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**Sign Post Family**
The first step in selecting signs for a site is selecting the sign family or look. The sign type illustrations included in this section illustrate the different post families and styles. When establishing the signage for a site, select either metal family or precast concrete family to provide a consistent look throughout the site. Once a post family and style is selected, they become the standard for all signs in the cemetery.

When selecting a sign post one should consider choosing an option that is reflective of the regional aesthetic of the particular cemetery.

The examples to the right illustrate the standard sign posts used in National Cemeteries.

Once Family and Style have been established, specific sign types can be selected. Sign type numbers specify use, such as Directional, Informational, Identification, or Traffic signs.
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**Planning**

## National Cemetery Signs

### Design Elements

**Typeface**
The preferred typefaces for the National Cemetery System are Optima Bold and Times Roman Bold. Helvetica Bold is the standard typeface for the VA sign program and can be used throughout the sign program.

Signs identifying permanent rooms shall be ABA compliant, to accommodate the visually impaired. ABA compliant signs must have tactile letters in all caps with accompanying Grade 2 Braille.

All non-ABA signs are to maintain an upper and lower case (Initial Caps) format.

National Cemetery projects may use Optima Bold or Times Roman Bold for dimensional letters on entry and columbarium walls.

**Arrows**
Illustrations show the prescribed arrow for use in the sign program.

**Arrow Alignment with Text**
The arrow is always positioned in such a manner that it is centered in relationship to the capital letter that it precedes. The arrow size is one and one half (1 1/2) times the capital letter height.

*ABCDEF*GHJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
*abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz*  
1234567890

National Cemetery Preferred Typeface - Optima Bold

*ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ*  
*abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz*  
1234567890

National Cemetery Preferred Typeface - Times Roman Bold

*ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ*  
*abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz*  
1234567890

VA Building Standard - Helvetica Bold

*ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ*  
*abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz*  
1234567890

VA Second Language - Helvetica Regular

*ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ*  
*abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz*  
1234567890

Signs with fit issues - Helvetica Bold Condensed

*ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ*  
*abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz*  
1234567890
**Seal**
The Seal is for use on the main entry wall. The seal shall be bas relief in cast bronze only.

Refer to VA Technical Information Library on the VA web site for more information on the seal. All seals must conform to master artwork which is available from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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**Design Elements**

**Color**
Background color of sign panels: bronze/dark brown, dark green or black unless noted otherwise.

Concrete color: Natural or other integrally colored concrete as selected on a case by case basis.

Traffic sign colors will comply with U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Standard Highway Signs

Copy color: Reflective white, equal to engineering grade 3M Scotchlite

**NOTE:** Color samples are for representational purposes only. The actual paint colors may vary drastically from the corresponding swatches shown in this document. Colors will appear differently when viewed on different computer monitors and/or printed from different printers. For a true color sample, it is best to obtain a paint sample of the desired color from a vendor.

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**Exterior Sign Background Colors**

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|         | Cast Bronze             | MP07458    | White      |
|         | Ship Yard Grey          | MP12416    | White      |
|         | Trendy Grey Metallic    | MP30896    | White      |

|         | B1 Dark Brown Anodized  | MP20190    | White      |
|         | B2 Handicapped Blue     | MP15085    | White      |
|         | B3 Red (OSHA)           | MP55153    | White      |
|         | B4 VA Blue              | MP09144    | White      |
|         | B7 White                | MP32071    | Black      |
|         | B8 Yellow (OSHA)        | MP55391    | Black      |
This section of the VA Signage Design Guide provides guidelines for the types of signs required to properly sign a National Cemetery.

The following Overview illustrates the various types of signs in this section. The individual pages on each sign type provide more specific information and detailed layouts.

National Cemetery Sign Designations
Each sign in the program guide has been given a specific sign type number designation. This designation provides a common description that can be referenced when programming a site and ordering signs. The following explains how the sign type designations are derived.

NC - 07.01 A - m1
NC Designates a National Cemetery sign.

07 Two digit numbers identify a particular sign type.

.01 The two digit number following the period identifies a specific sign size within the sign type.

A The letter designates a specific sign configuration, version and/or layout for graphics.

m1 The letter and number designates the post family and style.

c1 denotes concrete family with square insert style
c2 denotes concrete family with round insert style
m1 denotes metal family with square style
m2 denotes metal family with rectangle style
Overview

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**NC-01.01**
Visitor Information/Regulations
Medium

- **NC-01.01-m1&m2**
  2' x 3' panel x 3'-6" tall
  Metal post

- **NC-01.01-c1&c2**
  2' x 3' panel 3'-6" tall
  Concrete post

**NC-01.02**
Visitor Information/Regulations
Large

- **NC-01.02-m1&m2**
  2'-6" x 4' panel x 3'-6" tall
  Metal post

- **NC-01.02-c1&c2**
  2'-6" x 4' panel x 3'-6" tall
  Concrete post

**NC-01.03**
Small double post

**NC-01.13**
Small single post

- **NC-01.03-m1&m2**
  1'-6" x 1'-6" panel x 3'-6" tall

- **NC-01.03-c1&c2**
  5/2" posts
  1'-6" x 1'-6" panel x 3'-6" tall

- **NC-01.13-c1&c2**
  71/2 " post
  1'-6" x 1'-6" panel x 3'-6" tall

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**Floral Regulations**

- Fresh cut flowers may be placed on graves at any time.
- Metal temporary containers are available.
- Floral items will be removed from graves as soon as they become faded and unsightly.
- Artificial flowers may be placed on graves only during the period of October
- Planting will not be permitted on graves at any time. Potted plants will be permitted on graves only during the period 10 days before and 10 days after Easter Sunday and Christmas wreaths or grave blankets are permitted on graves during season and will be removed not later than January 20 of each year. Grave floral blankets may not be larger in size than two by three feet.
- During the lawn mowing and ground maintenance season, all floral items will be removed from graves on October 1 and March 1 of each month.
- Statues, vigil lights, breakable objects of any nature, and similar commemorative items are not permitted on graves at any time.
- Floral items and other types of decorations will not be secured to headstones or markers.
- Please contact Cemetery Director for information regarding installation of a permanent sign.

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**Cemetery Hours**

- Daily 8 am - 5 pm
- Memorial Day 8 am - 7 pm

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**Visitor Information/Regulations**

- Authorized Vehicles Only
- 1'-6" x 1'-6" panel x 3'-6" tall

- Authorized Vehicles Only
- 5/2" posts
  1'-6" x 1'-6" panel x 3'-6" tall

- Authorized Vehicles Only
  1'-6" x 1'-6" panel x 3'-6" tall

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We welcome you to these hallowed grounds. To preserve the dignity, beauty and serenity of the cemetery, we ask you to observe our cemetery restrictions. Thank you for your cooperation.

