

Lakewood Veterans Memorial Plaza Engraved Brick Fact Sheet and FAQ

The City of Lakewood is pleased to offer the opportunity to honor members of the military and the Lakewood community at the new Lakewood Veterans Memorial Plaza. The rectangles for the engraved veterans bricks along the sides of the carrier deck runway are full. Veterans bricks will now be placed in the sections in the adjacent walkway. They will be in the same areas as the community bricks, but in separate sections. These spaces are reserved for only those who have served in the five branches of the armed services. Individuals, families and community non-profit groups may purchase community bricks with messages of support. There is still limited space for community bricks, which will be installed in the adjacent walkway.

Who can be honored on a brick? Do they have to be a Lakewood resident?

Any person who served in one of the five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces can be honored on an engraved brick. They do not have to be or have been a Lakewood resident. However, only veterans with a tie to Lakewood, California are eligible to be included in the Lakewood Veterans History project website. Visit www.lakewoodcity.org/veteranshistory for more information.

The name of my honoree does not fit within the 18 “characters.” Can I have more space?

The amount of space is limited by the engraving technique and the size of the letters. All lettering will be uniform, so bricks are limited to only 18 “characters” per line without exception. Our staff can help you decide on appropriate abbreviations so that your desired information can best fit within the allowed space.

Community bricks - I don't have a service member to honor, but I would still like to have a brick. What can I do?

An area for messages from the community is available on the walkway adjacent to the Memorial Plaza. This area will contain bricks with 1) messages of support for our veterans or 2) remembrances of life in Lakewood. These messages are limited to 3 lines, 18 characters per line, with line 1 reserved for the name of an individual(s) or family name, and lines 2 and 3 reserved for a choice of several specific preset messages. The message choices are noted on the back of this sheet along with examples.

Can I select the location for my brick? I am buying several bricks for family members. Can they all be together?

The City of Lakewood cannot take requests for specific placement of bricks within the Memorial Plaza. We will attempt to locate together multiple family member bricks that are purchased at the same time, but cannot guarantee that they will all be placed together.

When will my brick be installed?

The City of Lakewood plans to install bricks in lots once per year, prior to Memorial Day.

Can I get a replica of my brick to take home?

Yes, if ordered at the same time as your original brick, and for an additional fee of \$75 each. Replica bricks may be picked up at City Hall, Public Works counter, during regular business hours.

I am on a small fixed income, and I cannot afford a veterans brick. Is there any assistance available?

A limited amount of financial assistance may be available to help families unable to purchase a veterans brick because of economic circumstances. Call 562-866-9771, extension 2140 for information.

What can be inscribed on the veterans brick?

Inscriptions are limited to 3 lines, 18 characters per line, and must conform to these guidelines:

Line one: Rank and name; or name only

Line two: Rank and branch of service; or branch of service only

Line three: Name of conflict or war; or dates of service; or unit or ship; or motto of military unit

See samples on the reverse side.

Veterans Brick Examples

LT LISA A. TAYLOR U.S. MARINE CORPS AFGHANISTAN 2014	BG JIM JOHNSON U.S. ARMY 33 YRS OF SERVICE	BOB JOSEPHSON U.S. NAVY USS MISSOURI
CAPT MAX WITHROW U.S. MARINE CORPS SEMPER FI	JOHN SMITH U.S. MARINES VIETNAM 1968	JOHN JOSEPH SMITH PFC, U.S. ARMY BAND OF BROTHERS
RANDALL K. MEYER U.S. AIR FORCE 1971-1972	JOHN SMITH U.S. COAST GUARD PURPLE HEART VET	MSGT DOM SPIRITO US ARMY AIR FORCE WORLD WAR II

Community Brick Examples

THE JOHNSON FAMILY SALUTES THOSE IN THE US MILITARY	JOHN SMITH FAMILY LAKEWOOD RESIDENTS 1972-2005
LAKWOOD ROTARY THANKS OUR US VETERANS	JOHN & JOAN SMITH ORIGINAL LAKEWOOD RESIDENTS
JOHN & MIKE SMITH REMEMBER THE DEL VALLE JET	JOHN SMITH FAMILY 3 GENERATIONS OF LAKEWOOD RESIDENTS

The Community Brick line 2 and 3 message choices are: *(The red forward slash (/) is the separation between Line 2 and Line 3.)*

Select One and Fill in Year if needed	6	SALUTE(S)/THE F3D-2 JET
1 SALUTE(S)/OUR VETERANS	7	ORIGINAL/LAKEWOOD
2 SALUTE(S) THOSE/IN THE US	8	LAKWOOD
3 HONOR(S) THOSE/SERVING IN	9	LAKWOOD RESIDENTS/_ _ _ _
4 THANK(S)/OUR US VETERANS	10	SALUTE(S) THE/CITY OF
5 REMEMBER(S)/THE DEL VALLE	11	_ _ GENERATIONS

The City reserves the right to adjust grammar, punctuation and spelling of inscriptions to achieve uniformity and accuracy of brick displays. All bricks shall become the property of the City of Lakewood, which has sole discretion regarding their location and continued display.

How do I order my brick?

A separate brick order form must be completed for each brick ordered, accompanied by payment, and submitted online or in person to the City of Lakewood, Administrative Services Counter or mailed to Lakewood City Hall – “Veterans Memorial Brick Order.” Order forms are available at City Hall.

For mailed forms that will be paid by credit card, you will need to provide a telephone number at which a Lakewood staff member can call you for the credit card information. Lakewood staff will review your order, and email or mail you a proof for final review and approval.

Brick orders may also be placed online at www.lakewoodcity.org/memorialbricks and can be paid by credit card.

If I have questions, who should I call?

You can call the City of Lakewood, Customer Service – 562-866-9771, Ext. 2140. You can also email your questions to service1@lakewoodcity.org.