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To the Committee:

The attached sketches show different entries for the Persian Gulf Tribute.

In both of the options I want to emphasize the professionalism of the troops and the need to win not only battles, but also the hearts and minds of the people.

In the "Freedom Plaza" sculpture the word freedom written in Arabic would be part of the plaza around the sculpture. It could be done in granite or tinted concrete. The bronze figures depict a family seeking an independent secure nation. The figures of U.S. troops are protecting them. The standing soldier figure is a woman. Stone monuments could be added at the corners of the plaza with copy pertaining to the different conflicts in the Middle East.

The second sculpture shows a soldier in a sand storm and is titled "Against the Wind" It symbolizes not only the difficult natural conditions but the daunting political and social aspects of the region.

Thank you for considering my work for this tribute.



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