NYC Souvenirs

Tom R. Chambers traveled to New York City in 2015, and he documented two structures/sites that he had learned about when he was a child, the "Empire State Building" and the "Statue of Liberty". He remembers his uncle bringing back souvenirs - small, metal sculptures - of both structures, and then giving them to him. For a boy from and living in Texas at the time, he thought they were pretty special. He kept these souvenirs for several years, but over time, they eventually fell by the wayside.



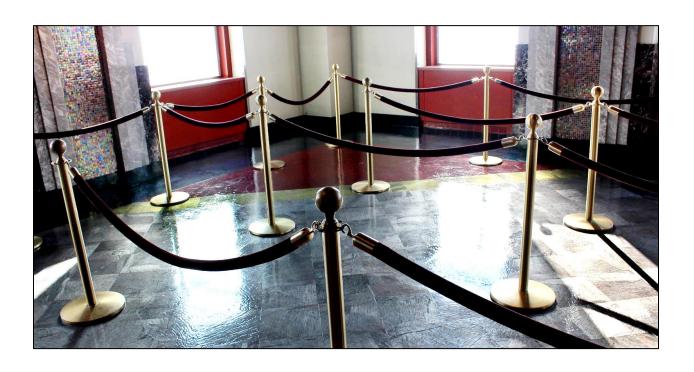


The following documentation sixty years later is Chambers' attempt to reclaim those souvenirs through the medium of photography. As he captured these structures through his camera lens, he thought about his lessons in the classroom, his uncle bringing back the souvenirs, and him proudly displaying them on a shelf in his bedroom.

Empire State Building

The Empire State Building is a 102-story Art Deco skyscraper in Midtown Manhattan in New York City. It was built from 1930 to 1931. Its name is derived from "Empire State", the nickname of the state of New York.







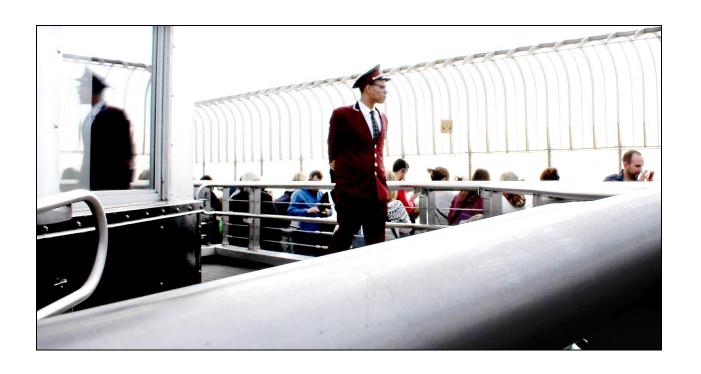














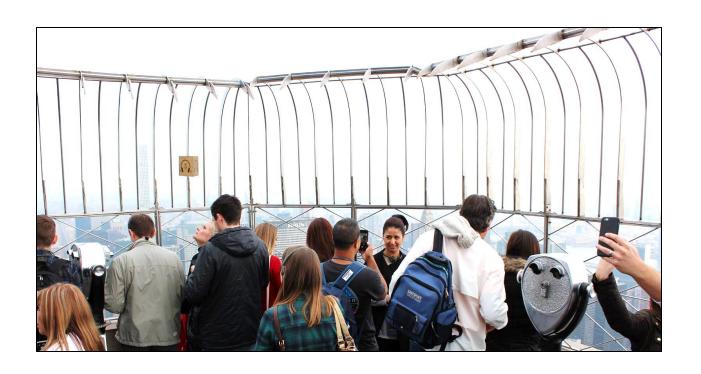
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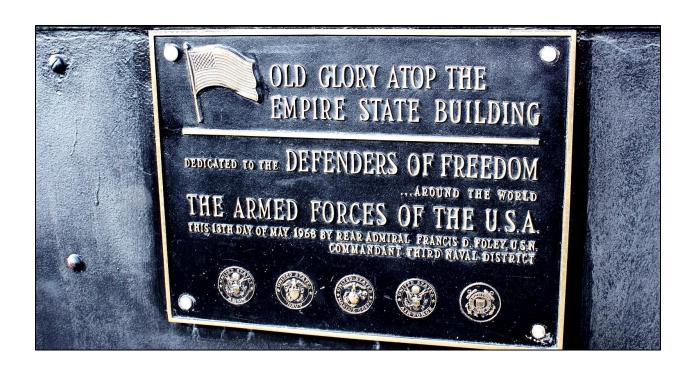


























Statue of Liberty

The Statue of Liberty is a neoclassical sculpture on Liberty Island in New York Harbor within New York City. The copper statue, a gift from the people of France to the people of the United States, was designed by French sculptor Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi, and its metal framework was built by Gustave Eiffel. The statue was dedicated on October 28, 1886.







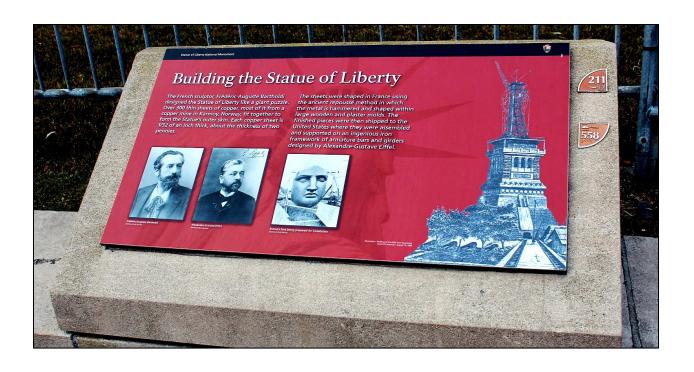








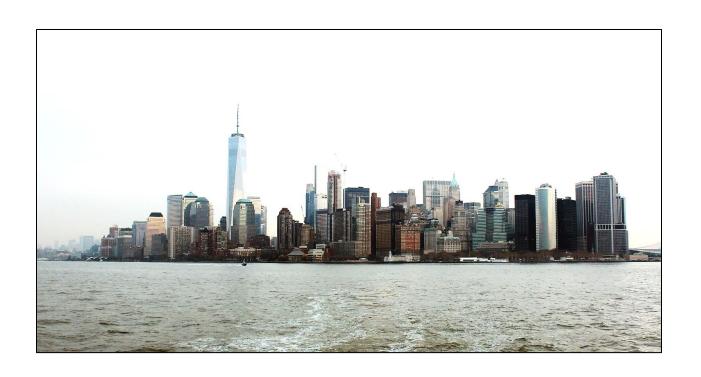


















Chambers and his wife, Cho Eunmi are seen in New York Harbor.