



THE GOLD STAR MOTHER

Perpetuating the Noble Principles for Which They Fought and Died

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HOW WILL YOU SERVE THIS FALL?



**JOIN YOUR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD IN WRITING HOLIDAY CARDS
FOR OPERATION HOLIDAY SALUTE!**

From the Desk of the National President

Pam Stemple, National President

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE DASH



There seems to be two things on my mind lately: the women who came before us and grieved over the loss of their children and the women wrapped around the Service we should be doing. But is it really two different categories of women? I say no. They are the same woman.

When that knock on the door happens, everything in our life changes. I can still see the huge black line in my life of the before that horrific day and

my time on Earth after that day. I know when someone says something about the winter of 2015, that black line pops up. I can visually see it every time. You probably do also. The question I had after the fog cleared was "Now what? What do I do to honor my Hero?"

I thank American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., every day for being the outlet to do service for our Heroes. I do not want to sit on the couch and never do anything to honor the brave men and women out there signing on the dotted line and all those that have come before.

I hope you are with me on what we need to be doing to help each other in remembering all the Heroes. We all need to SERVE our Veterans, Active Duty, and each other. We need to wear our white while we serve others. The branding of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., is so very impressive. The sea of white means something. If you need ideas on where or what I'm talking about, give me a call: 703-203-4428. I have ideas!!!!

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE DASH!!
Pam



In 2022 American Gold Star Mothers, Supporters, School Groups,
Church Groups, Friends, and Family wrote
10,152 Operation Holiday Salute cards for Veterans in Hospice Care

These cards helped Veterans Last Patrol exceed their 60,000 card goal!
Their 2023 goal is 65,000 Operation Holiday Salute cards.
Together We Can Help Exceed That Goal Too!

American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. Members & Associates = 1,310
If each Member and Associate wrote 20 Operation Holiday Salute Cards
We could provide 26,200 Holiday cards to Veterans in Hospice Care
Imagine the card count if we ask
Supporters, School Groups, Church Groups, Friends, and Family to get involved!
How Will You Participate in the 2023 Fall National Service Project?



Please Join
American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

OPERATION HOLIDAY SALUTE

Holiday Cards will be delivered to Veterans in Hospice Care
across the United States

1. Address your holiday card to
“Dear Hero” or “Dear Veteran”

2. Mail your cards to:
American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.
P.O. Box 197
Lincoln University, PA 19352

Postmark Deadline 19 November

For more information go to
AmericanGoldStarMothers.org

Welcome to our **NEWEST MEMBERS**

“No one wants to become eligible to join American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. However, we find strength in the fellowship of other Gold Star Mothers who strive to keep the memory of their beloved sons and daughters alive by serving the Veteran, Military, and Gold Star communities.”

— National Executive Board

First Name	Last Name	Chapter	Department	Type of Membership
Paulette G.	Martone	Phoenix GSM	AZ	Member
Lissa	Johnson	Pikes Peak GSM - Colorado Springs, CO	CO	Member
Linda G.	White	Pikes Peak GSM - Colorado Springs, CO	CO	Member
Connie	Lien	Gulf Coast - Largo, FL	FL-PR	Associate
Joy	Plant	Indian River County, Vero Beach, FL	FL-PR	Member
Mariluz	Lugo	Tampa Bay	FL-PR	Member
Kimberly	Brennan	Cobb - Smyrna	GA	Member
Katharine	Piper	Wichita	KS	Associate
Ailina	Fernandes	Newton #24	MA-RI	Member
Lettie	Gaskins	NC - Gardenia - Raleigh	NC	Associate
Sarah	Armstrong	Greater Southeastern TX	TX-OK	Associate
Madelyn	Egan	Greater Southeastern TX	TX-OK	Member
Dawn	Kotalik	Greater Southeastern TX	TX-OK	Member
Heather	Mahony	Greater Southeastern TX	TX-OK	Associate

The American Gold Star Manor/Home was incorporated as a charitable, non-profit corporation for the purpose of assisting in the support of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. and providing a national home for American Gold Star Mothers.

The Manor is located in a quiet section of beautiful Long Beach, close to shopping centers, churches, and medical facilities. Freeways provide easy driving to downtown Long Beach and Southern California points of interest.

If you are interested in living at the American Gold Star Manor, please contact the administration office at (562) 426-7651 or you may visit The American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. website for more information.



