

NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY

GRAPHIC STANDARDS MANUAL



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INTRODUCTION

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is represented by our employees and volunteers, by our donors and clients, and by our print and electronic communications. It is the responsibility of the NMCRS Team to protect the Society's reputation for providing compassionate assistance to Sailors, Marines and their families. We have done just that for over a century. Now is time to focus our attention on creating coherent, unified and dynamic communications imagery that honors our history and portrays our strength and stability. By applying consistency in visual imagery, through repeated and consistent applications, we help unify a Society made up of more than 50 full service offices and 200 emergency service offices, each with its own special character, style, and approach to communication. Uniformity of the Society's image allows each entity to reinforce others and create an image of the Society that is greater than the sum of its parts.

After working closely with professionals who are expert in innovative and rapidly changing communications technologies, we arrived at a dynamic image to be used on stationery items, business cards, presentations, posters, brochures, banners, newsletters, publications, our web site, advertising, press releases – in other words, on all of the Society's communication vehicles.

To ensure an effective visual identity for the Society, the wordmarks and other elements reproduced in the graphic standards manual at www.nmcrs.org/branding are the only approved symbols that may be used. There can be no exceptions to this policy. Although I'm sure you will share my enthusiasm for our new look, present stocks of materials should not be discarded simply for the sake of using the new imagery. Materials should be updated as revised or printed in accordance with their normal production cycles.

Development and Communications is responsible for maintaining all master logo, seal and wordmark files and will ensure they are applied appropriately. Development and Communications is also responsible for ensuring new publications and products conform to the new identity.

For additional information, please email communications@nmcrs.org or refer to www.nmcrs.org/branding.







Thank you for your support in this process. I am pleased with this new visual identity program that speaks so well of the Society. Speaking in one visual language, we go forward with pride and confidence.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shelley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

CAPT Shelley S. Marshall, USN (Ret.)
Vice President, Chief Development and Communications Officer
Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society






BRANDING COLORS (FOR PRINT & ELECTRONIC MEDIA)

The following PMS colors (and/or the process color equivalents) have been approved for both print and electronic use.

	Midnight Navy PMS: 539C R-0, G-39, B-77 C-100, M-44, Y-0 ,K-76 Hex: 00274D		Copper Brown (Anchor Body) PMS: 1545C R-102, G-55, B-0 C-0, M-53, Y-100, K-72 Hex: 663700
	Dark Red PMS: 1807C R-181, G-18, B-27 C-0, M-100, Y-96, K-28 Hex: B5121B		Light Brown (Rope/Anchor Highlights) PMS: 463C R-128, G-86, B-27 C-30, M-56, Y-100 ,K-37 Hex: 80561B
	Dark Brown (Rope Outline & Anchor Shadow) PMS: Black 4C R-65, G-48, B-0 C-0, M-22, Y-100 ,K-89 Hex: 413000		Tan/Khaki (Backgrounds) PMS: 25% of 463C R-212, G-201, B-187 C-17, M-18, Y-25, K-0 Hex: D4C9BB

BRANDING COLORS (FOR EMBROIDERY & OTHER MATERIALS)

The following PMS colors have been approved for use on embroidered and other branded NMCRS materials (ex. mugs, shirts, mouse-pads, etc.)

	Midnight Navy PMS: 539C		Copper Brown (Anchor Body) PMS: 1545C
	Dark Red PMS: 1807C		Tan Brown (Rope/Anchor Highlights) PMS: 874C
	Dark Brown (Rope Outline & Anchor Shadow) PMS: Black 4C		

TYPOGRAPHY

Trajan Pro is the typeface used for the NMCRS logo; this logotype design cannot be rearranged or modified. Standard on most computers, the Arial typeface is recommended for use on body copy and sub-headlines for both print and electronic media. The Times New Roman typeface is acceptable for use on secondary body copy. To maintain a consistent image, it is important to consistently use only the specified fonts on NMCRS collateral.

Trajan Pro

For use with headlines and/or titles

Trajan Pro (Lowercase, Regular)

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
&1234567890\$1/8 1/4 3/8 1/2 5/8 3/4 7/8
X@#%*~().,-:;!/?/”

TYPOGRAPHY IS ARCHITECTURE AND
THE TYPOGRAPHER IS THE ARCHITECT.
THE BUILDING BRICKS USED ARE THE
TYPEFACES AND THE MORTAR IS THE
SPACE USED FOR COMPOSITION.

Trajan Pro (Lowercase, Bold)

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
&1234567890\$1/8 1/4 3/8 1/2 5/8 3/4 7/8
X@#%*~().,-:;!/?/”

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SPACE USED FOR COMPOSITION.

Arial

For use with body copy, sub-headlines or small text

Arial (Regular)

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz &1234567890\$1/8 1/4 3/8 1/2
5/8 3/4 7/8 X@#%*~().,-:;!/?/”

Typography is architecture and the typographer is the architect. The building bricks used are the typefaces and the mortar is the space used for composition.

Arial (Bold)

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz &1234567890\$1/8 1/4 3/8
1/2 5/8 3/4 7/8 X@#%*~().,-:;!/?/”

Typography is architecture and the typographer is the architect. The building bricks used are the typefaces and the mortar is the space used for composition.

Times New Roman

For use with body copy or small text

Times New Roman (Regular)

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz &1234567890\$1/8 1/4 3/8 1/2 5/8
3/4 7/8 X@#%*~().,-:;!/?/”

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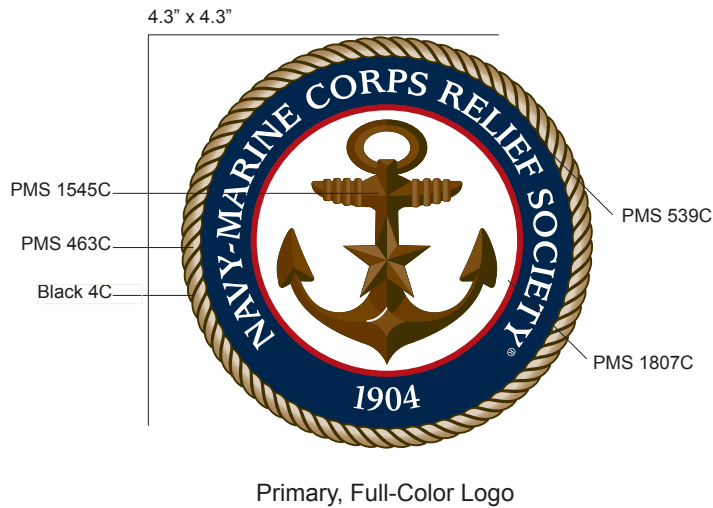
Times New Roman (Bold)

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz &1234567890\$1/8 1/4 3/8 1/2 5/8
3/4 7/8 X@#%*~().,-:;!/?/”

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PRIMARY LOGO

The official logo is a representation of the traditions and longstanding heritage of excellence and vision of NMCRS. Whenever possible, the primary logo should be used in conjunction with its specified PMS colors (or the process color equivalent). Font, spacing and measurements of the logo are precisely defined and scaling for use on a predetermined item (i.e. posters, advertisements, literature, etc.) should be reproduced from the original digital artwork (i.e. .eps file), which is available for download via www.nmcrs.org/branding.



