

# CHAPTERS' VBOB MEMORIALS AND MONUMENTS

Many of our chapters have been involved over the years in getting memorials and monuments to the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge erected across the US. We have compiled this list so that you can visit them in your travels. We apologize in advance for any mistakes or omissions—we did our best to find and list them all.

## ARIZONA

### AZ Chapter 26

Wesley Bolan Memorial Plaza  
1700 W Washington St  
Phoenix, AZ 85007  
Maintained by State of AZ  
(Chapter closed.)



### Southern Arizona Chapter 53

El Presidio Plaza  
160 W Alameda St  
Tucson, AZ 85701  
(520) 791-4873  
[www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/parks](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/parks)  
Chapter Contact: Laura Dwyer, 520-481-1568  
The monument is of light gray Georgia granite, six feet high, five feet wide and weighing 2800 pounds. It is engraved front and back with the brilliant colors of our logo and the American, Belgian and Luxembourg flags. The monument cost \$4300.00 and was paid for entirely by donations from members of Southwest Arizona Chapter 53.



## CALIFORNIA

### Golden Gate Chapter 10

Battle of the Bulge Memorial Trail  
San Francisco VA Medical Center  
4150 Clement St  
San Francisco, CA 94121  
Chapter Contact: 650-654-0101  
Wooden trail signs behind the hospital include "Bastogne," "Arlon," "Parkers Crossroads," "St. Vith," "Malmedy," and "Stavelot."  
(Read more about this memorial on pg. 18)



## FLORIDA

### Central Florida Chapter 18

Lake Eola Park  
512 E Washington St  
Orlando, FL 32801  
(407) 246-4484  
[www.cityoforlando.net/parks/lake-eola-park/](http://www.cityoforlando.net/parks/lake-eola-park/)  
(Chapter closed.)  
Dedicated on December 16, 1999, this memorial was the result of hard work by many VBOBs in the area, especially a retired swim

coach and high school teacher, the late Harry Miesel and his wife Jeanette. The memorial is a statue of a G.I. in combat gear. Around the base of the statue are the logos for all the divisions and other units that were at the Bulge. On the ground around the statue are bricks with names of some of the people who were there in December 1944 to January 1945.



### Southeast Florida Chapter 62

Veterans Memorial Park  
411 N Federal Hwy  
Boynton Beach, FL 33435  
(561) 742-6650  
[www.boynton-beach.org/departments/parks/urban\\_open\\_civic\\_spaces.php](http://www.boynton-beach.org/departments/parks/urban_open_civic_spaces.php)  
Chapter Contact: George Fisher, 561-585-7086  
It is a carved Vermont granite monument, includes a map of the Bulge, and lists the names of the Generals involved on the left side of the monument: Dwight Eisenhower, Anthony McAuliffe, Bernard Montgomery (British), Courtney Hodges, George S Patton, and Omar N Bradley.

### Indian Valley Chapter 41

Battle of the Bulge Memorial  
1601 Oak Street  
Melbourne, FL 32902  
(Chapter closed.)  
Dedicated on 12/16/1997, this memorial reads: "Dedicated to the gallant and victorious men and women who participated in the Battle of





the Bulge, World War II, 16 December 1944 through 25 January 1945 in Belgium and Luxembourg, the greatest battle ever fought by the United States Army. The Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge assembled here on 16 December 1997 to commemorate the 53rd anniversary of this ever-famous American victory.”



## INDIANA

### Geza Csapo, VBOB Member

The Military Honor Park and Museum  
4300 Terminal Dr,  
South Bend, IN 46628  
574) 232-4300

[www.honorpark.org/](http://www.honorpark.org/)

A granite monument at the front entrance of the South Bend Regional Airport was dedicated to the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge in May 2011. Mr. Geza Csapo, now-deceased VBOB Member, funded the monument.

### Northern Indiana Chapter 30

Calumet Park Cemetery  
2305 W 73rd Av.  
Merrillville, IN 46410  
219) 769-8803  
[www.mycalumetpark.com/](http://www.mycalumetpark.com/)  
(Chapter closed.)



The American and Belgian flags flank the memorial stone that was dedicated to the memory of those who fought in the Battle of the Bulge. The memorial was dedicated on Memorial Day 2005 by the officers and membership of Chapter 30, Northern Indiana Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, and is located in the veterans section of the cemetery.



## KANSAS

### Kansas Chapter 69

Dwight D. Eisenhower Museum  
200 S E 4th St.  
Abilene, KS 67410  
(785) 263-4751

[www.eisenhower.archives.gov/](http://www.eisenhower.archives.gov/)  
Chapter Contact: Greg Penfield,  
785-210-9577

The Kansas Chapter dedicated a granite bench on January 24, 2015 that sits directly across from Ike's statue and is centered between the library and museum. "It is the best location that we could have asked for," said then Chapter President Mark Collins. The bench allows people to relax in the rose garden and gaze at Ike's statue.



