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History (noun) /'hist(ə)rē/:

a continuous, typically chronological, record of important or public events or of a particular trend or institution.

American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.
National Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

★ November 23 1946
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

MRS. Linda Jaeger
IS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN GOLD STAR MOTHER'S IN
GOOD STANDING AND ENROLLED AS MEMBER

CHAPTER Manitowoc county STATE Wis
NAME AND NO. COUNTY

Eleanor A Boyd NATIONAL PRESIDENT
Margaret Kelsofus CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Nozel Hamilton Williams NATIONAL TREASURER
Emma C. Hansen CHAPTER TREASURER

National Constitution provides Annual Dues, shall be payable
January of each Calendar Year



Form 1 REGISTRATION CARD No. 73

1 Name in full George Vaughn Seibold Age in yrs. 23

2 Home address 523 Washington Ave, Wilmette, Ill.

3 Date of birth February 6, 1894.

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? natural born citizen

5 Where were you born? Washington, D.C. U.S.A.

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? R.O.T.C.

8 By what service? United States Government
Post Sheridan, Ill.

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? No.

10 Married or single (which)? Single Race (specify which)? White

11 What military service have you had? Rank Corporal branch Train Camp
years 1 no. Nation or State 1916 Plattsburgh,

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? No.

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

George Vaughn Seibold

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
American Gold Star Mothers
(Organized June 4, 1928, Washington, D. C.)
(Incorporated Jan. 5, 1929, Washington, D. C.)

Mothers of Sons and Daughters who served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States in any war or in any Military or Naval Service of the United States, having made the supreme sacrifice in the service or as the result of the service.

Name of Applicant Grace Darling Whitaker Seibold Date June 4, 1928

Name of Husband George Gordon Seibold

Married at Washington, D.C. Month January 16, 1893

Parents of George Vaughn Seibold

Facts concerning Son or Daughter whose Mother is the applicant:

Born at Washington D.C. Birthday February 6, 1894

Branch of Service Army Aviation

First Lieutenant, 148th United States Aero Squadron

Company Attached to Royal Regiment Air Force

Stationed at France

Date of Death August 26, 1918 Cause of Death Killed in action

Remarks: near Baupains, France

Brief data of record attached to this application

I certify that the above statements are true.

Name of Applicant Grace Darling Whitaker Seibold
Street 756 Rock Creek Church Road N.W.
City Washington, D.C. State

From the Desk of the National President

Sarah Taylor, National President



With the ink still wet from 2022, it's time to pen a new chapter along our journey. We must bring our lessons learned forward, find new opportunities to serve, stay positive in our resolute-ness, be passionate in our integrity and push ourselves to live -- really live -- each new day we've been blessed with.

Let me recap some of your National Executive Board's activities for November and December. As you may or may

not know, AGSM was chosen as the honorary partner of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemorative's Welcome Home on the National Mall. We hosted a few of the committee members for a working idea-sharing lunch meeting at headquarters on 9 November. Stay tuned for more information for this amazing event set to take place 11-13 May 2023. On the evening of 9 November, NEB members participated in reading of the names for the 40th anniversary of the Vietnam Memorial.



Thursday, we participated in a celebration of the 247th birthday of the Marine Corps at the National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico. As we toured the museum, we were stopped, announced, and greeted with cheers, thank yous and a plethora of hugs from Veterans. We watched the traditional cake cutting which honors the oldest

and youngest Marines at the ceremony. After a bite of cake and lunch at Tun Tavern, we headed over to Quantico for a tour.

Later that evening our special guest arrived...PNP Ann Sherman Wolcott. At the young age of 91, Miss Ann still has her bubbly personality, looks beautiful with her white as snow hair and is a force to be reckoned with using her walker. She regaled us with stories of her long-standing membership since 1973, adventures she'd been on during her life and stories of PNP's who are no longer with us.

We awoke to a deluge on Veterans Day but slipped into our rain gear and headed out to honor our Veterans. Lee-Ann, Joyce and Pam participated in the National Service at Arlington while I placed a wreath a WWII. That afternoon, Miss Ann and I set off for the Wall. Thankfully, the rain stopped long enough for the service to honor our Vietnam Veterans. Miss Ann was surprised as her name was mentioned several times and was thrilled as the speakers talked about her



Hero, Col Rex Sherman, who was posthumously awarded a Silver Star after his selfless sacrifice in Vietnam on 11/19/69. Rex is forever



honored and remembered on Panel 16W, Line 96. We will never forget. The day ended with a wreath laying at the Korean Memorial.

Back at headquarters, Pam spent the next two days working on membership while Lee-Ann and Joyce worked on digitizing some of our older applica-

tions, photos, newsletters and documentation. Once the applications through 1955, scrapbooks through 1979 and our newsletters through 1990 are scanned, the boxes of our history will be sent to the Library of Congress. We are working to create and sign an official Gift Agreement with the LOC, ensuring that our historical documentation can be properly preserved, archived and stored.

After everyone had gone home, I had an opportunity to tell the history of our organization with the Capitol Chapter of Washington DC's Daughters of the American Revolution and share how closely related our missions are. I was gifted the "American Spirit" magazine for Headquarters, and we shared ideas about projects we could work together on, such as our Military Suicide Awareness Walk and the Veteran's Last Patrol's Operation Holiday Salute Christmas card drive for our Veterans in hospice.

Speaking of the Operation Holiday Salute Christmas card drive, you all knocked it out of the park. After a late rollout in October, we ended up with 10,152 Christmas cards for our Veterans. Well done, Ladies and friends of AGSM. A huge thank you to all who participated in this wonderful act of service. A big shout out to Lee-Ann for recommending this project and for the beautiful update to our brochures. Please take this opportunity to get a few packs of these new brochures for distribution to potential members you'll meet as you're out serving in your communities and states.



