



JULY 2019

From the desk of the National President:



It is hard to believe it is less than two weeks until National Convention. Serving as your National President has certainly been an honor.

There have been many unforgettable moments as we honored veterans and our heroes at Arlington, as well as the visits to the Departments of Michigan, Ohio and Minnesota. The time I have spent visiting in person and by telephone and email with our members has been an experience I will forever treasure.

As we bring this fiscal year to a close and start planning for the next one, I would like to point out some events this year of which I am especially proud. We initiated a Public Affairs Committee and published two press releases through PR Wire. I encourage each chapter to make use of your community's newspaper and radio media to promote your activities and tell everyone who we are and what we do.

We also had a Fundraising Committee that worked very hard to give chapters ideas on fund-raising and grants; every chapter should apply for a Walmart Grant as well as grants from any other business in your community that offers them.

And last, but not least, we initiated a mentoring program where every chapter was assigned a mentor. The success stories continue to come in on this program and I am pleased to announce that we had 100% compliance this year with no chapters being suspended for lack of the proper paperwork.

The National Executive Board this year worked very hard on many projects as did the appointed officers and I would like to thank each and every one of them at this time.

And that's a wrap – see you in Minneapolis!

**Anne Parker
National President
Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.**



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BIG DIPPER PRESIDENT

Theresa Koontz

ATTENTION— URGENT MESSAGE

If there is anyone and/or chapter(s) that know that they will not be attending the Major League Baseball game at Target Field with the Minnesota Twins, Friday August 2nd, 2019, please let the National Big Dipper President know in advance.

Please email Theresa Koontz **PRIOR TO CONVENTION** at: president.bd@bluestarmothers.us

Thanking you all in advance! As we bring home the WIN!



Respectfully,

Theresa Koontz
Blue Star Mothers of America Inc
Big Dipper Auxiliary, National President

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4TH VICE PRESIDENT

Kathleen Fowl

welcome



In the 2018—2019 Fiscal Year, the following chapters have been chartered. Congratulations to all! Welcome Sisters!

PA202	10/11/2018	Red Rose Blue Star Mothers - Lancaster, PA
CA49	12/20/2018	North Valley Blue Star Mothers - Chico, CA
PA203	1/26/2019	Blue Star Mothers of Kinzua - Warren, PA
FL12	2/17/2019	Blue Star Mothers - Gulf Coast - Ft. Myers, FL
FL11	2/23/2019	Treasure Coast Blue Star Mothers - Port St. Lucie, FL
TX17	4/11/2019	Pineywoods Blue Star Mothers - Nacogdoches, TX
OH64	6/27/2019	Queen City Blue Star Mothers - Cincinnati, OH
MO7	7/11/2019	BSMA - Greene County - Willard, MO



On Calendar To Charter Soon:

OH63	7/22/2019	Hearts, Hands and Home Blue Star Mothers –Washington Court House, OH
WA7	8/21/2019	Western Washington BSMA - Burlingham, WA

4 others seriously working on paperwork: Colorado, Maryland, Pennsylvania & Maine.



NATIONAL 1ST VP

Stacy Anders—Membership

It is that time of year again... Renewing your membership!

- ★ You must log in to renew. If you go to the website and it says Join Now you have not logged in.
- ★ IF YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER AND CAN NOT LOG IN — PLEASE DO NOT JOIN AGAIN.
- ★ If you are having issues, please let me know so I can help.
1vp@bluestarmothers.us

I would like to give a huge shot out to MO4 for challenging their members to renew. Challenge your members to renew and see if you can get a full chapter renewed by Sept 1st.

Our working year (Fiscal Year) is September 1st – August 31st.

If a chapter is doing a chapter dues form, please make sure you mark the small box on top, or it will not charge you.

Newsletter..... How many of you read it? I know it seems like a lot, but there is so much information that is very important. Information on Mentoring, Convention, Yearbooks, renewing, Presidents message, and so much more. I like to print it out and take it with me when I have Dr. appointments, since they always seem to be running late.

“Mentors” - did you know they are for the whole chapter? If you have not heard about your chapter mentor, please ask your president or email me and I can give you her information.

We have started this program for all chapter presidents and members. If you have a question or just need to talk you should feel free to call or reach out to your mentor.

We also want all of our members to know that the members of the National Executive Board (NEB), are here for you and are always open.

Stacy Anders
National 1vp

NATIONAL 2ND VP

Paula Lombardo — Newsletter & Yearbook

Dear Sisters,

Thank you for giving me the honor to serve this membership as your National 2nd Vice President for 2018-2019.

This is my last newsletter for this Fiscal Year, and I have certainly enjoyed getting to know so many chapters via pictures and events!

I've said this before, but it's worth saying again..... *“There is certainly no moss growing under our members!”*

It's easy to tell that we have a mission, and that we're doing everything possible to honor the sons and daughters that gave us this title.

