



Texas State Veterans Cemeteries Interment Packet

Funeral Homes and Family Members:

This packet has been constructed to ensure funeral homes and families receive the highest level of efficient processing of interment applications and other services provided by the Texas State Veterans Cemeteries.

All documents contained in this packet must be filled out and signed by the next of kin or designated representative of the family/funeral home. All previous versions (dates prior to NOV 2023) of Interment Applications and Monument Worksheets are obsolete and *may* not be accepted by cemetery staff. Using obsolete versions of these forms may result in delayed processing of interment application packets.

The monument worksheet is a vital document required to order the headstone/marker/niche cover from the Veterans Administration. In an effort to order headstones/markers/niche covers in a prompt and timely manner, as well as reduce the number of headstones/markers/niche cover reorders, we ask that you please take the time to complete this very important document during the interment application process.

Once the Interment Application and Monument Worksheet have been completed and signed, please forward all documents to cemetery staff for processing within 48 hours of scheduling the service date and time.

Note: This packet contains the most current Texas Veterans Land Board and Veterans Administration documents for processing interment requests. Additionally, information and instructions regarding eligibility and what documents are required for interment at the Texas State Veterans Cemeteries is included in this 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.

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

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 need. There are no burial fees for Veterans, spouses, and/or their eligible dependent children.

The Veterans Land Board owns and operates 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, marker, or niche cover, and a facility for committal service. Upright granite or marble headstones are provided for casketed burials and in-ground cremain areas. Flat granite or marble markers will be for in-ground burial of cremated remains and scattered ashes. Granite or marble niche covers are for columbarium 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.).



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This packet contains the necessary information to process interment requests for burial in Texas State Veterans Cemeteries.

- TSVC Interment Application
- TSVC 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 VA letter showing disability rating [if applicable].
- Copy of Enlisted Record Brief (ERB) / Officer Record Brief (ORB) or DD Form 1300 (Report of Casualty) – (Active duty service members or National Guard/Reserves who perish in line of duty). **Note: a review may be required for National Guard/Reservists to determine eligibility for burial benefits.**
- 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].

Obtaining Burial Flags and Military Honors for Deceased Veterans:

Texas State Veterans Cemeteries are not able to schedule military honors or provide a burial flag for the service. This must be done by the Funeral Home, Next of Kin (NOK), other family member, or the decedent's personal representative (DPR) as deemed appropriate.

U.S. Flags are typically obtained by filling our [VA Form 27-2008](#), Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes and taken to a local post office for issue. We have included the web link to this form for your convenience, just click on VA Form 27-2008 above.

Note: In addition to VA Form 27-2008, the post office will ask for a copy of the Veterans DD214 or military discharge paperwork and a copy of the Report of Death, Certificate of Cremation, or Death Certificate.

Several of the Texas State Veterans Cemeteries have a dedicated Military Service Detachment (MSD) that will perform military honors for Veterans interred there. You may coordinate with the funeral home or obtain the MSD's contact information from cemetery staff once the committal service has been scheduled and confirmation of date and time received.

A list of servicing military casualty offices that provide honors teams is listed below. You may contact the appropriate service branch to schedule honors for the Veteran once the committal service has been scheduled and confirmation of date and time received. (**Note:** Military service branches normally require a minimum of 72 hours notice)

Service Branch	Scheduling Office	Phone Number	Fax Number	Email
US Army	Fort Cavazos, TX (Casualty Office)	254-287-7200	254-288-5600	usarmy.cavazos.usag.mbx.casualty-ftfuneral@army.mil
US Air Force	Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX	210-671-2562	210-671-4137	jbsa.af.hq@us.af.mil
US Navy	Jacksonville, FL (Casualty Office)	904-542-1536 904-542-9807	904-542-0422	Not Available
US Marine Corps	Quantico, VA (Casualty Office)	866-826-3628 800-847-1597	703-432-9248	Not Available
US Coast Guard	New Orleans, LA (Casualty Office)	504-628-5177	504-942-4059	Not Available



