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## **JOHN G. WAITE ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS HONORED BY THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS AT NATIONAL CONVENTION**



AERIAL VIEW

**ALBANY, NY** – Work completed for the Liberty Memorial and National World War I Museum by **John G. Waite Associates, Architects PLLC (JGWA)** received an honor award at the 2008 American Institute of Architects (AIA) National Convention and Design Exposition held in May in Boston, MA.

The theme at this year's AIA Convention was "We the People", exploiting the presence and power of architecture on behalf of people and the society. The AIA National Honor and Awards program recognizes achievements across a broad range of architectural activity. The awards are divided into four categories: Honors Programs, Membership Honors, Cosponsored Awards, and Institute Honors, with the Liberty Memorial project falling into the latter category.

In response to public challenges to the restoration approach, the Kansas City Department of Parks, Recreation and Boulevards engaged JGWA to provide an independent review and then a historic structure and landscape report for the Memorial. JGWA, with Elmore Design Collaborative as landscape architects, endorsed the basic concept and direction of the project, and provided specific recommendations that ASAI incorporated into the restoration.



DETAIL VIEW

Liberty Memorial, erected between 1923 and 1926 in Kansas City, MO, is a fitting tribute to those who served and died in World War I. The historic landmark is constructed of steel, concrete, and limestone with the shaft of Liberty Memorial standing at 217 feet tall and measuring 36 feet in diameter at its base. Declared a National Historic Landmark in 2006, the monument boasts carved stone figures representing the four Guardian Spirits [Courage, Honor, Patriotism, and Sacrifice] encircling its top.

### **John G. Waite Associates, Architects PLLC (JGWA)**

**JGWA** is an architectural firm with offices in Albany and New York City, that is widely recognized for its work with the restoration and rehabilitation of historic buildings. The firm has been responsible for the preservation of some of the nation's most significant landmarks and historic public buildings, utilizing sustainable design solutions and state-of-the-art preservation technology. For more information about **JGWA** please visit [www.jgwaarchitects.com](http://www.jgwaarchitects.com).

### **American Institute of Architects (AIA)**

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HISTORIC IMAGE

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