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NAS PENSACOLA HOSTS GOLD STAR PROGRAM

PENSACOLA, Fla. — NAS Pensacola Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC), in cooperation with the National Naval Aviation Museum (NNAM), will conduct the Bells Across America for Fallen Service Members ceremony on September 22nd at 11 a.m. at the NNAM. The event is a national program that remembers and celebrates the lives of fallen service members. The ceremony is being conducted simultaneously across the nation and the names of our fallen heroes will be read aloud. For each name, a bell is struck one time. Filmmaker Ms. Jill Hubbs will be the guest speaker. Ms. Hubbs recently produced the documentary “They Were Our Fathers” in which she shares the experiences of those whose fathers died in Vietnam as well as her personal experience of losing her father.

The Navy Gold Star Program serves the families of all who died on active duty, regardless of branch of service or cause of death. The program serves Survivors by providing support, information and services as long as they desire.

FFSC is asking all Gold Star Survivors to participate in this event and is actively soliciting names of those in the local area whose survivors wish them to be recognized during the ceremony. Anyone whose family member died while on active duty is asked to contact Ms. Kathy Sims at 850-452-4277 or Kathy.sims@navy.mil. Please provide name, rank, and date of death of the decedent and the Gold Star family relationship. A photograph will also be requested to be respectfully displayed during the event.

For further information, please call Ms. Kathy Sims at (850) 452-4277.

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