## MARYLAND

### Maryland/DC Chapter 3

Fort George G. Meade  
4409 Llewellyn Ave  
Fort Meade, MD 20755  
(301) 677-2300

[www.ftmeade.army.mil/](http://www.ftmeade.army.mil/)

This granite monument was dedicated at Ft. Meade on the 30th of May, 1999 by the Maryland/DC Chapter.

## MASSACHUSETTS

### Lamar Souter/Central 22

Holy Cross College  
Fission Field  
Worcester MA



Chapter Contact:  
John McAuliffe,  
(508) 754-7183

This Vermont granite monument with bronze plaque was dedicated in October 2003.

Town Common

Main Street

Hyannis, Cape Cod

Dedicated by the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge at the Sept. 1996 VBOB reunion at Hyannis. The memorial stone was a gift of Charles de Christopher Monuments; the memorial plaque was donated by Chapter 22.



City Hall, McIntyre Park

1255 Hancock St.

Quincy, MA 02169

Dedicated on September 7, 2003 in conjunction with the VBOB annual reunion. General Patton's grandson Benjamin Patton, and daughter-in-law Joanne Patton, were among the dignitaries attending. The memorial stone was a gift of Charles de Christopher Monuments.



Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery  
111 Glenallen St.

Winchendon, MA 01475

978-297-9501

Two Memorial Monuments were dedicated on August 20, 2006 by Chapter 22 at the MA Veterans' Memorial Cemetery: The Battle of the Bulge monument and the Wereth II Monument, both bearing the VBOB logo.





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### MICHIGAN

#### West Michigan Chapter 23

Grand Traverse Area Veterans Memorial Park  
N Division St  
Traverse City, MI 49684  
www.gtavc.org/memorial/  
Chapter Contact: Tom Mountz, 231-326-4830  
It took Richard Rizzio, then President, and the monument committee members 7 years to acquire land from the city for their monument, along with monuments of other wars.

### MISSISSIPPI

#### Mississippi Chapter 33

Armed Forces Museum  
Camp Shelby  
2500 Jackson Ave  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
(601) 558-2000  
www.armedforcesmuseum.us/  
Chapter Contact: Jim Hunt, 662-328-8959  
The veterans of the Miss. Chapter and banks all over Mississippi made contributions by

raising over \$10,000.00 for the project, chaired by Dr. James W. Hunt and Jane Hunt. The Memorial is about 8 feet tall and was designed by the Baldwin Monument Company, and installed on March 17, 2001. The Memorial has the names of all of the outfits that were in the B.O.B. listed and a major contributor was General (Ret) Preston Jackson, writer of the "Tribute To Fallen Comrades" on the Monument.



### MISSOURI

#### Gateway Chapter 25

World War II Plaza  
Jefferson Barracks  
345 North Road  
Saint Louis, MO 63125  
Chapter Contact: Dave Schroeder,  
314-961-7470

The Gateway Chapter of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge dedicated a monument to the Battle in 1997. In August, 2009, a Bronze statue honoring all veterans who served in World War II was added to the site. At that time, the area was renamed World War II Plaza. The plaza sits high on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River.



### NEW JERSEY

#### Fort Monmouth Chapter 56

Thorne Middle School  
70 Murphy Rd  
Port Monmouth, NJ 07758  
Chapter Contact: Robert Betz, 732-495-5032  
The first location of this Monument was at U.S. Army Base at Fort Monmouth, NJ but, due to BRAC cuts, Fort Monmouth was



shuttered. With the help of the late Edith Nowels and her sister Anita Kaiser, sisters of WWII Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Horace (Bud) Thorne, the Monument was moved to Thorne Middle School, where it was rededicated on May 26, 2011. The rows of hedges in the design represents the hedgerows that our Veterans had to fight through in France, the pine trees represent the Ardennes Forest, the red stones around the monument represent the blood that was shed by our Veterans. At the re-dedication was His Excellency Ambassador Herman Portocarrero, Consul General of Belgium Ltd. Patrick Eecloo, Dpty Military Advisor, Belgium Honorable Mr Francois Knaff, Consul General of Luxembourg.

The Monument also has a Honor/Supporter/Donor Sidewalk of red brick, including a Purple Heart Brick. The gentleman who had etched all of the Donor Bricks was liberated by the U.S. Army and donated the Purple Heart Brick. The VBOB flag flies on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, and on any other special days when deemed appropriate.



#### Peter F. Leslie Jr. Chapter 54

Constitution Park  
Fletcher Ave & Lewis St  
Fort Lee, NJ 07024  
(201) 592-3750  
Chapter Contact: Jerry Manning,  
973-983-6985

Veteran Alvin Sussman spearheaded the monument in 2006, and it was unveiled on October 23, 2010. Contributors also included local VFW and American Legion posts. It is 4'8" high red granite, on an 8" black granite base.