Respectfully,

Paula Lombardo
National 2nd Vice President

Now, let's talk



YEARBOOK UPDATE

The yearbook is in it's pre-shipping stages to head to convention.

I hope everyone will consider ordering one on-line, and if you need any help at all... please don't hesitate to contact me.

If you are coming to convention, we will have a very limited number to sell on site. They will be on a first come basis. The price of the yearbook at convention is \$25.00.

On-line, it's only \$20.80 + shipping, plus you get to create 2 free custom pages if you wish!! Again, if you need help.. please let me know.

See details on next page on how to order on-line through TreeRing.

NATIONAL 2ND VP

Paula Lombardo — Newsletter & Yearbook

Please see the instructions below on ordering your own yearbook and also a little bit about TREERING, the company we use for our BSMA Yearbook. If you need any help at all in ordering, please contact me...I'll be happy to assist. Please note that the company refers to the customer as a school... but know that this also refers to our organization. I also want to point out that once you go on line to order, you will be able to also obtain past yearbooks. They only go back as far as we have used this vendor, which is 2014-2015 year.

Get a Copy of The Blue Star Mothers of America Yearbook Delivered to Your Home

Buy Your Copy Online & We'll Deliver it to You

- Includes 2 Free pages to personalize with your own photos.
- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.
- You can purchase and personalize in minutes!
- The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

TreeRing

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to: www.treering.com/validate
- 2 Enter your school's passcode:
101416260317183

Regular Price: **\$20.80**

Plus Shipping Costs



TreeRing's environmental roots go deeper than our name. We kinda like this planet, so we've partnered with Trees for the Future to plant a tree for every yearbook purchased. In addition, we print on recycled paper and only produce the exact number of books parents buy, eliminating unnecessary waste and resources.

Not only can our school partners feel good about providing students and parents with a yearbook that captures their personal memories, they can also have confidence in the sustainable and environmentally conscious approach we take in producing them.

It's the least we can all do for the next generation.

August 2018 MESSAGE FROM: Aaron Greco, TreeRing CEO and Co-Founder

Mr. Greco sent us an email congratulating Blue Star Mothers of America, on being a TreeRing Green Yearbook customer. Last year as of August 3, 2018 we had sold 79 yearbooks. He stated they would be working with their partner, Trees for the Future, to plant that many in our organizations name. ⁵

NATIONAL 3RD VP

Teri Reece— Blue to Gold Liason

National 3rd Vice President: BLUE TO GOLD PROGRAM

DoD CASUALTY NOTIFICATIONS

It is with great sadness that the DoD has reported the loss of a service members during the Month of June, 2019: Master Sgt. Michael B. Riley, 32, Heilbronn, Germany, US Army (6/25/19); Sgt. James G. Johnston, 24, Trumansburg, New York, US Army (6/25/19)



Master Sgt. Michael B. Riley and Sgt. James G. Johnston, respectively.

It has been my absolute privilege and honor to serve as your National 3rd Vice President this past year and I look forward to seeing many of you at Convention this coming month. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Respectfully,
Teri Reece
National 3rd Vice President



NATIONAL FINANCIAL SEC.

Brenda Ternullo

\$\$Financial Secretary Newsletter Article July 2019\$\$

Has your chapter purchased Quickbooks online version or desktop version yet for the accounting of the chapter funds? Tech soup (techsoup.org) is a great resource for getting the Quickbooks online subscription for only \$50/year!! The desktop version is also \$50!

I recommend the online version because each financial officer can enter the data in respect to their office from their own home regardless if she has a Mac or a PC (CFS enters deposits and prepares the monthly reconciliations – CT enters all expenses & checks).

Every officer will have their own unique user id and password. Once initially purchased, the Chapter Financial Secretary is to be the Master Admin, the Chapter Treasurer will be listed as the Admin. Chapter President, 1VP, Recording Secretary will have “viewing reports” access only. (They will be able to view the reports but cannot change any of the data in the software.) The CFS or CT will create new users - using the chapter email provided by Blue Star Mothers of America. (If your chapter does not use “@bluestarmothers.us” emails – please contact 4VP Kathleen Fowl and she will set them up for the chapter to use) By adding a user the software will send an invitation to the officer and she will be able to log in and create her own password through Quickbooks online. If your chapter opts to use the desktop version of Quickbooks, the CFS and CT must meet up at least once per month to make sure all data is being entered by the correct Financial Officer. The desktop/laptop used should belong to the chapter.

Techsoup has programs to help purchase other products such as Microsoft Office, Adobe and anti-virus software. Techsoup also has programs for non-profits such as our organization to purchase laptops, desktops, modems and monitors.

If you have any questions on how to get registered with Techsoup or how to set up the Chart of Accounts in your new Quickbooks software, please email me at:

finsec@bluestarmothers.us

Brenda

NATIONAL TREASURER

Carla Brodacki

**Special
Continued!!**

The Sale of the Year!!

