



Global War on Terrorism Memorial Foundation

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Foundation's mission?

The Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) Memorial Foundation's sole mission is to lead the effort to plan, fund, and build a GWOT Memorial on the National Mall, in Washington, D.C., on a site befitting the historical significance of the war and the heroism of all who have served in it. Although we work closely with many veterans service organizations, we are not a VSO.

What is our vision for the Memorial?

The Global War on Terrorism Memorial will be an inclusive, lasting tribute to the courage and sacrifice of all who have served and continue to serve, and especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, in all operations to counter terrorism since September 11, 2001.

The Memorial will:

- **Honor:** Salute all who served in this conflict: servicemembers, civilians, and their families.
- **Heal:** Provide a focal point for healing and reflection on a complex multigenerational conflict.
- **Empower:** Engage and educate civilian and military communities to build mutual understanding.
- **Unite:** Foster and sustain the sense of patriotism that brought all Americans together in the wake of 9/11 and catalyze support for those continuing to serve.

Why should this Memorial be on the National Mall?

America honors its warfighters with memorials on the National Mall. The Memorial's placement in the Reserve area of the Mall near the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War memorials will afford all who served and sacrificed the same place of honor.

How extensive are the sacrifices of those who have served in the GWOT?

Uniformed and non-uniformed personnel have undertaken profound acts of service and sacrifice in fighting terrorism since 9/11:

- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, from 9/11 to 2018 approximately 3.7 million veterans served in the U.S. military.¹
- As of December 20, 2021, approximately 7,054 U.S. servicemembers have been killed and 53,323 have been wounded in overseas contingency operations as part of America's Global War on Terrorism since 9/11.²
- According to the U.S. Department of Labor, from 9/11 to April 2019, about 3,413 civilian government contractors were killed in Afghanistan and Iraq, and 38,953 sustained work-related injuries.³

How much will it cost to build the Memorial?

Our initial fundraising goal is \$100 million, which will be raised entirely through private donations. We will adjust our fundraising goal based on the Memorial's actual cost estimates incorporating location and design.

Where specifically on the Mall will the Memorial be located?

No specific site has been determined, but it will be on the National Mall. Our goal is to have a site identified by 2023. The Foundation continues to evaluate possible sites in conjunction with the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission, the National Park Service, the Commission of Fine Arts, and other authorities and stakeholders.

What will the Memorial look like?

While no specific design plan has been determined, the Foundation is committed to ensuring the Memorial's features capture a reverence for the service and sacrifice performed in the GWOT.

1 Source: Vespa, Jonathan, "Those Who Served: America's Veterans from World War II to the War on Terror," American Community Survey Report issued June 2020. <https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2020/demo/acs-43.pdf>

2 Source: U.S. Dept. of Defense, Defense Casualty Analysis System. December 20, 2021. https://dcas.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/report_sum_reason.xhtml

3 Source: Congressional Research Service, "U.S. War Costs, Casualties, and Personnel Levels Since 9/11," April 18, 2019. <https://sgp.fas.org/crs/natsec/IF11182.pdf>



What is the process for building a national Memorial in Washington, D.C.?

In December 2021, the Foundation obtained congressional authorization to construct a Memorial on the National Mall, our most important objective to date.

As of June 2022, the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Foundation is currently working on the completion of steps 9-12, which include coordinating with various authorities on site selection and design plans for a Memorial. The Foundation is also focused on raising funds and preparing for a Memorial's operation, maintenance, and preservation. At every step, we will continue to engage with all stakeholders to one day complete a Memorial all Americans can be proud of.

When will the Memorial be completed?

As of June 2022, we plan to break ground on a Memorial in 2024 and dedicate it in 2026.

How will the Memorial be funded?

The Global War on Terrorism Memorial is 100% funded by private donations – no federal government funding will be used. The Foundation is solely responsible for accepting contributions and paying the expenses for the establishment of a Memorial.

Why should I contribute to the construction of the Global War on Terrorism Memorial?

We are relying on the generosity of Americans who seek to honor all who have served in this conflict, no matter in what capacity. This is a chance for every American to express gratitude for the heroic efforts to keep our country safe from terrorism since 9/11.

What is the history of the Foundation?

The Foundation was formed in 2015 as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation by a small group of like-minded veterans, military spouses, and supportive Americans to honor the service and sacrifice of all who have served in the Global War on Terrorism. In its first two years, the Foundation was the driving force behind a bipartisan bill to authorize a GWOT Memorial in Washington, D.C., which President Trump signed into law in 2017. In December 2021, President Biden signed into law the similarly bipartisan Global War on Terrorism Memorial Location Act, which authorizes the construction of a Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C.

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How can you help?

