SAVE THE DATE!
Region Conference on April 19, 2020 at 2 pm
This is a Telephone Conference call since we did not have a Chapter volunteer to host for the 2020 Region Conference. The dial in information is below.

View of Our Region
Pictures and verbiage of some of the things our Region members and Region Officers have been doing this year. See Page 2.

FEBRUARY AND MARCH
Cakeless Bake Sale
This is our Region’s fundraising opportunity. Send what you can and please make out your checks to Gold Star Wives and send the check to Pat Jacobs our Region Treasurer. See page 3.

2020 National Convention Group Photo
While at the 2019 National Convention, some of our Middle Atlantic Officers and members gather for a group photo.
We miss the rest of our Middle Atlantic members and officers who were not in attendance.
We hope to see you at the 2020 Convention!

Middle Atlantic Region Conference
April 19, 2020 at 2 pm EST. Dial In number is 605.313.4439. Access code is 363175#. Please mute your phones if you are not talking.
We also will have the typical conference agenda, voting, and open discussions while following the Roberts Rules of Conduct.
Please, since this is a positive forum, no negativity is accepted.

We need you!
At this Region Conference, we need Chapters to volunteer to host for next year. We want live, in-person and/or live streaming via computers along with phone conferencing for those who can not physically join but still want to participate.
Chapters, please consider hosting next year. If not you, who?

SAVE THE DATE
GOLD STAR SPOUSES DAY
April 5, 2020
Please don’t forget to send in your Community Service and Military/VA Hospital Report forms! It’s important that we show all the hard and dedicated work that we all do...it doesn’t matter if it’s small. Even if you spent 1 hour this year assisting or volunteering on something. You did it!!!
One of the volunteer opportunities of your Middle Atlantic Region President was the participation of the 2019 Veterans Leadership Program StandUp for Stand-Down in Pittsburgh. It was incredible! We had so many organizations there to assist all our veterans. I gave out cold drinks, set up food, gave out blankets and backpacks. It was very interesting talking with so many different people all there with one thing in mind….to assist our veterans and their families.

Black Granite Vietnam Veterans War Memorial Park

On June 15, 2019 Lori Spada and I attended the unveiling of the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial Park/Plaques within the City of Pittsburgh that was built by the late veteran Jimmy Cvetic. The Honor Guard was the Vietnam Veterans, Inc. Many of the public participated and Lorri and I were able to read our hero husbands name.

On November 10, 2019, Nancy Hoffman (President of Gold Star Mothers of Western PA) and Chris D. Chojnicki (Middle Atlantic Region President of Gold Star Wives of America) were invited to attend the on-air dedication of the POW/MIA Chair at Heinz Field during the Pittsburgh Steelers vs Los Angeles Rams game. Also invited were 5 Pennsylvania Senators, and of course the owner of the Steelers Art Rooney II was there as well. This was wonderful and quite an honored to participate.
Bakeless Cake Sale or is it the “Cakeless Bake Sale” ???

This year’s fund raiser is the No Bake and No Cake Sale. Please make your checks out to Gold Star Wives of America and send the check to Pat Jacobs, our Middle Atlantic Treasurer.

Pat’s Jacobs address is
2435 Jasper Court, Norfolk VA 23518-4561.

Let’s make it a great sale!

Chapter Presidents

• Please ensure your minutes and 990N IRS reporting is done by 05/15/2020.
• Please inform your Region President by April 18, 2020 if you and or any of your members plan on attending the National Convention. This will be for the voting proxies and to ensure the Middle Atlantic Region is represented.
• Any resolutions for our Region Conference to be voted upon and then presented to National Convention? Need them by April 12, 2020.

Members-at-Large

• Members-at-Large please contact your Region President by the Region Conference date if you are attending the National Convention.
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Other News

As you may have heard, Mary Dwyer has stepped down as the New York Chapter President due to health issues. We send heart felt and positive thoughts to her and thank her so much for all her hard work in keeping up the New York Chapter all these years! Thanks Mary! In the meantime, we are planning for the New York Chapter going virtual in the near future! We may be planning for more virtual Chapters in our Region to ensure all our members and especially our members-at-large have a place to engage with other members.

Reminders

• In order to vote for National Officers and Board members, the dues must be current as of 05/31/20.
• Please provide to the Birmingham office any address changes or you can utilize the website.
What’s Happening?

This is my last year as your Middle Atlantic Region President as our rules state that each president can only have a 2 year term. With that written, we need to vote for Middle Atlantic officers. Please contact Pat or I if you are interested. It has been a pleasure to serve you our Middle Atlantic Region members!

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Middle Atlantic Region Officers 2019 to 2020

Region President:
Christine D. Chojnicki

Region Vice President:
Aseneth Blackwell

Region Treasurer:
Pat Jacobs

Secretary:
Dot Shelmet

Historian:
Raina Taylor

Chaplain:
Ellen McCourt