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Great ideas often have humble beginnings. Gold Star Mission started with Jake...

A LETTER FROM GSM PRESIDENT

SSgt Jacob Frazier became the Illinois National Guard's first Service member killed in action, post September 11th, 2001. He was 24 years young when he selflessly sacrificed his life in service to our great nation on a battlefield in Afghanistan March 29th, 2003. For many years I kept SSgt Frazier's photograph on my office wall at Camp Lincoln, in Springfield, Illinois. Far too often, people with no direct military affiliation, came to my office for meetings. Later gesturing towards Jake's picture, they'd ask, "Who's that?" I would always tell the same story, how he was the first post 9/11, how he was a



tactical combat controller, how he was Illinois' only Air Guard member killed in action to date, as they listened intently about this amazing Service member. Jake sacrificed himself on foreign soil while most his age were finishing college, starting careers and families. Moreover, as time wore on, realization struck me, I knew little about the man myself, I actually needed to know much more about him. I needed to, for I wanted to tell the story of Jake's 'dash', the short line between his birth and death that so defined him. I wanted to accurately tell, and ensure that his story, who he was, how he lived, would Always be Remembered and Never Forgotten.

To remember our Fallen Heroes, ensuring that their names and legacies live on forever, a group of veterans and military supporters held a small informal gathering in early spring of 2017. From this inauspicious group, Gold Star Mission was created. All present shared a vision. The vision became our mission: Amplify the voices for countless numbers of Gold Star Families, friends, and communities who knew these Fallen Heroes. Gold Star Mission endeavors to share the stories of the Fallen, to fill in the gap between the dates.

In becoming that amplifier, ensuring these stories broadcast to the widest audience, Gold Star Mission chose to take on physically challenging events. Gold Star Mission developed events which became symbolic testaments to the sacrifices, hardships, and loss endured by those who knew these Fallen Heroes. The original event, a 500-mile, four day cycling event known as the Gold Star 500 would be theorized, planned, and executed in less than nine months, coinciding with Gold Star Mother's Day in September 2017. In 2018 we added a 20-hour, 200+ mile cycling event known as the General Logan 200. Next, 2019 would see the addition of a multi-distance run known as the Illinois Gold Star Run for the Fallen. Gold Star Mission further added our voice to several other events, another way of broadcasting the names of these great American's to the largest possible audience.

During each of these events, donations were collected with the intent of awarding academic scholarships to young men and women pursuing higher education or trade skills, these young men and women exhibiting the same selfless service and dedication to others as the fallen Service members. Our ultimate measure of success became academic scholarship recipients learning about the Soldier, Airman, Sailor or Marine for whom their individual scholarship is named in honor of. The process of getting to know the survivors, listening to their stories and passing them along to scholarship recipients, all while hearing scholarship recipients share their quest for knowledge and understanding, allowed us to broadcast to a much greater audience.

Our mission, our hope is that our Fallen Heroes are forever remembered, that scholarship recipients long remember and never forget, while sharing the stories of our Fallen, saying their names, so that in truth, these Heroes never truly die. Gold Star Mission has become so much more than an organization, it is a way to ensure those who made the Ultimate Sacrifice did not do so in vain, and that Americans everywhere Always Remember, and Never Forget the sacrifices of those who make this great country what it is today – a symbol of freedom around the world.

David Helfrich - President, Gold Star Mission

GOLD STAR FAMILIES

EVERYTHING IS DONE TO AMPLIFY THE VOICES OF ILLINOIS' GOLD STAR FAMILIES. WE ARE HONORED TO JOIN THEM IN THEIR JOURNEY.

NITA CROSS

I feel very privileged to be associated and a part of the Gold Star Mission. My name is Nita Cross, a Gold Star mom of SFC Kyle Wehrly, who was KIA in Iraq on November 3, 2005. Only those who have experienced this life changing tragedy can relate to what it is like to walk in our shoes.

My husband, Rick, and I always make a point to attend the Gold Star ceremony on Veterans Day at the Illinois State Fair. Attending the fair back in 2017, I was very impressed by a group, Gold Star Mission, that had set up a display of their upcoming bicycle ride to honor the fallen. I was introduced to a great person, Tyler Glynn, who was going to ride his bicycle 500 miles in honor of my son, SFC Kyle Wehrly. He put my son's name on his bicycle and later his helmet to remember him. Tyler had never met my son but wanted to ride in his honor, he also made arrangements to come to Galesburg and meet Janet, my daughter-in-law and Kylee, their daughter. We have made a lifetime friendship from this.



