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Service banners donated to military families

The National Remember Our Troops Campaign (NROTC) is a new national non-profit organization founded by Essex resident Thomas Ruley. The organization

was established to recognize US military service members and their families for the sacrifices they make. "We work to provide them with a simple but meaningful token of America's support," explained Ruley.

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Organization supports families of troops overseas

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The mission of the NROTC is to Give Away over two million Blue Star Service Banners to the families of active duty military personnel. While not widely known, a Blue Star Service Banner displayed in the window of a home is a long-standing tradition in America dating back to World War I.

In the case of a military service member who dies or is killed while on active duty, the NROTC considers it a privilege and duty to see that a surviving family member

receives a Gold Star Service Banner to honor their fallen hero.

Based on the ability to do so, the NROTC also works to contribute to the relief of distressed military service members, recent military service veterans, their immediate families and the immediate family members of recent military decedents.

For more information on the National Remember Our Troops Campaign write to Tom Ruley, 111 North Stuart Street, Baltimore, Md. 21221, or call 410-687-3568 or visit the Web site www.nrotc.org