Other acceptable versions of the primary logo have been created for 2-color and black and white projects. Only PMS 539C, PMS 463C (including their process color equivalents) or 100% Black may be used for alternative, one-color logos (see examples below).



PMS 539C Variation



100% Black Variation



PMS 463C Variation

ALTERNATIVE LOGO OPTIONS

Alternative versions of the logo, to include use of the organization name in both vertical and horizontal formats, are outlined below. Please note that the logo should only be placed on solid backgrounds.

4.3" x 4.3"



Height 20 Pts

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RELIEF SOCIETY®

Trajan Pro (Lowercase) 45 Pts

Trajan Pro (Lowercase) 61 Pts

Vertical Space 48 Pts



16.12" x 3.11"

3.1" x 3.1"



Width 20 Pts

NAVY-MARINE CORPS
RELIEF SOCIETY®

Trajan Pro (Lowercase) 89 Pts

Trajan Pro (Lowercase) 120 Pts

Space 90 Pts



ALTERNATIVE LOGO OPTIONS

Other acceptable versions of the alternative logos have been created for 2-color and black and white projects (see examples below).



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The acronym versions of the logo must always be used in conjunction with the appropriate graphic (see examples below).

4.3" x 4.3"



Height 20 Pts

NMCRS®

Trajan Pro (Lowercase) 110 Pts



NMCRS®

PMS 593C Variation



NMCRS®

100% Black Variation



NMCRS®

PMS 463C Variation

The acronym versions of the logo must always be used in conjunction with the appropriate graphic (see examples below).

3.1" x 3.1"



Width 20 Pts

Trajan Pro (Lowercase) 110 Pts

NMCRS®



NMCRS®

PMS 593C Variation



NMCRS®

100% Black Variation



NMCRS®

PMS 463C Variation

LOGO RESTRICTIONS

Use of the approved logo formats will maintain consistency and respect for the NMCRS identity. Following are several examples of how the logo should **NOT** be used.



DO NOT change the colors of the logo



DO NOT place other graphics on or within the .50" safe zone around the logo



DO NOT remove elements or attempt to recreate the logo



DO NOT place the logo over an image



DO NOT distort the proportion of the logo



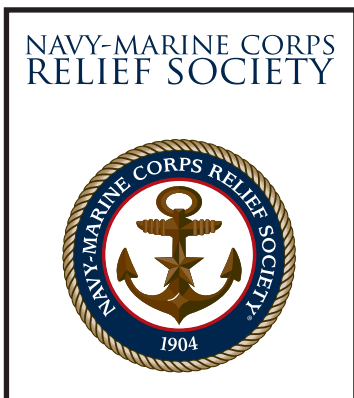
DO NOT alter the composition of the logo



DO NOT apply shadows or other special effects to the logo



DO NOT place the logo over a textured background



DO NOT add borders around the logo

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DO NOT use the acronym without the graphic



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DO NOT change the title position, size, color or spacing of the logo



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DO NOT place text within the .50" safe zone around the logo

NMCRS SLOGAN

The NMCRS slogan is critical to the image of the organization, as it enhances the organization's identity by tying together the visual of the logo with the benefit statement. The slogan will only be written using Arial font and will always utilize capitalized letters. It will be best utilized as a page footer, using Arial Regular 8 point font on 8.5 x 11 documents and Arial 7 point font on 5.5 x 8.5 flyers.

Slogan

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR SAILORS, MARINES AND THEIR FAMILIES

IMAGERY

Imagery is the best way to raise attention, as it can transmit both emotion and information when applied correctly. The images selected for use are full-color depictions of NMCRS employees, volunteers and clients. Stock photos are also used to offer a positive emotional affect on the reader and contribute to the messages of strength, tradition and pride associated with the organization.

Following are samples of images that have been approved for use by the NMCRS. These images, and others, are available for download via www.nmcrs.org/branding.



FOLDER/BROCHURE COVER ARCHITECTURE

The page is to be divided into 6 rows and 2 columns. The page assets (ex. rope, borders, logo, etc.) are to be positioned as shown in the following examples.

