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Subject: Silver Star Day 2009 City/Town Proclamation

Dear city or town representative,

On May 1, 2009, Silver Star Families of America wants to honor our wounded military veterans by showing appreciation for their sacrifices. Last year this was done on a small scale as a day remembering the wounded and ill of our Armed Forces also. We have just over 2 months left to receive the proclamations from the cities, towns, counties, and states to unite in a way of thanking and honoring them. We have received hundreds of them, many permanent, already for 2009. These veterans should be recognized through their towns, local organizations, and the media that we have not forgotten that they have made personal sacrifices on our behalf.

There are tens of thousands veterans that have returned home wounded in one manner or another. That count only includes the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, we also want to recognize all those injured or ill from previous wars. There are visible wounds and invisible wounds and illnesses directly related to their wartime service. We need to let them know they are not forgotten.

The not for profit 501c3 organization: www.silverstarfamilies.org supports and recognizes the wounded and ill veterans. Following May 1st, the proclamations will be donated to the Stars and Stripes Museum where the original Silver Star Flag is on display for all to see. A sample of the proclamation is following this letter. You may make changes to fit your own situation for your town or city.

The United States Conference of Mayors, then League of Cities, and the National Association of Counties, along with many organizations are supporting this effort.

If you choose to sign, which we hope you do, please send your proclamation to either the organization's founder:

Steve Newton, Founder SSFOA, 525 Cave Hollow Rd, Clever, MO. 65631

or myself:

Nancy Spoerke, 88 Francine Drive, Brockton MA 02302

If you have already signed a proclamation, but have not sent in a copy please send a copy as we have no way of knowing it is signed and your city or town is not listed with the hundreds of others showing you support the ill and wounded veterans.

We, as an organization, thank you. I personally wish to thank you.

**Nancy Spoerke
 member of Silver Star Families of America**

2/9/2009

Silver Star Banner Day CITY Proclamation or Resolution 2009

WHEREAS, the City of _____ has always honored the sacrifice of the men and women in the Armed Forces and

WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America was formed to make sure we remember the blood sacrifice of our wounded and ill by designing and manufacturing a Silver Star Banner and Flag and

WHEREAS, to date The Silver Star Families of America has freely given thousands of Silver Star Banners to the wounded and their families, and

WHEREAS, the members of The Silver Star Families of America have worked tirelessly to provide the wounded of this City and Country with Silver Star Banners, Flags and care packages, and

WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America's sole mission is that every time someone sees a Silver Star Banner in a window or a Silver Star Flag flying, that people remember the sacrificed for this City, State and Nation and

WHEREAS, the people and Mayor of _____ wish that the sacrifice of so many in our Armed Forces never be forgotten

NOW THEREFORE, I, _____, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF _____ do hereby proclaim

My appreciation of The Silver Star Families of America and honor their commitment to our wounded Armed Forces members. I hereby declare May 1st "SILVER STAR BANNER DAY" the permanent and official day to honor the wounded and ill Soldiers of the City of _____.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be

affixed the Great Seal of the City of _____ in the State of _____ this day _____ year. _____