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Select Cemetery Location

- Abilene, TX
 Corpus Christi, TX
 Killeen, TX
 Mission, TX
 Lubbock, TX

CONFIDENTIALITY CLAUSE: Please indicate whether you would like the following information about the decedent withheld from public disclosure: home address, home telephone number, next of kin information, emergency contact information, date of birth, social security number and any other information that reveals whether the decedent has family members. Yes No

SECTION I – DECEDENT INFORMATION

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix
Social Security #	Date of Birth	Date of Death	
City	State	Zip Code	County

Decedent Status

- Veteran
 Spouse
 Dependent Child
 Gold Star Parent
 Other Eligible Relative

Marital Status

- Married
 Divorced
 Separated
 Widowed
 Never Married

SECTION II – INTERMENT TYPE INFORMATION

- Casket
 Columbarium Wall (urn)
 In-Ground (urn) Flat Marker
 In-Ground (urn) Upright Headstone
 Scatter Garden
 Memorial Only

Oversized Casket? Yes No If yes: Casket Length (in.) _____ Casket Width (in.) _____

Private Vault? Yes No If yes: Vault Brand _____ Other Note: _____

Is this a disinterment from another cemetery? Yes No

Please provide name of cemetery performing disinterment: _____

Are both husband and wife Veterans? Yes No

If yes, does the surviving spouse want an adjoining set-a-side grave? Yes No

Does the eligible Veteran have any unmarried handicapped children? Yes No

If yes, provide information below for each eligible dependent child:

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

SECTION III – FUNERAL HOME INFORMATION

Funeral Director (or representative) _____ Funeral Home _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____



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SECTION IV – NEXT OF KIN INFORMATION			
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix
Social Security # (spouse only)	Date of Birth	Phone Number	
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Email Address			
Next of Kin Relation to the Decedent			
<input type="radio"/> Husband	<input type="radio"/> Wife	<input type="radio"/> Father	<input type="radio"/> Mother
<input type="radio"/> Son	<input type="radio"/> Daughter	<input type="radio"/> Brother	<input type="radio"/> Sister
<input type="radio"/> Other Relative	<input type="radio"/> Not Related		
If Other Relative, or Not Related, please specify (i.e., Aunt, friend, Funeral Director, Executor, etc.):			
SECTION V – VETERAN SERVICE INFORMATION			
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix
Social Security #	Service #	VA Claim #	
Service Branch	Rank	Entry Date	Discharge Date
Military Status	<input type="radio"/> Retiree	<input type="radio"/> Veteran	<input type="radio"/> Active Duty
Is the Veteran Unclaimed/Unaccompanied?	<input type="radio"/> Yes		<input type="radio"/> No
Any previous interments under this Veterans eligibility?	<input type="radio"/> Yes		<input type="radio"/> No
If above answer yes, please provide information below:			
Name of person interred under Veteran	Date of Interment	Location	
SECTION VI – INTERMENT SCHEDULING INFORMATION			
Date Requested	Time Requested		
Please confirm time with cemetery.			
<input type="radio"/> Monday	<input type="radio"/> Tuesday	<input type="radio"/> Wednesday	<input type="radio"/> Thursday
<input type="radio"/> Friday			
Funeral Type	<input type="radio"/> Processional		<input type="radio"/> Non-Processional
Direct Burial (No Service)	<input type="radio"/> With Witness		<input type="radio"/> With No Witness
Funeral Directors or Next of Kin must schedule military honors and obtain a burial flag for the ceremony. (See checklist)			
Will you be scheduling military honors for the ceremony?			
<input type="radio"/> Yes		<input type="radio"/> No	
Military Honors Service Type	<input type="radio"/> Full Honors	<input type="radio"/> 2-3 Person Team	<input type="radio"/> MSD
			<input type="radio"/> Caisson

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 decedent 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.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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)**

									
(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
									
(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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