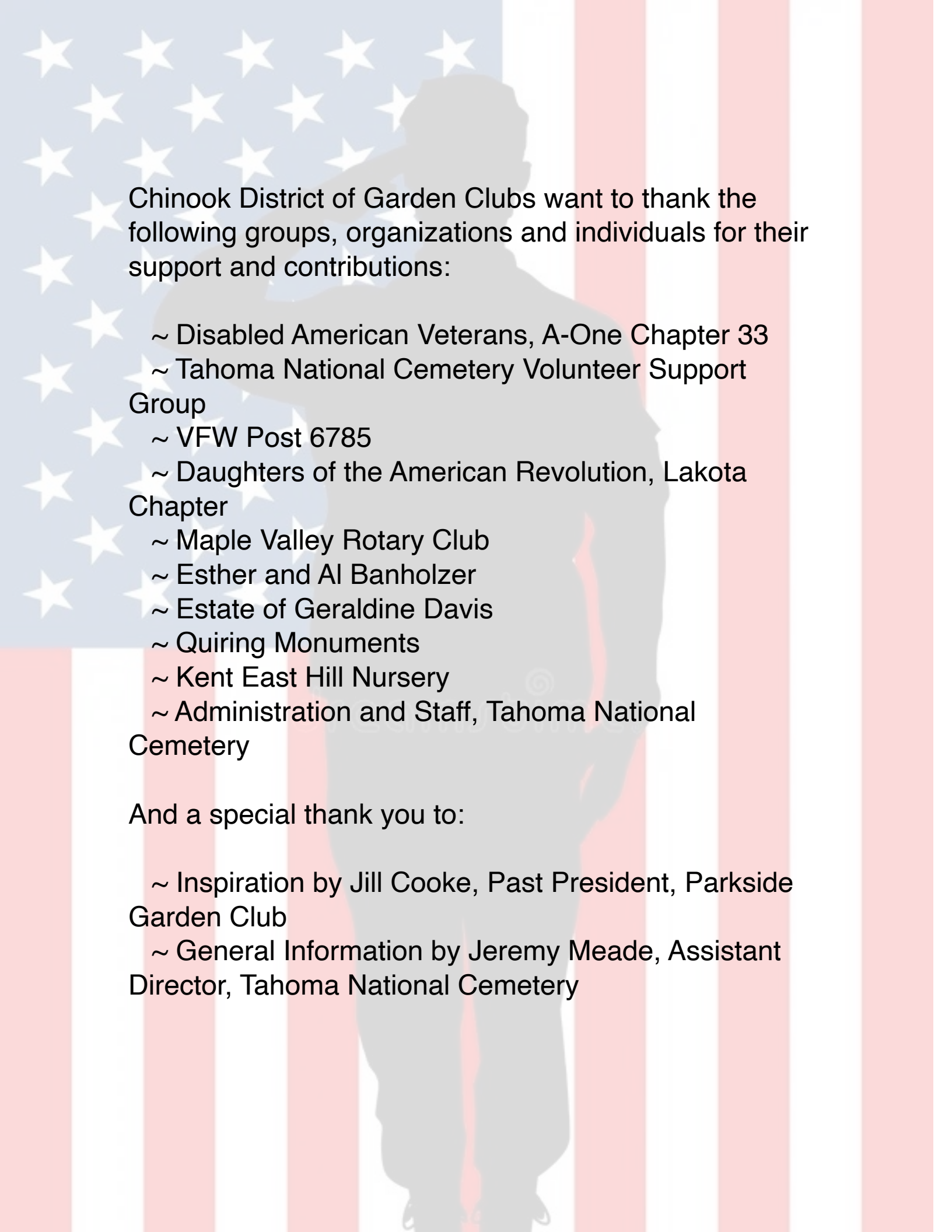


“All to see, lest we forget, those who help to keep us free.”
Polly Henderson, Former National Garden Club Star
Memorial Chairperson



In 1944, the Blue Star Program was begun by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs, planting 8,000 dogwood trees as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs (now known as National Garden Clubs) embraced this effort to honor veterans, instituting a Blue Star Highway system covering thousand of miles across the United States. Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers were placed along these highway routes as a salute to all service members in the Armed Forces.

Today, the National Garden Club is proud that Blue Star Markers continue to be dedicated each year on highways, at Veterans' facilities, National Cemeteries, parks, and other civic and historic sites, showing continued appreciation for those who defended our country.



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