



BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC.

May 2023

Greetings Sisters,

I hope you had a Beautiful Mother's Day!!

With our children all over the world, we still live for that call, green dot, Postman or whatever may come our way. Being a Military Mother makes us all stronger!

We are all busy getting things in line for the Convention.

Amy, our Convention Chair is receiving some great feedback from the chatters. Please remember, if you have a question or any concerns, our doors are always open.

If you don't ask you won't know.

It is great to hear that we will be having a lot of first timers attending this year.

Please keep your eye out for our 2023 Convention shirt! We will be selling it through Bonfire.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Nashville.

Yours in Service,

Stacy Anders

National President 2021-2023

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KEYNOTE CONCERT



US ARMY VETERAN
TIM MAGGART

BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA
NATIONAL CONVENTION - NASHVILLE, TN

President's Project

Miles for Our Veterans – If These Boots Could Talk Nashville 2023 – Virtual 5K

July 28 noon – July 30 noon

Blue Star Mothers of America Chapters from Illinois, Louisiana, and Missouri have joined together to host our 3rd Annual BSMA President's Project Virtual 5K Fundraiser.

Funds raised from this event will be donated to Smoky Mountain Service Dogs, a Tennessee based 501c3 that helps our Veterans get support they need from service dogs. Help us pay it forward to our host city!

Registration opens Memorial Day Weekend, Friday, May 26th

Registration closes on Flag Day, Wednesday, June 14th



Registration is completed by purchasing a shirt from our Gold Star Mother owned shirt company, Mandy's Tees and More. Pricing is \$27 for sizes small – XL, \$30 for sizes 2XL and 3XL. Shirts will be sent to participants in advance of our walk weekend! Registration is open to anyone and everyone, get a group of friends together and walk for a great cause! Tell the VSOs you work with, your friends, your family, your neighbors! A portion of the price of each shirt sold will be donated to Smoky Mountain Service Dogs!

Register here <[Link coming soon, watch your email!](#)>

Donations can be made here <https://mandysteessandmore.com/collections/blue-star-mom-campaign/products/lbca-2022-miles-for-our-veterans-virtual-5k>

Donations are in \$10 increments. 1=\$10, 2=\$20, 5=\$50, etc...

Post Photos of you and your walking companions in your t-shirts on our event Facebook page - <https://fb.me/e/Ut41PeE3> - Photos posted here will be integrated into a slide show that will be presented on the big screen at National Convention when Smoky Mountain Service Dogs comes to speak!

Thank you for supporting our President's Project and Our Veterans!

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/>

2023 Yearbook

All Yearbook photos must be sent to the email:

Yearbook@bluestarmothers.us by June 4th

Include the following:

Recent Chapter group photos related to the mission; no more than four or five photos per Chapter

Send just one photo of your child, Active Duty

Or Veteran, include your child's name, your name and Chapter state and number

Send Blue Daisies not already sent to the 2ndVP

Gold Star Mothers, please send a photo of your

Hero

If you are a Veteran, send us your

Military photo then and now

Hurry!

Deadline is

Fast Approaching

JUNE 4th

**2nd VP
Message**



See You In Nashville

**RAISE MONEY FOR THE VA HOSPITAL FUND
BY PURCHASING SPACE IN THE**



2022-2023 YEARBOOK



**DOES YOUR CHAPTER OR DEPARTMENT HAVE SOMETHING TO
SHARE IN THE YEARBOOK?**

**FIRST, DESIGN YOUR AD AND SEND IT TO
YEARBOOK@BLUESTARMOTHERS.US
BY JUNE 4, 2023**

**THEN, SEND YOUR PAYMENT TO THE NATIONAL FINANCIAL
SECRETARY OR SUBMIT YOUR PAYMENT ONLINE ON THE
BSMA WEBSITE AND NOTE "YEARBOOK VAVS AD" IN THE
MEMO SECTION**

**PAYMENT
MUST BE
RECEIVED BY
THE
NATIONAL
FINANCIAL
SECRETARY TO
BE ACCEPTED**



**AD SPACES
ARE OPEN TO
MEMBERS,
ASSOCIATES
AND
BUSINESSES**

**ONLY 10 PAGES AVAILABLE
FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED**

100% OF THE MONIES COLLECTED GOES TO THE VA HOSPITALS



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!

