICE)



(9) UNITED
METHODIST



(10) AARONIC
ORDER
CHURCH



(11) THE CHURCH OF JESUS
CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY
SAINTS (ANGEL MORONI)



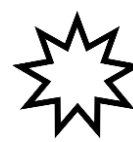
(12) NATIVE AMERICAN
CHURCH OF NORTH
AMERICA



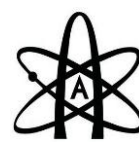
(13) SERBIAN
ORTHODOX
CROSS



(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) THE 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
EMBLEM OF
SPIRIT



(33) PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH (USA)



(34) IZUMO
TAISHAKYO MISSION
OF HAWAII



(35) SOKA GAKKAI
INTERNATIONAL
(USA)



(36) SIKH
(KHANDA)



(37) WICCA
(PENTACLE)



(38) LUTHERAN
CHURCH MISSOURI
SYNOD



(39) NEW
APOSTOLIC



(40) SEVENTH DAY
ADVENTIST
CHURCH



(41) CELTIC
CROSS



(42) ARMENIAN
CROSS



(43) FAROHAR



(44) MESSIANIC
JEWISH



(45) KOHEN HANDS



(46) CATHOLIC
CELTIC CROSS



(47) FIRST CHURCH OF
CHRIST, SCIENTIST
(CROSS & CROWN)



(48) MEDICINE
WHEEL

AVAILABLE EMBLEMS OF BELIEF (CONTINUED)



(49) INFINITY



(51) LUTHER ROSE



(52) LANDING
EAGLE



(53) FOUR
DIRECTIONS



(54) CHURCH OF
THE 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



(64) MALTESE
CROSS



(65) DRUID
(AWEN)



(66) WISCONSIN
EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN SYNOD



(67) POLISH
NATIONAL
CATHOLIC CHURCH



(68) GUARDIAN
ANGEL



(69) HEART



(70) SHEPHERD
AND FLAG



(71) AFRICAN
METHODIST
EPISCOPAL



(72) EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH



(73) UNIVERSALIST
CROSS



(74) FAITH AND
PRAYER



(75) ICHTHYS



(76) NICHIREN
SHOSHU TEMPLE



(77) DOVE OF
PEACE



(78) KINGIAN FAITH



(79) CHURCH OF
GOD IN CHRIST



(80) AMERICAN
BAPTIST
CHURCHES USA



(81) TRYZUB
CROSS



(82) ROSE



(83) CHARISMATIC
MESSIANIC
EVANGELISTIC



(84) ANKH



(98) DRUZE

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 | 17. EVERLASTING LOVE - AMOR ETERNO |
| 2. GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN - IDO PERO NO OLVIDADO | 18. PROUDLY SERVED - SIRVIÓ ORGULLOSAMENTE |
| 3. UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN - HASTA QUE NOS REUNAMOS DE NUEVO - HASTA QUE NOS VOLVAMOS A ENCONTRAR | 19. BELOVED FATHER - AMADO PADRE |
| 4. LOVING FATHER AND HUSBAND - AMOROSO PADRE Y MARIDO | 20. ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS - SIEMPRE EN NUESTROS CORAZONES |
| 5. LOVING WIFE AND MOTHER - AMOROSA ESPOSA Y MADRE | 21. WIND BENEATH MY WING - VIENTO BAJO MIS ALAS |
| 6. IN THE BEST GARDEN OF ALL - EN EL MEJOR DE LOS JARDINES | 22. THE LORD BE WITH YOU - EL SEÑOR ESTE CON USTED |
| 7. IN LOVING MEMORY - EN AMOROSA MEMORIA | 23. I DID IT MY WAY – LO HICE A MI MANERA |
| 8. MAY HE REST IN PEACE - DESCANSE EN PAZ | 24. I AM AT PEACE - ESTOY EN PAZ |
| 9. PROUD FATHER AND VETERAN - ORGULLOSO PADRE Y VETERANO | 25. WE MISS YOU - LO/LA EXTRAÑAMOS |
| 10. SEMPER FI - SIEMPRE FIEL | 26. TRUE COMPANION - VERDADERO COMPAÑERO |
| 11. HE LOVED GOD AND COUNTRY - ÉL ADORO A DIOS Y EL PAÍS | 27. FAMILY HERO – HÉROE DE FAMILIA |
| 12. TOGETHER FOREVER - POR SIEMPRE JUNTOS | 28. MY BEST FRIEND - MI MEJOR AMIGO |
| 13. TRUST IN THE LORD - CONFIA EN EL SEÑOR | 29. DECON HUSBAND FATHER - DIÁCONO MARIDO PADRE |
| 14. LOVING COMPANIONS - COMPAÑEROS AMOROSOS | 30. INTO THE HANDS OF THE LORD - EN LAS MANOS DEL SEÑOR |
| 15. A BLESSING TO ALL - UNA BENDICIÓN PARA TODOS | 31. HE LIVED WITH HONOR - ÉL VIVIÓ CON HONOR |
| 16. FLY WITH THE ANGELS - VUELE CON LOS ÁNGELES | 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)**

**Niche Covers Inscriptions
Inscripción Para Nichos de
Marbol**

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. ABIDE WITH ME - PERMANEZCA CONMIGO | 16. FLY WITH THE ANGELS - VUELE CON LOS
ÁNGELES |
| 2. GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN - IDO PERO
NO OLVIDADO | 17. EVERLASTING LOVE - AMOR ETERNO |
| 3. UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN - HASTA QUE NOS
REUNAMOS DE NUEVO | 18. PROUDLY SERVED - SIRVIÓ
ORGULLOSAMENTE |
| 4. LOVING FATHER AND HUSBAND -
AMOROSO PADRE Y MARIDO | 19. BELOVED FATHER - AMADO PADRE |
| 5. LOVING WIFE AND MOTHER - AMOROSA
ESPOSA Y MADRE | 20. ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS |
| 6. IN THE BEST GARDEN OF ALL - EN EL
MEJOR DE LOS JARDINES | 21. WIND BENEATH MY WING - VIENTO BAJO
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AMOROSOS | 29. DECON HUSBAND FATHER - DIÁCONO
MARIDO PADRE |
| 15. A BLESSING TO ALL - UNA BENDICIÓN
PARA TODOS | 30. HUSBAND DAD BEST FRIEND - MARIDO
PADRE MEJOR AMIGO |
| | 31. HE LIVED WITH HONOR - ÉL VIVIÓ CON
HONOR |

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