

News and stories

Louisiana Gold Star families memorial monument dedication held Sunday

Sep 30 2018

KLFY.com

The Louisiana Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Dedication Ceremony was held Sunday at the Louisiana Veterans Memorial Park next to the State Capitol in Baton Rouge.

According to LDVA Secretary Joey Strickland, the purpose of the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument is to honor Gold Star Families, preserve the memory of the fallen, and stand as a stark reminder that freedom is not free.

The memorial will be the first of its kind in the nation to be placed on state capitol grounds, Strickland said.

“This monument makes clear Louisiana’s unwavering support for our state’s Gold Star Families and having it at our State Capitol ensures that those who visit from near and far will also recognize the contributions they have made to secure the many blessings we enjoy every day,” said Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards.

The Louisiana Veterans Memorial Park will serve as the backdrop for the stunning black granite monument that serves as a tribute to Gold Star Families and relatives, and features a cut out representation of their loved ones who paid the ultimate sacrifice in

the name of freedom, Strickland said.

“We purposely planned this ceremony on Gold Star Mother’s and Family’s Day to honor both the memories of the men and women who have given their lives in service to our country, and to care for the families who still miss them dearly.”

The ceremony included remarks by Gov. John Bel Edwards, Hershel Woody Williams from the Medal of Honor Foundation, performances by [The Victory Belles](#), a moving rendition of Amazing Grace by [Baton Rouge Pipes and Drums](#), and the official unveiling of the new Louisiana Gold Star Families Memorial.

SHARE THIS PAGE!



FOLLOW US



Address

Hershel Woody Williams
Medal of Honor Foundation
12123 Shelbyville Road, Ste 100
Louisville, KY 40243

Contact us:
(888) 839.7190