



Milwaukee's *Milwaukee County War Memorial Center*

The War Memorial Center is Wisconsin's most visible memorial to all those who have served in the U.S. Armed Services, committed to furthering the mission, "To Honor the Dead by Serving the Living".

The fear of the aging veteran community is that their service will be forgotten. The center strives to keep their stories and legacies alive, ensuring that future generations remember the sacrifices that were made to afford them the freedoms they enjoy everyday.

The War Memorial Center was born out of the collective vision of the Zonta, Altrusa, Business and Professional Women's Club and the Milwaukee Civic Alliance to create a fitting memorial to honor the War Dead of WWII. Inspired by their vision, fundraising began and the community pooled its resources. The building was dedicated on Veterans Day 1957 as a testament to the men and women who served our nation when called.

This stunning architectural achievement of renowned Finnish-American architect Eero Saarinen stands as a fitting memorial to those who have served in the U.S. Armed Services. Saarinen's unique design, a floating cruciform with cantilevered portions, is now considered a classic in the development of modern architecture.

The War Memorial Center was designated a Milwaukee Landmark in 1974 in honor of its architectural and cultural significance to the community.

Among the center's features is an incredible collection of original, fully-restored American, British and French WWI and WWII posters are on display on the third and fourth floors. The Veterans Gallery features military displays, exhibits and commemorative items. The walls and cantilevers are decorated with a variety of commemorative plaques that recognize the contributions of many, in service to all. Commemorations for Veteran of the Year, Military Nurses, US Submarine Veterans of WWII, United Spanish War Veterans, and those who served on the USS Milwaukee CL-5 can be found in Veterans Gallery. There is also a plaque in memory of John and Eleanor Schneider and their ten sons who served in the military. [http://www.warmemorialcenter.org/Visitors_Guide/Veterans_Gallery/]

