

California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Blue Star and Gold Star Families Memorial Markers

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Blue Star Memorials Co-Chairmen

NGC adopted the Blue Star Memorial Highways project in 1946. There are three Memorial Markers. All are a tribute to the men and women in the armed forces who have served, are presently serving and will serve in the future. The large Blue Star Highway Memorial Markers are placed only on dedicated highways. A second large Blue Star Memorial Marker, minus the word “highway”, was approved in 1996 for dedication at National Cemeteries or V.A. Medical Facilities. The Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker was approved in 1994, for placement in parks, historic sites and civic areas bears the words, “A Tribute to the Armed Forces of America.” At the 2004 convention in St. Louis, the scope of this marker was enlarged to include other appropriate civic locations. More recently a Gold Star Families Memorial Marker and a Gold Star Families Byway Marker were added to pay tribute to the families of those who have died in the service of their country.

NOTE: (*) = Marker in storage, missing or destroyed
(1) = One marker at dual rest area
(2) = Two markers at dual rest areas

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Arboretum District

Blue Star Byway Markers

La Habra	1150 Whittier Blvd., La Habra	Year Around GC
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Bay Bridges District

Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers

Alamo	I-680 N bound ramp, Stone Valley Road	District
Oakland*	(In storage)	Eastlake GC
Pinole	I-80 E bound on ramp at Pinole Valley Road	Pinole GC
San Francisco	I-80 E bound on ramp at 5th & Harrison Streets	District

Blue Star Memorial Markers

El Cerrito	1120 Arlington Blvd in Arlington Park	El Cerrito GC
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Blue Star Byway Markers

El Cerrito	Veterans Memorial Park, San Pablo Ave at Manila St	El Cerrito GC
Richmond	Richmond Museum of History, 1337 Canal Blvd., next to SS Red Oak Victory Ship	El Cerrito GC

Bay Ocean District**Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers**

Hillsborough	I-280 N bound rest area, 1.2 mi N Bunker Hill Dr	District
Los Altos Hills	I-280 El Monte Road interchange, NW quadrant	District
Oakland Bay Br*	(In storage)	District
San Francisco	I-80 E bound at 5th St.	GSC of the Peninsula
South San Francisco	Orange Park Memorial Site, One Tennis Drive	District

Blue Star Memorial Markers

San Bruno	Golden Gate National Cemetery at Sneath Road gate	GSC of the Peninsula
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Buttes District**Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers**

Belden (1)	SR-70 E & W bound rest area, 30 miles W of Quincy	Kelly Ridge GC
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Blue Star Memorial Markers

Lake Oroville	2374 Montgomery Street	Lake Oroville Area GC
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Blue Star Byway Markers

Yuba City	Veterans Memorial Bldg, 1425 Veterans Memorial Dr	District
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Cascade District**Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers**

Grass Lake (1)	US-97 N & S-bound rest area, 19.8 miles N of Weed	District
O'Brien	I-5 N bound rest area, 2 miles N of Shasta Lake bridge	Clubs of Dist. 8B Cascade
Red Bluff (2)	I-5 Herbert Miles N & S bound rest areas, 4.5 mi N of Red Bluff	District

Blue Star Byway Markers

Anderson	Veterans Memorial Hall, W Center Street	Anderson Valley GC
Cottonwood	Front Street Park, along SR-99	District
Igo	Northern California Veteran's Cemetery	Redding Wonderland GC
Shasta Lake	Veteran's Memorial Garden	Shasta Lake Garden Project

Channel Islands District**Blue Star Byway Markers**

Thousand Oaks	Conejo Creek Park, off SR 23, at the fountain	District
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Costa Verde District**Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers**

Redondo Beach	SR-1, in SW corner of PCH & Carnelian Street	Vietnam Veterans, CGCI
Torrance	Fire Station #4 at Pacific Coast Hwy. & Calle Mayor	Riviera GC
Harbor City*	Stolen	District

