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Tank Man, by Weiming Chen, photographed on January 17, 2023 (Jay Nordlinger)

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On the Liberty Sculpture Park, decrying the Chinese dictatorship and celebrating Chinese freedom strugglers

EDITOR'S NOTE: The below is an expanded version of a piece that appears in the current issue of NATIONAL REVIEW.

Yermo, Calif.

Sculpture parks are rare enough — certainly as compared with art museums — but the Liberty Sculpture Park is rarer still. It has a theme: the oppression of the Chinese government and the heroism of Chinese people who actively oppose it.

The park is in Yermo, Calif., in the Mojave Desert, about twelve miles from the town of Barstow. Yermo is known as “the Gateway of the Calicos,” i.e., the Calico Mountains.