1. Floating Perforated Metal Ring - The perforations in the metal create the images and allow them to be projected onto the ground as well. Each of the six panels will use images to honor the veterans, living and past, that have served in all six branches of the military; Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines. The ring floats above the plaza as a soaring symbol of freedom and liberty.

2. The Hole - In the southern most metal screen allows the sun to shine a beam of light on the very center of the plaza at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. It will also create an interesting element to track throughout the year. The hole is oval in shape so that the light beam cast on the plaza is a perfect circle.

3. The Plaza - Will be made of black concrete so that the shadow of the ring will disappear but the images cast by the light shining through the holes will still be visible. The darker color of the plaza combined with the floating silver ring above the plaza will help to create a sense of space conducive to quietly honoring those that served.

4. The Great Seal of the United States of America - will be embedded in the very center of the plaza where the beam of light will illuminate it every November 11th at 11:00 as a reminder that it is our veterans that have sacrificed the most to keep this country safe and free.

5. The Outer Sidewalk - will be constructed of brick pavers with the names of veterans connected to the community engraved into them.

6. Columns - The six black concrete columns are kept several feet short of the ring to enhance the feeling that the ring is floating. They are Black to contrast with the reflective silver color of the ring. The columns also hold a Bronze Seal for each of the six branches of the military remembered and honored with this memorial. Additional information can also be displayed on the columns, including personal stories from Parkville veterans.

7. Shadow of the Floating Ring - Will move clockwise around the plaza as the sun moves through the sky. A physical reminder of the passage of time and the urgency to record the stories and lessons of our veterans before it is too late.

8. Flagpoles - The field to the north of the memorial would be the ideal location for flagpoles for the United States and Missouri flags. Flagpoles should also be provided for the MIA and POW flags, to remind us that not all veterans made it home.

Additional Information:
- The images shown on the metal screens are simply meant to show how the ring would look and convey the feeling of the memorial. The actual images used should be collected from local veterans and the families of veterans for a more personal experience when visiting.
- It felt important to create a space that was open and inviting to all, but still felt enclosed with a sense of sacredness where we can quietly contemplate the sacrifices of our veterans as they selflessly defended the country and people that they loved.
- This memorial was designed with the intent that all materials used in its construction can be sourced locally within the greater Kansas City Community.

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