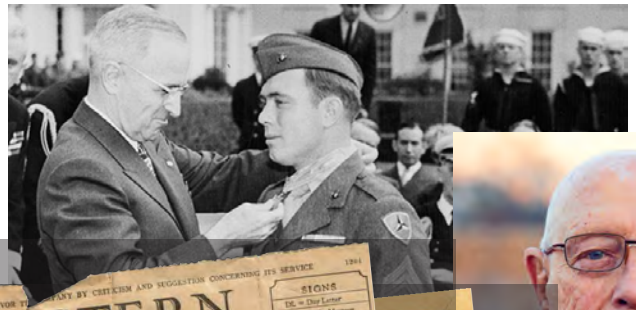
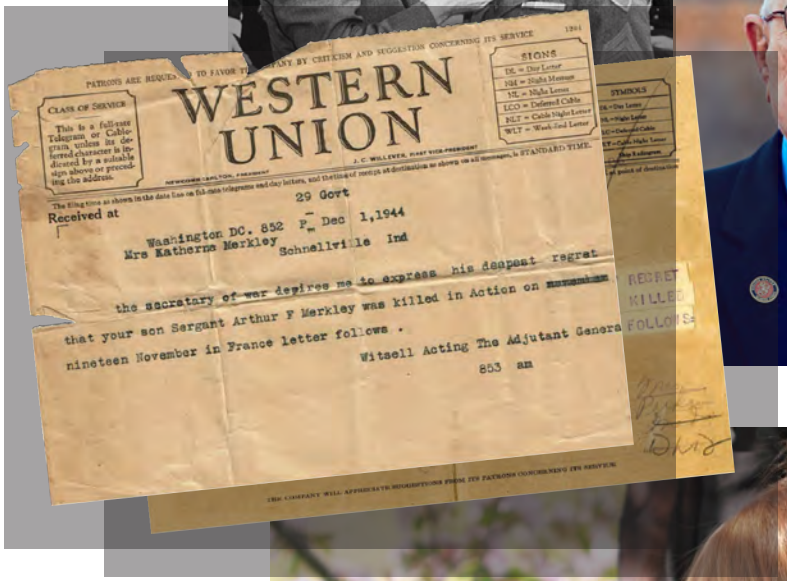
WOODY WILLIAMS
FOUNDATION
HONOR | RECOGNIZE | SERVE

# OUR HISTORY

- **Hershel "Woody" Williams was the last living Medal of Honor recipient from World War II.**
- **Before serving in the Marines, Woody delivered Western Union telegrams informing families of the loss of a Loved One.**
- **From these experiences, he was inspired to create the WoodyWilliams Foundation because he didn't want us to forget the sacrifices of these Gold Star Families.**
- **A Gold Star Family is a family that has sacrificed a Loved One for our freedom in the Armed Forces of the United States.**





*"Dying for freedom isn't the worst thing that can happen. Being forgotten is."*

— GEORGIE CARTER-KRELL
*Mother of Posthumous Medal of Honor Recipient Pfc. Bruce W. Carter, USMCD - Florida*

# OUR MISSION

**The Woody Williams Foundation will honor, recognize, and serve Gold Star Families and the legacy of their Loved Ones who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.**

## WHO WE SERVE

**Gold Star Family members and relatives are those who have sacrificed a Loved One for our freedom in the armed forces of the United States.**

# OUR VISION

**THE WOODY WILLIAMS FOUNDATION**
**is a charitable 501c(3) nonprofit organization. The Foundation pursues its mission by establishing Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments in communities throughout the USA, conducting Gold Star Families Outreach across the country and advocating for educational benefits for Gold Star Family members.**

**When someone loses a Loved One in military service, the loss is felt throughout the family. The Foundation's work educates communities about Gold Star Families' enduring sacrifice and the ultimate sacrifice made by their Loved One.**

