



The Gold Star Mother

PERPETUATING THE NOBLE PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH THEY FOUGHT AND DIED

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Operation Gold Star takes moms to Vietnam



Frances Turley, at right, at the memorial site for her son, Francis Edwin "Duke" Cortor Jr., near "Rocket Ridge." Moms Georgia Burkes, left, and Dorothy Schafernocker, center, share support.

The National Dusters, Quads, and Searchlights Association (NDQSA) has taken a final trip to Vietnam as part of Operation Gold Star. National President, Bob Lauver, says that "this is considered to be the end of Operation Gold Star" citing that, due to age and health, very few of the Vietnam Gold Star mothers are well enough to "walk in the footsteps of their sons."

With this last mission, NDQSA brought another group of mothers as close as possible to the physical location of the casualty sites of their sons.

Mr. Lauver said, "the concept was arrived as something that could be done in memory of all those lost during the war."

There have been beginning in 2002, door to door Mothers.

Mr. Lauver said, the trips are always

emoney which may include the planting of the AGSM flag along with small American flags. Mothers have recited poetry, and at certain times all have

"If we could provide some degree of closure for the mothers it would benefit us all."

five such missions, that have provided expenses for the

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emony which may include the planting of the AGSM flag along with small American flags. Mothers have recited poetry, and at certain times all have

joined hands and sang 'God Bless America.' The moments are extremely emotional for all with rarely a dry eye."

Bob Lauver, himself a Vietnam Veteran, described NDQSA as an organization of veterans who served on what were primarily Air Defense automatic firing Quad .50 Caliber machine gun and twin 40 millimeter cannon weapons. Because these service members were utilized in an anti-personnel role, they sustained very high casualty rates. Mr. Lauver became active with NDQSA about 15 years ago, "as soon as I heard of the organization," he said.



The city of Pleiku at dawn showing a Buddhist Temple catching first sunlight. Pleiku is located in the Central Highlands of the former South Vietnam. The group visited this area for two of the Veteran Escorts, Jerry Ashley of NC and Luke Clark of LA. Both of these men served in this region and lost friends and comrades during the war.

NDQSA Veterans and the Gold Star Moms held memorials at the sites for Georgia Burkes' son, David Ronald Burkes, Jr. as well as those previously visited with Gold Star Mothers, Georgie Carter-Krell and Flo Johnson. They also held a ceremony for Iris Walden's son, Marion Frank Walden, Jr. Iris had very much wanted to be on the trip, but was unable to attend due

to health issues. Veterans Bob Lauver, Jerry Ashley, and Luke Clark also held ceremonies at many sites in the Central Highlands and along the DMZ in memory of some of the comrades that were among the 210 men from their units killed during the war.

Dorothy Schafernocker remembers her son, Michael E. Schafernocker, near the Parrots Beak region of Cambodia. Dorothy is guided by an unnamed gentleman who witnessed her son's crash and a Cambodian Policeman.





From the Desk of the National President...



MOLLY MOREL
2010-2011 **PRESIDENT**

Although I may be wording it a little differently, the sentiment is the same as my predecessors – where has the year gone? When I added up the miles, it was easier to grasp where I spent my time. A quick analysis showed that I have flown nearly 15,000 miles and driven over 7,000 miles on official AGSM business. I could

not begin to guess how many hours are involved or how many cell phone minutes I used. The one thing that I know for sure is that it was my honor to serve as National President and the year will be a cherished memory.

There are many things that I thought I knew about our organization, but I had lessons to learn. While I knew that American Gold Star Mothers is a well-respected organization, I discovered that respect went far deeper than I had imagined. Our opinions are valued. Please remember that as you go out in your communities as ambassadors for AGSM. Your voice can be heard for the good of the organization and for Gold Star families everywhere. It is your face that will be remembered as you represent us, not the face of the National President.

The Gold Star Manor is a treasure in the beautiful

city of Long Beach CA. I am proud to share with you that the Veteran population at the Manor has increased by 50% in the past few months. Terry Geiling and the Manor Board have done a great job getting the vision of the Manor to this point. Additional news from Terry is that they have permission to reduce the tenant eligibility age for Gold Star Mothers to 62. The goal is to continue to house Veterans and Gold Star Mothers, hopefully in increasing numbers.

