

Memorial Guide

After WW I former submarine officers first planned the construction of a memorial to commemorate German submariners lost at sea. However it took more than a decade until they were able to consecrate the memorial which was built in 1930 on the ground of a 19th century field-work and former gun battery next to the little fishing village of Möltenort.

Six years later the entire memorial was reconstructed and again inaugurated in 1938. Since then it has undergone several modifications over the decades.

The front - facing the sea - is flanked on both sides by the halls of honor which rise up out of the ground marking both ends of the semi-circular aisle with the name plates. In the middle of the front side there is a 15,3 m high column, carrying the sea-eagle of bronze with a height of 4.6 m and a wing span of 4.8 m. As the rest of the memorial the column is made of sandstone from the Weser valley. At the top of the column one can see the German submarine insignia of WWII.

The sea-eagle of 1938 had to be removed in November 2000 due to severe damage suffered over the years. On 12th July 2001 the sea-eagle was replaced by a newly forged copy thanks to a gracious donator: a widow of a former submarine commander.

The halls of honor reflect the re-dedication of the Submarine Memorial to honor and list not only all submariners of German Navies who haven't returned from war-missions at sea but also those who lost their life serving in peace time. Especially the bronze plate with the „Kordecki Prayer“ commemorates all victims of the submarine war and those lost at sea.

Till today all passing German Submarines are saluting the memorial by dipping their flag.

DONATIONS:

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The semi-circular aisle with the bronze plates.

The Submarine Memorial is owned by the **German War Graves Commission** (Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfürsorge e.V.), whilst the operation of the facility lies in the hands of the **Submarine Memorial Möltenort Foundation** in co-operation with the **Submarine Veterans Association Kiel**, supported by the **German Submariners Association** and the **Submarine Squadron of the German Navy**.

This place is financed by donations only.

Any information request or support should be addressed to:

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A visit of **U 995** at the nearby **Naval Memorial in Laboe** is recommended.



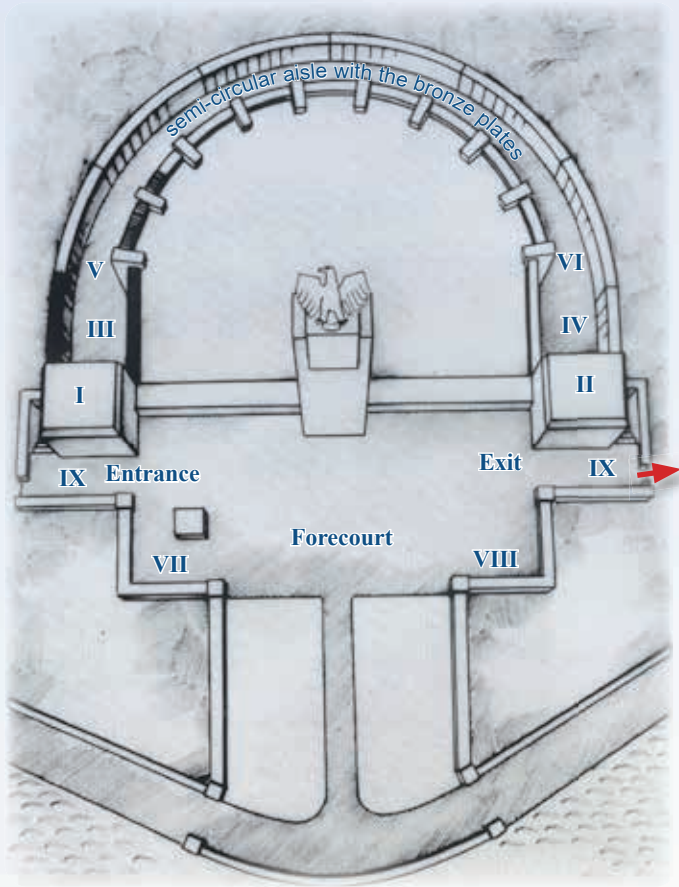
Dear Visitors and Friends of the Submarine Memorial Möltenort

The Submarine Memorial, located at the „Möltenorter Schanze“ in Heikendorf near the city of Kiel, is dedicated to the memory of those submariners of the German Navies who did not return from sea. It is a place of silence and remembrance, but also a place of reminder. Here the names of more than 35.000 submariners killed in two world wars are engraved on bronze plates. Soldiers who lost their lives on submarines during peacetime are also remembered. At the same time the Submarine Memorial is a memorial for all victims of the submarine war.



We kindly ask you to honor this memorial as a place of reflection and remembrance and also as reminder against war and violence, and we thank those individuals and institutions whose active support or donations contribute to preserving this site.

*Submarine Memorial Foundation
Submarine Veterans Association, Kiel*



- I** Northern hall of honour
 - Plate for peace-time losses
 - II** Southern hall of honour
 - Kordecki-prayer,
 - Visitors book and donation box
 - III** Plates for midget submarine sailors, subsequently added listings, plates for all German submariners who lost their lives at sea
 - IV** Plates for single losses, 8 plates of WW II (U 974 to U 3523 plus UIT 22 and UIT 23)
 - V** Plates for total losses WW II
 - Outer wall:
 - 74 plates with names (U 1 bis U 973)
 - 30.000 submariners, 739 submarines
 - Inner wall:
 - 27 plates with names
 - 5.249 submariners, 199 submarines
 - VI** Plates for total losses WW I
 - VII** Position of German submarine losses WW I
 - VIII** Position of German submarine losses WW II
 - IX** Explanatory plates on the memorial and on individual fates
- Way to the care building of the German War-graves Commission

Opening hours:

- From April 1st to September 30th daily from 09:00 a.m. to 06:00 p.m.
- From October 1st to March 31st daily from 09:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m.

The visit to the memorial is free of charge.

We would like to thank all those who contribute to the care and preservation of the memorial through donations to the Foundation U-Boat Memorial Moltentort or active assistance.

For further information please refer to our website at:

www.ubootehrenmal.de



On the memorial site is also located the building of the Schleswig-Holstein representation of the German War-graves Commission. The staff there are available to visitors and interested parties for questions about the memorial and the submariners listed on the plates.

