

The New Veterans Memorial in Columbus, Ohio

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There is a new Veterans Memorial in Columbus, Ohio, near the Scioto River. It is called “National Veterans Memorial and Museum”. To be exact, the address is 300 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The late John Glenn envisioned the memorial in 2012, and it opened to the public on October 27, 2018. It took about six years to raise the money to build it. The memorial and museum are closed Monday and Tuesday, and it is open Wednesday through Sunday at 10 A.M. and it closes at 5 P.M. The building’s size is fifty three thousand square feet, so it is very big and has room to honor lots of veterans - over forty million veterans! It also has a parking lot that is so big that it has its own area on Google Maps! It actually honors lots of veterans, not just from one war, but from multiple wars, that have ever lived and still live today.

There are war stories that are present, of course, but they aren't the primary source. Instead, the attention is given to the veteran’s decision to serve, their training, the sacred oath, their deployment and personnel roles, separation from family and friends, survival, their sacrifices, and when they come home. It has an uncountable amount of veterans in it from all the branches of the army. It tells about the veterans in the veteran’s own words, so you get a firsthand account of what they went through to protect our beloved country. A local who wishes to remain anonymous went there said this about the wonderful place, “This place has excellent exhibition. You can spend hours there reading and listening to the stories. I think it was a good thing to build, mainly because it honors the soldiers who have died in any war that aren’t well

known, or for aircraft engineers or something like that.” The museum and memorial want to tell everyone the whole veteran story, not just a story of war.

Jason Dominguez was a marine who was deployed in Iraq, and he said these very wise words, “There are many who are born under our flag, but there are a few who actually choose to become a part of it”, which is true when you think about it. Sure, there a lot of people who are a part of the United States military, but there are a lot more people who are able to join, that don’t join. I know that we need people to do other jobs too, and that there are reasons why some people don’t join that are actually good reasons, but there are still a lot of people who just don’t join at all.



This is what the “National Veterans Memorial and Museum” looks like from the outside.



This is what it looks like on the inside of the humongous building.