

Ohio Statutes pertaining to Monuments and Memorials

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83. Generally

The erections and maintenance of soldiers' and sailors' memorials and memorial buildings in municipal corporations, townships, or counties is governed by general statutory provisions applicable to all such subdivisions (RC Ch. 345). The governing chapter (RC CH 345) applies exclusively to memorials erected, equipped, furnished, and maintained or established by any political subdivisions of the state, and all sections of the Code, inconsistent with or prohibiting the exercise of the authority conferred by that chapter, are inoperative for the purpose of such chapter (RC Ch. 345.18). It should be noted that provision is also made in other Code sections for the township soldiers' and sailors' monuments (RC 517.30 517.31) and memorial buildings (RC 511.08-511.17) and municipal corporations are given general authority to construct monuments or memorials buildings to commemorate the services of soldiers, sailors and marines of the state and nation (RC 717.01(M))

All Statutes regarding Veterans – Military Affairs can be found in Title LIX (59) of the Ohio revised Code. Here are few that are pertinent to Monuments and Memorials.

ORC 5901.35 Care of graves of veterans

The board of county commissioners shall provide for the proper care of the graves of all veterans, and of confederate soldiers, sailors and marines who are buried in lots exclusively for the benefit of veterans and confederate soldiers, sailors and marines in cemeteries or burying grounds.

ORC 5901.37 Care of portion of cemetery set apart for veterans.

In any county having a cemetery or part of it set apart for the burial of veterans, or containing a monument erected to their memory, or containing monuments and memorials erected by private or public expense to the memory of veterans, the board of county commissioners shall care for and properly preserve that portion of the cemetery so set apart for the burial of such veterans, and shall care for and properly preserve the monuments or memorials, and the board shall pay all expenses incident to such care and preservation from the general fund of the county

ORC 5911.07 Use and Occupancy of armories

The armories erected by the state are for the use of the organized militia; but in each armory may be provided and maintained, except as provided in this section, a suitable room including heating, lighting, and janitor services, for the free use of patriotic and national organizations chartered under part B of subtitle II of Title 36 of the United States Code, unless such rooms are already provided by the erection of the county memorial building or otherwise by the state, or by the county, township, or municipal corporation. This section does not require a separate room to be maintained for each organization. The room provided in this section may be used for military training when not in actual use by one of the aforementioned organizations. This section applies only during the time that such armory is being used by a unit of the organized militia.