



BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC.

February 2024

A message from our National President

Happy Valentine's Day!

The NEB continues to stay busy, working the mission of our organization. We will be coming together soon for our mid-year meeting and reviewing all of our Governing Documents. As previously mentioned, this was a huge undertaking by our Committee, and I can't say "thank you" enough to those who have put in hours reviewing our documents. We will send these out as soon as possible for your comments and added suggestions; however, if you have already been reviewing, as I know some of you have, please feel free to send your recommendations to the Committee at Bylaws@bluestarmothers.us. We welcome and encourage your input. The more we can discuss now, the better!

I have also been working with the Convention Committee, another big "thank you" to that group as well. Be watching for "Convention Chatter" and check out the "Blue Star Mothers of America Convention" Facebook page for updates. We are still looking for Convention volunteers. If you are interested in helping out during Convention, please contact Amy O'Campo at convention@bluestarmothers.us.

Speaking of Facebook – I need to remind you.....my old Facebook account was hacked back in August and for some unknown reason, Facebook will not shut them down. I am not selling bitcoins, I am not moving to Texas, and I don't have any great work from home job opportunities for you. They are scamming people! If you are still friends with that page, please unfriend and block. I would love to reconnect on my new page; my profile picture is the one we use here for the Newsletter.

Presidents Training has been rescheduled for March 17, please be looking for more information and the zoom link coming soon.

Thanks to those who have purchased the beautiful Veteran's Mom shirt, which was designed by PNP Carla Brodacki. We will be running another version with the design on the front and without the BMSA logo so anyone outside our organization can purchase. We have also launched a R.E.D. shirt as well. All funds raised will go towards the 2024 Convention in hopes of keeping your costs down, so please help promote these shirts throughout your social media.

As always, my door is open to anyone who has questions or just wants to chat. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of our National Officers as we are here to serve everyone.

Yours in Service,

Becky
Rebecca Stafford
National President

*Happy
Valentines
Day*



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2024 Yearbook

Please send all Yearbook photos to the email; Yearbook@bluestarmothers.us

Start gathering your photos!

Recent Chapter group photos that are related to our mission; Please send no more than 4-5 per chapter, include chapter state & number. There is no charge for this.

Send just one photo of your child, Active Duty or Veteran, include child's name, your name and chapter state & number.

Send; Blue Daisies with name and chapter
Gold Star Mothers Children

Veteran Mom, photos of past and current

More to come soon!

81st Convention

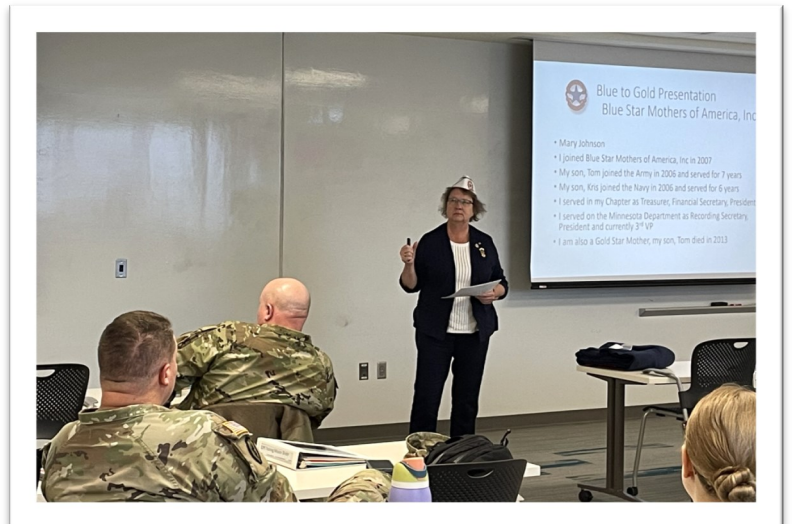
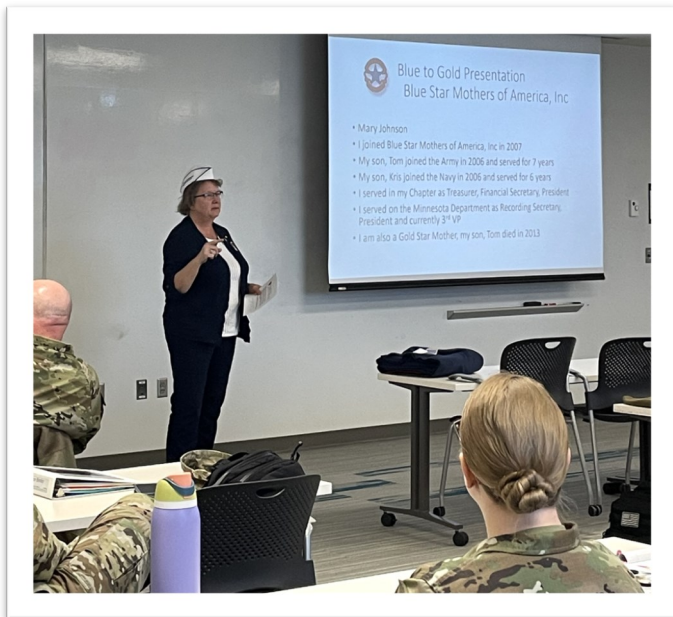
Blue Star Mothers of America



