



Big Dipper Auxiliary Newsletter



December 2022

Dear Sisters,

Here we are beginning the last month of 2022. Where has this year gone? As Blue Star Moms we are busy each month but during the holiday months we step it up for our families and our chapters mission as well. Thank you for all you do and will continue to do.

This morning I had a wonderful conversation with a mom from Texas. She is my daughter's boss! Her son just returned home from a decade away for his service to our country. This conversation reminded me that we, as sisters, must continue to talk about Blue Star Mothers and what we do, how we serve and, most importantly, be there for each other.

Our Big Dipper Auxiliary is an important part of our mission to our veterans, their families, and our own sisters. We work for you! We build our membership to be able to award Educational Assistance to help others succeed. We need you! Your membership and support of \$10.00 may not seem like it can make a big difference BUT it Does! During this busy month please take a moment and go to the website under Big Dipper and you will find the application. Let's increase our membership this month and begin 2023 as a larger auxiliary of sisters. As a bonus each Chapter with 100% membership will receive a certificate of appreciation presented at the 2023 convention. For more information on membership please contact 1vp.bd@bluestarmothers.us.

Your Big Dipper Auxiliary team would like to wish you, your families, and your heroes a Happy Holiday. We look forward to a wonderful 2023 and many wonderful surprises along the way to convention.

Respectfully,

Doreen Berggren,

National Big Dipper Auxiliary

President 2022 – 2023



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Hello Ladies,

I hope that all of you have something special planned for the holidays. I will be spending time with all of my grandchildren this year. Two

new ones in the last 6 months. As I think about them all growing up, I think about their futures and what kinds of education they may have. As a member of Big Dipper, when the time is right, I can apply for Educational Assistance for one or all of them to continue with their education.

Big Dipper Educational Assistance can also help you if you decide to go back to school. The **new application** will be available in January. Join now for only \$10.00 per year and see all of the amazing and fun things that this auxiliary does each year.

I will be sending out membership cards to your chapter presidents shortly, so make sure that you have paid your membership. At the end of the year, any chapter that has 100% membership in Big Dipper will receive a certificate thanking you for your participation. Also, at the end of the year (at Convention), we have a special plaque for the chapter that has raised the most money for Big Dipper.

There is an attached application to this newsletter that you can fill out and mail a check in **or** you can also go onto the Blue Star Mothers website, go to Big Dipper and fill out the application form there and pay through Paypal.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me:

1vp.bd@bluestarmothers.us

Amy O'Campo

1st VP Big Dipper Auxiliary

2022-2023



WHAT IS BIG DIPPER YOU ASK?

Big Dipper History & Purpose

The Big Dipper is a national auxiliary of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. (BSMA) that came into being in Milwaukee, Wisconsin November 7 at the 1951 National Convention. **The objectives of the organization are threefold:**

- ★ Honoring outstanding members of the BSMA
- ★ Sponsoring a "Fun Night" at conventions
- ★ Providing educational assistance to a worthy child(ren), grandchild(ren) of BSMA or Veteran; a Veteran, or active duty personnel or BSMA or their spouse.

The emblem is a flat bottom dipper with a long handle, used on all stationery and worn as a guard pin, attached to the pin of the parent organization.

Pins are \$10 and may be ordered from [Big Dipper National Financial Secretary](#).



Be a Part of Big Dipper

- ★ Must be a member of Blue Star Mothers of America, INC. (BSMA) in good standing.
- ★ Membership dues (\$10.00) shall be paid using the official forms found on and printed from www.bluestarmothers.us and submitted through local BSMA Chapter's Financial Secretary.
- ★ Annual Dues of \$10 are payable on September 1st of each year.

Membership applications, dues and remittance forms, shall be supplied (upon request) by the Big Dipper National Vice President

Educational Assistance

Education is the key to success. The members of the Big Dipper will award educational assistance annually to a worthy son/daughter, grandson/ granddaughter of a BSMA or Veteran; a Veteran, active duty service member, or BSMA or their spouse.

The money will be sent directly to recipient of the award, so they may use as needed.



Educational Assistance applications must be returned to the Big Dipper National President or Big Dipper Department President **no less than 30 days prior to first day of convention** to be eligible for consideration by the Educational Assistance Committee (EAC).

