

BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC.



June 2022

Hello Sisters,

I hope you are all doing well and enjoying life and doing what you love.

We had an amazing time in DC for Memorial Day. We have been invited by AMVETS to participate in their Rolling to Remember Ride. I have also made a lifelong friend with Dave Page who called and invited us to be a part of the ride to honor our Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star Wives, and families. Dave said we could have 20 Bikes. They gave BSMA 20 bikes, and we just needed to find a mom to ride. We had no idea the driver would be your personal guide that would cater to and take you were every you wanted to go.

I offered this opportunity to the NEB first, then to appointed positions. All members new this great offer would be on their own expense.

What I love most was how honored the moms were to have this chance to participate. We stayed at the same hotel with AMVETS and the love and respect they gave us all was amazing to say the least.

And yes, we have been invited back next year!

The hardest part was not having our DC Rep TJ with us, she was so excited to have so many BSM in DC for Memorial Day, we missed you TJ!

What I loved the most was meeting so many new friends and watching our moms make new lifelong friends that all of you consider them family now.

It was a full weekend, you all made me proud, seeing you all sitting together at Arlington was just beautiful.

On Monday we woke up early and all our friends had left for their long rides home. It was time for us take care of the mission at hand. I was off to the White House for breakfast and to meet the President of the United States. WHAT AN HONOR!!!

On to Arlington for the ceremonies and the laying of the wreath from BSMA. Then we went to WIMSA for their ceremonies.

Getting to share this time with our moms was amazing. I will never forget it and our time together.

Thank you to all the moms who joined us and came to DC.

I hope to see you all in Long Beach next month!



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Memorial Day Weekend 2022

Washington, DC



Dinner Cruise



SPIRIT CRUISES

Yacht: Motor Yacht Spirit
Proposed Charter Date: TUESDAY, JULY 26th, 2022
Charter Time: 7 – 9:30 PM (6:30 PM Set-up Time – 4-Person Max)
Departure Location: DOCK 9, SHORELINE VILLAGE, LONG BEACH

Parking Fees w/Validation: \$2 for First 2-Hours
Thereafter; \$ 2 for Each Subsequent 20-Minutes or Fraction- Parking Fee Average: \$10 Cash or CC
Basis - Parking Fees Controlled by Shoreline Village Management

Note: We recommend guests arrive at least 30-minutes prior to departure time listed above. Guests may enjoy walking throughout popular boardwalk areas and village shops

Occasion: Post-Conference Social (Conference at LB Hilton)
Guaranteed Guest Count: 40
Maximum Guest Count: 125

Menu Selection: FIESTA PARTY BUFFET w/Black Tablecloths
Make-Your-Own Taco, Tostada and Burrito Bar, Shredded Beef, Chicken Taquitos, Black Beans, Spanish Rice, Chips & Salsa, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Green Chilis, Guacamole & Sour Cream
w/Complimentary Mini-Cupcakes Added to Above Menu (reg. pricing for this addition would be an additional \$ 3 p/p to the above menu pricing)

Bar: Cash Basis – No Minimum
w/Complimentary Blended Margaritas, Soft Drinks & Coffee

Price: \$50.00 Per Person



from your Finance Committee

May 2022

Chapter Grant Program

The fiscal year Chapter Grant Program is still open and accepting applications. The total approved budget was \$5,000 for this year with the award allocation being 50/50 between existing and new chapters. We have awarded nine new chapter grants and five existing chapter grants so far. This leaves an opening for one more new chapter and five existing chapters to apply for funds this fiscal year. I would encourage all chapters to get their application in as soon as possible.

The purpose of the Chapter Grant Program is to allow new and existing chapters an opportunity to apply for a \$250 grant. New chapters may use these funds to help offset their start up expenses (licensing, registrations, P. O. Box, etc.). ***New chapters may apply within one year of their chartering and be considered as a new chapter for the allocation of the grant funds.*** Existing chapters may apply to assist with a particular program or event expense that they are planning. There is a limit of one grant per chapter per fiscal year and a chapter may not apply more than once every two years.