⇒ **Bundle:**

- ★ Red Shirt
- ★ 2019 patch
- ★ “Respect” pin

ALL 3 items for \$25.00

⇒ **Dad Hats- \$10**

⇒ **Metallic patches price reduction**

3 Inch- now \$5.00

6 Inch - now \$10.00





PUBLIC RELATIONS

Pam Travis

Making your press release stand out above the others is an essential element to capture the attention of your target audience or editors and cause them to pay attention or choose your story over another.

In recent newsletters, we have discussed the importance of knowing your audience, and using key words and visuals to tell your story. However, a crucial element to every story is credibility.

- ★ Is your group really making a difference?
- ★ Are they successfully achieving their mission?
- ★ What makes them different from another group?

Each of these questions can be answered by providing data.

Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. (BSMA) members provide support for active duty service personnel, promote patriotism, assist Veterans organizations, and are available to assist in homeland volunteer efforts to help our country remain strong.

We need to make sure the general public, and specifically the media, know how we do that.

Recently, I was talking to a Commander at the local American Legion. He told me prior to receiving a letter I had written to them to secure funds for a project, they thought we were, "just another group that supports the Military". But my letter stated BSMA's history dates back to 1942 to show longevity and that we are a Congressionally Chartered Organization with a clearly defined purpose.

Further, we discussed the Wreaths Across America project and I said, "We were there", we discussed our local Veteran's Memorial initiative,

and I said, "We were there", our conversation went on and on. As all of you know, BSMA members are there.

Anne Parker, our National President, was able to provide the Public Relations Team with data that we can all use to show that, "Yes, we are there!"

2017-2018 Fiscal Year Statistics		
	Members	5794
	Associates/Dads	1376
	VAVS	114
	Convention attendees	229
	Income	\$ 4,199,289.00
	Expenses	\$ 3,890,547.00
	In-Kind Donations	\$ 435,704.60
	Grants	\$ 515,956.50
	Donations	\$ 2,002,581.00
	Banners	181
	Care Packages	45707
	Letters/Cards	123225
	Cerominies	539
	Speeches	626
	Parades	269
	Homecomings	226
	Veteran Events	1044

How about that for accomplishments! Next time you are writing a press release, fundraising or just want to talk up Blue Star Mothers of America, throw in a few of these statistics and I bet you will catch your target's attention.





U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

News Release

Office of Public Affairs
Media Relations

Washington, DC 20420
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www.va.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 6, 2019

VA launches new health care options under MISSION Act

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) launched its new and improved Veterans Community Care Program on June 6, 2019, implementing portions of the [VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018 \(MISSION Act\)](#), which both ends the Veterans Choice Program and establishes a new Veterans Community Care Program.

The MISSION Act will strengthen the nationwide VA Health Care System by empowering Veterans with more health care options.

“The changes not only improve our ability to provide the health care Veterans need, but also when and where they need it,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “It will also put Veterans at the center of their care and offer options, including expanded telehealth and urgent care, so they can find the balance in the system that is right for them.”

Under the new Veterans Community Care Program, Veterans can work with their VA health care provider or other VA staff to see if they are eligible to receive community care based on new criteria. Eligibility for community care does not require a Veteran to receive that care in the community; Veterans can still choose to have VA provide their care. Veterans may elect to receive care in the community if they meet any of the following six eligibility criteria:

1. A Veteran needs a service not available at any VA medical facility.
2. A Veteran lives in a U.S. state or territory without a full-service VA medical facility. Specifically, this would apply to Veterans living in Alaska, Hawaii, New Hampshire and the U.S. territories of Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
3. A Veteran qualifies under the “[grandfather](#)” provision related to distance eligibility under the Veterans Choice Program.
4. VA cannot furnish care within certain designated access standards. The specific access standards are described below:
 - **Drive time to a specific VA medical facility**
 - Thirty-minute average drive time for primary care, mental health and noninstitutional extended care services.
 - Sixty-minute average drive time for specialty care.

Note: Drive times are calculated using geomapping software.

- **Appointment wait time at a specific VA medical facility**

- Twenty days from the date of request for primary care, mental health care and noninstitutional extended care services, unless the Veteran agrees to a later date in consultation with his or her VA health care provider.
- Twenty-eight days for specialty care from the date of request, unless the Veteran agrees to a later date in consultation with his or her VA health care provider.

5. The Veteran and the referring clinician agree it is in the best medical interest of the Veteran to receive community care based on defined factors.

6. VA has determined that a VA medical service line is not providing care in a manner that complies with VA's standards for quality based on specific conditions.

In preparation for this landmark initiative, senior VA leaders will visit more than 30 VA hospitals across the country to provide in-person support for the rollout.

The VA MISSION Act:

- Strengthens VA's ability to recruit and retain clinicians.
- Authorizes "[Anywhere to Anywhere](#)" telehealth across state lines.
- Empowers Veterans with increased access to community care.
- Establishes a new urgent care benefit that eligible Veterans can access through VA's network of urgent care providers in the community.

VA serves approximately 9 million enrolled Veterans at 1,255 health care facilities around the country every year.

