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Happy Fall Brothers and Sisters

Hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather. This month's Patriotic Holiday is on October 13 the US Navy will celebrate their birthday. The birth of the US Navy was October 13, 1775, make sure you tell all the Navy active and veteran's Happy Birthday.

At the Academies we talked briefly about our Star Families. Here is a little information on our Silver Star families and how they qualify to be one. This is the only flag or banner that you as a family member must order. Go to their website: [www.silverstarfamilies.org](http://www.silverstarfamilies.org) and you will find a request form. This will tell you the Qualifications, it will define their definition of a war zone determined by the Department of Defense. Any Armed Forces personnel either currently serving honorably or those who have served honorably from any war, who have served in a war zone has been wounded by enemy action or who have been injured or contracted a serious illness that could be rated at least 10% disabled by the Department of Veterans Affairs. All wounds, injuries or illness must have originated in a war zone. Some examples are Purple Heart recipients, victims of friendly fire, injured in a war zone, those who suffer from PTSD, Agent Orange effects and Gulf War syndrome. This will have a request form and it must be filled out and submitted to the Silver Star Families of America.

The Silver Star Banner or Flag has the silver star with a blue, an outer red and inner white border.

We all know many who deserve this recognition. This Star Flag or Banner has not had the recognition that they Blue Star or the Gold Star families have. Take a moment check this out and share the knowledge to all Veterans and their families.

Best Regards

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