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American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT
Katherine Mannion

ORGANIZED JUNE 4, 1928
INCORPORATED JANUARY 5, 1929
NATIONAL FOUNDER
MRS. GRACE DARLING SEIBOLD

TELEPHONE 202-265-0991
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
2128 LEROY PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20008

May 5, 1981

Dear Kathy:

In response to your telephone call, I am enclosing two copies of the form for ordering the Gold Star Lapel button .

The form is self explanatory and your client should have no problem in redeiving the pin. It usually takes several weeks to have it processed.

Thank you for your interest in our organization and best wishes for a successful term of office.

Love and Reach out (Our motto for this year)

Elva P. Newman
Elva P. Newman
National Custodian of Records

2 enc.

APPLICATION FOR GOLD STAR LAPEL BUTTON
(THIS FORM IS FOR ONE APPLICANT ONLY)

FRONT



VIEW

IF DECEASED WAS A MEMBER OF: (Check appropriate address)

ARMY ☐ Address to:

Commanding Officer
US Army Administration Center, TAGO
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63132

NAVY ☐ (If application is made within one year from date of death) - Address to:

Chief of Naval Personnel (Pers-E)
Washington, D.C. 20370

NAVY ☐ (If application is made after one year from date of death) - Address to:

Center Manager
National Personnel Records Center, GSA
(Military Personnel Records)
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63132

MARINE CORPS ☐ (If application is made within one year from date of death) - Address to:

Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code DL)
Washington, D.C. 20380

MARINE CORPS ☐ (If application is made after one year from date of death) - Address to:

Center Manager
National Personnel Records Center, GSA
(Military Personnel Records)
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63132

AIR FORCE ☐ Address to:

Center Manager
National Personnel Records Center, GSA
(Military Personnel Records)
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63132

COAST GUARD ☐ Address to:

Commandant (PS)
United States Coast Guard
1300 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20226

I HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION FOR THE GOLD STAR LAPEL BUTTON AS FOLLOWS: (Check type of fastener desired)

BACK VIEW



☐ PIN JOINT AND
SAFETY CATCH



☐ CLUTCH
TYPE

I AM THE ☐ WIDOW, ☐ WIDOWER, ☐ MOTHER, ☐ FATHER, ☐ STEPMOTHER, ☐ STEPFATHER, ☐ MOTHER THROUGH ADOPTION, ☐ FATHER THROUGH ADOPTION, ☐ FOSTER MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS, ☐ FOSTER FATHER IN LOCO PARENTIS, ☐ SON, ☐ DAUGHTER, ☐ STEPSON, ☐ STEPDAUGHTER, ☐ SON BY ADOPTION, ☐ DAUGHTER BY ADOPTION, ☐ BROTHER, ☐ SISTER, ☐ HALF BROTHER, ☐ HALF SISTER. (Check applicable relationship) OF:

(Last Name - First Name - Middle Initial)

(Grade)

(Service Serial Number)

WHO DIED ON _____, 19____ WHILE SERVING AS A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES DURING ONE OF THE
(Month) (Day)
FOLLOWING PERIODS: 6 APRIL 1917 TO 3 MARCH 1921, 8 SEPTEMBER 1939 TO 25 JULY 1947, 27 JUNE 1950 TO 27 JULY 1954:

OR

WHO DIED ON _____, 19____ (after 30 June 1958) WHILE SERVING AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED
(Month) (Day)

STATES _____ IN _____
(Specify branch of service) (Specify geographical Area)

SEND GOLD STAR TO:

(Type or print name and address in both spaces as this information is needed for record purposes and shipping purposes)

NAME

NAME

NUMBER AND STREET

NUMBER AND STREET

CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE

CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

INSTRUCTIONS

Appropriate application on reverse side (*depending upon the relationship to deceased*) will be filled in legibly in ink or by typewriter, signed by the applicant, and mailed to the proper Department as indicated in the address portion of the application blank.

INFORMATION

Public Law 534 - 89th Congress, directs the design and distribution of a lapel button, to be known as the "Gold Star Lapel Button," to identify widows, parents and next of kin of members of the Armed Forces of the United States who lost their lives during (1) World War I, 6 April 1917 to 3 March 1921; (2) World War II, 8 September 1939 to 25 July 1947; (3) during any subsequent period of armed hostilities in which the United States was engaged before 1 July 1958 (*United Nations action in Korea, 27 June 1950 to 27 July 1954*); or (4) who lost or lose their lives after 30 June 1958 (a) while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States; (b) while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or (c) while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict in which the United States is not a belligerent party against an opposing armed force. *

The law provides that one Gold Star Lapel Button will be furnished, without cost, to the widow and to each of the parents and the next of kin. The term "widow" includes widower; the term "parents" includes mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, mother through adoption, father through adoption, and foster parents who stood in loco parentis; the term "next of kin" includes only children, brothers, sisters, half brothers, and half sisters; and the term "children" includes stepchildren and children through adoption.

The law further provides that not more than one Gold Star Lapel Button may be furnished to any one individual except that, when a Gold Star Lapel Button furnished under this section has been lost, destroyed, or rendered unfit for use without fault or neglect on the part of the person to whom it was furnished, the button may be replaced upon application and payment of an amount sufficient to cover the cost of manufacture and distribution.

*Operations subsequent to 30 June 1958 which are recognized by the Department of Defense in establishing eligibility for the Gold Star Lapel Button include: Berlin, 14 August 1961 to 1 June 1963; Lebanon, 1 July 1958 to 1 November 1958; Quemoy and Matsu Islands, 23 August 1958 to 1 June 1963; Taiwan Straits, 23 August 1958 to 1 January 1959; Cuba, 24 October 1962 to 1 June 1963; Congo, 23 to 27 November 1964; Dominican Republic, 28 April 1965 to 21 September 1966; U.S. operations in direct support of the United Nations in the Congo, 14 July 1960 to 1 September 1962; U.S. operations of assistance to the Republic of Laos, 19 April 1961 to 7 October 1962 and to the Republic of Vietnam, 1 July 1958 to a date to be announced; subsequent operations as may be announced by the Secretary of Defense.