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Palo Alto, California

<b>TITLE</b>	<i>Blue Eclipse</i>
<b>LOCATION</b>	Veterans Administration Hospital, Palo Alto, California
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Blue Eclipse is a suspended sculpture in the rotunda entry of the Palo Alto, Veterans Administration Mental Health Center. The Entry is the Gateway for both in patient and outpatient populations, as well as the Foundations Of Recovery Program for U.S. Veterans. The Sculptures manifest an energy that calms and quiets ones entry into the rotunda and movement to the waiting area. The two sculptures embody different states of energy whose colors shift in a changing blue green spectrum of light. The elements of the rotunda sculpture circle a void that allows light to enter from the skylights above, illuminating the sculpture in the day when the sunlight integrates with shades of blue LED light. Each sculpture is comprised of elliptical, laser-cut aluminum shapes, that stack and form "elliptoids" which coalesce as a dense mass, in the rotunda and a dispersed linear mass, in the waiting area. At night, the two sculptures can be seen illuminated through the glass of the rotunda, and waiting area façade, acting as a beacon for the health center.
<b>DATE</b>	2012
<b>MEDIUM</b>	hard anodized aluminum sheet, Laser cut, LED Lights
<b>DIMENSIONS</b>	Rotunda Sculpture: 9.5' x 7' x 7'. Elevator Lobby sculpture: 24'x7.5'x2.5'
<b>COMMISSIONED BY</b>	Palo Alto Veterans Administration of the Federal Government
<b>ENGINEER</b>	Patrell Engineering, Glendora CA
<b>FABRICATOR</b>	Metal Arts Foundry
<b>CLIENT/REFERENCE</b>	Andrew Peters Project manager for the palo Alto Veterans Administration