The following activities are prohibited:

- Any form of sports or recreation, include, but not limited to jogging bicycling skating and picnicking.
- Public gathering of a partisan nature.
- Littering of grounds.
- Cutting, breaking of injuring trees, shrubs, grass or other plantings.
- Allowing pets to run loose.
- Boisterous actions.

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**A - Layout Information**

**B - Layout Floral Regulations**
Overview

National Cemetery Signs

NC-02.01
Horizontal Orientation Map

NC-02.01- m1&m2
3' x 4' panel x 5'-0" tall
Metal post

NC-02.01- c1&c2
3' x 4' panel x 5'-0" tall
Concrete post

NC-02.02
Vertical Orientation Map

NC-02.02 - m1&m2
4' x 3' panel x 5'-0" tall
Metal post

NC-02.02 - c1&c2
4' x 3' panel x 5'-0" tall
Concrete post

NC-03.01
Traffic Regulatory
Post and single panel

NC-03.02
Traffic Regulatory
Single post and panel

NC-03.09
Traffic Regulatory
Tall Single 2" x 2" post
Overview

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C-04.01
Post and panel
One line of text

NC-04.01-m1&m2
NC-04.01-c1&c2

NC-04.02
Post and panel
Two lines of text

NC-04.02-m1&m2
NC-04.02-c1&c2

NC-04.03
Post and panel
Three lines of text

NC-04.03-m1&m2
NC-04.03-c1&c2

NC-06.01
Pylon Street marker
4'-0" tall

NC-06.01-m2
NC-06.01-c1&c2
Overview

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**NC-06.02**
Street marker
4' Flag type

**NC-06.03**
Street marker
6' Flag type

**NC-07.01**
Pylon section marker

**NC-07.02**
Water Spigot instructions

**NC-07.03**
Standard Granite Section Marker

**NC-08.01**
Wall Mount Informational sign

Floral Regulations

Fresh cut flowers may be placed on graves at any time.

Metal temporary containers are available.

Floral items will be removed from graves as soon as they become faded and unsightly.

Artificial flowers may be placed on graves only during the period of October 10 through April 15.

Plantings will not be permitted on graves at any time. Potted plants will be permitted on graves only during the period 10 days before and 10 days after Easter Sunday and Memorial Day.

Christmas wreaths or grave blankets are permitted on graves during the Christmas season and will be removed not later than January 20 of each year. Grave floral blankets may not be larger in size than two by three feet.

During the lawn mowing and ground maintenance season, all floral items will be removed from graves on October 1 and April 1 of each month.

Statues, vigil lights, breakable objects of any nature, and similar commemorative items are not permitted on graves at any time.

Floral items and other types of decorations will not be secured to headstones or markers.

Please contact Cemetery Director for information regarding installation of a permanent flower container.
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Overview

NC-09.01
Incised letter 8"

NC-09.02
Incised letter 10"

NC-09.03
Incised letter 12"

NC-10.01
Dimensional letter 8"

NC-10.02
Dimensional letter 10"

NC-10.03
Dimensional letter 12"

NC-11.01
24" diameter cast bronze seal
bas relief

NC-09.01
8" Letter 1 1/2" Deep

NC-09.04
10" Letter 2" Deep

NC-09.05
12" High Letter 2 1/2" Deep

NC-10.01
8" Letter 1 1/2" Deep

NC-10.02
10" Letter 2" Deep

NC-10.03
12" High Letter 2 1/2" Deep

NC-11.01
2" Dia Seal
1" Deep
Overview

**National Cemetery Signs**

**NC-14.01**
Primary Room identification

**NC-15.01-3**
ADA/ABA compliant
Restroom identification

**NC-15.04-6**
Restroom identification

**NC-16.01**
Information sign

**NC-16.02**
Gravesite Locator sign

**NC-16.03-4**
No Smoking signs

**NC-16.05**
Caution Flammable Material warning

**NC-16.06**
High Voltage warning

**NC-16.07**
Authorized Personnel Only sign
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National Cemetery Signs

Size
Sign Face:
610 mm H x 1016 mm W
(2' 0" H x 3' 4" W)

Overall Sign Height:
1067 mm (3'-6")

Description
National Cemetery non-illuminated, post and panel. Informative sign with visitor instructions and hours.

Message Configuration
(Refer to message layout drawing for dimensions)

Message size and layout should be adjusted to the volume of information presented. Smaller fonts than shown should not be used because the messages will be unreadable. Larger fonts than shown will result in messages that may not fit on the sign.

Graphic Process
Surface applied vinyl

Colors
Text: White
Background: refer to color chart.
Post: refer to color chart.

Recommendations
Position sign to provide viewers with a clear, unobstructed view of the sign.

Message Layout A

VISITOR INFORMATION
We welcome you to these hallowed grounds. To preserve the dignity, beauty and serenity of the cemetery, we ask you to observe our cemetery restrictions. Thank you for your cooperation.

The following activities are prohibited:

- Any form of sports or recreation, including, but not limited to jogging, bicycling, skating, and picnicking.
- Public gathering of a partisan nature.
- Littering of grounds.
- Cutting, breaking or injuring trees, shrubs, grass or other plantings.
- Allowing pets to run loose.
- Boisterous actions.

CEMETERY HOURS
Daily 8 am - 5 pm
Memorial Day 8 am - 7 pm

VISITOR INFORMATION
Fresh cut flowers may be placed on graves at any time.
Temporary flower containers are available.
Artificial flowers may be placed on graves only during the period of October through March.
Plants will not be permitted on graves at any time.
No candles will be allowed on or around graves during the period ten days before and ten days after Easter Sunday and Memorial Day.
Floral items will be removed from graves as soon as they become faded and unsightly.
Christmas wreaths or grave blankets are permitted on graves during the Christmas season and will be removed no later than January 20. Grave floral blankets may not be larger than two feet by three feet.
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Message Layout B

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Metal Post and Panel
NC-01.01-m1&m2

Precast Concrete Post and Panel
NC-01.01-c1&c2
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Message Layout A

Message Layout B
National Cemetery Signs

Information / Regulations

**Size**
Sign Face:
677 mm H x 1016 mm W
(2' 6" H x 3' 11" W)

Overall Sign Height:
1067 mm (3' 6")

**Description**
National Cemetery non-illuminated, post and panel informative sign with visitor instructions and hours

**Message Configuration**
(Refer to message layout drawing for dimensions)
Message size and layout should be adjusted to the volume of information being presented. Smaller fonts than shown should not be used because the messages will be unreadable. Larger fonts than shown will result in messages that may not fit on the sign.

