

## The Blue Star Memorial Marker

**Program** of the **National Garden Clubs, Inc.** began in 1945 to honor the men and women serving in the Armed Forces during World War II.

The name was chosen for the star on flags displayed in homes and businesses denoting a family member serving.

Garden clubs pictured a ribbon of living memorial plantings traversing every state. The designation of Blue Star Highways was achieved through petitions to the

state legislatures and cooperation with the Departments of Transportation.

A uniform Marker was designed to identify the Highways.

**Blue Star Memorial Markers** extend thousands of miles across the United States, and honor all our Armed Forces of the United States. Blue Star Memorial Markers continue to be dedicated each year on highways, at Veterans' facilities, National Cemeteries, parks, and civic and historic sites, showing our appreciation for those who defended our country

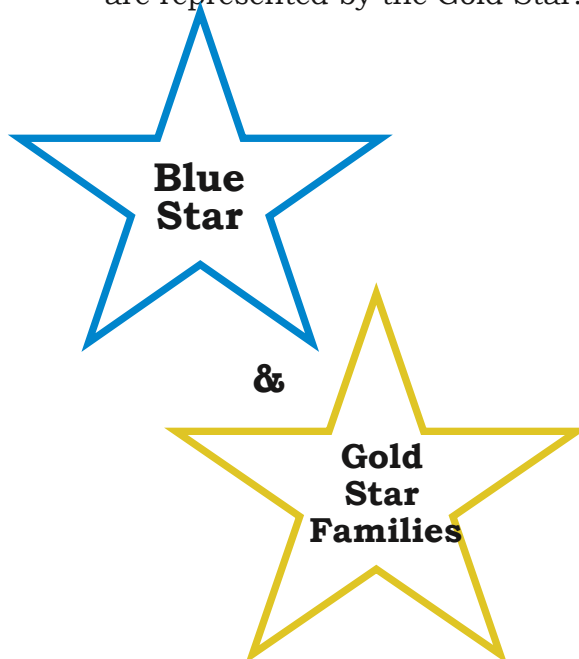
**Gold Star Families mission is to offer honor, hope and healing through remembering fallen heroes by coming together.**

While their hero paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, survivors live daily with the pain of the sacrifice.

Gold Star Families endeavor to provide an atmosphere of emotional and psychological conduit for healing.

Living service men and women were represented by the Blue Star,

and those who had lost their lives are represented by the Gold Star.



## Memorial Markers



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## THE BLUE STAR AND GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MARKER PROGRAM

Since 1945 the Blue Star Memorial Marker Honors all Armed Forces of The United States of America



All to see, lest we forget,  
those who help to keep us free.

-Polly Henderson  
Former Blue Star Memorial Chairman



Gold Star Families - Honor  
• Hope • Healing



No **Blue Star** or **Gold Star Families** Marker may bear an individual's or Family's name. The Blue Star Markers are designed to pay tribute to the Armed Forces as a whole. The Gold Star Families Marker honors the families whose loved one paid the ultimate price defending the United States of America.

**Procedure for obtaining Blue and/or Gold Star Families Markers**

- Garden clubs decide to purchase and/ or sponsor a Marker (Gold Star Families). An appropriate location is selected for the type of Marker chosen.
- Contact the State Blue Star Memorial Chairman for forms and instructions.
- Contact local or state authority responsible for location.
- Mail order form and check to NGC Chairman for processing.
- Clubs may solicit other civic organizations to help with funding, construction, planting, and maintenance.
- Allow twenty four weeks for delivery of Marker after an order is received by Sewah Studios.

**THE BLUE STAR OR GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MARKERS**

*Made of cast aluminum*

**HIGHWAY MARKER - \$2400.00**  
**(BLUE STAR ONLY)**

*Overall height when erected is 7'6". The plate is 30.5" high by 46" wide. To be placed on dedicated highways.*

**MEMORIAL MARKER - \$2400.00**  
**(BLUE & GOLD STAR FAMILIES)**

*Overall height when erected is 7'6". The plate is 30.5" high by 46" wide. To be placed in National Cemeteries, Veterans Medical Centers, and other civic locations.*

**BY-WAY MARKER - \$765.00**  
**(BLUE & GOLD STAR FAMILIES)**

*Plaque is 11.25" by 20" (for mounting on masonry or wood). To be placed in civic gardens, parks and historical sites.*

**THE BLUE STAR AND GOLD STAR FAMILIES GUIDELINES**

Is a 21 page booklet that may be downloaded for free on the NGC website at: [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

It contains the history, shipping information, dedication ceremony example, awards information, the order forms and much more.

**For further information on Markers and current pricing contact:**

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