

APPLICATION FOR GOLD STAR LAPEL BUTTON

INSTRUCTIONS: Form must be typewritten or completed in ink, signed by the applicant, and mailed to the applicable Military Service. Use a separate form for each request.

1. DECEASED SERVICEMEMBER DATA

a. Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	b. Pay Grade or Rank	
c. Service, DoD, or Social Security Number	d. Branch of Service	e. Date of Death (YYYYMMDD)

2. APPLICANT RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED SERVICEMEMBER (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Widow / Widower	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Parent in loco parentis	<input type="checkbox"/> Stepchild
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> Child	<input type="checkbox"/> Sibling
<input type="checkbox"/> Stepparent	<input type="checkbox"/> Child by adoption	<input type="checkbox"/> Half sibling
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent through adoption		

3. APPLICANT INFORMATION and SIGNATURE

a. Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	b. Number, Street, and Apartment Number (if applicable)
c. City, State, and Zip Code	d. Phone Number (optional)
e. E-mail Address (optional)	f. Signature

INFORMATION

In accordance with section 1126, title 10, United States Code, "Gold star lapel button: eligibility and distribution," the Gold Star Lapel Button is provided by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned to identify widows, parents and next-of-kin of members of the U.S. Armed Forces who lost their lives:

- (1) During World War I (April 6, 1917 to March 3, 1921);
- (2) During World War II (September 8, 1939 to July 25, 1947);
- (3) During any subsequent period of armed hostilities in which the U.S. was engaged before July 1, 1958; or
- (4) After June 30, 1958, while:
 - engaged in an action against a U.S. enemy; or
 - engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or
 - serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict in which the U.S. is not a belligerent party against an opposing armed force; or
- (5) Who lost their lives after March 28, 1973, as a result of:
 - an international terrorist attack against the U.S. or a foreign nation friendly to the U.S., recognized as an attack by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned; or
 - military operations while serving outside the U.S. (including the commonwealths, territories, and possessions of the U.S.), as part of a peacekeeping force.

Section 1126, title 10, United States Code, limits Gold Star Lapel Button distribution to the: widow; widower; mother; father; stepmother; stepfather; mother through adoption; father through adoption; foster parents who stood in loco parentis; children; stepchildren; children through adoption; brothers; sisters; half-brothers; and half-sisters.

Gold Star Lapel Buttons that are lost, destroyed, or rendered unfit for use may be replaced upon application to the Military Department Secretary concerned.

Refer to DoD Instruction 1348.36, "Gold Star Lapel Button, Service Flag, and Service Lapel Button," for additional information.

MAIL APPLICATION TO SERVICEMEMBER'S APPLICABLE BRANCH OF SERVICE:

ARMY

If the Service member's date of death is on or after October 1, 2002, submit to:
HRC, ADB, (AHRC-PDP-A), DEPT 480,
1600 Spearhead Division Avenue
Fort Knox, KY 40122-4508
or via email to: usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-awards@mail.mil

Otherwise to:
National Personnel Records Center
(Military Personnel Records)
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, MO 63138-1002

NAVY

Navy Personnel Command
Navy Casualty Office (PERS-00C)
ATTN: Long Term Assistance Program
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055

MARINE CORPS

If application is within 1 year of the Service member's date of death, mail to:
Gold Star and Surviving Family Member
Representative Casualty Section (MFPC)
Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps
2008 Elliot Road
Quantico, VA 22134
or via email to: Gold.star.advocate@usmc.mil

Otherwise to:
National Personnel Records Center
(Military Personnel Records)
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, MO 63138-1002

AIR FORCE

If the Service member's date of death is on or after October 1, 2004, submit to:
Air Force Personnel Center
Attn: Air Force Casualty
550C Street
JBSA-Randolph AFB, TX 78150

Otherwise to:
National Personnel Records Center
(Military Personnel Records)
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, MO 63138-1002

COAST GUARD

Personnel Service Center
Attn: PSC-PSD-FS
US Coast Guard Stop 7200
2703 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE
Washington, DC 20593-7200