



BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC.

June 2024

A message from our National President

Hello Sisters!

I can't believe it is already June. For those of us with cicadas.....hang in there, it's almost over!

We had the honor of spending a week in DC with our Gold Star Sisters, and a few of our own Moms who are also Veterans. This time is about much more than riding a motorcycle and being part of Rolling to Remember. It is about spending quality time with our Sisters who have experienced the loss of a child, a Gold Star Wife who lost their husband, and a Blue Star Mom who served themselves and experienced loss within their unit. To stand with each of them and support them through this week was an honor like no other. I am so thankful for the opportunity to be there, and to represent this organization.

We are just weeks away from our 2024 National Convention! Please don't forget to get your registration in, and Chapter Presidents, please make sure you get your delegate information submitted so everything can be verified ahead of time. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

As mentioned last month, I want to remind everyone that this year's President's Project is Warrior's for Freedom. A huge THANK YOU to those who have sponsored the 4th Annual Miles for Our Veterans – If these Boots Could Talk 5K, and a special shout out to the Department of Minnesota for being the first Department to join the sponsorship! Get your t-shirt by clicking this link <https://mandysteesandmore.com/collections/blue-star-mom-campaign/products/bsm-miles-for-our-veterans>. If you scroll to the bottom of that page, you can also make a monetary donation. For large monetary donations, please contact president.1L6@bluestarmothers.us as they are leading the fundraising for us. We ask that everyone have their donations in by 5:00pm on Monday, July 29 in order to have a grand total for the big check. Warriors for Freedom will display this at their facility, so we want to ensure everyone is included in our final number. All Chapters making a substantial contribution will be recognized during the presentation.

The Convention t-shirt has been released. Thanks to all who have already purchased. It will be running through the end of July; however, if you want to receive your shirt so you can wear it at the Convention, please order it soon. The other two shirt campaigns, Be Kind and the R.E.D. shirt, are still available as well. Remember that these two campaigns can be outside of our organization, so please continue to promote these on your social media pages. All proceeds are going towards convention to help keep your registration fee down.

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



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Facebook Issues



We are receiving reports of harassment, bullying, nit picking etc. on social media regarding “Blue Star Mother” Facebook pages. We would like to explain: There are **MANY** social media sites that claim to be Blue Star Mother accounts. We want to clarify what our official Facebook accounts are and that we do not control these other sites that claim to be “Blue Star Mothers.”

Below are the 4 pages that are official “Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc” We have admins for these pages and have control over what is posted and our admins can remove inappropriate posts, and have done so in the past. The National Board is always happy to clarify any issues with our pages you may have but we cannot do anything about the other sites except try to educate others by posting something like; “This site is not related to the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. in any way” and you can “unfollow” those pages.



Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc
16K likes • 17K followers

This is the only official Facebook page of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. Chapter locations and contact information can be found at this link:
<http://www.bluestarmothers.org/locate-a-chapter-2>



Blue Star Mothers of America Fundraising Opportunities
586 likes • 633 followers

Admin quick access
You can promote or boost a post while using your main profile. To see more, switch to [Blue Star Mothers of America Fundraising Opportunities](#).



Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. >
Private group • 400 members

Joined | Invite

You | Featured | Photos | Events



Blue Star Mothers of America Convention
635 likes • 716 followers

Our annual national conventions are a time for us to share, celebrate and educate with Military Mothers who belong to the BSMoA organization!

See dashboard | Add to story

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:

Option 1: 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 08/31/2025. No waiting - done! **We do ask that you print your receipt and provide a copy to your Chapter for their records.**

Option 2: You may pay your Chapter and they can submit a Chapter Dues Renewal on your behalf. **This is also an easy way to renew your dues.** It will take a little longer than paying online by the time the Chapter and the National 1VP/National Financial Secretary process the renewal. 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 at least monthly.**

Option 3: 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,

Karen Stillwell

National 1VP, 1vp@bluestarmothers.us

*Books Ordered Before June 28th

Will Be Delivered FREE to Convention



CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES IN THIS YEAR'S

BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA YEARBOOK!

Customize Your 2 Free Pages

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From the desk of

Anne Parker, VAVS Representative



During the week of May 13th , National VAVS Representative, PNP Anne Parker and National VAVS Deputy Doreen Berggren attended the 78th Annual VA Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee Meeting & Conference in St Louis, Mo. During this week we attended several workshops, networking events and meetings. There were 220+ in attendance.

Anne Parker is a valued member of the prestigious James H. Parke Memorial Scholarship Committee. The luncheon was well attended where we saw three High School Seniors receive awards from \$500.00 - \$20,000 for their outstanding volunteerism and service to our veterans. The scholarship recipients are youth volunteers at the VA facilities from across the country.



Our organization, Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc donated along with other service organizations. Any of our chapters may donate as well. For information on how to donate please ask our National Rep. Anne Parker.



2024 – 2025 VAVS CHALLENGE

Every Chapter is a puzzle piece and to complete the puzzle we need YOU to do your part. Here is a Challenge we present to each chapter.

