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Happy month of Thanksgiving!!

We had a wonderful Veterans Day in DC. My guest this Veterans Day was Carol Sanchez. Our Historian is Deb Waltz and Patriotic Instructor is Chris Tovar. Once again these ladies did an excellent job and as you see in the pictures they are so honored and proud to represent BSMA!

It was a wet and cold day and we would do it all again.

First off, I am so Thankful for my family for all their support and love. I am so Thankful for all of you for all your support and love!! We are all sisters for life.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Sending warm wishes and love 

Your Sister In Service,

Stacy Anders, National President 2021-2023

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Veterans Day 2022





IMPORTANT

This is really time sensitive information.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR! NO, NOT CHRISTMAS....COMPLIANCE



As the 4VP, it is my job to make sure that every chapter files the required forms for compliance. When your chapter is ready to file forms for compliance, logging into the website using the CHAPTER PROFILE is a must! The Chapter President and the Chapter Membership Chair should be the only ones to have the Chapter Log in credentials. Please review the Compliance Guide (available on the website under the Compliance Guide Tab) and follow instructions for each form. Unless specifically instructed to do so, do not email any forms to 4vp@bluestarmothers.us. The only forms I will accept through email are the 990 filing and the State filing returns.

Please reach out to me if you need assistance with filing any compliance form. The deadline for Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. is December 1, but please do not wait until the last week of November to file.

4vp@bluestarmothers.us

Brenda Ternullo, 4VP

Deadline is December 1st

VAVS Message

A New Program for VA Volunteers !

In response to today's restrictions, VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) has developed and implemented a new social prescription program called Compassionate Contact Corps.

Veterans can benefit from this tele-support program if they are lonely, socially isolated or would simply like to talk to someone regularly. Trained volunteers provide support by making periodic phone calls or video calls

The Compassionate Contact Corps is a virtual social prescription program where trained volunteers are matched with Veterans that are experiencing loneliness or are socially isolated. The volunteer typically calls the Veteran weekly for 15—60 minutes to provide socialization and companionship via phone or video calls.

If you are already a VAVS volunteer and your facility is still closed to volunteers this is an excellent opportunity to continue to serve and give hours to the program. If you are not a volunteer but are interested in volunteering this could be of interest to you.

For more information please contact National VAVS Representative, Anne Parker. vavs@bluestarmothers.us



THANK YOU,
VETERANS



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

Blue Star Mothers of Fredericksburg Chapter VA4 Convention Fundraiser is the 2022 Official White House Ornament. The ornament represents the cherished White House tradition of displaying a gingerbread house each holiday in the State Dining Room. Included with the beautifully gift-boxed keepsake are the gingerbread-scented booklet and the recipe card

FUNDRAISE WITH THE OFFICIAL 2022 WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT



\$25.00

Shipping:
1@ \$6
2@ \$8
3@ \$10.50
4@ \$13.50
5@ \$16.75

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
**Blue Star Mothers
of Fredericksburg Chapter VA4**

FOR
**VA4 Delegates to attend
Blue Star Mothers of America Convention**

NAME _____

NUMBER OF ORNAMENTS _____

ADDRESS _____

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EMAIL _____

FUNDRAISER CONTACT
Teresa Sumners,
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**Make checks payable to Blue Star Mothers of
Fredericksburg, PO Box 91, Fredericksburg, VA 22404**

All ornament sales support the educational mission of the non-profit, non-partisan White House Historical Association to protect, preserve, and provide public access to the history of America's Executive Mansion. Learn more at www.whitehousehistory.org



Gwendolyn "Gwen" Marie Boonstra

March 18, 1942 - September 29, 2022

*Gwen was a beloved member
Of MN 1 since 2009.*

She served as Treasurer and Chaplain



Dept of Ohio Convention

Blue Daisy Table

2022-2023 Board

Pictured left to right: Sherry Mikesell-2nd VP, Sharon Burns-1st VP, Lynn Feldman-President, Paula Stellhorn-Recording Secretary, Elaine Brock-Treasurer, Amy Hutchinson-Financial Secretary

Ohio Big Dipper Auxillary



2022-2023 Board



Pictured left to right:
Kathy Tracy– Treasurer
Marybeth Cartmille-1st VP
Suzanne Hughes-President
Kim Stock Foster– Recording Secretary
Lorelei Schluter-Fin. Sec., not pictured



Fun Night



Blue Star Mothers of Madison County AL3

Our Chapter has been staying busy planning and supporting fall events in our area.

