



We, the Family Steering Committee for the Pentagon Memorial, want to inform you of an important decision that was reached at a Memorial meeting with the Pentagon Renovation Program on April 9, 2003.

After a presentation by Michael Yopp, the Design Manager for the Pentagon Memorial on design changes, the Family Steering Committee has decided to place a “Design Lock” on the Memorial designed by Kaseman Beckman Amsterdam Studio.

This decision was crucial to the construction of the Pentagon Memorial. The Design Lock is a formal acceptance of the winning design and a dedication to preserve its profound intent and characteristics throughout the construction phase.

The Pentagon Renovation Program (PENREN) will be initiating in the near future a “Family Discussion Portal” where we as family members can have questions addressed directly by the appropriate Project Team member. The team includes staff from PENREN, Office of the secretary of Defense (OSD), Washington Headquarters Services (WHS), Family Steering Committee (FSC), Julie Beckman & Keith Kaseman of Kaseman Beckman Amsterdam Studio (KBAS) and the as yet to be determined construction company.

It is very important to note that a “Design lock’ has been placed on such exceptional memorials as the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial; Maya Lin, Concept Designer and The Oklahoma City National Memorial; Hans Butzer, Torrey Butzer, and Sven Berg, Concept Designers.

We, the FSC, feel the Project team is sincere in its desires to keep us involved in the construction phase. It is truly an honor to be working on the Pentagon Memorial and we hold all the Project Team members in high regard.

God Bless America.

Sincerely,

The Family Steering Committee