Battle Born
Memorial to Nevada's Fallen Warriors
“BATTLE BORN: Memorial to Nevada’s Fallen Warriors is intended to honor the extraordinary dedication, commitment, and sacrifice of Nevadans who have borne the battle through the service in the armed forces. The memorial is meant to be a place of contemplation and reflection; a peaceful place where family members, veterans, and members of the public may come to remember; and, as well, a space for public gatherings.”

**Site | Legislative Plaza in Carson City, NV**

The Memorial Site has a direct and visual connection to the existing Veteran’s Wall on the State Library building. Our design for the Memorial explores this connection and creates a strong viewing and immerse experience within the space. The historic State Archive Building is the actual backdrop of the Memorial Site with the State Capitol Building opposite to the Memorial Site.

**Materials**

Weathering Steel | Hot Rolled Steel | Brass | Black Granite | Concrete

| Civil War | World War I | World War II | Korean War | Vietnam War | Iraq/Afghanistan War |

**Programming Requirements**

- Provide a place for personal reflection that is interactive and experiential during the day and night
- Provide a place for social gatherings with seating for appropriate use that will be durable
- Be of appropriate scale, form, and materiality relevant to the existing site and surrounding environment
- Interact with the ground plane
- Interact with the sky plane above
- Reflect a sense of timelessness
- Is inclusive of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces
  - Air Force
  - Army
  - Coast Guard
  - Marine Corps
  - Merchant Marines
  - Navy
- Recognizes each of the eras/conflicts and acknowledges the diversity of the Fallen Warriors
- Includes an Educational Component
- Use of the individual Fallen Warrior names with the ability to add names in the future should the unfortunate occur

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Concept

Our design for BATTLE BORN: Memorial to Nevada’s Fallen Warriors explored three key conceptual ideas that became the minimal 56'-0"L x 13'-6"w x 10'-0"h metal structure. The Memorial changes each day as the patina of time slowly evolves the materiality of the space; creating a space for reflection, inspiration, and to “honor the extraordinary dedication, commitment, and sacrifice Nevadans who have borne the battle through service in the armed forces.”*

Initially, the original idea explored being enveloped by that moment in life when shadows and rain pours down on you and all the sensations that accompany that feeling. As one walks, stands, or sits within the Memorial space, they become showered with the inverse shadows of the Nevadan Fallen Warriors from the metal shade structure above. During the design development and construction of the project, the concept evolved to become a protective brass veil of the Fallen Warriors above. The Nevada Fallen Warrior brass name cutouts bathe the Memorial patrons in light and shadow from the sky above, while also creating shadows on the ground, thus creating a connection between Earth and Sky, whereas we the patrons are able to experience the in-between space thanks to the ultimate sacrifice made by the Nevadan Fallen Warriors for their love of friends, family, and country. The symbolic element of those who died for us, are still with us, shining down on us from above.

The second concept of the Memorial explored a specific iconic image (in collaboration with member of the Panel/Committee and Project Team) that was cutout of weathering steel through a series of perforated holes. The image is subtle, but profound and compliments the Memorial.

The third conceptual idea created a waterless reflecting pond out of polished black granite which creates a black abyss of beauty, reflecting the shadows of the text and metallic surface of the walls along with the natural environment.

The architectural form of the Memorial is inspired by the geometry of the surrounding buildings with a contemporary approach. It’s at one time, heavy and strong at the core with a foundation that is built to last, yet the space has a sense of lightness from above, that is also mighty as it is beautiful, just like the Nevadan Fallen Warriors it represents.
THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD, AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD: AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM, NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN. AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

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The five and six pointed stars were used as conceptual inspiration for the Fallen Warrior nameplates. The five-pointed star (regular concave decagon) is used on the traditional American flag as well as being a U.S.A. military symbol.

The six-pointed star (hexagram) uses “interlacing triangles symbolize opposites” such as darkness and light among many philosophical ideals such as “man’s position between earth and sky.” We also used the symbol as a basis for each point representing one of the six wars that the Fallen Warriors passed away in. We then deconstructed the five and six point stars with a series of folds and bends to create the brass nameplates. Each nameplate has one to two Fallen Warriors on it and are arranged per War.
Floor Plan - NTS
Fallen Warriors | Day
Exterior | Dusk