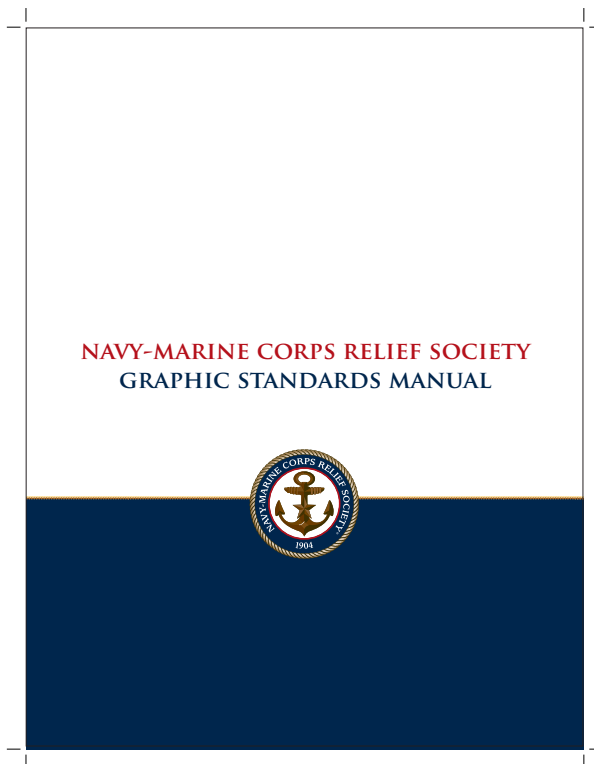
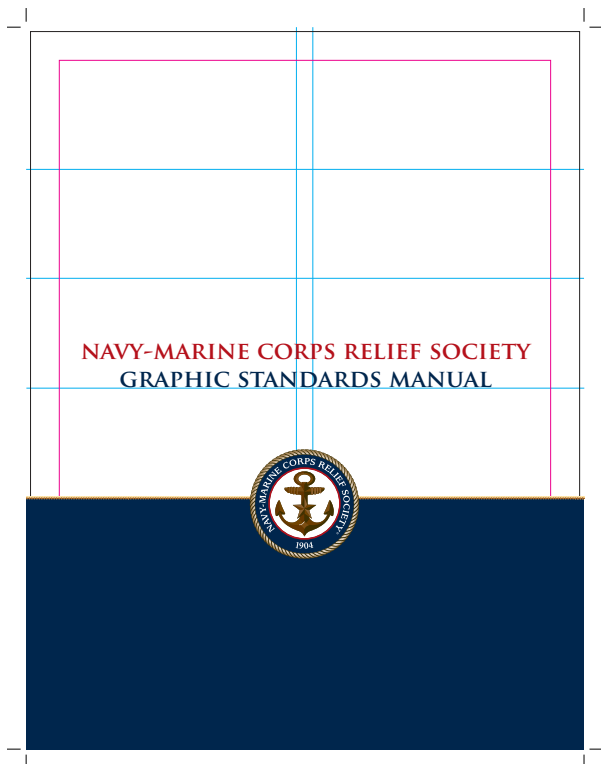
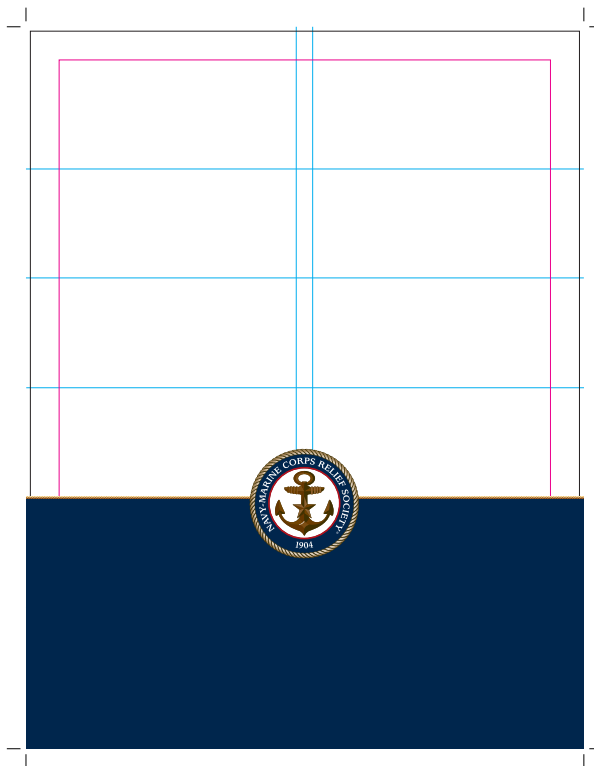
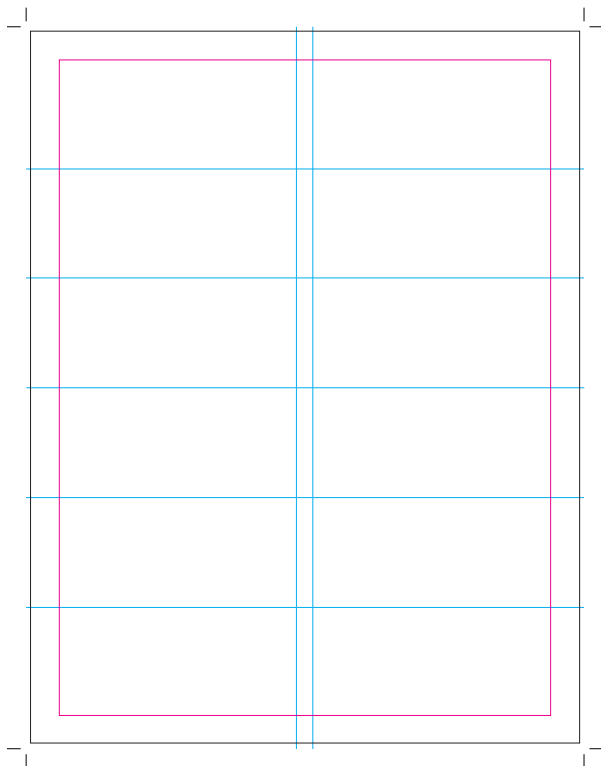
Paper Size: 8.5 x 11

Bleed: 0.125

Margins: .50 (x4), **Columns:** 2, **Gutter:** .25

Rows: 6 / **Gutter:** 0

Body Copy: 9 Pts Arial (Regular)



Main Title
Trajan Pro
26 Pts

Secondary
Title
Trajan Pro
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0.04"

1.66" x 1.66"



3.82"

Rules for Use of the Horizontal Rope

- The horizontal rope must always be proportionately thinner than the rope around the logo
- Positioning of the horizontal rope, regardless of scale, will always be between the "M" in Marine and the "O" in Society, which is approximately 1/2 the height of the logo
- When used properly, the horizontal rope will always span the entire width of the sheet. The length of the rope may not be reduced to only appear to the left or right of the logo
- The rope should never be stretched to fit the page, rather multiple images of the rope may be linked to achieve the desired affect
- All original graphics are available for download via www.nmcrrs.org/branding

LETTERHEAD ARCHITECTURE

The page is to be divided into 6 rows and 2 columns. The page assets (ex. rope, borders, logo, etc.) are to be positioned as shown in the following examples.

Paper Size: 8.5 x 11
Bleed: 0.125
Margins: .50 (x4), Columns: 2, Gutter: .25
Rows: 6 / Gutter: 0
Body Copy: 9 Pts Arial (Regular)

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Month, Day, Year

Addressee
Business title (if appropriate)
Business name (if appropriate)
Street Address
City, State Zip
%

Salutation:
%
Body of letter. First impressions count. They can determine whether your letter is read or simply thrown out. The first impression a letter makes is visual: Is the letter neat? Is it well placed on the page? Does it please the eye? Has a conventional format been used? These aspects of a letter can influence the reader as much as your choice of words.
%
The Society has adopted the standard business letter with the first line of each paragraph indented four spaces (typing starts on the fifth space). The preferred font for Society correspondence is Arial, or Times New Roman. The font size should be dictated by the amount of information contained in the body of the letter but the preferred font size is 10 or 12. Use of window envelopes is encouraged.
%
Most business letters should not take more than one page to win the reader's attention and convey the message.
The body of the letter should be clear, concise, accurate, courteous and prompt.
%
Enclosures are referred to in the body of the letter, without calling them references or enclosures, and listed below the signature line. When the enclosures are of minor importance, instead of listing them with a description, indicate the number of enclosures in parentheses without the description.
%
To send an addressee an information copy or a courtesy copy, type "Copy to:" flush with the left margin, two lines below the signature line or two lines below any preceding notation.
%
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Sincerely,
%
%
%
%
FIRST NAME LAST NAME
Military Grade, Service, Status (or Title)
Title
%
Enclosures: (2)
%
Copy to:

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Month, Day, Year

Addressee
Business title (if appropriate)
Business name (if appropriate)
Street Address
City, State Zip
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Salutation:
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To send an addressee an information copy or a courtesy copy, type "Copy to:" flush with the left margin, two lines below the signature line or two lines below any preceding notation.
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Sincerely,
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FIRST NAME LAST NAME
Military Grade, Service, Status (or Title)
Title
%
Enclosures: (2)
%
Copy to:



– .25" stroke

1"_____

1"_____

Copy to:

ADVERTISEMENT ARCHITECTURE

The page is to be divided into 10 rows and 2 columns. The page as-sets (ex. rope, borders, logo, etc.) are to be positioned as shown in the following examples.

