

The inventory of historic places is an attempt to develop a catalog of all properties in the state that demonstrate a contribution to our present by peoples of the past. It is a basic part of the State Historic Preservation Plan that can tell planners, engineers, government officials and others what features in our cities, towns and rural areas they should be aware of as they develop new projects. The inventory form is not a substitute for a nomination to the National or State Registers of Historic Places but it will alert the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation staff to potential nominations and their locations; it will enable the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation to more effectively assist you in the preparation of actual nominations.

No one knows how many historic sites there are in Washington; that is one of the purposes of the inventory; There are certainly thousands and, consequently, the inventory will be in progress for several years. Eligible properties are those which bear the mark of man: houses, commercial buildings, mines, vessels, archaeological sites and the sites of historic events, transportation facilities -- virtually any evident structure, object or site that has played a part in our collective heritage. Generally, properties less than 50 years will not be a part of the inventory.

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Washington State Parks
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DESCRIPTION:

This bronze monument on a stone base standing about thirty feet high, has a soldier, sailor, and marine marching side by side, with a nurse striding behind, and Winged Victory farther back standing head and shoulders above the others. The large polished stone base has a sculptured Seal of the State of Washington and various quotations on all sides, including the following inscription on the east side: "TO THE MEMORY OF THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES DURING THE WORLD WAR 1917-1918." The monument is located in a circular driveway about one hundred yards northeast of the capitol dome.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The monument, costing \$60,000 and unveiled in 1938, is one of the more outstanding works by Alonzo Victor Lewis, whose markers of bronze and stone can be found in many cities and towns of Washington.

REFERENCE:

Werner Lenggenhager, Historical Markers and Monuments of the State of Washington (Pullman: Washington State University Library, 1967), VI, 57.

WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL

At the intersection just north of the Insurance Building stands Washington's memorial to her sons who sacrificed their lives during World War I. The statue, designed by Victor Alonzo Lewis of Seattle, represents the three main forces of America's World War I machine. Marching, left to right, away from the Capitol Group are a sailor, a soldier and a marine, in grim-faced, purposeful attitude. Behind the soldier a Red Cross Nurse follows with her medicine kit slung from one shoulder. Behind the four figures stands the tall figure of Winged Victory, with



an olive branch extended above the heads of her chosen ones.

The War Memorial figures are two and one-half times life size. The predominating one, Victory, is approximately 14 feet tall. The bronze work on the statue was done by Roman Bronze Corporation of Long Island, New York. The Memorial was completed in 1938 and unveiled by two Gold Star Mothers at formal dedication ceremonies held on Decoration Day, May 30th. The total cost of the World War I Memorial was \$69,557.64.

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