Donate

The Memorial will be entirely funded through private donations. No federal government funding will be used. All donations are 100% tax deductible. Join the movement to honor all those who have served, and continue to serve, in the longest ongoing conflict in our nation's history. Visit the donation page on our website to contribute and secure your legacy. You can give with confidence: Since 2018 the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Foundation has maintained a nationally-recognized GuideStar Platinum Seal of Transparency.

Share your story

Whether you're an active duty service member, a veteran, a family member of someone who served, or a civilian who cares about all who have served, we want to hear from you. Tell us what the Global War on Terrorism Memorial means to you. Use #GWOTMemorial on social media to spread the word.

Stay informed

Sign up for our mailing list for updates on the Foundation's activities and progress and details on how you can rally support for those who have served and who sacrifice to keep us safe.

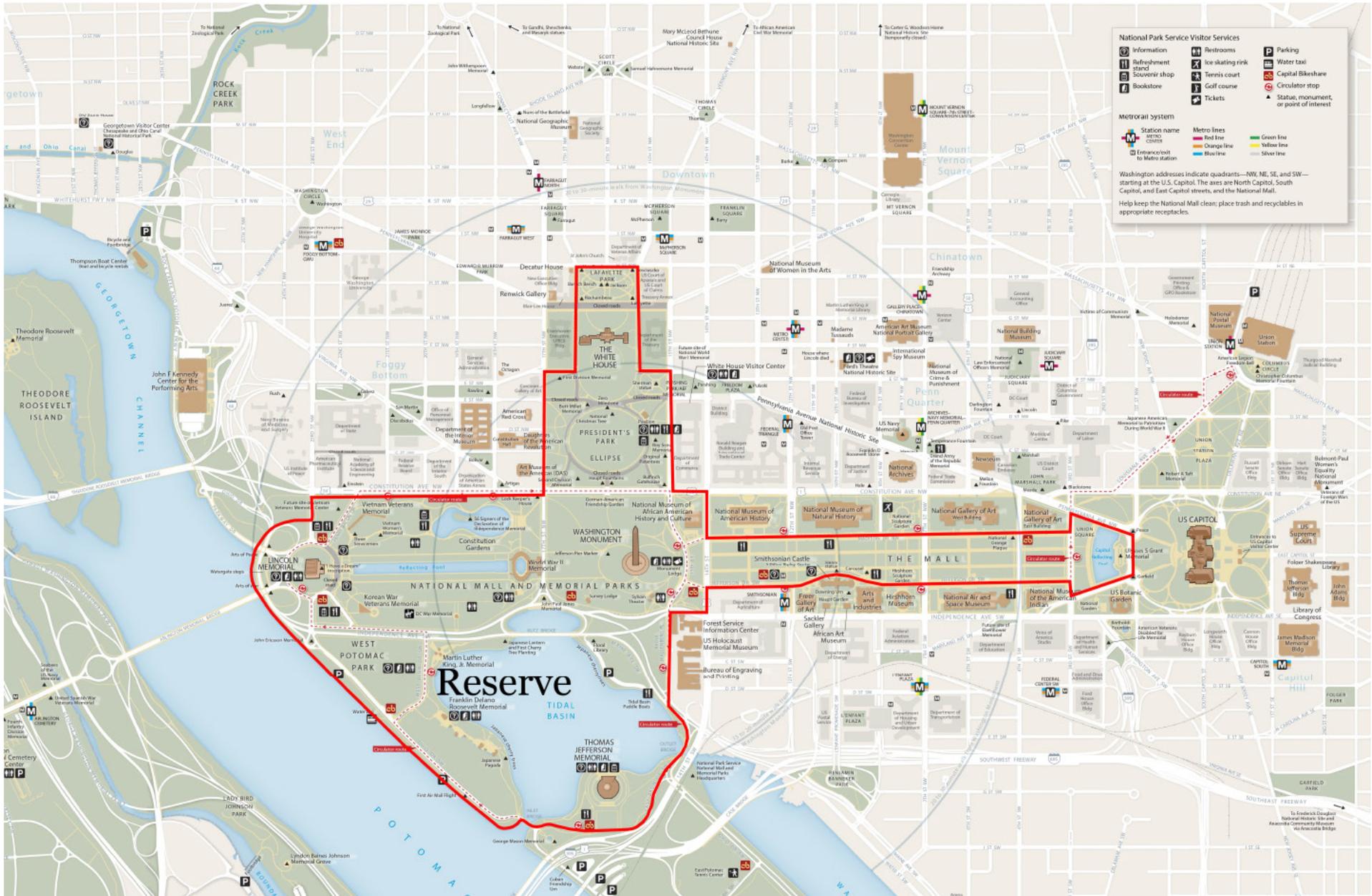
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