

# BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC



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## Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc National President's Report – 2010-2011

On behalf of Blue Star Mothers of America, between August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 I performed or participated in the following:

- Chaired 12 NEB meetings, including post and pre-convention
- Iftar Ramadan Ceremony in Washington DC with embassy representatives.
- Worked with Bylaw officer on preparing, reviewing and posting Governing Document Amendments
- 3 meetings with congressional aides in senate and house regarding resolution.
- Met with Maj. Collins of Speaker Pelosi's office for advice on how to proceed with resolution.
- Updated Guidestar records and uploaded last 3 years financial documents
- Attended 2 benefits briefings at Veterans Affairs Central Office in Washington DC
- Minnesota, Oklahoma, Ohio and Michigan Dept Conventions
- Worked with Minutes approval committee and National Recording Secretary on review and posting of 2010 convention minutes
- Served on Executive Director, Bylaw and Resolution, Tunnels to Towers and Finance Committees
- Attended 3 DCoE quarterly teleconferences
- Veterans Day Ceremony at Arlington and presented wreath at Tomb of the Unknowns
- White House breakfast with Vice President Joe Biden
- National reception at Legion of Honor
- Presentation to Women in Military Service to America Memorial
- Speaker at All Services Veterans Ball on Veterans Day
- Established fee free 'donate now' button and account through Google
- Donated Blue Star Mothers banner to Veterans Affairs Central Office in Washington DC
- 3 national budget conference calls with White House
- Attended veterans educational trip to Israel
- Attended 1 Big Dipper and 1 Dept of Michigan conference call.
- Wrote monthly newsletter articles, monthly letters to membership and updated online President's Page
- Arranged for representation on 2 Round Table conferences at Pentagon.
- 5 conference calls with CPA and OPM to provide proper accounting and apply for CFC number
- Deployment Ceremony for 928th medical unit
- Network for Good online fundraising webinar
- Arranged with Navy Regional CACO to include National Blue to Gold liaison on Midwest notices.
- Hidden Scars of Iraq and Afghanistan panel discussion at Union League in Philadelphia with PA9
- Invitational visit to Pentagon and meeting with Gen. Chiarelli.
- Iraq Ambassadors Reception in Washington, DC
- Guidestar online fundraising webinar
- Consulted and met with DC Counsel on disciplinary, Executive Director and Resolution issues
- White House Briefing on Military Family Initiative
- Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) conference training
- USA Cares and Blue Star Families Tele-conference meeting
- Homes for Our Troops Key Ceremony for Tim (TJ) Johannsen

- Congressional Hearings on Military issues
- Kurdistan Newroz reception at Capitol, Washington DC
- Flag Ceremony at Vietnam Veterans War Memorial Park
- Attended 7 Real Warriors monthly campaign conference calls and/or webinars
- Speaker at Month of the Military Child, Eglin Air Force Base
- Arranged tours of White House, Capitol and Pentagon for convention attendees
- Attended 4 Joint Services Support System Conference and Webinar
- Edited and Proofread 12 newsletters and national yearbook prior to publication
- Mothers Day Tea at White House
- Gold Star Wives Reception in Washington DC
- Candle Light Vigil at Iwo Jima Memorial
- Assisted with Financial Policy and Budget preparation and Review
- National Memorial Day Ceremony at Arlington
- Wreath presentation at Tomb of the Unknowns, WWII Memorial, Korean Memorial, Vietnam War Memorial and Women in Military Service to America Memorial
- White House Conference call with Michelle Obama
- Coordinated special Armed Forces Day tour for Blue Star Mothers at White House
- Veterans Affairs Central Office online training for PTSD and TBI
- Organization and planning of National Convention in Washington DC
- Chaired National Convention meetings at 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention
- Assisted with website and database transition
- Responded to more than 7000 emails and daily phone calls
- Increase in corporate net income from \$21,879 8-31-2010 to \$58,327 8-20-2011 (was \$0.00 8-31-2009)
- Total current assets as of August 20, 2011 \$145,414 (8-31-2010 - \$72,282) (8-31-2009 - \$46,558)

Prepared by,



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National President  
2009-2010  
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