In Sept, we decorated a scarecrow at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens.

In October, we participated in the Liz Hurley 5K Cancer Run/Walk. Our president, Terri Renn, added the BSM logo to our event shirts.



We were fortunate to get our group pictured with Liz.



We had a booth at a Vendor Craft Show Nov 5th.

BSM's of AL3 volunteered during Veterans Week with the Marine's Heroes events. We were at the Huntsville airport for their arrival, served at a dinner event at Guntersville Yacht Club, and attended their farewell dinner at Redstone Harley Davidson.



Those of us that were off on Veterans Day ignored the rain and wind and walked in the Huntsville Veterans Day Parade.





Lone Star Chapter 6 DFW, TX



Please follow us on Facebook!
Blue Star Mothers-Lone Star Chapter 6- DFW,Tx



Recent Chapter Events:

- 8/26 – Monthly Chapter Meeting
- 9/03 – Flag distribution in recognition of Labor Day
- 9/10 – Flag pick up from Labor Day recognition
- 9/17 – Gold Star Brunch
- 9/23 – Monthly Chapter Meeting

Upcoming Chapter Events:

- 10/20 – Care Box Packing
- 10/27 – Monthly Chapter Meeting
- 11/5 – Flag distribution in recognition of Veteran's Day
- 11/11 – Veteran's Day Fundraiser Events (See Facebook for info)
- 11/12 – Flag pick up from Veteran's Day recognition





SPRING CREEK AREA TX18

BLUE STAR MOTHERS



FIRST FINANCIAL BANK DAY of SERVICE



246
donated





WILCO BLUE STAR MOTHERS TX15

It's the beginning of a new year and TX15 has a full agenda of supporting and honoring our community. We are always busy this time of year and here are a few things we have done so far this quarter.



We are a huge supporter of Irreverent Warriors. Here we are at their September walk.



USSVI Central Texas presented us with a \$500 donation



Celebrated Air Force's 75th Anniversary



Teri Reid with donation Supporting Central Texas Veterans



Honored our Gold Star Mothers with a special luncheon



Honoring the fallen with our GSMs. We were honored to have 14 GSMs in attendance



New this year is the 1st Annual Celebrating Heroes where Greta Moore and Susie Marr represented TX15 BSM



Greta Moore presented the Pledge of Allegiance at the SERTOMA Nathan Chapman honor walk



TX15 was honored to walk in the Field of Honor Opening Ceremony parade. Amy Smith, Laura McClain, Susan Lutz, Susie Marr, Greta Moore, Pat Levy, Christa Fica and Sheila Gonzales with Will Williams



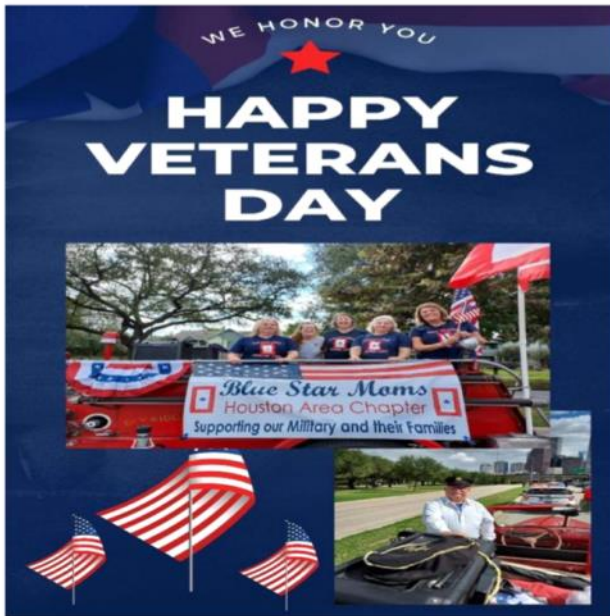
Greta Moore and Susan Lutz volunteering at the Field of Honor with flag sales and escorting loved ones to their flags

We always enjoy supporting our Community, Active Duty, Veterans and retirees with all we do.

Submitted by Greta Moore 1VP, TX15, WilCo BSM



Blue Star Mom's Houston TX2 was honored to help with the Kingwood Fallen Heroes Memorial Golf Tournament. This is an event we cherish every year. It was fire trucks and flags for some Blue Star Moms who were part of the City of Houston's Veterans Day parade. Hang that banner high, ladies! What an exciting night as one of our member's dads was honored as a Korean War Veteran. The Astros' winning that night made his evening even more special. Now it's time for TX2 to take out our elves' hats and package some special deliveries.



