



Headstone Inscription Request

Nebraska Veterans Cemetery at Alliance
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Alliance NE 69301

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INSTRUCTION SHEET

Nebraska Veterans Cemetery at Alliance uses the government issued upright marble headstone on casket and cremation graves. It is 24-26 inches tall above ground, 13 inches wide, 4 inches thick and weighs approximately 230 pounds. Variations may occur in stone color and the marble may contain light to moderate veining. This is the same style of headstone that is used at Arlington National Cemetery.

A MAXIMUM of 11 lines are available for inscription. Lines 1-4 have a MAXIMUM length of 13 characters; lines 5-11 have a MAXIMUM length of 15 characters. When completing the request, do not write outside of the boxes.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE FORM:

Please provide the following information in order: **(Items In Bold Are Mandatory)**

- **Emblem of Belief**
Enter the corresponding 2-digit number on Line 1 (*see "Authorized Emblems of Belief" page*)
- **Legal Name** (First Name, Middle Name or Initial, Last Name)
Nicknames are not permitted on these lines. Maiden names are allowed for the non-veteran, if space is available.
- **Rank** (*Do NOT use pay grade*)
Use the rank as listed on the DD Form 214 or Discharge papers (i.e. CPL, A1C, SSGT, etc.).
- **Branch** (i.e. US Army, US Navy, US Air Force, etc.)
- **War Period**
Allowed if the veteran was active duty during the war period. The war can be listed even if the individual never served in combat.
- **Date of Birth**
- **Date of Death**
- **Medals** (*Documentation must be provided*)
See Awards Page for medals that are allowed to be inscribed on the headstone.
- **Term of Endearment**
You may use one of the examples listed on our "Terms of Endearment" page; you may also request words or phrases that have special meaning to your family or the decedent. This is the place to include a nickname or list a unit, ship, or specific designation if desired.

PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR EXAMPLES OF COMPLETED FORMS

A cemetery representative will gladly provide assistance with questions you have about this form, eligibility, or cemetery services.

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit this form and appropriate documentation by mail, in person to the Veterans Cemetery Administration Building, or by email to james.goodwin@nebraska.gov

EXAMPLES OF COMPLETED HEADSTONE INSCRIPTION REQUEST FORMS

EXAMPLE 1

LINE 1:

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LINE 2:

J	O	H	N											
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LINE 3:

S	O	L	D	I	E	R								
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LINE 4:

D	O	E												
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LINE 5:

S	G	T												
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LINE 6:

U	S		A	R	M	Y								
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LINE 7:

V	I	E	T	N	A	M								
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LINE 8:

D	E	C		2	4		1	9	4	2				
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LINE 9:

M	A	Y			8		2	0	0	9				
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LINE 10:

P	U	R	P	L	E		H	E	A	R	T			
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LINE 11:

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EXAMPLE 2

LINE 1:

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LINE 2:

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LINE 3:

J	A	N	E											
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LINE 4:

D	O	E												
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LINE 5:

D	E	C		2	9		1	9	4	4				
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LINE 6:

J	U	L		1	1		2	0	1	2				
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LINE 7:

S	H	E		T	O	U	C	H	E	D		T	H	E
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LINE 8:

L	I	V	E	S		O	F		M	A	N	Y		
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LINE 9:

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LINE 10:

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LINE 11:

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(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) 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) 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



Authorized Emblems of Belief (cont'd)



(43) Farohar



(44) Messianic Jewish



(45) Kohen Hands



(46) Catholic Celtic Cross



(47) First Church of Christ, Scientist (Cross and 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



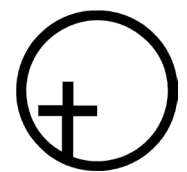
(70) Shepherd and Flag



(71) African Methodist Episcopal



(72) Evangelical Lutheran Church



(73) Universalist Cross



(74) Faith and Prayer



(75) ICHTHYS



(76) Nichiren Shoshu Temple



(77) Dove of Peace



(78) Kingian Faith



(98) Druze

Emblems 79 through 97 have not yet been assigned



Awards Authorized for Inscription

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All awards, citations, and military accomplishments are recognized as significant. It is our honor to bring credit to all veterans at any opportunity. Due to space limitations, only the following medals are approved for inscription on the headstones at this time.

