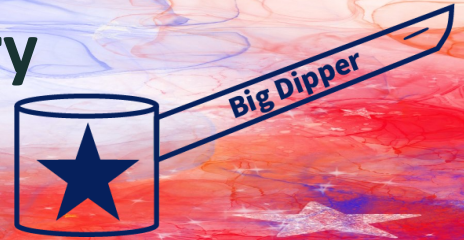




# Big Dipper Auxiliary Newsletter



March 2023

Hello Sisters !

The excitement is in the air for Big Dipper! Not only is our membership growing but the engagement is growing as well. Our Facebook page is getting more clicks and the information is getting out, our team is getting questions and your chapter donations are being received.

The old adage of “it takes a village” could not be truer.

Plans are being made for Fun Night – Boots – Stars – Guitars! The evening will be a time to relax, laugh, sit back, enough music and dancing. Games, photo booths and many surprises!

We need to remember the purpose of Big Dipper and Fun Night and that is our Educational Assistance. For all the information please visit our website and read the application, guidelines and share with as many as you can. The money is there and we want it to be used to help others. Keep in mind the deadline in the guideline for sending in applications. For any questions, please reach out to [president.bd@bluestarmothers.us](mailto:president.bd@bluestarmothers.us)

The Auxiliary belongs to all Blue Star Mothers, and it is up to all of us to keep it growing and a healthy part of our parent organization, Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.

If you are not a member yet, please **JOIN Now**. We need strength in numbers. The application is online, and you can use the PayPal function to join. For information on membership, please contact [1vp.bd@bluestarmothers.us](mailto:1vp.bd@bluestarmothers.us)

We, the Big Dipper Auxiliary, will continue to work for the good of all with excitement and joy.

Respectfully,

*Doreen Berggren,*

National Big Dipper Auxiliary

President 2022 – 2023



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Hello Ladies,

Are you all ready for Fun Night??!!! Our theme for this year is **Boots, Stars and Guitars**. Get all your country attire ready, it is going to be so much fun!

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 now available online.

Join now for only \$10.00 per year and see all of the amazing and fun things that this auxiliary does each year. We currently have 300+ members and are hoping to reach our goal of 500 members this 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](mailto:1vp.bd@bluestarmothers.us)

Amy O'Campo

VP Big Dipper Auxiliary

2022-2023

# NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY STORE GALLERY



Item #1 Big Dipper Guard Pin



Item #2 Eagle Pin

Item #3 Heart Earrings  
Item #4 Heart Necklace



Item #6 Big Dipper Lapel Pin



Item #7 Proud  
Veteran Pin



Item #5  
Heart  
Earrings &  
Necklace  
Bundle



Item #8  
Star Earrings

Item #9  
Star  
Necklace



Item #10 Star Earrings & Necklace Bundle



Item #11 Patriotic Cross Pin

Item #12 Patriotic Cross Necklace



Item #13 Flip Flop Necklace



Item #14 Blue Star Hat Bag



Your order form is on the next page!



# NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY STORE ORDER FORM

--PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY--

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ ( Circle: Landline Cell )

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# Ordered	Item	Cost Each	Total Cost
	#1 Big Dipper Guard Pin	\$12	
	#2 Eagle Pin	\$7	
	#3 Heart Stud Earrings	\$12	
	#4 Heart Necklace	\$8	
	#5 Heart Stud Earrings & Necklace Bundle	\$18	
	#6 Big Dipper Lapel Pin	\$12	
	#7 Proud Veteran Pin	\$8	
	#8 Star Stud Earrings	\$12	
	#9 Star Necklace	\$8	
	#10 Star Stud Earrings & Necklace Bundle	\$18	
	#11 Patriotic Cross Pin	\$7	
	#12 Patriotic Cross Necklace	\$8	
	#13 Flip Flop Necklace	\$14	
	#14 Blue Star Hat Bag	\$10	
	<b>Shipping for Jewelry Items (see below)</b>		
	<b>Shipping for Hat Bag(s) (see below)</b>		
	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>		

**Shipping Fees:**

Shipping & Handling for Jewelry Items:

- Shipping & Handling for 4 items or less as \$4
- Shipping & Handling for 5-8 items is \$6
- Shipping & Handling for 9-12 items is \$8

Shipping & Handling for Hat Bags: \$5 each

**Make Checks Payable to "National Big Dipper Auxiliary"**

Mail this order form and your check to:

National Big Dipper Auxiliary  
 c/o Genevieve Schindler, National Big Dipper Financial Secretary  
 PO Box 423  
 Coursegold, CA 93614

The Big Dipper Auxiliary is excited to be partnering again with FUN PASTA FUNDRAISING! Our first fundraiser ending last December 6th was amazing and we thank you all. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the **Operation Expenses of the Auxiliary**, not the JCEA fund.

We received rave reviews on the products. By now you are needing more pasta's, soups and chili's. I know the sauce was delicious so stock up on some now. Easy to shop and delivery is so quick. Please share with your own family and friends.

Each purchase earns 35-40% profit for our group and helps support our fundraising effort– so thank you! Your order will be shipped from **Nashville, TN** within 3-5 days. FREE Shipping on all orders over \$65.00 and we earn 40%! If your order is under \$65, there is a flat rate of \$8.95

Please follow the link below to start shopping.

[THE-BIG-DIPPER-AUXILIARY 1673819028254 | Fun Pasta Fundraising](https://www.funpasta.com/1673819028254)



BEHIND EVERY  
SUCCESSFUL *woman*  
IS A TRIBE OF OTHER  
*successful* WOMEN,  
WHO HAVE *her back*.



# Chapter Donation information

Every year, chapters donate funds to the JCEA. This plaque/award goes to the chapter that donates the most money. Could this chapter be yours? It will be awarded at the 2023 National Convention in Nashville.

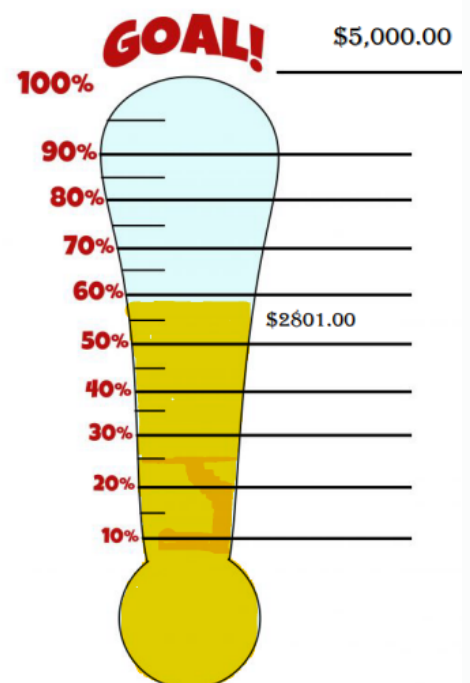


Please send all donations to the Big Dipper Financial Secretary, Gen Schindler. Her address is listed on pages 4, 8 and 9 of this newsletter.

Be sure to specify where your chapter donation is to go, ie: JCEA fund.

Our goal is \$5,000.00 and we have received \$2801.00 as of Feb 20, 2023

BIG DIPPER DONATIONS FOR 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](http://www.bluestarmothers.us) and submitted through local BSMA Chapter's Financial Secretary.
- ★ Annual Dues of \$10 are payable on September 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:president.bd@bluestarmothers.us) or visit our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/BigDipperAuxiliary](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:finsec.bd@bluestarmothers.us)

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