VA Headstone Embalms

Available Emblems of Belief for Placement on Government Headstones and Markers:

EMBLEM

01 - CHRISTIAN CROSS

02 - BUDDHIST (Wheel of Righteousness)

03 - JUDAISM (Star of David)

04 - PRESBYTERIAN CROSS

25 - UNITED CHURCH OF RELIGIOUS SCIENCE

26 - CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

27 - UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH

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10 - AARONIC ORDER CHURCH

34 - IZUMO TAISHAKYO MISSION OF HAWAII

11 - MORMON (Angel Moroni)

35 - SOKA GAKKAI INTERNATIONAL - USA

12 - NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

36 - SIKH (KHANDA)

13 - SERBIAN ORTHODOX

37 - WICCA (Pentacle)

14 - GREEK CROSS

38 - Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

15 - BAHAI (9 Pointed Star)

39 - New Apostolic Church
16 - ATHEIST

17 - MUSLIM (Crescent and Star)

18 - HINDU

19 - KONKO-KYO FAITH

20 - COMMUNITY OF CHRIST

21 - SUFISM REORIENTED

40 - Seventh Day Adventist Church

41 - Celtic Cross

42 - Armenian Cross

43 - Farohar

44 - Messianic Jewish

45 - Kohen Hands
No graphics (logos, symbols, etc.) are permitted on Government-furnished headstones or markers other than the available emblems of belief, the Civil War Union Shield, the Civil War Confederate Southern Cross of Honor, and the Medal of Honor insignias.

An emblem of belief for inscription on a Government headstone or marker is an emblem or symbol that represents the sincerely held belief of the decedent that constituted a religion or the functional equivalent of religion and was believed and/or accepted as true by that individual during his or her life. The belief represented by an emblem need not be associated with or endorsed by a group or organization.

Emblems of belief for inscription on Government headstones and markers do not include social, cultural, ethnic, civic, fraternal, trade, commercial, political, professional or military emblems. VA will not inscribe any emblem on a headstone or marker that would have an adverse impact on the dignity and solemnity of cemeteries honoring those who served the Nation. Emblems that would not be permitted include (but are not limited to), emblems that contain explicit or graphic
depictions or descriptions of sexual organs or sexual activities that are shocking, titillating, or pandering in nature; and emblems that display coarse or abusive language or images.

If you are applying for a headstone or marker and the emblem you desire is not currently available, please see information below:

**Who Can Request a New Emblem of Belief?**

CFR 38.632 rule states that the following individuals may request a new emblem of belief for inscription on a headstone or marker: the decedent's next-of-kin (NOK), a person authorized in writing by the NOK, or a personal representative authorized in writing by the decedent.

**Instructions for Requesting an Emblem not Available for Inscription Link**

To submit a request for an emblem of belief not available for inscription, the requestor must:
1. **Establish** that there is an immediate need for a Government headstone/marker to be furnished for a deceased eligible individual (i.e., submission of VA-Form 40-1330, Application for a Government-Furnished Headstone or Marker, verification from National or state cemetery officials).
2. **Certify** that the proposed new emblem of belief represents the decedent's religious affiliation or sincerely held religious belief system, or a sincerely held belief system that was functionally equivalent to a religious belief system in the life of the decedent.
3. **Submit** a three-inch diameter digitized black and white representation of the requested emblem that is free of copyright or trademark restrictions or authorized by the owner for inscription on Government-furnished headstones and markers and can be reproduced in a production-line environment in stone or bronze without loss of graphic quality.

Submit all information to the following address:

**Memorial Programs Service (41A1)**  
**Department of Veterans Affairs**  
**5109 Russell Road**  
**Quantico, VA 22134-3903**