



# Celebrate Gold



## Madeline Souder

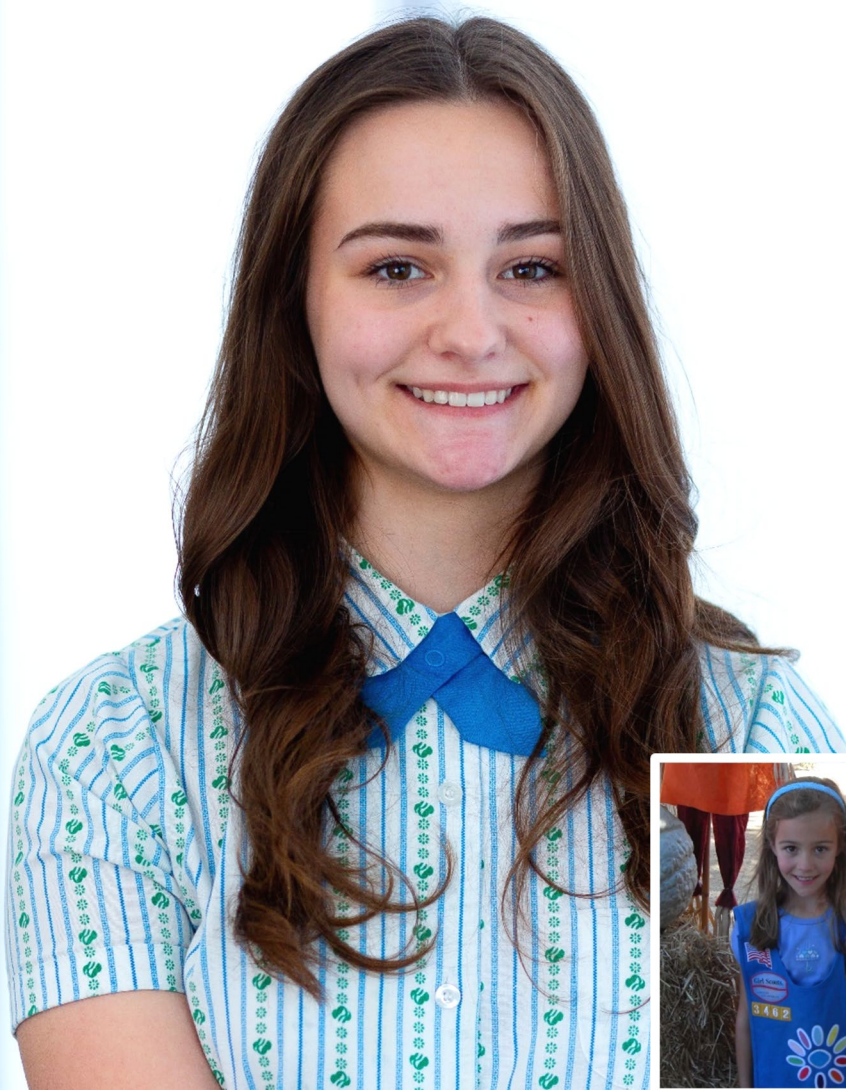
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### Remembrance of Veterans

Madeline was a girl member for 13 years in Troop 99957 in Service Unit 657. She is currently a sophomore at the University of Central Missouri where she is studying Graphic Design and Illustration.

Madeline's Gold Award project was inspired by a community event held by the American Legion for Memorial Day, where volunteers place American Flags next to the graves of veterans. She noticed that it was difficult to identify which graves belonged to veterans, and that there were no dedicated holders for the flags, leading to damage so they could not be reused. Madeline built 1,000 conduit one foot long flag holders to protect the flags, and created a map of all of the headstones belonging to veterans. More than 100 volunteers attended the event to honor local veterans for Memorial Day.

To continue her project, Madeline created step-by-step instructions to build the flag holders. The American Legion and Triad AFJROTC will continue to place flag holders on veterans' graves, continuing this meaningful community tradition for years to come.



**Because of Girl Scouts...I have been able to create life-long friendships, learn about and help others and my environment, gain important leadership skills, and become confident in the person I am today.**