

# Showcase



*"United in Memory - Committed to Freedom," designer Jacob Robison, Classic Glass Inc.*

The Defense Intelligence Agency unveiled a memorial at Bolling Air Force Base on Friday, September 11, 2009 in remembrance of seven members of the Defense Intelligence Agency that were victims of the attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001: Rosa M. Chapa, Sandra N. Foster, Robert J. Hymel, Shelley A. Marshall, Patricia E. Mickley, Charles E. Sabin and Karl W. Teepe.

"When approached by the DIA to create a permanent memorial for these victims, we felt it was important to visually represent the vision and mission of the DIA community," says glass designer Jacob Robison, Classic Glass Inc., Alexandria, Virginia. "The men and women that serve in the DIA are committed to providing service for our country and its citizens. They are dedicated to defending our nation and providing its leaders with information and knowledge that ensures its security. With this in mind, a structure was envisioned that symbolized our nation's unity and strength – a strength that the individuals we memorialize represented in their devotion to their country."

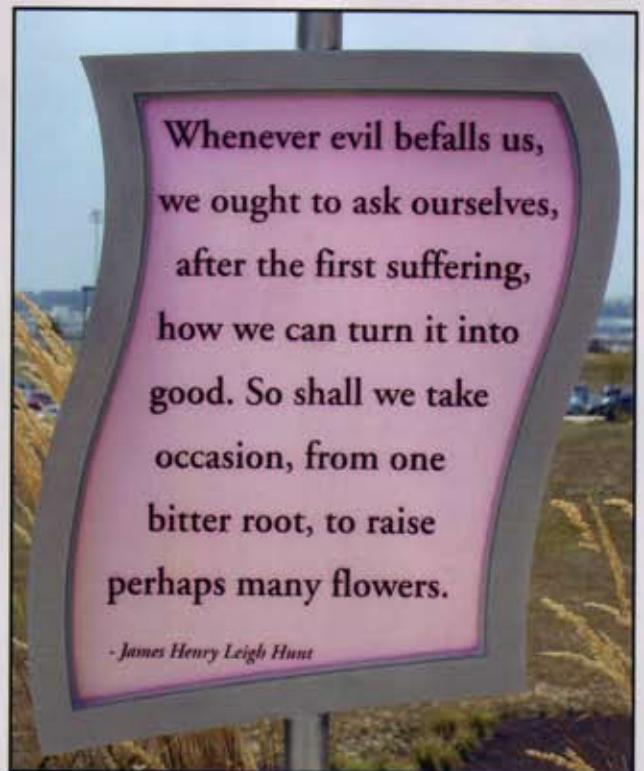
The American flag symbolizes national unity, resilience and strength. The memorial is built of eight stainless steel frames that encapsulate glass. Seven of the memorial's frames are capable of rotating a full 360 degrees. Each of the rotating panels represents the life of one of the seven individuals honored in this memorial and is symbolic of our lives constantly revolving and changing. An eighth frame remains stationary and displays an excerpt of an essay titled "During a Time of Trouble" by James Henry Leigh Hunt: "Whenever evil befalls us, we ought to ask ourselves, after the first suffering, how we can turn it into good. So shall we take occasion, from one bitter root, to raise perhaps many flowers."

Within the stainless steel frames are carved dichroic glass panels. The defining characteristic of dichroic glass is its ability to transmit and reflect light, producing a variation of color, opacity and reflective qualities. Dichroic glass was chosen to serve as another symbol of change and reflection.

At the base of the structure lies a polished piece of limestone taken from the Pentagon debris. The names of the seven DIA victims are carved into the stone with the title of the memorial "United in Memory - Committed to Freedom."

A dedication ceremony was held on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2009 and was open to the victim's families and the employees of the DIA. Glass designer Robison spoke at the event explaining the memorial's symbolism and significance.

Classic Glass, Inc. has been serving the architectural and design community in the greater Washington, D.C. metro area for three decades. For more information go to [www.classicglassinc.com](http://www.classicglassinc.com).



*Poem panel.*