

If you would like more information about the Blue Star Mothers of America, just fill out the section below and return it to us at:

**Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc**

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**Do you have a child currently in the military, or a veteran?**

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**Comments or Questions:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Blue Star Mothers of America**  
[www.bluestarmothers.org](http://www.bluestarmothers.org)

There are chapters all across the nation. For more information about the Blue Star Mothers of America, please go to our web site – [www.bluestarmothers.org](http://www.bluestarmothers.org). We invite you to see what the Blue Star Mothers of America is all about.



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## BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC



Honoring Those Who Serve

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We are mothers who have children serving in the military, guard or reserve or children who are honorably discharged veterans.

We are a non-profit 501(c) 3 service organization supporting each other and our children while promoting patriotism

*As stated in the U.S. Code as of: 01/26/98;  
Title 36; Section 943;*

The purposes of the corporation shall be: To perpetuate the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., and the memory of all the men and women who have served our country as members of the Armed Forces; the further object of this organization shall be patriotic, educational, social, and for service; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States; to educate our members and others not to divulge military, naval, or other Government information; to assist in veterans' ceremonies, to attend patriotic rallies and meetings; to foster true democracy; to care for the unsupported mothers who gave their sons to the service of the Nation; to aid in bringing about recognition of the need of permanent civilian defense for each community and to ever be alert against invasion of un-American activities; to uphold the American institutions of freedom, justice, and equal rights, and to defend the United States from all enemies.

## ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS

Troop Care Packages and letters, VA Hospital Volunteers, Blue to Gold Program, PTSD & Wounded Warriors

### Chapter Projects:

Chapters across the country support the troops and veterans in their areas. We support many of the Veterans Health Care all across the country. We also support the families of the Fallen Heroes of the Global War on Terrorism. We work with the Red Cross and the USO just to name a few service organizations. We work with the efforts of Rolling Thunder to bring to the attention of the nation the plight of the POW/MIA's and our veterans here in the states.

**We support all our troops, Veterans, Fallen Military Families, & POW/MIA through varying activities on all levels.**

## NATIONAL PROJECTS OF INTEREST

[www.taps.org](http://www.taps.org)

[www.operationshoebox.com](http://www.operationshoebox.com)

[www.operationac.com](http://www.operationac.com)

[www.bluestarmoms.org/airfare.html](http://www.bluestarmoms.org/airfare.html)

[www.carrytheflame.org](http://www.carrytheflame.org)

[www.sewmuchcomfort.org](http://www.sewmuchcomfort.org)

## MEMBERSHIP, DUES

The cost is \$20.00 per year for members. Associates and Dads have no dues. The pin is optional and cost is \$10. For member pins, you can contact our local chapter at the address on the reverse side or on the web at [www.bluestarmothers.org](http://www.bluestarmothers.org)

## STARTING A CHAPTER

You need five mothers who have or have had children serving in our Military to be members to start a Chapter. If you have five members please request a packet to obtain a charter for the chapter from the National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President at [firstvp@bluestarmothers.org](mailto:firstvp@bluestarmothers.org)

## NATIONAL WEB SITE

[www.bluestarmothers.org](http://www.bluestarmothers.org). is our National site and includes a secure members area with forums, message boards, information and e-lists. Once a member is approved they are issued a user name and password for access to the online community.

## BLUE TO GOLD

This program is to honor our Fallen Military's Families. A Gold Star Banner is provided for every parent and surviving spouse of a military member who has lost their lives while serving their country. It is personalized with their loved ones name and branch of service. See our web site for more information.

## BLUE STAR BANNER

Serviceflags.com donates to our organization for every banner ordered from them. This helps fund our Gold Star Banners program. Please order one today at:

[www.serviceflags.com](http://www.serviceflags.com)

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## HISTORY

On January 22, 1942 the Flint News Advertiser printed a coupon asking Mothers of serviceman to return the coupon after filling it out. After receiving 1000 responses from the ad it was decided to form a permanent organization. The following February 1st 300 mothers met in the Durant Hotel, in Flint Michigan. Captain George H. Maines, who had conceived the idea for this group, acted as the chair of the first meeting.

On February 6, 1942 the organization was reported in the Congressional record. Chapters then formed in Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, California, Iowa and Washington. In June of 1960 the organization was officially chartered by Congress.