Blue Star Byway Markers

Long Beach	Veterans Administration Bldg., 5901 E. 7th	Long Beach GC
San Pedro	Interior Ft McArthur Museum, 3601 S Gaffey Street	San Pedro GC

San Pedro Wilmington	250 So, Harbor Blvd. at Battleship Center Banning Mansion, 500 PCH, Left of entry path	San Pedro GC District
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Desert Empire District

Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers

Boron (2)	SR-58 E & W bound rest areas, 4 miles W of Boron	District
Conway Summit	US-395 Vista Pt, overlooks Mono Lake, 4.5 mi N SR-167	Oasis GC of IWW
Coso Junction (1)	US-395 N & S-bound rest area, 17 miles S of SR-190	Oasis GC of IWW
Desert Oasis (2)	I-40 Dual rest areas, 9 miles E of Newberry	CGCI and Oasis GC of IWW
Fenner (2)	I-40 Dual rest areas, 45 miles W of Needles	Roadrunner & Desert Empire Districts
Manzanar Ntl Hist Site	US-395, 11 miles N of Lone Pine	Oasis GC of IWW

Blue Star Memorial Markers

Arvin	Bakersfield National Cemetery, 30338 E. Bear Mountain Rd.	Oasis GC of IWW
Ridgecrest	China Lake Museum, 130 E. Las Flores Ave.	Oasis GC of IWW

Blue Star Byway Markers

Barstow	Centennial Park, Barstow Road at Virginia Rd	Barstow Gardeners
Barstow	CA Veterans Home, 100 Veterans Pkwy, near flagpole	Desert Holly Gardeners
Boron	Boron Twenty Mule Team Museum	Boron GC
California City	Hacienda & CA City Boulevards, at the flagpole	Desert Rose GC
Edwards AF Base	Flight Center Museum, Rosamond Boulevard	Tumbleweeds GC
Lancaster	Lancaster City Park, 10th Street W at flagpole	Hi-Desert Gardeners
Ridgecrest	Cerro Coso College, right side of entry road	Desert Planters of Ridgecrest
Ridgecrest	Desert Empire Fairgrounds	Oasis GC of IWW
Ridgecrest	Civic Center, 100 W California	Desert Planters of Ridgecrest
Ridgecrest	Pearson Park on N. Downs, near W. Vicki	Desert Planters of Ridgecrest
Ridgecrest	Maturango Museum	Oasis GC of IWW
Ridgecrest	Animal Shelter	Desert Planters of Ridgecrest
Ridgecrest	Historic USO Bldg., 230 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.	Oasis GC of IWW
Yermo	Calico Ghost Town, I-15 12 miles E of Barstow	Desert Holly Gardeners

Diablo Foothills District

Blue Star Memorial Markers

Livermore	VA Med. Ctr., at flagpole, Arroyo Rd. 4 mi S of downtown	District
Martinez	VA Med. Ctr., 150 Muir Road, at the flagpole	District

Blue Star Byway Markers

Antioch	City Park Rose Garden, 10th & A Streets	Riverview GC
Clayton	Grove Park, Downtown Clayton	Clayton Valley GC
Concord	Library, 2900 Salvio Street	Concord Garden Club
Discovery Bay	Stiefer Park	Discovery Bay GC
Lafayette	Veterans Memorial Bldg., 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Lafayette GC
Martinez	601 Main Street in courtyard	Markham Regional Arboretum Soc.
San Ramon	San Ramon Memorial Park	Livermore-Amador GC
Walnut Creek	Elks Club at the entry	Walnut Creek GC
Walnut Creek	The Gardens at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Dr.	Walnut Creek GC

Golden Foothills District

Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers

Donner Summit (2)	I-80 E & W bound view point, 4 miles W SR-89 in Truckee	Auburn GC
Emigrant Gap Folsom	I-80 W-bound at Emigrant Gap Historic Overlook US-50 on Riley at Lembi Park entrance	District Organic Gardening Club of Sacramento County
Gold Run (2)	I-80 E & W bound rest areas	District

