

Melanie Squire Unveils Monument for Gold Star Families at Hill Air Force Base Museum in Utah

Trauma consultant and public speaker Melanie Squire reveals the Gold Star Families monument at Hill Air Force Base in Roy, Utah.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, UNITED STATES, October 24, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Melanie Squire](#), a renowned crisis management and intervention expert, has partnered with General Burton to unveil the "Utah's Fallen Tribute Monument."

This monument is a solemn dedication to Gold Star Families—those who have endured the profound loss of beloved service members who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

The "Utah's Fallen Tribute Monument" project, [led by Melanie Squire](#) and General Burton, aspires to create a lasting and significant tribute. It provides Gold Star Families with a place to honor and remember their loved ones who selflessly served their nation.

Melanie Squire, who played an instrumental role in the design and construction of the monument, stressed the importance of involving the families directly. "This monument is not merely a static structure," she emphasized. "It's a living memorial connecting families to their cherished heroes. It allows them to express their feelings, share their stories, and, in doing so, it keeps the memories of these remarkable individuals alive."

The monument, co-designed and developed by Melanie Squire, features over 700 engraved dog tags, symbolizing each Utah service member who made the ultimate sacrifice. These tags span generations, paying homage to the fallen heroes from the Korean Conflict to the present day.



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In a heartfelt statement, 96-year-old World War Two veteran Ken Allred expressed, "I was very honored to attend and was touched and impressed. It hit me emotionally, and words can't describe how it felt to be able to be one of the veterans there." Mr. Allred's words reflect the profound significance of his participation in the event and its deep emotional impact on him.

The monument, now enriched with the personal touch of Gold Star Families, has found its permanent home at the Hill Air Force Base Museum. It stands as a symbol of gratitude and remembrance, welcoming visitors and serving as a solemn reminder of the sacrifices made by Utah's brave sons and daughters.

Melanie Squire and General Burton plan to further support Gold Star Families through various initiatives, including counseling and support programs. The unveiling of this monument marks the beginning of their unwavering commitment to recognizing and caring for those who have carried the weight of the nation's freedom on their shoulders.

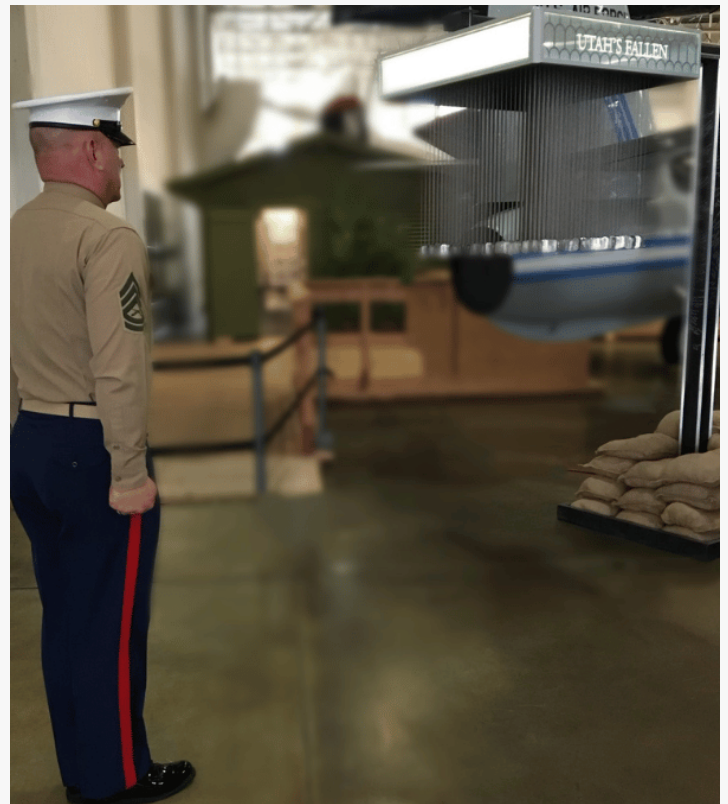
As this monument takes its place at the Hill Air Force Base Museum, it stands as a testament to the enduring gratitude of the community and its unwavering commitment never to forget the sacrifices made by these courageous service members. In doing so, we ensure that the stories of Utah's fallen heroes will continue to be told and cherished for generations.

[About Melanie Squire:](#)

Melanie Squire is a retired trauma therapist treating individuals with PTSD, addiction, depression, and anxiety. Her educational background includes Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Social



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Work, which she earned at the University of Utah. Additionally, Melanie has pursued further training in various therapeutic modalities such as EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing), TF-CBT (Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy), ART (Accelerated Resolution Therapy), MBB (Mind-Body Bridging), and PE (Prolonged Exposure therapy) to enhance her skills in trauma treatment. She has proven her ability to engage diverse audiences on topics related to trauma, couples therapy, and addiction. This capacity to connect with people is a valuable asset, allowing her to communicate and educate on these complex and sensitive subjects effectively.

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