A copy of the application is provided in this newsletter and is also available on the national website. Applications must be submitted to the Finance Committee for approval. The grants are on a first come, first serve basis and will be available until all of the budgeted grant funds are exhausted for any given year.

So . . . put on your thinking caps as to how your chapter could use the funds and fill out your application!!

You are welcome to contact me with your comments or questions at any time. If there are matters that you would like addressed in future "Support" memos, please send those to me as well.

Julie Straw,
National Finance Chairwoman
FinanceChair@BlueStarMothers.us





APPLICATION FOR BSMA CHAPTER GRANT PROGRAM

Chapter Name, State and Number _____

Chapter Address _____

Chapter President _____

Chapter President Phone Number _____

Chapter President Email _____

Check One: New Chapter Existing Chapter

REASON FOR GRANT – Please be specific – i.e. chapter start-up, coats for veterans.

This application is to be submitted to the Chairman of the Finance Committee for approval.

FinanceChair@BlueStarMothers.us

EMAIL

Upon approval, a check will be forwarded to the address listed above. Other than chapter start-up grant, please furnish a picture to the Finance Chairman at FinanceChair@BlueStarMothers.us upon completion of your grant project.

For Finance Committee Use Only:

Approval Date: _____

Date Check Sent: _____

Date Pictures Received: _____

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Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaigns. Blue Star Mothers of America (BSMA) has successfully facilitated fundraising campaigns through the CFC and we are currently active in the 2021-2022 campaign to raise funds for our organization.

The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

Pledges made by Federal civilian, postal and military donors via our CFC/OPM #34583 identification will help BSMA raise funds for our missions.

We respectfully request Chapters and Departments to post the CFC donation information on their websites and members to include in your correspondences. Also, please share this important information with your friends and family members who are employed by the federal government.

Blue Star Mothers now part of the CFC!



If you are a federal employee, postal worker or member of the U.S. military, please consider donating to us through your Combined Federal Campaign.

Our CFC/OPM is 34583

VAVS Message

IT IS TIME TO PIVOT AND THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

COVID has changed everything! We know that but it does open NEW opportunities for ways to serve our veterans.

Brainstorm with your chapter on how to volunteer! Call your VA chief and ask

What outside events are being planned, if you can plan a drive through baby shower, or if they could use water for their drivers!!! A great idea is to be an outside greeter! Wishing a veteran, a good day or thank you goes a long way.

Imagination is the key during this time of change! Be creative. Buddy Checks can be done right from your home. **ASK** your chief if calls can be made with wishes for a Happy Birthdays or just a wellness call to say hello and check in. Many of our veterans feel isolated during this time and a 10-minute phone call is a perfect pick me up – for both of you.

To learn more please visit the Blue Star Mother website and view the complete article from the ZOOM VAVS Training – **IT IS TIME TO PIVOT – THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX.**

For more information on how to become a VAVS Representative or Deputy please Email our National Representative Anne Parker – vavs@bluestarmothers.us



Take the Lead ! Reach out to the VA Chief and let them know that Blue Star Moms are ready and willing ! What do they need !

BE EXCITED ABOUT VAVS ! BE AN INNOVATOR

**What once was may not be now!
Think outside the box on how we
can serve our veterans.**

**Share your ideas on how you are reaching out to the VA
and include in your monthly reports. Send reports to
vavs.deputy@bluestarmothers.us**

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TRIBUTE TO THE TROOPS

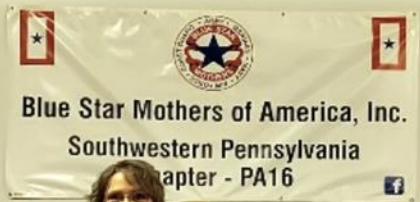
BROOKSVILLE, FL

HONORING 46 GOLD STAR FAMILIES





Southwestern Pennsylvania PA16



Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.
Southwestern Pennsylvania
Chapter - PA16



NIGHT AT THE RACES



- 10 Races
- 29 Volunteers
- 100 Horses sold
- 58 Raffle baskets
- 290 Guests
- 600 Desserts



Leslie Majocka, President ; Cindy Lauderbaugh, 1st Vice President ; Debra Ridgway, Financial Secretary ; Sue Selga, Treasurer ; Beverly Majocka, Recording Secretary ; Leslie Stewart, Corresponding Secretary

Michigan Thumb Chapter 178

Since April The Blue Star Mother's Thumb Chapter MI 178 have been diligently working at Hicks veterans Memorial Park. The park was aesthetically pleasing to the eye for the Huron County Memorial in Bad Axe, Michigan.

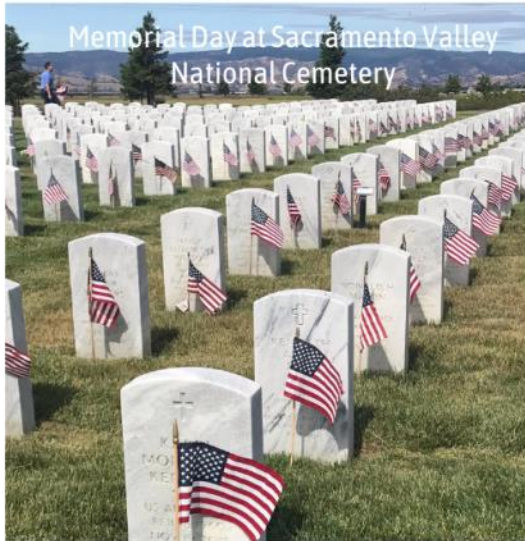
The Blue Star Mothers Thumb Chapter MI 178 were proud to partake in Huron County's annual Memorial Day parade in Bad Axe, MI to honor those heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Gold Star Mothers—Deb Robinson and Linda Elandt, along with Paul Elandt laid the Memorial Wreath at the monument this year.

See photo below:



CA 7
May
2022

Sacramento Blue Star Moms



Memorial Day at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery

The SBSM were present at various Memorial Day events throughout the area including decorating the local National Cemetery.



Colors presented by Sacramento Sea Cadets



Lorraine, Robin, Karla, Ardis, Kimberly, Anissa Vivienne and Tanya



Shootin' For The Stars - Navy SEAL Foundation



Tanya, Ardis & Vivienne



SBSM proudly supports SBSM family, Pam & Mark Kasel, and their Navy SEAL Foundation event 'Shootin' for the Stars'.



Armed Forces Gala at the CA Railroad Museum
Vivienne & Rick with JC Terry (Purple Heart Recipient)

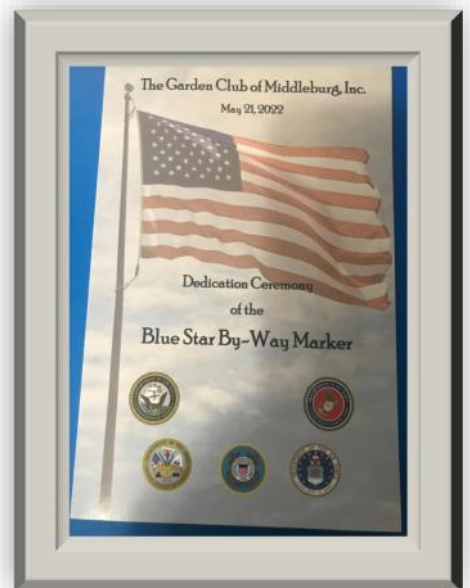


5th Tuesday gathering
Ardis, Debbie, Wendy, Vivienne, Lorraine and Juli

First Coast Blue Star Mothers Florida Chapter 15

Our small chapter has been very busy between Valentines, Easter; filling Easter eggs and asking for donations for those eggs and baskets taken to Clyde E Lassen Nursing home. as well as we took Easter bunny bags to the Silver Creek Assisted Living. There were 300 cards and filled Easter eggs taken to the Jacksonville VA, that were distributed to Gainesville and lake City VA facilities. Each month we've taken numerous items to the USO that is at Jacksonville Airport. Girl Scout cookies were distributed to the Veterans Home and sent to the USS Harry Truman.

