WOODY WILLIAMS FOUNDATION

Woody Williams Foundation March Outreach Newsletter

Save the Date

With a multitude to select from, plan to join us for one or more Gold Star Families, Outreach or partner events in your area.

View our Event Calendar

Hello, families and supporters of the Woody Williams Foundation!

Spring is upon us, and we are soaking up every golden ray March has to offer. There's a lot to reflect upon and celebrate this month and we're grateful you're a part of it all! For 31 days this month, the nation will intentionally honor the contributions that women have made to the military. The legacy of women in the military is long and storied, as trailblazers from across the country have fought through the decades to establish a place at every level for women to serve. To the women who have served in and supported our US Armed Services, we salute you every day! One woman we'd like to highlight this month is Lori Piestewa, the first female service member to sacrifice her life during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and the first Native American female service member to die in combat. We invite you to learn more about her life of service, and join us as we celebrate her on March 23 at Piestewa Peak in Arizona (details below).

This month, we also celebrate our nation's Medal of Honor Recipients and honor their exceptional bravery and sacrifices made in defense of our freedom. Congress established March 25th as a day to recognize these recipients and inspire public appreciation for their service. The same inspiration was seen by our founder and namesake, Woody, as his passion was to ensure remembrance of our nation's fallen through the telling of their stories. Many of these stories can be found on our Wall of Remembrance, while many often get told while visiting one of our Gold Star Family Memorial Monuments around the country. Did you know that more than 3,500 service members have been awarded the Presidential Medal of Honor? Please reach out to us if you're interested in learning more about where you can celebrate these brave souls!

Vietnam Veterans Day brings this month to a meaningful close as we remember all who served and sacrificed, and the families left behind. The last combat troops were pulled out of Vietnam on March 29th 1973. Many who returned home did not receive any recognition of their service. Instead, they came home to a divided country, and many struggled to adapt to that life. Every day, we stand in unity for the men and women who served in Vietnam. This month, we encourage you to talk with a Vietnam Veteran and welcome them home. You may also visit The Wall That Heals when it comes to your town.

Stay connected! Below is a list of upcoming opportunities near you.

March Happenings

All Month

National
Join TAPS survivors in your area for a day of honor and fellowship.

Thinking about Summer already? Don't miss the chance to register for these camps, retreats and seminars:

NC
Registration OPEN for **Special Liberty Project** Survivor Retreats

KY, TN, TX & GA
Registration OPEN for **A Soldier's Child Summer 2025 Camps**

National
Registration OPEN for **Never Alone Widows 2025 Faith-based Retreats and National Seminar**

Registration OPEN for **Gold Star Sailing Camp**

Washington DC
Registration OPEN for TAPS 31st **Annual National Military Survivor Seminar** in Washington, DC

TX
Registration OPEN for **Gold Star Parents Retreat**

March 6

National
Webinar with Stop Soldier Suicide's Black Box Project team online at 3pm EST. Register here.

March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

AZ, SC, PA & NY
Multiple **Operation Legacy events** with the **Travis Manion Foundation.**

March 16

St. Petersburg FL
Lightning Warriors St. Patrick's Day 5K Run/Walk/Rock for your hero. Register here and apply discount code woodywilliams25 for $10 off entry fee.

March 21

Nationwide
Rosie the Riveter Day, and you can celebrate in many ways. Learn more here.

March 22

Bethany OK
9th Annual Medal of Honor Poker Run. Learn more here.

March 23

Piestewa Peak, AZ
22nd Annual Sunrise Service for all Fallen Heroes & Veterans. Register here.

March 25

Nationwide
Medal of Honor Day

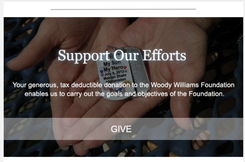
March 29

Nationwide
Vietnam Veterans Day

Pinehurst NC
Military & Gold Star Family Day with **Combat Warriors**. Please email our Outreach Director for more information.

We want to hear from you! *Please reach out to us if there is anything we can do to support you. We are constantly updating our resource list based on the feedback we receive. To those who stand with us in service, thank you!*

In remembrance,
The Outreach Team



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Our mission statement

To honor, recognize, and serve Gold Star Families and the legacy of their Loved Ones who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

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