

## HONORING VETERANS With Your Contribution

Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the Freedom Defenders Veterans Memorial. Americans have benefitted greatly from the sacrifices and bravery of our veterans. Your contribution to this memorial would honor their contributions to our nation and the world. To complete the project, additional donations are needed.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the level of your contribution below. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000      \_\_\_\_\_ \$50  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500      \_\_\_\_\_ \$25  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250      \_\_\_\_\_ Other amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100

**Please make checks out to:**  
 Freedom Defenders Veterans Memorial

### DONOR RECOGNITION

#### Granite Plaque

Names of those who donate \$1,000 or more will be engraved in a polished granite plaque situated at the memorial site.

**Please detach this form,  
 enclose your contribution, and send to:**

*Freedom Defenders Veterans Memorial  
 P.O. Box 1511  
 Bemidji, MN 56619*

*The Freedom Defenders Veterans Memorial Committee is a  
 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.  
 All contributions are tax deductible.*

## VETERAN RECOGNITION Walk of Honor

Paver bricks are available for a \$150 donation. The name of the veteran you wish to honor (living or deceased) will be engraved onto an 8" x 16" granite brick that will be placed on the Walk of Honor—a path on the memorial site.

Rank/Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Conflict(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (or Peace Time)



Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Our Committee, made up solely of volunteers, welcomes your questions.

PLEASE CONTACT:

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 P.O. Box 1511, Bemidji, MN 56619

AND PLEASE VISIT:

**bemidjiveteransmemorial.org**

# FREEDOM DEFENDERS

## VETERANS MEMORIAL



**IN HONOR AND TRIBUTE**

*TO THE MEN AND WOMEN  
 OF THE ARMED FORCES  
 WHO DEFEND AMERICA  
 IN WAR AND PEACE.  
 PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE . . .  
 ALL FORCES AND ALL TIMES.*

## The Vision

The memorial features several elements designed to honor all men and women of the armed forces—all forces and all times.

Features of the Freedom Defenders Veterans Memorial include the following:

- A life-sized bronze statue of Marine Cpl. “Chuck” Lindberg, the last living flag raiser at Iwo Jima, is situated as a focal point of the memorial. Sculpted by local artist Jim Paulsen.
- Lighted flags stand as the backdrop to the memorial. The American flag, POW-MIA, State of Minnesota, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines flags all line the memorial’s rear perimeter.
- Figures of military men and women from all services, representing various ethnicities and races, have been laser-etched into large stone pillars erected on the memorial site. A Navajo code talker and a K9 war dog may yet be featured in the future.

## The Location

The Freedom Defenders Veterans Memorial is located in downtown Bemidji, Minnesota near the Beltrami County History Center. Bemidji attracts visitors from across the nation who enjoy the city’s northwoods location and its distinction as the first city on the Mississippi River.

## Memorial Dedication

**May 20, 2006, Initial Dedication**

Attended by over 400, featured Statue and Flagpoles

**August 9, 2008, Full Dedication**

Attended by Honoree, Charles “Chuck” Lindberg



## What is the Freedom Defenders Veterans Memorial?



The Freedom Defenders Veterans Memorial is designed to honor the unity and cooperation of the armed forces in defending America and the freedoms we treasure. The impetus and vision for this project came from a group of veterans from northern Minnesota. Driven by a deep desire to honor their brothers and sisters who have served the nation, these veterans formed a volunteer committee that coordinated planning, construction, fundraising, and public awareness for the memorial. Today, the committee continues to update and maintain the city-owned memorial at no taxpayer expense.



## FREEDOM DEFENDERS VETERANS MEMORIAL

*130 Minnesota Ave SW, Bemidji, MN 56601*

*This memorial is not to honor or glorify war, but to show our appreciation to the common men and women who rose to do the uncommon.*

Visit our website at: [bemidjiveteransmemorial.org](http://bemidjiveteransmemorial.org)

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