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National foundation prepares to build memorial monument in Gainesville

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GAINESVILLE, Fla. A national foundation broke ground in Gainesville today on what they hope will one day be a memorial honoring the families of servicemen and women who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

The Hershel Woody Williams Medal of Honor Foundation held that ceremony to help raise awareness and funds to finish a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument at Veterans Memorial Park.

The proposed monument is covered in black granite with two sides.

One side giving a tribute to Gold Star families and relatives who have lost a loved one during service and the other side tells a story about homeland, family, patriotism, and sacrifice.

“This is intended to honor the families, provide a place to gather and to always remember not just our loss but also the families they have left behind,” Project Chairman James Islam said.

“This program—this project is a community organized to recognized the loved ones in that particular community,” World War II Veteran Hershel Woody Williams said.