For more information, visit: www.missionact.va.gov.

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For more information:

VA news release – April 22, 2019: <https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/59215/vas-improvements-veteran-community-care-mission-act-track-june-6-implementation/>

VA Vantage Point Blog – April 1, 2019: New eligibility criteria a major improvement over existing rules

VA Vantage Point Blog – March 19, 2019: VA MISSION Act: What is the latest on community care? How VA is transforming Veteran community care under the VA MISSION Act of 2018 and what to expect.

VA Vantage Point Blog – Feb. 11, 2019: MISSION ACT 101: How the law will improve VA's ability to deliver health care to Veterans

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Convention Tips and Reminders

**Blue Star Mothers of America Inc.
Convention 2019**

**Big Dipper Auxiliary Fund Night
Presents**

A League of OUR Own

Thursday, August 1, 2019

Convention Hotel Poolside

Time: 6:30pm - 10:00pm



Josephine Calenda Educational Assistance Fundraiser

Silent Auction begins 7:00 pm

Fun, Food, Games and Friends

Baseball Theme Event:

Dress in your favorite team colors.

Wear your BSM Ball Cap or your favorite team cap.



~ ADMISSION ~
\$35.00 with Convention
registration
\$45.00 at the door

There's no crying in baseball – but there's a whole lot of yelling, smiling, posing, and playing hard. The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League was a women's baseball league founded in 1943 in order to keep public interest in baseball alive while the able-bodied male athletes were fighting the war abroad.

Blue Star Mothers of America, Big Dipper Auxiliary supports our service members, veterans and families with financial assistance for education.

FunD Night Auction Information



2019 BIG DIPPER FUND NIGHT A League of OUR Own Silent Auction

A League of OUR Own fun will begin at our 2019 Convention Thursday Night August 1st. by the pool. We will have games, fun, food and our SILENT AUCTION.

Chapter/Department Presidents,

We are excited for the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. National Big Dipper Auxiliary 2019 National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota this year. The National Big Dipper Auxiliary is working hard behind the scenes for the FunD Night Convention to be a rewarding and memorable experience for you and all the guests in attendance for "A League of OUR Own."

Our goal this year is to raise \$21,000.00 at the 68th Annual FunD Night Convention. We respectfully request a donated auction item and /or a \$25.00 donation from each chapter and the Departments. The goal can be reached with your help!

If you are not attending convention or cannot bring your donation with you, please contact either Barb Cook our Treasurer at treas.bd@bluestarmothers.us or Carolyn Silberman our Financial Secretary at finsec.bd@bluestarmothers.us. Mailed items need to be received no later than **July 22nd**, 2019.

******* YOU WILL BE EMAILED THE INFORMATION AS TO WHERE TO MAIL YOUR DONATIONS.**

We cannot thank you all enough for submitting your Silent Auction items and Donations in advance. The success of our board goals is dependent upon the memberships, chapter(s) and Department(s) contributing their time and efforts as valued members helping us raise money for the National Big Dipper Auxiliary. We have been very fortunate over the last 67 years to award so many worthy recipients of the Educational Assistance Funds.

To donate an auction item, please fill out the Silent Auction Form on the next page and return the form no later than July 22nd, 2019.

FunD Night Auction Information



National Big Dipper FUNDnight 2019

Basket #

leave blank

Donated By:

Chapter Name:

Chapter State:

Chapter No:

Value of Basket:

Basket Name Goes Here

Description of the Basket Contents:

CHAPTER FUNDRAISERS TO ASSIST DELEGATES WITH CONVENTION EXPENSES

OH-1 EVERY DAY IS VETERANS DAY!



The history and significance of what we call Veterans Day today, originated some 100 years ago when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, went into effect on the **eleventh day, month and hour** - November 11, 1918. The first commemoration of "Armistice Day" was proclaimed by President Wilson in November, 1919 - marking November 11th a day dedicated to the cause of world peace to honor veterans of World War I. It was celebrated by parades, public meetings and a brief suspension of service at 11:00am. November 11th, also was made a legal holiday, "Armistice Day" by the Act of 1938. It was later changed to "Veterans Day" as a result of veterans service organizations urging Congress to replace "Armistice" with the word "Veterans" as a day to honor American veterans of all wars, following World War II and the Korean War. The first commemoration of "Veterans Day" was proclaimed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in October, 1954. Although the date was changed briefly with the Uniform Holiday Bill to recognize four national holidays on Mondays, President Gerald R Ford signed public law to return the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date, beginning in 1978, to preserve its historical and patriotic significance to a great number of citizens. Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of the day of week on which it falls, to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of our country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

What is a Veteran? Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations defines a veteran as "a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable." There are nearly 20 million Veterans who live in every state, in almost every county, across the nation. They come from many cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, and include members, associates and family members of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.