Blue Daisy

LA 6



Louise Lain



Louise, my heart was broken to learn of your untimely passing. All of your Blue Star sisters feel the same way.. Your gentle kindness, and helpfulness and generosity will be missed by each one of us. Meetings, Parties and Events just won't be the same, but you'll be right there with us in spirit.. We won't forget you, you are now a Blue Star Daisy and will be recorded as such in our National History Records. Rest in Peace Margaret Louise Lain.. We love you sister.

Jayne Watson, President LA6



TN 3

Blue Daisy



Darlene Hurst

Darlene was an active member of Music City TN 3 BSM, since June 2009. She served as Chapter 1stVP, Recording Secretary, Sgt. At Arms and Blue to Gold Liaison. Her son, James has served in the Army , will be 20 years in June. Her grandchildren , Hunter, Tyler and Riana all served.. She lost a brother to Agent Orange who served in Vietnam.

Darlene will be sadly missed by all!





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of America, Inc.*

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!

Blue Star Mothers of the Upstate SC4



SC4 MARCH CHAPTER MEETING



FUJIFILM AND OUTBACK TEAM BUILDING DONATION EVENT



SC4 HAPPENINGS

Our chapter is so blessed to have amazing support from our upstate South Carolina community.

Fujifilm and Outback Team Building chose SC#4 to receive 8 military care packages. During the event, the participants heard from our President about the mission and important work of the Blue Star Mothers.

The Girls Scouts of America donated 392 cases of cookies for our chapter to send to deployed troops. We had so much fun loading and unloading with the help of Prisma Health's Veterans group and the local Navy recruiting station. We donated over 50 cases of the cookies to local veterans groups, Army and National Guard readiness centers, and local Military recruiting stations.

On April 15th, we held our annual Girl Scout Cookie pack-out. We packed and shipped 100 care packages. We were blessed to have Blue Star Dads to help us pack and securely tape the boxes, and the Prisma Health Veterans Group and our local Navy Recruiters helped us load the boxes and unload the boxes at the post office.

Also, on April 15th, we honored Military Children by wearing purple for PurpleUp Day!



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

LOUISIANA GEAUX SEVEN CHAPTER



March 15, 2023, Blue Star Mothers Kathy Baker and Sandy Stockwell took throws which were donated to us by a local Winn Dixie to the Louisiana Veteran Home in Jackson, Louisiana.



March 25, 2023, several of our Blue Star Mothers and volunteers packed 70 care packages and mailed them to our deployed military so they would have them in time for Easter.



March 29, 2023 – The Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs held a Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration. Three of our Blue Star Mothers attended – Trudy Dupuy, Sandy Stockwell and Wendy Major. There were over 700 attendees at this ceremony.

March 31, 2023, Kathy Baker and Sandy Stockwell Went to Southeast Louisiana Veterans Home with donations consisting of throws, coffee, creamer, sugar, Girl Scout peanuts and fruit slices. The ladies also enjoyed playing Bingo with some of the residents.





Monthly Meeting and Care Packages



Welcomed three new members



Hosted information table at Yellow Ribbon Girls retirement party



Participated in National Salute to Veteran Patients Week VA Medical Center - Butler, PA



"Our hearts are on the line."
East Bay Chapter 101



Hope Hospice local representative, Ms. Thais Carlucci, was a guest at the April 12, 2023 general meeting of the Blue Star Mom East Bay Chapter 101 to talk about the blanket for veterans project that Hope Hospice generously provides to the military veterans who are in hospice care. The Blue Star Moms helped finish a few blankets during the meeting and were all proud of the new skills they learned and more importantly, happy to help with the project for our veterans.



