

UnBuilt Landscape Architecture Design

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Veterans Freedom Park

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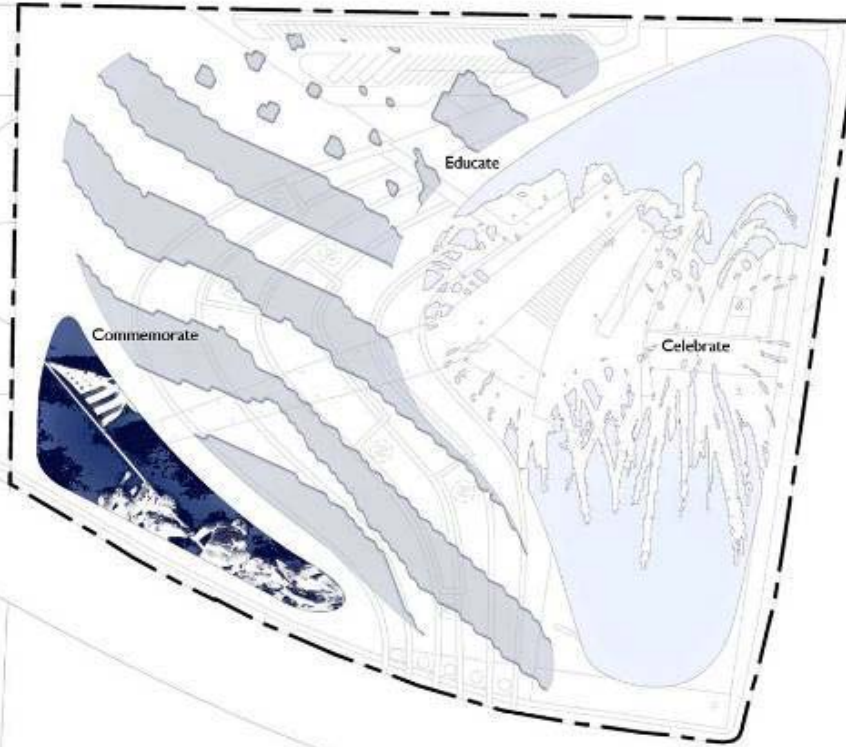


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Celebrate / Educate / Commemorate

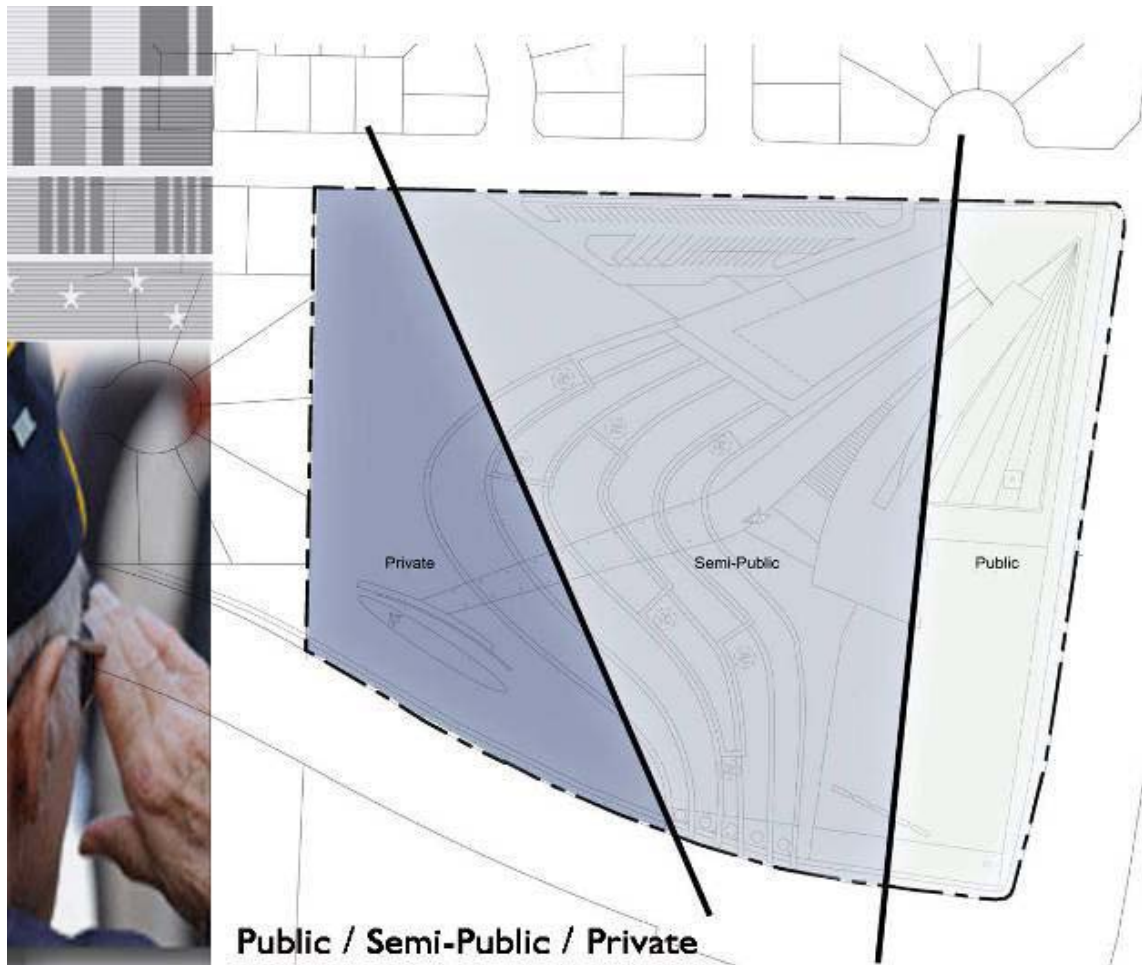
In exploring the meaning and value of freedom, the process began with interviews with veterans. Their stories were the catalyst to the energy of the design. We began asking ourselves: How can we celebrate freedom through this design? How can we educate visitors about the history of military service and the freedoms we enjoy in the U.S.? How can we commemorate freedom and those who served? Celebration, education and commemoration organize the physical concept design of the park with areas of rest and movement.