The Garden Club of Middleberg, Inc. honored us by inviting us to join them at the ceremony and the unveiling of the Blue Star Mother By-Way Marker that was placed in Middleberg Florida at their library. We enjoyed music from the bagpipe and drum Corp the First Coast Highlanders, the Ridgeview High School JROTC and the numerous speakers. Captain Paul Pilliod , USA retired unveiled the marker and Chief Howard C Bowen placed the wreath on the stand next to the marker. Five of our ladies and husbands attended the ceremony. It was a wonderful event and we were very proud to be there for this project that took many people quite a bit of time and effort to complete.





San Diego North County
BSMA CA9



VAVS Donations to San Diego VA thanks to DAR Donations



New Members



New Moms

CA 9 Moms socializing with Moms from our chapter and other chapters.



Team building/Care Package



Orange Glen High School Jr ROTC Honor Cord recipient's.



San Marcos High School JrROTC Honor Cord recipient's



Escondido Street Festival

Western Slope Blue Star Mothers - CO8



June Chapter Happenings



JUCO Baseball Tournament



Our city hosts the Junior College World Series every year, welcoming baseball teams from all over the country. This year, our chapter hosted a booth and had tournament spectators sign cards to include in our next shipment of care packages! During the Memorial Day game, our chapter president had the honor of displaying our Blue Star Mom banner alongside 50 veterans and active duty members holding American flags on the baseball field.



Congrats to The Central Arizona Vaqueros from Coolidge, Arizona on being

World Series Champs!
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Costume Party!

A local organization, Justice League of Hope, hosted a Super Hero Costume Party fundraiser with the proceeds being donated to our local Blue Star Moms chapter.

A fun evening was had with amazing auction items, a calk walk, costume contest and so much more!



Welcome Home!

Several of our Moms have eagerly welcomed home their child after a deployment!

We had the honor of welcoming one of them home at the airport! One of our chapters favorite activities is greeting our kids at the airport! We hope you are all enjoying every moment and savoring every hug!



Happy Anniversary!

On June 6th our chapter celebrated our 5th Anniversary! We still have 6 of our original charter members and our membership has grown to 45 moms!

THE BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF COASTAL CAROLINA AND MYRTLE BEACH MILITARY APPRECIATION



**FlapJacks Pancake
Supper**



**Pack and ship over 80 Hero Boxes
filled with Girl Scout Cookies**



**Welcome
Home a
Members
son from 3
years in
Alaska!**



**JROTC Drill Competition
and Military Family Social**



Military Appreciation Baseball Game



**Myrtle Beach Military Appreciation
Parade, Jack Platt Veterans March
and Memorial Day Ceremony**

CA15 – San Mateo County Blue Star Moms Donation to Menlo Park VA Hospital



The San Mateo County Blue Star Moms (CA15), with the help of a \$250 Grant from Blue Star Mothers of America, provided the 120 veterans at the Menlo Park VA Community Living facility with supplies to plant a summer vegetable garden. While the VA Community Living facility has raised beds for available planting, it lacked the funds needed to acquire soil, fertilizer, and a variety of vegetable plants, including beans, squash, eggplant, tomatoes, peas, and cucumbers. In early April, the SMCBSM delivered these supplies and more!

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In May, we were able to view the garden the Veterans helped to plant. The vegetables are thriving as can be seen in the pictures below.



The Veterans at the Menlo Park VA Community Living Facility send their thanks to the Blue Star Mothers for helping to make their summer vegetable garden a reality!

