

# LIBERATION

## LIBERATION MONUMENT

### San Diego Airport Exhibit Information

Commissioned by the  
American Ex-POWs

for the Fort Rosecrans  
National Cemetery



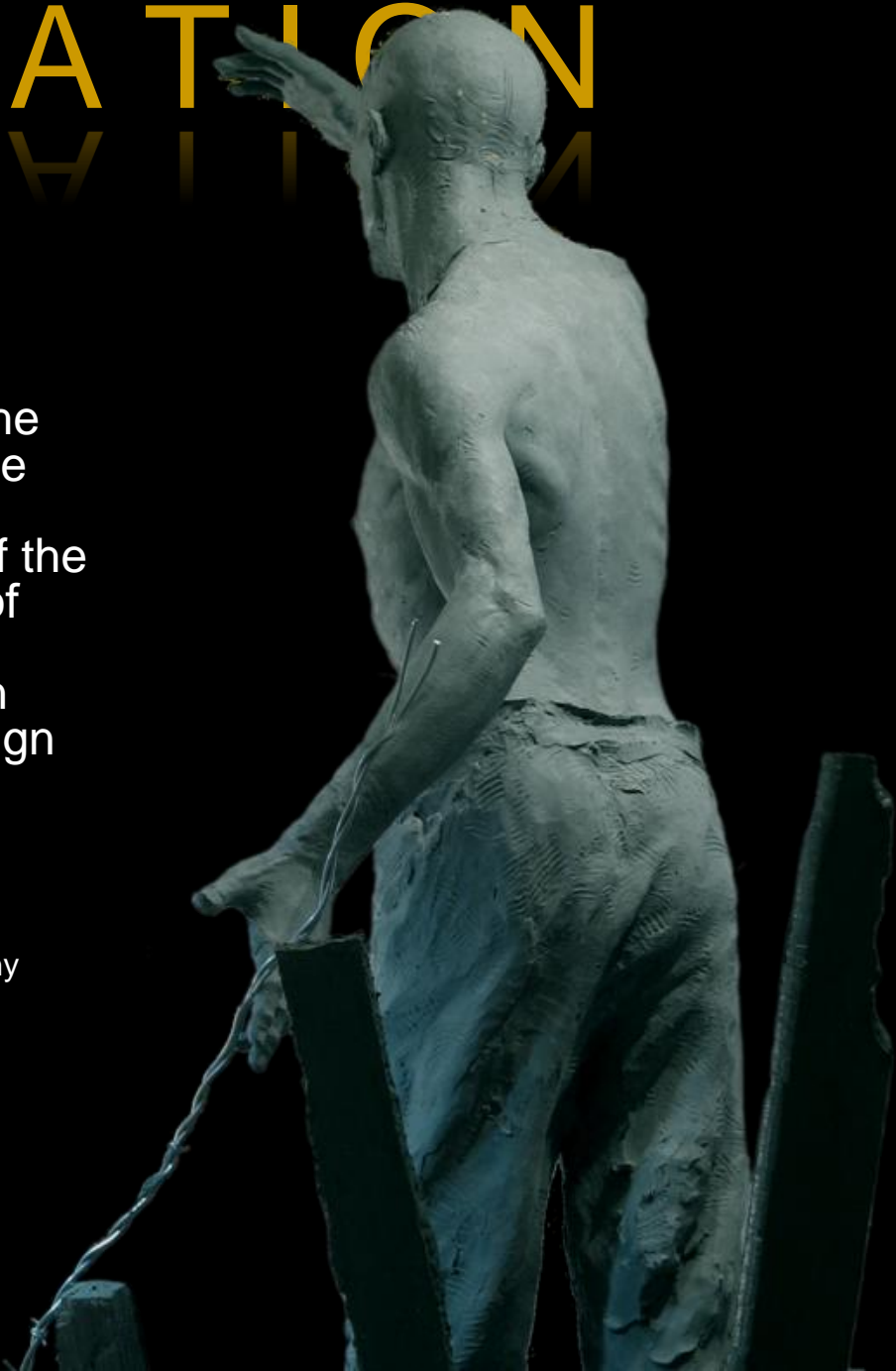
**RICHARD BECKER**  
S C U L P T U R E



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“This statue will convey the excitement, the trepidation, the exhilaration and emotion of the LIBERATION moment, as the emaciated soldier steps out of the darkness into the “Sunshine of Freedom”. He portrays the thousands who were bound in captivity by the infamy of foreign enemies.”

-- Lt Col. Ralph Kling, USAF Ret.  
Commander, American Ex-Prisoners of War  
WWII Pilot and POW Stalag Luft IV, Germany



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“...to stand as an eternal legacy for our community by reminding visitors of the sacrifice of veterans during America’s efforts to keep alive the hopes and dreams of freedom for the oppressed around the world.”

