Bye My Darling ‡ Giuseppe Pellicano (U.S. Army)



Steel and Aluminum (2012), 26 X 8 in., Courtesy Giuseppe Pellicano

Description:

Bye My Darling is homage to the weapon I carried while in service. Surrounding the base of the sculpture were photographs of the sculpture's cremation. Viewers were invited to take them. The piece was set afire as a symbol of bidding my weapon farewell. I will never be able to hold, aim, or fire it again, but the memories remain. This work was inspired by *Living without Nikki*, a poem written by Drew Cameron.