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DEDICATION COURAGE HONOR

BY MARK LEICHLITER & THE NATIONAL SCULPTORS' GUILD

Stainless Steel / Dakota Sandstone

Scale: 7ft high 10ft wide 3.5ft deep

Site Location: Civic Center Park, La Quinta, CA

Commissioned by: the City of La Quinta, CA

Date commissioned: March 16, 2004

Date installed/dedicated: August 2004

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This public art placement was commissioned to commemorate the lives of La Quinta's fallen police and fire officials. The city wanted a bold, non-denominational artwork that would recognize both branches of the public safety office in a singular sculpture. The National Sculptors' Guild set forth presenting a design fitting the city's desires in a dignified and elegant manner that also complemented the surrounding site and designated Mark Leichliter [Ft. Collins, CO] as the lead-artist.



Two fabricated 5.5ft tall layered stainless steel versions of the officers' badges are mounted to opposing sides of a 9-ton block of sandstone. The words "Dedication, Courage, Honor" engraved along side the badges were chosen by currently serving police and fire officials as a testament to the qualities of those who were lost in the line of duty.

Leichliter designed the individual layers by computer which were then cut from sheets of metal using a waterjet process to precisely match the area officers' actual badges. Each side of the monument is lit to show depth and definition of the layered badges at night. The contrasting warm and cool finish of the metal show the detailing of each badge in an immediate and iconic fashion.

Structural Engineers: Gregory P. Luth & Associates [Santa Clara, CA]
Stone Source: Arkins Park Stone [Loveland, CO]



original rendering

ABOUT THE ARTIST: Having explored nearly every method of creating art, from lost-wax casting to hammer and chisel, Mark turned to high technology in an attempt at a fresh approach. "I spent five years immersing myself in 3D Computer Aided Design. I feel like I have finally reached a level that allows me to fully express myself as a sculptor. The technology that exists today is remarkable." Additional public art placements include the cities of Paramount, CA; Cerritos, CA; and the Little Rock National Airport, AR.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SCULPTORS' GUILD: Representing some of the most renowned sculpture artists in the nation, the Guild artists work as a team under the leadership of executive director John W. Kinkade. Our organization works closely with cities, municipalities, corporations and private institutions across the country to successfully enhance both indoor and outdoor venues with creative design and innovative artwork. The NSG design teams have enhanced public spaces in a timely fashion within budgets ranging from \$25,000 to \$2.8 million. When appropriate, the design team grows to include architects, landscape architects, structural engineers, designers and contractors from around the nation. Dependent on the nature of each project, the NSG draws upon this knowledgeable group of professionals with proven accountability in past projects.

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