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SCULPTURE

9 FT TOTAL STATUE HEIGHT

# DETAILS

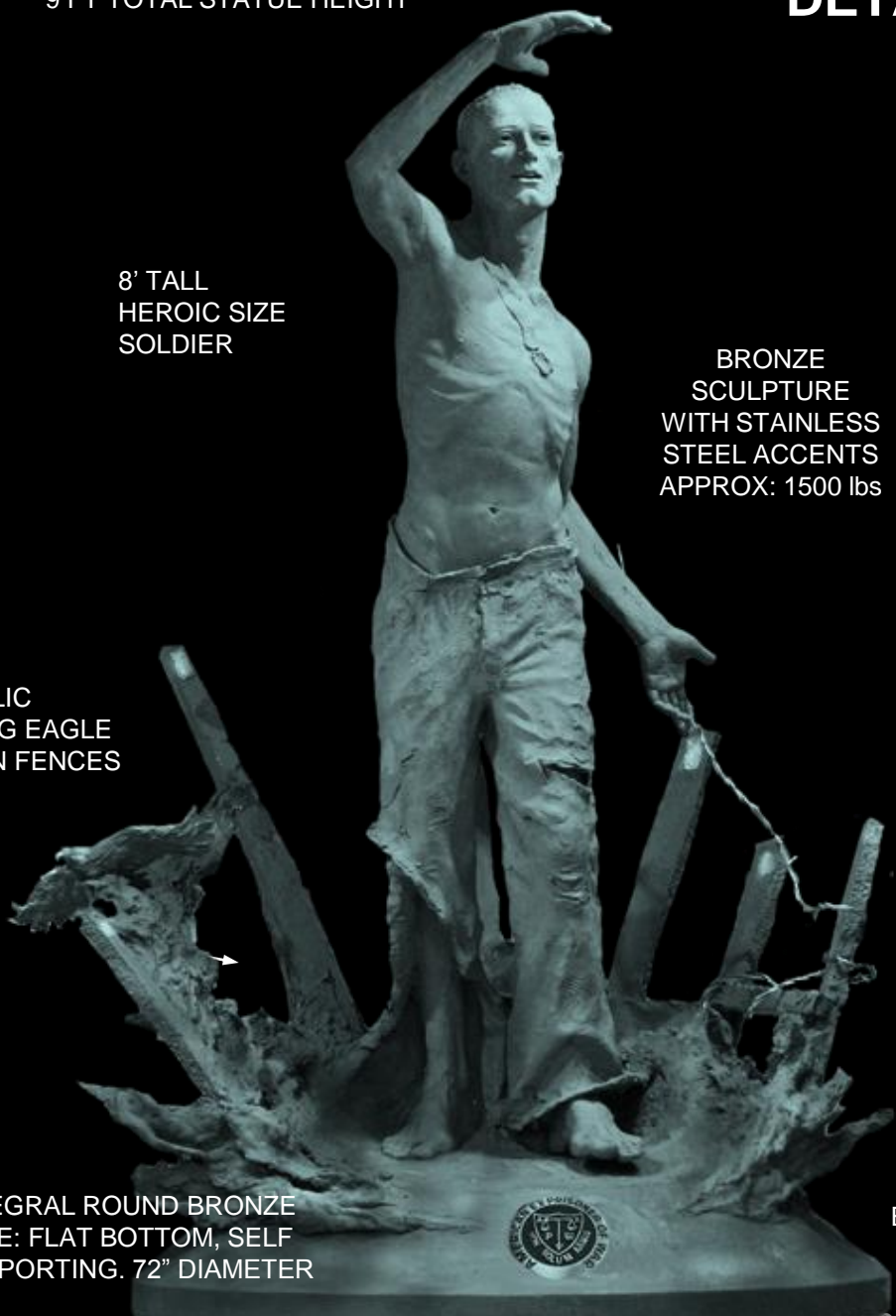
8' TALL  
HEROIC SIZE  
SOLDIER

BRONZE  
SCULPTURE  
WITH STAINLESS  
STEEL ACCENTS  
APPROX: 1500 lbs

SYMBOLIC  
SOARING EAGLE  
BROKEN FENCES



Left: Sculpture in clay. Above: Actual bronze head with patinas.



INTEGRAL ROUND BRONZE  
BASE: FLAT BOTTOM, SELF  
SUPPORTING. 72" DIAMETER

AMERICAN EX-POW  
EMBLEM. "NON SOLUM  
ARMIS" – *They served  
without arms.*

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SCULPTURE

JAN 2010

# Sculpture Availability



Patina  
Preparation in  
progress (Los  
Angeles).

Sculpture will be  
complete by end  
of Jan.