National 3rd VP

Exploring a new way to make contact with Casualty Assistance Officers

The Department of Minnesota's 3rd VP has been working with the National 3rd VP to raise awareness about the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. with Casualty Assistance Officers and the Blue to Gold Presentation program. As a first step, Mary Johnson was able to do a short presentation at the Minnesota National Guard winter Casualty Assistance Officer training. The presentation contained information about Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. and what the presentation involves and how to contact us. The presentation emphasized working together to support the families of our fallen. There will be more to come as more meetings are scheduled.



Is your Chapter having a Fundraiser?

Do we have news for you!

There is a special Facebook page set up for just that reason!



This is what the page looks like.

(We are aware of the spelling error, it will be corrected soon)



Like and follow so you don't miss all the wonderful opportunities to support your sister chapters, and promote your own chapter fundraisers!

We aren't putting fundraisers in the Newsletter, so here is your chance to promote your fundraisers and others can "share" to their pages to drive even more income for your fundraiser!

We want to give you the best "Opportunity" possible to promote your great fundraising ideas!



Valentine Bundle

Receive the Tote, Cell Phone Card Holder, Branch Patch and Nail File for only \$25.00 plus shipping.

Go to the National Website and click on "Online Store"

Available, only through the end of the month!

*****Reminder: Online Store will be open but orders will NOT be shipped out between March 4-25.**





From the Finance Committee

Chapter and Auxiliary donations are a wonderful thing! We love receiving donations!

Fees are not as good, there are always fees when we use payment services like PayPal. Recently, more and more donations intended for Chapters and Auxiliaries are coming into the National PayPal account, usually from the Donate Now button on the National website. We do really love donations, especially to our Chapters and Auxiliaries in support of our Mission, but since the number coming through the National PayPal is growing, National can no longer process those donations on to our Chapters and Auxiliaries without recouping the costs involved as we have been doing up until this point.

Beginning January 1, 2024, funds intended for Chapters/Auxiliaries received through the National website's "Donate Now" PayPal button will be subject to all transaction fees and a \$2.50 processing fee.

Any funds intended for a Chapter/Auxiliary received by National in this manner will be processed and the funds received minus the fees above will be sent on to the Chapter/Auxiliary. This includes donations and payments of any kind that come through PayPal. Currently, PayPal fees to receive donations are 2.89% plus a \$0.49 fixed fee per transaction. Thus a \$100 donation typically results in \$3.38 in fees. In the past National has sent the full \$100 on to the intended Chapter/Auxiliary and incurred the cost of the fees itself. Now the Chapter/Auxiliary would receive $\$100 - \$3.38 - \$2.50 = \94.12 in this example. The PayPal fee will vary based on the amount received and is subject to change.

