



**BLUE STAR
MEMORIAL
MARKER
RESTORATION**

Sewah Studios, the manufacturer, will restore a Blue Star Memorial or Highway Marker. You may call them at 740-373-2087 for the current price and shipping cost

(www.sewahstudios.com). Sewah does not refurbish By-Way Markers.

Also, it is possible for club members to refurbish any of the three marker types by following the directions on the CGCI website under Blue Star Memorial/Refurbishing Instructions.



**For more information about
The Blue Star Memorial Program
visit
www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org
or contact
BlueStar@cagardenclubs.org**

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*Honoring those
who have
served, those
presently
serving and
those who will
serve in the
Armed Forces
of the United
States of
America.*



**The Blue Star
Memorial
Program**



CGCI Clubs and Districts Honor the Armed Forces of the United States of America Through Blue Star Memorials!



History of the Blue Star Memorial Program

The Blue Star Memorial Program honors service men and women. The program began with the planting of 8,000 dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to Veterans of World War II. In 1945, National Garden Clubs, Inc. (www.gardenclub.org) adopted the program and began a Blue Star Highway system which covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii. Large metal Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers are placed at appropriate locations along the way.

Since its creation, the program has been expanded to include all men and women who had served, were serving or would serve in the Armed Services of the United States. Memorial Markers and By-Way Markers were added to the Highway Markers to be used at locations such as National cemeteries, parks, veterans facilities and gardens.

The Blue Star became an icon in World War II and was seen on flags and banners in homes for sons and daughters away at war as well as in churches and businesses.

The program has been active since its inception to the present -- a fitting tribute always and especially now. Markers continue to be dedicated each year on highways, veterans facilities, National cemeteries, parks and civic and historic sites which show our appreciation for those who defend our country.

The Blue Star Guidelines

A complimentary copy of *The Blue Star Guidelines* (adapted for California Garden Clubs, Inc.) may be obtained from the CGCI Blue Star Memorial Chairman. *The Blue Star Guidelines* contains detailed descriptions of the markers, installation and refurbishing instructions, sample dedication program, ordering procedures, and much more. Contact: BlueStar@cagardenclubs.org.

Procedures for Obtaining Markers:

- Garden club members vote to approve the project.
- An appropriate location is selected, and type of marker for that location is chosen.
- The CGCI Blue Star Memorial Chairman is contacted for forms and instructions.
- The local or state authority responsible for the location is contacted.
- The order form and check are sent to the CGCI Blue Star Memorial Chairman for processing.
- Clubs/districts may solicit other civic organizations to help with funding, construction, planting and maintenance.

Allow at least six (6) weeks for delivery of the marker after the order is received by the manufacturer (Sewah Studios) in Ohio.

Note: No marker may bear an individual's name. The markers are designed to pay tribute to the Armed Forces of the United States of America as a whole.

The Blue Star Memorial & Highway Markers are made of cast aluminum.



BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER

Current cost is \$1,530.*

Overall height when erected is 7'6". The plate is 41" high x 45" wide. To be placed in National cemeteries, veterans medical centers and other civic locations.



BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY MARKER

Current cost is \$1,530.*

Overall height when erected is 7'6". The plate is 41" high x 45" wide. To be placed on named highways.**



BLUE STAR MEMORIAL BY-WAY MARKER

Current cost is \$510.*

Plaque is 12" x 20" for mounting on masonry or wood. To be placed in civic gardens, parks and historical sites.

*Prices effective through May 1, 2020
**For a complete listing of all California named highways, go to <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tsip/hseb/products.html>