

***Gulf Coast  
Gold Star Families  
Monument  
Ground Breaking Ceremony***



July 23, 2019

10 a.m.

Guice Park, north of the Small Craft Harbor

Biloxi, Mississippi



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Here is a rendering of the panels on the reverse side of the monument

#### Opening Announcement

- Colonel Michael Leonard USMC (Ret)  
Biloxi Chief Administrative Officer

#### Invocation

- Rev Jakavious Pickett  
Pastor, Biloxi Praise Temple

#### Welcome Remarks

Mayor Andrew M Gilich

#### The Gold Star Families Monument Program

- Mike King  
Woody Williams Medal of Honor Foundation

#### Monument Sponsor - Keesler Federal Credit Union

- Colonel Jim Hollingsworth, USAF (Ret)  
Chairman of the Board, KFCU

#### Gulf Coast Gold Star Families Committee

- Diane Moore  
Chairman and Gold Star Family Member

#### Ceremonial Ground Breaking, Photographs and Media Interviews

Dedication of the Gulf Coast Gold Star Families Monument is scheduled for November 23, 2019. The monument is currently being fabricated by Bailey Granite and Monuments in Flatwoods, Kentucky. The concrete foundation (Plaza) will be constructed in October after nearby Pedestrian Crosswalk is completed.

The Gulf Coast Gold Star Monument is being sponsored by the Keesler Federal Credit Union. The City of Biloxi has provided the site. The Gulf Coast Gold Star Committee has been instrumental in organizing.