GoldStarManor.org



40 Years: Remembering the Heroes of The Beirut Barracks Attack

Lee-Ann Forsythe, National Information & Technology Chair

(STORY SUGGESTION: JUDITH YOUNG, PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT)

Sunday 23 October 1983 06.22: A 19-ton truck, filled with an estimated 6 tons of TNT, entered a public parking lot adjacent to the headquarters of the 8th Marine Regiment's 1st Battalion. The truck circled the parking lot and picked up speed, ran through a 5-foot high wire barrier, and drove between two guard posts. The Marines on duty had no time to react. Seconds later, the morning quiet was shattered by a massive explosion.

In that moment, 241 Heroes were lost. 220 Marines. 18 Sailors. 3 Soldiers. The Battalion Landing Team of 1/8, the ground element of the 24th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU), had deployed to Lebanon as part of a multinational peacekeeping force.

Four days after the bombing, President Ronald Reagan addressed the nation and recounted an experience General Paul Kelley, Commandant of the Marine Corps, had while visiting critically injured Marines in an Air Force Hospital.

"I'll let General Kelley's words describe the incident. He spoke of a 'young Marine with more tubes going in and out of his body than I have ever seen in one body.'

"He couldn't see very well. He reached up and grabbed my four stars, just to make sure I was who I said I was. He held my hand with a firm grip. He was making signals, and we realized he wanted to tell me something. We put a pad of paper in his hand -- and he wrote 'Semper Fi.'

"Well, if you've been a Marine or if, like myself, you're an admirer of the Marines, you know those words are a battlecry, a greeting, and a legend in the Marine Corps. They're Marine shorthand for the motto of the Corps -- 'Semper Fidelis' -- always faithful.

"General Kelley has a reputation for being a very sophisticated general and a very tough Marine. But he cried when he saw those words, and who can blame him?

"That Marine and all those others like him, living and dead, have been faithful to their ideals. They've given willingly of themselves so that a nearly defenseless people in a region of great strategic importance to the free world will have a chance someday to live



Beirut Barracks Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Section 59

(PHOTO CREDIT: ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY)

lives free of murder and mayhem and terrorism. I think that young Marine and all of his comrades have given every one of us something to live up to.

"They were not afraid to stand up for their country or, no matter how difficult and slow the journey might be, to give to others that last, best hope of a better future. We cannot and will not dishonor them now and the sacrifices they've made by failing to remain as faithful to the cause of freedom and the pursuit of peace as they have been.

"I will not ask you to pray for the dead, because they're safe in God's loving arms and beyond need of our prayers. I would like to ask you all -- wherever you may be in this blessed land -- to pray for these wounded young men and to pray for the bereaved families of those who gave their lives for our freedom.

"God bless you, and God bless America."

23 October 2023 marks the 40th Anniversary of this horrific day. Please take a moment to remember and honor the 241 Brave Service Members.

Moved?
New Email?
New Phone Number?

Send your updates to the
National Service Officer
Today!



membership@

AmericanGoldStarMothers.org

National Bylaws – AGSM, Inc. Representative Board Appointment Amendment

Patti Elliott, National 1st Vice President

At our 2023 National Convention, an amendment passed to our National Bylaws. Under Article IV, Section 10, “Members of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., who desire to represent American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., on the boards of another organization of any type must submit a written request to be appointed as the representative of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., to such board. The National Executive Board will review the request and, if approved, submit a written endorsement for such member to serve on the board as our official representative. American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., will in no way be liable for any adverse actions taken by such member in their service on such board, nor any adverse actions taken by the board should they become the subject of litigation.”

As you are asked to serve on the boards of other organizations as official representatives of AGSM, Inc., please contact National President Pam Stemple at president@americangoldstarmothers.org and provide the details of the opportunity. The NEB will then

review the request and provide you with a letter of endorsement. This would not apply in situations where someone is appointed to a board because they are a “gold star mother,” only in situations where you are specifically appointed because you are a member of AGSM, Inc.

If you are currently serving on a board or committee as a representative of AGSM in your area, please send that information to Pam. You are exempted from the newly passed requirement because it was pre-existing for those current appointments. However, we will keep that information on file in case we are contacted. Many times, we receive calls looking for resources in different geographic areas, and this will be a good starting point for us. If you have any question about an appointment to any board or group, please feel free to reach out to the NEB for further information and clarification. Thank you for all you are doing for AGSM in your community!

Deadline to apply for your Chapter Grant

Five \$200 Grants are awarded each quarter

Let the Chapter Grant help you continue the mission of supporting our veterans!

Let AGSM help you with your service projects.

Apply for the Chapter Grant TODAY!

