

"Lest We Forget"

**IN MEMORY OF
THOSE WHO PAID
THE SUPREME
SACRIFICE IN ALL
WARS IN
DEFENSE OF OUR
COUNTRY**

(1963)



1964-2014, 50th Anniversary

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**Veterans Memorial
Island Sanctuary**



Located with Riverside Park
Vero Beach, FL 32960
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History

The Indian River has been part of the Vero Beach landscape from the start. The first bridge across the span of water was constructed in 1919 when Vero was incorporated. In 1925 when Indian River County was incorporated the barrier island and western portions of town became Vero Beach and the county seat. During this time the river was used extensively for trade, fishing, and recreation. Steam boats plied the water before being sent packing by the railroad. This was a period when the Army Corps of Engineers began dredging the channel that would become the Intracoastal Waterway.

Alex MacWilliam, after World War II, proposed a project to make use of the surplus dredging material. He advocated using the spoils to create an island dedicated to honor veterans. It was dedicated in May of 1964, the culmination of a community wide effort that paid tribute to those that had sacrificed their lives in service to the nation. In 1981, with the continued support of businesses, public and private leaders, Veteran Memorial Island Sanctuary was created. In the mid 1990's, it was refurbished in conjunction with development of Riverside Park. In 2004, the Sanctuary Advisory Committee was formed to serve as a steward for the City of Vero Beach. Work continues today with dedication of new memorials and tributes to the WWII, Korea, Vietnam wars in addition to the Purple Heart Veterans, Veterans of Pearl Harbor and POW/MIA.

What It IS

1. A place of reflection.
2. Hallowed ground in tribute to the fallen.
3. A community memorial.
4. An island for patriotic ceremonies.
5. A sanctuary for veterans, their families and friends.



Contact Veteran's Council of Indian River County located:

1800 27th St., Vero Beach, FL 32960

Regarding veteran's ceremonies, honors, and tributes.

