



BLUE STAR SERVICE FLAG HISTORY

First used, unofficially, during World War I, the symbolism of the white background with the use of one blue star* in the center continued as a message of support honoring those in service during World War II. The Department of War provided initial specifications on the manufacture and guidelines of flag and lapel pin use, followed by, the Department of Defense Directive 1348.20, implemented by an Act of Congress (December, 1967) authorizing and providing guidelines for the displaying of a service flag to honor those serving during times of war or hostility.

**Early Service Flags displayed one star for each family member in service on flags. The 1967 Directive provided guidelines of one star reflective of all family members serving.*



GOLD STAR SERVICE FLAG –

Official recognition of a Service man or woman who has been killed or dies during active duty is shown with the placement of a Gold Star on top of the Blue Star, with the blue star providing a simple protective border around the Gold Star.

“All Gave Some – Some Gave All”

- Unknown