**Graphic Process**
Surface applied vinyl

**Colors**
Text: White
Background: refer to color chart.
Post: refer to color chart.

**Recommendations**
Position sign to provide viewers with a clear, unobstructed view of the sign.

**Graphic Process**
Surface applied vinyl

**Colors**
Text: White
Background: refer to color chart.
Post: refer to color chart.

**Recommendations**
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**CEMETERY HOURS**

Daily 8 am - 5 pm

Memorial Day  8 am - 7 pm

**VISITOR INFORMATION**

Fresh cut flowers may be placed on graves at any time. Temporary flower containers are available.

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Planted plants in the perimetric of graves only during the period ten days before and ten days after both Easter and Memorial Day.

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**Message Layout B**

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**Graphic Process**
Surface applied vinyl

**Colors**
Text: White
Background: refer to color chart.
Post: refer to color chart.

**Recommendations**
Position sign to provide viewers with a clear, unobstructed view of the sign.

**Graphic Process**
Surface applied vinyl

**Colors**
Text: White
Background: refer to color chart.
Post: refer to color chart.

**Recommendations**
Position sign to provide viewers with a clear, unobstructed view of the sign.

**Message Layout A**

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CEMETERY HOURS
- Daily: 8 am - 5 pm
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Message Layout B
NC-01.03 National Cemetery Signs

Information / Regulations

Size
Sign Face:
457 mm H x 457 mm W
(1' 6" H x 1' 6" W)

Overall Sign Height:
1067 mm (3' 6"

Description
National Cemetery non-illuminated, post and panel informative sign with visitor instructions.

Message Configuration
(Refer to message layout drawing for dimensions)
Message size and layout should be adjusted to the volume of information being presented. Smaller fonts than shown should not be used because the messages will be unreadable. Larger fonts than shown will result in messages that may not fit on the sign.

Graphic Process
Surface applied vinyl

Colors
Text: White
Background: refer to color chart.
Post: refer to color chart.

Recommendations
Position sign to provide viewers with a clear, unobstructed view of the sign.

Message Layout A
Authorized Vehicles Only

Message Layout B
All Funerals Wait Here

Message Layout C
Park Only On Pavement

Message Layout D
NOTICE
NO FIREARMS OR WEAPONS ALLOWED ON THIS PROPERTY 10 USC § 562

Message Layout E
Cortege 2

Metal Post & Panel
NC-01.03-m1&m2

Precast Concrete Post
NC-01.03-c3
NC-01.03
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Message Layout A

Message Layout B and C

Message Layout D

Message Layout E
**National Cemetery Signs**

**Horizontal You Are Here Map**

**Size**
Sign Face:
914 mm H x 1219 mm W
(3' 0" H x 4' 0" W)

Overall Sign Height:
1524 mm (5' 0")

**Description**
Horizontal non-illuminated cemetery orientation map “You Are Here” sign with map and messages directed specifically to pedestrians. Position to provide pedestrians with an unobstructed view of the sign.

**Message Configuration**
(Refer to message layout drawing for dimensions)

Map art is custom to each site and should be made as large as possible on the sign.

**Graphic Process**
Surface applied reflective vinyl for text. Map is surface silk-screened or large format “printer/plotter” print on vinyl with UV resistant ink and clear UV resistant overcoat.

**Colors**
Text: White and necessary colors to create map
Background: refer to color chart.
Post: refer to color chart.

**Recommendations**
Use this type of sign for maps that are to be viewed by pedestrians.
Use North arrow, entry and special features for orienting.
The campus map should be simple showing streets, burial sections with numbering of sections, columbarium walls, courts, buildings streets and memorial walkway. Labeling shows features such as assembly area large memorials. Map should be positioned and oriented in the direction that is being viewed.
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Horizontal You Are Here Map

AREA FOR MAP OF CEMETERY SITE PLAN

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**Vertical You Are Here Map**

**Size**
Sign Face:
914 mm W x 1219 mm H
(3’ 0” W x 4’ 0” H)

Overall Sign Height:
1830 mm (6’ 0”)

**Description**
Vertical, non-illuminated cemetery orientation sign, “You Are Here” map and messages directed specifically to pedestrians. Position to provide pedestrians with an unobstructed view of the sign.

**Message Configuration**
(Refer to message layout drawing for dimensions)
Map art is custom to each site and should be made as large as possible on the sign.

**Graphic Process**
Surface applied reflective vinyl for text. Map is surface silkscreened or large format “printer/plotter” print on vinyl with UV resistant ink and clear UV resistant overcoat.

**Colors**
Text: White and necessary colors to create map
Background: refer to color chart.
Post: refer to color chart.

**Recommendations**
Use this type of sign for maps that are to be viewed by pedestrians. Use North arrow, entry and special features for orienting. The campus map should be simple showing streets, burial sections with numbering of sections, columbarium walls, courts, buildings streets and memorial walkway. Labeling shows features such as assembly area large memorials. Map should be positioned and oriented in the direction that is being viewed.
**National Cemetery Signs**

**Low Profile Traffic Regulatory**

**Size**

Sign Face:
457 mm H x 457 mm W
(1' 6" H x 1' 6" W)

Overall Sign Height:
1067 mm (3’ 6")

**Description**

National Cemetery post and panel traffic regulatory sign

**Message Configuration**

(Refer to message layout drawing for dimensions)

Message size and layout should be adjusted to the volume of information being presented. Smaller fonts than shown should not be used because the messages will be unreadable. Larger fonts than shown will result in messages that may not fit on the sign.

**Graphic Process**

Surface applied vinyl.

**Colors**

Text: White
Background: refer to color chart.
Post: refer to color chart.

**Recommendations**

Position sign to provide viewers with a clear, unobstructed view of the sign.

**Message Layouts**

- **Message Layout A**: STOP
- **Message Layout B**: YIELD
- **Message Layout C**: One Way
- **Message Layout D**: Keep Right
- **Message Layout E**: Keep Left
- **Message Layout F**: Speed Limit 15
- **Message Layout G**: Authorized Vehicles Only
- **Message Layout H**: No Parking
- **Message Layout I**: Park Only On Pavement
- **Message Layout J**: Parking Only
- **Message Layout K**: Accessibility

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*Metal Post & Panel Sign NC-03.01-A-m1&m2*

*Precast Concrete Post & Panel NC-03.01-A-c1&c2*

*Precast Concrete Post & Panel NC-03.02-A-c1&c2*
National Cemetery Signs
Low Profile Traffic Regulatory

Metal Post & Panel Sign
NC-03.01-A-m1&m2

Precast Concrete Post & Panel
NC-03.01-A-c1&c2

Precast Concrete Post & Panel
NC-03.02-A-c1&c2

Message Layout A. B

Message Layout C, D, E, H

Message Layout G

Message Layout J

Message Layout F

Message Layout K
National Cemetery Signs

NC-03.09
Traffic Regulatory - Tall

Size
Sign Face:
457 mm H x 305 mm W
(1' 6" H x 12" W)

NC-03.09
Overall Sign Height:
2590 mm (8' 6")

Description
National Cemetery non-illuminated,
post sign identifying accessible
parking and pathways

Message Configuration
(Refer to message layout drawing
for dimensions).

