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South Florida foundation makes big gift to national disabled vets memorial

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Looking inward from Memorial's north entrance framed by walls of glass and marble. (The Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation, Inc. / March 20, 2012)

By William E. Gibson, Washington Bureau
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A South Florida-based foundation has gotten a \$50,000 gift to help build the nation's first permanent public tribute to disabled veterans.

The glass-and-granite structure — the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial — will be built on a 2.4-acre triangle near the U.S. Capitol. It will feature a star-shaped reflecting pool, its surface broken by a single ceremonial flame, to convey strength and vulnerability, loss and renewal. It will be framed by three walls of laminated glass with text and photographs and four bronze sculptures.

The Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation of [Delray Beach](#) said the donation came from the Wounded Warrior Project, a group devoted to helping disabled veterans.

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