

Blue Star and Gold Star symbols date to World War I, when American families began hanging banners indicating that a member of the household was engaged in military service. If a service member was killed in action, the Blue Star was replaced with a Gold Star. During World War II, an estimated 1 in 5 American households displayed a service banner. Placed within the National D-Day Memorial's Gold Star Garden, <u>Gold Star Garden bricks are reserved ONLY for the remembrance of individuals who lost their lives in service to United States.</u>

At a cost of **\$250 each**, commemorative bricks are an affordable way to permanently recognize a veteran or service member at the National D-Day Memorial. If your loved one's brick qualifies for placement in the Gold Star Garden, please carefully and accurately print your information on the following form and return it to the Foundation. Possible brick inscriptions may include, but are not limited to: Name, rank, branch of service, years of service, conflict served, date of death, etc.

Bricks are dedicated on **Memorial Day** and **Veterans Day** each year. You will receive an invitation packet with information about the dedication ceremony approximately one month before the dedication date. Due to logistical concerns, please allow us to choose the exact location of your brick. After your completed brick form is received and processed, you will receive a printed receipt by mail, which will include a printed copy of your brick inscription. Please proof your inscription carefully. If your text is correct, no response is required.

To purchase a Gold Star Brick, please fill out the following form and mail to National D-Day Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 77, Bedford, VA 24523

- A phone number is required in the event of a problem with your inscription or payment.
- To be included in the Memorial Day dedication, your completed form must be received by **<u>April 1.</u>**
- To be included in the Veterans Day dedication, your completed form must be received by **September 1.**

Print each character below exactly how you would like it to read. Please note all inscriptions are capitalized and centered on each brick. 18 character limit per line <u>includes punctuation</u>, symbols, and spaces.

Brick donations are 100% tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations.

Contributions to the National D-Day Memorial Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for profit organization, benefit The National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia.