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## HISTORY

Currently under construction, the National Veterans Memorial & Museum is set to open in 2018.



RENDERINGS COURTESY NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL & MUSEUM

## CONNECTING ALL VETERANS

Ohio is set to become home to the country's first official national veterans memorial. The National Veterans Memorial & Museum ([nationalvmm.org](http://nationalvmm.org)), expected to open by summer 2018, will be based in Columbus and aims to bridge the military-civilian gap and connect all veterans.

Currently under construction, the breathtaking circular building and grounds are part of an extensive downtown restructuring. The 7-acre riverfront location will be part of the new Scioto Greenways, which created 33 acres of new parkland and 1.5 miles of multiple-use trails to connect the city's Scioto Mile network of parks.

"It is time for America to remember and to honor its veterans, regardless of branch of service or era of conflict or peace," the website reads. "It is time to give a voice to every man and woman who has served, every mother and father who has lost a son or daughter, and every child who has lost a parent. It is time for the National Veterans Memorial & Museum."

— Sara Schwartz



## FOUR PILLARS

Exhibits at the National Veterans Memorial & Museum will be based on four central pillars — Honor, Connect, Inspire and Educate — and will aim to explore the broader narrative of military service.