Minnesota Chapter 7 – North Metro

In April we celebrated our 16th year as a Blue Star Mothers Chapter. Many moms have come and gone but all have contributed to our success, and we look forward to many more years as an active and growing chapter.

In May we had an information table at the Twin Cities Auto Show. This is our 2nd year being invited to be part of the Military Appreciation Night. It was an opportunity to share information about Blue Star Mothers and get to know our sisters a little better. We also had a member of our Minnesota Chapter 11 join us. We had a fun time and had our picture taken with a WWII jeep and with a local news reporter and Desert Storm Veteran.





Lone Star Chapter 6 DFW, TX



Memorial Day Flag Distribution & Fundraisers



Recent Chapter Events:

- 5/28 – Flag distribution in recognition of Memorial Day
- 5/29 – Memorial Day Fundraiser @ Poor Richards Café
- 5/30 – Memorial Day Fundraiser @ Red Truck Café

Upcoming Chapter Events:

- 6/04 – Flag pick up from Memorial Day recognition
- 6/19 – Father's Day
- 6/23 – Monthly Chapter Meeting
- 7/02 – Flag distribution in recognition of Independence Day
- 7/09 – Flag pick up from Independence Day recognition
- 7/22 – Monthly Chapter Meeting
- TBD – Care Box Packing (Date will be posted on Facebook)

Please follow us on Facebook!

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



Greetings from Houston Texas – TX2 !!! Where the tea is sweet and when you walk outdoors it feels like you just climbed in an oven. We started this month out with a great packing part for our countries hero's. We were able to ship 375 boxes this month and these smiles and the letters of gratitude from afar are why we do what we do. The men and women we support in this small way have sacrificed so much to protect our freedom. We are forever grateful to them.



Mid May we were able to attend and cheer during a motorcade parade of Wounded Warriors that were being taken to dinner and then onto a fishing trip for the weekend. The North East community of Houston was honored to be able to celebrate these men and women.

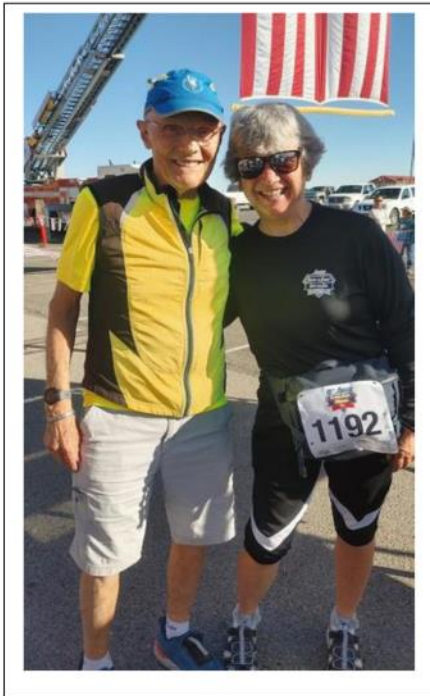


We ended the month with a Memorial Day Celebration at the Houston VA Cemetery. Where we honored our fallen and supported our Gold Star Families. God Bless those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Blue Star Mothers of Valencia County NM6 June 2022

What an honor to welcome home the veterans who took part in the 2022 Honor Flight! After a two year pause in the program (due to covid), it was just great to see their giant smiles as the crowd cheered them home!

June 4th was the 10th annual Believe in Heroes Memorial Run. In June 2010, a few people met to discuss forming an organization that to support local, Valencia County veteran organizations (those that are self-sustaining). From that meeting was born the New Mexico Los Lunas Invests in Veterans Events (NMLIVE, Inc). Since its inception, LIVE has raised over \$110,000—which has gone directly to Valencia County veteran organizations, including the VFW, American Legion, and **BSMVC NM6!** We are grateful for their commitment to our veterans.



