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# Gold Star Families Memorial Monument



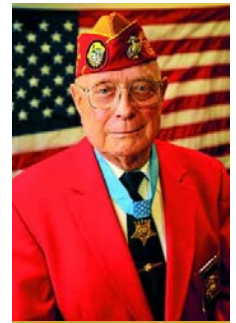
Honoring Gold Star Families and the legacy of their fallen loved ones who paid the ultimate sacrifice - Reminding us that freedom is not free.

# A Veteran's Vision - ABOUT WOODY WILLIAMS

**HERSHEL "WOODY" WILLIAMS'** devotion to veterans and their families began before he entered the Marine Corps. Woody delivered Western Union telegrams informing families of the death of their loved one. He noted that "recognition of the families of those lost in military service was very inadequate."



With Harry S. Truman on Oct 5, 1945



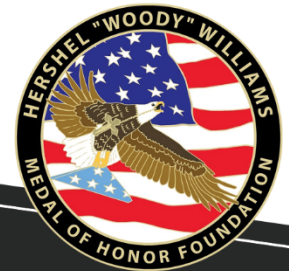
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After Pearl Harbor, Woody enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served in **Guam, Guadalcanal, and the Battle of Iwo Jima** with the 21st Marines, 3rd Marine Division.

Mr. Williams' heroism was recognized on October 5, 1945, when he received the **Congressional Medal of Honor** from President Truman at the White House.



During the Battle of Iwo Jima, Woody displayed "valiant devotion to duty and service above self" by **taking out seven pill boxes using six flame throwers while under enemy fire** and clearing a lane for the iconic day the U.S. flag was raised on Mount Suribachi in WWII.



# The Gold Star Families Memorial Monument

## ABOUT THE MONUMENT



### MONUMENT DIMENSIONS

A striking 7' x 14' four-panel black 10" thick granite structure.

### ONE SIDE IS INSCRIBED WITH

“Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, a Tribute to Gold Star Families and Relatives who Sacrificed a Loved One for our Freedom.”



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### THE OTHER SIDE TELLS A STORY

Through four granite panel scenes:

Homeland | Family | Patriot | Sacrifice

Each scene is chosen to reflect the individual state and community.



The center void and silhouette of a saluting service member represents the fallen hero who paid the ultimate sacrifice.



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### MONUMENT LOCATION

On the Milwaukee County War Memorial grounds at the Lake Michigan lakefront and walking paths.



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The monument will become part of Milwaukee's existing revitalization plan for the lakefront with a newly designed 2020 landscape plan and greenspace plaza.



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