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PLAY BALL 



Proud moment..A BSM's father was Honored at the Opening Ceremony of the Houston Astros recognizing Korean Vets

Thank you for your service!



Houston TX 2

CA 30



Honor, Respect & Remember

Gold Star Mothers & Family Day

Blue Star Mothers H.C.M.E. CA30 honors Gold Star Families

Sunday, September 25th, 2022 6:00 pm

Join us in honoring the families of those who have given their lives for our country.

George A. Ingalls Veterans Memorial Plaza
3737 Crestview Drive, Norco, Ca Enter Gate 5

Honors Gold Star Family Day

On September 25, CA30 held its first Gold Star Family Sunday ceremony at the newly dedicated Gold Star Family Memorial Monument in Norco, CA. Beginning at 6:00pm and ending at sunset, city dignitaries spoke, names of those who died between last September and this were read, and flowers given to the families. We concluded with taps and a rifle volley.



Central Valley Blue Star Moms CA10

This month our Veteran Blue Star Mom had the opportunity to go on the Central Valley Honor Flight to Washington DC! This was a special flight because it was the first time, they took 3 generations of Veterans together on the same flight. Our BSM, Jackie Trafton was the guardian for her father who is a Vietnam Veteran and Jackie's daughter Jacqueline, who is on active duty in the Air Force, joined them as the guardian for another Vietnam Veteran. The 3 generations enjoyed this once in a lifetime trip along with 67 other Veterans from Vietnam, Korea, and World War II. Another very special moment for the family was when the group attended Adlingtons Military Woman's Memorial. While there both Jackie & her daughter were honored for their military service.

Trafton said it was an amazing experience visiting the memorials with true heroes from all branches of the military and all conflicts. It was the first time Trafton & her father have every been to Washington. Her daughter Jacqueline was temporarily stationed in Virginia so, she was able to help show them around. All three of them said, the Honor Flight was the best trip ever! If anyone has the opportunity go on an Honor Flight, don't miss the chance, you won't regret it. Thank you Central Valley Honor Flight and Central Valley Blue Star Moms CA10 for all they did to make this trip happen, it was a once in a lifetime experience."





Southwestern Pennsylvania

Chapter PA16



**Volunteered: Veterans Leadership Program
October 8**



**Attended: Tribute to Heroes
October 15**



Officer Installation: October 20 Meeting



Volunteered: USO Trunk or Treat



Volunteered: PA VetPets

Buckeye Military Moms OH9

Fall greetings from Chapter 9 in Ohio! Our autumn months have been busy! Among the events and activities we have had in the past 1 ½ months, we have packed boxes for deployed troops and we celebrated our Blue Star Mothers of America sisterhood with our Department of

Ohio Convention. We continued the connection with our 'sisters' by having a member appreciation night for our October chapter meeting, as well as honoring our *Shining Star*, Kathy Hilyar. We had many members volunteer for the Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down, helping serve veterans who are homeless and/or in-need. Led by Deb Waltz, members distributed 'Mugs for Veterans' at our local VA medical center - mugs were

packed with hot chocolate and other goodies!

We also participated in a local Veterans Day parade.



Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down



Department of Ohio State Convention



Mugs for Vets!



Fun Night with our fearless leader, Diana Evans Vance!

We want to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving!

Events our chapter held this year was a Craft & Vendor Fair and our 5th Annual Poker Run *our best Poker Run to date, raising over \$3500.00. We set up a booth at the Hardin Co Fair and the Indian Lake Fall Festival, both annual fundraisers for our chapter.

We participated in 2 parades, 2 car shows, Flag Day ceremony, a Veterans breakfast, handed out 18 Honor Cords to local high school graduates entering into the military and delivered goody bags to 24 local Veterans in nursing homes. We had an awesome surprise as one of the guys we had sent a Christmas care package to while being deployed stopped at our fair booth to thank us and get several hugs.

