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National Mall

DC War Memorial

Commemorating Men and Women from DC who Died in World War I



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The DC War Memorial is located on the National Mall between the Reflecting Pool and Constitution Avenue. Dedicated in 1931 to the DC men and women who gave their lives in World War I, the memorial is designed as an open-air band structure that can accommodate the entire US Marine Band. It is intended to be a memorial and bandstand, with each concert being a tribute to those who served and sacrificed in the war.

The structure was designed by architect Frederick Brooke with plans prepared by Nathan Wyeth and Horace Peaslee, all veterans of the war. The memorial sits on a four-foot circular platform on which names of 499 DC residents who died in the war are inscribed with no distinction made to rank, race, or gender. It is the only District memorial on the National Mall, symbolizing the position of Washington, DC as a local entity even though it is the federal city.

In 2010, the memorial received a \$3.6 million restoration funded through the American Recovery and Restoration Act.