



May 2015

Naval District Washington Gold Star Program Newsletter



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Installation Navy Gold Star Coordinator's schedule for installations:

Annapolis: 4th Tuesday 410-293-2641

Bethesda: Bldg. 62, 3rd Floor 202 -433-3055

Dahlgren: 1st Wednesday of the month-odd months (May, July, Sept, Nov)
540-653-1838

Fort Meade: 2nd Thursday 301-677-9014

JBAB: 3rd Tuesday (202) 767-0450

Patuxent River: 1st Wednesday of the month-even months (June, Aug, Oct, Dec) 301-342-4911

WNY: 3rd Wednesday 202-685-0229

You must call to make an appointment by calling (202) 433-3055!

Gold Star Wife, Monika Drag and

Gold Star Coordinator, Patsy Jackson
at the Gold Star Wives Event 4/9/15



Gold Star Family FOCUS Group

When: 7/18/15 **Where:** American Legion #60 2 Main Street, Laurel, MD

Time: 10:00-12:00 **POC:** 202-433-3055/3171

This Focus Group will help the Gold Star Program with providing quality services that are specific to your wants, needs and expectations. Please sign up to participate. We need at least 10 Gold Star Family members to participate. Sign up by 16 July 2015. Thank you!

Monthly Dining Outs

Dining outs are held at various restaurants in different counties and offer Gold Star Survivors the opportunity to connect and share with each other. Upcoming

Dining out dates and counties are:

May 7 Annapolis, MD

June 27 Prince WM/Fairfax-Potluck



White House Easter Egg Roll 6 April 2015:
Gold Star Families (Nicole Busey,
Essence Busey and Andrea Leathers)



MEMORIAL OBSERVANCES AND MAY EVENTS



- ◇ **Spotlight on Spouses Luncheon: Military Spouse Appreciation Day:** 8 May 2015 11:30-1:30, FFSC, 168 Bennion Rd, Annapolis, MD 21042
- ◇ **Mother's Day Champagne Brunch**-Bethesda , Bldg. 62, 10 May 2015 Cost: \$21.50
- ◇ **Military Spouse Job Fair,** Fort Meade, 12 May 2015 from 9:00 to 1:00 at the McGill Training Center, 8452 Zimborski Ave, Fort Meade, MD 20755 POC: Pamela Strange (301) 677-9017
- ◇ **Massing of the Colors** at Fort Meade 17 May 2015 :RSVP is required. Place the link below into your browser and respond online by 8 May 2015: <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=231238&k=0062430B785F>
- ◇ **NAS Patuxent River Navy Remembrance** Friday, May 22, 2015 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the West Basin Marina and the Cost: FREE. The Navy Ceremonial Guard is pleased to offer their Navy Color Guard, Firing Party, Drill Team, and Flag Support to show support for our Memorial of the Fallen Ceremony. After the Navy Drill Team presentation MWR's American Picnic kicks off along the beautiful Patuxent River. MWR will be providing live music by "The Piranhas", FREE FOOD, drinks, outdoor activities, and so much more.
- ◇ **Rolling Thunder Wreath Laying Ceremony,** May 23, 2015 , 11:00 A.M. U.S. Navy Memorial-701 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington, DC 20004
- ◇ **NAS Patuxent: Saturday, May 23, 2015** from 8 p.m. - 7 p.m. Location: Wildwood Plaza in Hollywood, MD Cost: FREE for Active Duty members and their families, and Gold Star Members. Join MWR as we take a shuttle bus to Washington D.C. a **Memorial Day Weekend must-do**. The shuttle bus will be leaving Wildwood Plaza at 8 a.m. and returning back to the plaza at 7 pm. The shuttle will be dropping our patrons off at the Navy Memorial in D.C., and at 11 a.m. Rolling Thunder visits the Navy Memorial and holds a wreath-laying ceremony featuring special guests and live performances. All patrons are requested to report back to the shuttle no later than 5 pm. This event is FREE for Active Duty members and their families, and Gold Star Members. Registration is first come, first served.
- ◇ **U.S. Navy Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony** w/U.S. Navy Band & Ceremonial Guard, May 25, 2015, 701 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20004
- ◇ **Character Brunch** 30 May 2015 Bethesda, Bldg. 62 ,10:00 AM Cost : \$10 for Adults, \$5 for 3-12 year olds and Free 2 and under (to register: MWRCharacterBrunch3a.eventbrite.com)



For more information, contact your Installation Navy Gold Star Coordinator at (202) 433-3055

