

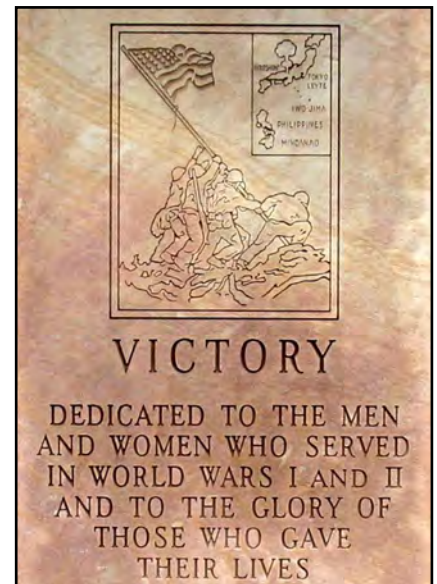
# HELP REMEMBER OUR VETERANS

*Friends of  
Bohemian National Cemetery  
announces a*

Restoration Project for the  
World Wars I and II Memorial



The World Wars I and II Memorial at Chicago's historic Bohemian National Cemetery was dedicated on September 21, 1952. This iconic war memorial sits just inside the cemetery's main entrance. It features a 40-foot flagpole rising out of an octagonal base that is faced with etched sandstone panels. The eight unique panels depict in cartographic form significant military campaigns and Allied victories during the First and Second World Wars.



Seventy years of Chicago weather have taken their toll. Stone masons specializing in historic preservation have assessed the damage and found that the eight veneer panels are in good shape, but the brick support structure behind them has been completely destabilized. Furthermore, the foundation of the monument has suffered water damage and deterioration.

Significant repair and rebuilding are needed to preserve the memorial for future generations, at an estimated cost of \$70,000. Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery is initiating a fundraising campaign to restore this evocative military memorial so its story can be shared for generations to come.



Removal of the veneer panels revealed a structurally compromised substrate, with crumbling brick and mortar throughout. A complete rebuild, requiring mostly new bricks, is needed.



The eight unique sandstone panels are being stored on a supporting A-frame. They will be reinstalled after rebuilding and repairing the monument's brick interior and below-ground foundation.

Removal of the stone ledge at the monument base exposed the severe deterioration of the concrete foundation.



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### Please donate to the restoration of the World Wars I and II Memorial.

Contact project director Chuck Michalek if interested in a presentation for your group: [michalekchas@aol.com](mailto:michalekchas@aol.com)

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