Momentum continues to build for our National Convention. We have recently learned that some clarification is needed on who is invited to attend. It is very simple – YOU are invited to attend. Every member of our organization is always invited to attend our conventions. When several members of the same chapter attend, delegates and alternates should be decided within your chapter. While everyone who attends might not

vote in the elections, your chapters and departments will hopefully be represented. You will not know what you have missed until you attend your first convention. I hope you will give serious consideration to joining us in Nashville, TN on June 24-26, 2011. We have been working hard to make it a fun event and it will be even better if you are there.

If I do not get a chance to thank you at National Convention, then please accept my gratitude for the opportunity to serve this past year. It was a privilege for me to serve with a dedicated National Executive Board. My life is richer for the experience. I will be looking for you in Nashville.

Molly

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Memorial Day Weekend Events 2011

Friday May 27, 9 p.m. Candlelight vigil at The Wall

Saturday May 28, 8-10 p.m. Rolling Thunder Hospitality Room at Hyatt Regency Crystal City

Sunday May 29, 8 a.m. to noon, Rolling Thunder Ride; Evening Concert on the Capital Lawn

Monday May 30, Memorial Day Observance at Arlington National Cemetery in the morning and at The Wall in the afternoon.



VAVS NEWS

This is the time of year that we take the time to thank all of the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service Representatives. There are currently 43 VAVS Representatives in AGSM. That moves AGSM into the Service Member category at the VA Central Office. There is now an updated list of VAVS Representatives thanks to all those who turned in their annual reports and/or minutes received from their member VA facilities. Take a minute to drop a thank you card or better yet, ask the VAVS Representatives in your Department how to volunteer at a local VA Medical Center, Long Term Care Center Community Based Outreach Clinic or Veterans Cemetery. These women are joined by one or more faithful deputy representatives. There will be an opportunity to network at the June National convention in Nashville, Tenn. We hope to see you there!

- Alice Smith-Department of Illinois
- Ann Davis-Department of New York
- Ann Herd-Department of Texas/Oklahoma
- Barb Brodsky-Department of Nebraska
- Barbara Calfee-Department of Florida/Georgia
- Barbara Farrell-Grace Darling Seibold
- Beatrice Duffy-Department of New York
- Caren Schultz-Department of Wisconsin
- Carmen Lopez-Department of New Mexico
- Christine Devlin-Department of MA/RI
- Colleen Bertlach-Department of Minnesota
- Dedi Noble-Department of WA-ID-OR
- Diana Pitts-Department of Kansas
- Elaine Krepp-Department of Southern California
- Elizabeth Hallock-Department of New York
- Ethel Pedrick-Department of Northern California

- Francis Colletto-Department of Pennsylvania
- Helen Latanowich-Department of MA/RI
- Herminda Wykoff-Department of Florida/Georgia
- Janice Dalhke-Department of Wisconsin
- Jasmine Crowl-Department of Arizona
- Jeanette Poston-Department of Virginia/NC
- Jennifer Jackman-Department of Kansas
- Julie Webb-Department of Virginia/NC
- June Capron-Department of New Jersey
- Karen Meridith-Department of Northern California
- Kathy Cross-Department of Connecticut
- Kaye Olson-Department of Wisconsin
- Lela Matthew-Department of Pennsylvania
- Louella Dauer-Department of Michigan
- Margaret Ferraro-Department of Pennsylvania
- Maria Gardner-Department of Pennsylvania
- Marie Ladouceur-Department of New York
- Marsha Connor-Department of New York
- Marynell Winslow-Department of Alabama
- Mary Byers-Department of Tennessee
- Mary Cruise-Department of New York
- Mary Jane Kiepe-Department of Missouri/ARK
- Pauline Anderson-Department of MD/DE
- Penny Steel-Department of Arizona
- Rebecca LaLush-Department of Virginia/NC
- Rosemary Pizzoto-Department of New York
- Shirley Hemenway-Department of Kansas
- Theda Gleixer-Department of Pennsylvania

To Those I Loved And To Those Who Loved Me

*When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with tears,
Be thankful for our beautiful years.*

*I gave to you my love, you can only guess, how
much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled alone.*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a time that we must part, So, bless
the memories within your heart.*

*I won't be far away, for life goes on, So if you
need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near,
All my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."
(Poet unknown at this time)*