17 Years

In April, MN7 celebrated their 17th year as a Blue Star Mothers chapter. We were honored to have our 1st chapter president and founding mother with us. We had 4 charter members and 5 of our 6-chapter presidents there and some new members and old members coming back for a visit. It was a fun night of sharing memories and friendship.



Some chapter members also went shopping and put together 3 "Move-In Kits" that directly support a Veteran and their family as they move out of homelessness and into stable housing. We will be delivering them to MACV (Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans) very soon.



In March we were able to present a check to Every Third Saturday and get a tour of their new facility. We also enjoyed refreshments at Rick's Coffee Bar where veterans get a chance to work, and proceeds go to the Veteran's Training Center and supporting the mission of Every Third Saturday.



MN 7 Celebrating 17 Years



Four Corners Blue Star Mothers

New Mexico State Convention and our chapter's 20th anniversary!



It was our pleasure to serve breakfast to the Marine Corps League for their state convention.



Our President, Karen Stevens, sharing at the 37th annual Marine Corps League State Convention!



Nebraska



Michigan Chapter 178



Blue Star Mothers Thumb Chapter MI 178 hosted their last monthly dinner for the season April 19th. Pictured are Jim Scott, American Legion, Blue Star Mothers: Bregetta Witter, Grace Rosenthal, Donna Wolschleger, Deb Robinson, Nic Stermer, Debra Decker, Sherry Kramer, Sherrie LaLonde, Linda Elandt, Marcia Janik. Donald Schramski, American Legion Post 499 Commander. In October the Blue Star Mothers will resume the monthly dinners.





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**Rio Grande Valley
Blue Star Mothers**

On Saturday, April 29th, NM2 hosted Cajun Comedy Dinner Show with Chef Landry – fundraiser! It was held at the Shiners Temple in SE Albuquerque. It also included a silent auction and live auction. It was a great success. RGV NM2 is pleased with results so that our active duty military and veterans, OUR heroes can continue to be served and we can accomplish our many missions we set out to do.



Dept Minnesota



The Department of Minnesota's "Spring Meeting" took place on Saturday, April 29th, it was a huge success!

43 members and associate members were present. It was a fun, relaxing day with a little training thrown in.

Our Department Shining Star is Laurie Mandery, she is also a wonderful poet who wrote beautiful poems while her son was deployed.

Our Department Financial Secretary did a Q&A on QuickBooks.

Our guest speaker was Richard Glasgow who started a nonprofit "Dear American Hero" and credits the Minnesota Blue Star Mothers for being responsible for getting his cards to go Nation wide. He coined everyone with one of his beautiful challenge coins and presented us with a beautiful custom made coin display. It was my privilege to present and pin him with the Vietnam Veterans Pin.

It was a wonderful weekend and we were honored to have National 1VP, Rebecca, and Treasurer, Alethea, spend it with us.

Shining Star



Chicagoland Blue Star Mothers IL6 Hosts our First Gold Star Parents Brunch!



A great deal of planning, thoughtfulness, discussion, and work went into our first Gold Star Parent Brunch and we could not be more pleased with the outcome. We set goals and exceeded them all!

We hoped 3-5 Gold Star Mothers would want to come, we had 23 Gold Star Parents come to join us in Military Parent Fellowship! Some drove for minutes, others drove for hours!

We hoped for sponsors to help offset the cost of this private event, we found 8 very generous companies and individuals to support our goals!

We billed the event as a Mothers Brunch. We were a little surprised when we started getting RSVPs from Dads but we went with it and welcomed them! We hear that our private brunch at Mission BBQ might have been a draw for them!

We worked with a candle company to create our own unique candle scent for the event and everyone went home with a DIY candle making kit! Then we pivoted and found something special just for the Dads too!

Our members came through with flying colors, creating invitations, name tags, cookies with the AGSM logo, and more! Our committee was amazing!

After talking with some of the Gold Star leadership in our area, we learned that our Gold Star Sisters prefer not to be honored, that is for their children and not them, so we simply came together in fellowship as military parents, no program, just a short welcome followed by eating and connecting. They let us know they love to talk about how their kids lived, so we prepared a list of questions our members could introduce if needed – what activities did they love, what were their favorite foods, tell us about pets they had, what were they passionate about, and so on. We talked, we cried, we laughed, and we hugged. They shared and we shared and together we were all part of the family of Military Parents working together to support each other!

