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The campaign to establish a Korean War Memorial began in November 1984, when students from a Harding Junior High School class in Des Moines wrote Governor Terry Branstad, asking why Korean War veterans did not have a memorial.

The monument includes a 14-foot-tall central obelisk and eight 6-foot-tall tablets that tell the story of the Korean War utilizing words, pictures, and maps of Korea engraved in granite. The monument was dedicated by Governor Branstad on May 28, 1989.