*Reminder:
May 23
is the deadline to
book hotel rooms at
the discounted rate
and to purchase
Grand Ole Opry
tickets*



Americanism

Symbols of Our Freedom

All of us live in a world where symbols convey meaning in an instant. Any small child in the United States would recognize the theme song and the characters from Sesame Street. Every teenager would know that the golden arches represent a nearby McDonalds restaurant. Adults in our country recognize the donkey and the elephant as symbols of the Democratic and Republican political Parties. Symbols surround each of us twenty-four hours every day. These symbols convey meanings of countless things in our everyday life. They bring vivid images of the object they represent to our minds immediately. Then the symbol lingers in our minds to keep that object in our vision.



The symbol helps us connect our feelings to that object or event. Giving constant reminders is the purpose of symbols. Every country in the world has symbols that give its citizens a sense of national pride. Among those symbols is a flag. There are other symbols each country adopts to give their people a common bond of pride. In the United States of America we have our national flag which is called the Star Spangled Banner and our national anthem which is also called the Star Spangled Banner. Our national bird, the Bald Eagle is another symbol. The Pledge of Allegiance, the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, 4th of July, the Statue of Liberty, Blind Lady Justice, and the White House are some of the other symbols which bond our citizens together and give us a feeling of national pride.



Save the Date

*On Saturday September 24, 2011
The American Gold Star Mothers
will be honoring the Vietnam
Veterans during their 50th
Anniversary at the annual Gold
Star Weekend Banquet which will
be held at the Hilton McLean
Tysons Corner Hotel
in Tysons Corner, VA 6:30pm.
On Sunday September 25, we will
observe Gold Star Sunday with
General Casey as our honored
speaker and then with a wreath
laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns.
More details will follow in the July/
August newsletter.*



2011 CHRISTMAS CARD PREVIEWS!



*Let us honor and
remember those who
sacrificed their lives
for freedom and peace,
not just during the
Holiday Season, but
all year long.*



*... to a song of joy
a hope of peace
a message of love
this Holiday Season*

MOTHER'S CUPBOARD

MAKE SURE TO LOOK OUT FOR THESE ITEMS AT THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION!

JEWELRY

◆ Key Pendant for Necklace	GF	50.00
◆ Logo Pendant with Chain		15.00
◆ Member or Associate Pins (butterfly back)		8.00

SUPPLIES

◆ File Cards (pack of 20)		Free
◆ Membership Cards (pack of 20)		Free
◆ Gold Star Seals (per 100)		11.00
◆ Warrant Books		5.00
◆ Rituals		Free
◆ Constitution and By-Laws		Free
◆ New History Brochure - New Format! Trifold		Free
◆ NEW Presentation Brochures		Free
◆ American Gold Star Mother By-Laws Printed in Booklet Form 8½ x 11		Free

STATIONERY

◆ Gold Star Parents (Box of ten)		3.50
◆ AGSM Flag Card (Packs of ten)		7.00
◆ 2011 Christmas Cards		11.00

EXTRAS

◆ AGSM Magnetized Sign		32.00
◆ Gold Star Banner		8.50
◆ Sm. Gold Star Banner Magnet		3.00
◆ Gold Star Patch with Logo		5.00
◆ Gold Star Patch with "Your Freedom Courtesy of our American Heroes"		10.00
◆ Challenge Coins AGSM (single)		11.00
◆ Challenge Coins AGSM (coin in presentation box)		18.00
◆ Gold Star Logo Umbrellas		18.00
◆ Tote Bag with embroidered Logo • 17"x15" • Zippered Top		15.00
◆ Flag - Anco-Dyed Digital Printing, single reverse, Gold Fringe around edges with a pole and sleeve 3'x5'		69.00
	without fringe	60.00
◆ Business card holder - brass engraved with American Gold Star Mother Logo		15.00
◆ Neck wallet - Clear front plastic pocket - no longer available in white		15.00
◆ Leather luggage tag with slot for business card		10.00



business card holder



By-Laws



neck wallet



leather luggage tag



2011 Christmas Card - 1



2011 Christmas Card - 2

Complete List on www.goldstarmoms.com
under Mother's Cupboard

APPAREL: The following items should be ordered directly from: Valley Athletic Supply • 28 West Ridge St • Lansford PA 18232. E-mail your order directly to Valley Athletic Supply at vas123@ptd.net. No e-mail? Then call 570-645-5275 and tell them you are ordering AGSM items. All prices include shipping.

