



During WWII the U.S. Submarine Force suffered the highest loss rate of the U.S. Armed Forces. Of the 16,000 officers and enlisted men that served on submarines during the war 3,506 (22%) were lost. Although only 1.6% of the U.S. Navy, the Submarine Force sank 30% of the Japanese Imperial Navy and 60% of the Japanese Merchant Marine, choking off the Japanese economy. This victory came at a heavy price.

Open letter to

A new memorial, honoring United States Navy Submarines and their crews is planned for the grounds of the Iowa Capitol.

The Capitol Planning Commission has approved a black granite monument that will remind Iowans of the pivotal role played by the U.S. Navy's submarine force during World War II, as well as the large sacrifice in lives and vessels. This memorial will pay tribute to all United States Navy submarine sailors.

The impetus for the project comes from a nationwide effort by the "Submarine Veterans of World War II" to establish a memorial in each state for at least one of the 52 submarines lost during WW II. The submarine assigned to Iowa is the S-36.

The "United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.", an organization made up of post WWII submariners has volunteered to fulfill this mission in Iowa. There are two USSVI groups in Iowa, the Iowa Base in Eastern Iowa and the Placoderm Base which covers Western Iowa. World War II Submarine Veterans are represented in Iowa by the Iowa Chapter of WWII Sub Vets.

The money is being raised privately to cover the cost of the memorial. The estimated cost is \$10,000.00. Tax deductible donations should be mailed to: **United States Submarine Veterans, S36 Submarine Memorial, PO Box 536, Pleasantville, Iowa 50225.**

Please make checks payable to: **US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation,** and on the memo line add: **S-36 CF Fund.**

View the approved memorial and see the artist's conception of the location on the Capitol Grounds at: <http://S-36submarinememorial.org>. Additional information is available on the website.

Please help pay tribute to this special group of American Heroes by making a donation and attending the dedication ceremony at a date to be determined in the spring of 2007.

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