- I, Raymond L. Zawacki, of full age, due hereby certify as to the following facts:
  - 1. I am employed by the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA) as the Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs. As such, I am fully familiar with the facts as stated herein.
  - 2. The New Jersey Veterans World War II Memorial (Memorial) is located on West State Street, directly across from the State House Complex, in Trenton, New Jersey. <a href="http://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/wwii\_memorial/photo\_gallery.html">http://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/wwii\_memorial/photo\_gallery.html</a>. The property on which the Memorial is located is state-owned, and DMAVA maintains custodial responsibilities for this landmark, ensuring public access to and enjoyment of this important reminder of the selflessness and sacrifice of what has become known as our "Greatest Generation."
  - 3. Indeed, over twelve thousand citizens from New Jersey lost their lives fighting for their country during World War II, and countless others were wounded in or endured the hardships of the conflict. Through the Memorial, the citizens of the State honor the men and women who made sacrifices from New Jersey while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States and in the American Merchant Marine during World War II.
  - 4. The Memorial stands as a timeless reminder of the heroism, spirit, sacrifice, patriotism and commitment of those who defended this country and of the moral strength and power of a free people who are united in a common and just cause.
  - 5. As custodians of the Memorial, DMAVA must ensure the right of accessibility to all members of the general public. DMAVA must further address the safety of those who wish to enjoy the Memorial, while maintaining the aesthetic value of the site.
  - 6. Accordingly, DMAVA has never permitted behavior at the Memorial that would detract from its intended purpose. For instance, recreational camping has never been permitted, as tents, coolers and other items would interfere with the nature of the Memorial as a public celebration of the sacrifice of the men and women of New Jersey.

- 7. Likewise, DMAVA has strictly prohibited the general public from erecting any temporary or permanent structures at the Monument, or to affix or attach anything to the walls of the Monument. Patrons of the Monument are required to attend to items of personal property which are brought to the Monument, and unattended items are considered to be abandoned or trash.
- 8. DMAVA maintains electrical outlets at the Memorial; however this is not for public use, but rather for those officially authorized to operate maintenance equipment related to the upkeep of the property and for other official activities in keeping with the Memorial's public purpose. DMAVA does not permit visitors to use the site's outlets to operate their personal electronic devices or other equipment. Furthermore, the use of power generators by members of the public to operate heavy equipment poses a safety concern and is inconsistent with the peaceful enjoyment of the Memorial.

I hereby certify that the forgoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the forgoing is willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Raymond L. Zawacki