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JM Coull earns excellence in construction award from ABC MA

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Shown (from left) are: Jakub Janiga, Janiga Design; Fran and Rita Allain, Allain Sitework; Andy Coull, JM Coull president; and Rob Collings, Collings Foundation executive director.

Maynard, MA JM Coull (JMC) has been recognized by the Massachusetts Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors with its recent Excellence in Construction Award. The firm obtained an Eagle Award, its tenth overall, for the Collings Foundation's American Heritage Museum. The museum was recognized in the special projects category. The American Heritage Museum has also been submitted under the national ABC Excellence in Construction Awards program.

The design-build construction of the 65,000 s/f museum displays the U.S.' largest private collection of vehicles from the country's past military conflicts. More than 48,000 s/f of central exhibit space was built to house vehicles, artifacts, murals, and maps, with elevated viewing mezzanines spanning the entire area. Additionally, the museum features a walk-through replica of a World War I trench. The facility also comprises significant audio/visual components to enhance visitor experiences.

"We are extremely proud of this award and our relationship with ABC," said JMC president Andy Coull. "We've been members of this incredible organization for a long time, and to continue to be recognized for our work is a great honor, particularly on such a complex project as the American Heritage Museum. We have a lot of design-build experience, but constructing a massive structure to house historic military tanks, automobiles, aircraft, and artifacts, all at different sizes and with varying clearance and maneuverability requirements, was certainly a new challenge. It required extensive coordination on the part of the entire team in order to make the project a success."

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