I want to take this opportunity to commend our membership on their efforts to move our Departments and Chapters into proper compliance as per the new rules and procedures set forth by the IRS and banking regulations. Being compliant is one very important step for our organization to be able to continue to receive charitable donations to complete our missions of service. I truly appreciate your efforts, especially those of you who were against this, have now seen how easy the process was, and thanked the compliance committee. Your diligence in completing this task did not go unnoticed and will allow AGSM to continue moving forward.

AGSM is also moving forward in our dedication to bring awareness to the Military and Veteran suicide epidemic. Pam Stemple, Karen Alexander and I had the opportunity to participate in the STOP SUILENCE SUMMIT in Palm Springs. We partnered with the Cohen Veterans Bioscience, the Dixon Center for Veterans and Military services and Angel Force USA to educate and engage our

Military, Veterans and the general public about suicide, suisilence, the stigma, the statistics, the research and the effect that suicide has on our mothers, families, friends and communities. It was an eye-opening experience.



It's now time for me to take my place as Grand Marshall for the Wreaths Across America Escort to Arlington National Cemetery. Looking forward to a trip full of Law Enforcement, Veterans, Patriots, Gold

Star families and my Wreaths Across America family who work tirelessly each year to ensure Heroes are honored. Remember... the Fallen, Honor... our Veterans, Teach... our children.

As you reflect on 2022, I hope that you have beautiful memories, old and new friends, big ideas for service, a renewed strength to cope and a positive attitude to carry you into the new year. Please remember that if during the short, dark and cold days you find yourself with feelings of melancholy, sadness or loneliness to reach out because we are all on this journey together. Your NEB would love to hear from you in good times and bad. I am always available to talk about anything. Don't hesitate to reach out and Lean On Me. Wrapping you all in warm hugs, love and happiness for 2023.

♥ Love
Sarah

January/February 2023 Calendar of Events and Important Dates

- 01 Jan New Year's Day
- 16 Jan Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 27 Jan Vietnam War Cease Fire (1973)
- Feb Black Histroy Month
- 01 Feb National Freedom Day
- 02 Feb Groundhog Day
- 02Feb Army Nurse Corps Established
- 03 Feb Four Chaplians Day
- 04 Feb USO Birthday
- 04 Feb AGSM NEB Mid-Year Meeting
- 12 Feb Super Bowl Sunday
- 14 Feb National Salute to Veteran Patients Day
- 14Feb Valentine's Day
- 19 Feb Coast Guard Reserve Birthday
- 20 Feb President's Day



2023 Membership Dues

Please contact your Chapter or Department Treasurer to pay your 2023 National Dues

OR

Pay your National dues online at **GoldStarMoms.com**

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

For details on these events and more go to

GoldStarMoms.com



Looking to the Past...

Lee-Ann Forsythe, National Historian

Have you researched your ancestry? Are you curious about your past and how it may have impacted your present? Do you come from a long line of artists? Has your family been inspired to serve in the military, as first responders, or as health care professionals? Like your personal history, the past of AGSM has made us who we are today and will help us forge our future. We have to look back to move forward.

Each of our precious documents, photos, collections, and pieces of memorabilia has a story that can lead to a Mother with a broken heart who found the strength to serve. She found a community of women who provided an understanding like no one else. One day, another Mother will go through our archives and see the same thread woven into the fabric that creates American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. As technology, lifestyles, and world events move us forward, our history remains our foundation.

Please take a moment to read the words of one of these Mothers, Ina Grace Scott of Sacramento CA who wrote poetry for her beloved son Lt David E. Scott.



"The Gold Star Army."

On that bright and golden morning.
In a distant City, fair.
When the trials of life are over,
And we've made our journey "There".
We shall stand beside the "Pillar"
Just inside the Eastern Gate.
As the great Recording Angel,
Reveals to each his fate.

We shall see a glorious army,
And as they march along.
Every eye shall be upon them
That grand and glorious throng.
Each one will then receive a crown
For service he has done,
For lonely hours away from home,
And battles fought and won.

Yet, still another army stands
And passes in review
'Tis then each lad takes off his crown
And bows to me and you.
For every "Gold Star Mother" there
Is honored by her son,
For hers was the hardest battle fought
The saddest vic'try won.

(Ina Grace Scott.)

"Comrades"

When the last war is fought
And the Scrolls are unrolled
There, topping the List,
In letters of Gold
Will be names of our sons,
And beside each will be
His own mother's name
For all Heaven to see.

While he fought the battles
On land, sea and air.
His mother, in tears
Was kneeling in prayer.
So a crown of pure gold
For each mother and son.
They sacrificed all
That the war might be won.

Ina Grace Scott.
Oct. 12, 1945.
Sacramento.
Calif.

Tell Us Your Wreaths Across America Story

Share your Wreaths Across America stories
Submit up to 400 words and up to 4 photos

Send Your Story to:

publications@AmericanGoldStarMothers.org

Use Subject Line: WAA 2022



Community Service Reports 2022

It is time again to start preparing your Community Service Reports for 2022. We will continue reporting what our Members have done in each of the

AGSM Pillars of Service:

- Service to the Military and Veteran Community,
- Service to the Gold Star Community and
- Service to the Local Community.