On June 11, the local VFW 9676 (along with Boy Scout Pack 360) held its annual flag retirement ceremony. BSMs attended, retired many flags, and assisted in serving refreshments at the conclusion of the special event.



Tragically, on June 8th, a Marine Corps Osprey crashed, taking the lives all the crewmen aboard, including 19-year-old Lance Cpl. Evan A. Strickland of Valencia County. We mourn the passing of all these fine, young Marines, and we are here to support the family of Lance Cpl. Strickland (a 2020 graduate from Valencia High School and a former member of Boy Scout Pack 360). Rest in peace, Marine. You will not be forgotten.



Attention All Blue Star Mothers Attending Convention

Download the Blue Star Mothers App on Google Play or the Apple Store Today

Convention Information and the Agenda are listed directly on the APP

Find this symbol and download for FREE

Texas 4 honoring 500 Parents and High School Seniors entering all branches of the Military at the Community Salutes Program in SanAntonio, TX





John from American Red Cross with Mary President, guest speaker at general meeting to members regarding Hero Program offered by American Red Cross to BSM's and families. New Army BSM's installed into NM2. Welcome Minerva and Anne Marie!

MEMORIAL WEEKEND 2022



1st VP Gloria placed US flags on headstones at Santa Fe National Cemetery and also returned to retrieve US flags. The members of NM2 at New Mexico Veterans Memorial Park for the ceremony in honor and remembrance of Memorial Day.

WELCOME

Congratulations to our newest Chapter!

South Sound Blue Star Mothers WA 8.

They are near Fort Lewis and very excited to get



Newly installed on June 14th, 2022.

Anne Parker, PNP installed

Tiffanie Miner, President

Sandy Orr Kottre, Vice President

Dorene DUBreuil, Treasurer

LaDonna Newbury, Rec. Secretary

Ellisa Greer, Fin. Secretary



Anne Parker



Ellisa Greer



LaDonna Newbury



Sandy Kottre



Dorene DuBreuil



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Tiffanie Miner





WILCO BLUE STAR MOTHERS TX15

The third quarter of 2022 has been just as busy as the second. We participated in a myriad of activities.



We placed Easter lilies on the graves of our fallen at our local area cemeteries.



One of our big events for May was "Our Community Salutes" – we had a big hand in honoring the newest recruits to our military.



We assisted 1st Cavalry Division-Ft. Hood with their Red Team Spring Fling by providing Easter baskets.



Our members attended several unaccompanied burials at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen.



Attended and served at Chad O's annual PTSD Awareness Fundraiser (where we also gave a \$500 donation).



We attended several Memorial Day ceremonies throughout the area.



For the 10th year in a row, we placed flags at the Veterans Memorial in Cedar Park for Memorial Day; and retrieved over 700 after honoring our fallen.

We will also be making care packages for our Veterans and those serving on Active Duty overseas. It's been a whirlwind of a quarter but we love serving our active military and our veteran communities.

Submitted by Greta Moore, 1stVP WilCo BSM



For the 10th year in a row, we served food to active duty, veterans and their families at Heroes Night Out's annual BBQ. We also gave them a \$500 donation.

News... JUNE 2022

Blue Star Mothers, Rochester NY8



Rochester, NY chapter officially chartered in 2011

Website: www.bluestarmomsroc.com

City of Rochester

2022 Memorial Day Parade Blue Star Mothers NY8 and Associate members marched in the Memorial Day Parade. MSG (ret. USA) Bing Reaves was the Master of Ceremonies. This year's guests honored on the Reviewing Stand were: Blue Star Mothers, Jeanne Ristau, Mary Anne Zani and Gold Star Mother, Rita Hasenauer, COL (ret. USA) Eugene Sydor, LTC (ret. USA), LTC Andrae Evans (ret. USA) and his wife Kristin.