Please make sure your amazing donors are donating to your Chapter/Auxiliary in whichever manner you feel is best for you and this will allow you to keep more of your donation rather than having it go to fees. The Donate Now button on the National website is for donations to our National organization only.



Donate Now

IMPORTANT

Dates

1. NEB will be together February 22-26, working on important items for the organization. Please, continue to email but there may be a delay in response,

2. The Online Store will **not** be shipping orders March 4-25th, you can still place orders but items will not be shipped until after the 25th.

3. Many Blue Star Mothers will be traveling to DC over Memorial Day. Again, there may be a delay in responding to emails.

4. Watch for Convention Chatters for updates and information regarding Convention!

Don't forget to follow the "Blue Star Mothers of America Convention**" Facebook Page and download the Blue Star Mothers of America App!

5. National Convention July 29th through August 2nd, Oklahoma City!

**Please have patience if you do not receive an immediate response to your emails. Things get very busy at times, we will do our best to reply as soon as we can.



**Do you know the mentor is available to all members of the chapter?
Do you know who your mentor is?**

I am Denise, the mentor chairman for the organization. If you don't know who your chapters mentor is, please email me and I can give you your mentor's contact information, at mentor.chair@bluestarmothers.us The chapter executive board members receive emails from the mentor regularly and we do ask the board members to pass on the mentor's name and contact information to all members.

Did you know that every chapter has a mentor assigned to them?

Every chapter in the organization is assigned a mentor. The mentors are members that have served in leadership roles in the chapters, have been a member for 5 years and is familiar with the governing documents. The mentors are available to answer questions or refer the questions to others that can answer the questions.

Do you know what your mentor can do for you and your chapter?

Your chapter mentor is available to answer questions you may have about governing documents, officer duties and responsibilities and more. The mentor can help you find answers in the governing documents and leadership manual. They know what resources are available to facilitate working within the governing documents of the organization. The mentors can share ideas about fundraising, recruitment and events that have been successful in other chapters. When the mentors "check in" with the chapters, they ask what the chapter has been doing. This is not to be nosy or intruding, but to be able to share your ideas and successes with other chapters. No question is a dumb question. The mentors are always available in between "check ins" to help with your questions.

How often does your mentor "check in" with the chapter executive board?

The mentors reach out to the chapter boards on a regular basis. The frequency of the "check ins" are dependent on several things. We look at if chapters respond to the mentor's emails, texts or calls; if they complete compliance in a timely manner; if they participate in the national organization by attending conventions, submitting information to the newsletter and submitting to the yearbook. The chapters are then given a 2 month, 6 month or 12 month "check in" assignment. This assignment is reviewed annually. The chapters can modify their "check in" assignment by responding to mentors, getting compliance submitted in time, and increasing your national participation with newsletter and yearbook submissions, and sending delegates to the national convention. National wants you to be more encouraged and informed. We have recently reviewed the frequency assignments and will be notifying the chapters and mentors of any changes!

You can contact your chapter's mentor ANYTIME though, not just when it's check in time! They are there if you need them!

From the desk of

Anne Parker, VAVS Representative

With this being the month of February, we want to begin by letting our VAVS volunteers know you are greatly appreciated and part of an elite group that gives back to our veterans in various ways.

There is no one way to thank a veteran, honor a veteran or show that you care. We have so many chapters that participate with the credentialed VAVS volunteer and all hands-on deck is needed to hold events, participate in holiday times or when the VAVS Chief calls for all to pitch in.

Each one of us has their own 'WHY'. At convention a few years ago our National VAVS Rep. Anne Parker asked that very question and for each mom who stood there she had her own reasons. No right and no wrong answer. Just their own. What was not a WHY was volunteering was for personal gain, or for money. It is not to climb a ladder, be more than others, receive accolades, or get special attention.

