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These cemeteries and memorials, most of which commemorate the service and sacrifice of Americans who served in World War I and World War II, are among the most beautiful and meticulously maintained shrines in the world.

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The American Merchant Marine Veterans (AMMV) is a not for profit organization established to gain recognition for what the AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE has accomplished for our country in war and peace. Our key purpose is to celebrate the accomplishments of the American flagged Merchant Marine and to assist the veterans of the American Merchant Marine and their families, and all veterans of the military of the United States and their families, by providing counseling to veterans, and their widows and orphans, to assist them in legal, financial, and emotional matters resulting in connection with service to our country, and to provide information regarding benefits and services available to them.

AMMV is also dedicated to promoting, and educating the U.S. people and government as to the services that American Merchant Mariners have provided to the nation in connection with the war efforts and preservation of national security. Furthermore, AMMV is dedicated to promoting, and educating the U.S. people and government as to the value and importance of maintaining and supporting a strong American Merchant Marine fleet.



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MERCHANT MARINE INSCRIPTION STONE DEDICATION

WWII West Coast Memorial

May 22, 2025 | 10:00

MERCHANT MARINE INSCRIPTION STONE | WEST COAST MEMORIAL

ABMC's West Coast Memorial, like its sister East Coast Memorial in New York City, honors the members of our armed forces who lost their lives in the coastal waters of the United States during the Second World War.

An inscription commemorating the sacrifice of America's Merchant Mariners was added to the East Coast Memorial in 1991. Today we add to the West Coast Memorial a long overdue recognition of the Merchant Marine contribution to our victory in World War II.

1941 ** 1945**

IN ADDITION TO THE 413 AMERICAN SERVICEMEN
HONORED HERE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN HER
SERVICE AND WHO SLEEP IN THE AMERICAN
COASTAL WATERS OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HONORS THE U.S. MERCHANT MARINERS, THEIR
SHIPMATES FROM THE U.S. NAVY ARMED GUARD,
AND THE SEAMEN OF THE U.S. ARMY TRANSPORT
SERVICE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DURING WORLD
WAR II MAINTAINING VITAL SUPPLY LINES IN THE
PACIFIC THEATER

Order of Events

Presentation of the Colors

- VFW 9601

National Anthem

- Band of the Golden West at Travis Air Force Base

Retirement of the Colors

- VFW 9601

Invocation

- Pastor Jim Hawkins of the Seafarer's Ministry

Welcome remarks

- Benjamin Brands, ABMC Historian

Remarks

- Mark Buell, Chairman of the Presidio Trust Board
- Dru DiMattia, President of the American Merchant Marine Veterans
- Dave Yoho, WWII Merchant Marine Veteran

Wreath laying

- Dru DiMattia and Dave Yoho

Taps

- Band of the Golden West at Travis Air Force Base

Benediction

- Pastor Jim Hawkins of the Seafarer's Ministry

Service Medley

- Band of the Golden West at Travis Air Force Base