For each chapter to make at least one donation to the nearest VA hospital and report donation to vavs.deputy@bluestarmothers.us for record keeping purposes. If you regularly make donations, please make another as part of this challenge.

Whether your chapter has a VAVS Representative or not, whether you are close to a facility or not. We ALL can accept this challenge. How? Donate items by using an online company like Walmart or Amazon and have it delivered direct to the facility. One chapter I know donated a TELEVISION for the Rec Room through Amazon.

Your chapter can also donate a check.

If you do not know what VA Hospital is near you or you don't know who to contact or don't know how to make out a check, please ASK ME. Doreen – vavs.deputy@bluestarmothers.us

If there any questions about the nearest facility to chapter, please direct them to Doreen Berggren, vavs.deputy@bluestarmothers.us

Rep.'s please add this donation to your monthly report as Donation Challenge but also email me separately.

Thank you ALL.

How many donations can be made RIGHT NOW! At convention we can make a report on how many chapters accepted this challenge.

VAVS CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENT



Our project for the 2024 convention is collecting Sweatpants for the Oklahoma VA.

Sweatpants should have Pockets!

Colors: Grey - Black or Navy.

Sizes - Medium - Large - XLarge - 2XLarge - 3XLarge

In the past chapters have ordered from Walmart - Amazon or any online shopping with best prices that can ship.

You can begin to ship Now.... ship to this residential address:

Christy Brown

1113 W FARGO LANE

Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012

We thank Christy very much for her help!



Online Store Special!!

May 15th through July 11th when you order \$30.00 worth of items (not including shipping) from the online store you will receive a **free** RED Flag Patch with your order.



Just sign into the National Website, go to online store tab and place your order! It's as easy as that, it will not show up on your order but will be included in the shipment.

IMPORTANT

ANNOUNCEMENT



Some minor changes as we prepare for our National Convention:

*July 12th the online store will be closed

*July 13-26 orders can be placed to pick up at National Convention with no shipping charge!

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE . . .

We are so appreciative of all of the suggested grammar, wording and submissions for changes to our Governing Documents. We understand how much time it took to read, re-read and review all of the documents and we thank you for the all of the hours of efforts by individuals and chapters!

Shortly, you will receive a copy of each of our proposed Governing Documents, showing the changes provided by those who responded to us, and by the Bylaws Committee. The Committee has been reviewing all of the documents continuously and have made new suggested changes, as well. Guaranteed, every time one reviews a document, one can find an error, or a better way to express the concept!

The documents you will be receiving are color-coded:

Blue for new suggested language (just like before)

Red for suggested deleted items (just like before)

Purple for changes to the **Blue** items previously sent to you

Green for the reasons for the changes given by those who submitted the changes, or for Bylaws Committee comments

Our timeline, as approved by the NEB at the mid-year meeting, was created to give your chapters approximately 6 weeks to review all of the suggested changes. It is important for chapters to review the documents so that your chapter members can provide direction for the delegates that will be attending convention. This may require a special meeting for your chapter, so please try to plan ahead.

Your voices count and there may be “friendly amendments” from the floor at convention, to clarify, or change proposals that have been made. We all want your delegates to be well-informed as to your chapter’s preferences.

We have been honored to serve as the Bylaws Committee this year. Your hard work has helped us to continue to improve our Governing Documents, and your support has been incredible!

Looking forward to seeing you in person at convention to thank you personally!



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National Guard

Daniel Danny Slay
Daniel Denny Andrews
Darrell G. Duncil
Donnie W. Edwards, Sr
Douglas Bronson
Homer McBride
James Larry McGill
John Leon Johnson
Richard A Marquis
Roger Wayne Davis
Russell Ware
Thomas Ray Coffman

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Aaron Johnson Sr.
Aaron Stephen Rollins
Alan Bryant White
Albert John Tempelmeier
Albert Leo Manuel Bivens
Alfonso Perea
Allen Wayne Young
Alva Allen Coach
Anthony Ellis Tinker Farris, Sr.
Aubrey M. Redding
Basilio R. Flores
Benjamin G. Brooks
Bennie Doyle Waters
Bernie Holstine
Bobby Eugene Clemens
Bobby Neil Henderson
Brian Christopher Fox
Brian Forshee
Brian Joseph James Speese
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Cecil J Downing Sr
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Russenberger
Charles Imhof
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Charles Lee Jett
Charles Leslie Wright
Charles Michael Oury
Charles Ray Jackson, Jr.
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Clark Andrew Rogers
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Darrell Gene Bender
Daryl R Boatwright
David Gay
Delmar Elias Shepard
Dennis Lysne
Dennis Denny Kent Russel
Dennis Raymond Messer Sr
Denver L. Walker
Diane Wike
Donald A Izzy Isabell
Donald J Everett
Donald Joe King
Donald Snyder
Dustin Lee Cooper
Dwayne Siade
Dwight Eldon Hott
Dwight L Bradham Sr.
Earl E R Seibert
Elizabeth Lia Johnson
Elton Eugene Morgan
Emanuel Purdee Johnson
Enoch Causey, Sr.
Eric Tarango
Ernest H Lyons
Ernest Molina
Exavier Ruffin
Ferrol Levi Hammock
Frank Gaan
Fred Pulliam
Frederick "Fred" C Desma-
rais
Freddie Lee Bailey
Fredrick Wahlgren
Gale C Bates
Garlin Dean Workman
Gary Lee Josephson
Gary Joseph Marsh
Gary Maier
Gary Randolph Cook

Geoffrey Daunis
George Bishop
George V. Jones Jr
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Geryl Lee Johnston
Gilbert Mojika-Ortiz
Greg Allen Petersen
Gregory E. Hansen
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Guy J Adams
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Harold L Jordan
Harold Land
Harold Randall Jordan
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Harry Warren Barnes
Homer Ferguson
Hosea Lowell Jump
Howard Davis
Hugh Warren Vertrees
Ishmael Wayne Rhodes
J B Lowry Jr
Jack Lee Bartholomew
Jack R Ring
James A. Sipes Sr.
James Burton Keller Sr
James Curry
James David Cain
James E. Bryan
James Edward Campbell
James F. Young
James Jim Parsley
James Jimmy Wilson Brooks,
Jr.
James John Serafine
James Kelly Lewis
James Lloyd Daniels
James Timothy Sullivan
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James Weldon Testerman
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Jeffery David Olsen
Jeffrey Harrington
Jeffrey Lane Anderson
Jeffrey Lynn Lear
Jerry Cherokee Ray Ice Jr.
Jerry House
Jesus M Rodriguez, Jr.
Jimmy Lee Leger
Joel Gonzales
John Carleton
John Lester Sauter

John McClain Jr
John Morris Bates
Joseph John Skretkowicz
John Peters
John Rose
John Whitener, Jr.
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Joseph Bryan DeTiere
Joseph Carl Turek
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Kenneth Miller
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Larry Kenneth Aldridge
Larry R Sumpter
Lawrence Crawford
Lawrence Schafer
Leon Howard Yancey
Lester Feuestein
Lloyd Williams Richards
Lonnie Harris Jr.
Luther "Stoney" Stepp
Manuel Ortega
Martin G Olsen
Matthew Owen Burke
Mawrisio John Vasquis
Gatica
Melvin Ed Ted Bishop
Merle W Kneebone
Michael A Suddath
Michael D Spilotro
Michael Dale Edwards
Michael E Boyer
Michael James Harris
Michael "Mike" Roy Decker
Michael Ray Jackson
Michael T. Scroggins
Morris Ray Wayne
Moses Onciu

Neil Girard Ross
Neil Hudnall Smith
Newton Robert Carper
O D Roseby
Oceanus Payne
Oscar Panis
Patrick Peterson
Paul Babineaux
Paul J O'Neil
Phillip Leon McCowan
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Ralph K. Spencer
Raymond Atkinson, Jr.
Raymond George Freeman
Raymond L. Williams, Jr.
Richard Barnett
Richard Beagle Sr
Richard Gay
Richard Learn Arnold, Jr.
Richard Richie John Howells
Ricky Mitchell
Robert A Sweat
Robert "Bob" J. Kuta
Robert Cameron Smith III
Robert Clifford Anderson
Robert E Quanne
Robert Eugene Trimble
Robert Francis Schepker
Robert L Ferris Jr.
Robert Ott Sr
Robert Rhodes
Ronald Ron Douglas
Stupperich
Robert W Rosenberger
Robert Wesley Jones
Robert West
Rodney Wayne Riley Dr.
Ron Singleton
Ronald Dehlin
Ronald Edward Smith
Ronald Joseph Zitzmann
Ronald Lee Roark
Ronald Wayne Hoskins
Ronnie Durksen
Rudolph Daniel Long
Sam Akeman
Sam Houghton
Sam McKenzie
Scott Alan Norris
Scott Joseph Rogers
Sherri Ruth McGlynn
Steven Howard Hall
Steven P. Sandman

Stewart Montgomery Earl
Stuart N Nibeck
Thomas Albert Pailles
Thomas Edmund "Ed" Min-
gledorff III
Thomas General Jr
Thomas Gilbert Blackburn
Thomas Guziak
Thomas P Koopman
Tom Wallace, Jr.
Tommy Dale Franklin
Tracy Eugene Lucas
Trenton Earp
Vernon Dale Bagley
Walahn Kilgore
Wallace Owen Simonson
Walter Allen Glenn
Walter Scott MacNeil
Wilbur Zodock Vereen
Willard Monroe Coffman
William Aden Pegram
William Babaian
William C WC Felts
William Carl Birosh
William Charles Bischoff
William D Woodson
William Daryle Pipkey
William Gordon McCardell,
Jr
William Joseph Bill Kaplan Jr
William L. Goodwin
William Routhorfor Akery III
William Thomas Bayha
William Thomas Stewart
Willie Lawrence Potts
Wyland Wayne Hopkins
Timothy Schafer
Scott Maurice "Grumpy"
Brown/Air Force Reserve
Richard G. Henninger/Air
National Guard
Eldon "Sam" Edward Kitch-
en/Marine
Danny Lee Vanderwall/Nav
y
Gilbert "Louie" Louis Jen-
kins/Nav
y
James Donald Rich/Nav
y
Army Reserve
Larry Lex Johnston
Thomas "Tom" Wesley
Denton



