



# The Military Parent Medal

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The sacrifice the parent of a military member renders is beyond compare. As a parent they willingly offer their blessing when the child is compelled to serve their country. If it were not for the military parent, through their child's service, America would not enjoy all of the freedoms that exist today.

The Military Parent Medal is cast in gold and silver colors, which symbolize how meaningful you are to me. Within the gold center is a compass rose depicting the guidance and direction that you have instilled within me. The two-piece laurel leaf wreath shows your constant offering of love and support for the decisions I have made throughout my life.

The raised rippled top edging is indicative of the many opportunities you offered to me. There are four stars around the lower half of the silver ring symbolic of your teachings of duty, honor, integrity and devotion. In the lower center of the outer ring is a shield for your teachings of tradition and respect for our country.



The Military Parent Medal is my way of saying you were then, as now, one of the most important parts of my life. It was your understanding, love, and assurance that enabled me to know what I was accomplishing was important. Thank you for being there for me.



**Duty - Honor - Integrity - Devotion**