up to 5 blue stars.

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Middleport, NY -- The American Legion Auxiliary Clute-Phillips Unit 938 members want to recognize our currently serving veterans' families by presenting them with a Blue Star banner. A long time tradition of the American Legion family, the Blue Star banner has been given to the family of a currently serving veteran to acknowledge that sacrifice of having a member serving in the military for America. The Blue Star banner is designed to hang in a window or a door of the family of a veteran serving in one of the now 6, including the Space Force, military services of our country. The banner is  $8 \frac{1}{2}$ " by 14" and consists of a white background bordered in a wide red frame with a blue 5-pointed star in the middle which represents the service of one member of that family. The banner can have



The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 938 wants to re-ignite that tradition. When brought up for discussion at a recent meeting, they realized there is a need to identify and acknowledge many local families with active duty members. Although some COVID-19 restrictions have been eased for public presentations, the unit wants to be cautious, so they are prepared to make Blue Star banner presentations to families in a more personal presentation manner and then make an acknowledgement in a newspaper or other public or social media forum.

If a member of your family is currently serving whether a child, spouse or parent, the American Legion Auxiliary Clute-Phillips Unit 938, wants to know so they can recognize your loved ones patriotic service and your family's commitment to that service person.

Please contact Sue Heschke by phone at (716) 735-3357 or leave a message at the Middleport Village office for the American Legion Auxiliary.

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