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NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON DC 20420**

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Ms. Ellen Evert Hopman
Druid Priestess
Order of the Whiteoak (Ord na Darach Gile)
P.O. Box 219
Amherst, MA 01004

Dear Priestess Hopman:

I am writing to follow up on our previous correspondence concerning your request to add an emblem of belief to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) list of available emblems for Government headstones and markers. I am responding because I oversee the daily operations of VA's Headstone and Marker program.

I am pleased to inform you that the revised procedures for adding new emblems of belief to VA's list of available emblems for Government headstones and markers have been approved. I am enclosing instructions explaining how to submit a request under the revised procedures. Please submit or re-submit all information as detailed in the enclosed information handout. As stated in the handout, requests will only be considered from those with an immediate need.

Upon receipt and review of the above information, we will notify you of our decision. If you have any questions, you may contact Anissa Alford at (202) 501-3029.

Thank you for your patience and your interest in our Nation's veterans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Lenox", is written over a circular stamp that is partially obscured by the signature.

Lindee L. Lenox
Acting Deputy Director
Office of Field Programs

Enclosure