◆ White Prima Cotton Shirt (gold logo) Women Sizes - S, M, L, XL, XXL	32.00
◆ Navy Pima Cotton (gold logo with Associate members) Women and Men sizes - S,M,L,XL,2XL,3XL,4XL	32.00
◆ Nylon Jacket S, M, L, XL and XXL (Indicate Chapter, YOUR First Name, Size)	63.00
◆ Hat (Includes lettering shown) XS 6 5/8, SM 6 7/8, Med 7 1/8, LG 7 3/8, XL 7 5/8 and XXL 7 3/4	45.00
Additional Lettering - \$.35/letter (Specify lettering when ordering)	

74th Annual National Convention

Journal Publication Information

OUR JOURNAL will be printed in COLOR, COLOR, COLOR, COLOR—that's right a four color separation. Funds received from memorials and ads placed in the Journal will be used to help defray expenses of the Convention.

Departments, Chapters and Members are encouraged to place memorials. Other service organization and public officials should be invited to support us.

Journal *fees for Gold Star Families* are:

Full Page	5 X 8 inches	\$50
Half Page	4 X 5 inches	\$30
Quarter Page	2.75 X 4 inches	\$20
"In Memory of" Page of Ribbons		\$10 *
* corrected price		



Suggestions for those who have photos in the ads. Two picture comparisons were a huge success in previous journals. Childhood and service pictures made a nice tribute to our loved ones. Please consider this again for this year's journal.

Please type or print plainly all information about your dedication.

Journal fees for other than Gold Star families are

Full page	\$100
Half Page	\$50
Quarter Page	\$25

Dead Line for mailing Ads is *May 23, 2011.*

Please do not wait until the last minute - The more time Ruth has to dedicate to the layout, the better the final page will look.

Checks should be made payable to:

American Gold Star Mothers

Mail to:

Ruth Stonesifer

302 Frogtown Rd.

Kintnersville, PA 18930

Or

email to Ruth Stonesifer - rstone17@gmail.com

(much faster and fewer typos)



...Of Interest

Marine Corps Connection

The Marine Corps has recently launched a newsletter, the Marine Corps Connection (MCC). The MCC is a weekly e-newsletter that keeps readers up-to-date on the latest headlines relevant to the Marine Corps, upcoming events, and highlights Marines who are doing incredible things in the “Heroes of the Week” feature. To create the newsletter, the community relations team evaluates the week’s top headlines and searches for all articles that will be of interest to anyone with ties to the U.S. Marine Corps.

As the MCC looks to expand the newsletter’s readership, they hope this newsletter will provide valuable information to Marines as well as retired Marines, family members, and friends. In addition, if you are interested in posting the MCC button on your blog, they will be happy to provide that upon request.

The most recent issue of the MCC can be found here: <http://marines.mil/community/Pages/MarineCorpsConnectionNewsletter.aspx>.

Each week, they will select community events to feature in the newsletter that is currently distributed to nearly 2,000 recipients as well as forwarded via numerous Marine Corps Associations and to the retired General Officers of the Marine Corps.

Additionally, MCC will be starting a new column called FYSA, which will provide readers with information on how the Marine Corps can be involved in their communities. FYSA will answer community-relations questions such as how to request fly-overs or Marine Corps band performances.

New Army Chief utilizes Facebook

The Army’s new Chief of Staff, Martin E. Dempsey has created a new page on facebook. GEN Dempsey said, “My hope with this page is to create a dialogue between myself and people that are passionate about our great Army. I am truly honored to serve alongside our brave Soldiers and I want to invite everyone to share your views and knowledge with me. My goal is to use this page to hear your thoughts and to share stories about the fine work our Army is doing.” To join and comment please go to : <http://www.facebook.com/CSADempsey>

Convention Correction

The Delegate registration form in the March-April, 2011 newsletter shows the Luncheon on June 24. It is, in fact, on **June 25**. Any Dads or guests that signed up for the Luncheon and the Ft Campbell tour will have a conflict.

