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Gold Star Monument Unveiled in Lexington Park

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LEXINGTON, Ky (LEX 18) An addition to the Lexington Veteran's Park is aimed at helping families remember loved ones they lost at war.

WWII Medal of Honor recipient Herschel "Woody" Williams said that since 2010, he's helped dedicate 18 Gold Star Family Monuments across the nation. Three of those have been in the Bluegrass.

"As long as I can make it, I'm going to attend every one of these," said Williams.

Gold Star Monuments are for those families whose children didn't survive war.

Williams said that he still remembers the Battle of Iwo Jima seven decades later.

"We had no place to put the killed marines," said Williams. "So they stacked them, and rolled them up in ponchos."

He said the image has never left his mind.

At the dedication of the Veteran's Park Monument Tuesday, Cathy Mullins told LEX 18 that her son Brandon was killed in war in 2003.

"I think that thing is going to last, far out, of any of our lives, I mean it'll be here long after we're gone," she said.

Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes was there.

"We have to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice," Grimes said.

To learn more about Hershel Woody Williams' Medal of Honor Foundation, click [here](#).