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Vermont breaks ground on Gold Star Families Memorial

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NORTHFIELD, Vt. — Gov. Phil Scott was joined by Gold Star Families to break ground on Vermont's memorial to fallen soldiers.

The event took place Saturday morning at Northfield's Center Park.

“We can never do enough to thank the men and women in our military and their families, and for those who pay the ultimate sacrifice, we’ll never be able to repay them,” Scott said. “But, it is my hope, that by honoring them and their families with this monument, we can offer some small solace and a place for reflection and recognition of that sacrifice.”

The Gold Star Families Memorial Monument will honor the families who lost a loved one while he or she was in service of the country.

The memorial will be made of four black granite slabs with a foundation made from Barre granite.

It will rise to a height of 6 1/2 feet tall and will be 14 feet across.

The four panels will recognize will be etched with "Family," "Hometown," Patriot" and "Sacrifice."

"Honor, courage, commitment," will be inscribed next to a saluting soldier.

The monument's construction is funded by Vermonters United to Help and the governor's inaugural gala.

"I am so grateful to all who participated with this working ground breaking, and will make the construction of this monument possible," Scott said.

The \$100,000 memorial was expected to be completed in time for Veterans' Day.