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Some gave all

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Some time back, Havre de Grace was approached about becoming the home of a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument.

It's not only a privilege, but also an honor for any and all Americans to pay tribute to those who have served and protected our country. That includes towns, big and small. It's doubly so when it come to honoring Gold Star Families.

"The term Gold Star family is a modern reference that comes from the Service Flag," according to the Army web site explaining the term's origin. "These flags/banners were first flown by families during World War I.

The flag included a blue star for every immediate family member serving in the armed forces of the United States, during any period of war or hostilities in which the armed forces of the United States were engaged. If that loved one died, the blue star was replaced by a gold star. This allowed members of the community to know the price that the family had paid in the cause of freedom."

That goes directly to the heart of the oft-heard saying about veterans that "All gave some, some gave all."

When Havre de Grace was approached about adding a monument, the city responded enthusiastically with Mayor William T. Martin assuring the group that he would find a proper location for such an iconic memorial.

Martin's promise can a big step closer to fruition last week with the presentation of a \$10, 000 check from the city and a \$10,000 check from the county.

There's still a long way to go before Havre de Grace is added to the list of communities with Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments, but when that journey is complete, all of us will be proud of the eternal tribute.