

VA Headstone Embalms

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

EMBLEM

01 - CHRISTIAN CROSS



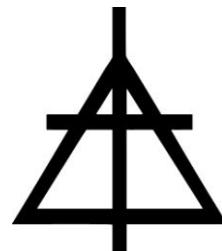
25 - UNITED
CHURCH OF
RELIGIOUS
SCIENCE



02 - BUDDHIST (Wheel of
Righteousness)



26 - CHRISTIAN
REFORMED
CHURCH



03 - JUDAISM (Star of
David)



27 - UNITED
MORAVIAN
CHURCH



04 - PRESBYTERIAN
CROSS



28 - ECKANKAR



05 - RUSSIAN
ORTHODOX CROSS



06 - LUTHERAN CROSS



07 - EPISCOPAL CROSS



08 - UNITARIAN
CHURCH/UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST
ASSOCIATION



09 - UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



29 - CHRISTIAN
CHURCH



30 - CHRISTIAN &
MISSIONARY
ALLIANCE



31 - UNITED
CHURCH OF
CHRIST



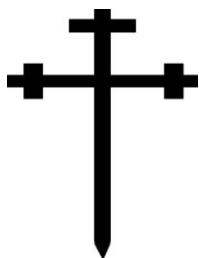
32 - HUMANIST
(AMERICAN
HUMANIST
ASSOCIATION)



33 -
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH (USA)



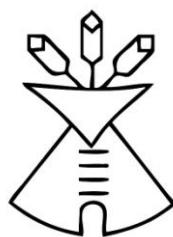
10 - AARONIC ORDER
CHURCH



11 - MORMON (Angel
Moroni)



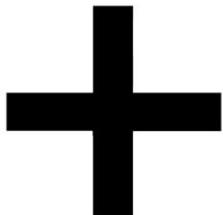
12 - NATIVE AMERICAN
CHURCH OF NORTH
AMERICA



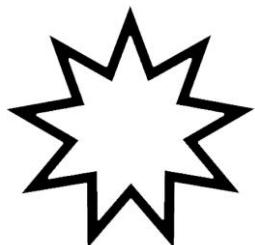
13 - SERBIAN
ORTHODOX



14 - GREEK CROSS



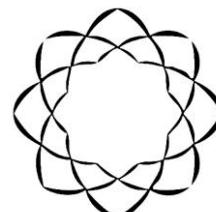
15 - BAHAI (9 Pointed
Star)



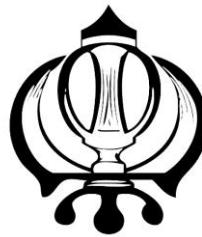
34 - IZUMO
TAISHAKYO
MISSION OF
HAWAII



35 - SOKA GAKKAI
INTERNATIONAL -
USA



36 - SIKH
(KHANDA)



37 - WICCA
(Pentacle)



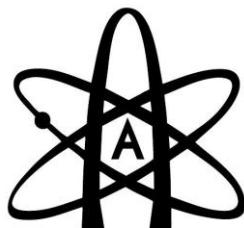
38 - Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod



39 - New Apostolic
Church



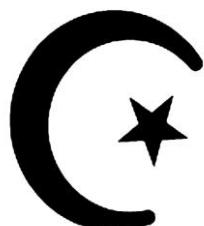
16 - ATHEIST



40 - Seventh Day Adventist Church



17 - MUSLIM (Crescent and Star)



41 - Celtic Cross



18 - HINDU



42 - Armenian Cross



19 - KONKO-KYO FAITH



43 - Farohar



20 - COMMUNITY OF CHRIST



44 - Messianic Jewish



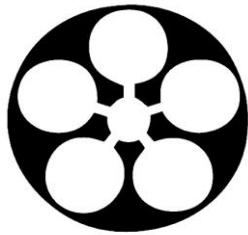
21 - SUFISM REORIENTED



45 - Kohen Hands



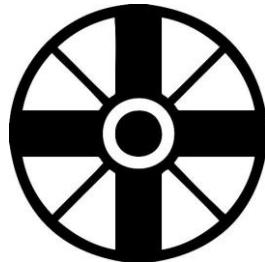
22 - TENRIKYO
CHURCH



23 - SEICHO-NO-IE



24 - CHURCH OF
WORLD MESSIANITY
(Izunome)



46 - Catholic Celtic
Cross



47 - The First Church
of Christ, Scientist
(Cross and Crown)



98 - MUSLIM
(Islamic 5 Pointed
Star)

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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

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