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The greater Pensacola Bay community enjoys a rich military heritage and is home to tens of thousands of active duty service members, Veterans and retirees of military service. Gold Star family members are among us and we look to create a place of repose and respect for their sacrifice in the loss of their loved ones.

The Gold Star Families Memorial Project, founded by Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Hershel “Woody” Williams, places uniform monuments at memorial sites around the country. The monuments recognize the importance of homeland and families for their role in molding and guiding our youth in the direction of service to country and pays tribute to the ultimate sacrifice of the service member as well as the life-long sacrifice of the surviving family members.

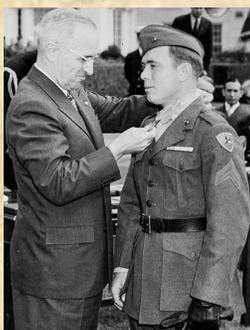
The Cpl JR Spears Detachment of the Marine Corps League is in support the local initiative to bring a monument to the Veterans Memorial Park of Pensacola, scheduled to be dedicated on Memorial Day, 2020. The estimated cost for the purchase, engineering and installation of the monument is \$109,000. The Detachment will host a Fundraiser Dining Out event on Thursday, December 19th, 2019 at Seville Quarter’s Heritage Hall.

Please consider a sponsorship of the VIP table, seating for two, with our Guest of Honor and the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient from the Battle of Iwo Jima, CWO4 “Woody” Williams, USMC (Ret) with your tax-deductible contribution of \$5,000. The event will make for an extraordinarily memorable evening as the venue will be decorated with genuine WWII military artifacts and professional photos taken with, and signed by, Woody himself.

Please contact me for additional information or questions. I can be reached at ERouseCPA@bellsouth.net or 850.393.3507.

Respectfully,

Ed Rouse, CPA



As we come together too often to mourn the loss of our brave fighting men and women, there is a living memorial that carries the burden daily – their family and friends. For them, the truly hard part is living; to pick up the pieces, fashion them back together into some semblance of order. To bravely carry on. The Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments acknowledges and pays tribute to the suffering, sacrifice, honor and dignity of the survivors – the families, immediate, extended and beyond, who are the living legacy of the fallen.

~ Ed Spears: Gold Star Uncle to Cpl JR Spears, Molino FL, KIA 23 October 2005, Operation Iraqi Freedom