Honoring Fallen Heroes, sons of Gold Star families:
Pfc. Jason Hasenauer, and Staff Sergeant Nicholas Reid
(Amy and Jenny holding photos)



Thank you to L: Mary Jean (Parade Chair), Top R: Veteran Women BSM Associate members, lower R: Amy, Nancy and Amy and Jenny in middle photo

Blue Star Mother chapters, NY4, NY7 and NY8 Executive Committee Members meet for a Social Activity

Our Blue Star Mother Sister Chapters met on Saturday, June 11th at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park for a tour of the USS Little Rock a Guided Missile Cruiser that is the only surviving vessel Cleveland Class of light cruisers in World War II that was constructed in 1945. Our Docent, Navy Veteran Peter B. Gullo was aboard the ship in the 1970's. After the tour we had a catered lunch at a building on the park property. We all had a most enjoyable day. During our lunch we had the opportunity to share about our service projects. We will be planning future BSM socials to meet up.



Blue Star Mothers NY4, Lake Erie, Jamestown, NY,
Blue Star Mothers NY, counties of Erie and Niagara,
Blue Star Mothers NY8 Rochester



L to R: Lara, Financial Secretary, Mary Anne, VP3 and
Chaplain, Jill Harris, VP1, Museum Docent Veteran Peter B.
Gullo, and Amy, President.



Next BSM monthly meeting is on Saturday, June 18th @ 8:00 AM followed our Care Packaging event to send to our overseas military. Join us at the Ely Fagan American Legion. 260 Middle Rd., Henrietta, NY 14467

Our chapter had a busy month of May!

Mid-May we present honor cords and certificates to 33 high school seniors at 8 schools in our area. What a wonderful way to celebrate these students who elected to join our military.



On May 20th we gathered our Gold Star Mothers for a potting party at Creekside Growers in Middleville, MI. It is always so nice to have them together and to honor the memory of their children.

On May 21st 4 of our members attended Sisters In Action in Battle Creek and a great time was had by all.



On May 28th our chapter, along with a few members of MI194 and our MI Dept President were able to attend an event hosted by the Memorial Day Flower Foundation and J. Schwanke's 'Life In Bloom' public television show. We laid memorial roses on over 5,400 graves at the Grand Rapids Veterans Home Cemetery. What a humbling event to kick off our Memorial Day weekend.



BLUE STAR MOTHERS SE WI 2



JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

June 21st - June meeting with
guest Sister Sarge

June 25th or July 16th - Kenosha
Brat Fry Fundraiser (*tentative*)

Elkhorn Brat Fry-June 25th

Camp Hometown Hero-July 7th

July 23rd-24th- Milwaukee Air
& Water Show

Veterans Outreach Tiny Home
Tour – September 10th
(*tentative*)

Flag placement at West Lawn Cemetery



Many of the events that our chapter participated in during the month of May was in honor of Memorial Day. This year two of our members were honored to be part of the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery service and presented the beautiful wreath pictured below.



Members of our group also volunteered in the setup for the Field of Flags display held at the Wisconsin War Memorial Center, located in Milwaukee, WI. While the center is responsible for the tribute, they rely heavily upon volunteers, many whom are also veterans. This year we helped to place 12,031 flags into the ground. Each flag represents the men and women of Wisconsin who died in the Civil War.

Dan Buttery, the president of the War Memorial Center explained the impact of this tribute by saying "If you want to better understand some of the thinking of a veteran and how we heal going forward, here's a great example of us just coming together and just reflecting. It's okay to mourn, it's okay to grieve and do it in a positive way. And this is a really positive way for us to reflect and think of our lost brothers and sisters and continue on."



LAKE ERIE SHORES OH21



Dedication of the **Gold Star Families Memorial Monument** was held in Perrysburg at Riverside Park on May 26. Supporting our Chapter's Gold Star and Blue Star Mother, Renee Schneider, were Members Karen Austin, Barb Cook, Kimberly Danes, Lisa Fischer, and Maria McWilliams, along with Associate Member Wyatt Austin. Renee's daughter-in-law also attended. Following the dedication, our Chapter helped sponsor the reception at American Legion Post 28.



