

The Gold Star Mothers National Monument Foundation was created ten years ago for the purpose of honoring and remembering the sacrifice American mothers have made with the loss of their children while serving their Country. Several years back when we were negotiating with the NPS and ANC for our proposed spot it was mentioned that we should consider the whole family. There has been much emphasis by our new generation of moms, the press, etc. on the effect a death does to other members of the family. The Gold Star Lapel Button (correct name) that a family member is given by the DOD can actually be given to twenty various members of the family. SO, not to exclude any member of the family we have agreed to call it the Gold Star Mothers Family Monument. Mom will still be the central figure in the design to represent the importance a mother has on the family as a whole. I also feel she should be out in front, so to speak, as she is the one who gives birth. Gold Star Mothers National Monument Foundation is now the engine driving the train.