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 Barry L Gardner
 Bernie Shoemoe
 Billy Gene Bass
 Billy Joel Hackett
 Brian Wayne Jones
 Bruce W Salisbury
 Danny P. Dietz Sr.
 Danny Dan Hunt
 Daniel Michael Burroughs
 Daniel Robert Duncan
 Danny P Dietz Sr.
 David Lee Condit
 David Michael Chaidez
 Donald Delbert Hitt
 Donald Edward Henry
 Duane F. Heim
 Duane P. Crampton
 Dwight E Amstutz
 Edgar Allen Scoville
 Edward Talbert
 Eric Rhinhart Schubert
 Floretta Driver
 Frank Gaudio
 Frank Joseph Masanz
 Frank L Hatcher Jr.
 Frank Otis Shirley
 Frederick Cook
 Gary Hart Day
 Gene Houston Rutledge
 George Ernest McKinley
 Graham Allen Smith
 Gregory John Flannery
 Harold Martin
 Harold Otto Fisk
 Howard William Waller
 Hazel Marie Hitson
 Weidman
 Herbert Ronald Gordy, Jr.
 Herman B. England
 Howard William Waller
 Jack Biddle
 Jack D Camp
 James "Bud" LeRoy Whis-
 more
 James Gorman
 James Hollis Powell
 James Luther White
 James Nathan Lewis
 James Rupert Grubbs
 Jerry Keith Williams

Jimmie Wilson Ward
 John Lee Brady
 John Richard Reisbick
 Joseph Glover, Sr.
 Juan Antonio Tony Castro
 Kenneth Lentz
 Kenneth Raymond VanLiere
 Kevin Christopher Cooper
 Kevin Martin McCoy
 Larry Gene Romine
 Larry Wayne Nelson
 Larry Windsor
 Laurence Gregory
 Lawrence Schneider
 Leftwich Ray Reynolds
 Leroy Francis Rothrauff
 Lester Francis White
 Mark Allen Wright
 Mark Kelly
 Marvin Dale Coffman
 Michael Nose
 Michael Sims
 Peter Daniel Podufal
 Raymond Loyd Robbins
 Richard C Gasper
 Richard Dickerson
 Richard Hoar
 Ricky A St. John
 Ricky Gene McDivitt
 Robert Eugene Kiser
 Robert J Connors
 Roberta Lee Smalls
 Ronald B Prussiano
 Ross Randle Terry
 Roy Campbell
 Roy Frank Peters III
 Royal Arthur Lomblot
 Russell T. Cramer
 Stanley Jesse Douglass
 Stephen R Kerr
 Steven Stanley Wiktorski
 Terryl Lee Whiting
 Timothy Dean Gillson
 Timothy Keegan
 Toney Donald Medrick
 Vermelle P Smith
 Vernon Wilkens
 Walter Lee "Buddy"
 Deffinbaugh
 William Arnold Holdgrafer
 William Ervin Hodges
 William F. Barnes
 William J Mosey

Willie Arthur Nolan Sr
 Robert Lee Elkins
 Michael Wayne Edmiston/
 Air Force
 Gregory Robert Ellyett/Army
Marine Corp
 Albert Clark
 Albert L. Reed
 Ann Di Maio
 Bobby G. Ledbetter
 Bonita J. O'Hara
 Carl M Terry, Jr.
 Charles Williams
 Daniel C. Luttrull, Sr.
 David Linden Arceneaux Sr.
 Dennis Keith Poling
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 Donald C. Shedd
 Douglas William Abruzzo
 Eddie McRay Cranford
 Elijah Woods, Jr
 Francis Gremaud
 George Gamez
 Harry Earl Allen
 Harvey "Tim" Timothy Amos
 Herbert Richard Bales
 James Lamont Jones
 Jerome Gary Cooper
 John Burton Johnston
 John D Keaney
 John Reginald Morris
 John Wesley Johnson
 Joseph Daniel Swartzlander
 Kenneth Aloysius Hediger
 Kenneth Wayne Huffman
 Kevin L. Lovett
 Larry Shayne Croley
 Lawrence P Devine
 Lawrence Robert Potts
 Mariealena Lamagna
 Marilyn Effie Williams
 Michael Joseph Gibson
 Miguel Ortega
 Milton Ray White
 Morris Duran Kingery
 Nicholas Ryan Campbell
 Oliver Henry Bauer
 Paul Calleja
 Paul Martin Crutcher
 Peter John Ebben, III
 Raymond Winston Tanco
 Richard W Osborn
 Robert "Bob" McGinty

