



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
National Cemetery Administration

Bronze and Medal of Honor Medallion Benefit

The Department of Veterans Affairs provides two types of medallions, by request, to be affixed to an existing, privately purchased headstone or marker to signify the deceased's status as a Veteran or Veteran/Servicemember who is also a Medal of Honor recipient.

These devices are furnished in lieu of a traditional Government headstone or grave marker for those Veterans who served on or after April 6, 1917, and whose grave in a private cemetery is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker.



Bronze Medallion

These medallions are durable and can be easily affixed to privately purchased headstones by anyone.



MOH Medallion

Bronze Medallion Sizes: The bronze medallion is available in three sizes: **Large** (6-3/8"W x 4-3/4"H x 1/2"D), **Medium** (3-3/4"W x 2-7/8"H x 1/4"D) and **Small** (2"W x 1-1/2"H x 1/3"D). Each medallion is inscribed with the word "VETERAN" across the top and the branch of service at the bottom.

Medal of Honor Medallion Sizes: The Medal of Honor (MOH) Medallion comes in **Medium** and **Large**. Each medallion is inscribed with "MEDAL OF HONOR" at the top and the branch of service at the bottom.

Once an application for a medallion is received and approved, VA will mail the medallion along with a kit that will allow the

family or the staff of a private cemetery to affix the device to a headstone, grave marker, mausoleum or columbarium niche cover.

Important: This benefit is only applicable if the grave is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker. In these instances, eligible Veterans are entitled to either a traditional Government-furnished headstone or marker, or the medallion, but not both. If the gravesite of two Veterans is marked with one privately purchased headstone, e.g., two spouses who have both served in the U.S. Military, two medallions can be requested and affixed to the privately purchased headstone if authorized by the local cemetery official.

An authorized applicant, as defined in 38 CFR 38.600 (a)(1), may submit the form to request a medallion. Please use VA Form 40-1330M, Claim for Government Medallion for Placement in a Private Cemetery. When requesting the MOH Medallion, check "OTHER" in block 11 and specify MOH. The form is available at https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hmm/order_instructions.asp.