The condensed schedule on page 9 of the March-April newsletter is correct as is the **web site**. Only the Delegate Registration form



Chapter and Department News

Ann Wolcott, PNP, visited with Mr. Frank Buckles at his home in Charlestown, WV last April, before he passed away in February, 2011. Mr. Buckles was the last survivor of World War I and was 110 when he passed. Ann said, "It was such an honor to meet him and spend time with him." His remains were interred at Arlington National Cemetery March 15, 2010 with full military honors following a memorial service held in the Memorial Amphitheater.



The St. Louis Chapter of AGSM recently attended the dedication ceremony for the Fisher House located near the St. Louis VA Hospital. At the event the mothers were excited to present a check for \$6,500 to Mr. Jim Donohoe, Chairman of the Fisher House fundraising campaign. The mothers sponsored a trivia night /silent auction for their fundraiser. Pictured in front of the newly opened Fisher House are (l to r) Jeanine Rainey, Mary Jane Kiepe, PNP, Sandy Derapps, Frances Turley, Mr. Donohoe, Katie Melies, Joyce Fussner, and Susie Moore.

Ann Davis, New York Department was interviewed recently about her life as a Gold Star Mom and her views on the recent Supreme Court ruling concerning the Westboro Baptist Church. To read the entire article please go online to http://www.syracuse.com/kirst/index.ssf/2011/03/post_133



The Yonkers Chapter has a documentary! The documentary, which aired on Gold Star Mothers Day was produced by Yonkers Public Schools. The documentary will also run throughout the month of November for Veterans Day remembrances. Hope Coaxum, Chapter President said about the documentary, "It is just our testimonies to the sacrifices we make as mothers when our children do not return from war, the anguish we suffer, and as a unit how we get by."



Chapter and Department News

The NE KS Chapter attended the Ceremony, "The Passing of a Generation," on March 12, at the World War I Museum at the Liberty Memorial. The ceremony was held to honor the more than four million Americans who served at home and abroad during the First World War. The Liberty Memorial is in Kansas City, MO. The last know WWI Veteran, Frank Buckles, passed away in February of 2011 at the age of 110. (see related story, opposite page)



At right, front row, l to r, Diana Pitts and Deb Austin-Lamberd. Back row l to r, Bob & Shirley Hemenway, Betty Wright, Charlotte Myers-Dick, and Thomas Dick.



The Azalea Chapter in Wilmington, NC rode on the Rolling Thunder NC 3 float in the Azalea Festival parade on Saturday, April 9th.

From left to right: Col USAF Ret Dewey Smith, Dan Corbett, Genon Wall, Iris Winters, Chapter President; Norma Luther, National 1st VP; Virginia Rivenbark, Chapter Secretary; Annie Beatty, Chapter Chaplain; Matt Wall, NC 3 Chapter President, Rolling Thunder.



Submissions to the Editor

Dear Editor

I have a photo that I would like to share. I am very proud of my Congressman Jeff Denham, CA-19, to be the only Representative to post the Gold Star Flag outside of his office, in the Halls of Congress, Longworth Office Building in Washington D.C.

Congressman Denham also has taken the initiative to have Gold Star Flag posted in each of his District Offices - Fresno, California and Modesto, California.

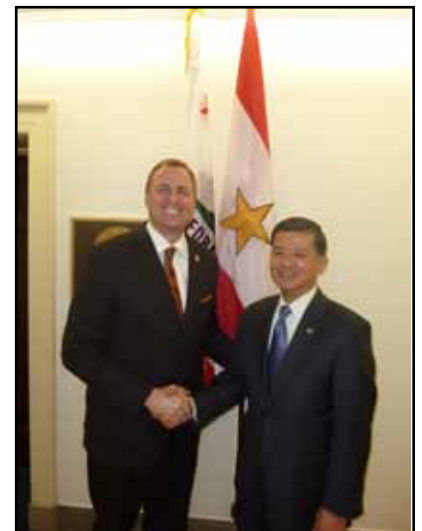
As our State Senator, Jeff Denham led the charge authoring the first piece of legislation - SB287, then followed up being the Co-Author on the successful SB1455 - California Gold Star License Plate Bill signed into law by Gov. Schwarzenegger. He truly supports the families of the fallen.

[At right are] Congressman Denham along with VA Secretary Eric Shinseki with the Gold Star Flag outside of the Congressman's DC Office. Congressman Denham is a Gulf War Veteran who sits on the Veterans Committee.