# OUR INITIATIVES

### GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MONUMENTS

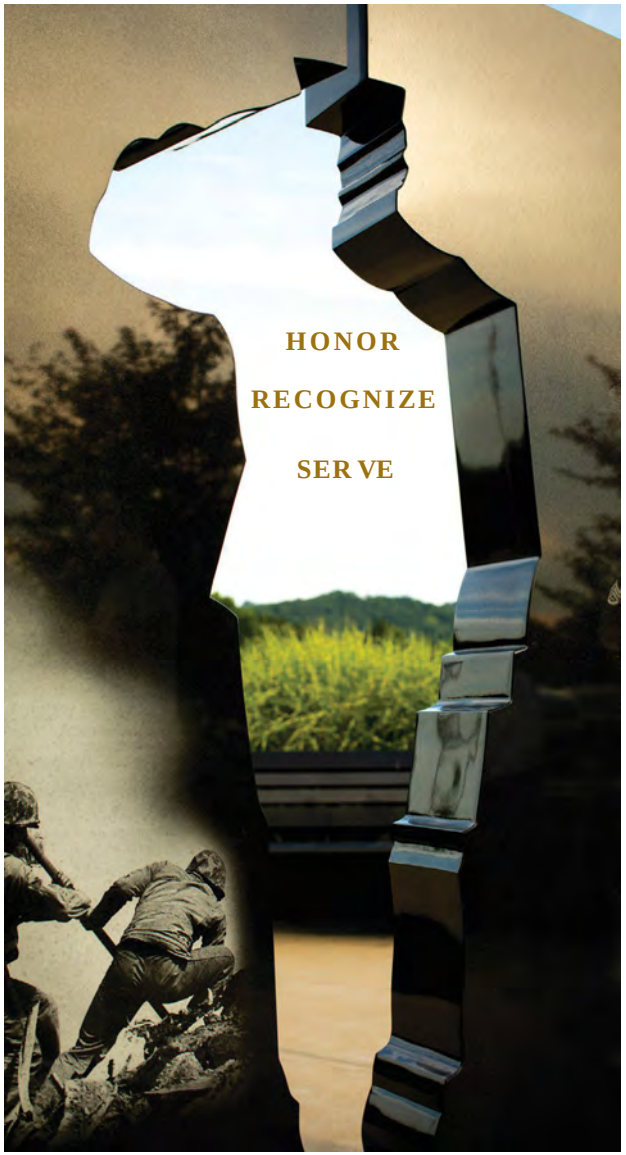
**Establish and provide a place of permanence for Gold Star Families to gather to honor their Loved Ones and strengthen local Gold Star Family support communities.**

### OUTREACH PROGRAMS

**Provide opportunities for Gold Star Families to come together, honor their Loved Ones, and build a system of support while raising public awareness about Gold Star Families, their sacrifice, and the ultimate sacrifice made by their Loved Ones.**

### EDUCATION

**Provide scholarships to eligible Gold Star Family members and advocate for the expansion of educational benefits.**



# OUR IMPACT

**Many communities from all over the United States have experienced the sacrifice of losing a Loved One in military service. The Foundation's focus is to bring Gold Star Families together by providing a network of service throughout the nation to honor, recognize, and serve Gold Star Families and the legacy of their Loved Ones.**

N E V E R  F O R G O T T E N

# 1 GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MONUMENTS

**The monuments provide a place of permanence for Gold Star Families and local communities to gather in honoring the sacrifices which have been made for our freedom.**

## Goals of the Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments Program

- ESTABLISH **a space where Gold Star Families can come together and connect, thus strengthening Gold Star Family communities.**
- EDUCATE **the local communities about Gold Star Families' enduring sacrifices and the ultimate sacrifice made by their Loved Ones.**
- DEMONSTRATE **to local Gold Star Families that their community cares for them and appreciates their sacrifice while also honoring the ultimate sacrifice of their Loved Ones.**

# 2 OUTREACH

**The Foundation is focused on keeping each local Gold Star Family community engaged through sponsoring and hosting outreach programs and events.**

**By providing programming across the nation, the Foundation is able to impact local communities to make certain that we never forget.**

## Goals of the Outreach Program

- PROVIDE **opportunities for Gold Star Families to come together and honor their Loved Ones while also raising public awareness about Gold Star Families and the sacrifice of their Loved Ones.**
- ESTABLISH **and strengthen local Gold Star Family communities through Gold Star Family outreach events associated with each in-progress and established monument location.**
- FACILITATE **the connection of resources and services to Gold Star Families.**

