

A U.S. Marine Corps Monument for Central Florida: Fact Sheet

31 July, 2011 – The Central Florida Marine Corps Foundation (CFMCF) facilitated the design and construction of the only Marine memorial in the City of Orlando. The CFMCF hosted the USMC monument dedication ceremony on 11 July, 2011. The monument was built to honor Marines of the past, present, and future. It is a place of reflection for Marines, family members, friends, and colleagues, and where the public can become more aware of Marine Corps history.

- The Marine monument was installed in the Central Florida Veterans Memorial Park which is located at 2380 Lake Baldwin Lane, Orlando, FL, near the Orlando Veterans Administration Medical Center (southwest corner of Glenridge Way and Lake Baldwin Lane).
- The Central Florida Veterans Memorial Park is maintained by the City of Orlando.
- The monument committee included representatives from the 1st and 3rd Marine Division Associations, Florida Mustangs, Marine Corps League Detachment 64, and the USMC Combat Correspondents Association, plus Marines from Direct Support Motor Transport Company A (-) (Rein), 6th Motor Transport Battalion, 4th MLG.
- The monument is a pentagon pillar approximately 8½ feet tall with a base 4 feet in diameter and was constructed of green granite with a brass Marine Corps emblem (Eagle, Globe, and Anchor) atop the monument.
- Engraved on the granite monument are the names and dates of every principal Marine Corps engagement since the founding of the Corps, as well as a plaque with the inscription: "Some people work an entire lifetime and wonder if they ever made a difference to the world. But the Marines don't have that problem." *President Ronald Reagan, September 23, 1983*
- No public funds were used to build the memorial. It will be entirely self-funded with donations of money, materials and time from Marines, family members, friends and colleagues, businesses and organizations throughout Central Florida.
- Over \$25,600 was raised for the construction and dedication of this monument.

