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Vienna to Unveil Gold Star Families Memorial in Spencer's Landing Park

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VIENNA — After months of work in fundraising and ground preparation, the first development in the new Spencer's Landing Park will be unveiled in a ceremony Sunday.

Mayor Randy Rapp said the Gold Star Families Memorial ceremony will include a number of groups and a special speaker.

"It will be a really nice affair, almost all the are military groups are coming," he said. "Dr. Fletcher Lampkin, President of West Virginia University at Parkersburg, will be the master of ceremonies and Woody Williams, the Medal of Honor Recipient and founder of the Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation, will be the featured speaker."

Rapp added five local individuals to be honored on the monument will be recognized: Amos Glenn Henson, Junior Ray Linch, Shirey Lionel "Mac" McMurray, Jack A. Nohe and Carl F. "Rick" Raab IV.

"We will also have the other nominees for the memorial," he said. "We'll have about 30 veterans honored."

Also on hand will be Carlin's Battery D with its two Civil War-era cannons and there will be music.