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PROJECT data

VETERANS MEMORIAL

Bartholomew County

Columbus, Indiana USA

Scope: Situated on Bartholomew County Courthouse Square near entrance to the city; 25 columns of rock-cut Indiana limestone honor the county's veterans of 20th century wars.

The winner of a national design competition, the Veterans Memorial is a grid of limestone pillars: a monolith of rough and naturally textured stone when viewed from afar and—from its interior meditative spaces—a forest of soaring columns separated by narrow passageways. Veterans' names, letters and diary entries are etched on smooth surfaces. At night, lights embedded in the base create a dramatic play of light and shadow and illuminate the memorial's interior.

Materials: Indiana limestone; black granite.

Completed: 1997

Cost: \$1,500,000

“The close spacing of the columns creates a visual shift from solid to transparent as one moves around the exterior. From the inside, the memorial forms an intimate, roofless hypostyle hall that immerses the visitor in a field of stone and sentiment.”

Reed Kroloff, “Columns of Memory,” *Architecture*, September 1997

Awards:

Boston Society of Architects Design Honor Award

Boston Society of Architects Unbuilt Architecture Award

Tucker Award of Excellence, Building Stone Institute

Publications:

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