So many of our VA facilities across the country need volunteers from our organization. Our Blue Star Moms bring their unique touch to their roles, and we are asking you, now, to consider becoming a VAVS volunteer.

For more information on duties and responsibilities please go to the BSMA website and click VAVS. You will find a PowerPoint and a training guide. It will answer your questions.

We look forward to working with our current and our newly credentialed volunteers.

Looking forward to reaching more veterans this year with our unique skill sets of a Blue Star Mom.



Department of Minnesota

Several members of the Department of Minnesota Blue Star Mothers attended and walked in the St Paul Winter Carnival Grand Day Parade. It was a beautiful balmy 37° day in Minnesota with the sun shining! After the parade we gathered at the Arcade Phalen American Legion for a delicious luncheon and social time.





Blue Daisies



Jan was a beloved member of MI194
Please keep her family in your prayers.

Janice Kay VanderWal

11/21/1964-1/25-2024

Blue Star Mother's Day



· February 1 ·

What's in the heart of a military mom?

The ability to let your child walk out the door with the recruiter.

The patience to wait for letters/calls from basic.

The pride in seeing that 1st military uniform picture.

The excitement of that first leave.

The strength to face the unknown.

The courage to send your child into battle.

The love in her heart for her child and country.

The friendship of finding other military moms.

Blue Star Moms of the Southwest Valley, AZ4

January Packing Party at the Spicery! 43 boxes of love!
Theresa, Ben, Joy, Lorraine, Sue, Bernadine, Bonnie, Bill, Bud and Michelle



American Legion 53 Fundraiser event: Tropical Paradise, A Celebration of our Valentines in honor of our Veterans who served overseas in the islands



Luana, Kara, Michelle D, Chris, Theresa, Sue and Lauren wore matching tropical shirts to add to the spirit of the event. The Jamaican Jerk Chicken was a hit!



Blue Star Moms of the Southwest Valley AZ4

In January our chapter member Tammy made many hearts and brought them to the Litchfield Elementary School for the kids to write notes to our deployed troops and help decorate cookies. During the event, chapter members Sue and Theresa helped educate the kids about our service men and women. The local Boy Scouts chapter contributed many messages of gratitude as well. All of the cookies, hearts, cards and messages went into our Valentines Packing Party held at the Spicery. 43 boxes of love were packed up and shipped out to our deployed by 10 of our members: Joy, Ben, Bonie, Bil, Bernadine, Sue, Theresa, Bud, Michelle D and Lorraine. Early February our chapter cooked up 100 pieces of Jerk Chicken to represent Jamaica for the sold out Tropical Paradise Themed Valentines for Veterans Fundraising Event held at the American Legion Post 53. The Blue Star Moms served up food, waited tables, and received a generous donation from the event to go towards our next packing party. On February 20th we are celebrating 14 years as a chapter! Finally, we are gearing up for the massive LUKE AIR DAYS in March.

Blue Star Mothers of Maricopa, AZ7 has been very busy this last quarter!

After a successful Holiday Packages from Home party, we celebrated the season together with a family BBQ and gift exchange. We invited a local charity, Veterans in Need, to the party and were able to make a contribution to their efforts just in time to assist some veterans with holiday needs!

We were also very honored to have sponsored three Wreaths Across America locations this past December, including the first one ever in Queen Creek!

We celebrated Blue Star Mothers' Day with two successful Proclamations! The Pinal County Board of Supervisors officially approved February 1st as Blue Star Mothers' Day in Pinal County, and the Town of Queen Creek also officially approved their own Proclamation as well. We were very honored to have these Proclamations approved. Members of Blue Star Mothers Maricopa AZ7, supporters, and veterans gathered together to celebrate after the Proclamations' were declared into public record.

