

ANNIE J. BRONSON VETERANS MEMORIAL WALK



NATIONAL D-DAY MEMORIAL 3 OVERLORD CIRCLE, BEDFORD, VIRGINIA

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Annie J. Bronson was born in Kansas, the daughter of a Union Army Officer. Her father was in Abraham Lincoln’s Army during the Civil War. She was not politically active in Massachusetts and had never been to Virginia, but was “fiercely patriotic.”

In 1965, Miss Bronson began writing to Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr. who had served in the United States Navy during WWII where he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Senator Byrd served in the Senate of Virginia and then represented Virginia in the United States Senate for

a total of thirty-six years in elected public office. Annie Bronson noted her admiration for his philosophy as expressed through his speeches. They corresponded over several years and ultimately she asked him to administer the disposition of her estate “for the benefit of the United States.” He was deeply touched and felt greatly honored to handle with care her hard-earned funds as he felt she wished. When she died in 1970, Senator Byrd created the Annie Bronson Charitable Foundation with proceeds from Miss Bronson’s estate.

With Senator Byrd’s death in 2013, his two sons, Harry F. Byrd III and Tom T. Byrd, became the co-trustees of the Annie

Bronson Charitable Foundation. In deciding to distribute the assets of the Foundation, they dedicated a portion to the National D-Day Memorial Foundation to create the Veterans Memorial Walk so that men and women of the Armed Forces could be recognized for their service and sacrifice to our nation.

The Veterans Memorial Walk is dedicated in memory of Annie J. Bronson of Cambridge, Massachusetts. For her love of country and in tribute to all those who selflessly serve that we might be free.

To purchase a second brick please complete the form below.

Please make checks payable to the National D-Day Memorial.

Print each character below exactly how you would like it to read (14 character limit includes punctuation and spaces).

Please note all brick inscriptions are capitalized and centered on each brick.

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The National D-Day Memorial Foundation has expanded the brick campaign to Stettinius Parade to create the *Annie J. Bronson Veterans Memorial Walk*.

The inscribed bricks are a permanent tribute to men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States. These lasting tributes **are not limited** to service in World War II and can encompass any service period. Placed prominently on the Memorial grounds, they will be viewed by thousands of visitors each year.

The placement of each brick is not only an investment in the legacy of a loved one, but also an investment in the future of the Memorial. Proceeds from the brick campaign will assist the Foundation in maintaining the Memorial for many years to come. At a cost of \$250 each, bricks are an affordable way to give a veteran permanent recognition at the National D-Day Memorial.



WWII Veteran Bobbie Johnson and Lucille Boggess, sister of Bedford Boys Raymond and Bedford Hoback



Please carefully and accurately print your information on the form at the bottom of this page and return it to the Foundation. Information can include, but is not limited to: name, rank, branch of service, years of service, conflict served, etc.

Due to logistical concerns, please allow us to choose the exact location of your brick. Brick dedications take place on Memorial Day and Veterans Day each year. You will be mailed a receipt to proof the text of your brick. If your text is correct, no response is required. You will receive an invitation packet with information about your brick dedication approximately one month before the dedication date.

Brick donations are 100% tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations. Contributions to the National D-Day Memorial Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for profit organization, benefit the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia.

To purchase, please mail the form below to the National D-Day Memorial, P.O. Box 77, Bedford, VA 24523
A phone number is required in the event of a problem with your inscription or payment.

I would like to purchase one brick for \$250.00

I would like to purchase two bricks for \$450.00
(see reverse for additional order form)

Purchaser Name: _____ Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Signature if paying by CC: _____

Please make checks payable to the National D-Day Memorial

Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Card Number: _____ Expiration (mm/yy): _____

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