

# ILLUSTRATIONS OF STANDARD GOVERNMENT HEADSTONES AND MARKERS

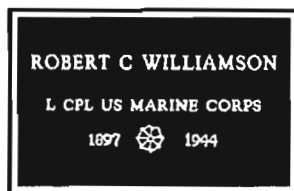
UPRIGHT HEADSTONE  
WHITE MARBLE OR  
LIGHT GRAY GRANITE



This headstone is 42 inches long, 13 inches wide, and 4 inches thick. Weight is approximately 230 pounds. Variations may occur in stone color, and the marble may contain light to moderate veining.

**NOTE:** Civil War Era Headstones - In addition to the headstone and markers pictured, two special styles of upright headstones are available for those who served with Union Forces during the Civil War or for those who served in the Spanish-American War, and another for those who served with the Confederate States of America during the Civil War. Requests for these special styles should be made in block 27 of the application. It is necessary to submit detailed documentation that supports eligibility.

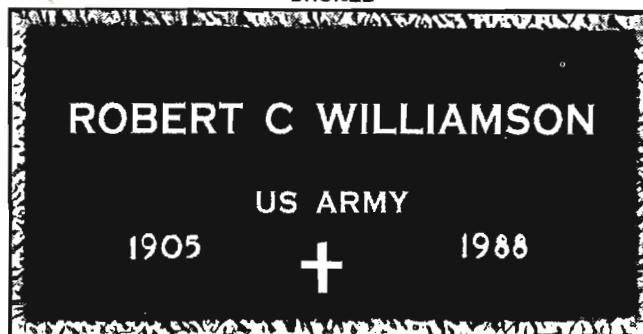
BRONZE NICHE



This niche marker is 8-1/2 inches long, 5-1/2 inches wide, with 7/16 inch rise. Weight is approximately 3 pounds; mounting bolts and washers are furnished with the marker. For use if entombment is in a columbarium or mausoleum, or to supplement a private monument, for deaths occurring on or after September 11, 2001.

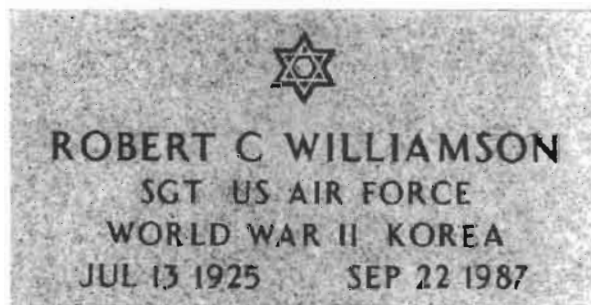
FLAT MARKERS

BRONZE



This 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. The base is not furnished by the Government.

LIGHT GRAY GRANITE OR WHITE MARBLE



This grave marker is 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.

## INSCRIPTION INFORMATION

**MANDATORY ITEMS** of inscription at Government expense are: Name, Branch of Service, Year of Birth, and Year of Death. Branches of Service are: U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, and by exception, U.S. Army Air Forces, and other parent organizations authorized for certain periods of time. Different examples of inscription formats are illustrated above. More than one branch of service is permitted, subject to space availability.

**OPTIONAL ITEMS** are identified on the application in boxes with bold outlines. These items may be included if desired, and will be inscribed at Government expense. Optional items include month and day of birth in block 5A, month and day of death in block 5B, highest rank attained in block 7, awards in block 9, war service in block 10, and emblem of belief in block 12. War service includes active duty service during a recognized period of war and the individual does not have to serve in the actual place of war, i.e. Vietnam may be inscribed if the veteran served during the Vietnam War period, even though the individual never served in Vietnam itself. Supporting documentation must be included with the application if you wish to include highest rank and/or awards.

**RESERVED SPACE** below the standard inscriptions for future inscriptions at private expense, such as spousal or dependent data, may be allowed if requested in block 27. Only two lines of space may be reserved on flat markers due to space limitations. Reserved space is unnecessary on upright marble or granite headstones as the reverse side is available for future inscriptions.

**MEMORIAL HEADSTONES AND MARKERS** (remains are not buried). The words "In Memory of" are mandatory and precede the authorized inscription data. The words "In Memory of" are not inscribed when remains are buried.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS** may be inscribed at government expense if they are requested on the initial application and space is available. Examples of acceptable items include terms of endearment, nicknames (in expressions such as "OUR BELOVED POPPY" or "LOVINGLY CALLED DUTCH"), and military or civilian credentials or accomplishments such as DOCTOR, REVEREND, etc. All requests for additional inscription items should be stated in block 27, and are subject to VA approval. No graphics, emblems or pictures are permitted except VA approved emblems of belief, the Medal of Honor, and the Southern Cross of Honor for Civil War Confederate Veterans.

**INCOMPLETE OR INACCURATE INFORMATION ON THE APPLICATION MAY RESULT IN ITS RETURN TO THE APPLICANT, A DELAY IN RECEIPT OF THE HEADSTONE OR MARKER, OR AN INCORRECT INSCRIPTION.**