**Here are some highlights from Big Dipper’s past.**

**The Big Dipper Constitution**

(1951)

**Article IV**

The emblem and official flower to be adopted at 1952 convention.

***The Big Dipper Emblem*** *became a flat bottom Dipper with a long handle and worn as a guard pin, attached to the official pin of the parent organization.*

***The Official Flower*** *became the California Poppy.*

**Article V**

The uniform shall be an overseas cap and finger tip royal blue satin cape to be lined with the color of the State of which you are a member, to be worn over the Blue Star Mother’s white uniform.

***The Uniform****, a reversible finger tip length cape of royal blue satin to be lined with gold and an overseas (garrison) cap, , to be worn over the Blue Star Mother’s white uniform.. (The gold lining designation of the cape probably occurred at the time that Royal Blue and Gold became the Big Dipper’s Official Colors.)*

**Article VI**

**Section A** – The elected officers of this organization shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor and Historian.

Appointed officers to be Parliamentarian, Color Guard #1, Color Guard #2, Conductress, Assistant Conductress, Musician and Guard.

(“… there were seven elected officers, to correspond with the

seven stars appearing in the Big Dipper Constellation, also their

were seven appointed officers.” – Erma Hoffman at the Dept OH

Big Dipper meeting May 16, 1952)

\* Constitution was adopted at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 7, 1951. Seven Officers were duly elected and sworn in for the year. Leona Sterling of Michigan, being the first National President of the Big Dipper.

**Sources:**

\* 1951 Big Dipper Constitution.

\* 1975 BSMA Yearbook Big Dipper Article.