Members and Associate Members participated in the Bellevue Memorial Day Parade on May 30. Associate Member Mark Fischer rode his motorcycle which was proudly displaying the American and Blue Star Mothers flags. President Barb Cook spoke during the patriotic ceremony at the Bellevue Cemetery following the parade.



Military honor cords (red, white, and blue) were presented to 63 seniors at 12 schools in our area. At four schools, our members did the presentations. Letters were sent to 21 schools.

Thank you to Barb Cook, Lisa Fischer, DeAnna Link, and Maria McWilliams for congratulating our seniors.



It was an honor for Lake Erie Shores OH21 Blue Star Mothers to be present at the first annual Corpsman Maxton W. Soviak Memorial Golf Scramble on Saturday June 11, at Woussickett Golf Course in Sandusky. The Corpsman Maxton W. Soviak Memorial Foundation was recently established honoring HM3 Corpsman Maxton W. Soviak, a "Devil Doc" Sailor assigned to the 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA who was killed during an attack at the Abbey Gate of Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan on August 26, 2021 while supporting Operation Allies Refuge. The foundation's mission is to provide veterans and their families with adventure, experiences, and resources to live life to the MAX! The focus of this year's initiative is to provide a service dog to a veteran in need. Thank you to Maria McWilliams, Lisa and Mark Fischer, Barb Cook, Elaine Brock, and Paula Stellhorn for helping.



★ BSM California CA10 ★

CA10 was busy in May! We were at many events for Memorial Day. Members spent the day out at cemetery services, a support the military 5K Run, National events in Washington DC, Honor Flight, American Legion Golf Tournament, ribbon cutting at the local Veterans Hospital.




BLUE STAR MOTHERS
FREDERICKSBURG CHAPTER VA4

VA4 relished our volunteer opportunities. The Quantico Marines hosted the Fredericksburg Historic Half Marathon where the VA4 members volunteered at a water station and media tent. We rode in the DC Rolling To Remember hosted by the Dave Page Group. Wreaths and roses were placed at Quantico National Cemetery in remembrance of fallen heroes, family members and friends dear to us. Our Chapter participated in the Fredericksburg Area Veterans Council's Memorial Day Ceremony and placed a wreath in honor and respect for the many that paid the ultimate sacrifice.





Heads Up! The Online Store will close on Thursday, July 7th at midnight EST! So ...  if you want anything before Convention!



Red Jackets
\$60
(All sizes but M)



Patches
\$1 - \$15



2021 Blue Shirt
\$15 on sale



Pins & Hanger
\$12



BSM Hats
\$25 (all hats)



Red Shirt
\$20



Coins \$10

OTHER ITEMS:

White Gloves \$5

Ritual Books \$5

License Plate Frames \$5

Brochures \$.30 each

And more!

THE STORE WON'T REOPEN UNTIL
AFTER CONVENTION IN LATE AUGUST!



Dad's Polo \$20
Dad's Hat \$10



2022 Tote Bag
\$20



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED... When you order items from the Online Store, please check the address that comes up at the top of the online order page. Recently, there have been several zip code errors that have had to be corrected. Although we can correct the error on the order, you need to correct the error in your profile. PLUS, make sure that the address reflected on your order is your SHIPPING ADDRESS, not your mailing address if your shipping address is different than your mailing address. We use whatever address is on the order invoice. You can correct this address right on your order form. THANKS!

Together
WE
Achieve
More

Life is like the ocean.
It can be calm or still,
and rough or rigid, But
in the end... it is always

Beautiful



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GRANT ME THE
SERENITY
TO ACCEPT
THE THINGS
I CANNOT CHANGE,
THE COURAGE
TO CHANGE
THE THINGS I CAN,
AND THE
WISDOM
TO KNOW
THE DIFFERENCE.**