**The Big Dipper Constitution**

(1951)

**Article I**

The name of this organization shall be “The Big Dipper”.

**Article II**

**Section A** – The objects of this organization shall be to honor through membership those members of The Blue Star Mothers of America who have proved themselves worthy of such honor.

**Section B** – To provide a scholarship fund to be awarded annually to some worthy child of a World War II Veteran or of a Blue Star Mother. The money to be deposited to their credit at the school of their choice.

**Section C** – And to sponsor Fun Night at conventions when called upon by the Convention Chairman.

**Article III**

Eligibility shall be based upon service and loyalty to the parent organization, a mother to be eligible must have been a member of her Chapter for at least two years and shall have served as an officer, chairman or member of a major activities committee and be voted by her Chapter as their choice for membership in “The Big Dipper”.

**Article IV**

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

**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.

**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.

**Section B** – Appointed officers and Chairman of Committees to be appointed by President.

 (“… 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)

**Article VII**

**Section A** – Membership fee shall be $1.50 to be sent to the Department Secretary with the name and address of members. $1.00 to be transmitted by her to National Secretary for the Scholarship Fund and $.50 to be retained in State Department for same. The membership card to be issued by the National Secretary.

**Section B** – Dues shall be $1.00 per year. This to be divided equally between National and State for General Fund.

**Section C** – Dues and new memberships must be sent in before April 1st, annually.

**Article VIII**

Members are to be elected annually from the parent organization chapters before

April 1st, on the basis of one for every fifty members or major fraction thereof.

**Article IX**

The executive Board shall consist of the elected officers and junior Past President.

**Article X**

**Section A** – The convention with election and installation of officers shall be held annually in conjunction with Blue Star Mothers of America Convention.

**Section B** – No officer can succeed herself.

**Article XI**

The voting membership of the convention shall consist of entire membership in attendance.

 (“…as many members as are present would constitute a quorum.”

* Erma Hoffman OH Dept Big Dipper Meeting May 16, 1952)

**Article XII**

Members dropped from the parent organization for non-payment of dues or for any other reason will automatically be dropped from Big Dipper.