It is our mission to honor and support our veterans for their service, every opportunity we get. We do that with warm hugs and a hearty handshake and a "Thank you for your service." In many areas, we gather to give our veterans a warm homecoming welcome. We support our veterans every day through our volunteer efforts at VA facilities all over the nation, and their educational endeavors through our support of Big Dipper. To us, **EVERY DAY IS VETERANS DAY!**

Spirit of Freedom OH1 is raising funds to send our members to the 2019 BSM National Convention. Your purchase of our **EVERY DAY IS VETERANS DAY!** pin will allow us to send members from our team to Minneapolis, to learn more about the areas available for veteran support.

SEND CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO SPIRIT OF FREEDOM OH1 PO BOX 82 TROY OH 45373

PINS: \$6.25 EACH

POSTAGE: 1-5 PINS \$4.50 6-10 PINS \$5.50 11 OR MORE PINS \$7.00 2 DAY PRIORITY MAIL \$9.30

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ **PHONE:** _____

PINS: _____ **X \$6.25**

POSTAGE: (1-5) \$4.50 (6-10) \$5.50 (11-15) \$7 2 DAY PRIORITY MAIL \$9.30

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

CHAPTER FUNDRAISERS TO ASSIST DELEGATES WITH CONVENTION EXPENSES

Michigan Chapter 191— has an assortment of shirts they would like you to check out. Please just copy the following link to place your order and help these delegates with their convention fees.

<https://teespring.com/stores/blue-star-mothers>



Blue Star Mother - 1 Star
\$23.99



Blue Star Mother - 1 Star
\$23.99



Blue Star Mother - 1 Star
\$24.99



Blue Star Mother - 1 Star
\$38.99



Blue Star Mother - 2 Star
\$23.99



Blue Star Mother - 2 Star
\$23.99

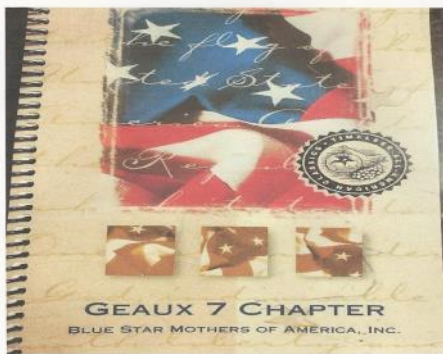


Blue Star Mother - 2 Star
\$24.99



Blue Star Mother - 2 Star
\$38.99

Back of all shirts have
BSMA Preamble



Enjoy 120 pages of authentic Southern, Louisiana recipes contributed by friends and family of our military. The sale of these cookbooks will enable members of LA7 Geaux Seven to participate in our 2019 Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. National Convention. Geaux Seven thanks you for your support. Contact us at bsmomla@hotmail.com

Name: _____

Complete mailing address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Cookbooks X \$15 = _____

Make Checks Payable to :
Geaux Seven Chapter
P O Box 78152
Central, LA 70837

Are you looking for authentic Southern Louisiana recipes? Look no further!

LA7 Geaux Chapter has just the cookbook you need.

Your support of our fundraiser will help us raise funds to send delegates to the 2019 BSMA Convention

CHAPTER FUNDRAISERS TO ASSIST DELEGATES WITH CONVENTION EXPENSES

NY 6



Long Island Blue Star Moms NY6 Convention Fundraiser



FRONT



BACK

RED V-NECK MENS T-SHIRT

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # _____

SIZE: _____

QUANTITY: _____

\$25.00 S-XL, \$26.00 2X, \$27.00 3X

ADD \$5.00 SHIPPING & HANDLING

ON ALL SHIRTS

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LONG ISLAND
BLUE STAR MOMS NY6

MAIL TO: FIN. SEC. Theresa UFFMANN

124 Jaycox Avenue

Islip, NY 11751

DON'T BE LEFT OUT!
SEND IN YOUR CHAPTER FUNDRAISER
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CHAPTER FUNDRAISERS TO ASSIST DELEGATES WITH CONVENTION EXPENSES

Blue Star Mothers of Fredericksburg Chapter VA4 Convention Fundraiser

ANNOUNCING! The official 2019 White House Ornament Ike & the first Presidential Helicopters. A beauty to adorn your Christmas tree and can be the ornament to be left out all year long. Make it yours for \$24 plus shipping.

On July 12 Dwight D. Eisenhower became the first president in office to employ a helicopter in his transportation service. This event marked a significant development for both the White House and the helicopter industry. In the short term, the helicopter became a key feature of presidential safety in the event of nuclear war. At the same time, Eisenhower's occasionally contentious decision to utilize helicopter for personal transport signaled an evolving conception of the role of travel in the presidency. His administration embraced a new model for jet-setting diplomacy that relied upon fast and flexible transport in the face of Cold War realities. For the nascent helicopter industry, this development showed to the world that rotary wing technology had become safe and reliable.