Unfortunately my husband and I were unable to attend the first ride from Cairo, IL to the Chicago, IL area. Tyler kept us informed along the route, so I felt I was truly with them on this long 500 mile journey. We told the Gold Star Mission group we wanted to be a part of this event and to count us in for the next year. This was one of the best decisions I've made to help others and myself.

Words can not describe how dedicated these individuals are in riding for the fallen soldiers and keeping their memory alive along with educating the public, to never forgetting what they have done for our country. Personally, I've been able to meet other Gold Star families and hear their stories of the loss of their loved ones and their lives. I wonder if the Gold Star Mission riders realize just how many lives they have touched from this life changing journey they make. It has also brought up great memories of my son and how proud I am of his life and his dedication to his National Guard Unit. I have both laughed with this spectacular group of individuals and also cried with them. So many great memories, and Rick as a professional photographer has captured so many precious moments of the past few rides for everyone.

I truly missed not having the Gold Star 500 ride this past year because of Covid-19. I am looking forward to the upcoming ride in September. This Gold Star 500 ride and the individuals who attend touches me personally, it may have been 15 years since the loss of my son in Iraq but the hurt and the pain are still the same today. I have shared with so many in this group and other Gold Star families that the pain and loss never goes away, but you just learn to live with it. Also we need to make sure your loved ones memory is remembered and keep the pride of them serving.

Thank you Gold Star Mission for keeping the memory of fallen Service members alive also with the handing out of scholarships to young individuals, this is a part of helping our next generation to remember and never forget. In closing I want to thank everyone who has touched my life from the Gold Star Mission, I miss everyone and wish everyone a safe journey until we meet again, you will never know how much you have encouraged Rick, myself and my family.

ABOUT GOLD STAR MISSION

The Gold Star Mission was established in 2017 in Springfield, Illinois after several veterans and friends, moved by stories of the Gold Star Families that lost a loved one in Afghanistan or Iraq, took action to help others in need. What started as a desire to provide scholarships for surviving children has evolved into widespread effort to assist Gold Star Families and others in need in order to preserve the memory of our Fallen Heroes.



Gold Star Mission Strategy

Mission: Inspire people and mobilize resources in service to others; as a lasting remembrance of our Fallen Military Heroes.

Vision: A nation of communities inspired to Always Remember, Never Forget the names of Fallen Military Heroes, value their sacrifices, and honor their families.

Objectives:

- Provide Support to Gold Star Families;
- Ensure Lasting Remembrance of our Fallen Heroes;
- · Mobilize Resources;
- · Inspire People.

Values:

Honorable - Be worthy of the trust and esteem of Gold Star Families, the Public, and our Fallen Military Heroes.

Relevant - Be pertinent to the matter at hand; in our case, devotion to pursuing our objectives to achieve the mission of remembrance of our Fallen Military Heroes.







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2017 ACTIVITIES







EVENT	DATE	HIGHLIGHTS
		38 RIDERS
Gold Star 500	SEP 26 - 29	26 VOLUNTEERS
		17,000 MILES
		26 CITIES ACROSS IL

GOLD STAR 500

The best way to start describing the Gold Star 500 is with a quote usually attributed to Albert Einstein.

"I never made one of my discoveries through rational thinking."

The initial concept of GS500 was not built on rational thought with simple goals. As this idea evolved into an organized event with veterans, state troopers, donors, and volunteers fully committed to participate, one of the greatest discoveries was about to occur.



In its infancy GS500 began as a 500+ mile endurance bicycle event, not an uncommon athletic experience for active cyclists. However, the rational thinking quickly left the room when these next parameters were added on:

- 1. 500 miles, across the state of IL, completed in 4 days.
- 2. Veteran only cyclists, no previous bike race experience required.
- 3. Cyclists dismount their bikes every 12-20 miles to interact with communities.
- 4. Organize sleep accommodations in National Guard Armories, on cots.

The concept of the Inaugural Gold Star 500, according to Einstein's thinking, was poised to make great discoveries and did so with an unexpected twist on Day 1 of the ride. Temperatures. The riders of the first Gold Star 500 endured temperatures that far exceeded the norms, hitting the mid 90's daily! However, the team quickly learned that the physical grueling aspects of the 2017 Gold Star 500 would be relatively mild in comparison to the unexpected emotional journey!

Riders and support teams were continually blessed to be introduced to stories and memories of our Illinois Fallen Service members and their Gold Star Families. It was a great Honor to learn more about our Fallen Heroes from their families and friends! For this reason, the team was never short of inspiration and focus!

