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## **WWII MEMORIAL - A TRIBUTE TO A GENERATION**

### **WASHINGTON, D.C. -- MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2004**

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Forty-two 380th members and their families attended the dedication ceremonies for the WWII Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, May 29th. They included:

Paul and Barbara Beilstein and 29 members of their family on a week-long family reunion were by far the largest group - 529th

Pete and Pat Carnevale, their son, daughter-in-law, and 3 grandchildren

Ralph and Evelyn Figueroa - 530th

Bill and Sharon LaFlech - 528th

Tom Hunt - 531st and Group

Ted and Isabel Williams - 531st

The weather was beautiful and bright, not too warm and with a welcome breeze. The crowd was boisterous and happy. I have never seen so much patriotism displayed in one place at one time. The speakers were all first-rate and the music and ceremonies most exemplary.

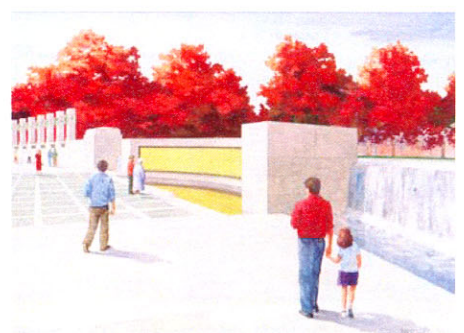
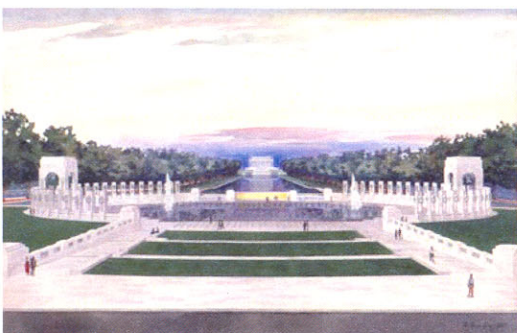
The Memorial is beautiful, a bit garish and overwhelming, but to me just right. It dominates the center of the Mall, midway between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument — as it should for WWII was the largest and probably the most important of our wars in the development of our country — since we became the world power as the result of it.

We wish many, many more of you could have been with us. Hopefully all of you saw it on TV. Truly an event of a lifetime.

Ted Williams

Pictures from the ceremony and of the Memorial follow on the next few pages.

The following pictures and others from the dedication are available on the WWII Memorial Website:  
<http://www.wwiimemorial.com/>





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Paul and Barbara Beilstein



The Beilstein Clan



Ralph Figueroa, Ted Williams, Paul  
Beilstein, Tom Hunt,  
Bill LaFlech



Close-up of Entrance Gate; piles of water  
for the attendees donated by Wal-Mart



Our Entrance



Part of the Sea of Chairs



Washington Monument looking back  
from the Memorial



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The Atlantic Column from the Entrance  
Steps and Ramp  
(pictures taken Friday, Memorial closed  
during Ceremony)



The Atlantic Column taken from the  
Pacific Column



Entrance Ramp and Fountain  
Wall of Stars in background



Approaching the Wall of Stars



Pacific Column



Pacific Column



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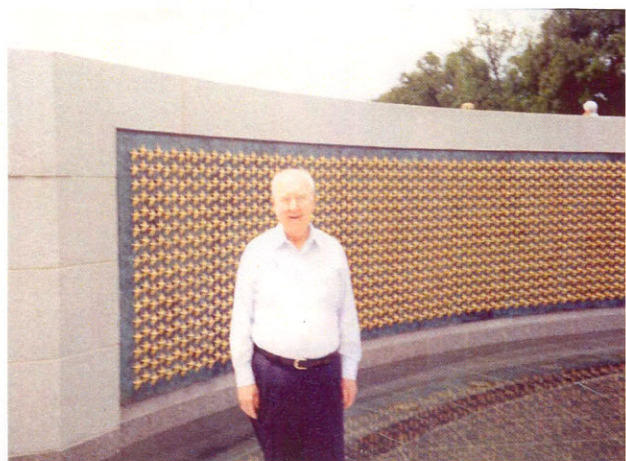
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The Wall of Stars -- 4,000 stars to memorialize the over 400,000 killed in WWII



Tom Hunt at the Wall of Stars



Parade of the State Flags at the Ceremony



Our seats at the Ceremony. That is Isabel Williams in the wheelchair under the straw hat. The lady in the red hat is an attendant. Note the piles of water bottles.



View of the Stage from our seats before the Ceremony. As is evident, we had very good seats and could see everything.