

Guidelines for engraved stones

1. Only Fleet Air Arm associations, squadrons, Royal Naval air stations and ships may have an engraved stone placed at the Fleet Air Arm Memorial. We regret individuals cannot be commemorated in this way.
2. The Portland stone slabs measure 600mm x 300mm (approx. 2ft x 1ft). Each one can be engraved with a crest and up to 6 lines of text, with 7 to 8 words per line. The possible number of words will vary according to the size and position of the crest.
3. The artwork for crests does not have to be actual size but it will need to be sharp and clear. It doesn't matter whether it is b&w or colour. Your image is used to generate the 3D computer image which guides the cutting machine. If you submit a tiny poor quality blurred photo or photocopy, the stone cutters will not be able to produce a good engraving.
4. The image below shows the Fleet Air Arm Wings engraved in metal. This image is to give an indication of the quality of engraving only, as metal plaques will not be allowed at the memorial.



5. The cost of a stone engraved with a new crest, as at August 2012 is £258 (inc VAT). If the Fleet Air Arm Wings are used instead of a crest, the necessary computer artwork has already been prepared and the cost is reduced by £40.
6. Crests/logos will be digitised by Natural Cut Stone for engraving purposes only, and this is included in the prices above. However, any associations requiring a sharp, high quality, permanent electronic copy of their artwork to graphic-design-standards, please also include a cheque for £30 made out to **John Phillips (RNSESA)**, who has kindly offered professional processing of association artwork at cost. Please call John (01706 878076) if more detail is required.
7. After you have completed the application form and included artwork, sketches and cheque, the form is sent to the Secretary of the Fly Navy Federation for checking it is in keeping with the aims of the FAA Memorial. It will then be forwarded to Natural Cut Stone, the company that is doing the engraving. Make sure you include a phone number and/or email so that the secretary or engravers can contact you in case of questions about the artwork and wording.
8. When finished, the engravers take the engraved stone and lay it at the memorial. Each association can then decide how it wants to 'unveil' their stone at the memorial.