It's easy to apply!

Go to AmericanGoldStarMothers.org

Click on “AGSM Grant Opportunities”, complete the Chapter Grant form, and submit.

Apply Today!

Mother's Cupboard

Mother's Cupboard is moving to AmericanGoldStarMothers.org
Shopping will be available when “construction” is complete.

Watch the website for the Grand Re-Opening



Watch for Updates at AmericanGoldStarMothers.org

Who is this “Robert” and why are there “Rules of Order”?????

Patti Elliott, National 1st Vice President, National Parliamentarian

Robert’s Rules of Order is a guidebook developed to ensure that meetings are fair, efficient, democratic and orderly. It allows all members to voice their opinions in an orderly manner so that everyone in the meeting can hear and be heard. The following tips and reminders will ensure a successful and productive meeting:

- Create an agenda and follow it to keep the group moving toward its goals.
- Let all members wishing to speak have an opportunity to speak once before allowing anyone to speak a second time.
- When discussions get off-track, gently guide the group back to the agenda.
- Model courtesy and respect and insist that others do the same.
- Help to develop the group’s understanding of parliamentary procedure by properly using motions and points of order.
- Encourage members to present motions positively rather than negatively.
- Give each speaker your undivided attention.
- Don’t allow emotions to rule discussions.
- Understand that the group’s consensus is the final authority of the group.

Parliamentary Procedure is the best way to get things done at your meetings, but it will only work if you use it properly.



2024 Membership Dues

It’s Never too Early to Pay Your
Membership Dues.

Contact Your Chapter Treasurer or
Pay your National dues online at
AmericanGoldStarMothers.org

REMINDER: Check with your Chapter
or Department Treasurer for Chapter
or Department Dues requirements

September/October 2023 Calendar of Events and Important Dates



<i>September</i>	<i>National Suicide Prevention Month</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>National Service Dog Month</i>
<i>4 Sept.</i>	<i>Labor Day</i>
<i>11 Sept.</i>	<i>Patriot Day</i>
<i>15 Sept.</i>	<i>Hispanic Heritage Month (through 15 Oct.)</i>
<i>15 Sept.</i>	<i>National POW/MIA Recognition Day</i>
<i>15-17 Sept.</i>	<i>Rosh Hashanah</i>
<i>17-23 Sept.</i>	<i>Constitution Week</i>
<i>18 Sept.</i>	<i>US Air Force Birthday</i>
<i>18 Sept.</i>	<i>Air National Guard Day</i>
<i>22-24 Sept.</i>	<i>AGSM Gold Star Mother’s Weekend</i>
<i>24 Sept.</i>	<i>Gold Star Mother’s Day</i>
<i>24 Sept.</i>	<i>Yom Kippur</i>
<i>29 Sept.</i>	<i>VFW Day</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>Breast Cancer Awareness Month</i>
<i>9 Oct.</i>	<i>Columbus Day</i>
<i>13 Oct.</i>	<i>US Navy Birthday</i>
<i>26 Oct.</i>	<i>National Day of the Deployed</i>
<i>27 Oct.</i>	<i>Navy Day</i>
<i>31 Oct.</i>	<i>Halloween</i>

*For details on these events
and more go to*

AmericanGoldStarMothers.org

Memorial Day 2023

Patti Elliott, National 1st Vice President

Memorial Day is always the last Monday in May. For all of us, every day is Memorial Day. While many of you attend local events to Honor and Remember our Fallen Heroes, members of your National Executive Board (NEB) are honored to commemorate the weekend events in our nation's capitol. For three years now, the Sunday Rolling to Remember demonstration ride has been hosted by AMVETS. This year, we were blessed with awesome weather and a series of events to commemorate, honor, and remember and we were joined by Gold Star Wives and our Blue Star Sisters.

On Friday, we welcomed some of the AMVETS leadership to Headquarters to iron out final details for the weekend and catch up on what had happened in each other's lives over the last year. Friday night, we were asked to join with a group of Patriots at the Vietnam Wall for a candlelight vigil to honor our Vietnam Fallen as AMVETS laid their Memorial Day wreath.

On Saturday, AMVETS National and the Susquehanna Motorcycle Club, led by David Page, hosted a lovely reception for Gold Star Mothers at WIMSA at Arlington. We were honored, presented with gifts individually, and donations to AGSM totaling

\$30,000. We could never thank our donors enough for the wonderful donations they presented to us and all the hard work David did for AGSM.