# 3 EDUCATION

**The Foundation's education program is focused on addressing the educational needs of the Gold Star Family community.**

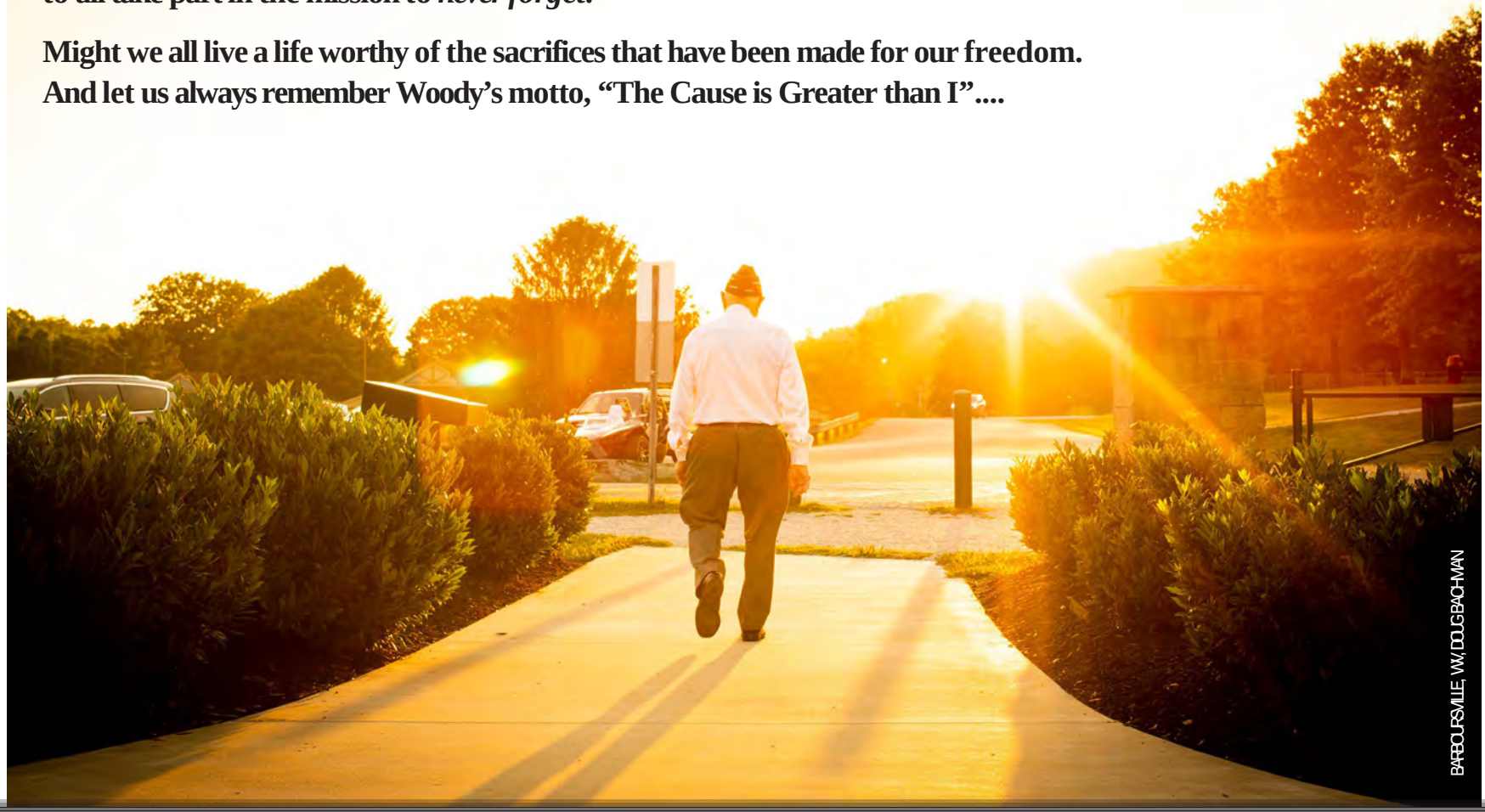
## Goals of the Education Program

- **PROVIDE the Gold Star Living Legacy Scholarship program to offer assistance to Gold Star Family members seeking education at all levels including skilled trade education as well as professional certifications.**
- **ADVOCATE for the expansion of Gold Star Family educational benefits.**
- **PARTNER with organizations to provide educational benefits to Gold Star Family members.**

# WOODY'S LEGACY

**In the summer of 2022, our founder WoodyWilliams passed away. He devoted his life to honoring Gold Star Families and the legacy of their Loved Ones through the work of our Foundation. Woody left us with direct orders to all take part in the mission to *never forget*.**

**Might we all live a life worthy of the sacrifices that have been made for our freedom.**
**And let us always remember Woody's motto, "The Cause is Greater than I"....**



# SUPPORT OUR ONGOING MISSION

**NOW MORE THAN EVER, we need your help.**
**With your support, we can ensure our mission is shared across the country with all Americans.**

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