

GOLD STAR MISSION GOLD STAR 500

SEPTEMBER 21-25, 2021

Join us on this 500-mile journey to celebrate our 5th year memorializing our fallen heroes.

The Gold Star Mission 500 is a 5-day, 500-mile journey traveling through Illinois meant to preserve the legacy and honor of those 300 service members from Illinois who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

2021 520+mi. Route Schedule:

- Day 1: Decatur-Gibson City-Urbana
- Day 2: Urbana-Paris-Lawrenceville
- Day 3: Lawrenceville-Mt. Carmel- Mt. Vernon
- Day 4: Mt. Vernon-Vandalia-Effingham
- Day 5: Effingham-Taylorville-Springfield



Proceeds from this ride and other Gold Star Mission sponsored events are used to fund scholarships in the name of our Fallen Heroes, thus preserving their legacy forever.

For more details and to register or volunteer go to:

<https://goldstarmission.org/>
Click on the Gold Star 500 banner.

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2021 ~ Gold Star 500

Total: 5 Days, 530+ Miles

Day 1 – Tuesday 21 September 2021 (Decatur to Urbana)

7:49 am Cerro Gordo American Legion
9:21 am Deland-Weldon School
10:26 am Farmer City American Legion
12:11 pm Gibson City American Legion
2:00 pm Paxton Fire Department
3:08 pm Rantoul Lincoln's Challenge Academy
4:19 pm Urbana National Guard Armory



Day 2 – Wednesday 22 September 2021 (Urbana to Lawrenceville)

6:39 am Philo RE Franks Center
7:38 am Villa Grove VFW
8:55 am Newman Square/Park
10:21 am Redmon Fire Department
11:16 am Paris VFW
1:19 pm Marshall VFW
2:29 pm West Union York Community Center
3:52 pm Robinson VFW
5:38 pm Lawrenceville National Guard Armory



Day 3 – Thursday 23 September 2021 (Lawrenceville to Mt Vernon)

7:58 am Allendale Ruritan Community Center
8:55 am Mt Carmel VFW
10:25 am Albion Fire Department
11:52 am Fairfield VFW
1:34 pm Wayne City Fire Department
3:23 pm Mt Vernon Readiness Center



Day 4 – Friday 24 September 2021 (Mt Vernon to Effingham)

8:06 am Irvington Ruritan Community Center
8:54 am Centralia American Legion
10:18 am Salem American Legion
12:00 pm Patoka American Legion
1:18 pm Vandalia American Legion
3:22 pm Altamont VFW
4:30 pm Effingham National Guard Armory

Day 5 – Saturday 25 September 2021 (Effingham to Springfield)

8:10 am Strawsburg Community Center
9:24 am Shelbyville VFW
10:44 am Pana American Legion
12:14 pm Taylorville Bob Ridings Ford
1:25 pm Kincaid American Legion
2:23 pm Pawnee Fire Department
4:01 pm Springfield Scheels

They say that "a Hero dies twice ~ once when the last breath leaves their body, and again when their name is spoken for the last time".

The Gold Star Mission strives to preserve the memories and ensure the names of our nearly 300 Fallen Illinois Service Men and Women live on!

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