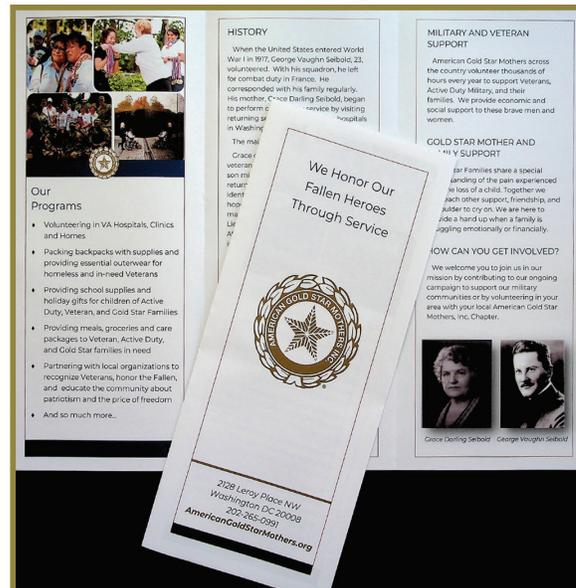
Please note these important deadlines:

- February 1:** Deadline for each AGSM Member to complete and submit previous year's Community Service Tally Sheet (Form #CSR1) to her Chapter CSR Rep or Chapter President
- March 1:** Deadline for Chapter CSR Rep or President to complete and submit the Chapter Year-End Summary (Form #CSR2)
- April 1:** Deadline for Department CSR Rep or President to complete and submit the Department Year-end Summary (Form #CSR3) to the National CSR Chair

All forms can be found on goldstarmoms.com, go to Membership then Community Service. These are fillable PDFs that you can download and/or print all forms.

If you have any questions, please contact Annette Kirk, Community Service Chairwoman
CommunityService@AmericanGoldStarMothers.org

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Maximum 50 per order



The 86th Annual America Gold Star Mothers, Inc. National Convention

Join us in Louisville Kentucky
Friday 16 June 2023
through
Sunday 18 June 2023



Crowne Plaza Louisville
Airport Expo Center



Watch GoldStarMoms.com for more details



My Why

AS THE 2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION APPROACHES AND MEMBERS ARE CONSIDERING NOMINATIONS TO THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD, WE ASKED SOME OF THE CURRENT NEB MEMBERS TO SHARE THEIR “WHY”. WHY JOIN AGSM? WHY VOLUNTEER? WHY CONSIDER A NOMINATION TO THE NEB? SOME OF THEIR REASONS MAY SURPRISE YOU...

MY WHY

*Dee Thompson, National Flag Guard/
National VAVS Representative*



Why serve on the board? For me, it was a gradual process. A way to get out of the fog of losing a child. He would have wanted more for me than that. Staying at home, trying to make it through one day at a time, the empty hole in me that was so deep. Helping to start our Iowa Gold Star Mothers Chapter was the beginning of the process of thinking of others in the

same boat as me. We had all lost a child and we were all hurting. It was a way to regain emotional stability and confidence in myself by supporting and assisting others, not just myself and my family.

After serving as Chaplain for the first two years, then later on serving as President of our Chapter I would attend our yearly AGSM National Business Conventions. There I met so many supportive ladies who taught me to grow in knowledge of our organization and I will always cherish their support and friendship. When I received the phone call to see if I would consider working with our VAVS National Representative, Mona Gunn, as the VAVS National Deputy Representative I was astounded. But Mona reassured me that she would teach me what I needed to know. The second phone call from her was the confirmation that the NEB had accepted me as the VAVS National Deputy Representative for AGSM. Since July 2017, I have served as our Central US VAVS National Deputy Representative up to June, 2022 when I accepted my appointment as the VAVS National Representative on the NEB 2022-2023. I love volunteering at our local VA CIHCS. If it had not been for the loss of our son, I never would have known about serving our Veterans at our VAMC. I know that he is proud of me for serving and helping other Mothers at the national level to serve our Veterans in so many different ways. When I serve others, I have found I am healing myself. When I am at our VAMC, I am at home.

MY WHY

Pam Stemple, National 1st Vice President



My why didn't start with Tomas' death. My why started when I was a little girl. My dad was a United States Marine. He brought me up to serve others and a strong sense of American patriotism. Serve your Country and always do what's right! Put others before yourself.

When I joined the US Navy, married a US Army Soldier, became a mom of a US Army Soldier, and then a Gold Star Mother, I knew I had to continue to serve in honor of my Tomas. Finish

what he started. I absolutely knew what it meant to wear a gold star. I wanted to help any way I could. When there was a call for a National Secretary on the NEB, I said “well, put your money where your mouth is and step up.” I am so very proud of the women I have served with on the NEB. We all have the pride in honoring not just our Hero, but all the Heroes. It's the most important thing.

MY WHY

Suzanne Shaeffer, National Chaplain



On December 30, 2013, our family's lives changed forever when the second of our five children, OS2 William C. Trapnell IV, USCG, passed away just 22 months after his younger sister had died. We were

completely devastated, but as we struggled to deal with our loss, I reached out to the American Gold Star Mothers via their website. Little did I know that the sitting National President, Barb Benard, lived only 45 minutes away. Not only did Barb reach out to us immediately to answer all of our questions, but also she shared her own Gold Star story, assisted us with navigating the myriad details of an active duty death, and remained a constant source of support during our family's darkest days. I knew we would be forever grateful to Barb and the other Pennsylvania Gold Star moms, initially strangers but now family, for supporting us every step of the way. Commitment to faith, family, and community service have been part of our family's DNA since I was a small child. And while I'd served in a number of volunteer roles for numerous healthcare and first responder charities, Billy's death prompted me to find a way to honor his service. I became active in the American Gold Star Mothers as a way to do that, but my desire to serve at the national level was driven by my desire to “pay forward” Barb's tremendous support of our family. We will never be able to pay Barb back for her support and care during our most difficult time, but I hope that through my service as National Chaplain, I can positively impact other Gold Star families in the same loving, caring way that Barb did ours. In life, we never know who we will meet along the way. Leaving a positive footprint on another's life is the best way to serve and honor those we love. Barb was our angel and role model during a very difficult time, and she IS my “why” for serving on the American Gold Star Mothers National Board.

