



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 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.).

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].

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| 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 th 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 | Inception: Fall 2025 |
| Status: Open for interments | Status: Open for interments | Status: Open for interments | Status: Open for interments | Status: Pending; Under Construction |



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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: 956-508-5211



Lubbock, TX

West Texas State Veterans Cemetery
4614 E. 50th Street
Lubbock, TX 79403
Phone: 512-913-7985
Opens: Fall 2025

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: Male Female
Relation: 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.



Texas State Veterans Cemeteries Pre-Registration Application

| 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 <u>minor child</u> 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 <u>unmarried adult child</u> 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: _____

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

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (01) CHRISTIAN CROSS | (02) BUDDHIST (Wheel of Righteousness) | (03) HEBREW (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) WICCA (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 | (68) GUARDIAN ANGEL | (69) HEART | (70) SHEPHERD AND FLAG | (71) AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL |
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| (72) EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH | (73) UNIVERSALIST CROSS | (74) FAITH AND PRAYER | (75) ICHTHYS | (76) NICHIREN SHOSHU TEMPLE | (77) DOVE OF PEACE | (78) KINGIAN FAITH | Emblems 79 through 97 have not yet been assigned | (98) DRUZE | |

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 www.cem.va.gov.

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)**

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

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| 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 MIS ALAS |
| 7. IN LOVING MEMORY - EN AMOROSA MEMORIA | 22. THE LORD BE WITH YOU - EL SEÑOR ESTE CON USTED |
| 8. MAY HE REST IN PEACE - DESCANSE EN PAZ | 23. I DID IT MY WAY - LO HICE A MI MANERA |
| 9. PROUD FATHER AND VETERAN - ORGULLOSO PADRE Y VETERANO | 24. I AM AT PEACE - ESTOY EN PAZ |
| 10. SEMPER FI - SIEMPRE FIEL | 25. WE MISS YOU - LO/LA EXTRAÑAMOS |
| 11. HE LOVED GOD AND COUNTRY - ÉL ADORO A DIOS Y EL PAÍS | 26. TRUE COMPANION - VERDADERO COMPAÑERO |
| 12. TOGETHER FOREVER - POR SIEMPRE JUNTOS | 27. FAMILY HERO – HÉROE DE FAMILIA |
| 13. TRUST IN THE LORD - CONFIA EN EL SEÑOR | 28. MY BEST FRIEND - MI MEJOR AMIGO |
| 14. LOVING COMPANIONS - COMPAÑEROS 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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