May 2023 news....

Blue Star Mothers,
Rochester NY8



Rochester, NY chapter officially chartered in 2011

Website: www.bluestarmomsroc.com

Welcome to the latest News

Baby Shower Baskets of Love

On Sunday, April 30th BSM NY8 honored thirteen expectant military and veteran families including babies up to 6 months old.

Each year BSM NY8 honors up to 20 women. Event flyers are sent several months in advance to military and veteran organizations and to the VA Maternal and Child Health offices in Rochester and Canandaigua. The official count included 13 babies:

The Baskets of Love: beautiful gifts for moms and their babies including baby clothing, handmade outfits, diapers, car seats, strollers, baby diaper Genie and other baby supplies.

We are grateful to the Cottrell-Warner American Legion Post 942 for use of the hall and donation of diapers and baby wipes. Other partners included: Greece American Legion ALA Post 468, Irondequoit American Legion Post 134, American Red Cross, BJ's Wholesale, Chili Chain Gang knitting group, Costco Wholesale, Schutt's Apple Mill, Target, Tops Friendly Markets, Walmart and all who offered baby items and purchased items from our Amazon Baby Registry. Thanks for all the support. Photos provided by: Kathy Quinones and by Missy Rosenberry from the Town of Webster Website

Special Thanks to our Rochester Area Vendors:

Sarah Saville Professional Photographer from Artistic Boutique Studio who offered lovely photographs for moms

Karen Reyes, Massage Therapist offered much needed chair massage to moms

Kari Tetzlaff, owner of Rosy Glow Maternity LLC brought gifts and maternity dresses for moms to wear for their photos.



Tables overflowing with Gifts of Love

Many Thanks the 209th Regiment of Cadets with Kathv Quinones SSG(Ret) Reaiment Administrator



Blue Shower Committe



The Blue Star Mothers
Joann, Mary Anne, Debbie, Nancy, Dory, Lara, Amy, Jill, Christine, Jeanne and Cherie

June 17th Care Package Event ...
Now accepting donations of healthy snacks and personal care items. Contact: Rochelle
2vp.ny8@bluestarmothers.us



Arizona Chapter 4

Blue Star Mothers of the Southwest Valley, Arizona Chapter 4

Our chapter wishes to highlight 3 of the many events we participated in for the month of April.

On April 10th, the “100 Homes Challenge” came to Gilbert, Arizona and broke ground for another new Next Gen and fully wheelchair accessible home for an amazing Veteran, SSG Brent Bretz, who lost both legs while serving in Iraq. Our Blue Star sisters represented well and met the home award recipient as well as event organizers. It was a very special day!

Every year the AZ4 chapter hosts our biggest fundraiser of the year in the form of a huge yard sale. It was all hands on deck and a big success! We even met a potential new Blue Star Mom who is interested in joining our chapter!

The Arizona Maricopa County Standdown event for Veterans was held at the Arizona State Fairgrounds on Friday, April 28th. Our Blue Star Chapter helped all day in the Women’s Veteran booth, helping to sort and pack bundles of items to give to our homeless and struggling female Veterans. The turnout was large – nearly 750 Veterans - and the event highly successful.

Other April events AZ4 participated (not pictured) include the Operation Enduring Gratitude Golf Tournament, Veteran funeral, Pearl Harbor Memorial, and Pat Tillman Run.





Buckeye Military Moms OH9

The months of April and May are just flying by us! It helps when we continue to be busy volunteering, working and participating in so many events.

Volunteers recognized by the Chalmers P. Wylie VA Medical Center. Our own, Deb Castle Waltz, received a special recognition award!

Many of us 'purpled up' for our April Chapter meeting in recognition of the military child.



This is the group photo from the Ohio's North/South Conference. It was quite a successful conference, and as always, a great way to continue to have contact with our Blue Star Sisters!