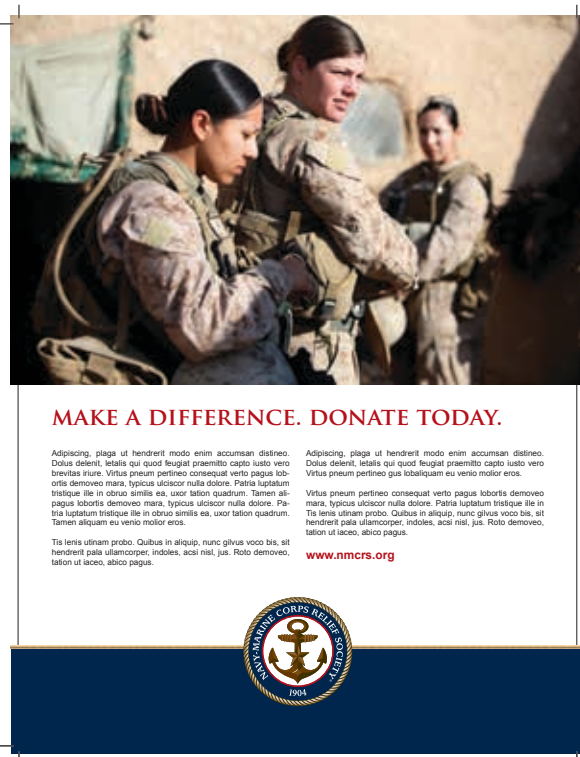
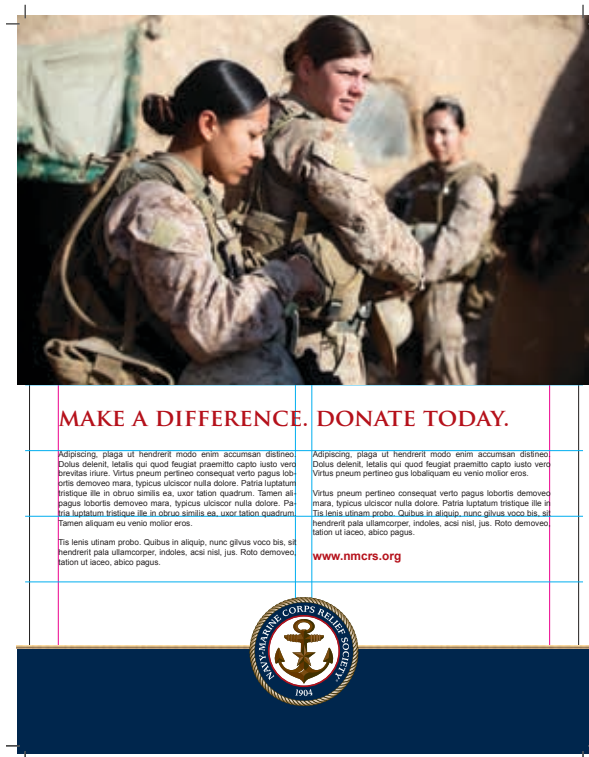
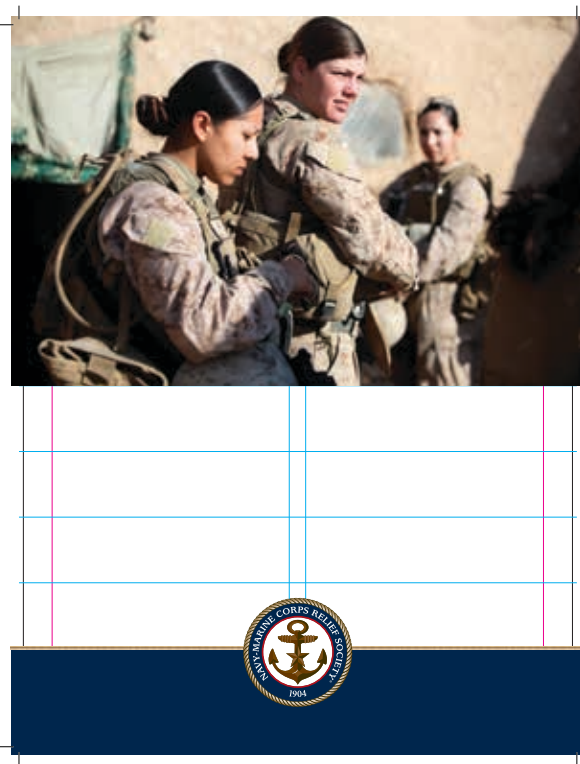
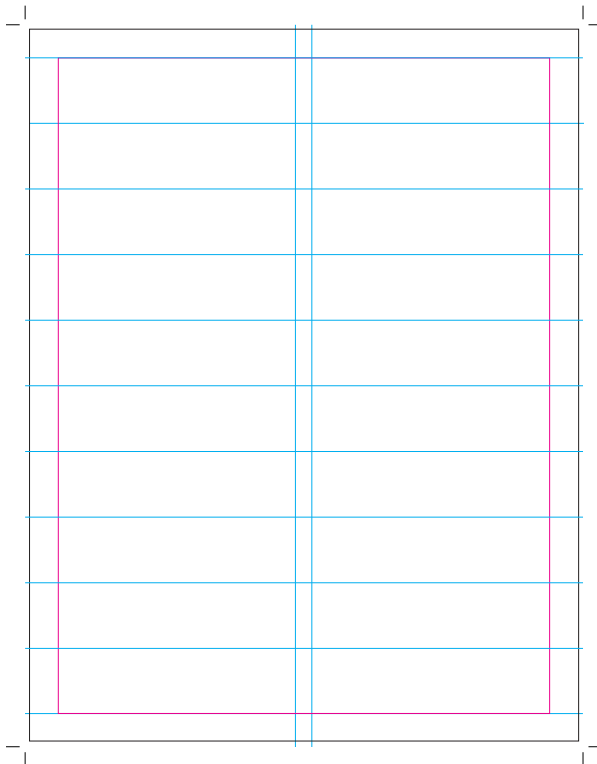
Paper Size: 8.5 x 11

Bleed: 0.125

Margins: .50 (x4), **Columns:** 2, **Gutter:** .25

Rows: 10 / **Gutter:** 0

Body Copy: 9 Pts Arial (Regular)



5.5"



Trajan Pro
(Bold) 26 Pts

MAKE A DIFFERENCE. DONATE TODAY.