Blue Star Memorial Markers

Aburn	Armed Forces Pavilion & Community Center	District & Auburn GC
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Blue Star Byway Markers

Auburn	Civic Center, 1225 Lincoln Way	Auburn & Donner GCs
Auburn	Military Memorial Rose Garden, Bell Road Baptist Church	Donner GC of Auburn
Auburn	Auburn Veterans Hall, 100 East Street	Donner GC of Auburn
Carmichael	East Koobs Nature Area, 5325 Eagle Rd.	Organic GC of Sacramento County
Chicago Park	SR-174, 5.5 mi N of Historic Colfax at Bear River Pines	Colfax GC
Chicago Park	On corner SR-174 & St Paul Pl., #18934, Fire station #2	Chicago Park GC
Clayton	Grove Park, downtown Clayton	Clayton Valley GC
Colfax	SR-174 Bear River Pines	Colfax GC
Colfax	Bandstand Park, Main & Church Streets	Colfax GC
Colfax	SR 174, .75 mi N of Historic Colfax, Cape Horn Overlook	Colfax GC
Donner Summit (2)	I-80 E & W bound rest area, at the flagpoles	District
Folsom	Folsom Park, near 100 Natoma Street	District
Foresthill	Jubilee Garden, Foresthill Road	Donner GC of Auburn
Georgetown	VFW Park, Eaton & Wentworth Springs Road	Divide GC
Grass Valley	Memorial Park, SR-174 & Race St. at Right End of Wall	Chicago Park GC
Grass Valley	Holiday Inn Express Courtyard	District
Meadow Vista	Meadow Vista Comm. Center, 1101 Meadow Vista Rd	Meadow Vista GC
Placerville	Veterans Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Drive	Placerville GC
Roseville	Roseville Cemetery at entrance flagpole	Roseville Better GC
Roseville	Community Center, Maidu Reg. Park, Rocky Ridge Dr	Roseville Better GC
Roseville	Veterans Memorial Hall, 110 Park Drive, Royer Park	Roseville Green Thumb GC

Greater Los Angeles District

Blue Star Memorial Markers

W. Los Angeles	Los Angeles National Cemetery, 950 Sepulveda Blvd.	Los Angeles GC & Brentwood Glen GC
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Blue Star Byway Markers

Hollywood	Triangle Median Park, Franklin & Wilcox & Cahuenga	Los Angeles GC
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Humboldt District

Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers

Trinidad (2)	US-101 N & S bound Trinidad rest areas	District
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Blue Star Byway Markers

Bull Creek Flats	Bull Creek Pioneer Cemetery, 5 miles W of US 101	Southern Humboldt GC
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Eureka	Veteran's Memorial Building, 1020 H Street	Eureka Sequoia GC
Ferndale	Veterans Memorial Building, 1100 Main Street	Ferndale GC
Fortuna	Veterans Memorial Building, 1426 Main Street	Fortuna GC
Garberville	Veterans Park, Redwood Drive at Thomas Drive	Southern Humboldt GC
Pepperwood	N entrance, Ave. of the Giants at info sign	Southern Humboldt GC
Rio Dell	Triangle Park at Wildwood Ave. & W Elko St	Triangle GC
Trinidad	Trinidad Light House	Patrick's Point GC

Luther Burbank District

Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers

Golden Gate Br	US-101 N-bound viewpoint, Marin County anchorage	District
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Blue Star Memorial Markers

Yountville	Veterans Home of California	District
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Blue Star Byway Markers

Cloverdale	Cloverdale City Plaza	Green Thumb GC
Petaluma	Veterans Memorial Bldg., 1094 Petaluma Blvd.	Petaluma GC
Rohnert Park	Avenue of the Flags, Community Center Grounds	Rohnert Park GC
Santa Rosa	Veterans Memorial Bldg.	District
Santa Rosa	1900 Franklin Ave, Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa GC

