

# The Eyes of Freedom: Lima Company Memorial

*An interactive traveling tribute since 2008*

This nationally traveling tribute's mission is to **"Honor the Service & Sacrifice of all who answer our Nation's call."** Though the life sized portraits of the fallen Marines and Navy Corpsman of Lima Company are accurate likenesses of 23 specific men, their eyes reflect the thousands of men and women who have given their lives and served our Nation. Their own boots stand at the base of their portraits, making even more personal the gift of their service. The Eyes of Freedom Memorial, painted by acclaimed artist, Anita Miller, and delivered to you by our official transportation provider, R + L Carriers, is a living traveling tribute that reminds us of the costs of freedom. Lima Company is a Marine reserve unit and remains one of the hardest hit units in Operation Iraqi Freedom.



***"This is something unlike I've ever seen. Everyone needs to experience the power of this. -SgtMaj Ronald Green, USMC***



In addition to the oil paintings, we recently added a life sized bronze sculpture entitled **"Silent Battle"** to honor the losses due to post traumatic stress and veteran suicide. This powerful and emotional work illustrates the difficulty that many veterans experience as they navigate life after combat. The same artist worked with an army veteran who knows well the pain of post traumatic

stress and who has lost many comrades - in - arms to suicide. He instructed the artist by saying, **"The first step in healing is knowing we aren't alone."** Sharing his story and working with Anita, the artist created a bronze depicting a grieving veteran holding the dog tags of his friends. **The sculpture becomes an interactive piece of art as visitors are provided blank dog tags and invited to write the names of their loved ones**