## NEW YORK

### Hudson Valley Chapter 49

Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery

200 Duell Road  
Schuylerville, NY  
(518) 581-9128

Chapter Contact: Alan Atwell, (518) 371-8449

This VBOB Memorial was dedicated in May 2000 and rededicated on December 16, 2016.



### Genesee Valley Chapter 57

Ontario Beach Park  
50 Beach Ave  
Rochester, NY 14612  
(585) 753-7275

[www2.monroecounty.gov/parks-ontariobeach.php](http://www2.monroecounty.gov/parks-ontariobeach.php)  
(Chapter closed.)



### Long Island Chapter 63

Eisenhower Park  
Merrick and Stewart Aves.  
East Meadow, NY 11554  
516-572-0347

[www.nassaucountyny.gov/2797/](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/2797/)

Eisenhower Park

Chapter Contact: Bill Mueller, 516-731-2488

On December 23, 2015 the Long Island Chapter dedicated this Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge Monument in memory of all who fought in that memorable WWII campaign. It was with great display of emotion that many present recalled the terrible conditions and loss of life encountered. 10 veterans present were awarded citations from Nassau County for



their service. Credit for the singular effort of the design, construction and placement of the monument is due David Marshall.

### Staten Island Chapter 52

Wolfe's Pond Park  
20 Cornelia Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10312  
(718) 984-8266

Chapter Contact: William Abell, 718-351-9426

The monument was created through a joint effort of Parks and the Veterans of the Battle of Bulge. Council Member Fiala allocated \$450,000 in 1998 for its construction. Architect Anthony Moody, a member of the veterans association, together with Mike Browne, Parks Deputy Chief of Design, conceived the original design of the monument. Construction began in October of 2001 and was dedicated on Dec. 16, 2001.



## PENNSYLVANIA

### Delaware Valley Chapter 4

VBOB Stained-glass window  
Bliss Hall

US Army War College  
Check-in: Visitors Center  
870 Jim Thorpe Road  
Carlisle Barracks, PA

Call (717) 245-3660 for visitor information.

Chapter Contact: Gary Lambert,  
856-304-3106

This stained-glass window depicting G.I.s in the Bulge was dedicated on the infamous



9/11/2001. Window by The Willet Stained Glass Studios of Philadelphia; Stan Wojtusik, then VBOB National President of Military Affairs, was chair of the project.

Valley Forge Military Academy  
1001 Eagle Road  
Wayne PA 19087  
(610) 989-1200

The Delaware Valley Chapter erected this monument in 1994 on the northern side of Eagle Rd at the Valley Forge Military Academy and College. The groundbreaking ceremony took place on April 17, 1994 and included representatives from both Luxembourg and Belgium.



### Western Pennsylvania Chapter 14

Pennsylvania National Guard Armory  
372 Donohoe Rd  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
(724) 832-5399

Chapter Contact: Leroy Schaller,  
(724) 238-2297 (Chapter closed.)

It is an engraved granite stone with the VBOB logo and an inscription. In front is a sidewalk with approx. 170 red memorial bricks. The Guard members take care of it, as the chapter is now closed.



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### **Southcentral Pennsylvania Chapter 45**

US Army War College  
Check-in: Visitors Center  
870 Jim Thorpe Road  
Carlisle Barracks, PA  
Call (717) 245-3660 for visitor information.  
Chapter Contact: Dan Medbury, 717-392-6334  
Attendees at the VBOB Reunion on September 17, 1997 gathered for the dedication of a monument to all who served in the Bulge. The site was a 4-acre grove designated as "Battle of the Bulge Grove." Plans were to plant fir trees in the grove to simulate the forests of the Ardennes. Southcentral PA chapter members donated the bronze plaque that was placed on the monument. The stone was donated by Charles De Christopher Sr. Major General Robert H. Scales Jr, Commander of the US Army War College, unveiled the monument, along with David Nicholas, then President of the Southcentral PA chapter, and then VBOB National President Stan Wojtusik.

### **The World War II Federation & VBOB**

Fort Indiantown Gap Military Reservation  
Fisher and Clement Aves.

Annville, PA 17038

717-861-2000

<http://ftig.png.pa.gov/about/Pages/Visiting.aspx>

(No restrictions on visiting public locations such as this monument.)

David Shaw and his organization "The World War II Federation" erected a VBOB monument in January 1999, with the help of VBOB members Stanley Wojtusik, George Linthicum, Louis Cunningham, George Watson, George Chekan, John and Mary Ann Bowen, and John McAuliffe.



## **VIRGINIA**

### **National Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge**

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211

877-907-8585

See website for visitor information:

[www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Visit](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Visit)

There are 2 VBOB Monuments at Arlington National Cemetery. The first one was dedicated on December 16, 1986. The newer one (pictured) was unveiled and officially dedicated on May 8, 2006. The memorial was unveiled by His Excellency Guy Verhofstadt, Prime Minister of Belgium, and His Excellency Octavie Modert, Secretary of State for Culture, Luxembourg. In attendance were approximately 300 Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge and family members.