

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY INFORMATION

The Blue Star Memorial Highways date back to 1949 as tributes to the men and women of the nation's armed forces. There have been numerous other requests to name additional highways in the state for specific veterans or military groups. However, because of the extensive network of Blue Star Memorial Highways that already commemorate our armed forces, the Department and Board Road Naming Committee has considered the requests duplications. The Blue Star covers all military personnel and conflicts and the committee has been consistent with all groups with this response.

We receive requests from small groups special to a certain county (Bladen Veterans Memorial Highway) to large groups like the Purple Heart or Vietnam Veterans. The Committee has consistently felt it would be difficult to pick and choose which requests were approved, likewise difficult to approve all requests because of the number we receive. We encourage local officials to dedicate a municipally owned street within their boundaries.

The Blue Star signage on US 70 reads "Blue Star and POW Memorial Highway". I-95 through NC has a Purple Heart designation.

The Blue Star Highway designations in North Carolina:

- I-26 throughout the state
- I-40 throughout the state
- I-85 throughout the state
- I-95 throughout the state
- US 70 throughout the state
- US 301 throughout the state
- US 64 from TNN state line to Williamston
- US 158 from Elizabeth City to Nags Head
- US 158 from Elizabeth City to Roanoke Rapids
- US 158 from Mocksville to Roanoke Rapids
- US 17 from Williamston to Elizabeth City
- NC 24 from US 17 in Jacksonville to NC 172
- US 74 from NC 38 in Hamlet to US 220 in Rockingham

Over 1,300 miles of highways across the state are designated BSH.