



BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC.

June 2023

Greetings Sisters,

We missed the beautiful cherry blossoms in DC. But spending 4 days with each other and making new friends and catching up with old friends is something we will cherish. We learned that all 3 presidents are native Americans. Gold Star Mother president Sarah is Cherokee Gold Star Wife president Claire is Shoshone Blue Star Mothers president Stacy is Comanche. We are very proud and honored to be representing our organization. The ladies that were honored to attend will never forget this great experience. We have made a good impact that BSMA now has our own liaison from AMVETS. We look forward to many more rides and my wish is that every mothers has a chance to experience such a honor.

Yours in Service,

Stacy Anders, National President 2021-2023

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Memorial Day 2023



Rolling to Remember



KEYNOTE CONCERT

Convention Registration on the Website

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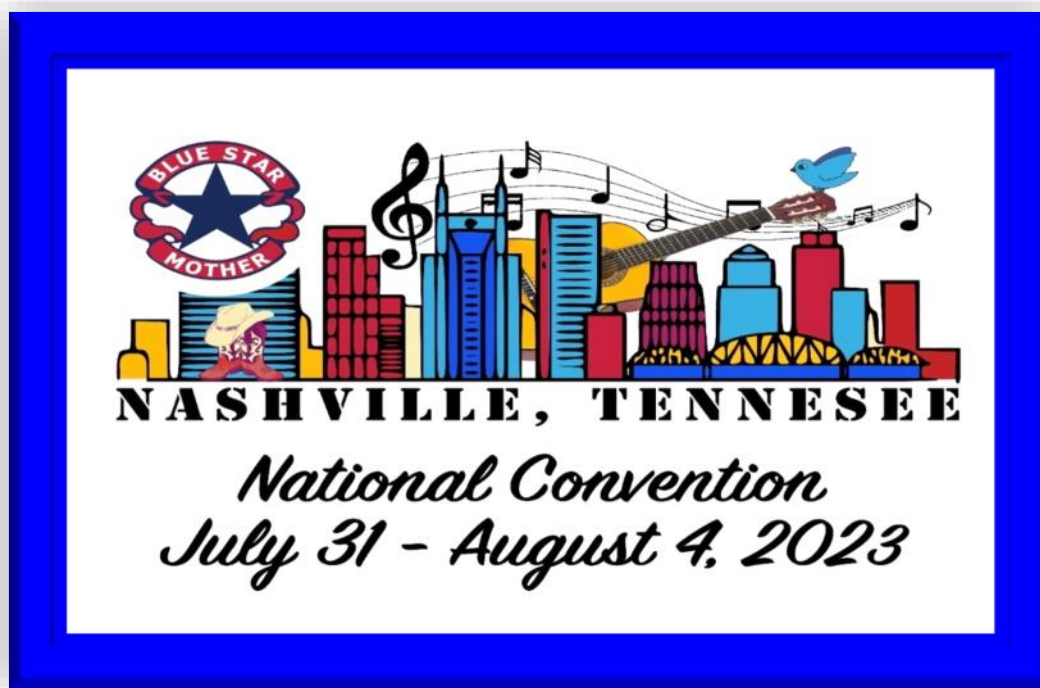
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BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA
NATIONAL CONVENTION - NASHVILLE, TN

Convention Registration

\$165.00 if you register by June 30th

<http://www.Bluestarmothers.org/>



If you are joining us in Nashville, please fill out the Emergency Form on the next page and bring it with you in a sealed envelope. We are Sisters looking out for each other! It will remain sealed unless there is an emergency. Please pass it on at Registration.



Emergency Information

Name _____
Address _____
Date of Birth _____
Primary Care Physician _____
Primary Care Physician Phone Number _____

Emergency Contacts

Primary Contact _____
Phone Number _____
Secondary Contact _____
Phone Number _____

Medications / Dosage

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Medicine Allergies

Food Allergies

Additional Information

VAVS Convention Project

Almost Convention time and each year we celebrate our veterans with donations to the local VA facility. The VA team in Nashville is very excited and looking forward to coming to meet us all and receive your donations. Your VAVS team led by PNP and National VAVS Anne Parker looks forward to putting the packages together with you.

