

# CONTEST!

House in the Woods Military & Family Retreat

## Patriotic Art Contest

### THEME: SACRIFICES MADE BY OUR GOLD STAR FAMILIES



House in the Woods Military & Family Retreat is pleased to present the 2023 Patriotic Art Contest. We are excited at the opportunity to encourage patriotism and bring together our country in honoring and remembering our Fallen Heroes & Gold Star Families.

The mission of our Art Contest is to seek a unique art piece to be included on the House in the Woods **Woody Williams Foundation Gold Star Family Memorial** which is scheduled to be raised in Lee, Maine in 2024.

The WWF Gold Star Family Memorial Monument is a tribute to Gold Star Families and Relatives who sacrificed a Loved One for our Freedom.

### Contest Eligibility

- It's simple - EVERYONE is invited to enter!
- Please don't be shy! Everyone has a message and idea that is helpful and healing to share!

### Contest Rules

- Art to be considered for the "Sacrifice" Pillar on the Memorial should represent the **SACRIFICES MADE BY OUR GOLD STAR FAMILIES**
- Entry must be an original piece by the artist submitting.
- Art may be drawing, painting or photograph.
- Entry must be in black and white or be able to convert to Black and White. (*American Flag may be in color if you desire*)

### How to Submit

- Entry may be submitted in one of the following ways:
  - Hard Copy on White Paper without lines (without folds)
  - Digitally in JPG, PNG, or PDF format
- You may submit your entry in one of the following ways:
  - Mail hard copy or drop off directly to the lodge at:
    - House in the Woods, 217 Skunk Hill Road, Lee, ME 04455
  - Email digital copy to [info@houseinthewoods.org](mailto:info@houseinthewoods.org).
  - Subject line: Art Contest Submission
- Include Entry Form with submission
- If under 18, parent or guardian signature required on entry form.



Sample Woody Williams Foundation Gold Star Family Memorial - images of actual memorial will vary.



Are you a proud supporter of our Gold Star Families but not the artsy type? Please consider making a donation towards our memorial if you may.

The project will cost roughly \$50,000.00  
Donation link can be found at [houseinthewoods.org](http://houseinthewoods.org)

### Judging & Deadline

- **September 22, 2023:** All entries must be submitted to House in the Woods for judging.
- **September 23, 2023:** Judging will take place.
- **September 24, 2023 GOLD STAR FAMILY DAY:** Artist selected will be notified by phone and email and highlighted across the HITW social platforms.
- **SELECTED ARTIST SPECIAL INVITES:** Artist will be invited to join us at the Spring Ground Breaking & Fall Ribbon Cutting for the Maine Woody Williams Foundation Gold Star Family Memorial located at House in the Woods in Lee, Maine.
- Entries will be judged on originality, patriotism expressed, and content of how it relates to the concept of the Gold Star Memorial, a tribute to Gold Star Families and Relatives who sacrificed a Loved One for our Freedom.
- Copies of all art submitted will be on display at House in the Woods for a period of time - *display details to be announced.*
- Art will be returned to address on entry form by the end of 2023

House in the Woods is not responsible for incomplete, lost, late or misdirected entries. Falsifying information on the entry form is reason for disqualification. All contestants agree to abide by the contest rules.

Questions please call Angie at 920-517-6749 or email at [info@houseinthewoods.org](mailto:info@houseinthewoods.org)  
To find out more about the WWF Gold Star Family Memorial visit [woodywilliams.org](http://woodywilliams.org)