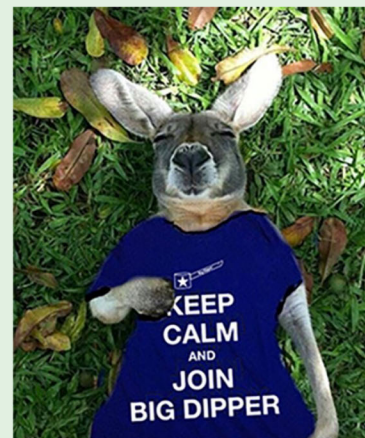
The EAC will be appointed by the Big Dipper President as soon as possible following the annual Convention.

Contact National Big Dipper President at president.bd@bluestarmothers.us or visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/BigDipperAuxiliary



Let Membership be the ornaments
on our Big Dipper tree.

Let's keep filling up this Pot of Gold
up!





Hello Big Dipper Sisters,

Since August of this year, several requests for undeposited/lost checks have been received by Members of the National Big Dipper Executive Board. As your 2022-2023 National Financial Secretary, I am sharing the following pointers to facilitate locating your missing checks:

- Please send all requests for missing checks to finsec.bd@bluestarmothers.us
- Include the following with your request:
 - The check number
 - The amount of the check
 - The approximate date the check was mailed
 - Your state/chapter number or state department
 - A working email (several emails have been returned as undeliverable)
 - When issuing a check to the Big Dipper Financial Secretary, please make your checks payable to

National Big Dipper Auxiliary.

- Please mail your payments to:**

National Big Dipper Auxiliary

c/o: Gen Schindler, Big Dipper Financial Secretary

P O Box 423 Coarsegold, CA 93614

By helping me with the above information, I will be able to help you as quickly as possible.

Thank you so much, Gen Schindler,,

2022-2023 National Big Dipper Auxiliary Financial Secretary

NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS, PLEASE, EVERYONE FILL THIS OUT AND SEND IT IN SO WE HAVE A RECORD OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

This is the only current application to use, Please check the mailing address.



BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC
NATIONAL BIG DIPPER Auxiliary
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL 2022-2023



NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____
CHAPTER STATE & NO: _____ DEPARTMENT: N/A

**** If you belong to a Department please send form to Department Big Dipper Financial Secretary****

Date: _____ Check No.: _____

Send form and check for \$10.00 pay to the order of: Big Dipper Auxiliary. If paying through PayPal, please fill out this form and email it to finsec.bd@bluestarmothers.us

BSMA National Big Dipper Auxiliary

c/o Genevieve Schindler

PO Box 423

Coarsegold, Ca 93614

Finsec.bd@bluestarmothers.us

For Big Dipper Use Only: ↓

Processed: _____

Deposited: _____

Pins are for Big Dipper Members Only

NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY

ESSENTIAL WEAR FOR BIG DIPPER MEMBERS!



The traditional, formal Big Dipper Auxiliary Pin attaches with a chain to your BSMA pin for wear on your uniform. Guard pins are \$10 each + S&H (includes chain).

Our NEW casual Big Dipper Auxiliary Pin has two pin backs so that it attaches firmly to your favorite denim vest, sweater, or coat and not spin. Pictures don't do it justice! This pin is for "fun." It's a pin designed to show your pride in your membership in Big Dipper while in or out of uniform! These lapel pins are \$7 each + S&H.



- Shipping and handling for 4 items or less is \$4.
- Shipping and handling for 5-8 items is \$5.
- Shipping and handling for 9-12 items is \$7.

—PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY—

Proceeds are for the Operations Fund of National Big Dipper.

Your Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (____) _____ - _____ (circle: Landline Cell)
Email _____

# ordered	Item	Cost Each	Total Cost
	Guard Pin	\$10	\$
	New Lapel Pin	\$7	\$
	Shipping (see above)		\$
	TOTAL DUE		\$

Make Checks Payable to "National Big Dipper Auxiliary."

Mail this order form and check to:
National Big Dipper Auxiliary
c/o Genevieve Schindler, National Big Dipper Financial Secretary
PO Box 423
Coarsegold, CA 93614