



## Headstone Inscription Request

Nebraska Veterans Cemetery at Alliance  
2610 County Road 57  
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 Emblem of Belief line (*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 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](mailto:james.goodwin@nebraska.gov)



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### VETERAN HEADSTONE

**TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY!!**

**ILLEGIBLE PRINTING COULD RESULT IN AN INCORRECT INSCRIPTION ON THE HEADSTONE.**

Emblem of Belief:

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## ***SPOUSE/DEPENDENT HEADSTONE***

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Section & Site:

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Emblem of Belief:

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## Authorized Emblems of Belief

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<b>01</b> Christian Cross		<b>02</b> Buddhist (Wheel of Righteousness)		<b>03</b> Judaism (Star of David)	
<b>04</b> Presbyterian Cross		<b>05</b> Russian Orthodox Cross		<b>06</b> Lutheran Cross	
<b>07</b> Episcopal Cross		<b>08</b> Unitarian Church/Unitarian Universalist Association		<b>09</b> United Methodist Church	
<b>10</b> Aaronic Church		<b>11</b> Mormon (Angel Moroni)		<b>12</b> Native American Church of North America	
<b>13</b> Serbian Orthodox		<b>14</b> Greek Cross		<b>15</b> Bahai (9 Pointed Star)	
<b>16</b> Atheist		<b>17</b> Muslim (Crescent and Star)		<b>18</b> Hindu	
<b>19</b> Konko-Kyo Faith		<b>20</b> Community of Christ		<b>21</b> Sufism Reoriented	
<b>22</b> Tenrikyo Church		<b>23</b> Seicho-No-IE		<b>24</b> Church of World Messianity (Izunome)	
<b>25</b> United Church of Religious Science		<b>26</b> Christian Reformed Church		<b>27</b> United Moravian Church	

## Authorized Emblems of Belief (cont'd)

28 Eckankar		29 Christian Church		30 Christian & Missionary Alliance	
31 United Church of Christ		32 Humanist (American Humanist Association)		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 American Cross	
43 Farohar		44 Messianic Jewish		45 Kohen Hands	
46 Catholic Celtic Cross		47 The 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		98 Muslim (Islamic 5 Pointed Star)	Not shown due to copyright



## 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 & 4 Oak Leaf Clusters.....	PH & 4 OLC
Medal of Honor .....	Medal of Honor	Purple Heart & 4 Gold Stars .....	PH & 4 GS
Distinguished Service Cross & Oak Leaf Cluster.....	DSC & OLC	Purple Heart & 3 Oak Leaf Clusters.....	PH & 3 OLC
Distinguished Service Cross & Gold Star .....	DSC & GS	Purple Heart & 3 Gold Stars .....	PH & 3 GS
Distinguished Service Cross .....	DSC	Purple Heart & 2 Oak Leaf Clusters.....	PH & 2 OLC
Navy Cross & Gold Star .....	NC & GS	Purple Heart & 2 Gold Stars .....	PH & 2 GS
Navy Cross.....	NC	Purple Heart & Oak Leaf Cluster .....	PH & OLC
Air Force Cross & Oak Leaf Cluster .....	AFC & OLC	Purple Heart & Gold Star.....	PH & GS
Air Force Cross .....	AFC	Purple Heart .....	PH
Defense Distinguished Service Medal.....	DDSM	Merchant Marine Mariner’s Medal .....	MMMM
Distinguished Service Medal.....	DSM	Defense Meritorious Service Medal.....	DMSM
Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Medal.....	MMDSM	Specially Meritorious Medal .....	SMM
Brevet Medal.....	BM	Meritorious Service Medal.....	MSM
Silver Star & 3 Oak Leaf Clusters.....	Silver Star & 3 OLC	Merchant Marine Meritorious Service Medal.....	MMMSM
Silver Star & 3 Gold Stars .....	Silver Star & 3 GS	Air Medal.....	AM
Silver Star & 2 Oak Leaf Clusters.....	Silver Star & 2 OLC	Joint Service Commendation Medal .....	JSCM
Silver Star & 2 Gold Stars .....	Silver Star & 2 GS	Army Commendation Medal.....	ARCOM
Silver Star & Gold Star.....	Silver Star & GS	Navy Commendation Medal .....	NCM
Silver Star & Oak Leaf Cluster .....	Silver Star & OLC	Air Force Commendation Medal.....	AFCM
Silver Star .....	Silver Star	Coast Guard Commendation Medal .....	CGCM
Defense Superior Service Medal.....	DSSM	Commendation Ribbon .....	CR
Legion of Merit.....	LM	Army Achievement Medal .....	AAM
Distinguished Flying Cross.....	DFC	Navy Achievement Medal .....	NAM
Soldiers Medal .....	SM	Air Force Achievement Medal.....	AFAM
Navy & Marine Corps Medal.....	N&MCM	Coast Guard Achievement Medal .....	CGAM
Airman’s Medal.....	AMNM	Prisoner of War Medal.....	POWM
Coast Guard Medal .....	CGM	Prisoner of War .....	POW
Bronze Star Medal.....	BSM	Ex-Prisoner of War .....	EX-POW
Purple Heart & 5 Oak Leaf Clusters.....	PH & 5 OLC	Killed in Action.....	KIA
Purple Heart & 5 Gold Stars.....	PH & 5 GS	Missing in Action .....	MIA



## Terms of Endearment Examples

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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	