

NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM

- COLUMBUS, OHIO, USA

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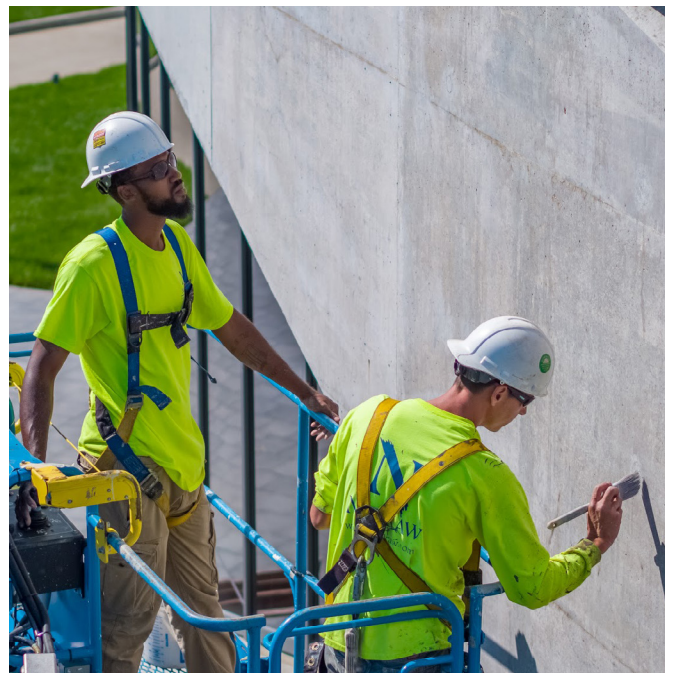
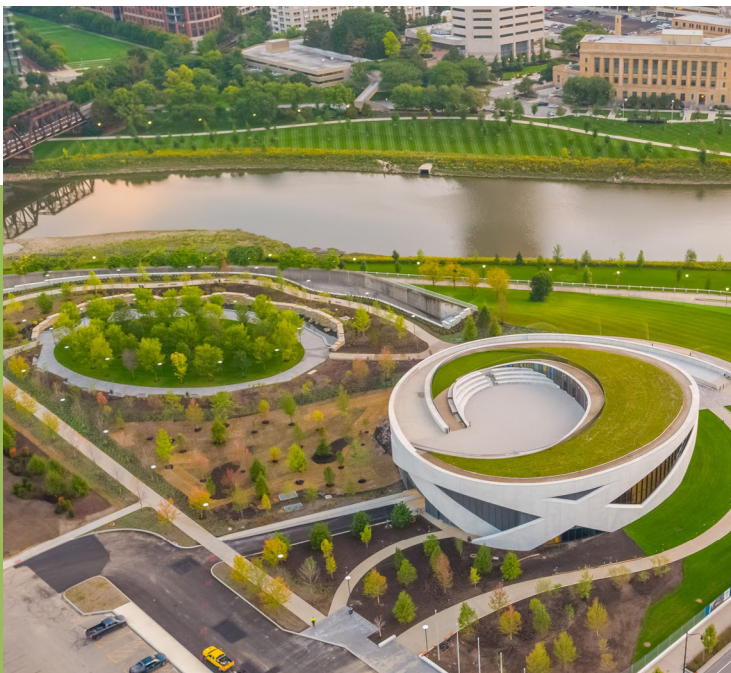
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THE CHALLENGE

The United States has always sought to honor its veterans—but in Columbus, Ohio, the foundation of a national museum had different plans in mind.

Replacing a legacy building on a plot of land lining the Scioto River, the National Veterans Memorial and Museum was designed to tell the stories of veterans beyond the scope of their national service. An inviting and inspiring façade created by **Allied Works Architecture** called for a dramatic contrast of elevated greenspaces and bold, gray concrete facades in a spiraling pattern.

However, the solemnity called for by the sheer cast-in-place concrete was dampened by discoloration of the concrete. Splotches and patches across the façade needed to be equalized to elevate the project to the level of veneration it deserved.

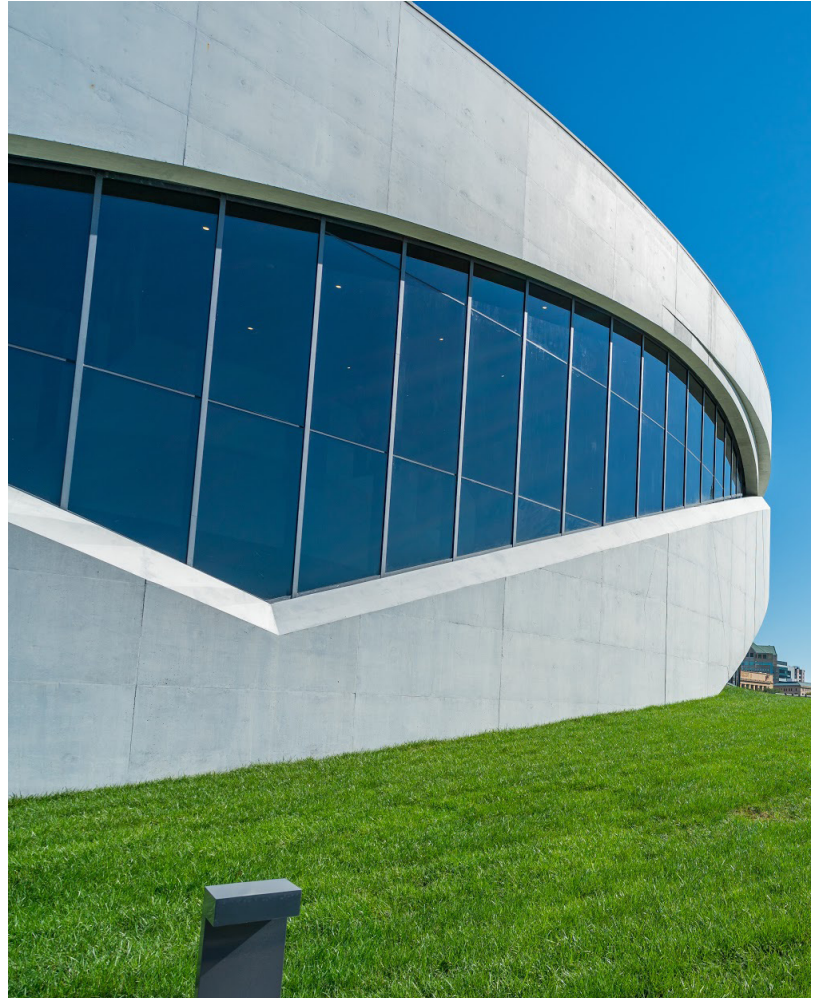


THE SOLUTION

Project managers selected Nawkaw for the lofty challenge of correcting the cast-in-place concrete paneling to create the monotone yet still-textured appearance of fair-faced concrete architects had envisioned. Nawkaw's task was to walk the fine line of recoloring the concrete surface without removing the material aesthetic desired.

To meet this need, Nawkaw utilized powerful, translucent stains—providing a long-lasting color solution without covering up the natural texture of concrete. Nawkaw reduced the variations of color without erasing them entirely. The final result beautifies the poured concrete as well as the overall project.

Today, visitors can appreciate the striking, inviting exterior of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum as they head inside to hear the ever-prescient stories contained within.



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