

Portrait Sculpture by Michael Alfano

Following the traditional method of sculpting in clay using handmade tools, Michael Alfano brings a portrait to life. The sculpture is beautifully rendered, capturing both likeness and presence.

Experienced and Acclaimed

A professional sculptor for nearly twenty years, Michael's passion is the human figure. He studied sculpting from the model at New York City's renowned Art Student's League, and anatomy at Columbia University.

Michael has created dozens of portraits of loved ones for families, as well as heroic figures for public display, including Senator Edward Kennedy in Washington, DC.

His sculptures have won numerous awards and he has been selected for prestigious shows and organizations, including the National Sculpture Society's World Leaders' exhibit, the Portrait Sculpture Society of the Americas, and the Copley Society Portrait Registry.



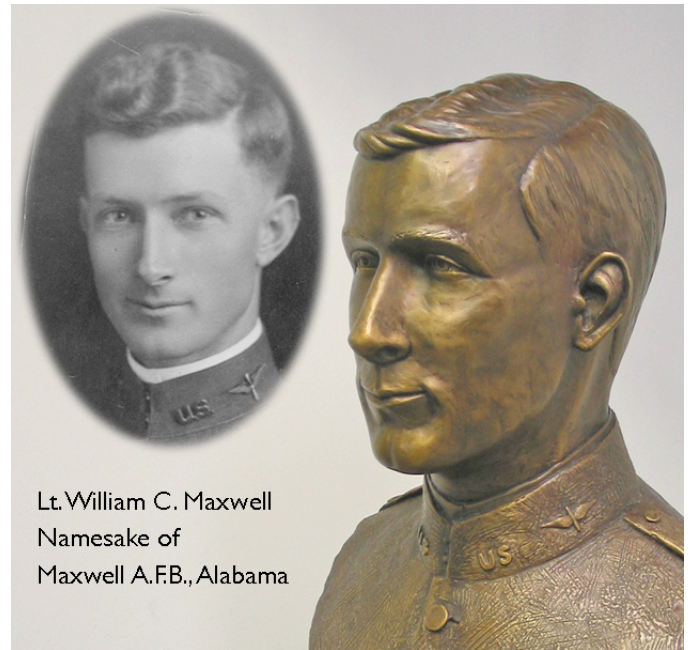
Michael Alfano's sculpture of the Egyptian President and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Anwar Sadat, with daughter Camelia

Commissioning a Portrait

Michael creates portraits of an individual, couple, or group, working from in-person sessions or photos.

Design and Plan the Sculpture

- *Material*—Select bronze or cold cast copper, based on aesthetics, durability, and price.
- *Size*—Choose head only, head with shoulders, or full body. Specify life size, half life size, or over life size depending on the final location.
- *Pose*—Decide on the look and clothing. To capture a person's essence, Michael learns about their life and personality.
- *Timeframe*—The process typically requires three to six months for one figure.



Lt. William C. Maxwell
Namesake of
Maxwell A.F.B., Alabama

Bust of Maxwell created from early 20th century photos

Sculpting Process

Sculpting from photos requires relevant pictures showing multiple angles. For in-person sittings, expect about four two-hour sessions conducted over a few months, at Michael's studio or a location convenient to the subject.

Regular photo updates from Michael showing the work in progress allow for ongoing feedback. Viewing the sculpture in person is advised for final approval before casting.

Pricing and Payment

Depending on the design, a typical price is \$9,000 for a bronze bust, or \$45,000 for a full figure. Additional castings can be provided at a lower price. Payments are made in stages throughout the process, per agreed upon terms.



See more portraits at
michaelalfano.com

Contact Michael to inquire about creating a portrait sculpture of your family members or esteemed leaders.