Graphic Process
Surface applied vinyl

Colors
Text: White
Background: refer to color chart.
Post: refer to color chart.

Recommendations
Position sign to provide viewers
with a clear, unobstructed view
of the sign. ABA/ADA regulations
require bottom of sign be at 7'-0"
from grade.

Message Layout A
Message Layout B
Message Layout C
National Cemetery Signs

**Post and Panel: One Line of Text**

**Size**
Sign Face:
203 mm H x 914 mm W
(8" H x 3' 0" W)

Overall Sign Height:
1067 mm (3' 6")

**Description**
National Cemetery non-illuminated, post and panel directional sign with messages with one line of text. The sign can also be used to identify buildings.

**Message Configuration**
(Refer to message layout drawing for dimensions)

Message size and layout should be adjusted to the volume of information being presented. Smaller fonts than shown should not be used because the messages will be unreadable. Larger fonts than shown will result in messages that may not fit on the sign.

**Graphic Process**
Surface applied reflective vinyl

**Colors**
Text: White
Background: Refer to color chart.
Post: Refer to color chart.

**Recommendations**
Position sign to provide pedestrians with a clear, unobstructed view of the sign.

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**Message Layout A**

- ➔ Restrooms

**Message Layout B**

- ➔ Committal Shelter

- ➔ Exit

**Message Layout C**

- Committal Shelter

- Memorial Pathway

- Office

- Administration

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**Metal Post & Panel Sign**
NC-04.01-A-m1&m2

**Precast Concrete Post & Panel**
NC-04.01-A-c1&c2
NC-04.01 National Cemetery Signs

Post and Panel: One Line of Text

Message Layout A

Message Layout B

Message Layout C
National Cemetery Signs

Post and Panel: Two Lines of Text

Size
Sign Face:
305 mm H x 914 mm W
(1' 0" H x 3' 0" W)

Overall Sign Height:
1067 mm (3' 6")

Description
National Cemetery non-illuminated, post and panel directional sign with messages with two lines of text. The sign can also be used to identify buildings.

Message Configuration
(Refer to message layout drawing for dimensions).

Message size and layout should be adjusted to the volume of information being presented. Smaller fonts than shown should not be used because the messages will be unreadable. Larger fonts than shown will result in messages that may not fit on the sign.

Graphic Process
Surface applied reflective vinyl

Colors
Text: White
Background: refer to color chart.
Post: refer to color chart.

Recommendations
Position sign to provide pedestrians with a clear, unobstructed view of the sign.

Message Layout A

Burial Sections:

← 1-4 5 -10 →

Message Layout B

↑ Office
→ All Funerals

Metal Post & Panel
NC-04.02-m1&m2

Precast Concrete Post & Panel
NC-04.02-c1&c2
National Cemetery Signs

Post and Panel: Two Lines of Text

Metal Post Sign Post & Panel

Precast Concrete Post & Panel

Message Layout A

Message Layout B
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Post and Panel: Three lines of Text

Size
Sign Face:
457 mm H x 914 mm W
(1' 6" H x 3' 0" W)

Overall Sign Height:
1067 mm (3' 6")

Description
National Cemetery non-illuminated, post and panel directional sign with messages in three lines of text.

Message Configuration
(Refer to message layout drawing for dimensions).

Message size and layout should be adjusted to the volume of information being presented. Smaller fonts than shown should not be used because the messages will be unreadable. Larger fonts than shown will result in messages that may not fit on the sign.

Graphic Process
Surface applied reflective vinyl

Colors
Text: White
Background: Refer to color chart.
Post: Refer to color chart.

Recommendations
Position sign to provide vehicles and pedestrians with a clear, unobstructed view of the sign.

Message Layout A

↑ Sections 1-8
← Sections 9-11
↑ Sections 12-15

Message Layout B

↑ Office
→ Restrooms
← Committal Shelter

Metal Post & Panel
NC-04.03-m1 & m2

Precast Concrete Post & Panel
NC-04.03-c1 & c2
National Cemetery Signs

Post and Panel: Three Lines of Text

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<td>Metal Post &amp; Panel</td>
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<td>Precast Concrete Post &amp; Panel</td>
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Message Layout A & B

- 38 mm (1 1/2")
- 70 mm (2 3/4")
- 61 mm (2 3/8")
- 70 mm (2 3/4")
- 61 mm (2 3/8")
- 70 mm (2 3/4")
- 38 mm (1 1/2")

- 51 mm (2")
- 38 mm (1 1/2")

- 152 mm (6")
- 89 mm (3 1/2")
- 89 mm (3 1/2")
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- 44 mm (1 3/4")
- 64 mm (2 1/2")
- 64 mm (2 1/2")
- 64 mm (2 1/2")
- 64 mm (2 1/2")
National Cemetery Signs

Pylon Street Sign

**Size**

Sign Face:
914 mm H x 95 mm W
(3' 0" H x 3 3/4" W)

Metal Post:
4' 0" H x 6" W x 6" D

Concrete Post:
4' 0" H x 7 1/2" W x 7 1/2" D

Overall Sign Height:
1219 mm (4' 0")

**Description**

National Cemetery non-illuminated, Street post with messages directed specifically to vehicles.

**Message Configuration**

(Refer to message layout drawing for dimensions)

Message size and layout should fit in small text area. Smaller fonts than shown should not be used because the messages will be unreadable. A long text line may not fit on the sign.

**Graphic Process**

Surface applied reflective vinyl.

**Colors**

Text: White
Background: refer to color chart
Post: refer to color chart

**Recommendations**

Position sign to provide vehicles and pedestrians with a clear, unobstructed view of the sign.
National Cemetery Signs

Pylon Street Sign

Message Layout A

C1 Square Text Layout B

C2 Round Text Layout B
National Cemetery Signs

Flag Type Street Sign

Size
Sign Face:
152 mm H x Various Widths
(6" H x Various Widths)

Overall Sign Height:
1219 mm (4' 0")

Description
National Cemetery non-illuminated, post and flag panel street identification sign with messages directed specifically at vehicles and pedestrians. The sign may also be used to identify buildings.

Message Configuration
(Refer to message layout drawing for dimensions).

Street name will determine panel size. Smaller fonts than shown should not be used because the messages will be unreadable. Larger fonts than shown will result in messages that may not fit on the sign.

Graphic Process
Surface applied reflective vinyl

Colors
Text: White
Background: refer to color chart.
Post: refer to color chart.

Recommendations
Position sign to provide vehicles and pedestrians with a clear, unobstructed view of the sign.

