

# SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based only on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

**BILL:** CS/SB's 258 & 230

**SPONSOR:** Comprehensive Planning, Local and Military Affairs Committee, Senators King, Dyer & Klein

**SUBJECT:** Making a supplemental appropriation

**DATE:** March 31, 2000

**REVISED:** 04/06/00

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Cooper</u>	<u>Yeatman</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>Favorable/CS</u>
2.	<u>Lombardi</u>	<u>Hadi</u>	<u>FP</u>	<u>Fav/1 amendment</u>
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**I. Summary:**

The committee substitute will provide funding from the General Revenue Fund to the American Battle Monuments Commission for deposit in the National WWII Memorial Fund as a contribution toward the building of the National WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. For each resident of Florida who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during WWII (248,000) the State of Florida will contribute \$1 on each of their behalf.

This act will take effect July 1, 2000.

The committee substitute creates a new unspecified section of Florida Law.

**II. Present Situation:**

The National World War II Memorial Fund-Raising Campaign Committee reports that over 16 million men and women served in World War II (WWII), with over 406,000 killed and 671,846 wounded. Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs reports that an estimated 248,000 then-residents of Florida served in the war, with 3,174 dying in battle.

Census figures indicate that 47% of all veterans who relocated to another state between 1970 and 1990 relocated to Florida. The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs report that the rate of net growth in Florida's veteran population during the last two decades has exceeded 102 veterans per day. Out of the approximately 1.7 million veterans residing in Florida on July 1, 1997, 559,500 are WWII veterans.

Today, WWII veterans are all over 70 years old with a national mortality rate of approximately 1,000 per day.

To honor those who served in WWII, in 1993 the U.S. Congress enacted Public Law 103-32, authorizing the construction of a national WWII memorial on federal land in the District of Columbia. To date, the memorial has been funded almost entirely from private donations and is estimated to cost \$100 million. As of June 1999, approximately \$60 million has been raised through corporate and foundation giving, various veteran groups, and individual donations. Ground breaking for the memorial is scheduled for Veterans Day 2000.

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

**Section 1** provides a supplemental appropriation of \$248,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the American Battle Monuments Commission for deposit in the National WWII Memorial Fund for the purpose of helping to fund the building of the National WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. The amount is equal to \$1 for each resident of Florida who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during WWII.

**Section 2** provides that the act will take effect July 1, 2000.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

**V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

From Specific Appropriation No. 608 in the General Appropriations Act for FY 2000-01, \$248,000 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund within the Department of Veterans' Affairs. In addition, \$12,000 is appropriated from the Memorial Matching Trust Fund for related marketing expenses associated with the project.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Amendments:**

#1 by Fiscal Policy:

Deletes the appropriation from the bill.

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This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.

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