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New Britain
CCSU Veterans History Project
Re: Gold Star Educational Exhibit to commemorate families that lost a son, brother, or husband in Vietnam

GOLD STAR FAMILIES: 50 Years Later

New Britain—CCSU Veterans History Project teamed with narrative nonfiction writing students at Central Connecticut State University to gather stories from Gold Star families that lost a son, brother or husband in Vietnam. Many have never shared their stories in public before.

Now, 50 years later, several Gold Star families agreed to be interviewed by CCSU students, who then transformed the transcripts into content for a six-panel traveling exhibit that will officially open on July 11-12 (9:00 to 5:00) at the CT Air National Guard base at 100 Nicholson Road, E. Granby, 06026. The exhibit is part of a much broader program of events taking place at the National Guard base and at the New England Air Museum to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. Event organizers expect as many at 30,000 visitors. For more information about the larger event, please visit http://www.ccsu.edu/vietnam/.

Most ask about the soldiers that died, but “Gold Star Families: 50 Years Later,” honors the families left behind.

The exhibit will travel the state after the Vietnam 50th event in July.

The schedule:
- Windsor Public Library, July 13 to August 31
- Connecticut’s Old State House, Hartford, September 2 to October 21
- Silas Bronson Library, Waterbury, October 23 to December 11
- Wolcott Public Library, December 14 to February 1
- Terryville Public Library, February 3 to March 23
- Central Connecticut State University’s Elihu Burritt Library, New Britain, March 25 to May 13

For more information about the exhibit, including photographs of the panels, students and Gold Star families, or to find out if you can exhibit the panels in your town, please contact Professor Mary Collins at collinsmae@ccsu.edu or call at 860-817-0131.