Dedicated in November 1997, the purpose of this memorial is to honor all those who served so valiantly during World War II. The centerpiece of the freedom flame monument is a 50-foot-high stainless steel stylized flame. Leading up to the flame is the freedom walk, a walkway through time, beginning with the Pearl Harbor attack. The total cost of this monument was $735,000.

Incorporated in the World War II Memorial Plaza is the Pearl Harbor Memorial. The Iowa Pearl Harbor Veterans’ Association, Inc., formed a committee to erect a memorial on the Capitol grounds in honor of Iowans who made the supreme sacrifice during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and in honor of the survivors of the attack.