Although the ride started out to pay Honor and Preserve the memories of the 34 Fallen Illinois National Guardsmen, the team quickly realized that the Gold Star 500 must be bigger and more inclusive. It must be in honor of all our Fallen Heroes, which to date is over 290 Service members since 9/11!

At precisely 6am on Wednesday September 23, 2017 the Inaugural Gold Star 500 kicked off from the southern most tip of Illinois, Fort Defiance Park in Cairo. After four long, hot days and 500+ miles later, the 38 riders arrived at Mt. St. Mary Park in St. Charles at the State's Annual Gold Star Family Recognition Day Ceremony!

Like Einstein's quote, the Gold Star 500 was not created with sensible parameters which has led our GS500 teams to countless unexpected discoveries. After four GS500's, the team has realized that each ride is uniquely different and better than the previous. While some might consider GS500 riders lacking rational thought, the many riders, supporters and families know better. Not irrational, but determined and driven, pushing through physical pain and emotions to honor and recognize the life, service, and sacrifices of our Fallen Service members and our Gold Star Families!

"Always Remember ~ Never Forget"

2018 ACTIVITIES







EVENT	DATE	HIGHLIGHTS
SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET	FEB 29	138 ATTENDEES
NGAI CONFERENCE	APR 20 - 21	144 ATTENDEES
VFW STATE CONFERENCE	JUN 13 - 17	3 ATTENDEES
AMERICAN LEGION STATE CONVENTION	JUL 11-14	3 ATTENDEES
INAUGURAL GENERAL LOGAN 200	JUL 13 - 14	9 RIDERS 2 VOLUNTEERS
IL STATE FAIR GOLD STAR FAMILY + VETERAN'S DAY	AUG 12	6 ATTENDEES
GOLD STAR 500	SEP 25 - 29	68 PARTICIPANTS

GENERAL LOGAN 200

In 2018, Gold Star Mission embarked on another endurance event to ensure our Fallen Service Men and Women would never be forgotten. Named in honor of General John A. Logan, the ride pays homage to the Murphysboro native whose General Order No. 11, called for a national day of remembrance for the Civil War casualties, which is the basis for what is now celebrated as a national holiday on Memorial Day.

The Inaguaral General Logan 200 challenged cyclists to ride from General Logan's statue at Grant's Park in Chicago to the Vietnam Memorial located in Springfield in under twenty hours.

The 227 mile journey was started and completed by seven riders, with assistance from a small support team. The riders began their journey at midnight and successfully rode into Springfield less than eighteen hours later. As the riders navigated through the northern portion of the state, and along old route 66, they stopped in multiple communities and spread the word and mission of the organization. In addition to sharing, at every rest stop the riders paused to honor the Fallen Service Members from that area. The ride culminated at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield where they hope to help establish a Gold Star Families Memorial monument.

Working alongside the Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation, the Gold Star Mission aims to raise both awareness and funds to support the establishment of a Gold Star Families Memorial monument in Springfield, IL. The Gold Star Family Memorial monument will provide a place of permanence for Gold Star Families to gather and utilize as they see fit. The memorial will also demonstrate to Gold Star Families that their community cares for them and appreciates their sacrifice while also honoring the ultimate sacrifice paid by their Loved Ones. Another purpose of the memorial is to strengthen Gold Star Family communities through Gold Star Family outreach events associated with each monument location. Ultimately the memorial is an enduring way to inform the community about the Gold Star Families' sacrifices and the ultimate sacrifice made by their Loved Ones .





2019 ACTIVITIES







EVENT	DATE	HIGHLIGHTS
SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET	MAR 9	148 ATTENDEES
NGAI CONFERENCE	APR 26	124 ATTENDEES
RUN FOR THE FALLEN	MAY 11	397 PARTICIPANTS
GENERAL LOGAN 200	JUL 13 - 14	8 RIDERS 6 VOLUNTEERS
IL STATE FAIR GOLD STAR FAMILY + VETERAN'S DAY	AUG 11	8 ATTENDEES
GOLD STAR 500	SEP 23 - 28	54 PARTICIPANTS

RUN FOR THE FALLEN

As if conducting an annual 500 mile five day and 200 mile overnight endurance bicycling events wasn't enough, the Gold Star Mission eagerly jumped into a running event in 2019! When Candice White, the Gold Star Mission Run for the Fallen Run Director, was first informed of this opportunity, she jumped right in and nearly single handedly made it a tremendous success!