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MY WHY

*Lee-Ann Forsythe National Service Officer (Events),
National IT Chair*

We all have our reasons for joining AGSM. For most of us, the primary reason is to honor our Fallen Heroes. For me, there was another drive to serve. Each of the communities we serve is a part of me. I am a Marine Corps Veteran. My father and uncle are Marines. I have friends serving on active duty, and we are a Gold Star Family. Each act of service I am privileged to perform as a Member of AGSM is personal.

Once each of us becomes a Member and we find the fulfillment of serving the Veteran, Active Duty, and Gold Star Communities, our reasons why we remain a Member expand beyond what we ever imagined. For me, serving on the National Executive Board was a way to say thank you and pay it



forward to each AGSM Member across the country who has helped me on my journey of grief. These brave women have helped me find strength in weakness and joy in sorrow. They are role models. The things they have taught me need to be shared with other Mothers. The NEB offered me the opportunity to share their wisdom and offer my IT skills to the organization.

Every Member of AGSM has wonderful skills that would be an asset to the NEB. Each of you can make an impact on the organization as a whole. You may not be able to see it, but your "why" is there just waiting to be discovered.

Leadership, It's a Thing

Pam Stemple, National 1st Vice President

American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. We are an organization full of beautiful women who have experienced one of the most horrible events in their life. However, we have stepped up and joined an organization that honors our Heroes, serves others in our Military community, and most importantly, each other. It's time to step up now and run for an office in your Chapter, Department or National Executive Board.

Let's talk about Leadership. In any organization leadership is needed for it to move upward and onward. It's how AGSM has been in existence for almost 100 years.

Regular moms who have stepped up to take on a challenge. I challenge you to look at yourself and your time and see how you can help this organization. It needs your help!

You should look

at your Chapter and Department and see where you can step up to help and learn about this wonderful Organization. There are members who hold the same positions for years because others will not volunteer for leadership and bring their new ideas. We need our experienced Moms to bring their expertise to the newer moms in our organization and help them learn the business of AGSM. Help each other be leaders.



Every year there is a time when we come together at our National Convention, and we vote and select our next National Executive Board. In a nutshell, their job is to run the business of AGSM. If you have stepped up and helped to run your Chapter and/or Department, maybe it's time to take your ideas and run for the NEB! If you are not afraid of volunteering your precious time to better this organization, please think about running for a position on the National Executive Board. These positions are open every year: Flag Guard, Banner Guard, Chaplain,

Sgt at Arms, Treasurer, and Secretary. If you have experience at the Chapter or Department level with Treasurer and Secretary, you will need that experience as a minimum for those positions. Please look at the Constitution and

Bylaws about what each position's responsibilities are in all levels; Chapter, Department, and National. Think about the different Committees you can be on. That is where the real work starts. It's very important to bring AGSM forward for years to come!

Thank you to all the moms out there that have stepped up and are already in Leadership positions!!!! I can't wait to see you run for the National Executive Board!

Honoring a Dedicated Volunteer

Sarah Taylor, National President

GEORGIE CARTER KRELL, PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT (2001-2002, 2008-2009)

On 25 August 2022, the Bruce W. Carter VA Medical Center paid tribute to its most dedicated volunteer, Georgie Carter Krell. This long overdue accolade to Ms. Georgie took place on her 91st birthday. Georgie has been greeting Veterans at her local VA medical center for 36 plus years in Miami, Florida. This spunky 5ft fireball has spent countless hours saying "Good morning" to tens of thousands of Veterans as they walk through the door. For some who are facing great health issues and those who are fighting the battle of their lives, that gorgeous smile and boisterous hello have been their saving grace. Georgie's passion for our Veterans runs deep, especially for those who served in Vietnam. She's an advocate and friend to all who have served our country. Her dedication to our

Veterans and servant's heart is evident to all who know her. The lobby of the Bruce W. Carter VA Medical Center celebrates her devotion and years of contributions and is now called the Georgie Carter Krell Welcome Center. A fitting honor for her and the legacy she continues for her Hero, Bruce W. Carter, who was killed in Vietnam when he threw himself on a grenade, shielding his fellow Marines from the blast and saving their lives. In 1971, PFC Carter was recognized and his Medal of Honor was presented to his Mother. Thank you, Georgie, for all you've done for our Veterans, your unwavering love for AGSM and the smiles you'll continue to share with thousands more!



VAVS Update

Dee Thompson, National VAVS Representative

We are continuing to receive varying reports from different parts of the country that our VA Medical Centers are still having low numbers in recruiting volunteers. Some of the difficulties include a few VA facilities are still unable to schedule Quarterly Meetings due to the protections in place for their Veterans, staff, volunteers, and visitors. As an alternative method, under the guidance of CDCE, these facilities are now sending out to their VSOs and other community partners a quarterly update of events of their respective facilities with the premise that all their VSO Representatives, Deputy Representatives, and community partners will read the minutes and know that they will be credited for their attendance. Any questions or comments are sent to their CDCE Manager who will send out the response to all. Fortunately, most VA Medical Centers are able to continue with either Team Meetings or even better, more have advanced to in person meetings!

What does this mean for AGSM? These past few months, I have

received emails from some VA facilities asking if we have people interested in volunteering in their area. So let us heed their call and respond by either calling your local VAMC or emailing them. Just go to www.volunteer.va.gov to find your closest VA center. If you are not certain on where their location is, please email me at agsmvavs@americangoldstarmothers.org. We need to step up, and the VA offers so many ways that we may assist our veterans. They need our help! Also, as a reminder for those of you who have had your Representative or Deputy Representative status dropped due to inability to attend three consecutive meetings, please email me, and let me know if you would like to continue. I would love to send a confirmation letter to your Program Manager to reinstate you.

