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College of the Ozarks Breaks Ground on the Missouri Gold Star Families Memorial Today, Nov. 17

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POINT LOOKOUT, MO. — College of the Ozarks broke ground for The Missouri Gold Star Families Memorial today, Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016, with more than 500 guests in attendance at the Veterans Grove on the College campus.

The program included comments from Dr. Jerry C. Davis, president of College of the Ozarks; the Presentation of Colors by the C of O Bobcat Company Army ROTC; and the national anthem, played by the College of the Ozarks Concert Band. Two special guests, both World War II Veterans who served in Iwo Jima, also addressed those gathered – Dr. E. Bruce Heilman, chancellor of the University of Richmond, and Hershel Woody Williams, Medal of Honor recipient.

Those in attendance included Gold Star Families, Veterans, state representatives, members of the community, faculty, and staff.

The purpose of The Gold Star Families Memorial Monument is to honor Gold Star Families (those who have lost immediate family members killed in their service to the country), to preserve the memory of the fallen, and stand as a stark reminder that freedom is not free.

“We are honored to provide this Memorial for those who have lost loved ones who have been killed in service to our country,” said College of the Ozarks President Jerry C. Davis. “They made a huge sacrifice for our freedom and should be properly recognized. We can never replace lost loved ones, but we can honor their memories and these families who have given so much.”