POC: Teresa "TJ" Sumners,
sumnerst@hotmail.com

Mail Orders:

Blue Star Mothers of Fredericksburg
Chapter VA4
P.O. Box 91
Fredericksburg, VA 22404

Check Memo Line Write: WH Helicopter

FUNDRAISE WITH THE OFFICIAL 2019 WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT



\$24.00 each, shipping 1@ \$5.00, 2@ \$7.00, 3@ \$9.00, 4@ \$13.50, 5@ \$16.50

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO **Blue Star
Mothers of Fredericksburg Chapter VA4**

FOR **VA4 Delegates to attend Blue
Star Mothers of America Convention**

NAME

NUMBER OF ORNAMENTS

ADDRESS

PHONE

EMAIL

FUNDRAISER CONTACT

Teresa Sumners
sumnerst@hotmail.com

Please Make Checks Payable To:

Blue Star Mothers of Fredericksburg • P.O. Box 91 • Fredericksburg, VA 22404

All ornament sales support the educational mission of the non-profit, non-partisan White House Historical Association to protect, preserve, and provide public access to the history of America's Executive Mansion. Learn more at www.whitehousehistory.org

CHAPTER FUNDRAISERS TO ASSIST DELEGATES WITH CONVENTION EXPENSES

North Central PA12

Camo Stockings for Sale



These high quality stockings are the perfect gift for your
Active duty military or veteran!

Military Christmas stockings are beautifully tailored styles for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine and Coast Guard. Our stocking collection is designed to honor "those that have accepted the challenge to serve". A special surprise gift on Christmas morning or add one to your holiday care package. Each style is crafted from the uniform fabric unique to each service. You will be pleased. Guaranteed!

We offer 6 different styles:

- L-R: U.S. Coast Guard Christmas Stocking
U.S. Army Christmas Stocking
U.S. Marine Christmas Stocking – Woodland
U.S. Marine Christmas Stocking – Desert
U.S. Navy Christmas Stocking | New NWU III Camo
U.S. Air Force Christmas Stocking Features C-130

Order Form:

Name: _____
Address: _____
State: _____ Zip code _____ Ph # _____
Style: _____ Qty: _____
Style: _____ Qty: _____
(for additional continue on back)
Cost of \$30.00 each Total amount included: \$ _____
Check or money order only! Mail to: BSMA North Central PA 12, PO Box 851, Williamsport, PA 17703
Questions? Call 570-500-5642

CHAPTER FUNDRAISERS TO ASSIST DELEGATES WITH CONVENTION EXPENSES

BLUE STAR MOTHER'S OF AMERICA, INC. LONE STAR CHAPTER VI TAPESTRY THROW ORDER



Price: \$50.00 each Size: 50" x 70" including 2" multi color fringe.

All branches of the military are represented on this throw.

These military moms throws do well as a wall hangings, over the couch, bed throws or something to curl up with.

These are Made in the USA and can be washed. These tapestries are a one of a kind, created by our chapter.

Make checks payable to: Blue Star Mother's of America, Inc. Lone Star Chapter VI

**Mail order forms and checks to: Blue Star Mothers – Lone Star Chapter Tx 6,
P. O. Box 861344, Plano, TX 75086-1344**

Throws can be picked up at one of the monthly meetings
or contact Malia DeNome via email at mdenome@gmail.com.

Throws can be mailed for an additional cost of \$15 per throw based on medium priority box.

Questions can be sent to Malia DeNome at mdenome@gmail.com

Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery if stock is low.

Custom Tapestry Throw order form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Number ordered: _____

Amount paid: \$_____

Address for those being shipped _____

* add \$15.00 for each throw for shipping _____

For Office Use Only:
Check #:
Check Date:
Date Ordered:
Date Delivered or Shipped:

CHAPTER FUNDRAISERS TO ASSIST DELEGATES WITH CONVENTION EXPENSES

TN4 is selling a blue star tealight holder for \$30. All monies raised from the sale of this item will help to send our delegates to convention. The stand is included with the star.

Payment can be made through PayPal.

Please email:

bluestarmothersTN4@gmail.com

or contact either:

- ★ Coni Brooks: afmama67@gmail.com
or cell 423-963-6351
- ★ Tina Moses: airforcmomama@gmail.com



Does your chapter have a fundraiser to financially assist delegates that are attending convention?

If so..... Please send it in!!! Next month, this could be your spot!

Dear members and associates—please help support the fundraising endeavors of the chapters featured in our newsletters.

Send your chapter fundraiser information to
Paula Lombardo at:
2vp@bluestarmothers.us



CHAPTER FUNDRAISERS TO ASSIST DELEGATES WITH CONVENTION EXPENSES



Off Shoulder Casual T Shirt
Short Sleeve Loose Fit
Lg ____ XL ____ 2XL ____
____ @ \$25.00



Silver Necklace 18" with
One Star Service Slide
____ @ \$20.00



Flip Flop Earrings 1-1/4"
____ @ \$10.00



Recipe for Freedom
____ @ \$5.00

Name _____
Mailing Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____
S&H: \$5-\$20 \$5 _____ \$21-40 _____ \$41+ \$15 _____

Make Checks payable to "Blue Star Moms of the Southwest Valley"
Send Orders to: Joyce Tryba, Treasurer, PO Box 1845, Litchfield Park, AZ. 85340

AZ 4



KERN RIVER BLUE STAR MOMS

Thousand Flags Memorial Day Weekend

The Park at River Walk

Bakersfield, CA

"Today is the day we put aside to remember fallen heroes and to pray that no heroes will ever have to die for us again. It's the day of thanks for the valor of others, a day to remember the splendor of America and those of her children who rest in this cemetery and others, it's day to be with the family and remember."