To celebrate, we volunteered at a local Food Pantry and served over 1600 families on a cold Saturday morning. We also went to a fun Valentines for Vets event where we were the recipient of hundreds of valentines the community made to share with the residents at the Tucson VA. We also started a fundraiser with a local coffee shop who created a special drink, "The Blue Star Special" of which 10% of each Blue Star Special will be donated to our chapter all month.



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January 5TH TUESDAY GET TOGETHER

February SWEETHEART BUNCO

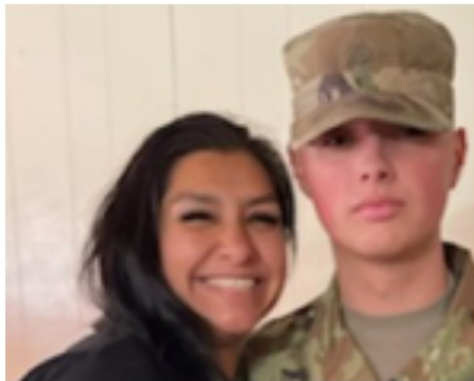


We had our largest BUNCO to date with 115 guests and volunteers. A Potato/Chili bar warmed our bellies while Fun, Friends, and Prizes warmed our hearts. Sweetheart Bunco 2024

SACRAMENTO BLUE STAR MOMS



NAVY 2ND CLASS PETTY OFFICER ADAM DIAZ SERVED AS AN AVIATION BOATSWAIN MATE AT CORONADO, CA. RETIRED IN DECEMBER (5 YRS)



ARMY SPC JARED MOORE SERVING IN VIRGINIA AS A WATERCRAFT ENGINEER. (2 YEARS)



SPACE FORCE SPC 3 WILLIAM R SHINGLETON JR. COLORADO SPRINGS, CO, (1 YEAR)

OUR RIM BLUE STAR MOMS HAVE MANY ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY KIDS SERVING OUR COUNTRY. WE ALSO HAVE SEVERAL VETERANS. HERE ARE A FEW SNAPSHOTS OF OUR KIDS.



ARMY SGT BEN WHITE SERVES AS AN 11 BRAVO INFANTRYMAN WITH THE 101ST AIRBORNE AT FORT CAMPBELL, KY (6 1/2 YEARS)



NAVY VETERAN CASSANDRA COX (DE MARCO) FEATURED HERE WITH HER AIR FORCE VETERAN HUSBAND BRETT COX AND THEIR 2 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER CHLOE. THEY HAPPILY LIVE IN MARYLAND



ARMY SPC IAN PHILLIPS SERVES AS A 68W COMBAT MEDIC WITH THE 96TH CIVIL AFFAIRS UNIT AT FORT LIBERTY, NC (2 YEARS)

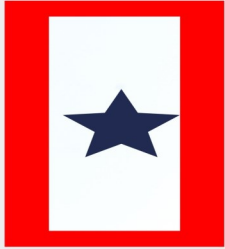


ARMY PFC MIKE VIG SERVES AS AN 11 BRAVO INFANTRYMAN AT FORT DRUM, NY (1 1/2 YEARS) HE IS CURRENTLY ON DEPLOYMENT.



ARMY SGT JOSHUA BLACK, 11B, FORT DRUM NEW YORK, (4 YEARS)

TREASURE COAST BLUE STAR MOTHERS, FL11



SUPPORTING ACTIVE DUTY,
VETERANS, AND
MILITARY FAMILIES

www.BlueStarMothersFL11.org



RAE EASTMAN SCIMECA
TCBSM RECORDING SECRETARY

TCBSM SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

Rae Eastman has been a member for 3 years, works at Walgreens Distribution Center in Jupiter for almost 20 years & currently works in Administration. She is the mother of 5 boys...One serves in the US Navy, one in Cyber Security, another is an AP high school teacher, and the other two work in the service industry. Rae also serves in the DAR and is a volunteer for Southeast Honor flight. Rae's father was a sailor during World War 2, and her brother was in the Coast Guard. Her dad worked on the Apollo and Shuttle programs, and her grandfather was a member of the FDNY, so service is in her blood. Her son has served 4 1/2 years in the Navy as a Surface Warfare Officer, a graduate of UCF with a Bachelors in International Relations, and past president of the model UN. He also worked for the Florida

