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STATUE &
MONUMENT TOUR

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This **Statue of Civil War General Ambrose E. Burnside** was completed in 1887. Today, Burnside is also known for the eponymous facial hair motif, the “sideburn.” If you head out to the park, you will see his brassy whiskers shining in all of their glory! The statue was designed by New York City sculptor, Launt Thompson.

The **Scout Monument** was designed by Henri Schönhardt and erected in City Hall Park in 1911. It is dedicated to Major Henry H. Young for valor in the Civil War. He now keeps watch over Biltmore Park.

The **Soldiers and Sailors Monument**, found in Kennedy Plaza, memorializes the 1,727 Rhode Islanders that sacrificed their lives during the Civil War. In each corner there are four 7 foot high representations of each branch of military service, and the representation of America sits atop the monument at 11 feet high. Twelve bronze tablets around the monument list those who died in service to their country. It was designed by American artist Randolph Rogers using Westerly Granite. A project is currently underway to restore this monument. Find out how you can be a part of it at www.provparksconservancy.org/statue

The **Hiker**, found in Kennedy Plaza, was installed in 1911 and dedicated in 1927. It is one of 50 hiker statues located around the US, and depicts a hero stripped of his parade uniform like a soldier reacting to the challenges of the battlefields.

Look up and you will see the namesake of the **Turk’s Head building**, the figurehead of a wrecked ship called “The Sultan.” The figurehead depicts an Ottoman warrior, and was acquired by Jacob Whitman in the late eighteenth century. Whitman place it above his shop as a novelty to attract more business. It remains to this day.

Dedicated on Veteran’s Day in 2007, the **WWII Memorial** is in the form of a circular colonnade 16-feet in diameter with eight 14-foot granite columns spaced three feet apart. The inside face of the column bases are inscribed with the major battles and campaigns of the war. The granite floor of the memorial exhibits a Mercator projection of the world, referencing the major battles of the war.

In 1926, the City Council erected a memorial to the men of Providence who gave their lives in the first World War, and held a competition for its design. The selected design for the **WW1 Monument** was submitted by Paul P. Cret of Philadelphia, with a granite shaft rising from a base and crowned by a heroic figure. The monument was dedicated on Armistice Day, November 11, 1929 and moved to Memorial park in 1996.

The **Korean War Monument and Memorial Walkway** in Providence’s Memorial Park was dedicated on Oct. 8 in honor and tribute to the 39,000 Rhode Islanders who served our country during the conflict.