Mendo-Lake District

Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers

Willits	US-101, CDF Station, 5 miles S of Junction with SR-20	Willits GC
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Blue Star Memorial Markers

Lakeport	255 N Main Street, Lake County Museum grounds	Clear LakeTrowel &Trellis GC
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Blue Star Byway Markers

Fort Bragg	Mendocino Botanical Garden, 1 mi S of Noyo River Bridge	District
Nice	Triangle Park	North Lake GC
Willits	Jackson Demonstration Forest	District

Montana District

Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers

Cambria	Cambria Drive and Main Street	Cayucos GC and Cambria American Legion Post 432
San Simeon	SR1, opp. Hearst Castle entry at WRH State Beach	District

Blue Star Byway Markers

San Luis Obispo	Veterans Memorial Bldg., 1661 Mill Street	District
Santa Maria	Santa Maria Inn in the patio at fountain <i>(Commemorates the founding of CGCI)</i>	District

Orange County District

Blue Star Byway Markers

Huntington Harbor	Newland House Museum, 19820 Beach Blvd.	Huntington Harbor GC
Mission Viejo	Community Ctr., in Oso-Viejo Park on Veterans Way	District
San Clemente	San Clemente Community Center	San Clemente GC
Santa Ana	Dr Howe-Waffle House, 120 Civic Center Drive	Santa Ana GC

Palms to Pines District

Blue Star Memorial Markers

Indio	Coachella Valley Cemetery	The Palms GC/East Valley Memorial
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Blue Star Byway Markers

Indio	Memorial Rose Garden, between City Hall & library	Agave GC
Loma Linda	JL Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center, 11201 Benton	Inland Empire Geranium Society
Palm Springs	Palm Springs Air Museum, 745 N Gene Autry Trail	District
Riverside	Ntl Cemetery Amphitheater Wall of Memorial Plaques	District

Gold Star Families Memorial Markers

Big Bear	On the lake shore.	'A' Garden Club
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Palomar District

Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers

Aliso Creek	I-5 S-bound rest area, 5.8 miles N of Oceanside	District
San Diego*	I-8 E-bound, Hotel Circle exit, W 4/10 mi on Taylor St. (Destroyed during a traffic accident)	Pacific Beach GC
San Ysidro	I-5 S-bound at San Ysidro Border Crossing	District

Blue Star Memorial Markers

Point Loma	Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery at visitor center	Point Loma GC
San Diego	Miramar National Cemetery near visitor center	District

Blue Star Byway Markers

Chula Vista	Serenity Garden, Veterans Park	Chula Vista GC
Chula Vista	Rohr Park	Bonita Valley GC
Chula Vista	Veterans Elementary School	Chula Vista GC
Chula Vista	Veteran's Home of Chula Vista, 700 E. Naples Ct.	Chula Vista GC
Encinitas	Scripps Memorial Hospital	San Dieguito GC
Fallbrook	Fallbrook Village Square	Fallbrook GC
Imperial Beach	Marina Vista Park, 800 Imperial Beach Avenue	District
La Jolla	VA Med Ctr, La Jolla Village Dr. W of I-5, at main entry	District
Lakeside	Lindo Lake Park, 12824 Lakeshore Drive	Lakeside GC
Poway	Lake Poway	Poway Valley GC
Ramona	Collier Park, 626 E Street	Ramona GC
Valley Center	Adams Park, 28741 Cole Grade Road on fountain	Dos Valles GC
Vista	Brengle Terrace Park, 1200 Vale Terrace Drive	Vista GC & VFW 7041

Plumas-Lassen District

Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers

Chester	SR-36 Lake Almanor rest area, 4 miles E of town center	District
Portola	449 E Sierra Ave, adjacent to Hwy 70	VFW Post 3758, American Legion Post 329 and Chico Horticultural Society