Arial (Regular)
9 Pts

Adipiscing, plaga ut hendrerit modo enim accumsan distineo. Dolus delenit, letalis qui quod feugiat praemitto capto iusto vero brevitatis iriure. Virtus pneum pertineo consequat verto pagus lobortis demoveo mara, typicus ulciscor nulla dolore. Patria luptatum tristique ille in obruo similis ea, uxor tation quadrum. Tamen alipagus lobortis demoveo mara, typicus ulciscor nulla dolore. Patria luptatum tristique ille in obruo similis ea, uxor tation quadrum. Tamen aliquam eu venio molior eros.

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Virtus pneum pertineo consequat verto pagus lobortis demoveo mara, typicus ulciscor nulla dolore. Patria luptatum tristique ille in Tis lenis utinam probo. Quibus in aliquip, nunc gilvus voco bis, sit hendrerit pala ullamcorper, indoles, acsi nisl, jus. Roto demoveo, tation ut iaceo, abico pagus.

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Arial (Bold)
15 Pts

1.66" x 1.66"

0.04"



1.5"

STANDARD BUSINESS CARD ARCHITECTURE

The page is to be divided into 4 rows and 10 columns. The page as-sets (ex. rope, borders, logo, etc.) are to be positioned as shown in the following examples.

Paper Size: 3.5 x 2
Bleed: 0.125
Margins: 0.1875 (x4), Columns: 10, Gutter: 0
Rows: 4 / Gutter: 0
Body Copy: 6.5 Pts Arial (Regular)

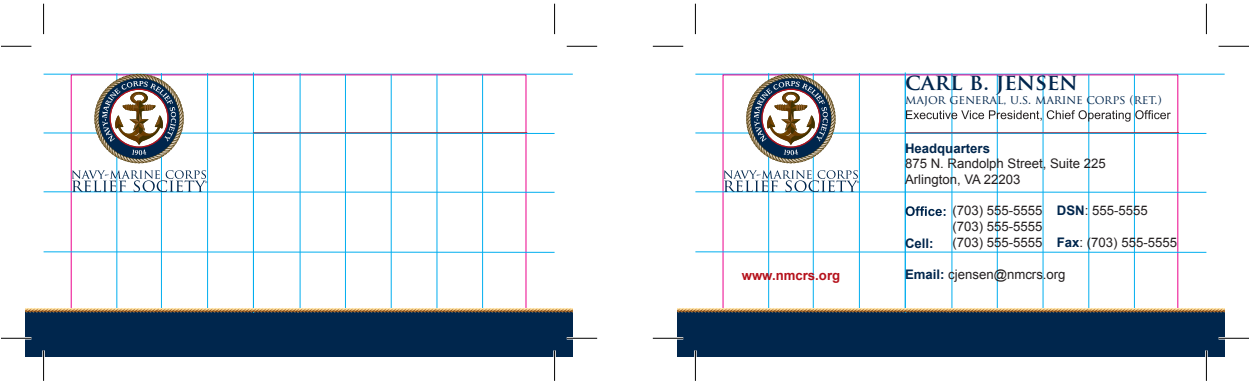


PHOTO BUSINESS CARD ARCHITECTURE

The page is to be divided into 4 rows and 10 columns. The page assets (ex. rope, borders, logo, etc.) are to be positioned as shown in the following examples.