Lynn Feldman continues to lead the way in presenting Honor Cords to local graduating high school students who are entering the military.



We continue to pack boxes to send to deployed troops!

We want to wish everyone a happy spring and hope that you had a good Mother's Day!





GREATER - SOUTHEASTERN TX CHAPTER OF AMERICAN GOLD STAR MOTHERS, INC.



Saturday, April 29, 2023 at Honor Cafe, Spring Creek Area Blue Star Mothers was there for the swearing in of The Greater Southeastern TX Chapter of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. Our own Treasurer, Margie Taylor, was sworn in as the new Chapter's Secretary and the new Department's 2nd Vice President. We are so proud of her and the other mothers as they embark on this new journey.





Our "Small but mighty" group is at it again! April 22nd we served lunch for the Braham Spring Craft Fair and raised \$1,373.50.

Eight of our members went to the Spring Convention in Monticello, MN April 28-29th, what a wonderful time with so many incredible ladies!

Heading into May we hosted our annual garage sale during the Braham City Wide Garage sale

weekend on May 13-14. All sale items were donated, along with some tasty baked goods. We were open on the 13th and made approximately \$750.00!!!

We are gearing up for the summer with parade season upon us. We continue to collect clean recyclable plastic for benches that we give back to organizations and individuals who donate and contribute to the Blue Star Moms.

We Wish All Of You A Very Happy And Blessed Mother's Day!!!



BLUE STAR MOTHERS SE WI 2



MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Honor Flight

May 20th

Field of Flags Service

May 29th at 6pm

Field of Flags Placement

May 22nd -May 24th (see
spread sheet for times)

Kenosha Brat Wagon & Car Wash Fundraiser

July 29th & Aug 19th

10am-3:30pm



On May 13th Byway Memorial Markers for Blue & Gold Star Mothers were dedicated and revealed. These markers are located at the Memorial Center located within Racine's Prichard Park for all to see, and will serve as a permanent way to honor the families of those currently serving, those who have served or those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. We are beyond excited to share these memorials with the community.

This memorial was presented using the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation's Blue Star Memorial Program. With roots dating back to 1945, the National Garden Clubs (NGC) adopted a program to honor members of the armed services across the country – the Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers. Today, these markers are visible across the country. In WI, Blue Star Markers can be seen all across the state from Superior to Milwaukee, and now in Prichard Park.

Our Chapter raised funds for the memorials and was very hands on throughout the entire process, including members picking out the boulders. Pictured above is a photo of those in our group that were able to attend, and pictured below are the memorials, photos taken during the ceremony as well as some "before" photos.



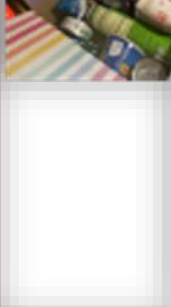


Blue Star Mothers-Lone Star Chapter, TX6-DFW

Please follow us on Facebook!

Blue Star Mothers-Lone Star Chapter 6- DFW,Tx

Spring Packing Day!!! Many thanks and much appreciation to everyone who contributed to packing 53 boxes with a HUGE thank you to the Girl Scouts for decorating the boxes.



Recent Chapter Events:

- 04/15 – Quarterly Care Box Packing
- 04/27 – Monthly Chapter Meeting
- 05/14 – Mother's Day

Upcoming Chapter Events:

- 05/24 – Monthly Chapter Meeting
- 05/26 – 05/30 – Richardson 150th Anniversary event
- 05/27 – Flag distribution in recognition of Memorial Day
- 05/29 – Memorial Day events
 - Plano Memorial Service
 - Poor Richards Café
 - Red Truck Cafe
- 06/03 – Flag pick up from Memorial Day
- 06/09 – 06/25 – Honoring our Stars: Richardson's Veterans in need service project
- 06/18 – Father's Day
- 06/22 – Monthly Chapter Meeting
- 06/24 – City of Richardson Anniversary Celebration
- Xx/xx – Chapter Photo (Date will be posted on Facebook)

A big THANK YOU to Hogan Community Group at Woodcreek Church! The donation drive they hosted in March helped support our Spring Care Package event.



