



## Headstone Inscription Request

Nebraska Veterans Cemetery at Alliance  
PO Box 718  
2610 CR 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 1-3 have a MAXIMUM length of 13 characters; lines 4-11 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 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](mailto:james.goodwin@nebraska.gov)

## EXAMPLES OF COMPLETED HEADSTONE INSCRIPTION REQUEST FORMS

### EXAMPLE 1 – VETERAN HEADSTONE

EMBLEM OF BELIEF:            0 1

LINE 1:        JOHN \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

LINE 2:        SOLDIER \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

LINE 3:        DOE \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

LINE 4:        SGT \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

LINE 5:        US \_ ARMY \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

LINE 6:        VIETNAM \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

LINE 7:        DEC \_ 24 \_ 1942 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

LINE 8:        MAY \_ \_ 8 \_ 2009 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

LINE 9:        PURPLE \_ HEART \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

LINE 10:       HONORED \_ FOREVER

LINE 11:       \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

### EXAMPLE 2 – SPOUSE/DEPENDENT HEADSTONE

GRAVE SITE:                A - 1 2 - 3 4

EMBLEM OF BELIEF:            0 1

LINE 1:        JANE \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

LINE 2:        ELIZABETH \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

LINE 3:        DOE \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

LINE 4:        DEC \_ 29 \_ 1944 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

LINE 5:        JUL \_ 11 \_ 2012 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

LINE 6:        WIFE \_ OF \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

LINE 7:        SGT \_ JOHN \_ S \_ DOE \_

LINE 8:        US \_ ARMY \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

LINE 9:        SHE \_ TOUCHED \_ THE

LINE 10:       LIVES \_ OF \_ MANY \_

LINE 11:       \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



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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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Line 1:

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

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Grave Site:

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Emblem of Belief:

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## Authorized Emblems of Belief

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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



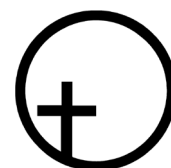
(70) Shepherd and Flag



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





## ***Terms of Endearment Examples***

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A Free Spirit  
Always In Our Hearts  
Always With Us  
American Hero  
Among Friends  
An Inspiration To All  
At Peace  
At Peace With God  
At Rest  
At Rest In God  
Cherished Soul  
Devoted Couple/Father Mother  
Eternally Loved  
Faithful To God & Country  
Forever/Always Loved  
Forever In Our Hearts  
Forever Missed  
Fought For Freedom  
Gone But Not Forgotten  
Gone Home  
Heaven Bound  
He Gave So Much  
He Loved Life  
Honored Here Forever  
It Is Well With My Soul  
Loving/Beloved (relationship)  
Loving Couple/Parents  
Love Never Dies  
Memories Never End  
Memories Never Fade

Missed/Loved By All Who Knew Him  
My Best Friend  
Never Forgotten  
Now He Soars With Eagles  
Only A Dream Away  
Our Guardian Angel  
Our Hero  
Our Joy Is Jesus  
Our Sun In The Sky  
Out Of Harms Way  
Peace At Last  
Praise The Lord  
Proud American  
Proud Soldier  
Proudly Served  
Remembered By All  
Rest In Peace  
Sadly Missed  
Safe In The Arms Of God  
Sleeping With The Angels  
Sleep Peacefully  
Soldier Friend  
The Lord Is My Shepherd  
Together Forever  
Touched The Lives Of Many  
Until We Meet Again  
We Love You  
We Miss You  
We Will Miss You Both  
You Will Always Be Remembered