

The Design of the 173d Airborne Memorial

Height – The memorial stands above the natural ground to symbolize those whose names are inscribed upon its granite panels are above others.

Shape: The memorial is round in shape to symbolize that a soldier's bond that has no beginning and no end.

Stainless Steel; The memorial is constructed with stainless steel to symbolize a soldier's strength and resilience

Black granite: The use of black granite symbolizes the dark universe with the names inscribed upon it as beacons of shining light

Panels: The memorial features five separate vertical panels that represent the five points of the American and US Army Star.

Placement of Names: The names inscribed on the panels face the inside of the memorial to represent togetherness and the unwavering commitment to sacrifice for each other.

Names: the names inscribed upon the panels are without rank and stature to recognize that each one of the fallen are of equal value.

Platform: The memorial platform is divided into radial segments of alternating colors to represent the panels of a parachute.

Railing: the stainless steel railing surrounding the memorial represents unity and resolve of purpose.

Landscaping: the plants and flowers surrounding the memorial symbolize precious life and hope for mankind's future

Centerpiece: the sculpture in the middle of the memorial is the identifying symbol of the 173d Airborne Brigade. It is placed on a high column to symbolize that it rises above all others. It is placed upon a globe of the earth to represent, when called upon, the Brigade stands ready to defend freedom in any part of the world.