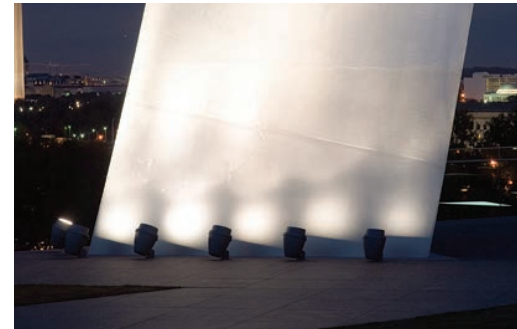


# United States Air Force Memorial



*The precision of the architecture demanded an equally precise lighting approach. We performed extensive calculations to create a calibrated gradient of light that would articulate the monument's dramatic forms.*



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Soaring toward the stratosphere, the stainless steel spires of the United States Air Force Memorial evoke the precision and weightlessness of flight. Reinforcing this architectural agility, illumination appears to emanate from within the monument itself, caressing the slender forms and bursting into the night sky. Lighting the memorial was a highly technical challenge. Each spire has a different footprint and height, presents a small surface area, and sways up to eighteen inches in the wind. Lights concealed behind perimeter walls are calibrated to illuminate each arc in a precise gradient, culminating in a burst of light at the tip.

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