

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., 1st 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.

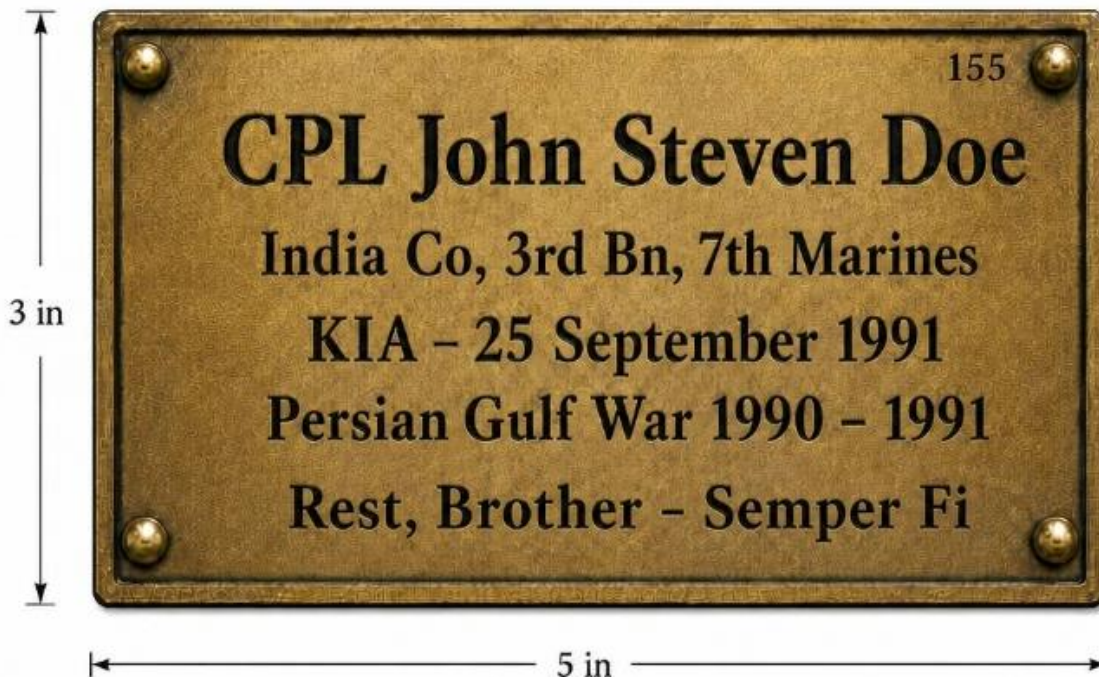
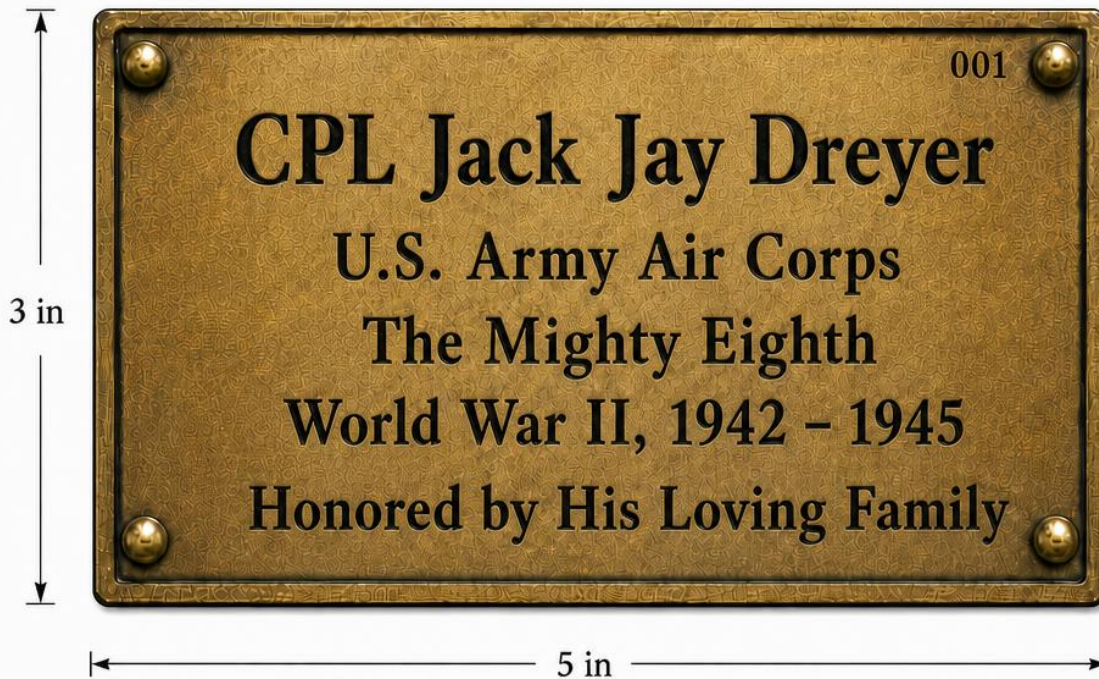
- **FREE-FORM:** Examples - **Honored by His Loving Family / Deeply Missed by His Family / Honored by Jane, Loving Wife / In Loving Memory, Rest Father / Beloved Son and Brother / Honored by Roger & Mary Doe / Honored by SGT Tom Smith / Salute From a Brother in Arms / Rest, Brother – Semper Fi / Until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

PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to come back to this application later after it is submitted and revise any information to appear on the plaque, please follow these [two easy steps](#).

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. “7th Marines” identifies the branch of service. This made room for the “KIA” 3rd line and a personal message in the 5th line.