Sunday, we again joined AMVETS and many of their two-wheeled partners for the demonstration ride through Washington, DC, to raise awareness of the mental health crisis stealing thousands of veterans' lives a year and demand full accounting for America's Missing in Action and Prisoners of War. As we rode along the streets normally busy with the hustle and bustle of government business, they were lined this day with Patriots, most of them waving flags. Then we were honored to attend the National Memorial Day at the Capitol Concert. It was the best yet!

On Monday, winding up the weekend, NEB members had the honor of having breakfast at the White House, providing an opportunity to network with many other VSOs. We then traveled to Arlington for the annual address by President Biden at the amphitheater and laying of our Organization wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



National Convention of Blue Star Mothers

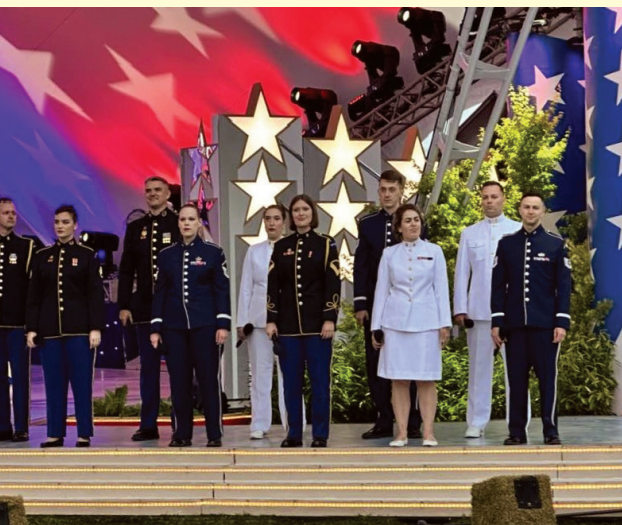
Patti Elliott, National 1st Vice President

I had the honor of representing AGSM at the 2023 National Convention of Blue Star Mothers of America in Nashville, TN. Like many of our members, I started my “career” as a military mom by joining Blue Star Mothers of America. It was through the service to the Gold Star Community prong of the Blue Star Mothers’ mission that I met my first Gold Star Mothers and saw what grace, dignity and passion looked like.

Also a Congressionally chartered VSO, BSMA provides support for active duty service personnel, promotes patriotism, assists Veterans organizations, and is available to assist in homeland volunteer efforts to help our country remain strong.

Our Blue Star sisters are an amazing group of women! There were around 250 people in attendance at the Convention. As each of the chapters from across the country reported their activities for the year, I heard story after story of the ways in which they honored and served the Gold Star community this past year. If you haven’t taken the opportunity to reach out to your local BSMA chapter to partner with you on your projects, I would strongly recommend you do! You can find your local chapter here: BlueStarMothers.org

Congratulations to newly installed National President Becky Stafford and her board! We look forward to working with our Blue Star Sisters to serve our Military and Veteran communities!



CHAPTER NEWS

The mission of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., is to serve our Military and Veteran Communities, support our Gold Star Mothers and educate our communities on the price of freedom. In an effort to showcase the events our Chapters and Departments are planning and executing highlighting these areas, our Department & Chapter News pages will only include stories and photos of service projects and activities that embody the AGSM Mission.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT



During the Department of Connecticut Convention, June 10, 2023, CT Gold Star Mothers awarded two Quilts of Valor to two Vietnam Veterans in front of the Woody Williams Gold Star Families Monument, Berlin, CT. Photo information [left to right]: Helen Keiser-Pedersen, Sawn Marti, Rhoni Miller, Clethelda Palmer, Charles Colaresi, Pat Parry, Sue Reich, Dorine Norko, Peter Galgano, Kim Read, Kathy Cross, and Comfort dog "Tula".

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA/PUERTO RICO

TAMPA BAY CHAPTER



annual event at every VA Hospital or facility. Evelyn met with VAVS leadership at Bay Pines VA to discuss setting up a display table to educate about who and what is a Gold Star and a Blue Star family. With their



Evelyn Brady, a proud 20-year Navy Veteran and employed for 10 years at Bay Pines VA Health Care System, has created what just might become a nationwide

full support, Evelyn was provided with a display table set at the main entrance of the hospital. Hundreds of employees, patients, veterans, and their spouses stopped by the table.

