

# FLORENCE VETERANS PARK



- 1. Florence Veterans Park Sign
- 2. The Aviator
- 3. U.S. Army Monument
- 4. Purple Heart Monument
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- 6. Wall of Honor
- 7. Flags Amphitheater
- 8. U.S. Navy Monument
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- 10. Desert Storm Monument

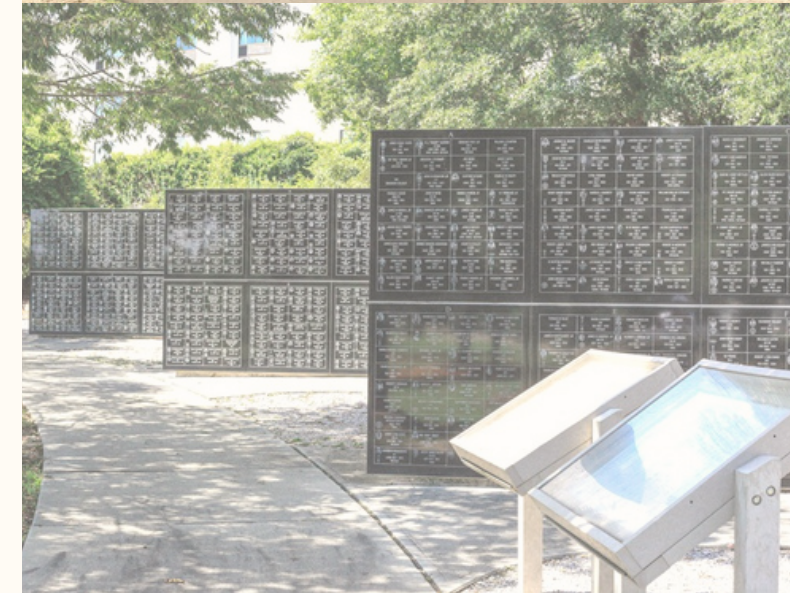
- 11. U.S. Air Force Monument
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- 18. "Lady" Monument
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- 20. Vietnam War Monument

- 21. Korean War Monument
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- 23. Oath of Enlistment Monument
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- 26. Alone with Memories Monument
- 27. Wall of Tears Monument

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This memorial, a three pillar center obelisk, was co-designed by Brown Memorials of Florence and local sculptor Alex Palkovich. The 30-foot tall monument features an American Bald Eagle, designed and sculpted in bronze by Palkovich. Bronze medallions representing six branches of the U.S. Military complete the memorial.



Additionally, a monument containing limestone damaged in the 9/11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon recognizes the heroic first responders and salutes the men and women of the armed forces.



## FLORENCE VETERANS PARK SCAVENGER HUNT

- As you enter the Veterans Park, stop at the sign. How many stars do you count? (Hint: Don't forget to check the back!)
- Take a left and head to the Wall of Honor. Locate B F Wingard Jr. He is listed on Wall 1, A16. What is his rank?
- Follow the trail to the Flag Amphitheater. Locate the United States of America Flag. What flag is proudly waving directly underneath it?
- Head toward the central area of the Florence Veterans Park. At the U.S. Navy Monument, there is a ship bell from the U.S.S. South Carolina. What year is on the bell?

Dedicated on November 11, 2008, the Florence Veterans Park pays homage to those who are serving or have served in our armed services with a 'Wall of Honor' and several monuments and memorials for the wars of the 20th century.



The park also features an amphitheater surrounded by commemorative flags, a water wall with a pool, a steel wall with the Oath of Enlistment, and a beautifully landscaped circular trellis area.



- 2009 International Award Winner in the Public/Civic Memorial category by the American Institute of Commemorative Art (Florence Veterans Park)
- 2022 First Place in the Public Monuments category by the American Institute for Commemorative Art (WWII Monument)
- 2024 Public Monument Winner from the Monument Builders of North America (WWII Monument)



- Locate the U.S. Air Force Monument next. You'll find a plaque that states the United States Air Force is the successor of the Army Air Corps. What date did that happen?
- At the U.S. Coast Guard Monument, what do the words Semper Paratus mean?
- Venturing around to the far right corner of the Veterans Park, you'll see a statue entitled Home Safe by Alex Palkovich. The soldier is holding something very special to him in his right arm. What is he holding?
- At the WWI Monument, there is a plaque in front of the monument. On the plaque, you'll find a poem. Fill in the blanks: These heard the \_\_\_\_\_ when it blew calling for men both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. These answered sweet freedom's call and, doing so, gave their \_\_\_\_\_.



If you'd like to follow our interactive map for the Florence Veterans Park Scavenger Hunt, scan the QR code with your cell phone camera.



The Florence Veterans Park is located at 842 Woody Jones Blvd adjacent to the Florence Center lower parking lot. For more information about the Florence Veterans Park, please contact the City of Florence Parks and Beautification Department at 843-665-3253.

To apply for a name to be added to the Wall of Honor  
[www.maps.visitflo.com/plaque](http://www.maps.visitflo.com/plaque)

- The Vietnam War Monument has stars on one side of it. What do those stars represent?
- At the WWII Monument, there is a soldier sitting down. He is holding something in his hands. What do you think he was doing?
- The 9/11 Monument holds a piece of the Pentagon in its center. What type of stone is that?

The Florence Veterans Park monuments and memorials represent World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the first Persian Gulf War. The Wall of Honor is where Pee Dee Region veterans are recognized by name.