House of Representatives as an aide until he was commissioned in the Navy. He inspired me to a greater purpose, to make this country better. "I believe these kids who serve are all our children and we have to make sure they are loved and appreciated. Their sacrifice and those of our Veterans must be recognized and respected." Rae is an extremely generous, dedicated, kindhearted, and humble part of our team. She plays an integral part in our organization and we are blessed to have her on our Executive Board. Rae was the driving force for our new "Adopt A Base".



LINDA BOLTERSDF
TCBSM FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER

February's TCBSM spotlight is Linda Boltersdorf. Linda is our driving force behind our "Adopt a Vet" service project, where we provide little tokens of appreciation each month to the veterans who are living at a local assisted living facility in Fort Pierce. Several times a year. We are also able to do hands-on activities. Linda is a founding member of our chapter and served on the very first board. She has served as the recording secretary for three years and as 2VP for one. Linda currently has two sons serving. Tyler is in the Coast Guard and is stationed in San Antonio. He is a graduate of UCF with a degree in Criminal Justice and is involved in Military Intelligence. Tyler is currently deployed on the Hamilton and is getting married in April. Ryan is a Captain in the Army and has his Ranger tab. Ryan also is a graduate of UCF (Political Science) and is finishing up captain school in Ft. Benning. In February he will be stationed with the 82nd Airborne division in North

Carolina. Ryan recently served nine months in Bagdad Iraq. Linda comes from a lineage of military service with her father and father-in-law serving in the Airforce during the Korean War and uncle was a career Military Chaplain. Linda is passionate about our service projects and helps to organize collection of supplies for our packages while also working closely with the Lynmoore at Lawnwood where we treat our veterans once a month.



For January, our service project was to collect Tide pods for service members at a Navy base who desperately needed basic supplies. This is a monthly project for 2024 and has a different focus for each month.

We were able to collect 1553 tide pods. Our collection for February is cold medication Neosporin, Benadryl, Midol and Band-Aids. If your chapter wishes to help us please see our Amazon wish list below.

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/1XU271TA66X0X>

Blue Star Mothers LAJ

As we continue to grow, we welcome our new members and strive to teach them and others our mission...

To always support our Troops, Veterans, POW/MIA, and our Fallen Military Families, but most of all we support one another. Recently we have done just that, as our service members have come home, gotten engaged, been promoted, and deployed. During times of hardship and loss and with smiles and laughter, we have supported our sisters.

Because there is nothing stronger than a Military Mom on a Mission!



People
with great
passion can
make the
impossible
happen.

**Red White & Blue
Star Mothers
MI-198**



**February 2024
Newsletter**

Recent Events

**Sedona Taphouse
Fundraiser**
Jan-Feb

**Sedona Taphouse
Social Nights**
January 29th
February 26th

**Blue to Gold Banner
Presentation for Sgt.
Matthew Bylski**
January 4th

**Macomb Military
Mom's Dinner**
January 24th

**Blue Star Mothers
Day at the Capital**
February 1st

Detroit VA Collection
Jan-Mar



Our goals for the 2024 are to increase outreach to new members, increase engagement of current members, and build a chapter website. We continue to focus on our mission of supporting active duty service members, veterans, and each other. One of our traditions is to host social events every other month.

We're currently working on plans for 2024 including a great activation at the Selfridge Air Show in June, donation drives for the Detroit VA Hospital, MI Freedom Center, and donation boxes/packing party for a deployed unit. We are also working on fundraising. We're proud to have been selected as Sedona Taphouse's Dine Out for Charity Partner for January/February at the Novi, MI location.

