



***Blue Star Mothers of America
San Diego North County Blue Star Mothers
California Ch. 9***



***Chapter Report
2011 BSMA National Convention
Washington D.C.
August 13, 2011***

1. Membership has grown to well over 70 members and more than 50 associates
2. We have a group of moms serving dinner to Wounded Warriors at Balboa Hospital weekly. Dinners started with a handful of Wounded Warriors taking part, to a current average at 200+.
3. Sent approx. 600 care packages in FY2010 and supported 4 deployed platoons with specific needs, such as handheld GPS units, watches with GPS, Oakley M-frame sunglasses, etc.
4. Attended funerals and delivered Gold Star Banners and memorial books.
5. Currently working with a local news station to assist a local soldier who is trying to bring home a memorial created in Iraq for all those killed in Iraq.
6. Official Huggers support all local homecomings with hugs and welcomes
7. Helped to decorate Wounded Warriors barracks at Balboa Hospital the day after Thanksgiving for Christmas.
8. Over the last 4 years we have served Christmas Eve dinner to approx. 200 young marines fresh from boot camp who are required to “stand guard” at the School of Infantry (Camp Pendleton) over the Christmas holiday (generally the 1st time away from home for many).
9. Participated in Wreathes Across America at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery.

10. Continue to participate at the annual Air Show held at MCAS d the Miramar, sponsoring a booth where we collect holiday cards signed by the public to be included in our Holiday care packages.
11. We held our annual Blue Star Bash, which increases each year both in attendance and in dollars raised. This year (2010) we raised \$7,000.
12. Participated in the Veterans Day Parade in downtown San Diego and in the Escondido Memorial Day Parade.
13. Presented a wreath at the Memorial Day Ceremony at Oak Hill Cemetery, Escondido.