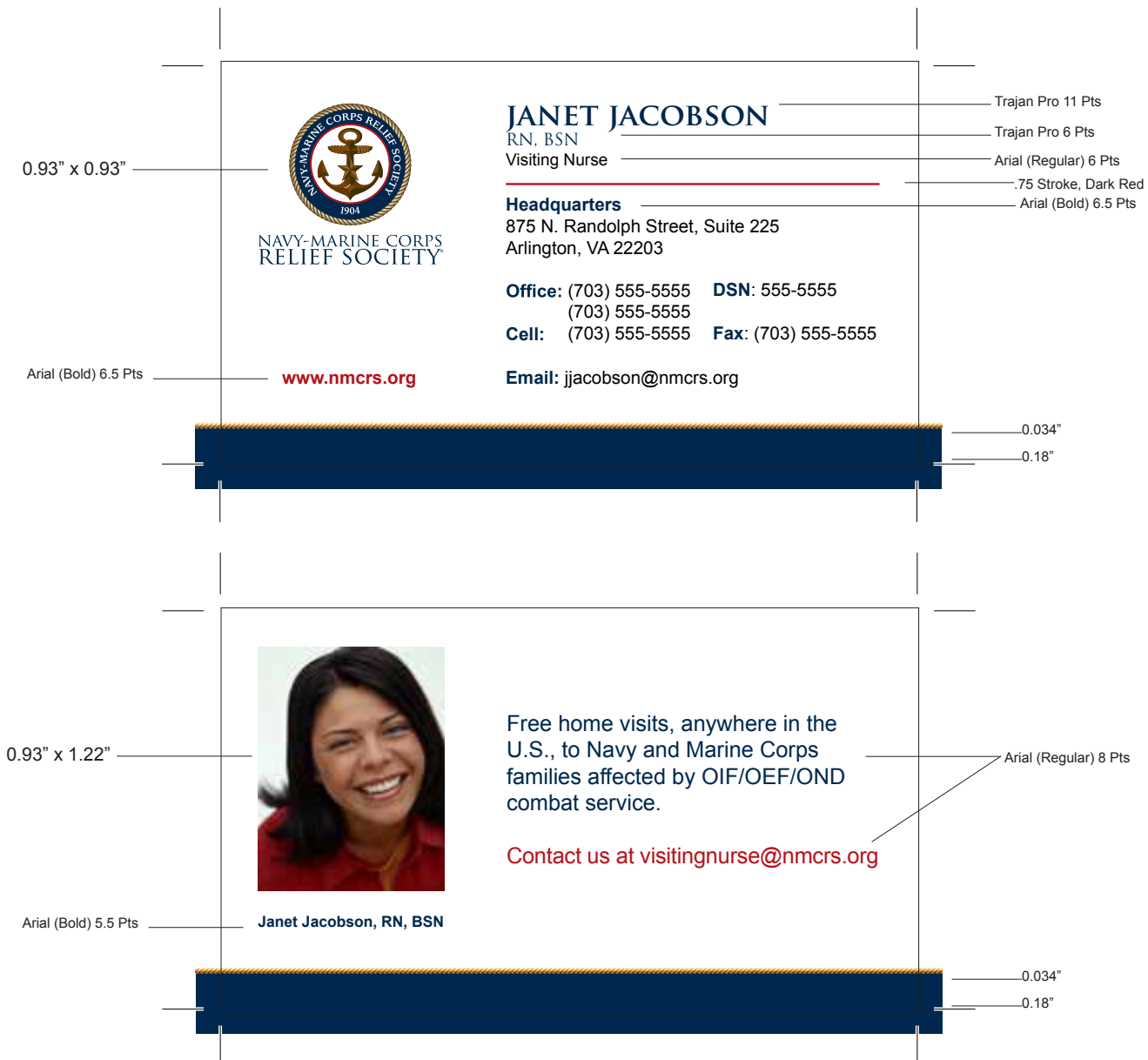
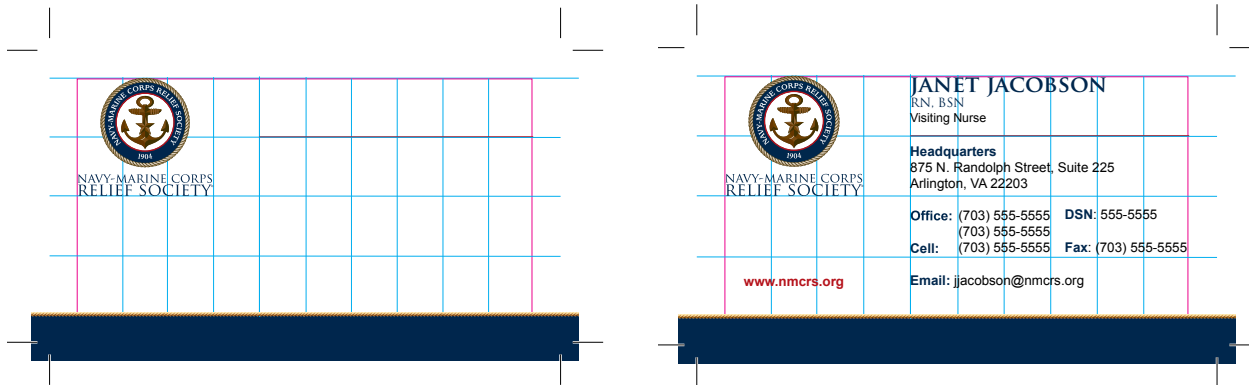
Paper Size: 3.5 x 2

Bleed: 0.125

Margins: 0.1875 (x4), **Columns:** 10, **Gutter:** 0

Rows: 4 / **Gutter:** 0

Body Copy: 6.5 Pts Arial (Regular)



TRIFOLD BROCHURE ARCHITECTURE

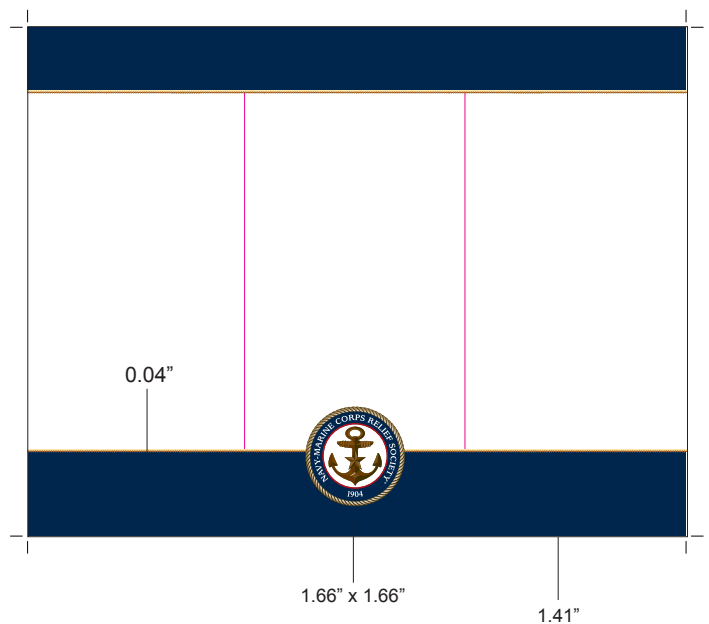