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Public / Semi-Public / Private

While the qualities of celebration, education, and commemoration provide a timeless theme, the concept also explores the embodiment of varying levels of interpretation through public, semi-public and / or private experience, depending on the amount of time the visitor wants to spend at the park and the type of journey he or she may feel like taking.

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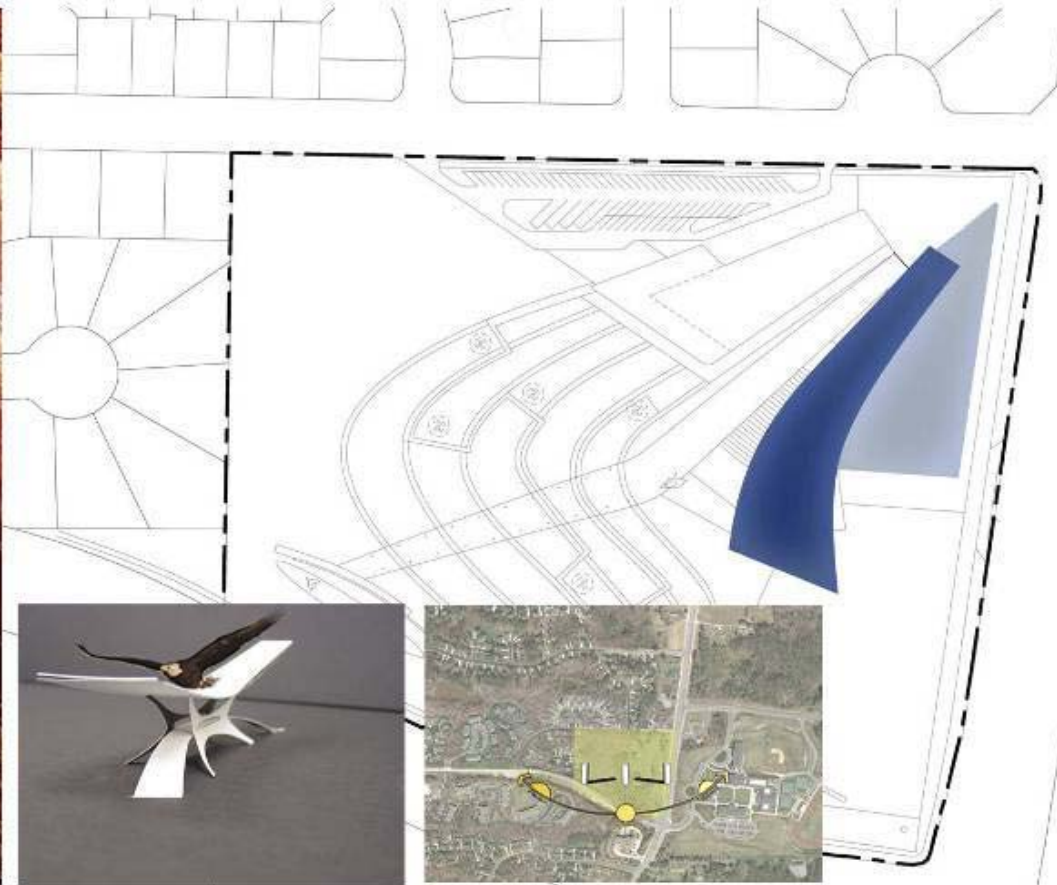
Rear Admiral -
Steve Glass
U.S. Navy - Vietnam Combat and
Peace Time
"The men and women who vol-
unteer for service are a highly
motivated group of people -
they are people who serve with
honor, courage, commitment and
sacrifice."



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Celebrate - Donor Bridge

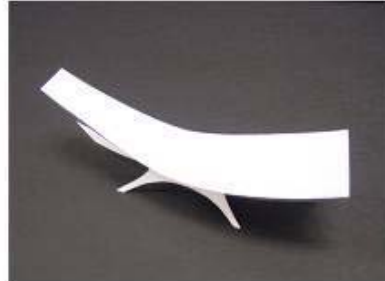
The Donor Bridge honoring those who made the Veterans Freedom Park possible creates a "Wow Effect," providing visual identity to the east side (front) of the park facing Harrison Avenue, the street with the highest traffic circulation. This is the most visible area for vehicular and pedestrian passersby. A walkable entrance awaits itself to pedestrians on this side giving access to the Donor Bridge. The bridge, in addition to being symbolical and sculptural, would also be functional in providing shelter for an amphitheater below the bridge for venues seating 1,200 people. A large fountain in the front would act as a buffer to traffic noise.

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Rolesville
Wake Forest
Wendell
Zebulon



Celebrate - Donor Bridge

The Donor Bridge in its dynamic form is reminiscent of an eagle in flight, representing not only our country's freedom but expressing the spirit of freedom experienced in nature. Donors names would be engraved on the bridge recognizing their contributions for the vision of the park. Lighting on the bridge and throughout the park would also provide opportunity for evening events.

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