



Brea War Memorial Eligibility Criteria

The War Memorial honors the men and women of Brea who courageously gave their lives serving their country during wartime by placing their names on the Monument of Remembrance. These fallen heroes paid the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the freedoms Americans cherish. Those serving in the military, either past or present, may also be honored by having their names placed on a paver on the Walk of Honor.

Criteria for Eligibility

The following criteria was established in October 2010 and amended in February 2015 by the War Memorial Advisory Committee (W-MAC). The criteria was developed to provide guidance to the Committee when reviewing candidates for inclusion at the Memorial – whether on the Monument of Remembrance or a paver. Members of the W-MAC felt it is important to honor the integrity of the Memorial by carefully applying the criteria, yet realized that there may be special cases that do not categorically conform to the requirements. Such situations will be thoroughly reviewed on a case-by-case basis and decided upon by the W-MAC and/or the Community Services Director or his/her designee.

1. To be eligible for recognition through paver placement on the Walk of Honor at the Brea War Memorial, he/she must have served honorably with the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Merchant Marines or the Navy, or their Reserve or National Guard components. As of February 2015, and as specified in Title 38 of the United States Code (USC), a number of civilian groups have been extended veterans status, who are also eligible for recognition at the Brea War Memorial, including the following:
 - a. Women’s Air Force Service Pilots (WASP)
 - b. Signal Corps Female Telephone Operators Unit in WWI
 - c. Engineer Field Clerks
 - d. Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC)
 - e. Quartermaster Corps female clerical employees serving with the American Expeditionary Forces in WWI
 - f. Civilian employees of Pacific naval air bases who actively participated in the defense of Wake Island during WWII
 - g. Reconstruction aides and dieticians in WWI
 - h. Male civilian ferry pilots
 - i. Wake Island defenders from Guam

2. To be eligible for recognition through the Monument of Remembrance at the Brea War Memorial, the deceased must have lived in the City of Brea during some part of his/her life. Eligible honorees include, but are not limited to those who identified Brea as their “Hometown of Record.”

3. In addition to item number 2, he/she must have died directly from injuries sustained in combat (KIA) during wartime from World War I to present.
 - a. **Killed in Action (KIA)** is a casualty classification generally used by militaries to describe the deaths of their own forces at the hands of hostile forces. Per the United States Department of Defense (DOD), those declared KIA need not have fired their weapons, but have been killed due to hostile attack.
 - b. **Missing in Action (MIA)** – The DOD conducts an ongoing effort to find and identify the remains of those servicemen classified as MIA during wartime. If the remains of an MIA serviceperson have been identified by the DOD, they are eligible for inclusion at the Memorial.

Proof of Eligibility

The Memorial's initial honorees were identified via a number of sources. The Committee reviewed the research and approved those nominees meeting the established criteria. In perpetuity, the names of the potential additions to the Memorial may be submitted via the established nomination process along with the appropriate proof of eligibility. All submittals will be reviewed by the W-MAC.

The following are acceptable proofs of eligibility for Brea residency and military KIA or MIA designations. Other proof of eligibility may be acceptable upon review by the Committee.

Proof of Brea Residency

A copy of at least one of the following is required to prove that the deceased lived in Brea:

1. Birth Certificate
2. Newspaper Birth Announcement
3. Hospital Records
4. California Driver's License
5. Certified Home of Record/Enlistment Paperwork
6. Brea Private or Public School Records/Identification
7. City Records
8. School Yearbooks, etc.

Military KIA Designations

Copies of at least one of the following:

1. Copy of the "Certified Report of Incident," issued by the military
2. Telegram/Letter
3. Newspaper Article
4. Death Certificate
5. History Book
6. Newspaper/Internet Obituary
7. Department of Defense Data
8. Internet or Print Records from Museums, Libraries, Military or Church Organizations (such as the National Personnel Records Center and the Department of Defense)