

First Blue Star Marker dedicated in Bonita Springs

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American Legion Post 90 presents the colors to begin the ceremony.

The First Blue Star Marker in Bonita Springs was dedicated March 29. The Gulf Coast Garden Club had been working with the city and raising the money for the sign dedicated to our Armed Forces. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. approved the Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker program. Route 41 is a Blue Star Memorial

Highway. The purpose of the Blue Star Memorial Highway project is to erect highway markers at roadside rest stops, vista points, historical sites and other appropriate areas to pay tribute to all who have served, those who are presently serving, and those who will serve in the nation's armed forces. |



Blue Star Mother Barbara Salkow and Gold Star wife and Gulf Coast Garden Club member Karen Faye at the Blue Star marker prior to its unveiling.



Bonita Springs Mayor Rick Steinmeyer accepts the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Certificate of the Blue Star Marker from Marge Hendon, president, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.



Patricia Townsend, president of the Gulf Coast Garden Club, and Marge Hendon, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs president, accept and start the dedication of the Marker.



GCGC members and guests gather for a photo at the newly dedicated Blue Star Marker on Old 41 in Bonita Springs.