

CAYUGA COUNTY
GOLD STAR / BLUE STAR
MOTHERS MEMORIAL

Its purpose is to pay tribute to and honor our fallen heroes and their families who have sacrificed, as well, to protect our freedom and our country.

Its goal is to act as a reminder that freedom is not free and it can never be taken for granted. When a soldier is killed in war their loss is felt by family members, friends and their community.

The Memorial itself will depict a mother clutching a flag, clutching it like she would her baby and grieving. She is a symbol, a guardian watching over all those who have been lost. She is a reminder to keep the memories of lost ones alive – to tell their story so that their sacrifices are not forgotten.

The second depiction on the Memorial shows a Gold Star mother leading her child on a new path leaving our earthly existence to walk toward the light where he or she will no longer experience their suffering.

In the end the Memorial will tell the story of a Gold Star mother and define their legacy for future generations. This can be accomplished by preserving the memories of our fallen,

honoring the families connected to each and every hero and serve as a constant reminder freedom is not free.

To that end we will be kicking off a campaign to raise the funds for this purpose effective January 1, 2024.



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CAYUGA

HAND ETCHED AND
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A TRADITION EVOLVED IN WWI TO DISPLAY
RED AND WHITE BANNERS WITH A BLUE
STAR TO REPRESENT EACH LIVING PERSON,
MAN OR WOMAN, IN THE MILITARY
SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES.

A GOLD STAR WAS SUPERIMPOSED UPON
THE BLUE STAR AND DISPLAYED ON THE
BANNER TO INDICATE A SERVICE
MEMBER WHO LOST THEIR LIFE IN THE
SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY.

THE LAST SUNDAY IN
SEPTEMBER IS
GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS
WHO DIED DURING MILITARY SERVICE WITH THE
SINCERE BELIEF THEIR SACRIFICE WILL SHINE MORE
BRIGHTLY SUPPORTING PATRIOTISM AND GLORY.

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ALL SHALLOW U SINK LETTERS

CAYUGA COUNTY VETERANS EXPRESS THE
GRATITUDE OF OUR COMMUNITY TO GOLD AND
BLUE STAR MOTHERS AND FAMILIES.

THIS MEMORIAL IS GIVEN TO GOLD STAR AND
BLUE STAR MOTHERS AND FAMILIES AS A PLACE
TO GATHER, REFLECT AND MEDITATE.

IT IS MEANT TO PROVIDE A PLACE FOR THE
PUBLIC TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SACRIFICES OF
GOLD AND BLUE STAR MOTHERS AND FAMILIES
AND TO COMMEMORATE THIS SACRIFICE.

GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN TO LAY
DOWN HIS LIFE FOR ANOTHER.

GOLD STAR AND BLUE STAR MOTHERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES ARE AN INSPIRATION TO ALL
WHO SERVE THIS GREAT NATION.

LET US STAND READY TO DO OUR PART.

EMBRACE GOLD STAR AND BLUE STAR MOTHERS
ALONG WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN OUR HEARTS.

AMERICA'S PIERCE WARRIORS GAVE
THEIR LIVES IN SERVICE, SO THAT WE MAY
EXPERIENCE AND ENJOY FREEDOM.

WE WANT THEM TO KNOW THEIR CHILD'S
DEATH AND SERVICE ARE NOT IN VAIN.

LET US STRIVE TO FINISH THE MISSION OF OUR
SONS AND DAUGHTERS AND CARE FOR THE
MOTHERS AND FAMILIES WHO HAVE BORNE THE
SACRIFICE OF PERSONAL TRAGEDY AND LOSS.

A BLUE STAR MOTHER PATIENTLY WAITS FOR
THE RETURN OF HER WARRIOR.

A GOLD STAR MOTHER'S TEARS ARE HER
BADGES OF BOTH RESILIENCE AND COMPASSION
IN MEMORY OF HER CHILD.

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DONATION FORM

Make checks payable to: VVA 704, P.O. Box
1484, Auburn, New York 13021

Name (Individual/Organization)

Address (Street/P.O. Box)

Village/City/Town State Zip Code

E-Mail

Phone Number

Amount

Check Number

Date

A Blue Star mother patiently
waits for the return of her
warrior.

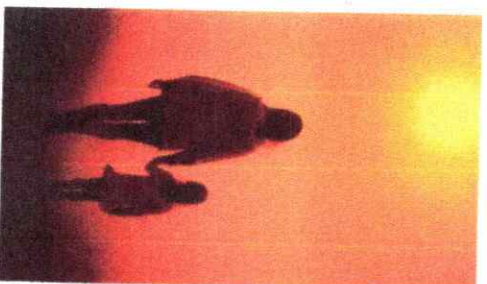
A Gold Star Mother's tears are
her badges of resilience and
compassion in memory of her
child.



**AMERICAN GOLD STAR / BLUE
STAR MOTHERS CAYUGA
COUNTY MEMORIAL**

This Memorial is given to Gold
Star and Blue Star Mothers and
families as a place to gather,
reflect and meditate.

It is meant to provide a place for
the public to acknowledge the
sacrifices of Gold Star and Blue
Star families and to
commemorate this sacrifice.



SERVICE & SACRIFICE

Service flags were hung in the windows of homes across America, decorated with a Blue Star for each family member in the military. If a family member lost their life, the Blue Star was covered with a Gold one. Blue and Gold Star service flags were widespread during both World Wars, but fell out of use until they were revived by post – 9/11 military families.

MISSION

Finding strength in the fellowship of the Gold Star Mothers who strive to keep the memory of our sons and daughters alive by working to help veterans, those currently serving in the military, their families and our communities.

PARTNER

ORGANIZATIONS

The American Gold Star Mothers have partnered with the following organizations:

- Boy Scouts of America
- Fisher House
- Global War on Terror
- Operation Gratitude
- Quilts of Valor
- Wreaths Across America
- Marine Corps Reserve – Toys-for-Tots
- Columbia Southern
- Dedicated

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