**How to Access Grave Markers**

**What:** Access to Grave Markers

**Service Officer Notes:** As Memorial Day has passed; I am getting a few requests on how to obtain a Grave Marker for a Veteran. These markers consist of upright Headstones, flat Markers, and Medallions for attachment to existing upright Headstones or flat Markers. In addition, to honoring the Veteran, the marker also serves as an indicator for the Legion and other Veteran organizations that place flags on the graves.

**Web Sites:**

[**https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hmm/types.asp**](https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hmm/types.asp) **General info and Links**

[**https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hmm/order\_instructions.asp**](https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hmm/order_instructions.asp) **Types of Markers**

[**https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hmm/order\_instructions.asp**](https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hmm/order_instructions.asp) **How to Order**

**Who Qualifies:**

[**https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hmm/eligibility.asp**](https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hmm/eligibility.asp) **Eligibility**

**Information:**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) furnishes upon request, at no charge to the applicant, a Government headstone or marker for the unmarked grave of any deceased eligible Veteran in any cemetery around the world, regardless of their date of death.

A Government-furnished headstone or marker may be provided for eligible Veterans who died on or after Nov. 1, 1990 and whose grave is marked with a privately purchased headstone. A Government-furnished medallion may be provided for eligible Veterans who served on or after Apr. 6, 1917 and whose grave is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker.

Flat markers in granite, marble, and bronze and upright headstones in granite and marble are available. Bronze niche markers are also available to mark columbaria used for inurnment of cremated remains. The style chosen must be permitted by the officials in charge of the private cemetery where it will be placed.

**POCs:** NA