At the Indian Lake Fall Festival, we put out Christmas and Thank you cards for people to sign that we will put in our care packages. A cute little 7-year-old girl and her grandma stopped to sign a card. I was explaining to her how many boxes we sent last year and what our goal was this year. Then I showed her our sample care package box & some of the pictures of the guys and gals that received our boxes last year. She was so amazed with all the things that we fit into our care packages. She finished writing her card and thanked us & walked away. She didn't get but maybe 5 feet away and she came back and asked me if she could take a picture and put it in her card. I said that's a great idea (all while thinking, how the heck will we do that?). She whips off this pretty pink case that was hanging around her neck, pulls out an instant camera and then "strikes a pose" and takes a selfie!!! I grabbed some tape and we taped her picture in the card she signed!!! Such



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BLUE STAR MOTHERS

FREDERICKSBURG CHAPTER VA4



Two Blue Star Sisters sworn-in. Old Dominion Honor Flight Vietnam Veterans said how much the word "WELCOME HOME" meant to them. VA4 members volunteer at the Leashes of Valor Golf Tournament.



Celebrate Veterans Group donates \$5,000 to our Care Package Program. Pinwheels and flags were placed at five local assisted living facilities to honor our veterans for Veterans Day.



VA4 members present a wreath at the Fredericksburg Veterans Day Ceremony.

CEREAL CITY MOMMAS – BLUE STAR MOTHERS CHAPTER 195



Cereal City MOMMAS holds their monthly meetings at the American Legion Post 257 in Battle Creek. The Post has been gracious and generous with their support of the Blue Star Mothers. Cereal City MOMMAS was honored to present the Post with a check for \$3,000.

The Post, named in honor of SSG Michael A. Dickinson, II had in attendance Dickinson's Gold Star Mother, Vicki Dickinson, who now lives in Atlanta, GA. Legion Commander Jack Carlsen.

Cereal City MOMMAS President Linda Parks, 1VP Alice Gombas, Treasurer Mary Sherwood and Past President Penny Wright.



Oct. 6th Cereal City MOMMAS along with the 110th Wing Air National Guard celebrated the 100th Birthday of WWII Veteran Robert Munie. His birthday wish was to reenlist! So that's what happened, he reenlisted as an Honorary Technical Sergeant with the Air National Guard. He was presented with many gifts and awards as well as a Blue Star Mothers Box, just in case he was deployed.



Members attended the 2022 Fall Family Festival & Resource Fair at the 110th Wing Air Nation Guard Base. The Blue Star Mothers were visited by members of the Calhoun County Red White & Blue Foundation. Ginger Novack and Alice Gombas enjoyed passing out Halloween candy to the children and admiring all the costumes as well as promoting Blue Star Mothers!

LAKE ERIE SHORES OH21

Our team gathered together on November 5 at First Christian Church in Sandusky to assemble and package 49 Christmas care packages for those who are deployed. Thank you to everyone who helped!



Bellevue VFW held a ceremony on Veterans Day, November 11. President Barb Cook and Recording Secretary Lisa Fischer attended. Lisa thanked the veterans for their sacrifice and service, and shared information about Wreaths Across America at Sandusky Ohio Veterans Home. The Marine Corps League, the American Legion, the VFW, and a veteran pastor also spoke.



The 42nd Annual Stocking Stuffer's Craft and Vendor Show was held November 12 at First Christian Church in Sandusky. Our chapter had a table with items for sale, membership brochures to share, and Wreaths Across America (WAA) information. We made a profit of \$230 in merchandise sales, along with donations to WAA.



Blue Star Moms WI Chapter 1



Sharing Halloween Treats with our Veterans at a luncheon.



Volunteered at Vets & Friends of Wisconsin with Appleton WI Mayor Jake Woodford and his DEI Associate Timber. Joby Sewall and Jean Thyssen



1 dozen Red and White Tulips have been Planted at the Oshkosh Veteran's Museum. Looking forward to Spring! Thank you, Gail Williams!



GREENVILLE UPSTATE SC4



MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY

Furman University Army ROTC in Greenville, SC, invited us to participate in their military appreciation day on Oct. 15, 2022. Before the game we had a table display at the tailgating event telling others about the mission of the Blue Star Mothers.

During the halftime show, we were escorted onto the field by a cadet where our son's service to the military was recognized by displaying their photo and presenting us with flowers. We were honored to be invited to participate in this memorable event.

A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

On November 6, 2022 we attended the SC Veterans Upstate Salute. This event was presented by the Upstate Veterans Alliance. The purpose of this event is to show support and appreciation for our local veterans. The event featured displays from local veteran organizations special military demonstrations, a vintage warbirds flyover, concert, and a patriotic fireworks display.