I am still awaiting our FY 2022 reports from CDCE and will update you in our next newsletter.

Thank you for all you do in serving our Veterans, Military, and their families!



CDCE

VA Center for
Development & Civic
Engagement



The National Executive Board and Veterans Last Patrol Thanks YOU!

We appreciate every Member, Chapter, Department, Supporter, School, VSO, Church, and Patriot who participated by writing Holiday Cards for Veterans in Hospice Care.

Donating your time and love for these Heroes allowed

AGSM to provide



10,152 Holiday Cards



to Veterans Last Patrol!



Learning from the Past

Lee-Ann Forsythe, National Historian & National IT Chair

"IF YOU WANT TO UNDERSTAND TODAY YOU HAVE TO SEARCH YESTERDAY."

Pearl S. Buck, American novelist (1892-1973)

My life is a dichotomy between the old world and the new. I live in a world of technology. I spend my days behind a computer creating graphics, writing code, and communicating in a series of ones and zeroes. When I walk away, I submerge myself in books and documentaries about the past. My husband and I travel the world to see the places where the stories took place but sometimes that place is your own backyard. The town where we grew up holds the story of our youth and each town since then shares our history. Some of the most amazing pieces of history we have learned come from our own family tree, and each branch provides a path that leads directly back to us.

I am often asked how I get started or how I decide which path to take once I begin. Those are easy and hard answers. The easy answer is to start with what you know. If you are researching your family, start with you or your parents where you have the most detailed information and accurate names, dates, and places. The hard answer is to pick one path, one family member and follow them as far as you can go before starting on another. It is hard to pick just one and often more questions are created rather than answers provided. I recommend that you do a little at a time, so you don't get overwhelmed.

There are many paid services that can help you research, but there are free ones too. The National Archives, Library of Congress, Family Search, and local libraries to name a few. For a small fee, the National Archives will also send you paper copies of military records for family members. I received a huge folder for my father, a Marine, that included everything from trips to sick bay through promotion performance reports. My sister and I read for hours and learned

Form 1 REGISTRATION CARD No. 73

1 Name in full: *George Vaughn Seibold* Age: *23*

2 Home address: *523 Washington Blvd, Wash DC, Ill*

3 Date of birth: *February 6, 1894.*

4 Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? *natural born citizen*

5 Where were you born: *Washington, D.C. USA*

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? *R.O.T.C.*

8 By what service? *United States Government Post Exchange, Ill.*

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you (or support) (specify which)? *No.*

10 Married or single (which)? *Single* Race (specify which)? *White*

11 What military service have you had? Rank: *Corporal* branch: *Train Camp* years: *1 mo.* Nation or State: *1916 Bladensburg.*

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? *No.*

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

George Vaughn Seibold

General Headquarters, A. E. F. France, October 31st, 1918.

No. 2079-R October 19th. WASHINGTON

PERSHING AMBIFORCE HARRIS

A. W. C. HIST. SEC. REJECTED EARLY

Paragraph 1
Reference Casualty 238 Lieutenant Albert D Holbrook Company M 23rd Infantry prisoner in Germany; Reg. Cross reports dead; reference Casualty 270 Corporal Emanuel Goldberg 301st Trench Mortar Battery died September 1st suicide R O M; private advices indicate alive; reference Casualty 253 Lieutenant George V Seibold 148th Royal Air Forces missing in action August 27th family received letter dated August 31st verify. Reference Casualty 238 Corporal Samuel B Gleaskkeld Company D 110 Infantry prisoner in Germany; furnish information to identify

Paragraph 2
Furnish information to identify following; Reference Casualty 259 Captain Frank J Mill Supply Company 332nd; private Stephen R Keating 108,668 Company G 6th Machine Gun Battalion. Reference Casualty 250 Sergeant Thomas Martin 139,204 Battery B 142nd Field Artillery; Second Lieutenant Harry M Freedman Company A 305th Infantry; private Peter Lehmann 3,359,661 Battery B 118th Field Artillery; Corporal Charles A Vintberg 1,705,221 Company D 30th Infantry; private Fred C Hopkins 3,150,698 Company D 163rd Infantry; private William Cassette 1,710,117 Company C 306th Machine Gun Battalion; private George Downs 40,147 Company H General 28th Infantry; private William Gardner 1,709,128 Company C 30th Infantry. Reference Casualty 251 Second Lieutenant Stanley J Hall Company K 9th Infantry; private Peter Williams 2,668,730 Company K 28th Infantry; private James F Knowlly 50,578 Company M 147th Infantry; private Thomas P Dugan 3,469,447 62nd Provisional Company 3rd Infantry Replacement Draft; Second Lieutenant Wilber Matthews attached 132nd Infantry; private Chief Murphy 1,455,165 Company M 29th Infantry; Second Lieutenant Almer Farrell Company I 147th Infantry

Paragraph 3
Furnish information to identify following; reference Casualty 258; Second Lieutenant Earl J Wheeler, Company M 148th Infantry; First Lieutenant Wallace C Deane, Machine Gun Company 124th Infantry; private William Miller, 1,649,197, Company E 307th Infantry; private Albert Waller, 1,869,090, Company F --- Infantry; private Robert Laitance 2,422,896, ---; private Edie Occener, 1,435,164, Company G 19th Infantry; Second Lieutenant Charles G Worthington, Machine Gun Company 168th Infantry; Second Lieutenant Edward A Gray, Company G 10th Infantry; 1st Lieutenant Robert H Brooks, Company B 161st Infantry; Second Lieutenant James H Corbridge, 1,844,799, Machine Gun Company 118th Infantry; private James Wood, 2,327,800, Headquarters Company 333 Infantry; private Roland J Taylor, 243,043, 207th Battalion 1st Brigade Tank Corps; Second Lieutenant William Pivally, Company H 168th Infantry; Reference Casualty 259; Captain James Pierce, Headquarters Company 77 125th Infantry; private Walter St Louis, 734,769, Company A 11th Infantry;

