



The American Veterans
Disabled for Life Memorial

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About the Memorial

Adding to the beauty of our nation's capital, the ***American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial*** will soon become one of our country's treasured landmarks, bringing together visitors of all ages and backgrounds—a fitting tribute to the brave men and women who stand watch over America.

Commanding an impressive two-acre site between Washington Avenue SW (Canal Street), C Street SW and Second Street SW, the memorial will be within full view of the United States Capitol, adjacent to the National Mall, and across from Independence Avenue and the United States Botanic Garden.

The Memorial was sponsored by Senator John McCain (AZ), former Senator Max Cleland (GA), and Representatives Sam Jonson (TX) and John Murtha (PA). Congress passed legislation authorizing the creation of the **American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial** in Washington, D.C. and President Clinton signed the legislation into law in 2000. With the passage of [Public Law 106-348](#), which specifically states that no federal funds may be used for the Memorial, the **Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation** (DVLMF) was authorized to raise public funds to design, build and maintain this momentous American Memorial. The Memorial will honor all those veterans who were permanently disabled while serving in the United States Armed Forces. With the help of many generous citizens, organizations and corporations, it will become a reality.



Memorial Design

Through the juxtaposition of marble and glass, the **American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial** will convey an interplay of strength and vulnerability, loss and renewal. At this sacred spot, all of us—sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, wives, husbands and friends—will learn the important lessons of courage, sacrifice, tenacity, loyalty and honor by bearing witness to the experiences of our heroes who are disabled.

The focal point of the Memorial will be a star-shaped reflecting pool, its surface broken only by a single eternal flame. A grove of trees will stand sentry beside the pool, signifying the persistence of hope.

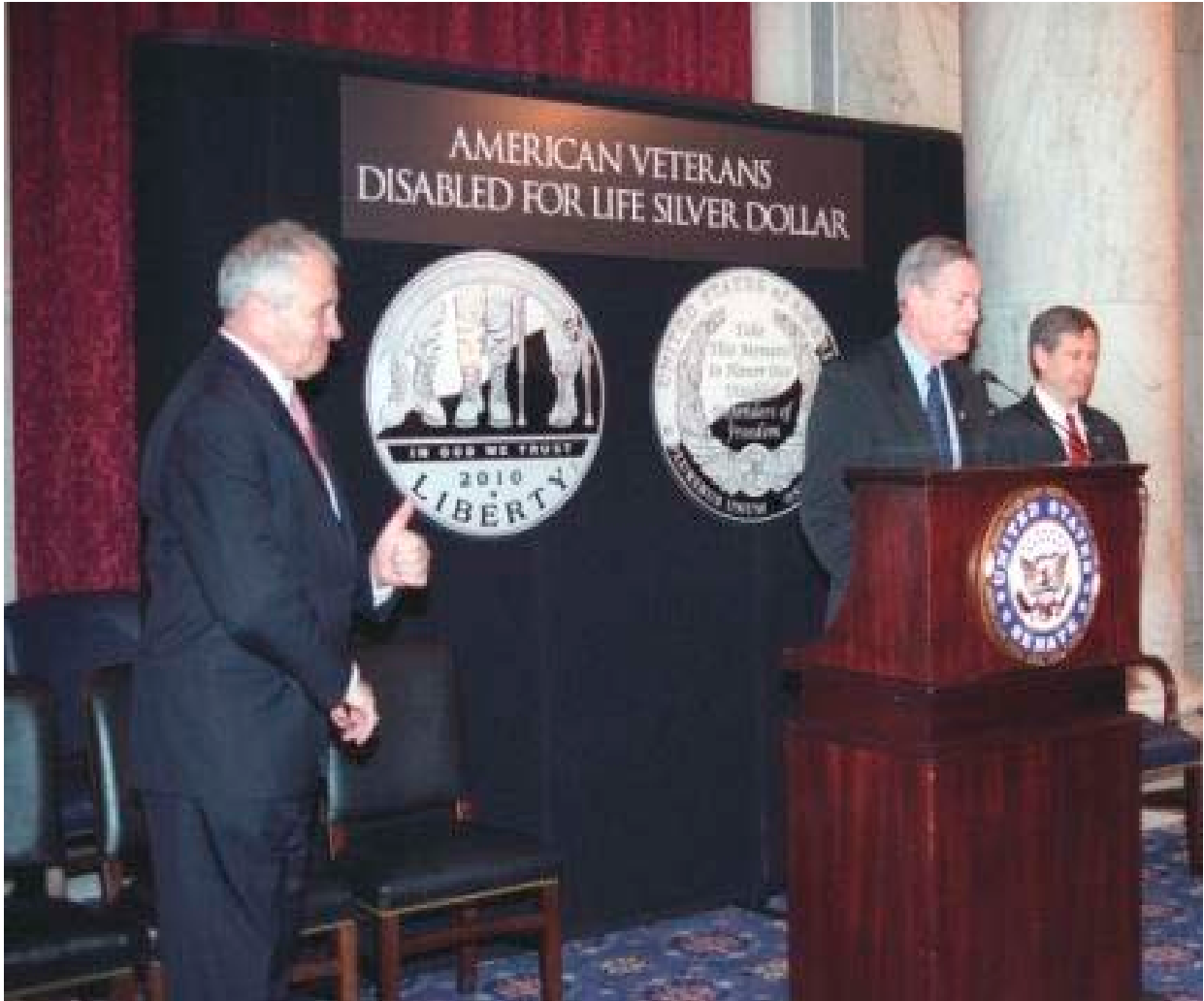
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This unique and powerful design concept was conceived by Michael Vergason Landscape Architects, Ltd., and was approved in 2006 by the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission.



Roberto "Bobby" Barrera, National Commander of the DAV



Anthony Principi, Former Secretary of the VA and DVLMF spokesperson, Dennis Moore, U.S. Representative (D: Kansas), Mark Kirk, U.S. Representative (R: Illinois)

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