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Memorial Monument Honors Fallen Heroes and Their Families

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Bronte, TX - A six foot tall granite monument will soon stand on the grounds of historic Fort Chadbourne in Bronte, Texas. It'll to honor gold star families, preserve the memory of the fallen and serve as a stark reminder that freedom is not free.

A groundbreaking marking the spot where a "Gold Star Families Memorial Monument" will sit at Fort Chadbourne.

"We're the only one in the west Texas area that has one where they've broke ground on it ," said Ann Pate, from the Fort Chadbourne Foundation. It honors families who've lost a relative in the military.

"So those families would have some recognition for their sacrifice," says Hershel "Woody" Williams.

Williams is a medal of honor recipient. He created the first gold star families memorial monument in 2013. His foundation is now helping bring them to dozens of communities across America.

The monument is a reminder that freedom is not free.

"Without sacrifices from those who have preserved our freedom, we possibly would not have our freedom," says Williams.

Fort Chadbourne showed of a model of what the monument will look like. It will be black granite. One side reads... A tribute to gold star mothers, fathers, and relatives who sacrificed a loved one for our freedom. The other side shares the stories of gold star families in the community.

"Families for the first time realize that somebody is doing something that's going to help me loved one be remembered," says Williams.

A granite cut out silhouette salutes the flag. It represents the loved ones who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

"We had many of the gold start families here today. That's an honor to know that we are doing something that , so they know they are never forgotten," says Ann Pate.

We talked to one of the families who is being honored by this memorial. We'll tell you what the monument means to them, on KSAN news at 10 on Saturday May 13.