Message Layout A
NC-06.02-A-m1
Stonestall Jackson Drive

Message Layout B
NC-06.02-A-c1&c2
Washington Drive

Message Layout C
Lincoln Drive
NC-06.02-A-c1&c2
NC-06.02 National Cemetery Signs

Flag Type Street Sign

Message Layout A

Message Layout B

Message Layout C
National Cemetery Signs

Tall Flag Street Sign

Size
Sign Face:
152 mm H x Various Widths
(6" H x Various Widths)

Overall Sign Height:
1829 mm (6' 0")

Description
National Cemetery non-illuminated, post and flag panel street identification sign with messages directed specifically at vehicles.

Message Configuration
(Refer to message layout drawing for dimensions).

Street name will determine panel size. Smaller fonts than shown should not be used because the messages will be unreadable. Larger fonts than shown will result in messages that may not fit on the sign.

Graphic Process
Surface applied reflective vinyl

Colors
Text: White
Background: refer to color chart.
Post: refer to color chart.

Recommendations
Position sign to provide vehicles with a clear, unobstructed view of the sign.

Message Layout A
Stonewall Jackson Drive

Message Layout B
Washington Drive

Message Layout C
Lincoln Drive

NC-06.03-A-m1  NC-06.03-A-c1&c2
National Cemetery Signs

Tall Flag Street Sign

Message Layout A

Message Layout B

Message Layout C

Metal Post

Precast Concrete Post
NC-07.01 National Cemetery Signs

Pylon Section Marker

**Size**
Overall Sign Height:
407 mm (1' 4")

Sign Face:
203 mm (8" square metal post) or,
190 mm (7 1/2" Square concrete post with metal panel / insert)

**Description**
National Cemetery non-illuminated, pylon sign with messages directed specifically at pedestrians.

**Message Configuration**
(Refer to message layout drawing for dimensions)
Markers can present a maximum of three characters on a side. Smaller fonts than shown should not be used because the messages will be unreadable. Larger fonts than shown will result in messages or text that may not fit on the sign.

**Graphic Process**
Surface applied reflective vinyl

**Colors**
Text: White
Background: refer to color chart.
Post: Refer to color chart.

**Recommendations**
Position sign to provide vehicles and pedestrians with a clear, unobstructed view of the sign.

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**Layout A**
66

**Layout B**
456

**Layout C**
A34

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**Metal Post** (8" Square)
NC-07.01-A-m1

**Precast Concrete Post**
(7 1/2" Square)
NC-07.01-A-c1&c2

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Layout D
Square edge panel

Graphic Required All Four Sides

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Layout D
Round edge panel
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Pylon Section Marker

203 mm (8")

Metal Post

407 mm (1'-4")

Precast Concrete Post

Message Layout A, B & C

EQ. EQ.

Layout D

Square edge panel

Precast Concrete Post

(7 1/2" Square)
NC-07.01-A-c1&c2

Layout D
Round edge panel

Graphic Required All Four Sides

3 3/4" Wide plaque

Radius to match inset off set

63 mm (2 1/2")
76 mm (3")
National Cemetery Signs

Faucet Post with Sign Panel

Size
Overall Sign Height:
711 mm (2' 4"

Sign Face:
203 mm (8" square metal post) or,
190 mm (7 1/2" Square concrete post with metal panel insert)

Description
National Cemetery non-illuminated, pylon sign with messages directed specifically at pedestrians.

These posts contain the faucet for public use to obtain water for flowers placed in the cemetery.

The posts house the water pipe and the faucet. The posts are never used solely as sign posts.

Message Configuration
(Refer to message layout drawing for dimensions).

Graphic Process
Surface applied reflective vinyl

Colors
Text: White
Background: refer to color chart.
Post and Panel: Refer to color chart.

Recommendations
Position sign to provide pedestrians with a clear, unobstructed view of the sign.

Surround post with gravel opening to prevent splash from faucet.

Layout A
Metal Post (8" Square)
NC-07.02-A-m1

Layout B & C
Precast Concrete Post
(7 1/2" Square)
NC-07.02-A-c1&c2

Layout C
Round
Edge panel

Layout B
Square
Edge panel
NC-07.02 National Cemetery Signs

Faucet Post with Sign Panel

Message Layout A

Decal has Clear back ground with White text and black and red symbol
Spanish translation recommended

Layout B
Precast Concrete Post
(7 1/2' Square)
NC-07.02-B-c1

Layout C
Precast Concrete Post
(7 1/2' Round)
NC-07.02-C-c2
National Cemetery Signs

Standard Granite Section Marker

**Size**
Overall Sign Dimensions:
H: 607 mm (2' 0")
W: 152 mm (6")
D: 152 mm (6")

Sign Face:
203 mm x 152 mm (8" x 6")

**Description**
National Cemetery granite section marker.

Honed smooth inscription face, all other surfaces to be smooth saw-cut finish.

All corners and edges including 2" below ground level shall be rounded to 3/8" radius.

**Message Configuration**
(Refer to message layout drawing for dimensions).

**Graphic Process**
“SEC" shall be engraved letters; 1 1/2" ht., 3/15" depth, 3/16” stems & bars; text for section ID numbers shall be as shown on plan, approved by the VA & be engraved 2" ht., 3/16" depth, 3/8" stems & bars.

**Recommendations**
Position sign to provide pedestrians with a clear, unobstructed view of the sign.
National Cemetery Signs

Wall Sign - Small

Size
305 mm H x 457 mm W
(12" H x 18" W)

Description and Use
This sign has applied graphics and is informational.

Message Configuration
(Refer to layout drawing for lettering sizes and dimensions)
Layout A

Sign Components
Vary by sign system.

Graphic Process
Applied graphics

Colors
Text: refer to color chart.
Background: refer to color chart.

Typography and Size
Helvetica Bold

Mounting
Double sided foam tape, silastic adhesive or screw.

Installation
Secure to wall 60" above floor.

Floral Regulations
Fresh cut flowers may be placed on graves at any time.
Metal temporary containers are available.
Floral items will be removed from graves as soon as they become faded and unsightly.
Artificial flowers may be placed on graves only during the period of October 10 through April 15.
Plantings will not be permitted on graves at any time. Potted plants will be permitted on graves only during the period 10 days before and 10 days after Easter Sunday and Memorial Day.
Christmas wreaths or grave blankets are permitted on graves during the Christmas season and will be removed not later than January 20 of each year. Grave floral blankets may not be larger in size than two by three feet.
During the lawn mowing and ground maintenance season, all floral items will be removed from graves on the 10th and 20th of each month.
Statues, vigil lights, breakable objects of any nature, and similar commemorative items are not permitted on graves at any time.
Floral items and other types of decorations will not be secured to headstones or markers.
Please contact Cemetery Director for information regarding installation of a permanent flower container.

