



# Big Dipper Auxillary Newsletter



October 2022

Fall is in the air! Even though I live in San Diego now, I have a lifetime of memories of changing colors on the trees, crisp morning air and getting the sweaters out of storage.

This morning I am watching the sun rise and it give me encouragement and strength to get a very busy day started.

Your Big Dipper Auxiliary officers have been busy since elections. Please visit the national website and click on Big Dipper. We have new information on the website and continue to work on making it informative with updated news.

Membership is growing and we are anxious to have YOU become a member. With your membership we will continue to grow the auxiliary and do more for educational assistance. The membership application is on the website. For more information, please contact our 1VP, Amy O'Campo. [1vp.bd@bluestarmothers.us](mailto:1vp.bd@bluestarmothers.us).

If you are not sure of what the auxiliary does and what the mission is, please ask. The emails of all officers are listed, and you can contact anyone of us to ask for more information on Big Dipper Auxiliary.

By the time this newsletter is released I will be back from the Michigan Convention. I will have photos from the Big Dipper Fun Nights from and updates so we all know what is happening in the Big Dipper Family.

October is a specular month of the year. Enjoy your fall festivities in your town, your sisterhood within your chapter and come JOIN the Big Dipper family.

Respectfully,

*Doreen Berggren,*

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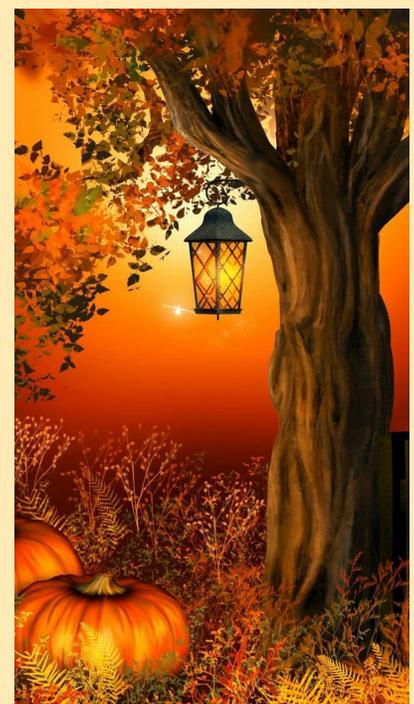
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# WHAT IS BIG DIPPER YOU ASK?

## 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)

Don't **leaf** your chapter members behind...have them join Big Dipper too



## WEBSITE UPDATE:

Please take a look at the BSMA website under Big Dipper. The page has been updated and is so much easier to navigate. So, when you have your chapter members who want to join, it is more convenient for her to go the website.

Remember, you can print out the membership form and collect everything and mail it to the Big Dipper address that is on the membership form.

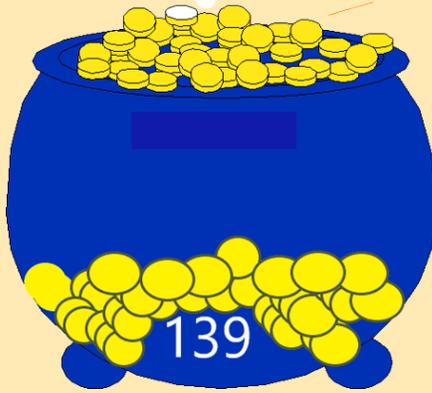
**Here is another success story from the Education Assistance Fund. Thank you Brittany for your article.**

**"I am happy to share with all of the members of the Blue Star Mothers community that I am a proud alumni recipient of the Big Dipper scholarship fund and I strongly urge you to consider the fund to support your military members next endeavor. When I transitioned from active duty to pursue my MBA, I was in search of scholarships that support the veteran community and that could assist me with having a full experience while seeking higher education. The funds I received from the program allowed me to participate in critical career networking events, ultimately enabling me to secure an offer for full time employment from my target company. In my current role as a Consultant at Boston Consulting Group (BCG), I am an active member of our Veterans affinity network and assist with recruiting high performing veteran talent. When I speak with military members interested in transitioning from service, I am sure to tell them about not only the incredible Blue Star Mothers community but also about the Big Dipper Scholarship fund. I like to highlight that this fund is a tremendous support system to promote the next chapter, whether it be educational or other experience building opportunities. I sincerely thank the BSM community for their unwavering commitment to military members and their families and to the Big Dipper committee for providing me the opportunity to participate in activities that helped me realize my career goals post military."**

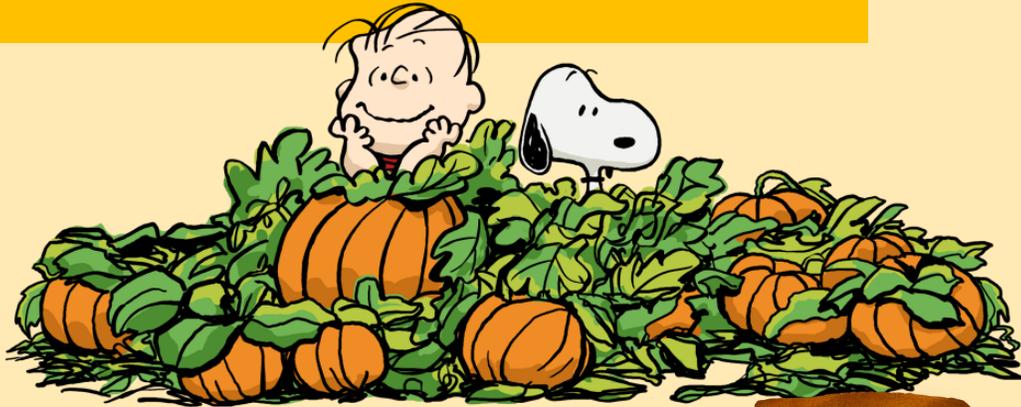
**Members, this is what your donations are for during our annual FUNd night. To help in the education of our 'military family' members. Let's all get together and think about how we can raise even more money at the 2023 National BSMA Convention.**



GOAL 550



Let's keep filling up this Pot of Gold



thankful  
grateful  
& blessed

HELLO Big Dippers,

Has your chapter done anything special for Big Dipper?

If you have anything you would like to see in the newsletter, please email to: [Newsletter.bd@bluestarmothers.us](mailto:Newsletter.bd@bluestarmothers.us) for consideration.

Thank you

