

SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL MILITARY MUSEUM

1315 CHESTNUT
ST. LOUIS, MO 63103



The City of St. Louis cordially welcomes you to Soldiers' Memorial Museum. Located downtown at 1315 Chestnut, the Memorial is open daily 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day). Admission is free.

BUILDING ACCESSIBLE TO HANDICAPPED.

For any further information telephone (314) 622-4550.

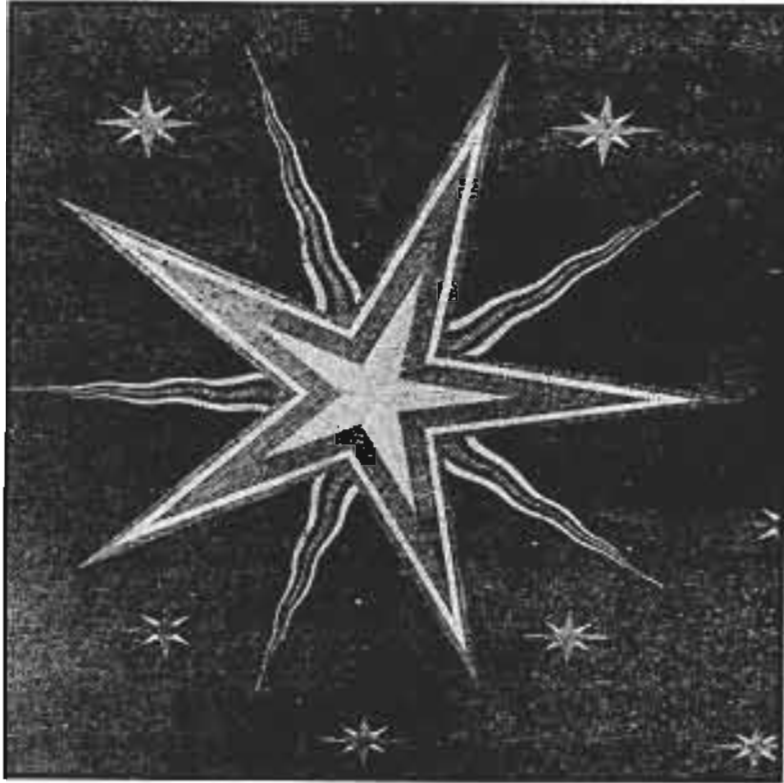
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The loggia area has a 38' high ceiling made of fabricated mosaic tile formed in a large gold star dedicated to the mothers of St. Louisans who died in wars. The interior floors of the museum are terrazzo. The walls of the building are St. Genevieve rose marble with a Belgium blue marble trim.



"This magnificent edifice, erected as a perpetual reminder of the valor and sacrifice that has enabled America to live, will spur us on as a people to make America greater. We who live, because others have died, should make of this shrine a place of love and a monument of peace."

MAYOR BERNARD F. DICKMANN
MAY 30, 1938

In 1923 the City of St. Louis voted \$6 million for the purchasing of a Memorial Plaza and building dedicated to St. Louisans who lost their lives in World War I. The purchase of the seven block site exhausted the allotted funds; no money remained for the erecting of a monument.

In 1933, Mayor Bernard F. Dickmann appealed to citizens and city government to raise \$1 million for the construction of a memorial building and general improvement of the Plaza area. With assistance from the Relief and Recovery Act, construction of Soldiers' Memorial began on October 21, 1935.

During his visit to St. Louis, President Franklin D. Roosevelt officially dedicated the site on October 14, 1936. Mayor Dickmann opened the building to the public on Memorial Day, 1938,.

To perpetuate the memory, deeds, and loyalty of those St. Louisans who sacrificed so much in America's armed conflicts, Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum stands as a lasting tribute. The massive architecture is simple yet symbolic.



**ONE OF THE
STYLIZED STONE
EAGLES
ORNAMENTING
THE MAGNIFICENT
SOLDIERS'
MEMORIAL.**

**IMPRESSIVE
MONUMENTAL
BEDFORD STONE
SCULPTURES
CREATED BY
WALKER HANCOCK
FLANK THE
ENTRANCE WAYS.**



COURAGE

**COURAGE AND
VISION STAND
AT THE
SOUTH STAIRS
WHILE LOYALTY
AND SACRIFICE
STAND AT THE
NORTH STAIRS.**



VISION

SACRIFICE



**THE SCULPTURES
REPRESENT
VIRTUES IN A
SOLDIER'S LIFE.**

LOYALTY



**ORNAMENTAL
PYLONS ON THE
TERRACE LEVEL
NAME MAJOR
WORLD WAR I
BATTLES
IN WHICH
ST. LOUISANS
PARTICIPATED.**



The Cenotaph in the center of the loggia is of black granite and has the names of 1075 St. Louisans who sacrificed their lives in World War I carved upon it. Above each entranceway to the museum rooms is a caricature of St. Louis IX, the City's patron saint.



Two museum rooms contain a collection of military items ---- firearms, edged weapons, memorabilia, flags, posters and medals depicting St. Louis' patriotic and active military involvement from 1800 through the present. Life size mannequins exhibit women's and men's uniforms, insignia and equipment.

Museum hosts traveling exhibits periodically.

CARVED MONOLITH IN COURT OF HONOR



Across Chestnut Street is located the Court of Honor, an area dedicated on Memorial Day 1948 to those who lost their lives in World War II. Listed on the red granite tablets are 2,753 names of St. Louis citizens who died in this conflict. On each end of the landscaped area stand two monuments, dedicated in 1979, to honor the 161 St. Louisans who lost their lives in Korea and the 214 who lost their lives in Vietnam.



Annual patriotic and colorful flag ceremonies sponsored by St. Louis Veteran organizations are staged on the steps of Soldiers' Memorial on most holidays such as Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Veterans Day. The public is invited to attend; information may be obtained by contacting Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum.