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## Gold Star Families Monument to be Built at Veterans Memorial

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KINGSPORT — The Kingsport Chamber of Commerce announced Monday a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument will be built at the Veterans Memorial next to Dobyys-Bennett High School.

The project has the support of BAE Systems, the Tri-Cities Military Affairs Council, the Hershel Woody Williams Congressional Medal of Honor Education Foundation and the city of Kingsport.

A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 21 at 11:30 a.m. at the proposed site, and is expected to be completed next fall.

“A Gold Star Families Memorial to honor those veterans and families who have dedicated their lives to our great country is an emotional and unwavering way we can represent what their sacrifice has given us,” Kingsport Mayor John Clark said of the project in a prepared release. “We will always remember and honor those who gave their lives for our freedom.”

A Gold Star Families Memorial is a monument honoring families who have lost loved ones serving the nation in the military and preserves the memory of those who gave their lives in service to

the country and reminds all citizens about the ultimate cost of freedom.