VAVS CONVENTION PROJECT 2023

This is an exciting project we will be putting together as a team on Wednesday of convention week. Our Nashville VA will be the recipient of this year's project.

The VAVS Chief has told us they need sweatpants. Unisex Size Large – 2 XL and both men and women's underwear sizes M-L. When our veterans leave the hospital, they sometimes have no clean pants or no pants at all. The goal is to have a clean and new pair of sweatpants for each discharged patient.

Please go to your chapter at this month's meeting and request they donate to the Convention VAVS project whether they plan on attending or not. If you or your chapter would rather send a monetary donation that would also be appreciated.

When you order your sweatpants on-line you can have them sent directly to the hotel. They should all be addressed to:

Millennium Maxwell House Hotel
ATTN: Amy O'Campo – VAVS
c/o Andra Ruffier
2025 Rosa L. Parks Blvd
Nashville, TN 37228

All donations must NOT be received any earlier than July 21, 2023.

Blue Daisies OH 59



Leslie Croft



Mary Skarke



Sacramento Blue Star Moms

MAY 2023



Operation Care Package



#NeverForget



Red/White/Blue Bunco Fundraiser



Texas Road House Fundraiser



A New Look for Our Storage Unit



Fifth Tuesday Fun on the Town



Community Packing Day @ Local School



Community Packing Event



CA 30

California Chapter 30 held its 11h annual Gold and Blue Star Mothers Luncheon in Northern CA. The luncheon provides Gold Star Mothers the opportunity to meet new mothers, see old friends, continue to bond with each other and honor their children.



Wolf Creek BSM

We are a new chapter in northern California. We were chartered in March 2023 and currently have 5 members. Our first meeting was held in April which is when we took the picture (included) of the five of us holding our children's pictures. On Memorial Day weekend, I (Anna Lawson CA 53 President) had the pleasure of meeting Brenda Ternullo, National 4th VP when she was visiting our area (photo included). On Memorial Day, myself, Denise Savala, CA 53 Recording Secretary, and Alicia Hammerich, Treasurer attended our local Memorial Day ceremonies where our American Legion Post 568 gave honors to fallen soldiers at each of the 5 cemeteries in our valley (photo included). We are getting ready for our first parade and fundraiser which will be on the 4th of July in Taylorsville, CA and in August we will be participating in another fundraiser with local business Riley's Jerky. Riley's will be donating jerky to our chapter to be mailed out to the troops. Once we have enough money raised to get started, we will be purchasing hero banners to be hung along the main road through our valley. We are a very small community, and a majority of the town of Greenville was destroyed by the Dixie Fire in 2021. It is our goal to bring hope, pride, and beauty back to our community that was so badly damaged that year and recognize the men and women who have served and currently serve our country.

Welcome CA 53





It was a busy month of May for the Blue Star Moms of California - East Bay Chapter 101!

May 21 - Swearing-in ceremony of local high school recruits organized and sponsored by the Veterans Memorial Building and the Town of Danville. There were 21 recruits sworn in representing all branches of the U.S. military. Over 100 people attended the event including local public officials. The Blue Star Moms helped check in the recruit and showed them to their assigned seats, and also provided snacks and drinks at the event.



May 27 - Care Package Drop Zone at Safeway Crow Canyon in San Ramon, CA. It was a successful day with 3 truck loads of care package items and cash donations collected from the local shoppers. More importantly, it was wonderful connecting with the community and hearing about their support for our troops!



May 29 - Memorial Day at Memorial Park, San Ramon, CA. Jaci Beering of East Bay Chapter 101 was one of the speakers for the event that was organized by the City of San Ramon. Jaci paid tribute to the Gold Star families and reminded us of our debt and gratitude to them and to their sons and daughters for their ultimate sacrifice for our country.



Florida 15

First Coast Blue Star Mothers Florida Chapter #15, President, Junnie Watson was recognized and given honors on Saturday night at the Northeastern Florida Women's Veterans Banquet. Junnie is such a dynamic lady. She's an Army Veteran, and is a Veteran Service Officer with her Legion Post, as well as she's served as founding chapter member, 1st VP of the chapter and now President of #15. She's done so much out of her own pockets when funds were not available. She's a member of the Women's Army Corp as well as a Sunday school teacher and still holds down a full time job. Even with her health issues, she still gives to Veterans with all her heart. Our chapter is so proud and honored to have her as our president.



