

## APPLICATION FOR GOLD STAR LAPEL BUTTON

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Form must be typewritten or completed in ink, signed by the applicant, and mailed to the applicable Military Service. Use a separate form for each request.

### 1. DECEASED SERVICEMEMBER DATA

a. Name ( <i>Last, First, Middle Initial</i> )	b. Pay Grade or Rank
c. Service, DoD, or Social Security Number	d. Branch of Service
e. Date of Death (YYYYMMDD)	

### 2. APPLICANT RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED SERVICEMEMBER (*check one*)

<input type="checkbox"/> Widow / Widower	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Parent in loco parentis	<input type="checkbox"/> Sibling
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> Child	<input type="checkbox"/> Half sibling
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent through adoption	<input type="checkbox"/> Child by adoption	<input type="checkbox"/> Stepsibling
<input type="checkbox"/> Stepparent	<input type="checkbox"/> Stepchild	

### 3. APPLICANT INFORMATION and SIGNATURE

a. Name ( <i>Last, First, Middle Initial</i> )	b. Number, Street, and Apartment Number ( <i>if applicable</i> )
c. City, State, and Zip Code	d. Phone Number ( <i>optional</i> )
e. E-mail Address ( <i>optional</i> )	f. Signature

### INFORMATION

In accordance with section 1126, title 10, United States Code, "Gold star lapel button: eligibility and distribution," the Gold Star Lapel Button is provided by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned to identify next-of-kin of members of the U.S. Armed Forces who lost their lives:

- (1) During World War I (April 6, 1917 to March 3, 1921);
- (2) During World War II (September 8, 1939 to July 25, 1947);
- (3) During any subsequent period of armed hostilities in which the U.S. was engaged before July 1, 1958; or
- (4) After June 30, 1958, while:
  - engaged in an action against a U.S. enemy; or
  - engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or
  - serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict in which the U.S. is not a belligerent party against an opposing armed force; or
- (5) Who lost their lives after March 28, 1973, as a result of:
  - an international terrorist attack against the U.S. or a foreign nation friendly to the U.S., recognized as an attack by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned; or
  - military operations while serving outside the U.S. (including the commonwealths, territories, and possessions of the U.S.), as part of a peacekeeping force.

DoD policy limits Gold Star Lapel Button distribution to the: widow; widower; parents; stepparents; parents through adoption; foster parents who stood in loco parentis; children; stepchildren; children through adoption; siblings; half siblings, and stepsiblings.

Gold Star Lapel Buttons that are lost, destroyed, or rendered unfit for use may be replaced upon application to the Military Department Secretary concerned.

Refer to DoD Instruction 1348.36, "Gold Star Lapel Button, Service Flag, and Service Lapel Button," for additional information.

## MAIL APPLICATION TO SERVICEMEMBER'S APPLICABLE BRANCH OF SERVICE:

**ARMY**

If the Service member's date of death is on or after October 1, 2002, submit to:

HRC, ADB, (AHRC-PDP-A), DEPT 480,  
1600 Spearhead Division Avenue  
Fort Knox, KY 40122-4508  
or via email to: usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-awards@mail.mil

Otherwise to:

National Personnel Records Center  
(Military Personnel Records)  
1 Archives Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63138-1002

**NAVY**

Navy Personnel Command  
Navy Casualty Office (PERS-00C)  
ATTN: Long Term Assistance Program  
5720 Integrity Drive  
Millington, TN 38055

**MARINE CORPS**

Long Term Assistance Program (Code MFPC)  
Headquarters US Marine Corps  
2008 Elliot Road  
Quantico, VA 22134-5103  
or via email to: LTAP@usmc.mil

**AIR FORCE**

If the Service member's date of death is on or after October 1, 2004, submit to:

Air Force Personnel Center  
Attn: Air Force Casualty  
550C Street  
JBSA-Randolph AFB, TX 78150

Otherwise to:

National Personnel Records Center  
(Military Personnel Records)  
1 Archives Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63138-1002

**COAST GUARD**

Personnel Service Center  
Attn: PSC-PSD-FS  
US Coast Guard Stop 7200  
2703 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20593-7200