Please reach out to Evelyn through her Chapter if you would like to know more about hosting a table like this at your VA. tampabaychapter@americangoldstarmothers.org

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA/PUERTO RICO

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CHAPTER



For the 5th year in a row, the SWFL Chapter has been able to help Veteran and Gold Star Children go back to school with all the supplies they need to get a great start to the year. 2023 marked our largest Operation Back-to-School ever. We had a goal of helping 15 children, but with great partnerships and generous donations our final count was 33 children! We were able to take the burden off these families by providing clothes, the school provided supply lists, and our Memorial Gerardo's Shoes program. We look forward to what we can do next year!

DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO

STAR GARNET CHAPTER



The AGSM Idaho Star Garnet Chapter presented a wreath during the ceremony at the Idaho State Veteran Cemetery on May 29th. Dianne Layfield, Carolyn Nelson, Sheryl Acosta, Debby Bundy, Pam Hall-Cropper, Julia Cochran, Rebecca Webb.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

ALBANY CHAPTER



Wanda Whitney, Albany New York Chapter supporting the "Great American Road Trip for Veterans" by welcoming Capt. Scott Montefusco (USMC) and his USMC friends Brad Adams and "Scooter" Miller at the Veteran Miracle Center in Albany New York. (GARTforVets.org). Boy she looks good driving "Little Glory"!

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS/OKLAHOMA



On 29 April, the Department of Texas/Oklahoma held their department convention and installed their 2023-2024 Officers. Pictured from left to right: Ana Hernandez, Treasurer Margie Taylor, 2nd VP, Carla Wicks, President, Mary Piker, Sgt-at-Arms, and Sherry Guy, 1st VP. Not pictured: Jenifer Allbaugh, Secretary, Anita Wallick, Chaplain



DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS/OKLAHOMA

GREATER SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER

Memorial Day Service Events: Margie Taylor presenting Gold Star Wreath at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Sherry Guy, Nancy Harrison and Kim Ball at the Houston National Cemetery Service. Ana Hernandez speaking at the Montgomery County Veterans Memorial Park. Nancy Harrison, Sherry Guy, Margie Taylor, Ana Hernandez representing our Chapter at the Astros home game on Memorial Day. Nancy had the honor of throwing out the first pitch!





You Are Invited to
Gold Star Mother's Weekend
hosted by



American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

Friday 22 September

*American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.
National Headquarters Open House*

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Location:

2128 Leroy Place NW, Washington DC 20008

Saturday 23 September

2.2 Mile Military Suicide & Mental Health Awareness Walk

Time: 9:00am – 11:30am

Meeting Location:

Lincoln Memorial Steps

2 Lincoln Memorial Cir NW, Washington, DC 20002

American Gold Star Mothers Reception

Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Location:

United States Navy Memorial

701 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20004

Sunday 24 September

Gold Star Mother's Day Commemoration and Wreath Laying

Time: 12:15pm – 2:30pm

Location:

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at

Arlington National Cemetery

*To Register for Gold Star Mother's Weekend Events and
view all Event Details, please go to*

AmericanGoldStarMothers.org

or Call (202)265-0991

American Gold Star Manor: A History of Serving Gold Star Mothers



At the 10th Annual National Convention of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., led by then AGSM President Eleanor Boyd, a plan was developed to build a national memorial home for dependent and pensioned members of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. This was the birth of the American Gold Star Manor. Built as a “temporary war housing” project by the federal government, the Truman Boyd Manor was constructed to house defense workers and armed forces personnel. In 1953, the 93 acres of Truman Boyd Manor were purchased by American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., and over time, the hastily built war structures were replaced with more suitable structures. Today, the American Gold Star Manor is a clean, quiet, safe and affordable senior retirement community in Long Beach, California. It provides an independent living environment for Gold Star Mothers, Fathers, Veterans and other eligible seniors. Situated on a 25-acre park-like setting with sumptuous trees, lawns, flowers and gardens, the community features a community recreation hall, social programs, life enrichment programs, recreation facilities, pool and spa, picnic areas, game room, computer room and meditation chapel.

Today, the Home and Manor is one the largest donors to American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., helping us sustain and continue our mission. The National President and First Vice President serve on the Home and Manor Board of Directors, helping guide the Manor as it continues to fulfill its promise to aid those who are among the most needy. There are two ways the Manor can assist with housing costs. Gold Star Mothers receive housing priority to move into the property in Long Beach. In 2021, in response to a growing need across our nation, the Manor established the American Gold Star Manor Housing Assistance Grant to help Mothers who do not live at the Manor. Eligibility for the Manor Housing Grant include:

- Must have Gold Star parent status
- Low-income household/family (no more than 300% above the federal poverty threshold)
- Total assets below \$70,000
- Be experiencing a hardship or emergency

Housing Assistance Grants are limited to one award per household per year (and no more than three consecutive years). To learn more about the Manor and explore its opportunities, visit www.goldstarmanor.org.