Roadrunner District

Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers

Fenner	I-40 E & W bound rest areas, 45 miles W of Needles	District
Twenty-Nine Palms (2)	City limits E & W bound Hwy 62	City of Twenty-Nine Palms, CGCI
Whitewater	I-10 W-bound rest area, 2 mi E of I10/SR111 junction	District
Yucca Valley (2)	City Limits, E & W bound Hwy 62	City of Yucca Valley, CGCI

Blue Star Byway Markers

Apple Valley	On the grounds of Town Hall	Cactus Wren GC
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Hesperia	Hesperia Lake Park, near back	Hesperia GC & City of Hesperia
Lucerne Valley	Pioneer Park in the rose garden	Desert Crossroads GC

Sacramento River Valley District

Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers

Hunter Hill	I-80 W-bound rest area, 1.25 miles E of SR-37, Vallejo	Geranium City GC
Sacramento	I-5 in Old Town area at 2nd & L Streets	District
Sacramento	I-5 S bound, Elkhorn rest area, near Metropolitan Apt	District
Sacramento*	SR-160 E bound, Del Paso Blvd under-crossing strip (Missing)	District

Blue Star Memorial Markers

Dixon	Sacramento Valley National Cemetery near main entrance	Vaca Valley GC
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Blue Star Byway Markers

Benicia	1st St at Military Way Veterans Memorial Bldg	Shibui Arrangers Guild
Fairfield	Fairfield Senior Center	Geranium City GC
McCellan	VA McCellan Clinic	North Highlands GC
Rancho Murieta	7191 Murieta Parkway	River Valley GC

San Fernando Valley District

Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers

Burbank	N San Fernando Valley Blvd & Scott, McCambridge Park Rose Garden	District
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Blue Star Memorial Markers

Canoga Park	8107 Canoga Ave. at VFW Post 2805	Southern California GC
North Hills	Sepulveda VA Med. Ctr. 16111 Plummer St. Bldg. 200	Southern California GC
North Hollywood	Lankershim Blvd adjacent Campo de Cahuenga	District
Simi Valley	40 Presidential Dr, at Ronald Reagan Presidential Library	Southern California GC
Woodland Hills	Woodland Hills DAV, 6543 Corbin Ave	Southern California GC

Blue Star Byway Markers

Chatsworth	Metro link Station on Old Depot Plaza Drive	District
Toluca Lake	10205 Riverside Drive	Toluca Lake GC
West Hills	23600 Roscoe Blvd.	West Valley GC

Santa Clara Valley District

Blue Star Byway Markers

Campbell	125 E Campbell Avenue	Campbell GC
Campbell	N Hamilton at Campbell Avenue N-bound	District
Gilroy	74 W. 6 th Street at Gilroy Memorial Veterans Hall	So. Valley Fleurs GC
Milpitas	457 E. Calaveras Blvd.	Green Thumb GC of Milpitas

Sequoia Foothills District

Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers

Kingsburg (1)	SR-99 N & S-bound C H Warlow rest area, 3 miles S of Turlock	District
Tulare (2)	SR-99 N & S bound, Phillip S. Raine rest areas (replaced by CALTRANS 2012)	District

Blue Star Memorial Markers

Arvin	Bakersfield National Cemetery, 30338 Bear Mountain Blvd.	Oasis GC of IWV (in Desert Empire District)
Fresno	VA Central Valley Healthcare System	District

Blue Star Byway Markers

Hanford	Children's Storybook Garden and Museum	Hanford GC
Lemoore	Plaza Park, D Street	Hanford GC
Squaw Valley	30733 E. Kings Canyon Rd.	Four Seasons GC
Tulare	1771 E. Tulare Ave. at Tulare Veterans Mem. Bldg.	Valley Oak GC
Visalia	Visalia Cemetery, Eagle's Niche	Visalia GC

Top O'The State District

Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers

Castella	I-5 N bound Vista Point turnout, 1 miles S of Castella	District
Collier (1)	I-5 N & S bound rest area, 11 miles S of Oregon border	Yreka GC
McCloud	SR 89, 100 feet W of exit to McCloud at the flagpole	McCloud GC

