

Many people are familiar with the Blue Star and Gold Star traditions, but questions often arise about the meaning and history behind military family service banners. 🇺🇸

💙**Blue Star Service Banner**

The Blue Star Service Banner tradition began during World War I and represents a family with a loved one currently serving in the Armed Forces.

💛**Gold Star Service Banner**

Traditionally, if a service member dies while serving our nation, the blue star is replaced with a gold star. Gold Star Families have long been recognized as families who have experienced the loss of a loved one in military service.

💚**Green Star Families®**

Green Star Families of America were created to bring visibility, education, and recognition to the families left behind after a veteran dies by suicide. Support for H.R. 6022, the Green Star Veterans Service Act, seeks formal recognition of these families and their sacrifices.

You may also hear references to White Star, Silver Star, and other names. Some are used by organizations, awareness efforts, or specific causes, but not all are federally recognized military family service banner traditions.

We deeply respect and honor the long-standing Blue Star and Gold Star traditions and the families they represent. Green Star recognition is intended to build upon that legacy by bringing visibility to families impacted by veteran suicide whose experiences have often remained unseen.

Different stories. Shared sacrifice. Every family matters. 💚

Learn more at GreenStarFamilies.org

UNDERSTANDING MILITARY FAMILY SERVICE BANNERS



BLUE STAR

Family of an
Active Service Member



GOLD STAR

Family of a
Fallen Service Member



GREEN STAR®

Families Impacted by
Veteran Suicide

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RECOGNIZED. REMEMBERED. NEVER FORGOTTEN.



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