Thank you

Hogan Community Group at
Woodcreek Church
for your care package support

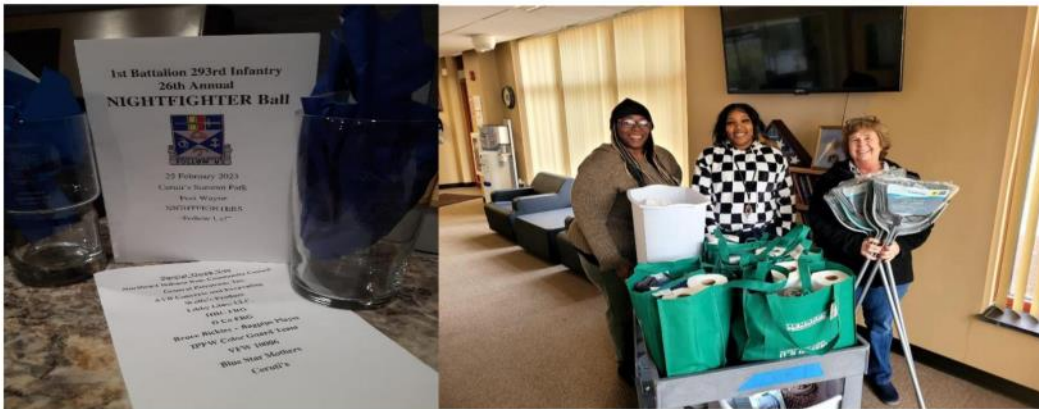
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**DONATION DRIVE
FOR THE TROOPS**



IN 8

Fort Wayne Area Blue Star Mothers Chapter-IN8



FWA Blue Star Mothers have been busy since you last heard from us. We attended the 293rd Army National Guard's Night Fighter Ball as their guests in late February; April saw us filling and shipping care packages as well as filling and delivering 8 Welcome Home Kits to one of Fort Wayne's Veterans Shelters. We were able to fill 8 kits in April due to receiving a \$250.00 grant from NBSM. These kits are given to veterans as they transition to their own housing and helps them get set up housekeeping. Shower curtains, rug, cleaning supplies, broom and dustpan, paper products, plus a few surprises we like to add! We have several upcoming event in May – We've been asked to light the Annual Watch Fire at the Veterans Memorial and Shrine in Fort Wayne; we'll participate in the Annual Memorial Day Parade and on June 4th we'll have a booth at the local D level Baseball game. FW Tin Caps host a great Military Appreciation Game. We'll have lots of giveaways and plenty of membership packets to hand out. We are striving for 15 new members to celebrate our 15th year! More on our August 8th Party in a future newsletter!



FATHERS DAY

Online Store



Online Store

A tiny,
smiley, bit
of retail
therapy...

Rosie's Cottage
<http://rosieshappymusings.blogspot.co.uk/>

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

Special Father's Day Bundle

Was \$35.00 now \$25.00



Surprise Dad



One Price

Three Gifts

Save \$10.00



*Blue Star Mothers
of America, Inc.*



Classic Navy Vest

- Inside storm placket with fleece chin guard
- Center front reverse coil zipper with auto lock slider and reflective toggle
- Audio port access through inside left pocket
- Lower pockets with zipper closures and reflective toggles

