

HONOR YOUR HERO WITH A COMMEMORATIVE BRICK ON THE ANNIE J. BRONSON VETERANS MEMORIAL WALK

Annie J. Bronson's Vision

Annie J. Bronson was the "fiercely patriotic" daughter of a Union Army Officer. Born in Kansas, Bronson lived much of her life in Massachusetts.

In 1965, she began writing to Virginia Senator Harry F. Byrd Jr., a man whom she greatly admired. Senator Byrd had risen to the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy during World War II and represented Virginia in the United States Senate for thirty-six years. After years of correspondence, Bronson requested that Senator Byrd administer the disposition of her estate "for the benefit of the United States." Deeply touched by this request, Senator Byrd created the Annie Bronson Charitable Foundation using proceeds from Miss Bronson's estate following her death in 1970.

After Senator Byrd's own death in 2013, his two sons, Harry F. Byrd III and Tom T. Byrd, became the co-trustees of the Annie Bronson Charitable Foundation. They dedicated a portion of these funds 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.

COMMEMORATING YOUR HERO AT THE NATIONAL D-DAY MEMORIAL



Commemorative bricks placed within the Annie J. Bronson Veterans Memorial Walk are a **permanent tribute to men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces during any service period**. Honorees are not limited to World War II veterans.

Placed prominently on the Memorial grounds, bricks are 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 National D-Day Memorial. Proceeds from the brick campaign will assist the Foundation in maintaining the Memorial for many years to come. At a cost of \$300 each, bricks are an affordable way to give a veteran permanent recognition at the National D-Day Memorial.

Bricks are dedicated on Memorial Day and Veterans Day each year. You will receive an invitation packet with information about the ceremony approximately one month before the dedication date. **Due to logistical concerns, please allow us to choose the exact location of your brick.** After your completed brick form is received and processed, you will receive a printed receipt by mail, which will include a printed copy of your brick inscription. Please proof your inscription carefully. If your text is correct, no response is required.

To purchase a commemorative brick on the Annie J. Bronson Veterans Memorial Walk please fill out the following form and return to National D-Day Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 77, Bedford, VA 24523

- A phone number is required in the event of a problem with your inscription or payment.
- To be included in the Memorial Day dedication, your completed form must be received by **April 1.**
- To be included in the Veterans Day dedication, your completed form must be received by **September 1**

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