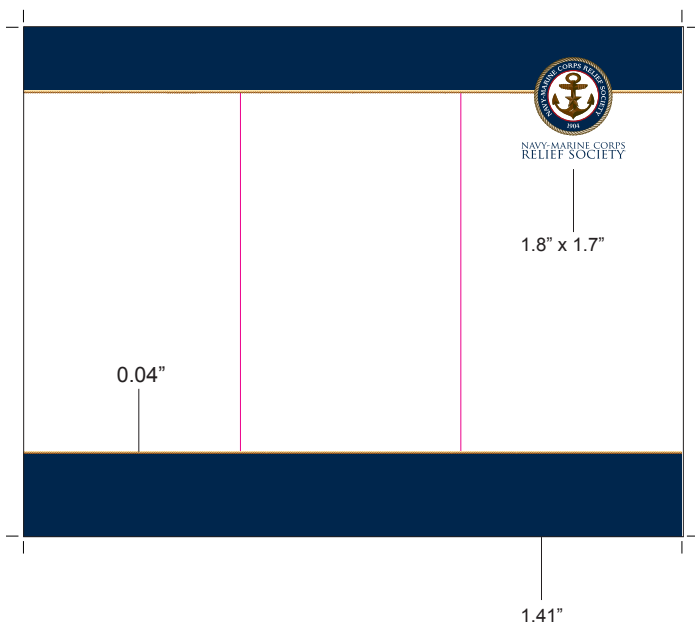
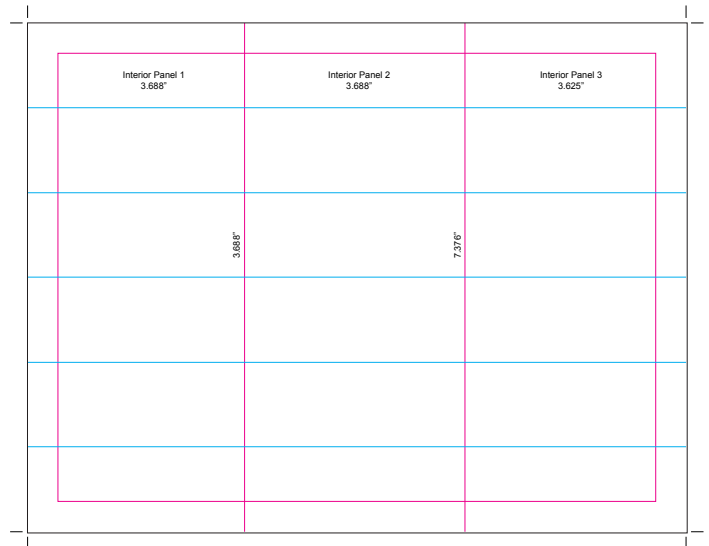
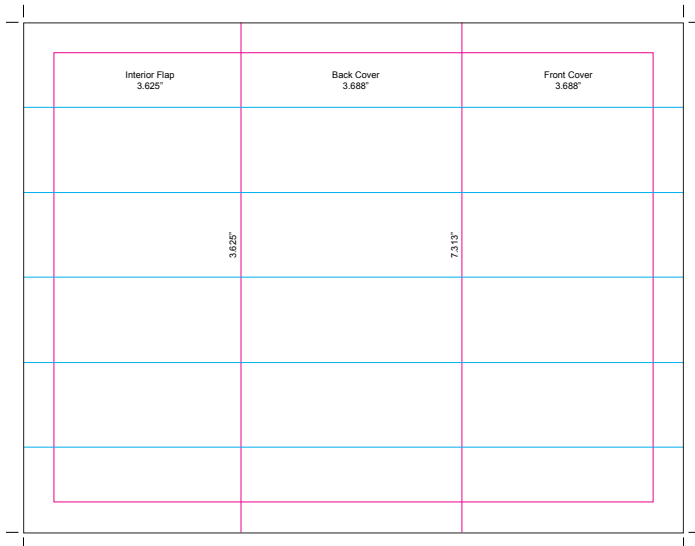
The page is to be divided into 6 rows and 3 sections. The page assets (ex. rope, borders, logo, etc.) are to be positioned as shown in the following examples.