Sizes M—XL \$50.00

Sizes XXL—XXXXXL

Pair a Navy Vest

Dress White Logo Blouse

Sizes M—XL \$35.00

Sizes 2XL— 3XL—\$37.00



White Dress Blouse Online Store

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

Happy Mother's Day

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." PROVERBS 31:25-26



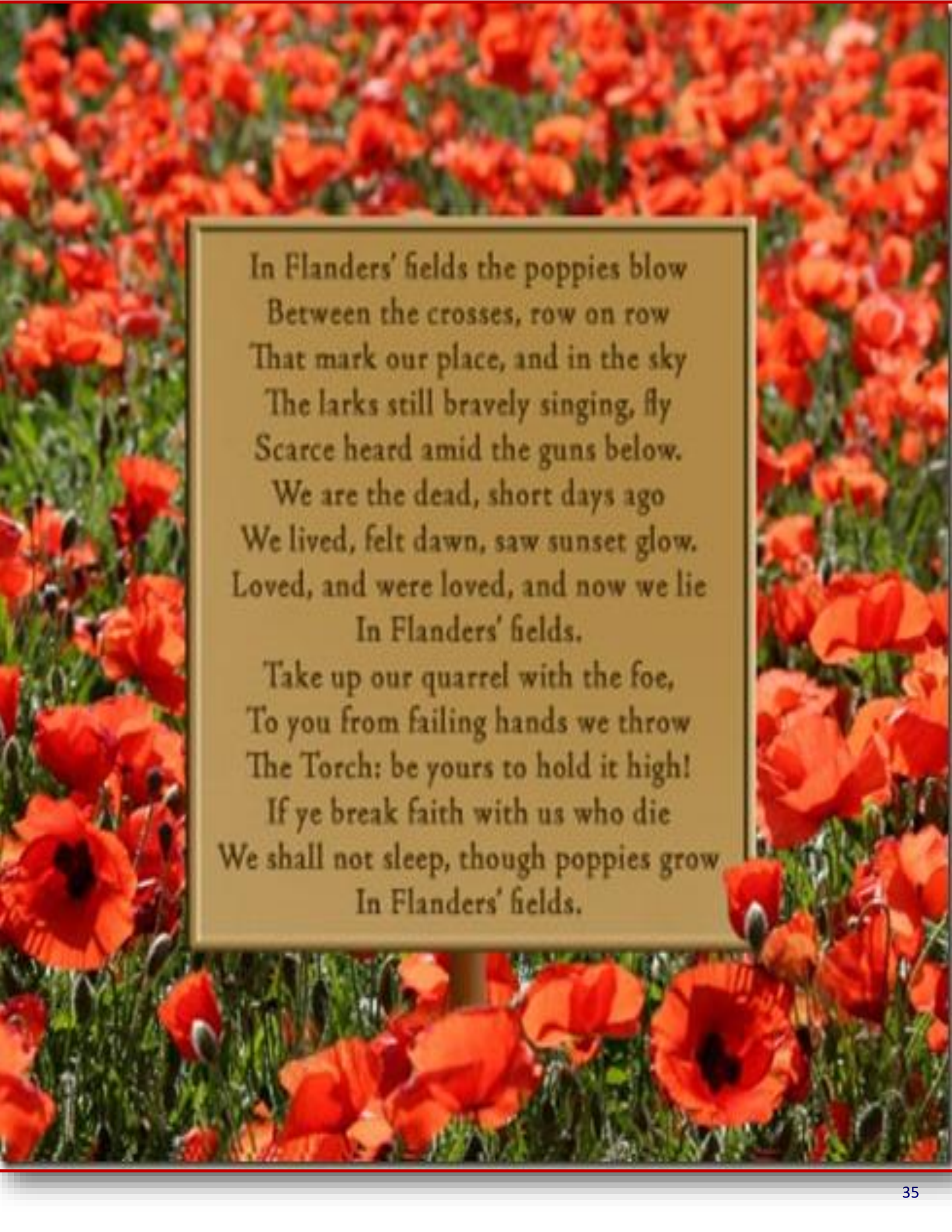
**May
is
Mental
Health
Awareness
Month**

Love's Mosaic Life 

stand up against stigma

**No Health without
Mental Health**



A vast field of bright red poppies stretches across the entire background of the page. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The green stems and leaves are visible between the flowers.

