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PRESS RELEASE

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Gold Star Mothers and Families



The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary would like to extend an invitation to all Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star Families and the public to join us on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at Three o'clock p.m., for a brief program in commemoration of our heroes and to honor our Gold Star Mothers and Families. VFW 9182 is located at 6206 George Bush Drive in Katy, Texas.

If you or someone you know is a Gold Star Mother or a Gold Star Family Member, our VFW Post 9182 Auxiliary President, Susan Mikulenka or our Senior Vice-President Pat Byrne would love to speak with you prior to our program date. Susan can be reached at (281) 979-8335 and Pat at (832) 437-7835.

The year was 1917, and a proud American tradition was born out of cataclysm. The United States of America would finally join the First World War, leading the scales to finally tip in the favor of the Allies. Families would show support for their loved ones by hanging a simple banner made of fabric in a front window. The banner displayed a blue star, representing someone in the family who was in the U.S. Armed Forces. If more than one family member was serving, each could receive their own blue star on the banner.

The banners became known as service flags, and eventually two types of these flags were created. Both banners had white backgrounds, with one having a blue star with a red border and the other a gold star with a blue border. If a dreaded knock at the door brought the unthinkable news that a loved one had lost their life while serving their country, the blue star was then covered over with a gold star, and a blue border was placed around the gold star. Hence, the gold star became a symbol of a soldier's ultimate sacrifice. It is a symbol of honor that today still stands, and gives families who have faced this inconceivable loss the nobility accorded to their soldier's ultimate sacrifice while defending our America.

It is believed that in 1918, President Woodrow Wilson coined the term, "Gold Star Mother". Today, Gold Star Mother's Day is observed on the last Sunday in September in the United States.

Please help us honor these Gold Star Families by showing your support to them each and every time you see this symbol of ultimate sacrifice displayed. Share this important piece of history. The American tradition of hanging the service flag with the symbolic stars must not be forgotten. Away at war, blue stars may turn to gold and our soldier's stories should not be untold.

Sherry McNabb, Junior VP of VFW Post 9182 Auxiliary

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Thank you for considering this request.

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