As Always, My Very Best,
Angela Anderson

American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., Modesto, California

P.S. My husband Mike Sr., who worked with Senator Denham on both license plate bills, now actually works for Congressman Denham as his Military Liaison, which authorizes the Congressman to fly the flag...I am very proud of both of them!





Welcome to Our Newest Members

"No one wants to become eligible to join our organization. However, we find strength in the fellowship of other Gold Star Mothers who strive to keep the memory of their sons and daughters alive by working to help the veterans. We look forward to meeting all the new members listed below. Getting to know you better and helping you in any way possible is our goal."

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	CITY	STATE	DEPT.	CHAPTER		LOCATION
Beverly A.	Balsley	Hayward	CA	North CA	Alameda - Alameda	Member	Iraq
Patricia Ann (Patty)	Smith	South Lake Tahoe	CA	North CA	San Jose - San Jose	Member	Iraq
Brenda Marie	Pallares	Rancho Cucamonga		South CA-HI	Saddleback Val	Member	Afghanistan
Connie-Jean	Gibson	Repton	AL	AL	Birmingham - Birmingham	Member	Iraq
Laurie	Clark	Hereford	AZ	AZ	Tucson -Tucson	Member	USA
Thomas	Clark	Hereford	AZ	AZ	Tucson -Tucson	Associate	USA
Cassie	Clark	Hereford	AZ	AZ	Tucson -Tucson	Associate	USA
Marsha B.	Moon	Tucson	AZ	AZ	Tucson -Tucson	Member	Afghanistan
Ann C.	Edmondson	Alamosa	CO	CO	Pikes Peak GSM - Colorado Springs	Member	USA
Deborah Sue	Higgins	Thurmont	MD	DC	Grace Darling Seibold -DC	Member	Iraq
Margie	Rolfing	Sioux Falls	SD	DC	Grace Darling Seibold -DC	Member	Iraq
Tiffany	Rolfing	Sioux Falls	SD	DC	Grace Darling Seibold -DC	Associate	Iraq
T.J.	Rolfing	Sioux Falls	SD	DC	Grace Darling Seibold -DC	Associate	Iraq
Rex	Rolfing	Sioux Falls	SD	DC	Grace Darling Seibold -DC	Associate	Iraq
MaryAnne	Sullivan-Scott	Martinsburg	WV	DC	Grace Darling Seibold -DC	Member	USA
Trisha	Stockhoff	Speedway	IN	IN	Central Indiana GSM	Member	Afghanistan
Katy B.	Burgess	Ragley	LA	LA	Magnolia - Shreveport	Member	USA
Patricia (Pat)	Stone	Baton Rouge	LA	LA	Magnolia - Shreveport	Member	USA
Jo-An M.	Barbato	No. Providence	RI	MA-RI	Greater Rhode Island - Providence	Member	USA
Melissa	Coutu	Pawtucket	RI	MA-RI	Greater Rhode Island - Providence	Member	Afghanistan
Sharon	Toner	Narragansett	RI	MA-RI	Greater Rhode Island - Providence	Member	Afghanistan
Rosemarie	Ceo	Baltimore	MD	MD-DE	Maryland -Baltimore	Member	Iraq
Nicole	Uibel	Frankford	DE	MD-DE	Maryland -Baltimore	Member	USA
Robin S.	Norwood	Waltham	ME	ME	Waterville #8 - Waterville	Member	Afghanistan
Judy M.	Algrim	Howell	MI	MI	Wayne County - Detroit	Member	Iraq
Michele	Edstrom	Plymouth	MN	MN-ND-SD	MN GSM - St Paul	Member	USA
Linda M.	Ford	Pender	NE	NE	Nebraska GSM - Hay Springs	Member	Iraq
Jean M.	Dammann	Union Beach	NJ	NJ	Bayshore - Bayshore	Member	Iraq
Elizabeth	Zaneri	Medford	NJ	NJ	Burlington - Burlington	Member	Turkey
Gricel	Gorra	North Bergen	NJ	NJ	Paterson - North Jersey	Member	Afghanistan
