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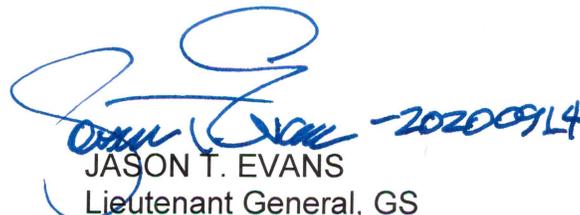
Dear Army Gold Star Families:

On Sunday, the 27th of September, our Nation will pause to honor the tremendous sacrifice and strength of our Gold Star Mothers and Families. I want to personally extend my deepest gratitude to those who have borne the enormous burden of sacrifice on behalf of our Nation. There is no one who understands the high costs of military life or the tremendous losses of war better than you.

As the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff, G-9, I have had the distinct privilege of meeting many of you. I learned more about your Soldier and the story of your unique journeys together. I am awed by the resilience, courage, and grace that you display in the face of tragedy. I want you to know that today and every day, we recognize and remember those who devoted and ultimately gave their lives valiantly in service to our Army and to our Nation.

I humbly thank all of you on behalf of the Soldiers, Civilians, and Families serving as part of the Army's installation enterprise across the globe. We salute you.

Sincerely,


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