President Ronald Reagan

Blue Star mom morning shift!



Greater Tampa Bay—FL3

Safety Harbor 4th of July Parade: What an amazing time we had at the Safety Harbor 4th of July Parade. It was hot, hot, hot, but our Blue Star Moms and Dads along with two of our precious Gold Star Moms and our amazing driver, Dan Rooney, kept going with smiles on their faces while handing out our swag to a massive grateful crowd.



DoD Warrior Games 2019 Tampa Bay: All set up at the Hilton and ready for the warriors and their families. So incredibly proud of our Chapter and the dedication of our members. After the family event on Friday evening, some members volunteered at the DoD Warrior Games.



Deployed Troops Packing. We gathered, set up, lovingly packed boxes full of all kinds of things for our deployed heroes, and shared a lovely lunch. Such an amazing Chapter of dedicated and caring members and visitors.

Message on our Facebook page from a guest that joined us: "I cannot think of a better Father's Day experience than to spend the day helping the Blue Star Mothers and families package care-gifts for their children serving abroad. These families have a loved one serving in harm's way to protect our freedom, promote democracy and individual rights. I am so proud of my Regions WFL Wealth team for dedicating the month of May to collect donations to honor those who serve others. It's even more fulfilling to support one of our very own. Jennifer Hochberg, we love you and are sending positive thoughts and lots of prayers to your son and his entire unit. There is no better reward than to be purposeful in giving to others"

MA 3

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SISTER-MOM, JULIENNE UGALDE!!!!!!

Julienne A. Ugalde, Blue Star Mother, Central Massachusetts, Chapter 3, graduated from William James College, Newton, Ma, on June 1st.

She received her second graduate degree in counseling psychology, with an emphasis in expressive art therapy, and has a concentration in military and veteran psychology. She plans on working with military families providing counseling services and resources.

Julienne has received scholarship monies from the Big Dipper Educational Assistance Fund, to aid in her educational journey.

Her son, Neal P. Bakerlis, retired U.S. Army sergeant, has served 6 years in the military, as a combat engineer, and airborne, and has been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.



Julienne A. Ugalde (center) photographed with her son Neal (left) and Jeff, Julienne's husband (photo credit:

Article from 2015, that went with photo.

— Wheelock graduate Julienne A. Ugalde is pursuing her passion to improve the lives of veterans and their family members through the Wheelock College Military Counseling Certificate Program.

With a son who is a recently retired U.S. Army Sergeant, Ugalde has seen firsthand the importance of the unique supports needed for veterans to reintegrate into civilian life.

Military families can struggle with many concerns such as loss and separation, social isolation, financial hardship, physical injuries, substance abuse and more.

She is a proud member of the *Blue Star Mothers of America*—an organization for mothers who have children serving or who have served.





In July, members helped with landscaping day, then later attended the key ceremony provided by Homes for our Troops for a local wounded veteran and his family.

In July we also attended several charity events, one of which we were the recipient of donated funds!



WE HONOR THOSE



WHO SERVE

DEPT. OF MINNESOTA

We're almost ready! Just putting the finish touches on everything and then it will be time to pack up the Oldsmobile and head to Convention! We cannot believe that it is only two weeks away – it will be so good to see everyone.

On Thursday night (July 18) Chapters 7 & 11 put together Convention Folders – it was great fun!



On July 2, a group of about 24 of us placed 205 bouquets and flags at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery.

Such an honor to remember our fallen.



As we all know – we all have lives outside of Blue Star Mothers (sometimes anyway) – I would like to take a moment to tell you about another Military Support organization here in Minnesota – Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. I have been in the Maple Grove Beyond the Yellow Ribbon since 2012 and serve as the Treasurer right now. For the past 4 ½ years we have been planning, designing and raising funds for a Veterans Memorial and we finally did it! We raised over \$250,000 and today we dedicated the Memorial! I am so very Proud of what we

accomplished and that there is now a place right here where folks can go to reflect, to grieve and also give thanks for the sacrifices that were made on our behalf. I was so happy to have my daughter Lindsey, my Navy Veteran son Tyler and my Mom there. I kept it secret that I purchased 3 pavers, one for my father Joe, one for my stepfather Al and one for my son Tyler – all Veterans. Let me just say that there were a few tears. Thanks for letting me brag a little. Can't wait to see you!