Barbara	Walsh	Neshanic Station	NJ	NJ	Trenton - Trenton	Member	Iraq
Virginia	Jim	Shiprock	NM	NM	Albuquerque - Albuquerque	Member	Iraq
Katherine	Tyler	Las Vegas	NV	NV	Freedom is not free - Las Vegas	Associate	Afghanistan
Michele	Briscoe	East Greenbush	NY	NY	Albany #11 - Albany	Member	USA
Michele L.	Robinson	Canton	PA	NY	Broome County #3 - Binghamton	Member	Afghanistan
Chrystyna S.	Kestler	Mattituck	NY	NY	North Fork #61 - Bayshore	Member	Afghanistan
James W.	Theinert	Sag Harbor	NY	NY	North Fork #61 - Bayshore	Associate	Afghanistan
James M.	Theinert	Mattituck	NY	NY	North Fork #61 - Bayshore	Associate	Afghanistan
William J.	Theinert	Mattituck	NY	NY	North Fork #61 - Bayshore	Associate	Afghanistan
Kim Rhoads	Spence	Clarence	NY	NY	South Buffalo #26 - South Buffalo	Member	Italy
Mark T.	Spence	Clarence	NY	NY	South Buffalo #26 - South Buffalo	Associate	Italy
Kimberley A.	Whipple	Williamsville	NY	NY	South Buffalo #26 - South Buffalo	Member	Afghanistan
David R.	Whipple	Williamsville	NY	NY	South Buffalo #26 - South Buffalo	Associate	Afghanistan
Valerie	Silleck	Ashtabula	OH	OH-KY	Northeast Ohio GSM	Member	Afghanistan
Janet E.	Harper	Dresden	OH	OH-KY	Tri-County GSM - Zanesville	Member	Iraq
Barbara J.	Lloyd	Zanesville	OH	OH-KY	Tri-County GSM - Zanesville	Member	Iraq
Neva R.	Norris	Zanesville	OH	OH-KY	Tri-County GSM - Zanesville	Member	Iraq
Cynthia	Pyeatt	West Chester	OH	OH-KY	TriState AGSM Chapter - Cincinnati	Member	Afghanistan
Alicia	Cuzzupe	New Holland	PA	PA	Greater Harrisburg - Harrisburg	Member	Afghanistan
Brenda A.	Shelton-Logozo	Elizabethton	TN	TN	Volunteer - Knoxville	Member	Afghanistan
Laura R.	White	Nashville	TN	TN	Volunteer - Knoxville	Associate	Afghanistan
Kathy Lee	Ensminger	Davis	OK	TX-OK	Dallas - Dallas	Member	Iraq
Carmen A.	Danna	Castroville	TX	TX-OK	Houston - Houston	Member	Amsterdam
Reesa L.	Doebbler	San Antonio	TX	TX-OK	Houston - Houston	Member	Afghanistan
SarahJane	Fleischer	San Antonio	TX	TX-OK	Houston - Houston	Member	Afghanistan
Michelle	Holder	The Woodlands	TX	TX-OK	Houston - Houston	Member	Afghanistan
Courtney	Rogers	College Station	TX	TX-OK	Houston - Houston	Associate	USA
Linda Rebel	Brunkhorst	Clayton	NC	VA-NC	Dogwood - Sanford	Member	Afghanistan
Richard G.	Brunkhorst	Clayton	NC	VA-NC	Dogwood - Sanford	Associate	Afghanistan
Tammy	Eakes	Apex	NC	VA-NC	Dogwood - Sanford	Member	Iraq
Susan Dee	Mc Clamrock	Concord	NC	VA-NC	Dogwood - Sanford	Member	Iraq
Shirley J.	Johnson	Norfolk	VA	VA-NC	Hampton Roads - Virginia Beach	Member	Vietnam
Helen Christine	Newman	Richmond	VA	VA-NC	Hampton Roads - Virginia Beach	Member	Afghanistan



We Hold in Loving Memory

CALIFORNIA/HAWAII

Alameda Chapter Clara A. Pearson February

COLORADO

Colorado Springs Chapter Marquerite T. Groves October

MASSACHUSETTS/ RHODE ISLAND

Worcester #15 Chapter David Drake September
Richard Cole December

MICHIGAN

Saginaw #4 Chapter Dorothy Gereau March
Grand Rapids Chapter Ruth Patterson December

