

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 - \$2350.00 **(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 - \$2350.00 **(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 - \$750.00 **(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

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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