

MEDIA ADVISORY

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BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES UNVEILS GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATE FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF SERVICE MEMBERS KILLED IN COMBAT

WHO: ODPS Director Henry Guzmán
BMV Registrar Mike Rankin
Gold Star Family Committee

WHAT: Official unveiling of a new license plate released by the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Gold Star Family plate, to commemorate and honor families who have lost loved ones in military conflicts.

WHEN: Friday, May 16, 2008
9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Ohio Department of Public Safety Atrium
1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223

As of April 25, 2008, any immediate family member of a person who died in a combat zone while a member of any branch of the U.S. armed forces may purchase a Gold Star Family license plate through the Ohio BMV. These plates carry no additional fees other than the standard annual registration fee, or they may be personalized or reserved for an additional fee.

Immediate family members include: a spouse; a parent, step-parent, or other person who acted in loco parentis; a sibling (including whole, half, or by adoption); a child (including stepchild or adopted); or a grandparent.

The plate features an image of a large five-point star, encircled by five smaller stars. Ten combat zones have been designated to appear above the star image: Iraq, Afghanistan, Desert Storm, Grenada, Lebanon, Persian Gulf, Panama, Korea, Vietnam, and World War II. Others may be available upon request.

For more information on the BMV's specialty license plates, please visit www.ohiobm.com.