A- Layout Floral Regulations
### Floral Regulations

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- During the lawn mowing and ground maintenance season, all floral items will be removed from graves on and of each month.
- Statues, vigil lights, breakable objects of any nature, and similar commemorative items are not permitted on graves at any time.
- Please contact Cemetery Director for information regarding installation of a permanent flower container.

### Message Layout A

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<th>457 mm (18&quot;)</th>
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National Cemetery Signs

Incised Letters

**Size**
- NC-09.01: 203 mm H x 13 mm D (8” H x 1/2” D)
- NC-09.02: 254 mm H x 51 mm (10” H x 2” D)
- NC-09.03: 305 mm H x 25 mm D (12” H x 1” D)

**Description**
Incised letters cast into wall.

**Message Configuration**
(Refer to message layout drawing for dimensions) National Cemetery can be one or two lines depending on wall size. Design and fabrication of entry wall by others.

**Typography**
Times New Roman Regular

**Colors**
Refer to color chart.

**Recommendations**
Position sign to provide vehicles and pedestrians with a clear, unobstructed view of the sign. When used on Lithichrome, incised letter size may be considered on a project specific basis.

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ABC
NC-09.01
8” Letter
1/2” Deep

ABC
NC-09.02
10” Letter
3/4” Deep

ABC
NC-09.03
12” High Letter
1” Deep

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Florida
National
NC-10.01 National Cemetery Signs

Incised Letters

8" Letter
1/2" Deep
NC-09.01

10" Letter
3/4" Deep
NC-09.02

12" High Letter
1" Deep
NC-09.03

Letter incised angle can vary. 90° to 5° draft angle determined by letters size & material.
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**Dimensional Letters**

**Size**
NC10.01: 203 mm H x 38 mm D (8" H x 1 1/2" D)
NC10.02: 254 mm H x 51 mm D (10" H x 2" D)
NC10.03: 305 mm H x 64 mm D (12" H x 2.5" D)

**Description**
Cast metal dimensional letters. Surface mounted, tight to wall.

**Message Configuration**
(Refer to message layout drawing for dimensions). National Cemetery may be one or two lines depending on wall size. Design and fabrication of entry wall by others.

**Typography**
Times New Roman Regular

**Colors**
Refer to color chart.

**Recommendations**
Position sign to provide vehicles and pedestrians with a clear, unobstructed view of the sign.
National Cemetery Signs

Dimensional Letters/Seal

NC-10.01

8" Letter
1 1/2" Deep

NC-10.02

10" Letter
2" Deep

NC-10.03

12" High Letter
2 1/2" Deep
NC-11.01

National Cemetery Signs

Dimensional Seal

Size
NC-11.01: Diameter varies as needed for entry wall x 25 mm (1") deep for small diameter plaques and 38 mm (1 1/2") for large diameter plaques.

Description
Cast metal seal inset or applied to entry wall.

Colors
Refer to specifications for bronze.

Recommendations
Position sign to provide vehicles and pedestrians with a clear, unobstructed view of the sign.

2' Diameter Seal
1" Deep

VA Seal

Standard size used on entry wall is 2'-0" dia. Sizes up to 4'-0" dia. may be considered on project specific basis. Bas relief (not flat relief) cast in bronze. Only use VA approved artwork and bronze specifications.
NC-11.01

National Cemetery Signs

Dimensional Seal

2' Diameter Seal
1" Deep

2' Diameter Seal
1" Deep
National Cemetery Signs

Primary Room Identification

**Size**
152 mm H x 152 mm W  
(6" H x 6" W)

**Description and Use**
This sign must always be tactile and Braille. Use this sign to identify the occupant or activity within a room.

**Message Configuration**
(Refer to layout drawing for lettering sizes and dimensions)
Layout A is suggested for department identification. Layout B for rooms and departments with long words or names. Layout C for rooms with a common name but are in need of specific identification.

**Sign Components**
Vary by sign system.

**Graphic Process**
Tactile raised text and Braille

**Colors**
Text: refer to color chart.  
Background: refer to color chart.

**Typography and Size**
ADA/ABA compliant  
Helvetica Bold, Upper Case  
Grade 2 Braille

**Mounting**
Double sided foam tape, silastic adhesive or screw

**Installation**
Knob side of door, 1524 mm (60") to top of sign and 51 mm (2") over from door frame.
National Cemetery Signs

Restroom Identification

**Size**
203 mm H x 152 mm W
(8” H x 6” W)

**Description and Use**
Use these signs to inform with a symbol as well as text.

**Message Configuration**
(Refer to layout drawing for lettering sizes and dimensions).

**Sign Components**
Acrylic plaque

**Graphic Process**
Tactile symbol and text with accompanying Braille is required

**Colors**
Text: refer to color chart.
Background and accent bar: refer to color chart.

**Typography and Size**
ADA/ABA compliant
Helvetica Bold, Upper Case
Grade 2 Braille

**Mounting**
Double sided foam tape or silastic adhesive

**Installation**
On wall or door 1524 mm (60") to top of sign and on door, center.

**Recommendations**
These signs are for use at restrooms

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Wall mounted
National Cemetery Signs

Restroom Identification

NC-15.01-06

1/32" Raised Icon & text

203 mm (8”)

152 mm (6’)

sq icon area

152 mm (6")

12 mm (1/2”)

1/32”

Raised Icon

Domed Braille

Text

ICON

19 mm (3/4”)

9.5 mm (3/8”)

6.3 mm (1/4”)

1254 mm (5'-0“)

152 mm (6”)

sq icon area

12 mm (1/2”)

51 mm (2’’)

50 mm (2’’)

1524 mm (5'-0“)
**NC-16.01-07**

**National Cemetery Signs**

**Pictogram and Symbol Signs**

**Size**
152 mm H x 152 mm W  
(6” H x 6” W)

**Description and Use**
Use these signs to inform with a symbol as well as text.

**Message Configuration**
(Refer to layout drawing for lettering sizes and dimensions)

**Sign Components**
Acrylic plaque

**Graphic Process**
Silk-screened or surface applied vinyl

**Colors**
Background & Text: refer to Interior color chart.

**Typography**
Helvetica Bold

**Mounting**
Double sided foam tape or silastic adhesive

**Installation**
On wall or door 1524 mm (60”) to top of sign and centered on door.

**Recommendations**
These signs are for use when a symbol will help communicate.

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**Gravesite Locator**

**NO SMOKING**

**THIS IS A SMOKE-FREE FACILITY**

**CAUTION FLAMMABLE MATERIAL**

**CAUTION HIGH VOLTAGE**

**AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY**

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**Door mounted**

**Wall mounted**
Specifications

National Cemetery Signs

The specifications for signs are available in the Master Construction Specifications (PG-18-1) area of the VA Technical Information Library which is available on the VA web site under Office of Construction & Facilities Management.

www.cfm.va.gov/til/

Refer to Signage in the specifications, Division 10, Section 10 14 00.

