

**A New Zealand veteran with qualifying operational service is entitled to a service memorial, or, if interred in a public or private cemetery, to a contribution toward a memorial.**

## Eligibility

A New Zealand veteran with qualifying operational service is entitled to either:

- *a service memorial funded by us* if interred in a New Zealand services cemetery
- *a contribution toward a memorial* if interred in a public or private cemetery.

The veteran's spouse or partner may be entitled to either:

- *a service memorial funded by us* if interred in a New Zealand services cemetery
- *a contribution toward a memorial* if interred in a public or private cemetery.

## Service memorial (NZ services cemetery)

For equality and uniformity, memorials in services cemeteries are standardised in design and inscription. Personal messages or additional inscriptions can't be added.

### *Qualifying operational service*

For interment in a NZ services cemetery of a veteran with qualifying operational service (or their spouse/partner), we'll meet full cost of a service memorial and its installation.

### *No qualifying operational service*

Some NZ veterans without qualifying operational service may also have interment in a NZ services cemetery (as a slightly different list of deployments applies for this).

In this situation, the memorial for the ex-service person (or their spouse/partner):

- *must be a service memorial* arranged through our approved provider (contact us for more information); but
- *can't be funded by us.*

## Contribution (public or private cemetery)

For interment of an eligible veteran (or their spouse/partner) in a public or private cemetery, we'll pay a contribution of up to \$1000 toward a memorial and its installation.

We'll need evidence of costs and proof of payment.

## Applications

For a veteran with qualifying operational service (or their spouse/partner), apply to us using:

- *Memorial Order Form*—where interment is in a NZ services cemetery; or
- *Memorial Contribution Form*—where interment in a public or private cemetery.

If you don't know the details of the veteran's service, please indicate this. We'll seek them from NZDF Personnel Archives, to confirm:

- qualifying operational service
- service details for the memorial—where interment is in a services cemetery.

### *Initial checks*

We'll check eligibility, completeness of information, and accuracy of service details. We'll contact you to confirm details for the memorial, or other information, as needed.

### *Timeframe (service memorial)*

Timeframe, from confirming the order to installation, is:

- up to 4 months (unless an unveiling date's specified on the order form)
- reduced when we get complete information promptly.

You'll be told in writing soon after the memorial's installed.

**Phone: 0800 483 8372 (NZ); +64 4 495 2070 (overseas)**

**Email: [veterans@nzdf.mil.nz](mailto:veterans@nzdf.mil.nz)**

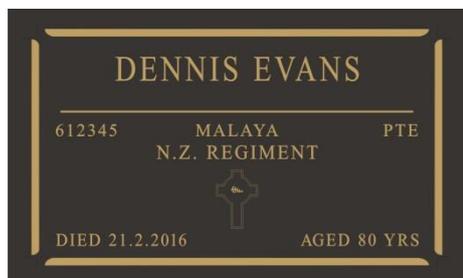
**Website: [www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz](http://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz) (has lists of qualifying deployments)**

## Type of memorial

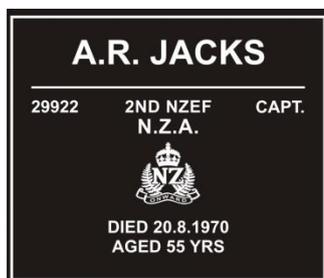
A service memorial may be a **plaque** or **headstone**, depending on where interment occurs.

A **single memorial** is used where either:

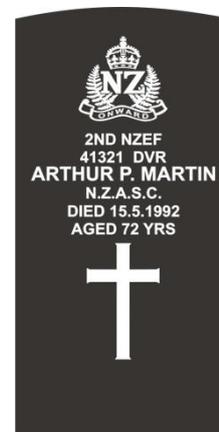
- the veteran is being memorialised alone (generally because there's no spouse/partner, or the spouse/partner is still living)
- the spouse/partner is being interred before the veteran.



*Single bronze (veteran)*

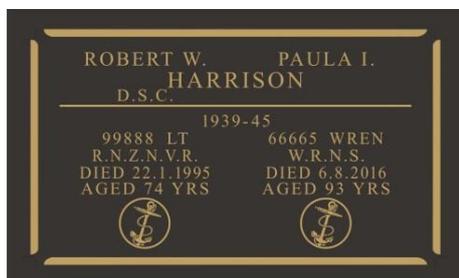


*Single granite plaque (veteran)*

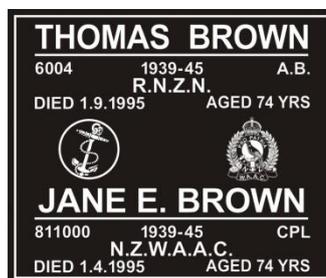


*Single granite headstone (veteran)*

A **double memorial** is used where a veteran (or their spouse/partner) is already interred with a bronze or granite plaque, and their partner then passes away and their details need to be added. A new memorial is cast with details of both.



*Double bronze (veteran spouse/partner)*

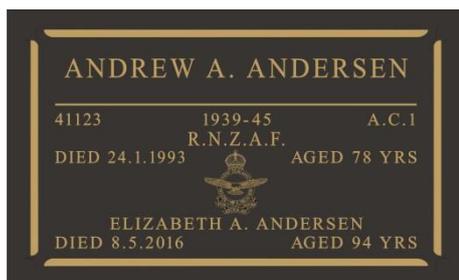


*Double granite plaque (veteran spouse/partner)*

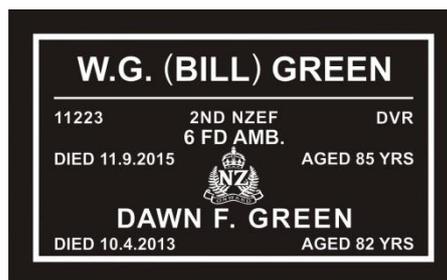


*Double granite headstone (veteran spouse/partner)*

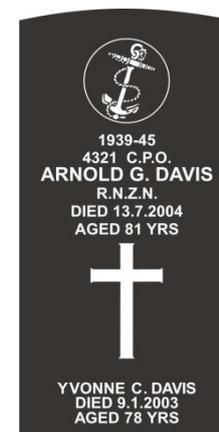
**Granite plaques** are used only in Rotorua, due to the corrosive nature of the air—for cremation plots, these are square; for burial plots, rectangular. Outside Rotorua, **bronze plaques** are used.



*Double bronze (non-veteran spouse/partner)*



*Double granite plaque (non-veteran spouse/partner)*



*Double granite headstone (non-veteran spouse/partner)*