On a more somber note, our Chapter organized our first Blue to Gold Presentation to honor Sgt. Matthew Bylski on January 4, 2024. While this was the most difficult thing we've done in our seven years as a chapter, it's also an important reminder of why we join Blue Star Mothers.



The Red White & Blue Star Mothers MI-198 met for dinner at Sedona Taphouse in Novi, MI for our January Social Event and to say thanks for selecting us as the January/February Dine Out for Charity Partner. Pictured from left to right - Margaret Brooks, Bridgette Lombardi, Tricia Galbraith, Beth Tryon, Bruce Tryon, Loran Brooks



The Red White & Blue Star Mothers MI-198 were ably represented at Blue Star Mother's Day at the Michigan Capital on February 1, 2024. We look forward to having this day be officially recognized by the Michigan Legislature. Pictured from left to right - Karen Socia, Theresa Monarch.

MN7 North Metro Blue Star Mothers

Made and signed Valentine Cards for our Veterans at the Minneapolis VA.



Holiday Potluck and Gift Exchange

Several members walked in the Winter Carnival Parade.



National Salute to Veteran Patients –
Minneapolis VA

Fisher House meal preparation for
Valentine's Day



MN11 St Paul Blue Star Mothers

Chapter Member, Debbie Zenner, delivered a set of cookware to the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV), who's mission is to end Veteran Homelessness in Minnesota



Lynn, Karla and Donna working the Meat Raffle. This is our chapters main fundraiser, every other Saturday, from October into April



Minnesota's 4th and 5th Districts of the American Legion invites the Blue Star Mothers to walk with them in the Annual Winter Carnival Parade. 14 members and family members of MN11, MN7 and MN13 participated this year. Some brought along their "Kids on a Stick" (It's a Minnesota thing) "Pickles" and his handler were along to keep us safe. They serve in the Secret Service and it was an honor having them with us! The weather was warm (for Minnesota) and we had a great day with our Legion friends.

Photo's courtesy of Shawn Davis

MN 16 PINE CITY BLUE STAR MOMS

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL!!!

Our group has been busy preparing for a big Comedy Show fundraiser on March 16th at the Braham Convention Center. We are busy selling tickets, planning for the silent auction and working hard to get the word out to the Community!!!

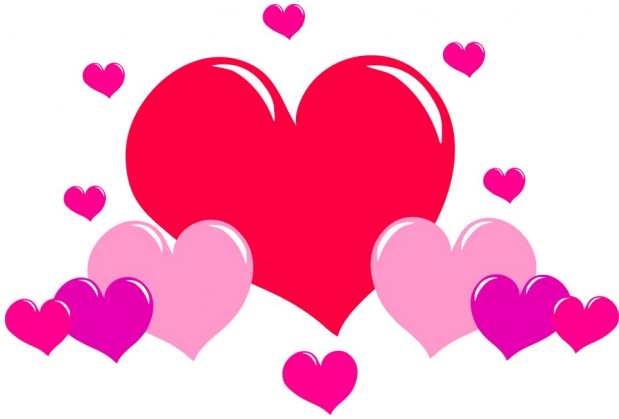


We are also planning for the Spring Craft Show also at the Braham Convention Center, on March 23rd with our booth where we will be providing lunch and information to the public about the Blue Star Moms and our mission.

Looking forward to 2024 and all the exciting adventures it holds for us all!

NM1 Four Corners Blue Star Mothers

Valentine care packages were prepared



**Kirtland Central High School to Retire Jersey of Fallen Hero,
Sgt. Clifton Yazzie**





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JAN.2024 HONORING OUR VETERANS



BUCKEYE MILITARY MOM - CENTRAL OHIO

2024 saw the chapter off to the races. We did Spring Cleaning in our work & storage areas & some pre-packing chores for our March 2nd Packing. We donated cookies, food items & candy to our local American Legion post, the Columbus USO & the MASH Food Pantry. We prepared for & staffed "Bon Appetit!" – our themed hostess table at our local VAMC. Plus, we kicked off our Valentines4Vets drive at our chapter meeting by making homemade Valentines.