Valley Lode District

Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers

Turlock	SR-99 N-bound, rest area 2 miles S of Turlock	Blue Star Mothers
Westley	I-5 S bound rest area, 1 mile S of I-5/I-580 interchange	District

Blue Star Memorial Markers

Ceres	Ceres Community Center, 2701 Fourth Street	Ceres GC
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Blue Star Byway Markers

Angels Camp	SR-49/SR-4, Visitor Center, Main & Hardscrabble Sts	Calaveras County GC
Linden	Farmers & Merchants Bank	Linden Community GC
Linden	18836 E. Main St.	Linden Community GC
Lodi	Micke Grove Park	Lodi GC
Lodi	Cherokee Memorial Park, Harney Lane @ Highway 99	Lodi GC
Manteca	Manteca Library, 320 Center Street	Manteca GC
Modesto	Senior Citizens Center, 211 Bodem Street. at Scenic Dr	Modesto GC
Oakdale	Popular & California on Post Office grounds	Oakdale GC
Patterson	Patterson Senior Center, 1033 West Las Palmas	Patterson GC
Ripon	259 N Wilma, at City Hall flagpole	Ripon GC
Stockton	On Tuxedo Ave, at Pacific Avenue by water fountain	Stockton GC
Stockton	Easter Seal Therapeutic Center, Bianchi & Claremont	Stockton GC
Stockton	Haggin Memorial/Museum, Victory Park, Pershing Ave	Stockton GC
Stockton	1201 N. Pershing Ave.	Stockton GC
Tuolumne	18464 Stryker Ct. behind Standard Fire Station	Tuolumne County GC

Gold Star Families Byway Markers

Tuolumne	18464 Stryker Ct. behind Standard Fire Station	Tuolumne County GC
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Yosemite District

Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers

Cathey's Valley	SR-140 East side of road in Catheys Valley	Cathey's Valley GC
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Blue Star Memorial Markers

Santa Nella	San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery	District
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Blue Star Byway Markers

Atwater	Castle Air Museum, Sante Fe Ave.	Atwater GC
Le Grand	Plainsburg Cemetery	Le Grand GC
Merced	Joe Herb Park, Yosemite Parkway (SR140)	District

Gold Star Families Memorial Byway Marker

Merced

Veterans Memorial Bldg.

Merced GC

California Garden Clubs, Inc.**Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers**

Redondo Beach

SR-1, in SW corner of PCH & Carnelian Street

Vietnam Veterans, CGCI

Reno, NV

Veterans Park

w/Nevada Garden Clubs, Inc.

Twenty-Nine Palms

City limits E & W bound Hwy 62

City of Twenty-Nine Palms,

(2)

CGCI

Yucca Valley (2)

City Limits, E & W bound Hwy 62

City of Yucca Valley, CGCI

DEDICATED BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAYS

<u>ROUTE NO.</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
75	Coronado	Naval Air Station – North Island
62	I-10 Riverside County	Adobe Road-Twenty-Nine Palms
1	I-5 at Dana Point in Orange County	Route 101 at Leggett
101	Los Angeles	Oregon State Line
680	County line - Contra Costa & Alameda	Benicia Bridge (Solano County Line)
79 SH 70	Marysville	Hallelujah Junction
395	I-15 near Cajon Pass	Nevada State Line
89	Route 395 near Topaz	I-5 near Mt. Shasta
40	I-15 at Barstow	Arizona State Line
280	Third Street in San Francisco	I-680 in San Jose
140	I-5 near Gustine	Yosemite National Park
97	I-5 at Weed	Oregon State Line
58	Route 101 (Santa Margarita)	I-15 (Barstow)
36	Route 101 - Alton	Susanville
254	Humboldt County Avenue of Giants	Route 101 near Pepperwood
8	San Diego (formerly 80)	Arizona State Line
80	San Francisco	Nevada State Line
5	Mexico Border (Tijuana)	Oregon State Line
Old US 99	Mexico Border at Calexico	Oregon State Line