NEW JERSEY

Burlington Co Chapter Gladys Draper July
Trenton Chapter Mary Korona April

NEW YORK


South Buffalo #26 Chapter Theresa J. Boryszewski March

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Grace Darling Seibold Chapt. Irene P. Strong March

WISCONSIN

Marquette Co. Chapter Alice Margaret Manske January



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of All Comfort. Who comforts us in all of our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4



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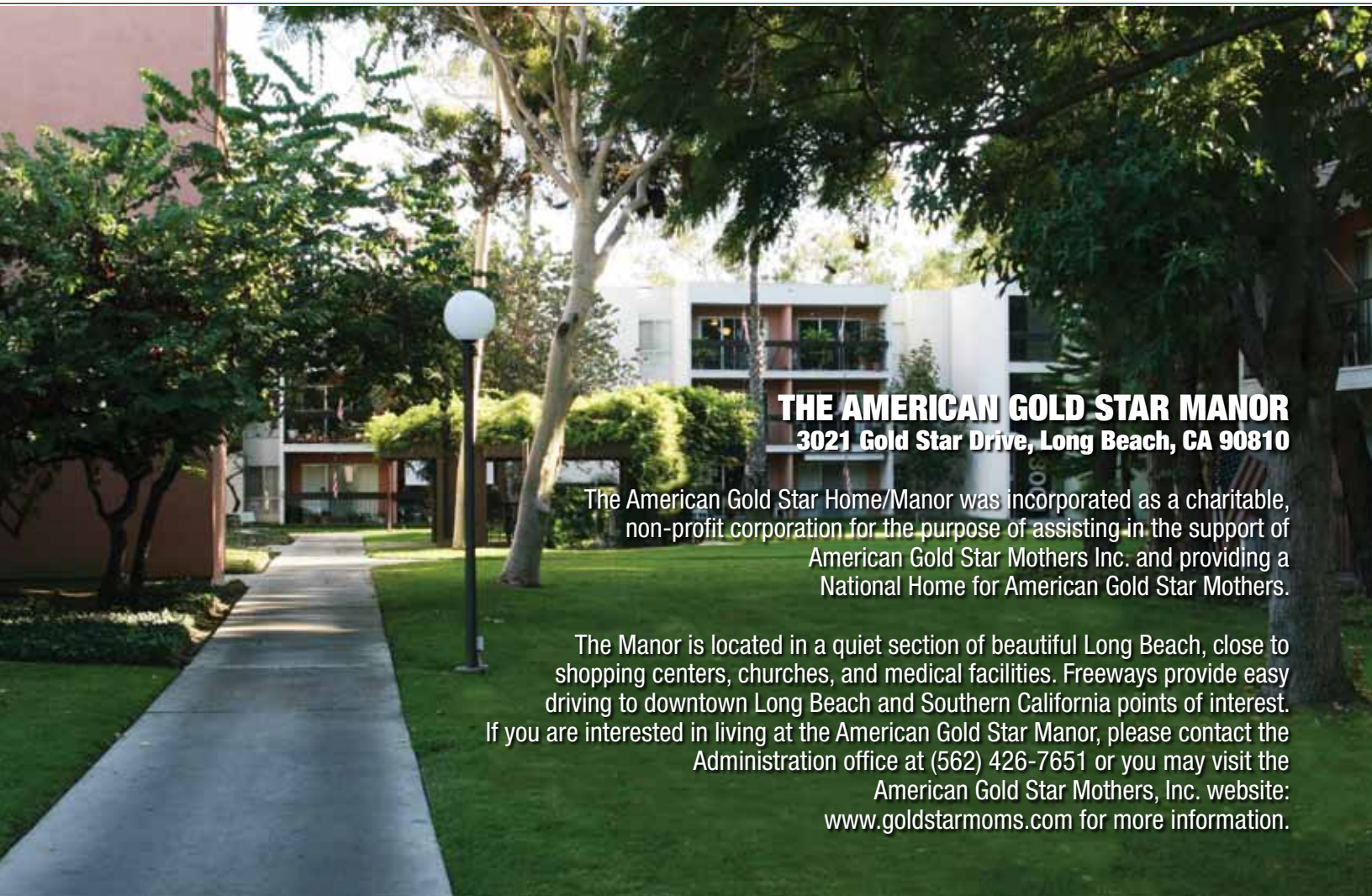


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