Fort Wayne Area Blue Star Mothers - Chapter IN8

Your FWA Blue Star Mothers have had a busy month. May found us hosting our monthly meeting; meeting with our golf venue making all catering and set up decisions for our 15th Annual Military Appreciation Golf Outing; and preparing for the Memorial Day weekend. We were invited to light the annual Watch Fire at the National Veterans Memorial and Shrine in Fort Wayne. Very moving event, with Gold Star families adding first log and others remembering fallen military friends and family while adding a log in their memory. We participated in Fort Wayne's Annual Memorial Day Parade carrying posters of local fallen military heroes. The next weekend we had a booth at the Military Appreciation Baseball game with the Tin Caps (San Diego Padres affiliate). Did lots of meet and greet that day – great family fun! On June 13, as part of our regular meeting, we packed 25 large care packages for shipment and hosted a guest speaker from the VA to talk about PTSD. Very informative way to end a busy month!



LOUISIANA GEAUX SEVEN CHAPTER

APRIL & MAY 2023



Our Chapter celebrated our 10th anniversary on April 11, 2023, with decorations, cake and door prizes. We were surprised by Mayor Evans as he awarded us with a proclamation stating that April 8th will be recognized in the City of Central as Blue Star Mother's Day. At this celebration we also invited seven of our top 2022 supporters and presented them with appreciation certificates.



April 29, 2023 – Trudy Dupuy and Wendy Major attended the American Legion Open House Family Day



May 1, 2023 – Kathy Baker & Sandy Stockwell visited the Louisiana Veterans Home with Girl Scout Cookies and fruit snacks. They enjoyed playing bingo with the Vets!

The Blue Star Mothers MA 3 have been busy the past couple of months. On a beautiful Spring evening in April, we attended a commemorative ceremony to honor the Borinqueneers of the 65th Infantry Regiment. If you've never heard of the Borinqueneers you're not alone. During the Korean War, the Borinqueneers were the only Hispanic -segregated unit to serve.

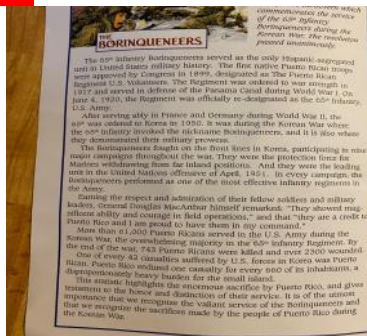
We volunteered at an event that was brought back after a couple years off due to Covid. We helped to hand out t-shirts for NEADS, (National Education Association of Assistance Dog Services) at their annual Pulling for Paws event. It was a little soggy that day, but very entertaining to watch the teams pull a full sized 18-wheeler across the finish line all to raise money for the organization.

Twice in May, we provided weekly meals for incoming veterans to train with hearing dogs at NEADS. The refrigerator and counters were full, and at our Blue Star Mother social, we met with the veterans and pups to thank them in person for their service. Our friend, Darleen from Quilts of Valor was also on hand to present quilts to the veterans.

We also attended an award ceremony at one of our local high schools for their Jr. ROTC Air Force cadets. We were honored to present red, white and blue cords to several graduating seniors who are entering the U.S. Air Force. It was a very special night for all the cadets and their families.

On another beautiful Spring day, we helped place over 5,000 flags at a local cemetery in Worcester, MA for Memorial Day. The Worcester, MA Sheriff's Department along with the Marine Corp. League Worcester Detachment sponsored the event which had over 160 volunteers including Blue Star Moms and Dads.

To round out May, we marched in the Auburn, MA Memorial Day parade and honored our veterans in a short ceremony hosted by our friends at the American Legion, Chester P. Tuttle Post 279.



MA 3





Ottawa North Kent Michigan 194



The cook at the Grand Haven Coast Guard Station had the day off. So, the Coasties called on the Blue Star Moms and we did what Moms do best; we made sure these fine young men and women had a good lunch. It was really a lot of fun!



