

Marine Corps War Memorial

A tribute to all marines who have given their lives for their country

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ONE of the most glorious pages in Marine Corps history has been preserved for posterity in the northern end of Arlington National Cemetery overlooking Washington, D.C. Nearly 10 years ago to the day, Feb. 23, 1945, the flag-raising atop Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima was recorded by former Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal. The turn of the tide in the struggle for the vital Pacific island was commemorated on Nov. 10, 1954, the 179th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, when a 100-ton bronze statue of the flag-raising was dedicated during an impressive ceremony.

Members of Marine barracks at 6th and 1. Sts. in Washington, bearing the colors of the heroic Fifth Division, stand before the 32-foot figures. The flag-pole is 60 feet high. Overall height of monument, which took nine years to complete, is 78 feet.

The Marine Memorial, an \$850,000 project and the only national monument to Marines who died for their country, was sculptured by Felix de Weldon.



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