

## **SCHRIEVER COURTYARD MONUMENTS – The Armillary Sphere (The Space Motif)**

The second monument is called The Armillary Sphere -- or, sometimes, the Space Motif. It's a steel-and-aluminum spherical sculpture created in 1978 by San Pedro artist Jack Brogan. It was commissioned by the Air Force Association to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Western Development Division, forerunner of today's Space and Missile Systems Center at Los Angeles Air Force Base in El Segundo, Calif.

The inner rings of the monument represent the Earth, while the outer rings represent the tracks of satellites developed by SMC orbiting around it. The sculpture was unveiled in 1979 by Gen. Schriever (then retired), Dr. Hans Mark, the Secretary of the Air Force and other local officials. It was originally located in front of SMC's old headquarters across the street on El Segundo Blvd., but it was moved in 2006 to its current location within the Schriever Space Complex of SMC headquarters. The sculpture is often used as a symbol of SMC.