Chef Pat Lomonaco

Jackie Ransom



Trudy Wysocki Coasties enjoying the meal

MI 191 Honor Cord Presentation



Tee Up Fore Our Troops



Dept. MN

Hello Sisters!

Finally, summer has arrived!

I know many MN chapters have started their busy summer events, beginning with Memorial Day.

I had the honor to participate in "Rolling to Remember" in our Nation's Capitol with four other Minnesota Blue Star Mothers, at our own expense. It was a great weekend and many memories were made. The weekend was spent with Blue Star Sisters, Gold Star Wives and Gold Star Mothers.

AMVETS and multiple other veteran motorcycle organizations treated us like royalty. Many new friendships were made.

While I was in Washington DC, many helped with our Dept. Fundraiser, Honored Always, laying flower bouquets at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery.

On Memorial Day, Mary Johnson placed a wreath at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery on behalf of the Blue Star Mothers. Brenda Marcus placed a wreath for the St. Cloud VA. Many others took part in honoring our fallen in their home towns.

I want to thank everyone for participating in your Memorial Day events and honoring our fallen.

Never Forget those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and their families!

Hugs from Minnesota,

Karla Keller



BLUE STAR MOM'S PINE CITY, MN CHAPTER 16



Summer is here and it is Parade Time. Our group started out by honoring those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. We participated in the Pine City Memorial Day Parade. Our next event was the Braham Appreciation Days Parade. We received 2nd place during the judging and received \$25.00.



We continue to collect plastic for our recycling project and to date have had 10 recycled benches made and given to several organizations that support us.

Our group submitted Hero photos and Group photos for the Blue Star Mom Yearbook.

Our float is insured and is ready to go for the rest of the Parade Season! We look forward to the warm beautiful weather and many upcoming events!!

June 2023 News....

Blue Star Mothers,
Rochester NY8



Rochester, NY chapter officially chartered in 2011
Website: www.bluestarmomsroc.com

Rochester 2023 Lilac Parade



Thank you BSM and Associate Members for Stepping up to be recognized in the Rochester Community.
Photos provided by Photographer Glenn Peck, many thanks



Knights of Columbus 2023 Patriot of the Year Awards Dinner



Photos provided by Kathy Quinones

The Rev. Paul J. Cuddy Assembly Knights of Columbus awarded Amy VanDerwerken BSM NY8 President for her commitment and the BSM in carrying the mission of patriotism in service to our Nation. Patriotism is one of the four core principles of the Knights of Columbus. The

significance of the Patriot Award this year is in supporting military, veterans, and their families. One of BSM service projects that were recognized is an Annual Baby Shower that is a continual community effort of 9 months in the making with the acquiring of baby donations from individuals, organizations and retail stores. Congratulations Amy, BSM and many thanks to the Knight of Columbus for the Award with an American eagle inscription. We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus for their donations over the past two years.

American Red Cross Military and Veteran Resource Brunch

May 20, 2023 at the RIT Inn and Conference Center Reconvened Post COVID. Thank you speakers, agencies and a great team of the Regional American Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces.



Photos by Lara Feigenbaum Whitney, BSM Financial Secretary

Gold Star Families Memorial Day Ceremony

on May 29, 2023 was held at White Haven Memorial Park. Dorothy Reid, Gold Star Mother and President was one of several speakers

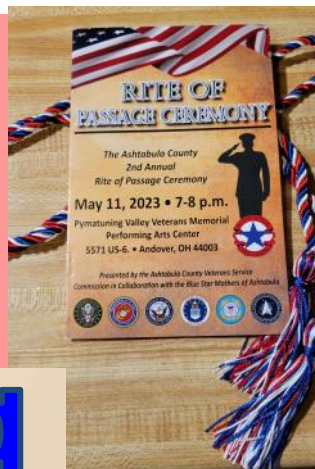


Photo provided by Amy VanDerwerken

OH 57- Oldest Ohio Chapter

We honored 10 young adults who are committed to serving in the Military upon graduation. We handed out graduation cords for them to wear during graduation.