The inaugural "Gold Star Mission Run for the Fallen" was conducted on Saturday May 11th, 2019. The half marathon, 5K (run/walk) and 3K (youth run/walk) drew 397 participants, raising over \$12,000 for the Gold Star Mission Scholarship program! The participants ranged in ages from 4 to 75, coming from 68 different communities around the Rockford area!

This success would not have been possible without the great support Candice received from the community! Her major Supporters and Sponsors included: Cherry Valley Fire Department, Winnebago County Forest Preserve, Runner's Image, Carlyle Brewery, Culligan Water, Rockford Lithuanian Club, Rockford Wildcats, along with many Veteran Service Organizations and Scouts.









2020 ACTIVITIES









EVENT	DATES	HIGHLIGHTS
SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET	MAR 9	202 ATTENDEES
VIRTUAL RUN FOR THE FALLEN	MAY 1 - 31	269 PARTICIPANTS
GENERAL LOGAN 200	JUL 10 - 11	9 RIDERS 10 VOLUNTEERS
VIRTUAL GOLD STAR 500	SEP 1 - 30	72 PARTICIPANTS + 747 RIDES 26,000+ MILES

EVEN IN A PANDEMIC...ALWAYS REMEMBER

"Virtual" appears to be one of the most used words in 2020! As schools, work, meetings, family reunions and holidays, etc., all went virtual! Gold Star Mission was no exception and was pushed into "virtual" as well.

2020 started with a big bang for Gold Star Mission! Thanks to our tremendous donors and supporters. 61 Scholarships were awarded at the annual Scholarship and Appreciation Banquet in early March (prior to ugh...the introduction of COVID19)! With those 61 scholarships, the total awarded in three short years topped 125! Gold Star Mission is truly blessed with great support!

Almost immediately following the banquet, with uncertainty and restrictions, the world went "virtual" and Gold Star Mission did too. That was an extremely disappointing turn as 2019 was such a year of extreme momentum as were were introduced to new Gold Star Families, hosted a new event, and we saw a surge in school and community involvement in all Gold Star Mission activities.

The Run for the Fallen and Gold Star 500 were able to continue as virtual events and recruited new participants from different states. Even when the world was shut down more people became involved and understood the mission of preserving our Fallen Heroes' legacies. Our experience with virtual events has opened the conversation to continue including them in the future as a way to build upon the mission.

The General Logan 200 and weekend rides in September supported the 2020 virtual events. These "LIVE" events were smaller and met the State's COVID19 mitigation measures. The COVID19 mitigation measure that most negatively impacted Gold Star Mission was limited groups sizes and social distancing. The lack of interacting and engaging with the Gold Star Families and community was greatly missed! Gold Star Mission. like most everyone else in the world, very much looks forward to the hope of the new year.









2021 EVENTS



15 JAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

1 APR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCEMENT

5 APR GOLD STAR SPOUSES DAY

23 - 24 APR NGAI CONFERENCE

9 MAY MOTHER'S DAY

15 MAY GSM RUN FOR THE FALLEN

31 MAY MEMORIAL DAY

1 - 30 JUN GSM VIRTUAL 500 (KICK-OFF ON MEMORIAL DAY)

20 JUN FATHER'S DAY

4 JUL INDEPENDENCE DAY

9 - 10 JUL GSM GENERAL LOGAN 200

17 JUL MOAA GOLF OUTING

14 AUG IL STATE FAIR VETERAN'S DAY 14 - 15 AUG 12 HOURS OF ROAD AMERICA

20 - 25 SEP GSM GS 500

GOLD STAR FAMILY REMEMBRANCE WEEK

26 SEP GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY

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Financial Statement of Activities 2017 - 2020

As a recognized tax-exempt nonprofit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Gold Star Mission seeks to be transparent in its financial operations by making the following information publicly available.

Revenues	Total
Individual Donations	\$302,892
Corporate Grants	\$58,305
Total Revenues	\$361,197

100% of your donation supports Gold Star Mission. 94% pays for programs, and the balance pays to support those programs. We are pleased to report over \$237 thousand went directly to programs designed to Always Remember, Never Forget the names of Fallen Military Heroes, value their sacrifices, and honor their Families.