# ABOUT THE ARTIST

## Résumé of Richard Becker

### Born

1958, Los Angeles, California

### Education

Stanford University, Master of Science, Engineering Management 1983-1988

Escola d'Art, Barcelona 1996-1997

Scottsdale Art School 2008

Martine Vaugel Studios, Fmr. Director New York Art Academy – 1998, 2000

Los Angeles Art Academy 1998

### Awards, Recognition & Affiliations

National Sculpture Society's Edward Fenno-Hoffman Prize for uplifting works

National Figure Modeling Competition Finalist, Philadelphia, PA

Works selected for Art to Benefit Humanity Auction, Ritz-Carlton, Laguna, CA

Holds several US and Foreign Technology Patents

Associate Member of The National Sculpture Society, The Portrait Society of America and The International Sculpture Center

Elected Member of the San Diego Museum of Art Artist Guild

### Selected Commissions

WWII POW Monument, Rosecrans US National Cemetery, San Diego, CA (in progress 2008/9)

Good Samaritan Foundation, Meditation Courtyard Sculpture, Dayton, OH (in progress 2009)

Laguna Hills Civic Center Sculpture, City of Laguna Hills, CA (in progress 2008/9)

Mayor Tom Bradley Lifetime Achievement Award Bust, World Impact, Los Angeles, CA (2008)

Morgan Square, Heroic Bust of Hon. Mayor Kile Morgan, National City, CA (2008)

Paris, Pearl Theodosakis, Rancho Santa Fe, CA (2007)

Firefighter Monument, NCFD Headquarters, City of National City, CA (2007)

Frontier-Life Monument, City of Poway, CA (2006)

Mountain Lion grouping, Lake Poway, CA (2006)

Bust of Frank Burger, Cmdr. American Ex-POWs, San Diego Veterans Administration Bldg (2005)

Portrait of Captain Matt Bancroft, USMC, Bancroft Foundation (2002)

Portrait of I. Fonts, Barcelona, Spain (1997)

### Selected Exhibitions

National Sculpture Society 75th Awards Exhibition, Park Avenue Atrium, New York City (2008)

San Diego Museum of Art, Festival of Arts I & II (2005)

National Sculpture Society: "The Sea," Park Avenue Atrium, New York City (2005)

Sculpture in the Park, Loveland, CO (2004)

Exclusive Collections Gallery, San Diego, CA (2003)

Fingerhut Gallery, La Jolla, CA (2002)

### Reviews

"What Becker expresses cannot be taught" — San Diego Union Tribune

"Exquisite" — San Diego No. County Times

"Bronze Brilliance" — Décor and Style Magazine

"Sculpture captures spirit of freed POW" — San Diego Union Tribune

### Collections

Works in public and private collections in the US, UK and Europe.

### Studio

Poway, San Diego, California



# All Comments from Union Tribune

## Article Aug 2009 (1of2)

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*Coastwatcher* 08/21/2009 10:02 AM

This is a beautiful tribute to those who have been in POW camps. Beautiful, engaging, thought provoking...sure to bring people together too.



*Helen\_San\_d* 08/20/2009 11:41 PM

Art is underrated and underfunded in San Diego County.

This is a beautiful piece, I hope San Diego becomes more open-minded and art friendly in general, not just for military-related artwork but all types of art.

My compliments to Richard Becker, definitely a gifted artist.



*Licentia1963* 08/20/2009 04:57 PM

Excellent story!

1 person liked this comment.



*Simplyquiet* 08/20/2009 11:14 PM

What a gesture....



*BobnLindaVista* 08/20/2009 02:22 PM

A truly fine, respectful sculpture. I hope Senator McCain and other ex-POWs will attend the statue's dedication so it and they all can be honored.

2 people liked this comment.



*slayer666* 08/20/2009 11:50 AM

Awesome work!

1 person liked this comment.



<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2009/aug/20/sculpture-captures-spirit-freed-pow/>

Photo Credit: SD UT

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*mfsovinsky* 08/20/2009 11:29 AM

Finally some actual, meaningful, legitimate art, rather than the "art" piece(s) at The Port of San Diego building. Thank you.  
3 people liked this comment.

*Helen\_San\_d* 08/20/2009 11:44 PM

don't be so nasty, the artists that produce sculptor at the port put alot of themselves into their work.  
I agree with you that this piece is wonderful, but you should open your mind more art of all types enriches our lives.

*sandiegovoice* 08/20/2009 11:06 AM

Incredible! What a work of art and happy to see POWs honored.  
4 people liked this comment.

*casualty* 08/20/2009 10:40 AM

What happens to the piece after a mold is made of it?

*giggitygiggity* 08/20/2009 10:17 AM

Great piece. I'm with COF below, how is he getting that out of his house? Didn't he have a garage or something? Looks kind of weird in the living room.  
:)

*cynick* 08/20/2009 11:07 AM

Disrespectful  
1 person liked this comment.

*giggitygiggity* 08/20/2009 11:24 AM

Settle down big guy, I wasn't being disrespectful.

*practical* 08/20/2009 08:53 PM

You are not being disrespectful.  
You are just showing your stupidity.

*Guest* 08/20/2009 07:38 AM

Very stunning piece  
But I do want to know something ...  
How does he plan on getting it out of his living room ???  
1 person liked this comment.



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Left: Lt Col. Ralph Kling, USAF Ret. with artist Richard Becker at clay unveiling. Poway, CA, Aug 2009.