80 Years Young





Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter PA16

- Made donation to local food pantry for Veterans food distribution day
- Greeted Honor Flight participants
- Hosted guest speaker from Honor Flight Pittsburgh at May meeting
- Volunteered at Armed Forces Golf Outing
- Attended Veterans Appreciation Brunch with PA State Representative Tim O'Neal (Army Veteran) and Commonwealth Treasurer Stacy Garrity (Retired U.S. Army Reserve Colonel)
- Placed flags in multiple cemeteries
- Participated in two Memorial Day parades
- Hosted information table at Yellow Ribbon Reintegration program
- Attended year-end ceremonies at six high schools and presented red, white and blue honor cords to graduating seniors entering the military
- Hosted information table at Salute to Services Night - Washington Wild Things baseball



Blue Star Mothers of the Upstate



SC#4 Members, Pam Nugent and Sheryl Norse



SC#4 Treasurer, Lucero Sewell and member, Sheryl Norse,

Upstate Armed Forces Day
To show our appreciation and support for our community's Veterans and Active Duty Military, SC#4 participated in the Upstate Armed Forces Day celebration in Greer, SC, on May 21, 2023. We gave out Girl Scout Cookies to our heroes and their families while telling them about our chapter and mission. It was an enjoyable day for everyone!



The Military History Center of the Carolinas



Local band, War Cry



Find us on  Blue Star Mothers of the Upstate SC#4



Houston Area Chapter



TX-2 members have been busy bees, participating in Memorial Day services, sending several hundred cases of girl scout cookies to heroes in addition to the regular care package delivery and hosting a meet and greet for new Blue Star Moms.





WILCO BLUE STAR MOTHERS TX15

The third quarter of 2023 was another busy quarter for our ladies. We love serving our community and our veterans and active duty



Our big event this quarter took place at the state capital in Austin where we celebrated Texas Blue Star Mother's Day with Governor Greg Abbott and members of the House of Representatives and the Senate. The resolution was sponsored by Representative Brian Harrison and Senator Bob Hall.



40 Easter lilies were placed on our local Fallen grave sites this year, with 8 area cemeteries visited.



Our own Christa Fica did an outstanding job as the Austin area lead of this year's Our Community Salutes for graduating seniors who are entering the service.



This Chad-O PTSD awareness fundraiser was a huge success. Jeanette Drake, Teri Reid and Greta Moore helped out with the auction



We had a great turn out for the Heroes Night Out annual BBQ fundraiser. We served 2500 people and all had a great time.



We have placed flags at the Cedar Park Memorial Park for 11 years. We placed 900 thus year. We look forward to this day and Memorial Day as we pay homage to our fallen.

There is never enough room to report on all the activities this group of women participate in. We love it!!

Submitted by Greta Moore, 1stVP WilCo BSM

Blue Star Families of Richmond, VA2



Stephanie Sill, president, spoke about Blue Star Mothers at the Military Signing Day program, which honors high school graduates enlisting in the military.



The Virginia War Memorial held its annual "Commonwealth's Memorial Day Ceremony". Cyndi Hiles and Kristi Oliver presented the Blue Star wreath and Lula Lamb presented the Gold Star wreath.



Tina Burkett (3rd VP) organized a Memorial Day ceremony at Glendale National Cemetery. Pictured are (l) active duty and veterans in attendance and (r) speaker, color guard, veterans and Tina.



Our members were busy supporting our veterans. Debby Krieter served as Old Dominion Honor Flight Guardian for veterans that were bused to see their memorial in Washington DC. Congressman Rob Wittman was on hand to greet the veterans.

Wreaths were placed in remembrance of our loved ones at the Quantico National Cemetery for Memorial Day by Faye Mohler, Teresa (TJ) Sumners and Debby Krieter. We presented a Memorial Day wreath at the Fredericksburg Area Veterans Council Memorial Day Ceremony and were represented by Mary Kulesa, Martha Poillon, Norka Kletzke and Sue Gas-Burson. Teresa Sumners, National DC Representative, Debby Krieter and Roberta Simpson had the honor of participating in the AMVETS Memorial Rolling to Remember Weekend. A huge THANK YOU! To the Dave Page Group for all the behind the scene organization in making this an unforgettable experience and to all the motorcycle drivers for coming to be our escorts.

