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The Putnam County Joint Veterans Council (JVC) dedicated their monument to Gold Star Mothers in 2006. The process was long and arduous but 100% from the heart. Many of us met our present County Executive for the first time as she joined us as a member of the Gold Star Mothers Monument Committee.

Words do not do this wonderful monument justice. The statue speaks for itself. The JVC invites you to attend a small ceremony on September 30, 2012 commencing at 10:00 AM at Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park. Please join with us to honor those who lost a loved one in the military.

*Harold Rohde, Director*



The blue and gold star banner tradition began in WW I when white Service Flags bordered in red were displayed from homes, business, schools and churches to indicate, by the use of a blue star, each active service member in the U.S. Military. A gold star indicated those who had given their lives for their country.



The state commander (American Legion) said because of the Gold Star Mothers statue, "Putnam's veterans stand out, since this sobering reminder is the only one of its kind in the U.S., depicting the moment of grief when a mother receives word that her son or daughter has been killed in battle."

*(Picture and quote Eric Gross)*