DONATIONS

Our chapter donated food items to the Greenville VA Clinic's holiday basket food drive. Our donation was very much needed as food items have gotten so much more expensive.



www.greenvilleupstatebsm.com

Chicagoland Blue Star Mothers IL 6

Chicagoland Blue Star Mothers IL6 keeping busy working the mission! We attended our Chamber of Commerce annual gala – a sock hop, we've been working with many local businesses and schools collecting for care packages, we've held a social at Mission BBQ – we love them!, we've been packing care packages, we've served desserts at our home VFW fish fry to honor our Veterans, we've been setting things up for our next round of projects. Any day of service is a great day!



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NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

December 3rd- WOW's 1st
Annual Winter Banquet

December 8th- Operation
Home Baked Goods

December 17th- Wreath
placement at Veterans
Cemetery



Fun was had by all who
attended the Halloween
themed cooking class
fundraiser on Halloween!
While costumes were not
required, they were
cheerfully suggested.

WE MOVED! Our October 2022 meeting was held at our new location, a local VFW post. Pictured below (*on the left*) is our group in our new meeting spot. We were treated to a fabulous dinner that was generously provided by Mission BBQ. The owners of this particular Mission BBQ are a 4 Star Family. Also pictured below (*on the right*) are members of our group who attended the most recent Veterans Treatment Court graduation.



On November 5th we participated in Wisconsin's largest Veterans Day Parade. We handed out flags and pins as we marched through historic downtown Milwaukee. We were one of 50+ groups participating in this year's parade. After the parade we warmed up & stayed dry, while enjoying lunch at a local downtown pub.



For the 2nd year in a row we decorated a room at the historic Pabst Mansion. This year's theme is "A little girl from World War 1 waiting for Daddy to return home".



Four Corners Blue Star Mothers

Aztec, NM Veterans Day Parade!



Veterans Day Ball at the Elks!



We welcome our new Four Corners Blue Star Mothers Board!

2022-2023 installation of officers: Marjorie Steffen, Recording Secretary; Judy Sinclair-Leczal, Financial Secretary; Karen Stevens, President; Diane McClelland, 1st Vice-President; Paulette Varley, Treasurer; Kerry Rivera, Chaplain



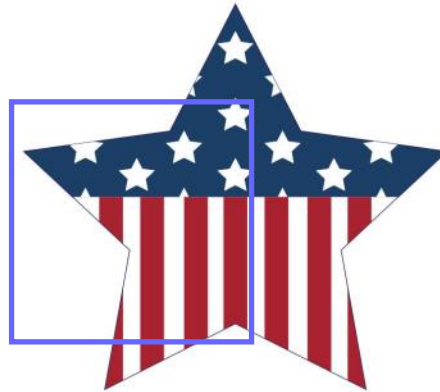
Western Slope Blue Star Mothers - CO8

November Chapter Happenings



Veteran's Day Parade

Several of our Mom's braved the cold temperatures and participated in our local Veteran's Day Parade to honor all those who have served, and are currently serving, our country!



QUILT RAFFLE

On Freedom's Wing

Just in time for the holidays, this quilt features beautiful piecing with stunning free motion quilting. Purchase your tickets for your chance to win this one-of-a-kind handmade quilt and help support the programs of Western Slope Blue Star Mothers.

This gorgeous quilt was handmade and donated by a Fruita, Colorado Army Mom, Patricia B.



Scan the QR Code or visit go.rallyup.com/wsbsm2022quilt to purchase your tickets!

Drawing will be held December 4, 2022 at 12:00 pm MST





Blue Star Mothers of Valencia County NM 6

What an honor it was on November 11th for members of NM 6 to participate in *not one but TWO* terrific events in our county celebrating and honoring our veterans, their families, and their caregivers. The weather was perfect, and the guest speakers touched the hearts of all who were present.

NM 6 members helped serve food, were speakers, set up tables to share information about Blue Star Mothers (and signed up new members!), and/or showed people how to build luminarias for the evening lighting of candles for someone(s) they know who serve or have served in the military. It is a

blessing to be a member of these communities where Veterans are so respected and revered.



