

# Laying Out Your Plaque

Each cannonball will be mounted on the memorial with a 3-inch x 5-inch rectangular plaque.

- Plaques may have up to **five (5) lines of text**.
- Each line of text may have up to **thirty (30) characters**. This includes punctuation and spaces.

## Information for Your Plaque

### Line #1

- **RANK & NAME:** Example - **CPL John Steven Doe**  
[See abbreviations for military ranks](#)

You may add up to 4 additional lines.

Following are examples of information you may wish to include in Lines #2 - #5. Information items may be combined on a single line if there are 30 characters or less. Information may take up more than one line if there are more than 30 characters.

### Lines #2 and #3

- **BRANCH OF SERVICE:** Example - **U.S. Army**  
  
You may also choose - **U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Army Air Corps**
- **UNIT:** Example - **16th Inf. Reg., 1<sup>st</sup> Inf. Div.**  
[See Unit classifications for Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force](#)
- **BRANCH MOTTO:** Example - **"This We'll Defend"**  
[See branch mottos](#)
- **UNIT NICKNAME:** Example - **The Big Red One**  
[See 15 coolest unit nicknames](#) (some other examples)

### Lines #3 or #4 (if applicable)

- **KILLED IN ACTION (KIA), MISSING IN ACTION (MIA), WOUNDED IN ACTION (WIA), PRISONER OF WAR (POW):** Example - **KIA - 25 September 1991**

### Lines #4 and #5

- **MILITARY CONFLICT(S) & DATES SERVED:** Example - **Persian Gulf War 1990-1991**

### Line #5

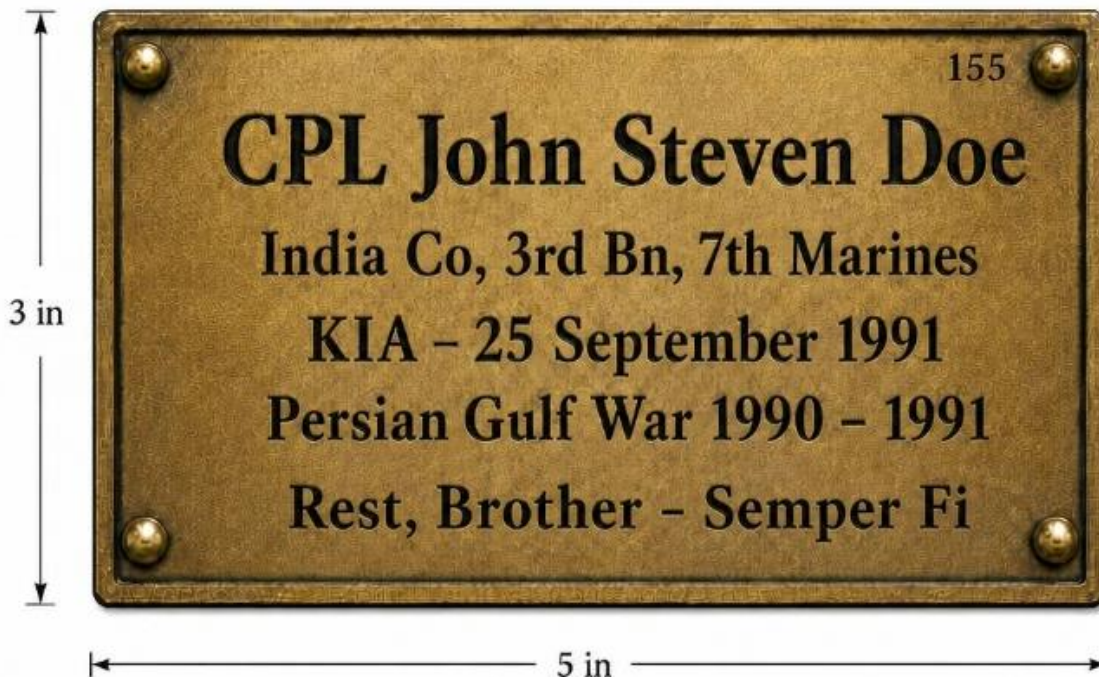
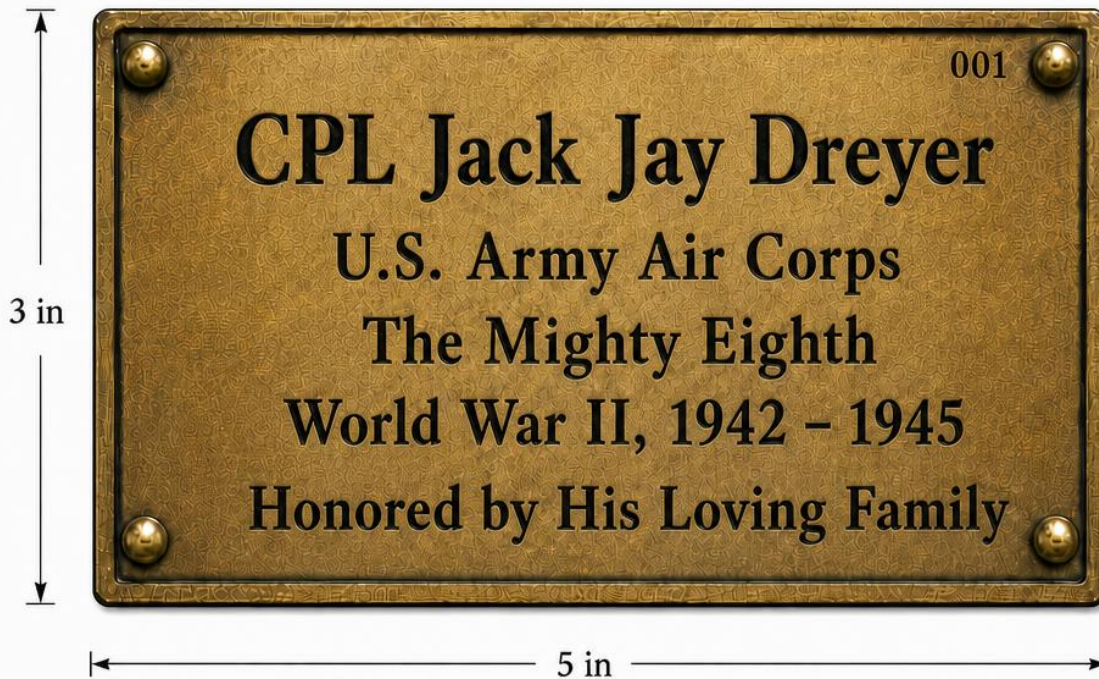
This is a good place to leave a more personal message in addition to the preceding facts. This free-form line may also identify the commemorator directly or generically.

- **FREE-FORM:** Examples - **Honored by His Loving Family / Deeply Missed by His Family / Honored by Jane, Loving Wife / In Loving Memory, Rest Father / Beloved Son and Brother / Honored by Roger & Mary Doe / Honored by SGT Tom Smith / Salute From a Brother in Arms / Rest, Brother – Semper Fi / Until We Meet Again “Marine”**

NOTE: We retain the right to correct spelling and punctuation errors. If inaccuracies are detected, or too many characters appear on a line, we may contact you.

### Photo Examples

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Note that in this second example the branch of service and unit were abbreviated as necessary and combined on the second line. “7<sup>th</sup> Marines” identifies the branch of service. This made room for the “KIA” 3<sup>rd</sup> line and a personal message in the 5<sup>th</sup> line.