Respectfully,

**Lucie L. Cutts
President
Department of Minnesota
Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.
763-442-3217**



NY 13



Carol Rydell From the Parkway Community Church came to our meeting to donate a Prayer Box that her students made for us.



Moms marching in the Wantagh July 4th Parade. We even won the Judges Spirit Award.



We had the honor to receive the ceremonial burial flags for 5 fallen veterans who died without family or friends at Long Island National Cemetery





Department of Ohio



The Department of Ohio has been a very busy group. Our Chapters sprung through Spring with many Memorial Day events, cemetery visits, and parades. The summer events are going strong with fundraising, Veterans events and packing's. Many of us will be attending the National Convention in Minnesota and are very excited to visit with so many of our Sisters.

The Department of Ohio received a generous donation from the Ohio Department of Public Safety. This will assist the Department of Ohio with the two annual meetings provided to all Ohio Chapters.

The Department of Ohio President's project this year is Honor Flight. What a special gift to our Veterans. I was able to escort three Vietnam Veterans on June 8th as a guardian on an Honor Flight. What an honor and privilege it was to share such an emotional day with all our beloved Veterans. The smiles and tears touched everyone's heart.



On Thursday, June 27th, I attended the installation of a new Ohio Chapter, Queen City, OH64 in Cincinnati, Ohio. These are a very excited group of determined Mothers! What a blessing and special addition they will be to the Department of Ohio and Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. Congratulations to Gloria Jorden and her Board!



Our 2nd VP, Lynn Feldman, has been keeping busy in her home county, Richland County, Ohio. She is representing the Department of Ohio and Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. as a member of the Mansfield Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Committee. Through the Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation, monuments have been placed throughout the country in memory and honor of the Families of the Fallen. On July 6th, a ground breaking ceremony was held at the Richland County Court House where the monument will be placed. The final dedication of the monument is scheduled for mid November.

Respectfully Yours in Service,
Karen

Karen Stillwell

President, Department of Ohio
Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.
President.deptohio@bluestarmothers.us



DEPT. OF OHIO BIG DIPPER

Ohio Big Dipper Educational Assistance Fundraiser 2019



One of the objectives of the Big Dipper Auxiliary is to provide educational assistance to the following:

Worthy Veteran, Active duty U.S. Military, National Guard, Reserve Member, Retired.
Blue Star Mother of America (In good standing)
Veteran's spouse
Veteran's child(ren)
Grandchild(ren) of a Veteran or BSMA

Proceeds from the sale of R.E.D stickers will enable Ohio Big Dipper Auxiliary to grant Educational Assistance Awards to deserving applicants to continue their educational opportunities beyond high school.

Name: _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Stickers @ \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00 = _____

_____ Shipping: 1-5 stickers add \$1.00, 6-10 stickers add \$1.50, 11-15 stickers add \$2.00

_____ Total Enclosed ***More than 15 contact directly for shipping cost.**

CHECKS Must be made payable to: BSM Ohio Big Dipper Educational

Mail to: Ohio Big Dipper
P.O. Box 482
Geneva, Ohio 44041

Need more information, email: President.bdoh@bluestarmothers.us



The Moving Wall, a smaller replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial displayed in Racine WI. Our BSM SEWI Ch2 Presented a memorial wreath at the opening ceremony on

May 17, 2019.
What a humbling experience for those Racine Vietnam War Veterans who died in the war.



May 22, A group of volunteers placed American flags at **West Lawn Cemetery To honor the Veterans for Memorial Day Weekend.**



Union Grove Veterans Cemetery Memorial Day SEWI Also presented a

beautiful Wreath to the Memorial Day Ceremony.

BS Moms **Brat Fry and Car Wash** with Kenosha Military Academy on June 1. Many supported our Brat Fry Sponsored by Piggly Wiggly. Earning sizeable donations to help fund future events.



Hot dogs, Brats, Italian Sausage, Chips, cookies and drinks were served. We had Veterans Bracelets to help raise funds.



Judge Faye Flancher has worked for four long years and celebrate the Graduation of four Veterans who graduated **Veterans Treatment Court on June 24, 2019.**



Many of our BSM Came to support our very own BSM in her courtroom of the four year success and graduation celebration.



6/30 Military Day at the Zoo. BSM were there to help honor our Military and provide a hands on Pocket Flag Folding by all participants to help provide the special 13 Flag



Folding instructions. These flags are presented in the Veteran's Day Parade sent to our Military in holiday care packages

throughout the year. A great turn out helped our chapter with folding flags.

Respectfully submitted by D.Aponte 7/9/19
BSM SEWI Ch2.



A Little Bit of This & That



- ★ RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY SEPTEMBER 1st, 2019
- ★ Chapters: Now's the time to appoint someone as the Chapter Historian... and capture your events for posterity via the news letters and yearbook!



IT'S LESS THAN 5 MONTHS UNTIL
CHRISTMAS!!!!

.....AND LESS THAN 14 DAYS UNTIL THE
77TH ANNUAL BSMA CONVENTION!