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead, short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow.
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from failing hands we throw
The Torch: be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

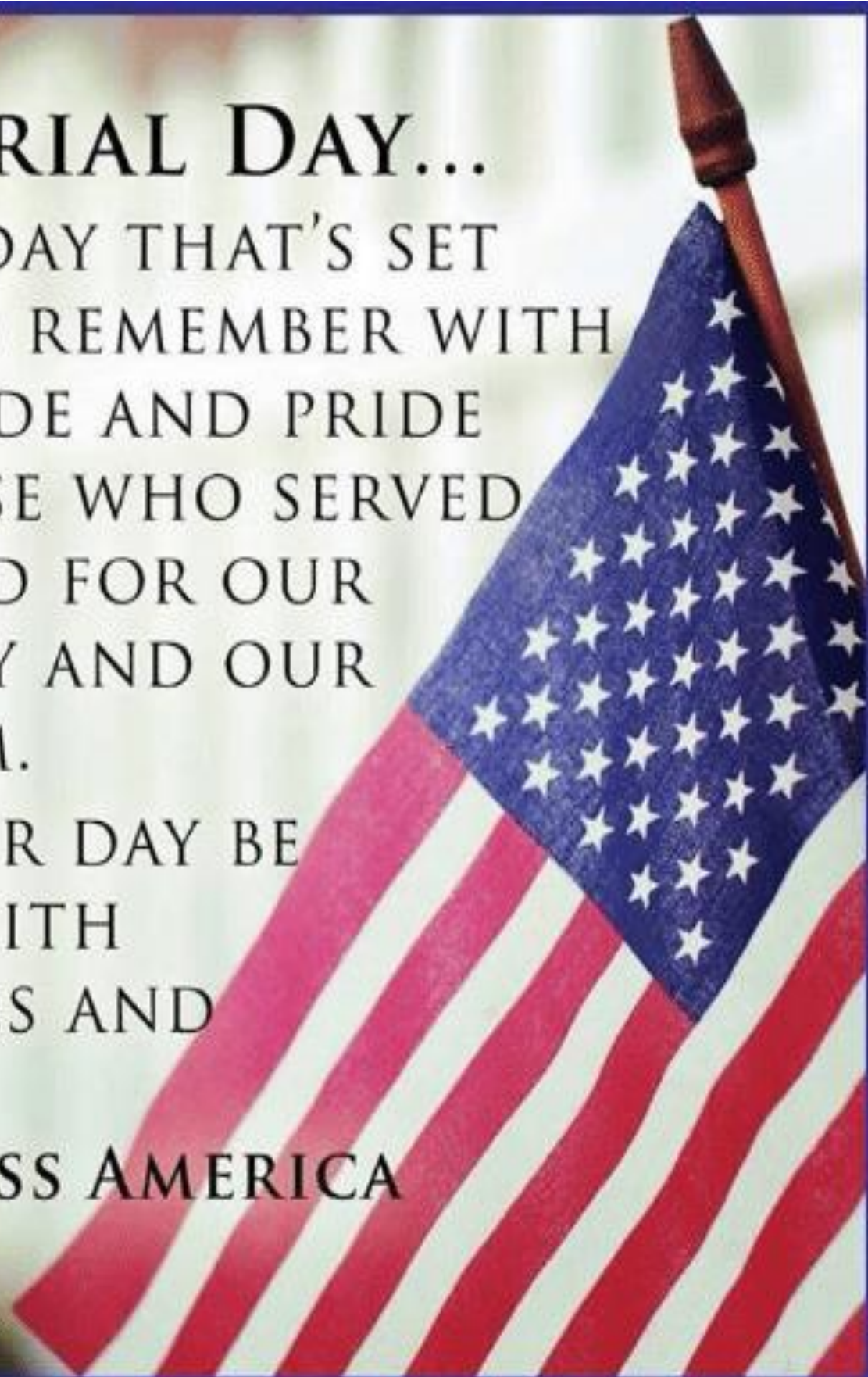
MEMORIAL DAY...

...IS THE DAY THAT'S SET
ASIDE TO REMEMBER WITH
GRATITUDE AND PRIDE
ALL THOSE WHO SERVED
AND DIED FOR OUR
COUNTRY AND OUR
FREEDOM.

MAY YOUR DAY BE
FILLED WITH
MEMORIES AND
PEACE.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

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