



Gold Star
Program Action Plan
2018 – 19



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Our Gold Star theme this year is *“As long as a heroes blood is shed. I will raise my voice for them”*

A Gold Star member is a mother, wife, daughter, or sister who has lost a loved one in service to his/her country, serving during the eligibility dates for the American Legion. While in service means “killed in combat” and/or “died” so long as death is not caused by the individual’s own willful misconduct.

How will you show reverence and support to honor a Gold Star member this year?
Here are a few ideas:

Mail an appreciation card to a Gold Star Family.

1. Make or Purchase a patriotic wreath for a Gold Star Family.
2. Display American Flags on the front of your house to observe Gold Star Mother's Day, September 30th and Gold Star Spouse's Day April 5th.
3. Send a Starbucks ecard to your Gold Star Family.
4. Donate to an organization that directly supports Gold Star Families.
5. Tell your Gold Star Families about the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (<http://www.taps.org>)
6. Tell them about Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund (<http://cfsrf.org>)
7. Tell them about Operation Family Fund (<http://operationfamilyfund.org>)
8. Help a Gold Star Family with car or household repairs.
9. Buy a brick to place at a veterans memorial to honor their fallen hero.
10. Listen and be the support system that they are in need of.
11. Carry children of the fallen shopping to buy mother/father's day presents, birthday presents and Christmas presents.
12. Include your Jr's in your activities. What better way for them to learn what a true hero is?

Department Award to the Unit that reports their Gold Star program thru a narrative which shall include pictures. Narratives must be sent to the Chairman by/or before April 30th 2019.

Please have unit reports to me by/or before April 30th 2019. Reports should include:

Does your unit have a Gold Star Member _____

Did you celebrate any Gold Star Holiday _____

Does your Unit offer a support system to your Gold Star Members _____

What did your Unit do to honor the memory of your Gold Star's Fallen Hero?
