



Big Dipper Auxiliary Newsletter



January 2023

Happy New Years to All,

Time is really going to go quickly to our 2023 Convention in Nashville, TN! Your Big Dipper team is gearing up for a busy 2023 till then.

Our membership 1VP, Amy O'Campo is busy with new memberships and doing all she can to reach the goal of 550 members by summer. We need your help though. If you would talk with your chapters to reach 100% membership each chapter will receive a beautiful certificate at convention. The applications are on the website and in this newsletter and you can easily join right online.

The newsletter is sent out to all Blue Star Mothers, not just paid Big Dipper members, because we want everyone to know what the goals are, up to date information, what we need you to help with and to be sure everyone is being included. JCEA Applications will be on the website mid-January along with the guidelines.

Be sure to spread the word and don't wait to send them in. The team is looking forward to awarding our active duty, veterans, Blue Star Mothers, and others. Read the guidelines to see everyone who can apply.

Finally, it is time to shine up your boots, dust off your hats and be ready for a fabulous Nashville style Fun Night.

Have a fabulous month.

Respectfully,

Doreen Berggren,

National Big Dipper Auxiliary

President 2022 – 2023



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Hello Ladies,

I hope that all of you had a fantastic holiday. Now that we are in the new year, we are really gearing up for convention and would like to see all of you at the Big Dipper Fun night.

Big Dipper is easy to join and we have a lot of fun during the year. Big Dipper Educational Assistance can also help you if you decide to go back to school. **The new application** is available as of January 2023. 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.



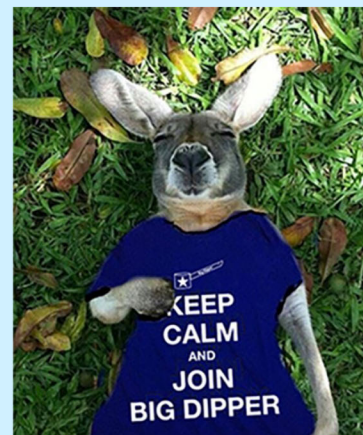
Educational Assistance applications must be returned to the Big Dipper National President or Big Dipper Department President **no less than 30 days prior to first day of convention** to be eligible for consideration by the Educational Assistance Committee (EAC).

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's keep filling the pot with
golden members!!



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

This is the only 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

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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