We celebrated the Servants At Work (SAWS) 100TH Ramp Build and donated the 100 cupcakes to the table display.

The VA4 members volunteered at the Fredericksburg Historic Half Marathon water station and cheered the runners on.



WI Blue Star Mothers Chapter 1

Wisconsin Blue Star Moms have been busy making crafts and attending craft shows as fundraising opportunities. It has allowed us much needed time together chatting and laughing. We are doing quite well in the fundraising as well. Perhaps your chapter would enjoy this as well!



Deployment Packages Packed and ready to ship- Girl Scout Cookies included!



Welcome baskets prepared for a new move in at Veteran's Village

BLUE STAR MOTHERS SE WI 2



JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Mileagers Market-

June 18th

Camp Hometown Hero's

July 6th

Kenosha Brat Wagon & Car Wash Fundraiser

July 29th & Aug 19th

10am-3:30pm

The end of May into June was filled with fun events celebrating sisterhood and our continued commitment to honor our military. Pictured below are just a few of these events. We attended Memorial Day activities which consisted of flag placement and participated in ceremonies, facilitated several more Vietnam service era pinning ceremonies, have set up displays in the community to bring awareness to our group and have attended the burial service of a WWII veteran. The icing on the cake is that we have welcomed several new members into our group.



IT'S RENEWAL TIME!!

Although our membership runs from September 1 through August 31, our renewal period begins June 1 each year. Within the next several weeks, you will be receiving an email with instructions to renew. For your convenience, we have noted several ways in which you can do this:

- Click the link provided in the email and pay online. This is the easiest and quickest way to renew. Once you submit your payment online, your profile is automatically updated with payment information and your expiration date will change to 08/31/2024. No waiting - done! We do ask that you print your receipt and provide a copy to your Chapter for their records.
- You may pay your Chapter and they can submit a Chapter Dues Renewal on your behalf. This takes a little longer, by the time they deposit your payment, submit to the National 1VP, and wait for her to update your profile. Although this is done in a timely fashion, please remember, we have thousands of members renewing so things do slow down just a bit between June and August based upon how many choose this method of payment.
 - Note to Chapters ~ please make sure your submissions are sent in a timely manner.
- Print the invoice and mail, along with your check, to the National Financial Secretary. While this is very much an option, it is the least recommended, simply for timing purposes. Once your invoice and payment make it through the mail to her PO Box, she then has to process, scan and email to the National 1VP. Please remember, both the National Financial Secretary and National 1VP are working very hard to get through all of their emails and processing procedures as quickly as possible. So, in a nutshell, this takes the longest to process.

Renewal notices are automatically generated so you will receive one until your payment is posted and your profile is updated. If you choose option 2 or 3 above, please remember it takes longer to process and you may receive another renewal notice.

If you have **NEW** members joining, we highly recommend they join online. Again, this method is quicker; however, options 2 and 3 above are available as well.

Questions?? Please feel free to reach out to your National 1VP, I am happy to help you through the process.

Yours in Service,
Rebecca Stafford
National 1VP

Blue to Gold Update



Samples



The Flag Lady

This store located in Columbus, Ohio will provide beautiful silk Gold Star banners to our members.. See actual banner pictured above. The blue star outline with a gold star overlay, also has a gorgeous gold fringe on the bottom of the banner. They will emboss the name for FREE. Each banner is priced at \$15.00 plus standard shipping fee. Please see the *Blue to Gold Banner guidelines* on the website and contact 3vp@bluestarmothers.us with any questions. All banners can be ordered by emailing mjames@flagladyusa.com with how many banners needed, how many stars on banner, name and branch to be embossed and the details of where to ship after notifying the 3VP.

Please use the above email to order the Gold Star Banner(s).

<https://flagladyusa.com/>

Online Store

<http;wwhttps://www.Bluestarmothers.org/>

ONLINE STORE DATES

July 14th - Online Store will close for regular orders on Friday, July 14th.

July 17-July 28th – Online Store will be open for orders that HAVE to be picked up at NATIONAL CONVENTION in NASHVILLE.

There will be no shipping charge on these orders.

THEY MUST BE PICKED UP AT CONVENTION – Please note on the form the name of the individual picking up the order.

