



## Army Commitment

We've all heard the line from the Warriors Creed that  
*"No man will be left behind."*

The program I will share with you was put in place specifically to ensure that  
*"No Family gets left behind."*

## Mission Statement

Survivor Outreach demonstrates the Army's commitment to Families of the Fallen by assuring Surviving Families that they can be linked to the "Army Family" using a multi-agency approach, for *as long as they desire.*

## Family Casualty Experience

**The Goal...**  
**Transition Family from CAO to SOS**  
**Before Duties Conclude.**

## Broad Scope of SOS Duties

- Five Support Coordinators serve approximately 2,200 Survivors throughout the state
- Support CAO prior to and upon completion of CAO duties, work with CAC/CMAOC/IMCOM to follow up on benefits and entitlements, and provide long-term Family Support to Army Families
- Partner with community leadership, social services, military agencies, and private groups or individuals, to provide community and military resource referrals and to increase awareness
- Coordinate events for Surviving Families for networking and peer to peer support
- Assimilate and update Survivor contact database assuring all Families of Army/Guard/Reserves are offered support

## Ohio Survivor Outreach Coordinators

- Steve Brunn – NW Counties
- Melissa Wise – NE Counties
- Susan Bogan – Central Counties
- Rita Kreitzer – SW Counties
- Tara Reyna – SE Counties

## Vision for Ohio

- I. Personal outreach to ALL Ohio Survivors
- II. Network with community, social service, and NGO's to broaden assistance available to Survivors
- III. Participate in memorial events in key communities throughout Ohio
- IV. Utilize quarterly SOS newsletter, Facebook, and email to communicate information regarding services, events, benefits, and to connect with other Survivors
- V. Participate in activities/events for Families and children throughout Ohio
- VI. Partner with the Ohio Gold Star Family Association

## About the Gold Star Pins / Buttons – Gold Star Lapel Pin



Officially known as the Gold Star Lapel Button, this symbol is designated for eligible Survivors of Service Members who have lost their lives during any armed hostilities in which the US was engaged, dating back to WWI. Now includes SM's who lose their lives while deployed in support of military operations against the enemy or during an international terrorist attack. This symbol consists of a gold star on a purple background, bordered in gold and surrounded by gold laurel leaves.

To learn more about how you can support Gold Star families visit [www.GoldStarPins.org](http://www.GoldStarPins.org)

## About the Gold Star Pins / Buttons – Next of Kin Lapel Button



Officially known as the Next of Kin of Deceased Personnel Lapel Button, this symbol is designated for eligible Survivors of Service Members who lose their lives while serving honorably under circumstances not defined above. This includes SM's who lose their lives while assigned to a Reserve or National Guard unit in a drill status. It is authorized for issue retroactive to March 29, 1973. This symbol consists of a gold star within a circle that commemorates his or her honorable services. The gold star is also surrounded by sprigs of oak that represent the branches of the Armed Forces.

## What have we been up to?



## Where You Can Help

- Become a partner with Survivor Outreach in Ohio
- Spread the word about our programs throughout your community
- Share with us programs and benefits available in your community that we might not know about to assist Families
  - Financial assistance
  - Medical care
  - Mental health services
  - Workforce development
  - Employment placement assistance
  - Housing
  - Grief support
- Assist in regional dinners or events for Survivors
- Conduct a gift card drive with your organization
- Attend local RISFAC meetings



## Questions?

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