Robert Joe Marrs
 Robert S Pop Crouch
 Shallan Michael Byrd
 Steven Andrew Boyles
 Steven G Schone
 Steven Jones
 T J Johnson, Jr.
 Thomas A. Spada
 Walter T. Murray
 William D Hayes
 John Rutovich/Air Force
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 Army National Guard
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 Guard
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Coast Guard
 Brad Allen Woolever
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 James Sinyard
 Larry Ace Garcia
 Rene David Gotiear, Sr
Air Force
 Adrian Michael Nejedly
 Alvin R. Kirk
 Alvin Strickland
 Anita Morgan
 Ann Marie Deusch
 Arnold J. Ahkeah
 Barry Conway
 Barry L Steenberg
 Billy Jake Johnson
 Billy Ray Talbert
 Bobby Allen Dix
 Bruce R. Minton
 Bruce Schollmeyer
 Buddy Clay Waters Sr
 Carl M. Rogg, Jr.
 Chalma L. Sexton Jr.
 Charles William Bellavia Jr
 Chester Gordon Oehme, Jr.
 Clarence Earl Sims
 Clyde Hurst
 Cray Patty O" Fay
 Daniel Walter Engstrom
 David Ehrlich
 David Lee Stover
 Dennis Meyer
 Dennis Oran Myers
 Dicky Lee Bridges
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Donald Murray Maher
 Donald V. Coston
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 Edgar William Jennings, Jr.
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 Harold Patton
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 Janet Barbara Reynolds
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 John Byron Bond
 John Coffman
 Joseph P Burke
 John P Parker. Jr
 Joseph Mastalski
 Joseph P. Burke
 Joseph William Ledbetter
 Juan Antonio Esquivel
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 Kenneth E Smith, Jr.
 Larry Verl Brower
 Larry W Sweeney
 Larry Whitlock
 Linda L Jewell
 Lura Vanzant
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 Marvin L Odefey
 Maurice Buck Owens
 Michael Anthony Uhl
 Nat Mendoza
 Omer Don Crafton
 Patrick Linn Kill
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 Paul Michael Sollars
 Paul Vinson Burgess

Paul W. Moore
 Peter James Waddell
 Philip Anthony Dixon
 Phillip Robert Reynolds
 Phillip Rowe Shoneck
 Richard Brown
 Ricky David Leiderman
 Robert Charles Hunt
 Robert Greene
 Robert J Schranz
 Robert Jaegers
 Robert Macias
 Robert Patterson
 Robert Vaughn Tompson
 (Dr)
 Rodney Brockman Hunt
 Roger Lee Ellis
 Roger Talant
 Ronald F Frampton
 Roy J Kelley
 Roy Medric Wheeler
 Rudolfo Rudy Gallegos
 Russell Glynn Boutwell Jr.
 Russell Kirkpatrick
 Stanley Crayton
 Steven Paul Smith
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 Terry Lee Oseine
 Thomas Corzine
 Thomas Doeller
 Thomas K Stennett
 Timothy Ray Price
 Vernon C "Marty" Mueller
 William D Carson
 William Michael Supple
 William Norman Hernden
 Clarence "Todd" Leslie Tar-
 dy/Army Reserce
 Robert "Bob" Denis Kranz/
 Navy Reserve/Coast Guard
 Reserve
 Robert Bob Poppo Joe King/
 Navy Reserve

Blue Daisies



Linda Samuels

Vice Pres OH11

Will be deeply missed by
her chapter and many
Blue Star Sisters



Lula Lamb was a 23-year veteran
who served in the US Army in
finance, accounting, and
personnel, retiring as a sergeant
first class.

She was a Gold Star Mother to
Almar Fitzgerald, Marine

Mentor News

As I meet Blue Star Mothers throughout the country (virtually or in person) I ask them who their mentor is. Unfortunately, not everyone knows who their chapter mentor is.

Every chapter has a mentor!

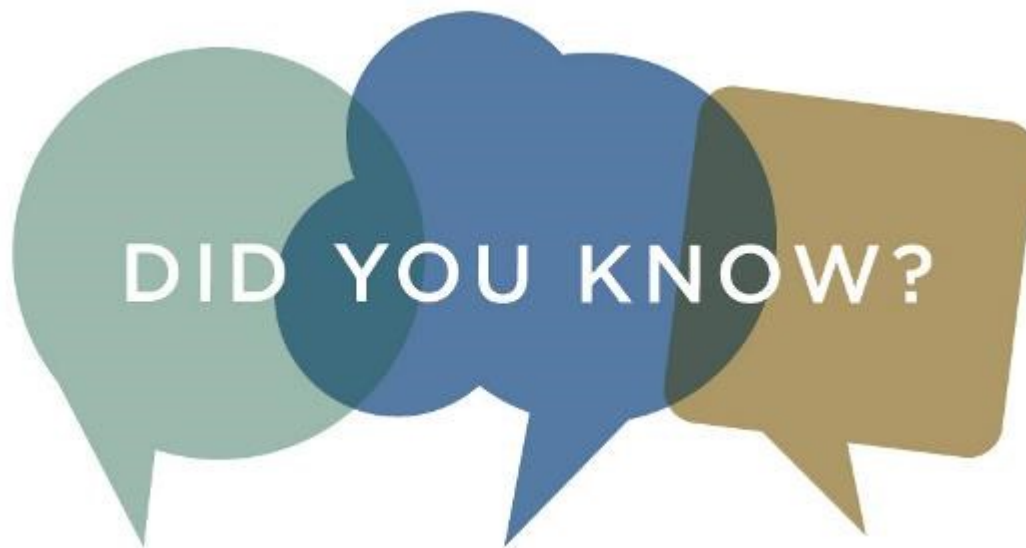
The mentors are **every** chapter member's mentor, not just the executive board's mentor. Many don't know what a mentor is and what the mentor can do for them. I want to take a bit of your time to tell you what your mentor can do for you.