Expenses	Total
Program Services (Scholarships and events)	\$237.535
General and Administrative	\$6,371
Office Expenses, Salaries, Facilities	\$0
Total Expenses	\$252,906

Net Assets as of 12/31/2020	\$108,291
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As a result of successful completion of an independent financial audit, Gold Star Mission achieved **Silver Seal of Transparency Rating** from the renowned GuideStar, a source of information on U.S. nonprofit organizations. The ranking accounts for the Gold Star Mission's efficiency, good governance, transparency and accountability.

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THE FAMILY OF ARMY SGT. ANTHONY R. MADDOX JEROME & FRANCES (GOLD STAR PARENTS) AND AMBRIA & VICTORIA MADDOX (GOLD STAR SISTERS)

To the Gold Star Mission Board of Directors,

Thank you for your commitment to support Gold Star Families, and preserving the memory of Fallen Heroes. As a Gold Star Family, we are humbled and honored that you have made tribute and will never forget Sgt. Anthony R. Maddox, and other fallen military heroes.

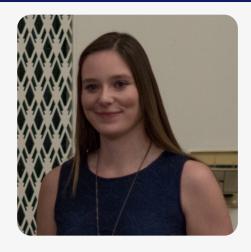
Last year, Anthony's youngest sister Ambria Maddox received the Gold Star Mission scholarship in honor of CWO2 Christopher B. Donaldson. Likewise, you presented a scholarship to Spencer Meenen in honor of our son and brother Sgt. Anthony R. Maddox. This blessed our family in many ways.

We are grateful you include siblings as scholarship recipients. Many Gold Star scholarships are limited to spouses and/or the dependents of the fallen. Your scholarship has financially supported Ambria's educational goals, and we are excited to report the success of her 1st semester. She was named on the fall 2020 Dean's list at Heartland Community college!

With sincere gratefulness,
The family of Army Sgt. Anthony R. Maddox
Jerome & Frances (Gold Star Parents)
and Ambria & Victoria Maddox (Gold Star Sisters)







KYLEE WEHRLY

I cannot thank you enough for the time and effort you have put into making all of this possible. The money you have raised for this scholarship means my mom and I have to worry a little less about finances this year. I will be putting the money towards books for the 2019 fall semester. While these scholarships are greatly appreciated by myself and the rest of the recipients, as a family member of one of the soldiers you ride for, it means more. It means they, my Dad, is/are not forgotten and their legacies lives on a while longer. For that, I also thank you!!

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Army SGT Joshua Harris, 9/17/2008, Romeoville, IL Grohler, Madison

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Army SPC James Grijalva, 10/12/2005, Burbank, IL

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Army SSG Pedro Colon, 02/19/2007, Cicero, IL

Bates, Brooke

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Army CPL James Hale, 08/13/2008, Naperville, IL

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Schutte, Kimberly

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Army SGT Chester Hosford, 07/06/2009, Hastings, IL

McMullin, Adam

Army SPC Cory Hubbell, 06/26/2003, Urbana, IL

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Army CPT Kevin Landeck, 02/02/2007, Wheaton, IL

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Marine Corps CPL Alex Martinez, 04/05/2012, Elgin, IL Wheeler, Allison

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Marine Corps PFC David Pietrek, 06/14/2008, Bensenville, IL Robinson, Cassandra

Marine Corps LCPL Hector Ramos, 01/26/2005, Aurora, IL Foster, Brittani

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Army SGT Gerrick Smith, 07/29/2009, Sullivan, IL Nickols, Cassidi

Army SGT Christopher Talbert, 07/07/2009, Galesburg, IL Harris, Jacob

Army PFC Adam Thomas, 08/31/2003, Palos Hills, IL Leonard, Chloe

Army SCT Robert Weinger, 03/15/2009, Round Lake Beach, IL Brody, Daniel

Army PV2 Dewayne White, 12/04/2007, Country Club Hills, IL Griffin, Benjamin

Army SPC Kristofer Walker, 10/02/2006, Creve Coeur, IL Behrent. Kolton

Army PFC Jeffrey Wallace, 05/24/2005, Hoopeston, IL Blanton, Alexis

Army SGT Jesse Tilton, 07/16/2010, Decatur, IL



ADAM MCMULLIN

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude for awarding me this scholarship. I was a recipient last year.

scholarship. I was a recipient last year, and it had an immense impact on my ability to succeed at Harvard. Moving forward, this scholarship will allow me to continue to be able to focus on my education and enriching extracurricular activities. Next year, I plan to spend a lot of time on robotics and engineering clubs. Without this scholarship, I would have to spend less time on projects and more time at a job. This scholarship truly is allowing me to make the most out of the opportunities that I have at school. I always think about what I can do to contribute to society and the United States, and this scholarship in the name of our Fallen Heroes continues to push me to go as far as possible.

