

CONCORD CHAPTER NO. 5 AMERICAN GOLD
STAR MOTHERS

Soon after World War II, Mayor Charles Davie, and the Concord Monitor recommended Mrs. Maurice Mullen to found the Concord Chapter. Mrs. Mullen's son, Lieutenant Robert Mullen had been the first Concord man to give his life on the battlefields of World War II on March 23, 1943.

The Concord Chapter was founded on May 2, 1948, with the following charter members and officers:

Mrs. Maurice Mullen, President
Mrs. Peter Forest, First Vice President
Mrs. Ida Mae Drew, Second Vice President
Mrs. John Hutchinson, Recording Secretary
Mrs. Leo Cailler, Treasurer
Mrs. Antonio Rufo, Cahplain
Mrs. Clarence McCauley, Hospital Chairman
Mrs. Max Anton, Cutodian of Records
Mrs. Clifton Berry, Historian
Mrs. Harry Angwin, Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. George Bean, Sargeant at Arms.
Mrs. Fred Dirth and Mrs. Perley Couch, Color Bearers.
Mrs. Harry Taylor, Banner Guard
Mrs. George Dupont, Membership
Mrs. Maude Gowen and Mrs. Beulah Randlett

The following Charter Members have withdrawn:

Mrs. Eleanor Baker
Mrs. Amy Benson,
Mrs. Ella Blodgett
Mrs. Harry Holmes,
Mrs. Lena B. McGirr
Mrs. Harry Smith

The following are deceased:

Mrs. Beatrice Ryan
Mrs. Louise Paveglio
Mrs. Elizabeth Towle
Mrs. Victoria Racine
Mrs. Delia Venne
Mrs. Pearl Rush
Mrs. Della C. Clement
Mrs. Inez Paige.

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Mrs. Mullen was given the Distinguished Community Service Award of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, for originating the World War II Memorial on the State House Plaza and for securing the co-operation of the Mayor Shelby O. Walker, and the City Council for its construction and the cost.

Mrs. Mullen served for seven years on the Marine Memorial Commission representing all Gold Star Mothers of New Hampshire, appointed by Governor Sherman Adams. She had the honor of unveiling the Marine Memorial at Hampton Beach, and making the Presentation Address to Governor Lane Dwinell.

Mrs. Mullen also raised all the money for the Memorial Room in the Memorial Building at the University of New Hampshire, and was invited to give the Dedication Address.

Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Riddle and Mrs. Gowen have served as Department Presidents.

Mr. Maurice Mullen, Gold Star Dad, associate member, has arranged and paid for the display of the Flag on our World War II Memorial on holidays and other patriotic occasions.

All members have worked hard to raise the money for our hospital work and have attended all Memorial Day Exercises. We place a Gold Star wreath twice a year on the World War II Memorial.

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Mrs. Eleanor Baker
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Mrs. Ella Bradgett
Mrs. Harry Brown
Mrs. Lena E. Doherty
Mrs. Harry Smith

Kathleen Kelly Mullen
Founder and first President,
and is the 1965 New Hampshire
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Mothers Committee

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