- ◇ A mentor can answer questions about officer duties. Elections are right around the corner. Some members may be interested in being nominated for a particular position but afraid to ask the existing officer what their duties and obligations are. The mentor can assist you in getting that information.
- ◇ A mentor can answer questions about the election process for the chapters.
- ◇ A mentor can answer questions about the National Convention. The "Convention Chatter" covers many questions but it is always good to have someone to ask. No question is a dumb question!
- ◇ A mentor can help you find the answer to Governing Document questions. The mentors don't know all of the governing documents by heart (at least I don't) but they know who to ask to clarify questions.
- ◇ A mentor can give you ideas on fundraising, recruiting new members, retaining old members, ideas on ways to support our veterans, ideas on what to pack in care packages.
- ◇ A mentor can guide you to the National Officers that you may want to contact. The National Executive Board is always available to assist every member!

I could go on and on about how the mentors can help you, but I won't! If you have any questions or don't know who your mentor is, please email me at mentor.chair@bluestarmothers.us

Denise Guerra, National Mentor Chair



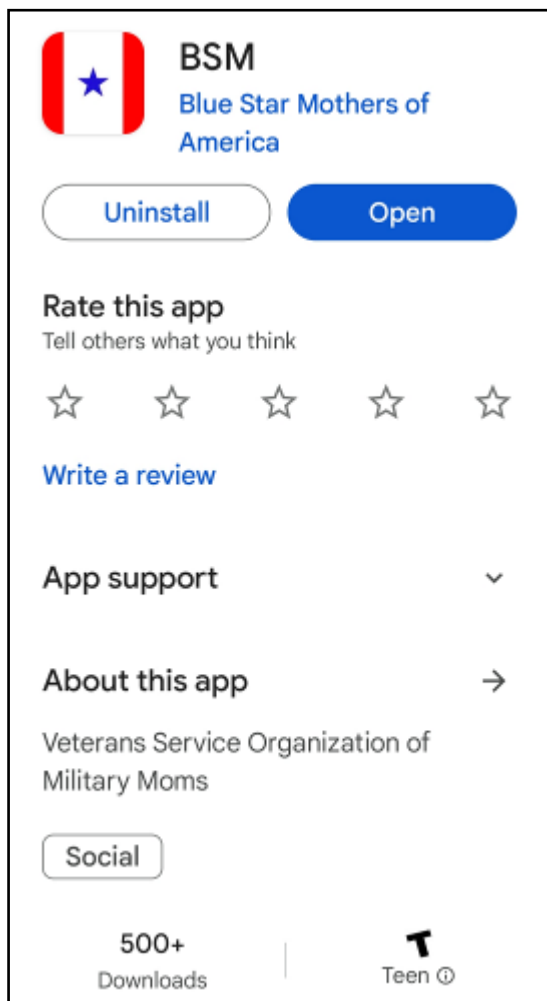


Blue Star Mothers of America has an app??

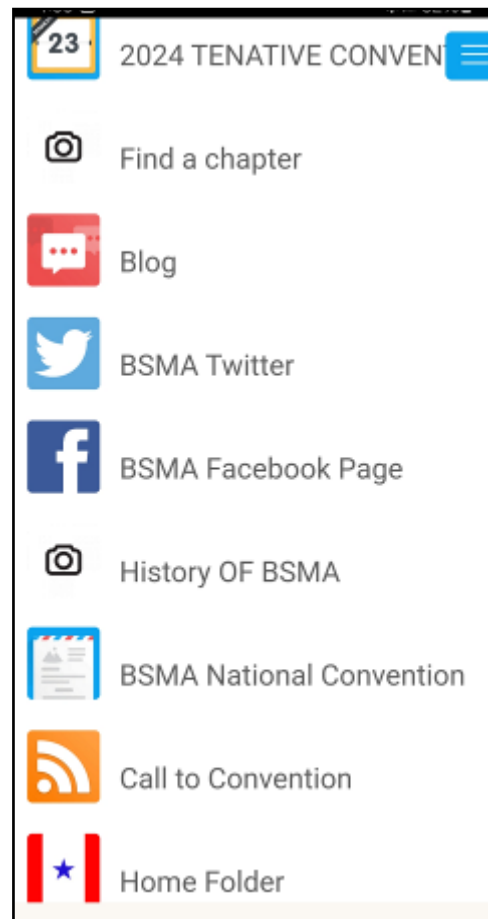
Go to your favorite App Store and download it today!

So much information is found on the app! You can see the schedule for National Convention with a touch of your finger, no more carrying your paper schedule around. But there's more... You can see the history of Blue Star Mothers of America, locate a chapter and register new members right on the app!

You can connect to multiple social media sites and so much more!



