



Honoring Gold Star Mothers


The mothers of our Soldiers provide unwavering support to their sons and daughters. When her child makes the ultimate sacrifice in service to the Nation, a mother's quiet strength in the face of utmost loss inspires us all. These Gold Star Mothers are uniquely amazing patriots, channeling their grief into the compassionate support of our veterans, Soldiers, and other Families who have lost loved ones.

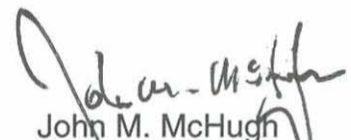
Ever since 1936, the nation has honored these remarkable mothers each year on the last Sunday in September. This tradition began with recognizing the mothers of fallen service members from World War I. This year, Gold Star Mothers' Day falls on September 27th.

The Army's support of Gold Star Mothers endures through programs like Survivor Outreach Services. In this program, the Army assists Gold Star Mothers and their Families after the loss of a Soldier. We encourage them to remain a part of our Army Family.

Gold Star Mothers carry on with grace and strength as they continue to serve their communities. The Army recognizes their courage, and we renew our commitment to support them as we honor the legacy of the fallen – our Soldiers, their children.


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