

**Blue Star Memorials**

There are currently 14 Blue Star Memorials in Nebraska – five of which are at rest stops along Nebraska I-80 (designated a Blue Star Highway).

Blue Star Memorials recognize the men and women who have served, or are serving, our country in the military and their families.

Nebraska I-80 Blue Star Memorials were placed in their present locations 50 years ago and are the responsibility of the Federated Garden Clubs of Nebraska (FGCN). Having endured Nebraska weather and other damaging factors for five decades they are now in need of "facelifts".

I have been appointed Blue Star Memorial Representative for Nebraska. I have visited several of the Blue Star Memorials in Nebraska and have a deep heartfelt need to undertake a project to preserve and restore these Memorials (especially the five along I-80) so they will stand strong for another 50 years.

If the Memorials are not preserved and restored in their present locations, they will either be returned for restoration, or remake, to the company who originally made them at a cost of \$2,000 each plus shipping, or, if they experience further deterioration, the Nebraska Roads Department could scrap them.

A Marine veteran from Florida has made his mission to do Blue Star Memorial refurbishments on sites nationwide for a cost of \$750 each. My mission has become to fundraise \$3,750 to pay for this veteran to do onsite restoration of the five Nebraska I-80 Blue Star Memorials.

On behalf of the Federated Garden Clubs of Nebraska I am asking for your support in this restoration project. Any amount you could donate will be greatly appreciated. For those who donate, your name, business, or organization will be published in the FGCN newsletter.

Sincerely,



Mary L. Carlson

Nebraska Blue Star Representative, Member Sunset Hills Garden Club

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Yes! I would like to donate to the Blue Star Memorial I-80 restoration project.

Amount:  \$25  \$50  \$100  \$200  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Make your tax-deductible payment to FGCN (a 501c3 organization).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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