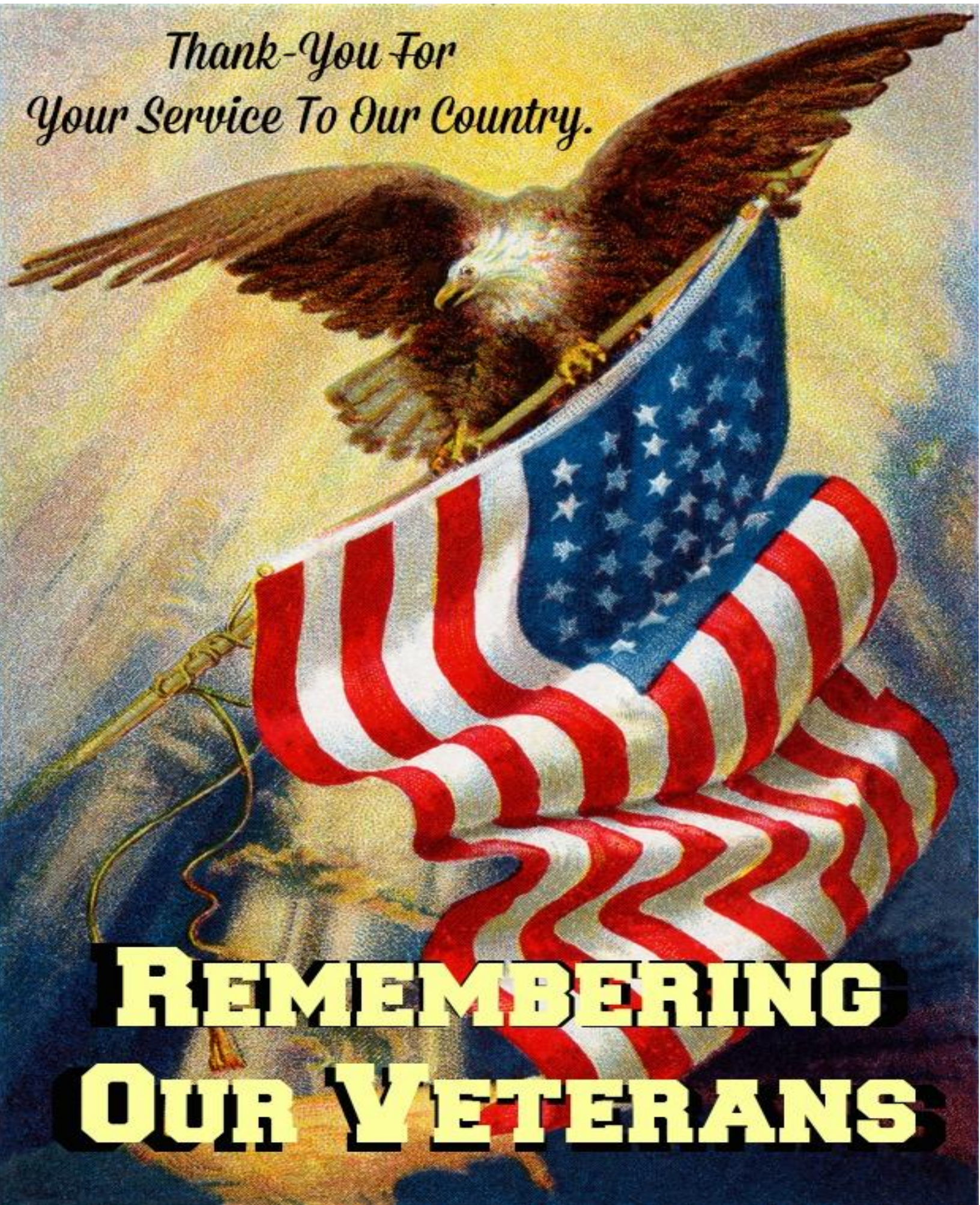
MN 16

PINE CITY BLUE STAR MOM'S CHAPTER 16: A small but mighty group...

We have been a busy bunch, in October we had our annual Garage Sale. November we had our annual luncheon/bake sale on the 12th and the 13th we did our annual Care packaging and shipments of 90 boxes to service members around the world.



*Thank-You For
Your Service To Our Country.*



**REMEMBERING
OUR VETERANS**



Thank You

THIS NATION WILL REMAIN THE LAND OF THE FREE
ONLY SO LONG AS IT IS THE HOME OF THE BRAVE
-ELMER DAVIS

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Veterans Day

Honoring All Who Served



Happy Thanksgiving



Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.

Melody Beattie

