



Surviving Spouses' Benefits Seminar 2011

Presented by Gold Star Wives & our Sponsors

Speaker: The Honorable Eric K. Shinseki (invited)
Secretary, U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Presentations by VA staff of the Health, Benefits, and Cemetery Administration, to include Congressional, Legislative, and the New Office of Survivors Assistance

Friday, April 8, 2011 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Sheraton Crystal City Hotel

1800 Jefferson Davis Highway

Arlington, Virginia 22202

Guests are welcome. RSVP to MidAtlanticPres@aol.com
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Gold Star Wives of America Middle Atlantic Regional Conference

(NY, NJ, PA, DE, MD, VA, and DC)

Sheraton Crystal City Hotel

April 8 -10, 2011

Friday 7 PM to Sunday 12 Noon

Saturday, April 9, 2011, 11:30

Join us for lunch with

Speaker: The Honorable Clifford L. Stanley
Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness), Department of Defense

Guests welcome. Luncheon cost \$50 per guest

Mail RSVP and check to:

Gold Star Wives of America

540 N. Lombardy Street

Arlington, Virginia 22203-1060

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Amtrak to DC Metro to Sheraton Crystal City
Hotel Shuttle to and from Reagan National Airport
Room rate for registered Conference attendees \$99 plus taxes

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About Gold Star Wives of America:

We are: Surviving Spouses of those who died while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States or from service-connected disabilities as determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Why we are: The sorrow and challenges of service spouses are best understood by other service spouses.

What are we: A non-profit national service organization, Gold Star Wives of America (GSW) was founded in 1945—with Eleanor Roosevelt signing the original incorporation papers—as Military Wives of World War II. Recognizing Gold Star Wives of America's unique capacity to provide services not available from any other organization, Congress granted GSW a Federal Charter on December 4, 1980.

How we help each other: Member Support Services include Memorial Day and Veterans Day Ceremonies; Community and volunteer services, especially in military and veterans hospitals; provide benefit assistance; advocacy and informational testimony on compensation, education benefits, medical care, and other programs relating to the welfare of military survivors before House and Senate Congressional Committees; offer social and peer support through local chapters and the internet, and maintain a national web page and group message boards are a resource for informational survivor information .

Where we are: GSW members at large reside in all 50 States and overseas; it is organized in Chapters belonging to 8 Regions and has held annual National Conventions for 65 consecutive years.

How we are financed: Annual dues for GSW are kept low at \$25 so that every widow can afford to join.

We are very grateful to our sponsors; without their assistance Gold Star Wives would not be able to continue special activities that benefit those who share our realities: the sacrifices of military service survivors.



Membership is available to men and women whose spouse died on active duty or from a service related disability.

To join GSW, print this page, fill it out, and send it with a check (made out to Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.) to:

New Member Application
Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.
P.O. Box 361986
Birmingham, AL 35236

Life Membership Programs

Ages 40 and under: \$500 Ages 41 – 55: \$400 Ages 56-69: \$350 Ages: 70 and up: \$200

Annual Dues Payment: 1 year \$25 2 years \$50

Birth Date: _____ - _____ - _____

Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

Spouse's Branch of Service:

Army Navy Marines Air Force Coast Guard Rank/Rate: _____

Date of Death: _____ Place of Death: _____

Required to establish membership eligibility:

Cause of Death: Active duty ___ or Service-connected disability ____