

### **The Veterans' Recognition Group Plate Program and the Gold Star Family Plate**

HB 3161 was passed by the 2007 Oregon Legislature and has an effective date of January 1, 2008.

#### Veteran Recognition Group Plates

Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs (ODVA) worked with DMV to create a unique plate background to be used on all veteran group plates. The bill allows veteran groups to use a unique military-related decal or words on the plate to describe or represent the veteran group. Plates issued under the Veterans' Recognition Program are only available to passenger vehicles.

Qualifying veterans may choose from one of the following service-related insignia or medals for their new veteran plates (see middle example plate):

- Service Related Insignias – Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy
- Service Related Medals – Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, Bronze Star, Air Force Cross and Silver Star
- Service Campaign Medals – World War II Victory, Korea Service, Vietnam Service, Southwest Asia, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary, Iraq Campaign and Afghanistan Campaign

Qualifying veterans may also choose the new Veteran Recognition plate without a service-related insignia or medal and just have the basic background (see example plate on left).

#### Gold Star Family Plates

Gold Star Family registration plates will be issued to a surviving parent, spouse or dependent of a person who was killed in action during an armed conflict while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. The Gold Star Family registration plates will be issued using the veterans' group plate background. The plates will include a gold star decal, a tri-fold flag and the words "Gold Star Family" along the bottom of the plate (see example plate on right).



Issuance of Veterans' Recognition and Gold Star Family Plates will begin the first week of January 2008.

For additional information, please call (503) 945-5000 or (503) 299-9999 (Portland Metro Area), or visit the DMV website at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/vehicle/platevet.shtml> .