

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA



CHAPTER 83

*Delaware Vietnam Veterans Cordially Invite You To*

*The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual  
\*Gold Star Families Gala*

*Commemorating and Honoring  
Our Nation's Fallen Heroes  
and  
Their Gold Star Families*

*Saturday, September 21, 2013  
Modern Maturity Center  
1121 Forrest Avenue  
Dover, Delaware 19904*

*Keynote Speaker:  
Medal of Honor Recipient MG James E. Livingston, USMC (Ret)*

*R.S.V.P. NLT September 4, 2013*

*Program Begins: 5:00 p.m.  
Dinner Begins: 6:00 p.m.  
Tickets \$35.00 per person*

*Military Members: Mess Dress,  
ASU / Service Dress (with bow tie), or Semi-Formal  
Civilian Guests: Semi-Formal*

*Attendee Name \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending \_\_\_\_\_*

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*\*\*I would like to sponsor a Gold Star Family \$35.00 per person\*\*  
\*\*Make all checks payable to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 83 Gold Star  
Program*

*Or VVA Chap. 83 Gold Star Program and mail to PO Box 8167 Wilmington, DE 19803*

*Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsored's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Meal Choice: \_\_\_\_\_  
Check enclosed in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Baked Marinated Chicken \_\_\_\_\_  
Roast Top Round of Beef \_\_\_\_\_  
Vegetarian Lasagna \_\_\_\_\_*

*Dinners include starch, vegetable, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee & tea  
RSVP: VVA Chapter 83, PO Box 8167, Wilmington, DE 19803  
Questions Phone: 302 593-5991-Judy Campbell*

*\*See attached description of Gold Star*

## **Gold Star Lapel Pins**

*The Gold Star Lapel Pins are worn by immediate Family Members to pay Honor and Remembrance to their Soldier that gave the “last full measure”. There are two pins:*

*1) At the conclusion of WWII, Congress established the Gold Star Lapel Button to provide an appropriate means to identify immediate Family members of the Armed Forces of the United States who lost their lives in the defense of democracy and freedom during the World Wars I and II, and any subsequent armed hostilities in which the United States became engaged. It is also issued for Act of Terrorism deaths, i.e. 9/11 attack on the Pentagon. The design incorporates the symbols that indicate the Family’s loss: the Laurel Wreath Border signifies valor; the Purple field signifies the Family’s grief or mourning; the Gold Star has been used since World War I to signify “Died in a Combat Theatre.”*



*2) The Next of Kin Lapel Button is issued for those who lost their lives while serving on active duty or while assigned in an Army Reserve or Army National Guard unit in a drill status. The Next of Kin Lapel Button’s Gold Star Circle commemorates Honorable Service and is surrounded by sprigs of oak. It is authorized for issue retroactive to March 29, 1973.*



*Please take the time to open the link and read about the two Gold Star Lapel Pins:*

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2007-title32-vol3/xml/CFR-2007-title32-vol3-sec578-63.xml>

*Immediate Family is described on DD Form 3 as: Widow, Widower, Mother, Father, Stepmother, Stepfather, Mother through adoption, Father through adoption, Foster Mother in loco parentis, Foster Father in Loco Parentis, Son, Daughter, Stepson, Stepdaughter, Son by adoption, Daughter by adoption, Brother, Sister, Half brother, Half sister.*

<http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/eforms/dd0003.pdf>