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### **Return to the Pacific: WWII Medal of Honor Recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams and his Foundation Continue the Mission with the Help of UPS and The National WWII Museum**

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*The last surviving Medal of Honor recipient from the WWII Battle of Iwo Jima and Co-Founder of the Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation, Woody Williams, continues a mission to establish Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments across the United States. With the assistance of partners and supporters, Williams' mission will now return him back to the Pacific; this mission will start in Hawaii where Williams will help dedicate the newest Gold Star Families Memorial Monument.*

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#### **Dedicating the 33rd Gold Star Families Memorial Monument:**

On March 17, 2018, Williams will be in Hawaii for the dedication of the 33rd Gold Star Families Memorial Monument

<http://hwwmohf.org/kaneohe-hi.html>. A local committee, led by Pastor Wayne Surface has been working on the project since 2017 to bring this dream to fruition. This Monument is part of a national effort started by Williams and his foundation to honor, recognize, and serve Gold Star Families and their fallen Heroes. Though the

94-year-old Williams' energy and commitment to this mission is quite extraordinary, he is quick to point out, "This is not about me, it is about them!"

"Them" being Gold Star Families and their Loved Ones who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The dedication ceremony is set for:  
March 17, 2018 at 10:00am  
45-425 Kamehameha Highway  
Kaneohe, HI 96744. Public welcome.

### **Help from Partners and Supporters:**

The success of the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument initiative has been largely driven by countless volunteers, organizations, individuals, and companies. UPS graciously agreed to transport the 15,000 lb. monument from Elberton, Georgia, where it was created, to Honolulu. A UPS Freight truck moved it across the country to Ontario, California, where it was loaded onto a UPS Airlines cargo jet for the final leg across the Pacific. UPS has now moved eight monuments for the foundation including sites in West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, Texas, and now Hawaii.

"UPS strongly supports military veterans and their families, particularly those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. We are pleased to join with the hundreds of Hawaiians who have donated both money and time to make this monument in Honolulu possible," UPS Freight President Rich McArdle said.

"The help and support of our partners and supporters is essential to us accomplishing our mission. This monument is a great example of that", commented Chad Graham, Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation President.

Following the dedication of the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument in Hawaii, Williams, along with featured guests and

historians, will lead The National WWII Museum's Victory in the Pacific Tour (March 16 – 26, 2018) as they retrace the grueling military trail through locations including Pearl Harbor, Iwo Jima and Tokyo Bay. In 2017, Woody's foundation partnered The National WWII Museum and the Gary Sinise Foundation to install a Gold Star mural on the side of the institution's Louisiana Memorial Pavilion. The 26x14-foot painting acts as a lasting tribute to Gold Star Families, those who have lost a Loved One in the service of the nation's military. This is yet another example of partners and supporters joining the mission.

The Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation is a charitable 501c(3) nonprofit organization that pursues specific endeavors and goals through the vision of Medal of Honor Recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams. The Foundation encourages, with the assistance of the American public and community leaders, establishing permanent Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments in communities throughout the country, providing Living Legacy scholarships to Gold Star Children, and sponsoring & hosting Gold Star Families Outreach across the country. Our mission is aimed at honoring, recognizing, and serving Gold Star Families and their fallen Heroes.

To get involved and to support this cause please visit:

<http://www.hwwmohf.org>.

***"The Cause is Greater than I.."***

-Woody Williams

The National WWII Museum tells the story of the American experience in the war that changed the world—why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means today—so that future generations will know the price of freedom and be inspired by what they learn. Dedicated in 2000 as The National D-Day Museum and now designated by Congress as America's National WWII Museum, it celebrates the American spirit, the teamwork, optimism, courage and sacrifices of the men and women who fought on the battlefield and served on the Home Front. The 2017 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards ranks the Museum No. 2 in the world and No. 2 in the nation. For more information, call 877-813-3329 or 504-528-1944

or visit [nationalww2museum.org](http://nationalww2museum.org).

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