Download it today to see everything you have available at your fingertips



TREASURE COAST BLUE STAR MOTHERS, FLII



SUPPORTING ACTIVE DUTY,
VETERANS, AND
MILITARY FAMILIES
www.BlueStarMothersFLII.org



Chapter President Carrie Beck and Treasurer Karen Hurstius carry the chapter wreath to honor the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Melbourne, FL



New members joining the chapter regularly. We're so glad to welcome new military moms. They bring amazing energy



Chapter members enjoy "Muffina and Moments" with veterans at our Adopt A Vet outreach



Sandy Seitz and her husband join chapter members and crowd at the May Honor Flight Welcome Home event at Palm Beach airport



Treasure Coast Blue Star Mothers participates in the Rolling Thunder event over Memorial Day weekend. Military Veteran and Florida Congressman Brian Mast is center





MAY IS NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH!

HONORING, REMEMBERING, AND RECOGNIZING ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL: THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY AND ALL WHO SERVE NOW, AS WELL AS THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN DEFENSE OF OUR FREEDOM.

THANK YOU, FOR YOUR SERVICE & SACRIFICE

WREATHS *across* AMERICA



MAY IS NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH. OUR RIM BLUE STAR MOMS SHOWED THEIR APPRECIATION BY PACKING 18 CARE PACKAGES TO SEND TO OUR ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY KIDS. ALMA AND VICKI SET UP AN INFO BOOTH AT LAKE ARROWHEAD ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE AND GAVE STICKERS TO THE KIDS. WE PARTICIPATED IN THE MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AT SAN MORITZ LODGE IN CRESTLINE WHERE 4 VETERANS WERE WRAPPED IN QUILTS OF VALOR.



Blue Star Mothers of Coastal Carolina SC8



Saturday, May 4th

Horry County JROTC Drill Meet & Greet

Military Appreciation Month



Myrtle Beach Pelicans
Military Appreciation Game



Mother's Day
May 12th
Myrtle Beach Classic
PGA
Tournament
Handing out flowers
to the mothers



Sunday, May 19th Girl Scout Cookie Hero Box Packing

144 boxes packed and shipped over seas

Myrtle Beach Military Appreciation Parade

Saturday May 25th



Brookgreen Gardens Memorial Day 5K

Sunday, May 26th

We put stickers with the names of Veterans on the Race Bibs
BSM Maria ran with her son home on leave. George never left his
Moms side. Maria finished 3rd in her age group.



Monday, Memorial Day
Myrtle Beach Memorial
Day Ceremony

Col. Robert Hawkins
Veteran Volunteer
Service Award

Awarded to

Carol Dion

President of Blue Star
Mothers of Coastal
Carolina

Memorial Day, Jack Platt Walk on the Blvd. for Veterans



Department of Minnesota



Donna Cain-Eichers MN11, placed a wreath, on behalf of the Department, at Fort Snelling National Cemetery during the Memorial Day Ceremony.

She is pictured with her escort and Governor Tim Walz.



Department members met with State Senator Tina Smith while in DC over the Memorial Day weekend.

Pictured here Left to Right:

Karla Keller MN11, Jeanne Ullmer and Terri Hawkinson MN7, Senator Smith, Jen Pecarina MN13, Pam Dickson and Mary Johnson MN7.

On June 6th, 2024, VAVS Rep. Helen Helgeson MN13 and Dep. Sharon Skaro, MN1 attended the St. Cloud, MN VA Health Care System held their Annual Volunteer Recognition Celebration.



OH26 Ohio Buckeyes



The Ohio Buckeyes Chapter 26 had fun packing some boxes for our troops in May. We had a great time filled with purpose and friendship.

A few of our members were also able to attend a Memorial Service at the Eaton Township Butternut Ridge Cemetery on Memorial Day weekend. We were asked to lay wreaths as a part of the service. It's always nice to participate in these community events and promote awareness of our organization.



MN11 St Paul Blue Star Mothers

The St Paul Blue Star Mothers have had a busy month!



Several of our members shopped and packaged art supplies that were shipped to a MN NG Unit that is deployed. This was a special request from the unit to help them relax after difficult missions.



Five of our members and families joined the Department of MN's Honored Always fundraiser and put flowers out at Fort Snelling.



Two of our members joined other Blue Star Mothers that were invited by National President, Rebecca Stafford to attend the Washington DC Memorial Day Events.

Pictured are; Amy Hutchinson-National Recording Secretary (OH57), Denise Guerra-National Mentor Chair and Karla Keller-National 2VP (both MN11 members) along with their Escorts, Shane, Nate and Larry from PA.