Aug 1st-Aug 3rd – Convention Store will be open at National Convention



Patches - \$5.00 Each



Frequently Asked Care Package Questions



To help Chapters know the Do's and Don'ts of sending care packages to our troops, we offer the answers to those frequently asked questions:

1. To whom can we send care packages?

- A. Anyone serving anywhere in any branch of the US Military. They do not have to be deployed!
- B. A chapter must have their care package program open to sending packages to any troops. Packages cannot be limited to just one person or only to the children of Chapter members. They must be available to any service member serving for whom your Chapter receives the name and address.

2. Can Chapter funds be used in our care package program?

- A. Yes! Chapter funds can be used to purchase shipping supplies, for postage, for items to be sent, etc...if your care package program is open to all service members.
- B. Your Chapter can collect monetary donations specifically for your care package program. These funds are then restricted for use only for this program and must be used only for care packages.
- C. Your Chapter can collect donations of items to send. Hold a care package collection drive prior to your pack date to collect as many items as possible.
- D. Many Chapters ship through the US Post Office using flat rate boxes or through a shipping service like Ship Thrifty.

3. How can our Chapter find names/addresses of service members to receive packages?

- A. Ask your local contacts (VFW, American Legion, any military related VSO, etc.)
- B. Ask on your Chapter social media pages.
- C. Ask your service members who from their unit could use some love from home.
- D. ASK!!

4. What should we include in our care packages?

- A. Toiletries (keep containers small, travel size or slightly larger only).
- B. Food/Proteins/Snacks/Drink mixes (keep containers 16 ounce or smaller).
- C. Activities (puzzle books, novels, hacky sack, playing cards, etc.)
- D. Letters from Chapter members and your community.
- E. For examples of collections lists/flyers, please contact other Chapters. Many have a document created that they update each collection cycle and they would be happy to share.
- F. Keep in mind that the space our troops have is limited and many must move their belongings all at once and on short notice. Smaller is better!



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Mentor Update

The Mentor Program continues to be a great addition to the BSMA organization! The Chapters all have Mentors assigned to them and are learning how to utilize them. The Mentors are available to give ideas on growing your membership, ideas on fundraisers, ideas on how to serve our Military members and Veterans. The Mentors are available to answer questions. They are familiar with the Governing Documents and also know who to contact if they cannot find the answers to questions your Chapter may have. The Mentors are available to ALL members of the Chapter. Your Chapter Executive Board receives periodic emails from your Mentor. If you do not know who your Mentor is, please ask your Chapter Executive Board OR you are always welcome to email the Mentor Chair, Denise Guerra, at mentor.chair@bluestarmothers.us

You may have noticed some changes in the Mentor Program the last 3 months. The National Executive Board (NEB) and the Mentor Committee has found that some Chapters may not need to be "checked in" on as often. A point system was developed to evaluate all of the Chapters. They were given "points" with consideration to many factors. Some of the factors considered are: regularly responding to your Mentor, contributing to the newsletter and yearbook, attend conventions, have been chartered for more than 3 years, complete their compliance on time. After evaluating the Chapter and awarding points, we rewarded some Chapters with not needing to be contacted as often by their Mentor. Some Chapters are contacted every two months (in February, April, June, August, October, and December). While other Chapters only need to be contacted every 6 or 12 months. The Mentor Committee will re-evaluate all of the Chapters periodically and may change the frequency of the check ins as needed.

The Mentor Committee has found this system to be successful in Chapter/Mentor communication and has also helped to lighten the load of some of the Mentors. We are always looking for more members that may be interested in becoming a Mentor as we continue to grow and charter more chapters!! If you are interested in the Mentor Program, please contact Denise at mentor.chair@bluestarmothers.us

If your Chapter is attending the National Convention in Nashville, please let your Mentor know so you can possibly find a time to meet her in person!



Books ordered before July



Will be delivered free to Convention

ORDER NOW



CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES

IN THIS YEAR'S

2022-2023

BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA

YEARBOOK!

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doubting how far you can go,
just remember how far you
have come. Remember
everything that you have faced,
all the battles you have won
and all the fears you have
Ora
overcome.