



# Texas Military Department

## Request for Grave Marker

### General Information

**GRAVE MARKER** - Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 437.215, TMD will provide a grave marker for any eligible decedent who served in the Texas Military Forces. The department will model the grave markers after the grave markers provided by the federal government.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE** - Any decedent that served in the Texas Military Forces who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable and who is not eligible for a grave marker under federal law.

**Note.** The Texas Military Forces includes members of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, Texas State Guard, and any other military force organized under state law.

**WHO CAN APPLY** - Texas Government Code Section 437.214 defines "applicant" for a grave marker that will mark the gravesite or burial site of an eligible deceased individual as:

- 1) the decedent's spouse;
- 2) the decedent's adult children, if there is no spouse;
- 3) the decedent's parents, if there is no spouse or adult child;
- 4) the decedent's brothers or sisters, if there is no spouse, adult child, or parent; or
- 5) the executor or administrator of the decedent's estate, if there is no spouse, adult child, parent, or brother or sister.

**HOW TO SUBMIT A REQUEST** - Complete page 2 of this form and attach a copy of the decedent's discharge certificate (DD Form 214 or equivalent) or a copy of other official document(s) establishing qualifying military service. **Do not send original documents;** they will not be returned.

**ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION** - Submit your claim along with supporting documents to [benefits@military.texas.gov](mailto:benefits@military.texas.gov).

**MAIL SUBMISSION** - Submit your claim along with supporting documents to:  
Texas Military Department  
TMD OSA (Bldg 11)  
Attention: HR-Benefits  
P.O. Box 5128  
Austin, TX 78763-5218

**TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY OF MARKER** -TMD will ship the marker without charge to a designated individual or consignee. The applicant must provide the full delivery address and telephone number of the individual or consignee that will receive delivery. If the applicant fails to include the required mailing address and telephone number, delivery of the marker may be delayed.

**SIGNATURE REQUIRED** -The applicant signs in block 13; the signature certifies that 1) the decedent does not qualify for federal Veteran's benefits that would provide a headstone or grave marker (you can call the VA Benefits Hotline at 800-827-1000 to confirm); 2) the applicant agrees to accept prepaid delivery as indicated in block 12(a-b); and 3) the applicant understands that TMD is not responsible for any costs incurred to install or remove the marker.

**DETACH AND RETAIN THIS GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET FOR YOUR RECORDS**



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DECEDENT'S INFORMATION									
1. NAME OF DECEASED TO BE INSCRIBED ON GRAVE MARKER (No nicknames or titles permitted)									
FIRST (or Initial)			MIDDLE (or initial)			LAST		SUFFIX (Sr., Jr, II, etc.)	
2a. DATE OF BIRTH					2b. DATE OF DEATH				
MONTH		DAY		YEAR	MONTH		DAY		YEAR
3. TEXAS MILITARY FORCES SERVICE COMPONENT									
<input type="checkbox"/> TX Army National Guard			<input type="checkbox"/> TX Air National Guard			<input type="checkbox"/> TX State Guard		<input type="checkbox"/> TX Other _____ (name of military force organized under state law)	
4. PERIOD(S) OF SERVICE WITH THE TEXAS MILITARY FORCES (if additional space is needed use a separate sheet)					5. HIGHEST RANK ATTAINED (optional, but if included, no pay grades)			6. EMBLEM OF BELIEF (Optional) EMBLEM NUMBER (Specify) (See page 4 for available emblems)	
4a. DATE ENTERED			4b. DATE SEPARATED					<input type="checkbox"/> Emblem # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> NONE	
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	YEAR				
7. SERVICE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED									
<input type="checkbox"/> DD 214			<input type="checkbox"/> NGB 22			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER			
8. TYPE OF MARKER REQUESTED (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> (B) FLAT BRONZE <input type="checkbox"/> (G) FLAT GRANITE <input type="checkbox"/> (F) FLAT MARBLE									
9. ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTION/TERM OF ENDEARMENT (Optional) (Space is limited 2 lines/27 characters per line maximum)									
APPLICANT INFORMATION									
10a. NAME (First, Last)					10b. ADDRESS (No., City, Street, ZIP Code)				
10c. DAYTIME OR CELL PHONE NUMBER					10d. E-MAIL ADDRESS				
11. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT									
DECEDENT'S SPOUSE									
DECEDENT'S ADULT CHILD (IF THERE IS NO SPOUSE)									
DECEDENT'S PARENT (IF THERE IS NO SPOUSE OR ADULT CHILD)									
DECEDENT'S SIBLING (IF THERE IS NO SPOUSE, ADULT CHILD, OR PARENT)									
DECEDENT'S EXECUTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR (IF THERE IS NO SPOUSE, ADULT CHILD, PARENT, OR SIBLING)									
DELIVERY INFORMATION									
12a. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OR BUSINESS (CONSIGNEE) THAT WILL ACCEPT DELIVERY			12b. DELIVERY ADDRESS (No., Street, City, State, and ZIP Code)			12c. DAYTIME OR CELL PHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)			
CERTIFICATION									
By signing below, I certify that:									
a) The decedent does not qualify for federal Veterans benefits that would provide a headstone or grave marker. Call the VA Benefits Hotline at 800-827-1000 if you are unsure.									
b) I agree to accept prepaid delivery of the marker as indicated in block 12(a-b) above.									
c) I understand that TMD is not responsible for any costs incurred to install or remove the marker.									
13. SIGNATURE OF REQUESTER							DATE		



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## Available Types of Grave Markers

### Flat Grave Markers: Granite or Marble

The flat granite and flat marble grave markers are 24 inches long, 12 inches wide, and 4 inches thick. Weight is approximately 130 pounds. Variations may occur in stone color; the marble may contain light to moderate veining. Additional inscription is limited to 27 characters (including spaces) up to two (2) lines maximum.



Flat Granite Grave Marker

### Flat Grave Marker: Bronze

The flat bronze grave marker is 24 inches long, 12 inches wide, with 3/4 inch rise. Weight is approximately 18 pounds. Anchor bolts, nuts and washers for fastening to a base are furnished with the marker. Additional inscription is limited to 27 characters (including spaces) up to two (2) lines maximum. TMD does not furnish a base.



Flat Bronze Grave Marker



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## Available Emblems of Belief for Placement on Grave Markers



(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



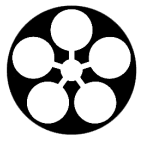
(19) KONKO-KYO FAITH



(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



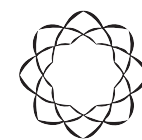
(32) HUMANIST EMBLEM OF SPIRIT



(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



(43) FAROJAR



(44) MESSIANIC JEWISH



(45) KOHEN HANDS



(46) CATHOLIC CELTIC CROSS



(47) FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, 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



(64) Maltese Cross



(65) Druid (Awen)

Emblem (98) MUSLIM (Islamic 5-Pointed Star) is not shown due to copyright.