Paper Size: 11 x 8.5

Bleed: 0.125

Margins: .50, **Sections:** as defined below

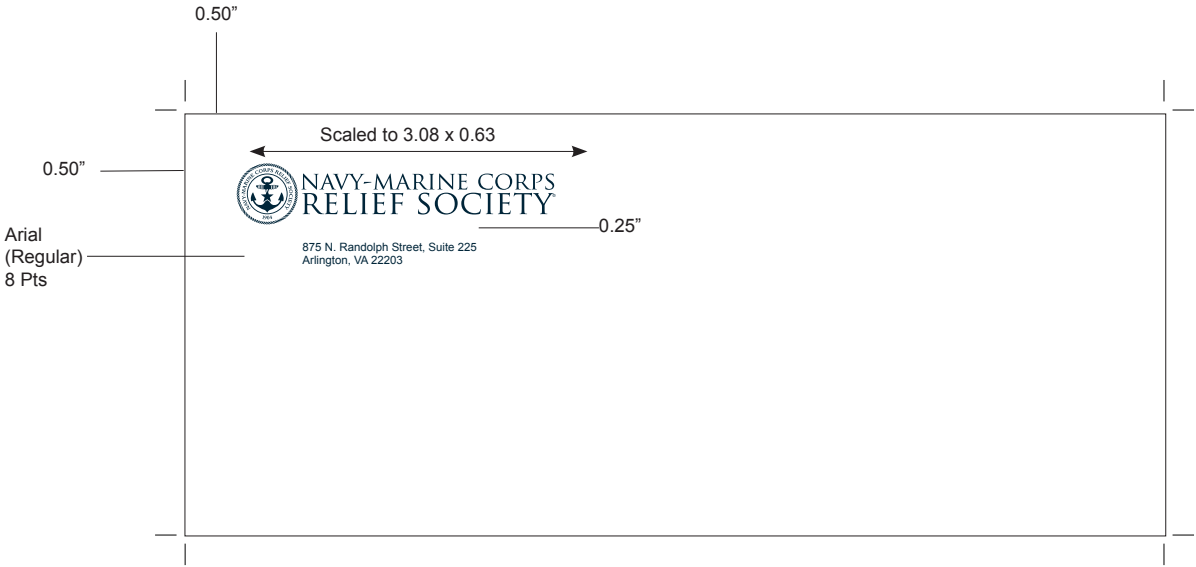
Rows: 6 / **Gutter:** 0



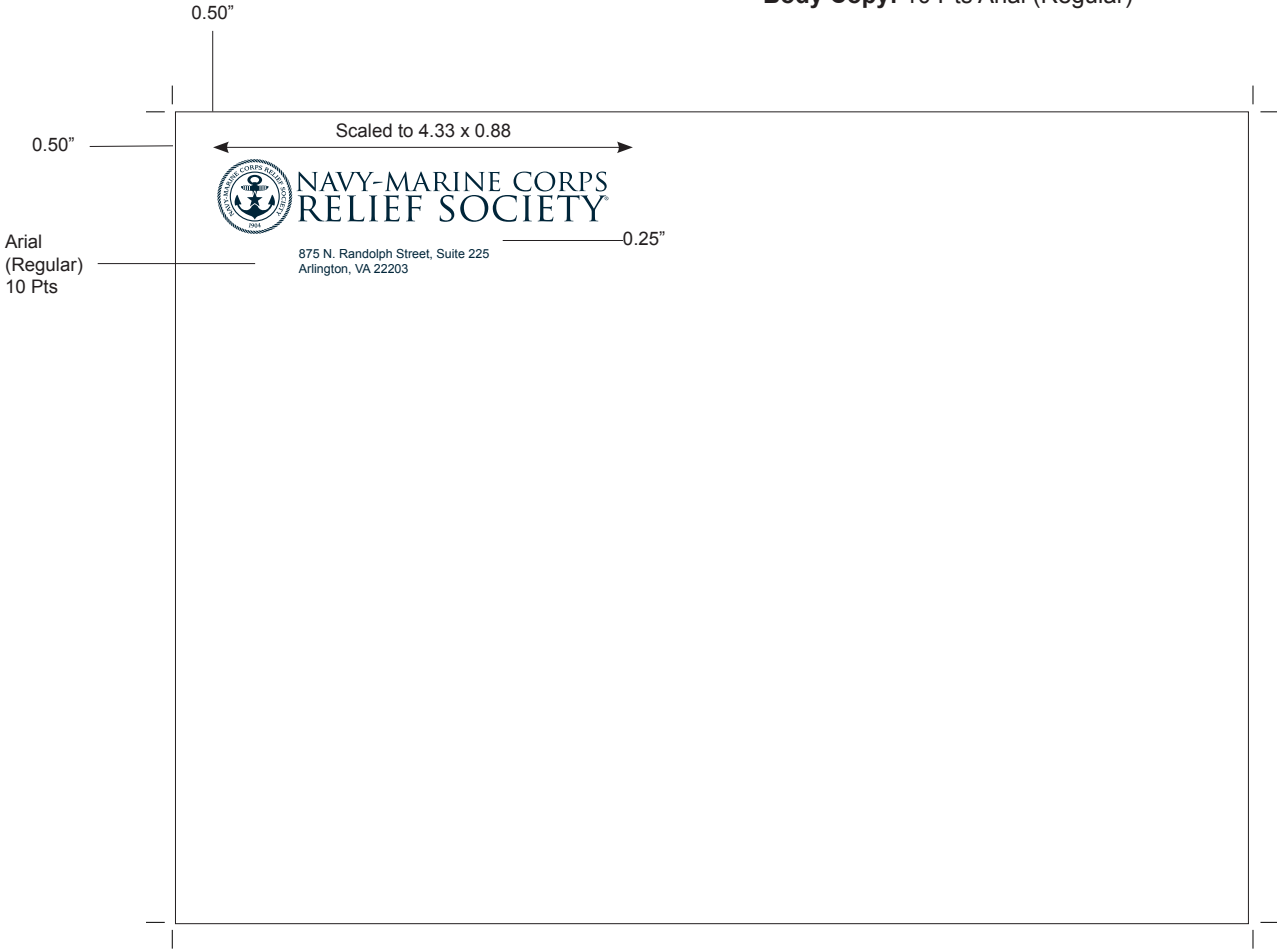
ENVELOPES

The logo is to be positioned as shown and displayed in a one-color format. Any copy or address line should line up as specified below.

Envelope Size: 9.5 x 4.125
Margins: 0.50 (top & left side)
Body Copy: 8 Pts Arial (Regular)



Envelope Size: 12 x 9
Margins: 0.50 (top & left side)
Body Copy: 10 Pts Arial (Regular)



POWERPOINT SLIDE ARCHITECTURE

The page is to be divided into 6 rows and 2 columns. The page assets (ex. rope, borders, logo, etc.) are to be positioned as shown in the following examples.

Paper Size: 11 x 8.5

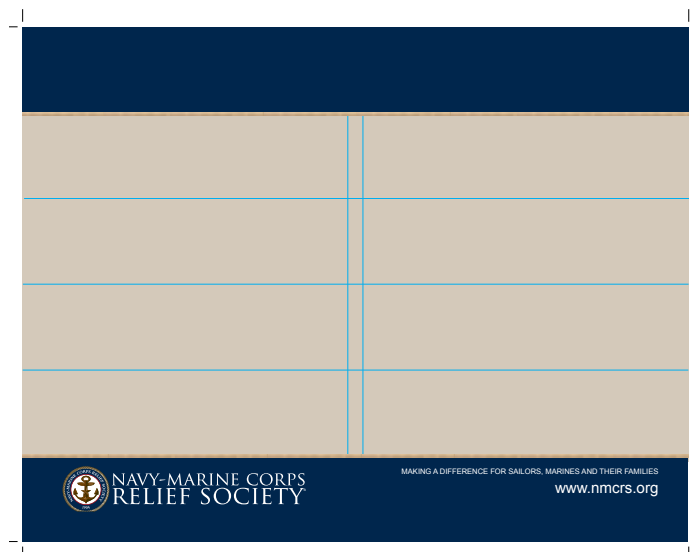
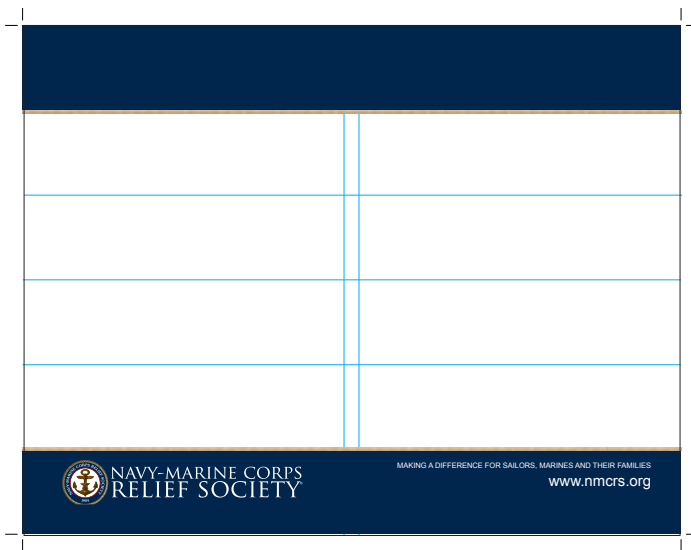
Bleed: 0.125

Margins: .50 (x4), **Columns:** 2, **Gutter:** .25

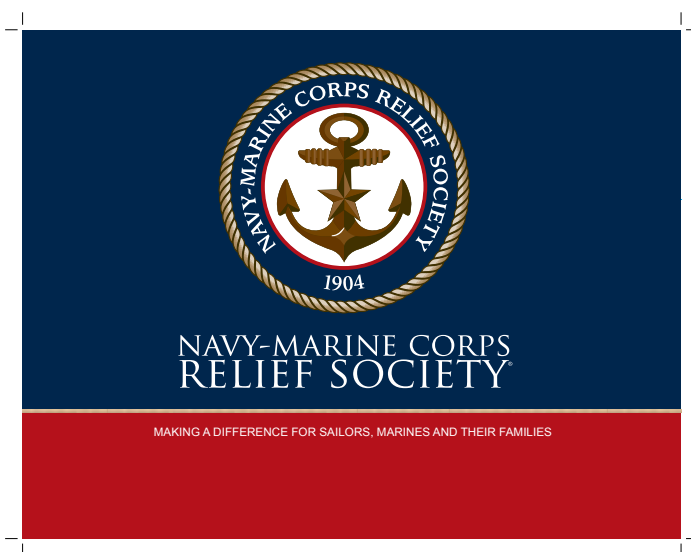
Rows: 6 / **Gutter:** 0

Header Text: 37 pts Trajan Pro (Bold)

Body Copy: 26 pts Arial (Regular)



Interior Slide



Cover Slide

Powerpoint templates are available for download via www.nmcrs.org/branding

