

Department Honors Gold Star Mothers

The 2023 Winter Conference Commander's Banquet held on Saturday, January 28, was the setting for a special event arranged by District 6 President Linda Siewert. Minot's annual Gold Star Mothers event, canceled because of inclement weather in November, was held in conjunction with the annual Winter Conference Banquet for the first time.

Department Commander Dan Brown, serving as master of ceremonies for the Gold Star Mothers program, gave a heartfelt address and then called upon Siewert to introduce the honorees: Arlene Berdahl, mother of Army 1st Class David Berdahl; Adi Reiss, mother of Staff Sgt. Kenneth Hendrickson; Joyce Mehrer, mother of ND Army National Guard Spc. Curtis Mehrer; Harriet Goodiron, mother of Cpl. Nathan Goodiron (member of the North Dakota National Guard 1st Battalion, 188th Air Defense Artillery); and Sheila Richter, mother of Sgt. Travis Vanzoest, (member of the North Dakota National Guard 1st Battalion, 188th Air Defense Artillery).

National President Vickie Koutz and National Vice Commander Glenn Wahus were on hand to present Sheila Richter with a Gold Star Mother's pin and a commemorative plaque in honor of her selection as 2022 Gold Star Mother of the Year. Department President Sandra Petermann presented Richter with a bouquet of yellow roses.

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