

NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

Washington, DC, United States

Owner

American Battle Monuments Commission

Size

7 Acres

Scope

Architect and Engineer of Record

Award

2005 Certificate of appreciation; for dedication and valuable contribution, American Battle Monuments Commission

2005 Project of the Year, American Society of Civil Engineers-National Capital Section

2005 AON Build America Award (AON = The Associated General Contractors of America), The Associated General Contractors of America

The American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) was appointed to create the National World War II Memorial to honor Americans' sacrifices during the war.

Through the General Services Administration (GSA), which provided project management and contracting, LEO A DALY was hired as prime architect and coordinated a team of consultants including Friedrich St. Florian, the key designer of the project and one of six firms short listed from an open national design competition.

The bronze and granite memorial features two arches that symbolize the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. North and south plaza entries have seals of the military services at the time of the war. Fifty-six granite pillars connected by bronze ropes celebrate the nation's unity during WWII. Gold stars on the Freedom Wall—totaling 4,000—commemorate the more than 400,000 Americans who gave their lives.

From project conception to completion, LEO A DALY coordinated multiple consultants and answered to various stakeholders and numerous review boards. The team successfully delivered this monument to GSA, ABMC, National Park Service, The Commission of Fine Arts, the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and WWII veterans and their families.

"The National World War II Memorial is in good hands with you and your firm at the architectural and engineering helms. Your reputation for excellence precedes you ... and I wish you all the best with this important endeavor."
William S. Cohen,
Secretary of Defense (former)