For more information regarding specifications, contact the Office of Construction & Facilities Management, Facility Standards Service.
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The installation of exterior signs throughout a cemetery requires coordination of several criteria and objectives. Careful consideration should be given to the following in the development of coordinated sign program. These elements help establish the basis of a clear sign program:

- Character and configuration of the roadway system.
- Desired path of travel on the roadway system for visitors, staff, and deliveries.
- Location of buildings on the cemetery in relation to roads, parking, and walkways.
- Location of building entrances.
- Inclement weather, such as wind, rain, or snow.
- Utilities and landscaping.
- Placement of signs in locations where people are expecting them to be.

Visibility

Exterior signs communicate to both drivers and pedestrians and their placements must be planned considering the intended viewer. Sign visibility to the user is a principal objective, which is the basis of correct sign placement.

Reability

Signs that are to be read from a moving car must to be installed in locations that provide for clear readability without obstructions. Equally important is that the installation of signs must consider the potential effects on drivers. Signs with too much information or too small font size can cause a driver to stop, or slow, creating a traffic hazard.

Coordination

Coordination must consider irrigation systems, landscaping and underground utilities.

Climate

Each site has different climate conditions which effect an exterior sign program. Wind load on signs affects the footing requirements. Considerations for snowfall and frost line will have an affect upon post length and footing depth.

Footings

Within the installation section of the Guide, general information provides assistance in determining the size and type of footing for various signs. For site identification signs, structural engineering may be required to confirm the footing size for a sign in a specific condition at a particular location. Monument signs should have their bases designed by a structural engineer to ensure the signs can withstand wind loads at a particular location.

Mounting

Sign mounting methods have been standardized to create visual uniformity for all signs placed around a facility. Mounting heights and locations have been determined for ease of reading and conformance to ADA/ABA requirements.

There are two principal methods of mounting signs. These are:

- Ground Mounted: Placing a sign panel on one or more posts fixed in the ground.
- Wall Mounted: Placing a sign on a vertical surface such as a wall, fence, or on a door.
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**Detail 1**
Precast Concrete Double Post and Panel

**Size**
Post size:
140 mm (5 1/2” square double post). Height to vary as needed

**Description and Use**
Post support for sign

**Sign Components**
Use with 1” square framed sign panels.

**Colors**
Precast concrete

**Installation**
In ground installation in accordance with local jurisdiction guidelines

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**PLAN - Sign Panel Finish both sides**

**ELEVATION - Precast Concrete Post & Panel**

- Precast concrete post with 3 - #3 rebar equally spaced. Light sand blast, 1" chamfer at top of post
- 1/8" thick aluminum sign panel weld to frame
- Paint all exposed surfaces color (TBD) satin finish
- 3/16" dia. Minimum 3” Stainless steel bolt and shield
- 1” x 1” aluminum tube 11 gauge with mitered corners. Weld and grind smooth paint all exposed surfaces to match sign panel

- Painted 1” sq. aluminum frame sign panel secure with adhesive.
- Round or square inset corners. Post to have light sand blast finish
- Precast concrete collar

- Pre-cast concrete post with 3 - #3 rebar equally spaced. Light sand blast, 1" chamfer at top of post
- 1/8" thick aluminum sign panel weld to frame
- Paint all exposed surfaces color (TBD) satin finish
- 3/16" dia. Minimum 3” Stainless steel bolt and shield
- 1” x 1” aluminum tube 11 gauge with mitered corners. Weld and grind smooth paint all exposed surfaces to match sign panel
**Detail 2**
Precast Concrete Single Post and Panel

**Size**
Sign Post size 190 mm (7 1/2" square). Height to vary as needed.

**Description and Use**
Post support for sign

**Colors**
Precast concrete

**Installation**
In ground installation in accordance with local jurisdiction guidelines
**Installation**

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**Detail 3**
Precast Concrete Street Sign Tall Post

**Size**
Sign Post size 140 mm
(5 1/2") square 6'-0" height

**Description and Use**
Post support for street sign

**Colors**
Precast concrete

**Installation**
In ground installation in accordance with local jurisdiction guidelines

**Painted Aluminum panel with reflective white vinyl text 2" height**

Various lengths, 2'-0" typical

Provide 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" painted aluminum cover plate.

1/8" thick painted aluminum sign panel attached to aluminum tube with stainless steel bolts; paint all exposed surfaces satin finish.

**2" x 2" Aluminum sign post embedded into concrete post**

Precast Concrete with light Sand blast finish

Recess on 4 Sides

Precast Concrete Collar

**Title**
Street Sign Post
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**Detail 4**
Bronze VA Seal

**Size**  
size 609 mm (2') diameter

**Description and Use**  
Identifies National Cemetery as a US Government Facility

**Sign Components**  
Used with dimensional or Incised letters

**Material**  
The plaque shall be cast of a lead free tin bronze, such as C90300 (Navy "G" Bronze) or similar alloy approved by VA.

Bas relief casting based on VA Drawing, shall be of uniform quality and condition, free from injurious blow holes and porosity, cracks and other defects and not warped or distorted, well finished, free from burrs, sharp edges, scratches and defects that may affect appearance or service ability. Casting shall not be repaired, plugged, welded or burned. Finish to be detailed, hand chased for true alignment, filed, belt polished, sides ground smooth, raised surfaces and borders to be polished and buffed to a bright satin finish, background textures to be reverse medium pebble background, fine pebble background, moss as cast. Bronze to be chemically oxidized to a statuary medium color and finish with one coat of clear protective exterior metal lacquer. Fasteners to be corrosion resistant metal compatible with material or casting

**DRILL (3) - 1 1/2" [38mm]**  
ROUND HOLES. MOUNT SEAL ON SOLID MASONRY OR CONCRETE. ANCHOR WITH NON-SHRINK MORTAR.

3/8" [10mm] THREADED BRONZE STUDS, SCREW INTO SOLID METAL PORTION AT BACK OF SEAL.

**GENERAL NOTES:**

1. SEALS LOCATION SHOULD BE TAKEN FROM CONTRACT DRAWINGS.

2. 2'-0" DIA. UNLESS OTHERWISE DETERMINED

3. MATERIAL IS CAST BRONZE.

4. DETAIL OF ANCHORAGE MUST BE PROVIDED BY A/E FOR ANCHORAGE IN ANY MATERIAL OTHER THAN SOLID MASONRY OR CONCRETE.
**Detail 5**  
Precast Post and Panel

Sign is precast concrete post of required height and width either 5-1/2" square or 7 1/2" square. 1" sq. framed panel either double sided or single sided depending on the sign type. Precast collar is used to create mow base.

