

A Hero's Legacy...



The vision of a rural Nebraska man, Fred Hoppe, has created what the Veterans Task Force calls one of the "greatest tributes ever completed for the Veterans of the Twentieth Century." Along with designing, funding, and

building the Veterans Memorial Museum, Fred Hoppe also collected and then wrote the scripts for over 2000 rare military artifacts he donated to the Museum.

The museum showcases an incredible collection of wartime exhibits covering the heights and depths of human experience. For those who lived through these wars the memories brought back are vivid and overwhelming. For those who have been privileged to live through peaceful times in the United States, the museum is awe-inspiring, educating present and future generations of the sacrifices made by our veterans.

The Veterans Memorial Museum contains over 2000 exhibits covering the five main wars, the cold war, and other conflicts fought during the 20th Century. Circulation starts in the World War I Hall, progressing through nine more great halls. Sculpture, murals, historical artifacts, objects d'art, and thousands of authentic memorabilia honor all branches of the service, major battlefronts, campaigns, industrial defense, and the enduring support from the home front.

The names of the men and women who gave their lives to defend our freedoms in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, and recent conflicts of the 20th Century are displayed on the walls of the halls. From the jungles of Vietnam to the deserts of the Persian Gulf, from the memories of decorated combat veterans to the men and women who served at home, every aspect of our nation's valiant fight for freedom has been honored.

Hoppe was inspired by the stories and sacrifices he heard about from his father (Fred Sr.) and the men that fought alongside his father during some of World War II's bloodiest battles. Fred Hoppe Sr. is honored with a mural depicting his heroic rescue of a wounded fellow soldier. He is also the model for the lead soldier in the world's largest war memorial bronze sculpture.

Hoppe Jr. says, "I wanted to honor these men and women who gave their lives for the freedoms we enjoy today. I just want the American public to be as proud of our veterans as I am."

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The Veterans Memorial Museum is a powerful and emotional experience for everyone. This national tribute to our veterans contains over 18,000 square feet of art and exhibits progressing through the wars of the 20th Century. Honors all branches of the military and the enduring support of the American people.

A full-size World War II P-51 Mustang Fighter Plane is located in front of the Veterans Memorial Museum at 1250 W. 76 Country Music Boulevard.

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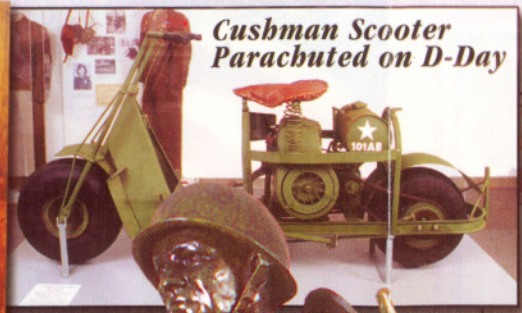
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Spoils of War



Cushman Scooter Parachuted on D-Day



10th Mt. Division Exhibit

World War I

Vietnam

President George Bush Sr. as a young pilot in World War II

The walls of the museum are covered with the names of the men and women who gave their lives to defend our freedoms in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, and other recent conflicts of the 20th Century. Over 400,000 names alone are displayed on the World War II walls.



World War I Sculpture

World's Largest War Memorial Bronze Sculpture

The hallmark of the museum is the world's largest war memorial sculpture created by internationally known sculptor, Fred Hoppe. Over five tons of clay was used to sculpt this seventy foot long, fifteen ton bronze sculpture, consisting of fifty life-size soldiers storming a beach. Each figure is modeled after an actual combat veteran, one from each of the fifty states.



Korea



Desert Storm



World War II



World War I Display



World War II