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Navy League
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Palm Beach Council
Citizens in Support of the Sea Services

Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Trinity Park - West Palm Beach

Wednesday morning September 25, 2019 was an emotional day for Gold Star Families as their loved ones were honored in a special dedication.

Trinity Park was a sea of red, white and blue. About 100 people sat in a semicircle waiting for the unveiling of a 7-foot monument. Our Navy League Palm Beach Council was well represented, including attendance by Phil Dunmire, Lou Palumbo, John Limoncelli and Betty Parker.

The program began with the Posting of the Colors by the 4th ANGLICO. USMC.

The monument is quite dramatic with its distinct cut-out of a soldier, in memory of our missing fallen heroes.

Lauren Berkson Hurst led off the speakers. Her father, Captain Joseph Hurst was killed in action at Quang Tri, Vietnam in 1972.



Medal of Honor recipient, Hershel "Woody" Williams was present and gave a moving talk. He may be the last living Medal of Honor recipient from the Pacific theater, WWII. He was presented with the Medal of Honor by President Truman for his bravery on Iwo Jima. Also speaking was the Deputy Commander of Southern Command, Lt Gen Michael T. Plehn, USAF.

To conclude the ceremony, the families present of those who died in military service laid yellow roses at the memorial. A white rose was presented representing MIA's.

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