



The Milford Garden Club Inc., Milford Ct

Established 1926

To Whom It May Concern:

In an effort to recognize our Veterans in a highly visible way, The National Garden Club (NGC) has an ongoing project, "The Blue Star Memorial Program", whereby local garden clubs place a marker in a prominent location on American highways, cemeteries and other civic locations. It was inspired by the 'in service' flag that hung in the front windows of homes, churches and businesses to honor service men and women serving during World War II. The program has since expanded to honor those who have served, are serving or would serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Milford Garden Club is celebrating our 90th year of service to the City of Milford. As part of our yearlong celebration we have received the enthusiastic approval of our Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission, the Alderman and mayor Ben Blake to install a Blue Star Memorial Marker on the property of the Fowler Building located at 45 New Haven Avenue in Milford. It will be adjacent to and visible from the Founders Walk.

Tax deductible checks may be made out to "Blue Star Memorial" and then sent to Milford Garden Club, c/o Marilyn Wardell, 395 West Rutland Road, Milford, CT 06461. A specific account has been established just for the Blue Star Memorial at the Milford Bank.

Our Club along with the Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission will have a target date of Memorial Weekend 2017 for our ceremony. We plan on inviting our elected officials statewide and locally as well as officers of the Connecticut Federated Garden Clubs and the public. Milford Garden Club will be offering "Blue Star" luminary with battery -powered tea lights for \$5 a piece. We plan on asking the merchants of Milford to light the luminary in their shops for Memorial Weekend 2017.

If you have any further questions regarding the Blue Star Memorial please feel free to contact me. Milford Garden Club is honored to be a part of this project. It is a fitting tribute to the men and women who sacrifice so much that we may live in peace and freedom.

Sincerely,

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