Applications for use of the veteran's sanctuary are available from Vero Beach

Recreation Department

Website: covb.org or call 567-2144



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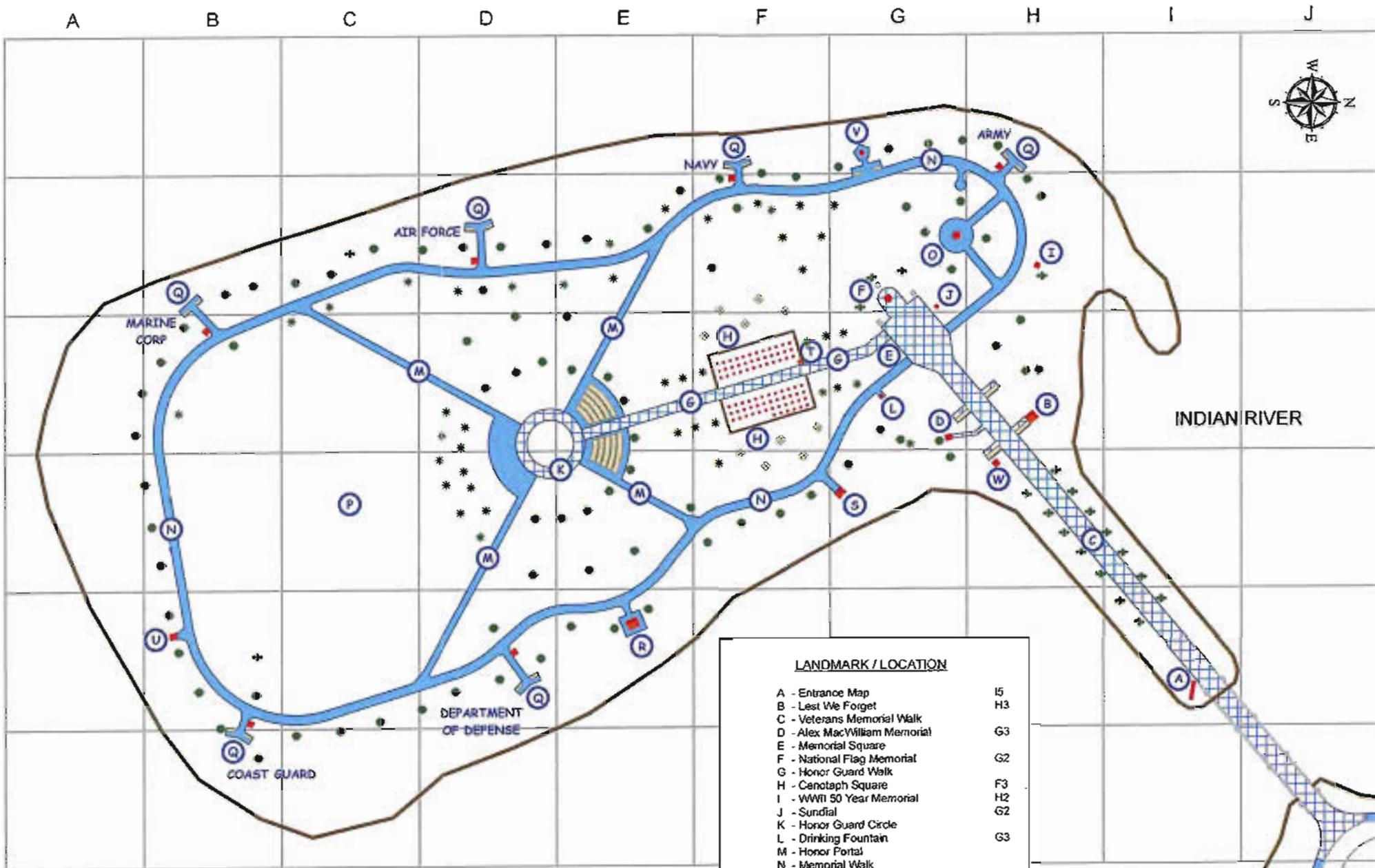


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LANDMARK / LOCATION	
A - Entrance Map	I5
B - Lest We Forget	H3
C - Veterans Memorial Walk	G3
D - Alex MacWilliam Memorial	G2
E - Memorial Square	F3
F - National Flag Memorial	H2
G - Honor Guard Walk	G2
H - Canotaph Square	G3
I - WWII 50 Year Memorial	F3
J - Sundial	H2
K - Honor Guard Circle	G2
L - Drinking Fountain	G3
M - Honor Portal	F3
N - Memorial Walk	H2
O - POW/MIA Memorial	G2
P - Memorial Sanctuary Field	E5
Q - Service Memorials (Meditation Areas)	G4
R - Purple Heart Memorial	F3
S - Pearl Harbor Survivors Memorial	B5
T - Heroes All Memorial	G1
U - Korean War Memorial	H4
V - Vietnam Veterans Memorial	
W - Historical Marker	
■ - Monuments	
*•••• - Trees	



VETERANS MEMORIAL ISLAND SANCTUARY

It's the right thing to do!



Lest We Forget...

It is a beautiful island refuge graced by our majestic national colors where 78 veterans are honored with cenotaphs and memorials mark the sacrifice of military service.

If you are interested in honoring a veteran or having a memorial service call 772-567-2144

Patriotic Days

- Nov 10, 2013 USMC Birthday
- Nov 11, 2013 Veteran's Day
- Dec 7 2013 Pearl Harbor Remembrance
- May 17, 2014 Armed Forces Day
- May 26, 2014 Memorial Day/ 50th VMIS Anniversary
- Jun 6, 2014 D-Day Remembrance
- Jun 14, 2014 Flag Day/ US Army Birthday
- Jul 4, 2014 Independence Day
- Sept 11 2014 Patriot Day
- Sept 19, 2014 POW/MIA Day
- Sept 28, 2014 Gold Star Mother's Day

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Connected by Bridge

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"Remember who gave the ultimate sacrifice in all wars in defense of our country (1963)"

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