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## National Cemetery Administration

### Order a Headstone, Marker or Medallion for a Veteran Buried in a Private Cemetery

#### Headstone, Marker and Medallion Application Process

The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 38.632 "Headstone and Marker Application Process" became effective on July 1, 2009. This regulation describes the processes required to apply for a Government headstone and marker, as well as request a new emblem of belief be added to the list of emblems available for inscription on headstones and markers.

#### Who Can Apply for a Headstone, Marker or Medallion?

Under this rule, only the following individuals may apply for a headstone, marker or medallion:

1. Decedent's next-of-kin (NOK)
2. Authorized representative on behalf of decedent
3. Authorized representative on behalf of next-of-kin

If someone other than the NOK is applying for the headstone, marker or medallion, the application package must include a written statement signed by the NOK or decedent authorizing that person (the applicant) to apply for this benefit. A notarized statement is not required for these purposes.

When burial is in a private cemetery,

[VA Form 40-1330, Claim for Standard Government Headstone or Marker](#) or [VA Form 40-1330M, Claim for Government Medallion](#) must be submitted by the next of kin, a person authorized in writing by the NOK, or a personal representative authorized in writing by the decedent, along with [Veterans military discharge documents](#), to request a Government-provided headstone or marker. Do not send original documents, as they will not be returned.

#### Ordering a Headstone or Marker in a National, Post, or State Veterans Cemetery

When burial or memorialization is in a national, post, or state Veterans' cemetery, a headstone or marker will be ordered by the cemetery officials based on inscription information provided by the next of kin.

#### Important Links

- [Faxing your application](#)
- [Mailing your application](#)
- [Types of Headstones, Markers and Medallions Available](#)

- [Q&A About VA's Medallion Benefit](#)
- [Updated Instructions for Completing VA Form 40-1330](#)

- [VA Form 40-1330, Claim for Standard Government Headstone or Marker](#)

- [VA Form 40-1330M, Claim for Government Medallion](#)

- [Emblems of Belief Available for Placement on Headstones and Markers](#)

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