**Detail 6**  
Metal Post and Panel sign

Sign is constructed with a non-illuminated sign cabinet mounted to extruded aluminum posts with an adjustable reveal between the posts and the cabinet.

The sign cabinet extrusion should have the capability to hold the sign faces and allow for the removal and replacement of faces without total sign disassembly or abandonment of the sign.
**Detail 7**

Precast Street sign

Aluminum sign panel mounted to a square aluminum post with tamper proof mechanical fasteners. Set in to precast concrete post.

Sign panels have the corners eased with a 6 mm (1/4") radius. The post shall have a permanent top cap.

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**Detail 8**

Single Post and Panel sign

Aluminum sign panel mounted to a square aluminum post with tamper proof mechanical fasteners.

Sign panels have the corners eased with a 6 mm (1/4") radius. The top of the post shall be closed with a permanently applied top cap.
The installation of exterior signs throughout a cemetery requires coordination of several criteria and objectives. Careful consideration should be given to the following in the development of coordinated sign program. These elements help establish the basis of a clear sign program:

• Character and configuration of the roadway system.
• Desired path of travel on the roadway system for visitors, staff, and deliveries.
• Location of buildings on the cemetery in relation to roads, parking, and walkways.
• Location of building entrances.
• Inclement weather, such as wind, rain, or snow.
• Utilities and landscaping.
• Placement of signs in locations where people are expecting them to be.

**Visibility**
Exterior signs communicate to both drivers and pedestrians and their placements must be planned considering the intended viewer. Sign visibility to the user is a principal objective, which is the basis of correct sign placement.

**Reliability**
Signs that are to be read from a moving car must be installed in locations that provide for clear readability without obstructions. Equally important is that the installation of signs must consider the potential effects on drivers. Signs with too much information or too small font size can cause a driver to stop, or slow, creating a traffic hazard.

**Coordination**
Coordination must consider irrigation systems, landscaping and underground utilities.

**Climate**
Each site has different climate conditions which effect an exterior sign program. Wind load on signs affects the footing requirements. Considerations for snowfall and frost line will have an affect upon post length and footing depth.

**Footings**
Within the installation section of the Guide, general information provides assistance in determining the size and type of footing for various signs. For site identification signs, structural engineering may be required to confirm the footing size for a sign in a specific condition at a particular location. Monument signs should have their bases designed by a structural engineer to ensure the signs can withstand wind loads at a particular location.

**Mounting**
Sign mounting methods have been standardized to create visual uniformity for all signs placed around a facility. Mounting heights and locations have been determined for ease of reading and conformance to ADA/ABA requirements.

There are two principal methods of mounting signs. These are:

• Ground Mounted: Placing a sign panel on one or more posts fixed in the ground.
• Wall Mounted: Placing a sign on a vertical surface such as a wall, fence, or on a door. Each type of sign utilizes a mounting method appropriate to the viewing requirements.

During the course of installation, always ensure the signs are positioned with a clear line-of-sight from the viewing point to the sign face.

**Planning**
A sign program, that works well, is one that has been planned as an integrated whole. From the main identification sign, to visitor information, directional signs, burial section markers, street signs and building identification, all components must be considered and their “place” within the wayfinding system. Proper placement as well as consistent design, consistent and appropriate messages are all part of a well-planned signage program.
**Detail 8**

**Placement:**

*Ground Mounted Signs*

All signs should be located a minimum of 607 mm (2'-0") from a curb. The exact location of a sign will differ depending on the type of sign and site conditions.

Sign placement must be carefully considered to ensure the sign fits the location without major regrading. It may be necessary to clear some landscaping or remove an obstruction.

When ground mounted signs on two posts are placed on sloping or inclined grades, adjustments must be made to the post lengths. Extreme differences between post lengths should be minimized.
**Detail 9**

Placement:
Sight Triangle at Intersections and Driveways

For safety reasons, signs should not be placed in the sight triangle (shaded area) where they could obscure a driver’s vision. Also, ensure the location of a sign does not block a driver’s vision of pedestrians.

Ensuring that there are no signs in the sight triangle applies to roadway intersections as well as driveways.

Traffic regulatory signs such as Stop, Yield, Street, and Pedestrian Crossing are an exception to this rule.

When installing signs adjust locations for utilities, irrigation lines and street trees.

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**National Cemetery Signs**

**3048 mm (10'-0")**

- **Street Sign**
- **Section Marker**
- **Traffic Regulatory Sign**
- **Driveway**
- **Roadway**
- **Back of curb (B.O.C.)**
- **Directional Sign**

**2'-0"**

**3048 mm (10'-0")**

**Back of curb (B.O.C.)**
**Detail 10**

**Metal Post Footings:**

All footings must meet width and depth requirements to accommodate height and size of sign, soil conditions, wind loads and winter ground freezing.

**Style 1**

Permanent installation in landscaped areas: Signs installed in turf should have the raised concrete collar extended to cover the area between posts.

**Style 2**

Walkway installation. Location which requires post base to be flush with paving material.

**NOTE:** Foundation and footings must extend to frost line.

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**Style 1**

In landscaped areas, footing shall be boxed so as to extend 90 mm (3 1/2") above grade with 50 mm (2") bevel. Replace surrounding landscaping to original condition.

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**Style 2**

Metal Post Support weld to base plate

Crushed Rock footing 457 mm (1'-6") Dia. x 750 mm (2'-6") deep to be adjusted to be larger if required by structural engineering wind load calculations
**Detail 11**  
Concrete Post Footing:

All footings must meet width and depth requirements to accommodate height and size of sign, soil conditions, wind loads, and winter ground freezing.

**Style 1**

In landscaped areas, footing shall be boxed so as to extend 90 mm (3 1/2") above grade with 50 mm (2") bevel. Replace surrounding landscaping to original condition.

**Style 2**

Permanent installation for precast concrete post and collars.

**Style 3**

Permanent collar cast in place installation in landscaped areas.

Signs installed in turf to have the raised concrete collars extended to cover the area between the posts.

**Style 4**

Permanent installation for precast concrete post and collars.
**Detail 12**

Mounting: Dimensional Letters

Metal letters that are installed on an exterior wall: Letters that are installed on all wall surfaces should be installed tight to the wall with no spacers and additional adhesive applied to the back of the letters. This will increase the security of the letters against vandalism or theft.

The size and length of the studs are to correlate to the size of the letter and the depth required for installation on a particular building surface.

Plaster and stucco building surfaces should have complete adhesive sealant applied around the stud, where it penetrates the building, to prevent water intrusion into the building.

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**Detail 13**

Wall Mounting: Non-Illuminated Signs

Aluminum wall panel signs shall be fastened with a minimum of 4 tamper resistant mechanical fasteners.

 Anchors should be suitable for the particular type of wall surface where the sign is being installed.