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This year it was a four foot white Italian marble sculpture of an Eagle called "Wings of Compassion". The spirit of the eagle embraces the souls who died September 11th 2001 as the American people and the world are brought together to grieve. "Wings of Compassion" was purchased by retired American Airlines Pilot Captain Ned Pederson and donated to the C.R. Smith American Airline's Museum, Fort Worth, Texas as a memorial for the crews and people who lost their lives in the American Airline's tragedies. Captain Pederson who was born in Texas was inspired to fly while watching fire flies as a young boy. The training facility for pilots is adjacent to the Museum.



"Wings of Compassion" was part of a temporary exhibit with other 9-11 related items from the museum's



collection. These other items included: a memorial quilt made by an AA gate agent in Sacramento, a small white cross hewn from a piece of white marble tile that was once part of the lobby of the south Tower of the World Trade Center and an American flag which was carried by nearly 35 different flight crews and waved from the cockpit windows on these flights. Behind the installation is a memorial wall with the names of those who died. "Wings of Compassion" will be in a permanent installation as a memorial to all those who have lost their lives while serving American Airlines. Maarten, Nadina with Ned and Laurie Pederson will be going to Fort Worth in November for the dedication. The complete story by Nadina is on our web site.

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