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Reference Casualty 238 Lieutenant Albert D Holbrook Company M 23rd Infantry prisoner in Germany; Reg. Cross reports dead; reference Casualty 270 Corporal Emanuel Goldberg 301st Trench Mortar Battery died September 1st suicide R O M; private advices indicate alive; reference Casualty 253 Lieutenant George V Seibold 148th Royal Air Forces missing in action August 27th family received letter dated August 31st verify. Reference Casualty 238 Corporal Samuel B Gleaskkeld Company D 110 Infantry prisoner in Germany; furnish information to identify

Paragraph 2
Furnish information to identify following; Reference Casualty 259 Captain Frank J Mill Supply Company 332nd; private Stephen R Keating 108,668 Company G 6th Machine Gun Battalion. Reference Casualty 250 Sergeant Thomas Martin 139,204 Battery B 142nd Field Artillery; Second Lieutenant Harry M Freedman Company A 305th Infantry; private Peter Lehmann 3,359,661 Battery B 118th Field Artillery; Corporal Charles A Vintberg 1,705,221 Company D 30th Infantry; private Fred C Hopkins 3,150,698 Company D 163rd Infantry; private William Cassette 1,710,117 Company C 306th Machine Gun Battalion; private George Downs 40,147 Company H General 28th Infantry; private William Gardner 1,709,128 Company C 30th Infantry. Reference Casualty 251 Second Lieutenant Stanley J Hall Company K 9th Infantry; private Peter Williams 2,668,730 Company K 28th Infantry; private James F Knowlly 50,578 Company M 147th Infantry; private Thomas P Dugan 3,469,447 62nd Provisional Company 3rd Infantry Replacement Draft; Second Lieutenant Wilber Matthews attached 132nd Infantry; private Chief Murphy 1,455,165 Company M 29th Infantry; Second Lieutenant Almer Farrell Company I 147th Infantry

Paragraph 3
Furnish information to identify following; reference Casualty 258; Second Lieutenant Earl J Wheeler, Company M 148th Infantry; First Lieutenant Wallace C Deane, Machine Gun Company 124th Infantry; private William Miller, 1,649,197, Company E 307th Infantry; private Albert Waller, 1,869,090, Company F --- Infantry; private Robert Laitance 2,422,896, ---; private Edie Occener, 1,435,164, Company G 19th Infantry; Second Lieutenant Charles G Worthington, Machine Gun Company 168th Infantry; Second Lieutenant Edward A Gray, Company G 10th Infantry; 1st Lieutenant Robert H Brooks, Company B 161st Infantry; Second Lieutenant James H Corbridge, 1,844,799, Machine Gun Company 118th Infantry; private James Wood, 2,327,800, Headquarters Company 333 Infantry; private Roland J Taylor, 243,043, 207th Battalion 1st Brigade Tank Corps; Second Lieutenant William Pivally, Company H 168th Infantry; Reference Casualty 259; Captain James Pierce, Headquarters Company 77 125th Infantry; private Walter St Louis, 734,769, Company A 11th Infantry;

cc 300 Z Z Z
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 Total Miscellaneous _____
 Total Passengers _____

(For Signature) *Garland W. Powell*
 Title *1st Lt. U.S.A.C.*
 (Name and Reference over)

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publications, and they offer tips for searching their website as well as the type of information you may find. Many of their documents are only available for research in person. If you are in Washington, DC, you can join one of their Genealogical Research Orientation Classes offered on select days and times and facilitated by the History and Genealogy reference staff. All the instructions for registering for an orientation session are on the website. (loc.gov/rr/genealogy)

For the past few years, the National Historian, with the help of the NEB, has been working on a history project which includes documenting every Member Application and supporting documents beginning in WWI and continuing through Korea. Each project participant has had the opportunity to Say Their Names and get a glimpse into the world of the Mothers who came before us. We could touch the pages they completed and see their original signatures. We are holding history in our hands.

To keep these precious documents safe for generations to come, we have spent the past few months working on a formal Gift Agreement with the Library of Congress (LOC) which will be signed by the National President in February. The LOC will conserve and store these archives and make digital versions available to the public. Soon, amateur and professional genealogists will be able to include their Gold Star History in their personal family archives.

new stories about our father's military career and gained insight into the reasons for some of his quirks and traits.

The National Archives offers a wonderful guide to starting your research, a PowerPoint presentation on how to search their website, and videos explaining how to read the documents. These tools can be applied to almost all your online research. (archives.gov/research/genealogy)

The Library of Congress has one of the world's premier collections of U.S. and foreign genealogical and local historical

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1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? *medium* Slender, medium, or stout (which)? *medium*

2 Color of eyes? *blue* Color of hair? *auburn* Bald? *no*

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? *no*

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Spur G. Hender
County Clerk, Cook County, Illinois
Ray Taylor
 (Signature of registrar)

Precinct *9th Ward*
 City or County *Cook*
 State *Illinois*

James P. Hender
 (Date of registration)

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

Members of the Department of Connecticut attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly dedicated Gold Star Family Memorial Auditorium on the

grounds of the Connecticut Department of Veteran Affairs. This event took place on November 15, 2022. Commissioner Thomas Saadi, and our lieutenant governor Susan Bysiewicz were on hand and were instrumental in the coordination and support of this newly renovated auditorium. Department of Connecticut President, Helen Keiser-Pedersen, Mother of Capt. Andrew Pedersen-Keel KIA 3-11-2013 OEF US Army Ranger and Leesa Philippon, Mother of LCpl Lawrence R. Philippon, KIA 5-8-2005 OIF USMC spoke at the ribbon cutting ceremony.



DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA/PUERTO RICO

GULF COAST CHAPTER

AGSM, Gulf Coast Chapter sponsored a Veterans Day dinner to honor our veterans on Nov 11 at VFW 10093, Safety Harbor. The meal was catered by Mission BBQ and cakes were donated by Publix. Thanks to Kathy, Kim, Jean, Rick

and Tanya for serving our veterans. Door prizes were given out just for attending! Donations were collected to provide holiday meals for military families to Pinellas Park National Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA/ PUERTO RICO

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CHAPTER

The Southwest Florida Chapter had the opportunity to provide much needed personal hygiene items to the Cape Coral VA Food Pantry. This VA Clinic offers the pantry to Veterans in need twice a month, and the demand has been greater since Hurricane Ian in September 2022. We were hon-



ored to serve over 100 Veterans and their families, and we look forward to returning in the spring!

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA/PUERTO RICO

TAMPA CHAPTER



AGSM, Inc Tampa Bay, VAVS Representative, Holly Ross, has been volunteering at the Fisher House at Bay Pines, FL twice weekly. One might ask what she does? The question isn't "what she does while volunteering?", but "what doesn't she do?" Holly does

everything asked of her and much, much more. She is a master gardener, using her skills to beautify the grounds of the FH. When she isn't doing that, she can be found decorating the FH for the holidays. The FH manager decided to leave the CHRISTMAS TREE up year-round in the dining area of the Fisher House. Each holiday, whether it be Easter or Christmas, the tree is richly decorated. As in this case, it's an Autumn Halloween Tree to brighten the lives of the families residing at the FH who often spend most of their day at the bedside of their beloved veteran who is receiving treatment in the hospital.



DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND -DELAWARE

MARYLAND CHAPTER

The Gold Star Mothers Maryland Chapter members were invited to assist with serving dinner to the residents, staff and guests at the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training (MCVET) Homeless Shelter. Donna Robinson and Janice Chance represented the MD Chapter. Janice and Donna were asked to share about their hero. Janice also shared information about the Gold Star Mothers organization and was asked to say the Grace.



Janice and Donna seized the opportunity to spend time talking with and thanking the residents for their selfless service. The residents and staff expressed their appreciation for the Maryland Chapter's continued support. Ms. Spencer also expressed thanks for the MD Chapter's recent donation of coats. Moms were invited to return to serve at their Christmas dinner.

DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

SAN JOSE CHAPTER

San Jose Chapter at VA Hospital Palo Alto FOR October Luncheon Gold Star Moms' Monthly Luncheon, a Halloween theme. It was a Hocus Pocus magical day.

Julia Conover,
Loretta



Bridges, Jan Martinez, and Roxane Langevin prepared a "spooktacular" meal for our Veterans. We gave our Veterans a special gift... ditty bags which included special treats for each. We also honored one of our Vietnam Veterans.

**DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
SADDLEBACK CHAPTER**

Saddleback Valley members attended Veterans Day celebration at the American Gold Star Manor and had the honor of pinning several Vietnam veterans in attendance.



AGSM participating in the event were Kathleen Chappell, Elaine Krepp, Linda Ferrara, Nancy Soltes, Elaine Brattain, Gail Roth, Debi WinE, and Rita Armendariz.

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA



The Department of South Carolina hosted a 2.2 Mile Military Suicide Awareness Walk fundraiser. During the walk Past National

President Sue Pollard and GSM Debby McCray pinned Vietnam Veterans Louis McCray and Bob Rose. These two heroes were very happy to be recognized.

**DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON/OREGON/ALASKA
WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER**

The WA State Chapter raised the funds for the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, which was dedicated Nov 2, 2022 at Veterans Park, Lynnwood, WA. Over 70 Gold Star families attended this dedication.

WA State Chapter, family and friends participated in the largest Veterans Day Parade West of the Mississippi in Auburn WA. We carried the Fallen Hero Banners.



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.

GoldStarMoms.com





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.

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Meet Our Members

IT IS ALWAYS INTERESTING TO GET TO KNOW ANOTHER GOLD STAR MOTHER. HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED ABOUT THEIR FAVORITE COLOR? HOW ABOUT THEIR FIRST CAR? FAVORITE SUPER-HERO? EACH ISSUE WE WILL MEET OUR MEMBERS AND GET ANSWERS TO SOME OF THOSE QUESTIONS AND MORE!

Where is Your Department and Chapter?

- ▶ **Nancy Ronquillo**
Army / Michigan
- ▶ **Patti Elliott**
NC / Gardenia
- ▶ **Lou-Ann Fowler**
TX/OK / Red River

Your Hero's Name, Rank, and Branch of Service

- ▶ **Nancy Ronquillo**
Sp4 Matthew Thomas Ronquillo, 82nd ABN, US Army
- ▶ **Patti Elliott**
SPC Daniel "Lucas" Elliott, US Army
- ▶ **Lou-Ann Fowler**
LTJG Aaron P. Fowler, US Navy

What is the worst fashion decision you ever made?

- ▶ **Nancy Ronquillo**
Cutting all my hair off from shoulder length to one inch long, after a break up (in college) with a boyfriend.
- ▶ **Patti Elliott**
The suit I wore to my oldest son's wedding!!!!!!
- ▶ **Lou-Ann Fowler**
White go-go boots

Would you rather go into the past and meet your ancestors or go into the future to meet your great-great-grandchildren?

- ▶ **Sarah Taylor**
Ancestors - I love history and am intrigued by the paths, adventures and decisions that made me and my sons possible.
- ▶ **Patti Elliott**
Future - never look back, not much good can come from it!