Join your
2023-2024
National Executive Board
and
Department of Colorado
in Colorado Springs
Thursday 20 June -
Sunday 23 June 2024

The Antlers,
A Wyndham Hotel
4 S. Cascade Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Details will be available
Spring 2024
AmericanGoldStarMothers.org



New Freedom Farm

Provided by New Freedom Farm

New Freedom Farm is a nonprofit community farm located in Buchanan, Virginia. The farm exists to aid Veterans and first responders with post-traumatic stress disorder, substance use, traumatic brain injury and other conditions by using the therapeutic activity of interacting with equines, farming and peer-to-peer support. The end goal is to empower individuals and help them heal by realizing their efforts and contributions.

Founded and operated by Lois Dawn Magill, a forensic nurse examiner and Navy Veteran, and her team, New Freedom Farm heals heroes through horses by offering Veterans and first responders the space and confidence to develop deep friendships through equine activity and gentling, fostering physical, emotional, and spiritual health, assisting individuals with reintegration into civilian life.

When Fritz and her husband, Mitchell, bought the 13-acre property a few days before Christmas 2015, the farm was a shabby, muddy, weedy mess. However, just like the Veterans she hoped to one day help, Fritz saw the potential for recovery. What she envisioned with the creation of New Freedom Farm was a soothing, pastoral environment in which service members could talk freely about their service over a horse, with little pressure to fit the therapeutic mold. The hope was that these horses would help veterans escape the hurt and



open up to others with shared experiences.

American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., is proud to make New Freedom Farm the recipient of our National Fundraiser for 2023-2024. For more information on the programs at New Freedom Farm, visit their website, <https://www.newfreedomfarm.org/>

Veterans Day
11 November 2023

How Will You Serve?

*** Do you already have plans?**
Do you participate in the same event each year?
Are you doing something new?

Share photos and the story of YOUR Veterans Day!
Tell us what service means TO YOU!

Send your stories and photos to:
publications@
AmericanGoldStarMothers.org



Giving Grace Grant

Application Period:
1 September - 1 November

Eligibility:

- AGSM Member in Good Standing
- AGSM Member for a minimum of 1 year
- Requesting assistance for qualifying events (see application for details).

Submission Requirements:

- *Electronic submission preferred
- *Include all requested documentation with your application.

Questions?

Please contact the Giving Grace Grant Committee Chair at AGSMGrants@AmericanGoldStarMothers.org



Heartfelt Appreciation TO OUR DONORS

American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. could not continue our work as a Veterans Service Organization without the continued support of our generous donors.



FRIENDS OF AGSM

Daley Whipple VFW Post 799

Michael Hadfield

Jonathon Huntoon

Carl Vincenti

Shawn Smith

Sharon Graffa



We Hold in Loving Memory

“Perhaps they are not stars in the sky, but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy.” — Eskimo saying

Name	Date of Death	Chapter	Department
Perena Cianelli-Fair	June 14, 2023	Maryland	Maryland
Sara Peotrowski	June 9, 2023	Phoenix	Arizona
William Joseph Rowland	June 15, 2023	Pikes Peak	Colorado

*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted;
He rescues those whose spirits are crushed.*

Psalm 34:18

Note to all Chaplains - All Death Notices go to:

Cathy Bordeaux, National Chaplain
chaplain@americangoldstarmothers.org
AmericanGoldStarMothers.org/chaplain





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IN THE PRESENCE OF ALMIGHTY GOD AND THESE AMERICAN GOLD STAR MOTHERS, DO, OF MY OWN FREE WILL AND ACCORD, MOST FAITHFULLY PROMISE THAT I WILL COMPLY WITH ALL THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

THAT I WILL NEVER WRONG, OR PERMIT A WRONG TO BE DONE, TO ANY MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION IF IT IS IN MY POWER TO PREVENT IT.

SHOULD MY AFFILIATION WITH THIS ORGANIZATION CEASE IN ANY WAY, I SHALL CONSIDER THIS PLEDGE A LIFELONG OBLIGATION.

I WILL BEAR TRUE FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF MY COUNTRY'S HONOR.

ALL THIS I PROMISE ON MY HONOR AS A TRUE AMERICAN.

In the next issue:

President's Holiday Message

National Historian Update

National Veterans Day Schedule

2023 Wreaths Across America Schedule