



### Airborne

At the mercy of the winds, troops descended by glider or parachute, landing behind enemy lines and fighting to secure military objectives and advance the cause of freedom in distant lands.



### All Airmen

For more than one hundred years, U.S. forces have flown aircraft in defense of this country, first as part of the Army and then as a separate branch. Other branches now defend the skies as well.



### Black Soldiers

The sacrifices of the Tuskegee Airmen and the Buffalo Soldiers stand as a testimony to the power of the American dream to inspire all people to protect and defend it, no matter its history or its cost.



### China Burma India

Remembering veterans who fought in this World War II theatre generally overlooked by the news of its day, the monument honors service from all branches during the period 1941-1945.



### Disabled American Veterans

The organization reminds all people of the depths of sacrifice offered by the military: "The personal price of war is high. It can last a lifetime."

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### Donor Recognition

Plaques mounted on the entry gateway recognize the generous contributions of individuals and organizations to the establishment and perpetuation of the Veterans Memorial Garden.



### Ex-Prisoners of War

In war, both sides take prisoners. Captured members of the U.S. military have spent time in prison, often receiving inhumane treatment. This monument honors all Prisoners of War.



### Flag Retirement

When the Stars and Stripes have grown tattered and faded from the elements, the American Legion offers a place and time for those flags to be retired with dignity.



### K-9 Corps

Since antiquity, dogs have served the military. Estimates hold that over 40,000 dogs have served the United States with honor during wartime. This is the nation's only known memorial to them.



### Korean War

From 1950 to 1953, members of the U.S. military fought at the side of allies from 21 countries, members of the United Nations, to defend the sovereignty of South Korea against North Korea.



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### Board

The Veterans Memorial Garden Advisory Board meets at 9:00 a.m. on the second Fridays of January, April, July, and October, at the Antelope Park Enclosed Shelter.

### Dedication of Bricks of Remembrance

Annually on the second Saturday of June, 10 a.m.

### Web

<http://parks.lincoln.ne.gov>  
[www.lincolnparks.org/contribute/veterans\\_bricks.htm](http://www.lincolnparks.org/contribute/veterans_bricks.htm)

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# Veterans Memorial Garden, Lincoln, Neb.

"...from these honored dead we take increased devotion ..."

Abraham Lincoln,  
*The Gettysburg Address*

Nov. 19, 1863



### Marines

With roots reaching back to their founding by the Continental Congress in 1775, the Marines have fought significant battles in every war, abiding by their motto, “*Semper Fidelis.*”



### MIA-POW

Featuring the words of Glenda C. Shuett Drucker, this memorial honors the sacrifices of personnel proclaimed missing in action or prisoner of war. “May peace and tranquility be with you wherever you are.”



### Military Medical Personnel

Beginning with the Revolutionary War, members of the military have risked themselves to help injured comrades. They are the first to respond to calls for help from the sick and wounded.



### Military Women

Inscribed “Honoring All Military Women. Proud to have Served,” the memorial recognizes contributions that stretch back over 200 years and today count 800,000 women in the armed forces.



### Pearl Harbor Survivors Association

On Dec. 7, 1941, the attack by Japan on the U.S. at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, led to the deaths of 2,335 members of the U.S. armed forces. This monument honors their final sacrifice.



### Purple Heart Recipients

The oldest American decoration for military merit inspired the design of this memorial to all who have been wounded, suffered maltreatment as a prisoner of war, or died while fighting an enemy.



### Silent Death

Modern technology brings with it weapons that may not kill in battle, but may debilitate long after a war has ended. This monument recognizes the continuing sacrifices of U.S. service members.



### Special Forces

The Army’s Airborne Special Forces Group supports U.S. objectives during general, limited and cold wars. The missions place members at risk. This monument honors their service to the country.



### U.S. Coast Guard

Rooted in the Revenue Cutter Service of 1790 and now part of the Department of Homeland Security, the Coast Guard lives by its motto, “*Semper Paratus,*” and is always prepared to protect.



### U.S. Merchant Marine

In fighting World War II, members of the Merchant Marine, known as the “fourth arm of defense,” suffered the highest death rate of any branch of the service: one in twenty-six.



### U.S. Navy Armed Guard

The members of the U.S. Navy commemorated with this monument protected the ships and personnel of America’s merchant fleet carrying people and supplies to battles around the world.



### U.S. Navy Seabees

Created by the Navy in World War II, the Seabees excelled at construction, fighting and building on six continents and more than 300 islands during that war. They joined the Navy for good in 1947.



### Vietnam Veterans Wall

The twin black granite panels of this memorial contain the names of the 405 people with Nebraska ties who died in the Vietnam War. The monument stands in the same place as the traveling Wall had stood.



### World War I

Inscribed with the names of military personnel from Lancaster County, this monument remembers those who gave their lives in the “Great War.” Two million Americans fought in this war.



### World War II

The United States fought this war from 1941 to 1945, ending it with the unconditional surrenders of

Germany and Japan. The monument includes maps showing the locations of major battles.

### Remembrance with Honor

In early June 1989, the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall came to Lincoln. Over 80,000 people visited the monument during its stay. Following the success of the U.S. military in its mission in the Persian Gulf War in 1991, an outpouring of enthusiasm and support led to the creation of the Veterans Memorial Garden. Founded to remember and honor all veterans of all branches of service throughout the history of the United States, the garden now features more than two dozen individual monuments to the men, women, and animals who placed their lives in harm’s way to “secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity.”

### Bricks of Remembrance

Family and friends may honor veterans, whether living or deceased, who have received an Honorable or General discharge, by securing inscribed bricks. A tax-deductible donation of \$100 secures one brick bearing up to three lines of eighteen characters. Each brick may be placed in a wall adjacent to the memorial most fitting to the memorialized veteran. A register near the garden’s entrance provides a guide to the placement of the bricks. Proceeds from the donation of bricks underwrites the development and care of the garden, with the goal of providing perpetual care for these memorials.

### Abraham Lincoln's Words of Remembrance

“It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”