

Department of Michigan  
2011 National Convention Report

The Department of Michigan State Convention was held October 8-10, 2010 at the Thomas Edison Inn in Port Huron, MI. New Board officers were elected and are as follows:

- Carol Gates, President
  - Angie Jacob, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
  - Jeanise Steenland, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President
  - Melissa Farmer, Recording Secretary
  - Jeanne Lewis, Financial Secretary
  - Barb Butler, Treasurer
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- November 11, 2010, guest speaker Veteran's Day, for the City of Kalamazoo at Rose Park. Information was shared about the different types of activities Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. are involved in to support the veterans and troops.
  - November 13, 2010 Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter #186 packaging event held
  - December 1, 2010 attended a Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury seminar at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.
  - February 23-24, 2011 Carol and Jeanise drove to Alpena, MI to share information with a potential new chapter.
  - March 11, 2011 spoke at a pre-deployment briefing in Battle Creek, MI.
  - March 26, 2011 School of Instruction, Allegan, MI at the Allegan Area Technical & Education Center.
  - March 31, 2011 Jeannie Lewis and Carol Gates installed MI Chapter #188, covering the area of Montcalm, Ionia, and Kent counties.
  - April 9, 2011 DeWitt Chapter #99 hosted FUNDay at the DeWitt VFW.
  - June 13, 2011 attended and presented Blue to Gold to the family of Robert L. Voakes, Baraga, MI.

Efforts continue to keep all chapters compliant and active.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Gates, President

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