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**THE DISABLED VETERANS' LIFE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION  
ANNOUNCES PROJECT ARCHITECT**

***Shalom Baranes Associates to Complete and Implement Design  
of The American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial  
in Washington D.C.***

**WASHINGTON D.C. – November 9, 2009** – The [Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation](#) today announced that Washington D.C.-based architectural firm [Shalom Baranes Associates, PC](#), has been retained as project architect for the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial. The Memorial is America's first monument dedicated to disabled veterans of all wars, both living and deceased, as well as their families and caregivers.

As the project architect, Shalom Baranes Associates will complete the final design and produce the construction drawings for the Memorial, ensure design compliance during construction, and interact with the army of contractors and consultants involved in bringing the vision of the Memorial to life. The Memorial's design has been developed by [Michael Vergason Landscape Architects, Ltd.](#), Alexandria, Virginia, with the graphics, text and bronze components of the Memorial created by artist [Larry Kirkland](#) in collaboration with [Cloud Gehshan Associates](#).

"We are extremely excited to assist in the materialization of Michael Vergason's vision," said Founder and Principal Shalom Baranes. "This Memorial represents an important part of America's history, and we are grateful for the chance to take part in its creation. We look forward to working with everyone involved to make the Memorial a reality."

Shalom Baranes Associates is recognized for its expertise in governmental, commercial, residential and institutional design. The firm has played an integral part in shaping the development of the National Capital Region, and is especially noted for its work within the sensitive historic context of Washington's monumental core. Shalom Baranes Associates' impressive project list includes The Pentagon Building, The Main Treasury Building, and The U.S. Department of Treasury Headquarters.

The [Memorial](#) will command an impressive two-acre site between Washington Avenue SW, C Street SW and Second Street SW, and will be within full view of the United States Capitol, across from Independence Avenue and the United States Botanic Garden. The focal point of the Memorial will be a star-shaped reflecting pool, its surface broken by a single eternal flame. A grove of trees will stand sentry beside the pool, signifying the persistence of hope. The Foundation anticipates breaking ground on the Memorial in 2010.

The [Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation](#) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit and donations are deductible to the fullest extent of the law. To make a donation, or for more information, visit [www.avdlm.org](http://www.avdlm.org).

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Editor's note: High res jpgs of the Memorial design are available by contacting The Murry Agency at (305) 531-5720 or [www.tma-pr.com](http://www.tma-pr.com).

**About Shalom Baranes Associates, PC:**

Shalom Baranes Associates, PC is an architectural firm with an acclaimed reputation for master planning and design of significant buildings and sites within Washington, DC. Established in 1981, [the firm](#) has played an integral role in the development of the capital city and its emergence as a premiere architectural destination. The firm is especially noted for its work within the sensitive historic context of Washington's monumental core. Its award-winning projects range from revitalizations of land marked historic structures to state-of-the-art new buildings, each embodying the firm's dedication to progressive, technologically superior, and environmentally sound design. During the past twenty-eight years, Shalom Baranes Associates has completed projects totaling over twenty million square feet and three billion dollars of construction value in the National Capital Region. Notably, the firm recently provided full architectural services for the renovation of the Pentagon Building, headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense. Shalom Baranes Associates provides complete architectural services for a diverse clientele including public, commercial, non-profit, and insitutional groups.

**About the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation:**

The Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation, Inc. was created in 1998 through the combined efforts of philanthropist Lois Pope, foundation chairman; Arthur Wilson, national adjutant of the Disabled American Veterans; and the late Jesse Brown, former secretary of Veteran Affairs. Formed as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, the Foundation's sole objective is to raise the estimated \$81.2 million in private funds needed to design, build and permanently maintain the nation's first memorial dedicated to living and deceased disabled veterans – **The American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial.** Commanding an impressive two-acre site between Washington Avenue SW, C Street SW and Second Street SW, the Memorial will be within full view of the United States Capitol, adjacent to the National Mall, and across from Independence Avenue and the United States Botanic Garden. Soon, thanks for the efforts led by the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation, Inc., and supported by veterans as well as concerned and generous citizens and corporations, these soldiers will have a permanent memorial in the nation's capital that will pay tribute to their sacrifices.