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Gold Star Memorial receives more support

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County also OKs \$15,000 from sales tax fund

The Emmet County Board of Supervisors moved ahead with a pair of items that will receive funding from the county's Local Option Sales Tax funds.

At its regular meeting Tuesday, the board approved \$15,000 from that fund for Gold Star Family Memorial, a monument to honor the families of soldiers killed in the line of duty.

Emmet County Emergency Manager Terry Reekers heads the monument committee.

The monument will honor those who died in U.S. wars from World War I to the current conflicts in Afghanistan-the most recent loss being SSG Steve Blass.

Reekers reported Wednesday that a second donation for the project came from the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa for the amount of \$7,500. The total cost of the project will be approximately \$48,000 and the Gold Star Families Memorial Committee will be seeking other funds and donations. This monument is created and dedicated to the families of Emmet

County, and State of Iowa that have lost a family member in any war or conflict. The monument will show the different branches of the military as well as pictures showing family members loving their soldier and remembering their service to America.