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A day to remember. Gold Star Family Memorial is unveiled in Albany

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To the Editor:

Saturday, April 29, was a historic day for the Capital District. At 10 a.m., in Albany's LaFayette Park, the long overdue Gold Star Families Memorial Monument was unveiled and dedicated.

This beautiful monument is designed to acknowledge and recognize not only the ultimate sacrifice made by our fallen military service members, but the sacrifice and heartache their absence causes their surviving family members.

Achieving Gold Star Family Member status is not something anyone strives for, but it can happen in the blink of an eye to any Blue Star Family — families of those actively serving. Both groups, Gold Star and Blue Star Families, are deserving of recognition and support from their communities.

Congratulations to Carrie Farley, president of the State of New York American Gold Star Mothers, and to our area Gold Star Families, who, with the help of the Greater Capital District and the Tri-County Council of Vietnam Era Veterans, raised more than \$75,000 in private funds and brought this project to fruition in a year's time.

