



SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN TOUCH
America's Gold Star Children from the Vietnam War

Sons and Daughters In Touch (SDIT) was established in **1989** to locate, unite and support the **Gold Star Sons and Daughters** of American servicemen who were killed - or remain missing - while serving in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War.

SDIT envisions a future where the lessons of previous wars help provide better care, support and understanding for **Gold Star Families**.

Honor In Action:

- Honor the Fallen
- Connect **Gold Star Families**
- Promote wellness
- Uplift Veterans
- Impact Communities
- Uphold the **Gold Star Designation**

Serving Gold Star Families, POW/MIA Families, Veterans, and the Military community across the nation.



Peer-to-peer **Support** Provides Comfort, Care and Healing



Gold Star Families honored during NFL 'Salute to Service' games.



SDIT **Gold Star Family** members bond during Nashville City Adventures, courtesy of the Gary Sinise Foundation.

BY THE NUMBERS:

More than **20,000**

American children lost their fathers during the Vietnam War.

92 %

of America's **Gold Star Families** were awarded the distinction from wars and conflicts occurring prior to 9/11.



1,576
SERVICEMEN

and Civilians have yet to be accounted for from the Vietnam War.

GOLD STAR DESIGNATION

10 US Code § 1126 instructs the Secretary of Defense to award the **Gold Star Lapel Button** as an identifying symbol to the widow(er), each parent, sibling and child of members of the US Armed Forces who lose their lives while engaged in action against an enemy of the United States; or while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict.

After US combat forces left Vietnam on March 28, 1973, the instruction was expanded to include the immediate families of those who lose their lives as a result of an international terrorist attack against the United States or a foreign nation friendly to the United States, or in military operations while serving outside the United States as part of a peacekeeping force.

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