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College of the Ozarks dedicates The Missouri Gold Star Families Memorial

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POINT LOOKOUT, MO. — In a solemn ceremony at College of the Ozarks, the lives of the fallen military and their families were honored at the dedication of The Missouri Gold Star Families Memorial at Patriots Park on the College campus on April 19.

More than 2,000 were in attendance — Gold Star Family members; College of the Ozarks and School of the Ozarks students, faculty, and staff; and members of the community.

Missouri Governor Eric Greitens encouraged Gold Star Families to remember their heroes as humans – as sons, daughters, husbands, and wives.

“They wouldn’t have wanted to be above us. They would have wanted to be by our sides,” Greitens said. “Let us cherish their memories. Let’s keep them alive not only as heroes, but as people too.”

Before being elected the 56th governor of Missouri last fall, Greitens was a combat Veteran and Navy SEAL, having served four tours of duty overseas, including tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. After coming home, he founded The Mission Continues, a Missouri-

based non-profit that helps returning Veterans get back on their feet and give back to their communities. In 2014, Fortune Magazine named Greitens one of the "World's 50 Greatest Leaders."