

## The National Memorial



### History

Thailand has the National Memorial where it exhibits Historical Military sites and events. This place exhibits bravery of military heroism in various battle fields. It compiles the military names who sacrificed their lives to protect the nation in World War I, French – Indochina, Greater East Asia War, Korean War, Vietnam War as well as the conflict in three southern border provinces. It is also a place for students and people to study, learn and promote patriotism among them.



### Objective

1. To honour and commemorate those who sacrificed their lives in defending their beloved country, and to record their names in succinct inscription for good.
2. To exhibit major accounts of historical battles and bravery.
3. To remind people of potential threats in the past, and their repercussions on the Nation, Religion and Monarch.
4. To serve as a learning and recreational venue for the public.



## Layout plan of the National Memorial

### 1. The Ceremonial Ground

The Ceremonial ground can accommodate 3 companies of honour guards in the event of welcoming Thai or foreign Heads of States or other dignitaries during their official visits to National Memorial. Besides, this is the area where official wreath – laying ceremonies are performed.



### 2. The Ceremonial Building

It is used notably for some national ceremonies and the religious functions thereof. For example; Thai Armed Forces Day, Thai Veterans Day and Merit Ceremony Battlefields Soil Day dedicated to all the souls of the Kings and heroes.



### 3. The Military History and Museum Building



1<sup>st</sup> floor Model displays of five battles in which Thai military took part; World War I, French - Indochina, Great East Asia War, Korean War and Vietnam War.



2<sup>nd</sup> floor Museum in Honour of the Head of Royal Thai Armed Forces. The exhibition of the royal biography and royal military activities.



3<sup>rd</sup> floor Fourteen heroic events and brave deeds in the Thai history are model - displayed according to the Thai well - know figures. For example; Heroism of the King Ramkamhaeng the Great, Heroism of the Queen Suriyothai, Heroism of Phanthai Norasing and Heroism of Military Youth.



4<sup>th</sup> floor Uniforms, insignias and their accessories of Military and Police of the past are displayed according to their respective periods.



The renovation of the National Memorial is currently in progress. The renovation will be finished around mid-year of 2021 or the beginning of 2022.

#### 4. Exclusive Building for Panoramic Display

This is the octagon - shaped building with some mural paintings on its interior circular walls, showing major historical events of Thailand from the past up to the present to reflect the Thai Great Kings' ingenuity and efficiency, as well as the audace and sacrifice of the Thai ancestors in defending and safeguarding the national independence.



#### 5. Landscape Architecture and Outdoor Museum

The areas surrounding the National Memorial are landscaped with flowering plants, shrubs and trees. In addition, there are outdoor exhibition of some major end items.



The exterior walls on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor are inscribed names of those who died defending country since World War I as well as names of Army, Navy, Air Force, police and ranger volunteer from year 1979 – 2017, total of 2,227 people, who died maintaining peace and security of the nation. The National Memorial extends formal letters to related authorities for collecting information by electronic files.



### Disseminating to the next generation

The National Memorial sent the invitation letter to schools and respective government for group visits. There are private tour guides and many activities in accordance with any visits to provide knowledge, understanding as well as to encourage patriotism to the next generation.



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### Opening hour

Daily from 09.00 hrs. – 15.00 hrs. except public holidays

Group visitor please contact in advance.

### Entrance fee

Free admission

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