We are collecting Valentines from the community to distribute at the VAMC!



During "Bon Appetit!" we distributed hardback cookbooks; puzzle books; gently used commercially produced CDs & DVDs; gently used books; candy; snack items: mugs with hot cocoa and instant oatmeal packets & granola bar; and more!

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On January 30th we held a fundraiser in conjunction with Tropical Smoothie Café in Fremont, Ohio. They were kind enough to donate 15% of their profits to our Chapter.

On December 16, 2023 we participated in Wreaths Across America at Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, Ohio. For the first time since Covid we were able to hold the ceremony inside the Ohio Veterans Home in the Hall. Many of the Veterans joined us for the ceremony.



On January 27th we held our 11th Anniversary Celebration at the Bellevue VFW. As you can see we all enjoyed a wonderful potluck and lots of time to bond and catch up after the holidays.



On February 6th, we were honored to present Mr. William Fey with a Quilt of Valor at the Huron County Veterans Council Meeting. On December 2nd at the Veteran of the Year Dinner we presented two other Quilts of Valor.



Blue Star Mothers of America, Lone Star Chapter TX6

Like so many other BSMA chapters, we struggle with fundraising, donations, member involvement, etc. Last year we were presented with an opportunity to partner with another organization to recognize veterans and active-duty service members. Young Men's Service League-Lovejoy was looking for an "Ultimate Gift" for the community. YMSL is made up of high school age boys/men and their mothers. Our chapter was lucky enough to be chosen as their recipient.

There are 3 stages to this gift.

The first stage, they gathered donations of games, DVDs and current magazines to give to our local MEPS. This is the first stop for many of the recruits in our area when leaving to serve our country.

The second stage was to gather donations, and pack, over 150 toiletry and snack bags for residents at a local VA hospital. They also hosted punch and cookies for the residents. The veterans were beyond grateful for the gifts and a chance to visit with these wonderful boys and their mothers.

The third stage, and final gift, was 75 care packages built, decorated and packed for us to ship to our service members.

We cannot express how indebted our chapter is for the commitment to such a large project from these mothers and their sons of YSML-Lovejoy. They were able to help us reach so many more service member and veterans than we would have on our own.



SPRING CREEK AREA TX18

BLUE STAR MOTHERS

Supporting Our Local Gold Star Mothers at Combined Events



BLUE STAR MOTHERS SE WI 2



FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Apparel Orders Due
February 25th

Field of Flags
May 20-24th

**Fundraiser Cooking
Class**
June 3rd at 6pm

At our first meeting of 2024 we welcomed and installed 4 new members to our chapter. Welcome ladies! Our year started off just as 2023 ended; celebrating sisterhood, supporting each other and our Military.



In January the annual Pampered Chef fund raiser was held and proceeds, pictured below (a 5-piece cookware set and other cooking utensils), were donated to the Union Grove Fairchild Hall Veterans Center. We were assured they would be put to good use!

This past year, as a chapter, one of our goals was to “pin” and “Welcome Home” as many Vietnam War Era Veterans as we could. Pictured below on the right was an impromptu meeting our chapter’s President had while at a salon appointment. The gentleman in the photo is a Vietnam Veteran who had yet to receive the 50th Commemoration Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin. Along with the pin, she ensured he received the proper Welcome Home hug!



The newly formed Mentoring committee (pictured below), consisting of several members and an associate member, met to discuss ideas and processes for mentoring new members and those who may have expressed interest in our group, but have yet to join.



**"To all the military moms out there,
you are the quiet heroes behind the
heroes. I am proud to stand among
you."**

FsmStatistics.Fm

HAPPY
Valentine's Day