AWARD	SHORT DESCRIPTION	AWARD	SHORT DESCRIPTION
2 Medals of Honor	2 Medals of Honor	Purple Heart & 5 Oak Leaf Clusters.....	PH & 5 OLC
Medal of Honor	Medal of Honor	Purple Heart & 5 Gold Stars	PH & 5 GS
Medal of Honor (Historic).....	MH	Purple Heart & 4 Oak Leaf Clusters	PH & 4 OLC
Distinguished Service Cross & Oak Leaf Cluster	DSC & OLC	Purple Heart & 4 Gold Stars.....	PH & 4 GS
Distinguished Service Cross & Gold Star	DSC & GS	Purple Heart & 3 Oak Leaf Clusters	PH & 3 OLC
Distinguished Service Cross	DSC	Purple Heart & 3 Gold Stars.....	PH & 3 GS
Navy Cross & Gold Star	NC & GS	Purple Heart & 2 Oak Leaf Clusters	PH & 2 OLC
Navy Cross.....	NC	Purple Heart & 2 Gold Stars.....	PH & 2 GS
Air Force Cross & Oak Leaf Cluster	AFC & OLC	Purple Heart & Oak Leaf Cluster	PH & OLC
Air Force Cross	AFC	Purple Heart & Gold Star	PH & GS
Defense Distinguished Service Medal.....	DDSM	Purple Heart.....	PH
Distinguished Service Medal	DSM	Merchant Marine Mariner’s Medal	MMMM
Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Medal.....	MMDSM	Defense Meritorious Service Medal	DMSM
Brevet Medal	BM	Specially Meritorious Medal	SMM
Silver Star & 3 Oak Leaf Clusters.....	SSM & 3 OLC	Meritorious Service Medal	MSM
Silver Star & 2 Oak Leaf Clusters.....	SSM& 2 OLC	Merchant Marine Meritorious Service Medal	MMMSM
Silver Star & 2 Gold Stars	SSM& 2 GS	Air Medal	AM
Silver Star & Gold Star.....	SSM & GS	Joint Service Commendation Medal	JSCM
Silver Star & Oak Leaf Cluster	SSM & OLC	Army Commendation Medal	ARCOM
Silver Star	SSM	Navy Commendation Medal	NCM
Defense Superior Service Medal.....	DSSM	Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal.....	N&MCCM
Legion of Merit.....	LM	Air Force Commendation Medal.....	AFCM
Distinguished Flying Cross.....	DFC	Coast Guard Commendation Medal	CGCM
Soldiers Medal	SM	Commendation Ribbon.....	CR
Navy & Marine Corps Medal.....	N&MCM	Army Achievement Medal	AAM
Airman’s Medal.....	AMNM	Navy Achievement Medal.....	NAM
Coast Guard Medal	CGM	Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal.....	N&MCCAM
Bronze Star Medal	BSM	Air Force Achievement Medal	AFAM
Bronze Star Medal With Valor.....	BSM W/ V	Coast Guard Achievement Medal	CGAM
		Prisoner of War Medal.....	POWM
		Prisoner of War.....	POW



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A Family Man & Patriot	Missed/Loved By All Who Knew Him
A Free Spirit	My Best Friend
Always In Our Hearts	Never Forgotten
Always With Us	Now He Soars With Eagles
American Hero	Only A Dream Away
Among Friends	Our Guardian Angel
An Inspiration To All	Our Hero
At Peace	Our Joy Is Jesus
At Peace With God	Our Sun In The Sky
At Rest	Out Of Harms Way
At Rest In God	Peace At Last
Cherished Soul	Praise The Lord
Devoted Couple/Father Mother	Proud American
Eternally Loved	Proud Soldier
Faithful To God & Country	Proudly Served
Forever/Always Loved	Remembered By All
Forever In Our Hearts	Rest In Peace
Forever Missed	Sadly Missed
Fought For Freedom	Safe In The Arms Of God
Gone But Not Forgotten	Sleeping With The Angels
Gone Home	Sleep Peacefully
Heaven Bound	Soldier Friend
He Gave So Much	The Lord Is My Shepherd
He Loved Life	Together Forever
Honored Here Forever	Touched The Lives Of Many
It Is Well With My Soul	Until We Meet Again
Loving/Beloved (relationship)	We Love You
Loving Couple/Parents	We Miss You
Love Never Dies	We Will Miss You Both
Memories Never End	You Will Always Be Remembered
Memories Never Fade	