



**Specialist Martin Wilson Kondor**  
**KIA BaQubah, Iraq**  
**April 29, 2004**

*My deep appreciation to everyone who is helping create this living memorial dedicated to all who serve our country, especially those who have given the supreme sacrifice.*

*Love and gratitude,  
Cherriney Wilson Kondor  
Martin's Mom*

*Gold Star refers to the national organization formed in 1928 following World War I called American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. Grace Seibold lost her son in combat in 1918 and realized that self contained grief is destructive. She devoted her time and efforts in Veteran hospitals, caring for the wounded, and with other mothers who lost their sons or daughters in military service.*

*Today, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. carries on that tradition of service. And the term Gold Star is broadly used to refer to any family member, Mother, Father, Brothers, Sisters, Cousins, Aunts and Uncles of those who have fallen while a member of the United States Armed Forces.*

*"A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers."*

*- John F. Kennedy*



**Veterans Memorial Gold Star Healing  
and Peace Garden**

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# Veterans Memorial Gold Star Healing & Peace Garden



**Veterans Memorial Park**  
**1000 Vander Avenue**  
**York, Pennsylvania 17403**

*Honor and Remember*

# Honor • Valor • Fidelity • Healing

## Veterans Memorial Gold Star Healing and Peace Garden

Inspired by Cherriney W. Kondor's love for her fallen son, Specialist Martin W. Kondor, the Veterans Memorial Gold Star Healing and Peace Garden is a thoughtfully designed commemorative arboretum dedicated to all who serve in the United States Armed Forces. This living monument is a gathering place to honor all veterans, and remember the fallen in the war on terror.



The Gold Star Garden makes tangible these core ideals and roots them in the ground allowing these noble characteristics to be expressed in living plants. Each room is connected to the central Field of Honor. The very center holds a bubbling fountain, symbol of renewal and refreshment.

The Star Walk connects all core value rooms to the center. On the arms of the Star Walk find the Wall of Valor holding the names of the fallen in the war on terror.

Designed as a place of active remembrance, the garden offers a space apart from the cares of this hectic world to remember, meditate upon and celebrate not only the fallen on the Wall of Valor, but all those who engage in action to provide solutions for the troubles of the world.

Journey along the Walk of the Intrepid through each garden room. One step at a time remember all those who serve, consider the core values and create new memories. Emerge from the garden feeling restored and full of appreciation for those engaged on behalf of the nation.

**“The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him.”**

– G.K. Chesterton

The Gold Star Garden is designed in a circle to promote unity. A series of meditative spaces, the garden is arrayed around the central Field of Honor. Each area is a garden room planted with a particular color to represent a core value or character trait common to all members of the US Armed Forces.

- Red** represents **Courage.**
- Orange** represents **Duty & Service.**
- Yellow** represents **Integrity & Remembrance.**
- Green** represents **Healing.**
- Blue** represents **Fidelity.**
- Purple** represents **Valor.**
- White** represents **Honor.**

### Commemorative Order Form

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

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$2,500 Bench

\_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 Tree Dedication

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 8" x 4" memorial brick

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 1.75" Challenge Coin

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 for a commemorative pin



My dedication should read as follows:

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### Memorial Gifts

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50,000 Honor Level

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25,000 Valor Level

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10,000 Fidelity Level

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5,000 Healing Level

\_\_\_\_\_ \$2,500 Integrity and Remembrance Level

\_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 Duty and Service Level

\_\_\_\_\_ \$500 Courage Level

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ Other

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