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Mahomet, IL



JACOB HARRIS -RECIPIENT TURNED SOLDIER

The Gold Star Mission has been an experience like none other. I have participated in multiple GSM events. During these events I have witnessed extreme patriotism, and honor. There are many ways that we remember our fallen, but GSM does it best. Being active in this group has changed my entire life. It was while ridding the Gold Star 500 in 2019 that I was finally inspired enough to join join the military. Because of the conversations I've had, and the things I've seen while on the gold star rides it makes me appreciate my uniform more than the average soldier. Not everyone understands the extreme sacrifices that have been made. I look forward to working very closely with the group in the future. I hope to see more involvement from our younger crowd in 2021.

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Marine Corps SSGT Christopher Antonik, 07/11/2010, Crystal Lake, IL Sanguedolce, Sophia

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Headon, Aubrey

Army SGT Michael Bartley, 01/15/2011, Barnhill, IL

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Army PV2 Matthew Bush, 08/08/2003, East Alton, IL

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Marine Corps LCPL Kenneth Corzine, 12/24/2010, Bethalto, IL

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Marine Corps LCPL Nickolas Daniels, 11/05/2010, Elmwood Park, IL

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Army SSG Edwin Dazachacon, 02/13/2006, Belleville, IL

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Army CW2 Christopher Donaldson, 05/05/2006, Effingham, IL

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Army SGT James Dorsey, 02/08/2009, Beardstown, IL

Lindsay, Sarah

Army SPC William Dusenbery, 11/15/2003, Lake Zurich, IL

Harris, Kalyn

Army PFC Wyatt Eisenhauer, 05/19/2005, Pinckneyville, IL

Blanton, Alexis

Army SGT Blake Evans, 05/25/2008, Rockford, IL

Winslow, Hailey

Army SSG Donald Farmer, 12/19/2004, Zion, IL

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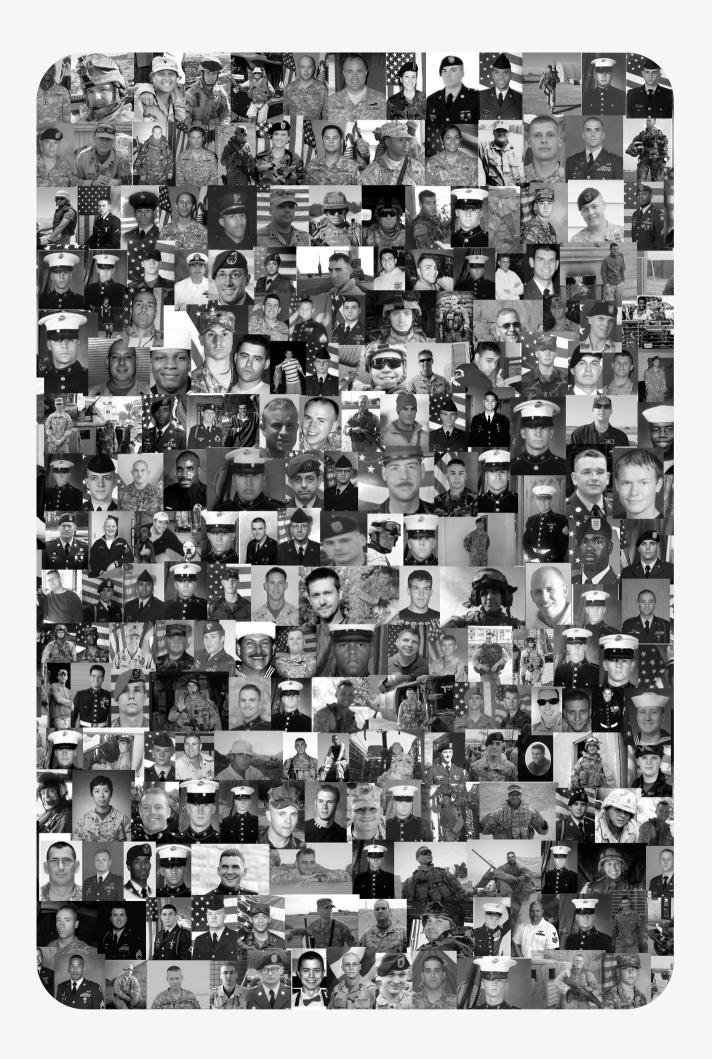








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