- ▶ **Lou-Ann Fowler**
The past.

What phrase or cliché do you most live by?

- ▶ **Nancy Ronquillo**
Let go, let God (am striving for this).
- ▶ **Patti Elliott**
Did I make a difference in someone's life today?
- ▶ **Lou-Ann Fowler**
If you can't be thankful for what you have, be thankful for what you don't have.

Which website do you most often defer to when procrastinating?

- ▶ **Nancy Ronquillo**
I am not much of a website visitor. I love the Far Side comics (Gary Larson) for a LOL and I like The Voice Gold Buzzers clips.
- ▶ **Patti Elliott**
Facebook - major time suck!!!!
- ▶ **Lou-Ann Fowler**
Spotify

Are you a lone wolf or a social butterfly?

- ▶ **Nancy Ronquillo**
Butterfly for sure, but I love the book, *Women Who Run with the Wolves* (Clarissa Pin and Pinkola Estes) for deep wisdom and insights from women through generations.
- ▶ **Patti Elliott**
Can I be both? I'm very social when I'm around others, but I'm very comfortable being by myself, too!
- ▶ **Lou-Ann Fowler**
Social butterfly

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, Lean On Me

- Tanya J. Mort**, Member - Gulf Coast - Largo, FL-PR
Kathleen Hardwick, Member - Tampa Bay - Tampa, FL-PR
Melissa Farmer, Member - Greater Lawrence - Lawrence, MA-RI
Carol A. Bryant, Member - Wilmington, MD-DE
Janet L. Trent, Member - St. Louis, MO
Michele Kegley, Member - TriState AGSM Chapter - Cincinnati, OH
Alicia Requenez, Member - Alamo Area AGSM - San Antonio, TX-OK
Sally D. Duvall, Member - Alexandria - Alexandria, VA
Sandra Fox, Member - Alexandria - Alexandria, VA
Sandra Hall, Member - Alexandria - Alexandria, VA
Mary Susan Cullinan, Member - West Virginia - Charleston, WV

Constitution and ByLaws Ammendments **Submission Deadline: 15 March 2023**

As outlined in Article XIII of our Constitution & Bylaws,
 ★ the Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any National Convention by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting
 ★ provided the proposed amendment has been printed in "The Gold Star Mother" at least thirty days prior to the convening of the next National Convention,
 ★ or by unanimous vote without notice.

Further, in Section 2 of Article XIII,
 ★ no proposed amendment shall be submitted or considered by the National Convention unless said proposed amendment has first been submitted by a Department Board, Department Convention or by the National Executive Board.

This means all proposed amendments should be accompanied by minutes (in proper format according to Robert's Rules of Order) of the meeting at which the proposed amendment was approved to be submitted by a Department Board.

Send all proposed amendments to Patti Elliott,
 Constitution & Bylaws Chair at
secretary@AmericanGoldStarMothers.org

We Hold in Loving Memory

*These members have, on the wings of eagles, soared beyond the rainbow,
 and are reunited with those who have gone before...*

Name	Date of Death	Chapter	Department
Lillian (Lilly) Daya Baba Nash	13 Oct 2022	West Georgia	GA
Nancy Lee Kelley	4 Nov 2022	Kennebec #2	ME
Theda G. Gleixner	23 Nov 2022	Central Pennsylvania	PA

*The Lord God is a sun and shield:
 The Lord will give grace and glory.
 Psalms 84:11*

Note to all Chaplains - All Death Notices go to:
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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.



3. Form 1 REGISTRATION CARD No. 73
1 Name in full George Vaughn Seibold Age in yrs 23
2 Home address 523 Washington Blvd, Wilmett, Ill.
3 Date of birth February 6, 1894.
4 Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? natural born citizen
5 Where were you born? Washington, D.C. USA
6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?
7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? R.O.T.C.
8 By what service? United States Government Post Office, Ill.
9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? No.
10 Married or single (which)? Single Race (specify which)? White
11 What military service have you had? Rank Corporal branch Train Camp years 1 mo. Nation or State 1916 Philadelphia, Pa.
12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? No.
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.
George Vaughn Seibold

4. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP American Gold Star Mothers (Organized June 4, 1928, Washington, D. C.) (Incorporated Jan. 5, 1929, Washington, D. C.)
MOTHERS OF SONS AND DAUGHTERS WHO SERVED IN THE ARMY, NAVY OR MARINE CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES IN ANY WAR OR IN ANY MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES, HAVING MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE IN THE SERVICE OR AS THE RESULT OF THE SERVICE.
Name of Applicant Grace Darling Seibold Date June 4, 1928
Name of Husband George Gordon Seibold
Married at Washington, D.C. Month January 16, 1893
Parents of George Vaughn Seibold
Facts concerning Son or Daughter whose Mother is the applicant:
Born at Washington, D.C. Birthday February 6, 1894
Branch of Service Army Aviation
First Lieutenant, 148th United States Aero Squadron
Company Attached to Royal Air Force
Stationed at France
Date of Death August 26, 1918 Cause of Death Killed in action
Remarks near Reims, France
Brief data of records attached to the applicant
I certify that the above statements are true.
Name of Applicant Grace Darling Seibold
Street 756 Rock Creek Church Road, N.W.
City Washington, D.C. State

1. AGSM Membership Card circa 1946 (PHOTO CREDIT: UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON)
2. AGSM placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown on the first Gold Star Mothers Day 27 September 1936 (PHOTO CREDIT: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS)
3. George Vaughn Seibold draft card (PHOTO CREDIT: FOLDS BY ANCESTRY)
4. AGSM Application of Grace Darling Seibold 4 June 1928 (PHOTO CREDIT: AGSM COLLECTION AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS)