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Gold Star families break ground for own memorial

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For their sacrifice and what they've endured in the loss of their loved one, Gold Star families deserve a monument in every state, says the last surviving Marine who was awarded a Medal of Honor during World War II.

Hershel "Woody" Williams, Gold Star families and others gathered the afternoon of Sept. 28 for a symbolic groundbreaking for a Gold Star Family Memorial Monument in the Memorial Garden at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

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The Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation is sponsoring the installation with the support of other organizations like the Marine Corps League, Young Marines, Navy League and Gold Star families.

"We stand here as a result of and in recognition of the sacrifices of our fellow Americans – Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guard who gave their very life in defense of our nation," said Naval LTJG Matthew Previtts, the event's narrator. "Today, we pledge their

gift to us and the price paid by their families will be forever remembered.”

He defined a Gold Star family member as any father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter or relative who has lost a loved one in service to the nation.

“That is what will be constructed here, a monument memorial to their sacrifice and the sacrifice of their loved one,” Previtts said.