Southwestern Pennsylvania

Chapter PA16

- Volunteered: Robin's Home event benefiting women Veterans and their children
- Presented: Red, white and blue graduation honor cords at 15 high school assemblies
- Participated: 2 Memorial Day parades
- Volunteered: Placed flags at multiple cemeteries in advance of Memorial Day
- Hosted: Guest speaker - Robert Morris University Center for Veterans and Military Families
- Meeting fun: Potato Bar dinner followed by Bead Bar craft project
- Volunteered and donated raffle baskets: Heroes Supporting Heroes Fundraiser
- Volunteered: Day of Hope and Smiles Shepherd's Heart Veteran's Home
- Hosted: Night at the Races event
- Volunteered: Honor Flight Pittsburgh
- Hosted: Guest speaker - Researching Veterans in your Family - Reuschel Research
- Volunteered and donated raffle baskets: Annual Armed Forces Golf Outing



PA14 Blue Star Mothers of NEPA

We have been busy - marching in two parades, attending (with our own table) a Veterans Meet-up Fair in Tunkhannock where they had many organizations represented for veteran resources. We also helped to replace flags at our local cemetery along with the American Legion members on Armed Forces Day (in the pouring rain) and we had two of our members replenish the Military Appreciation room at the AVP (Wilkes-Barre/Scranton airport) where the Blue Star Mothers of NEPA are in charge of keeping it stocked (kind of like a USO in a bigger airport).



Armed Forces Day Parade in Scranton, PA



Memorial Day Parade held in Tunkhannock, PA





Lone Star Chapter, TX6

Lone Star Chapter, TX6 had several events to honor and remember the fallen for Memorial Day 2024. They will never be forgotten.



Placing flags at Richardson Memorial Park



The Flag Crew!
We couldn't do it without all of our fantastic associates!



Helping our Veterans honor and remember their fallen comrades.



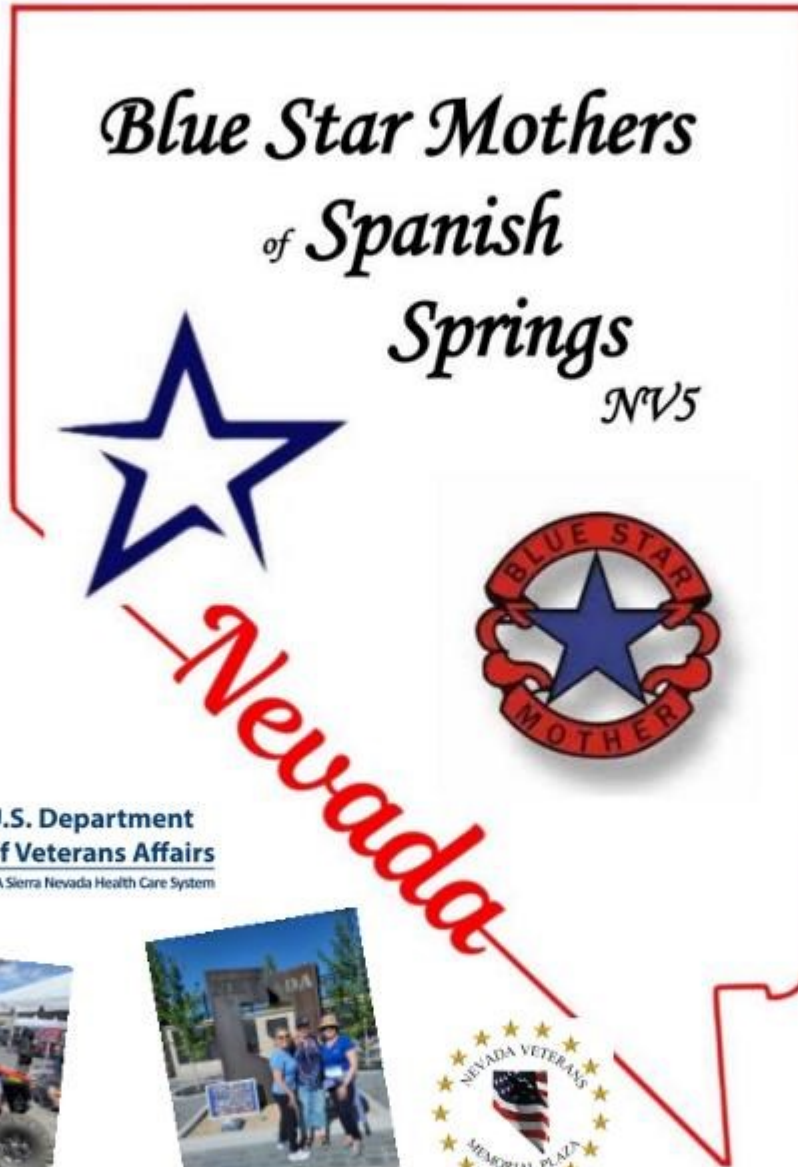
Reading names at Plano Sunset Memorial



Joining our Gold Star Mothers to read the names at the McKinney Memorial Day Service.

Upcoming Events

- June 25-Monthly meeting
- June 29-Richardson Flag Program
- July 4-McKinney Red White And Boom! Parade
- July 6-Richardson Flag Program
- July 25-Monthly Meeting
- August 22-Monthly Meeting



Blue Star Mothers ROC NY8 June 2024



Parades

BSM NY8 participated two Memorial Day parades & the Lilac Festival parade. The vehicles in the Memorial Day parades had Gold Stars with a picture of the service member. Our parade BSMs are Pat Witt & Vera Mae Rudd-Young



Honor & Remember

The true meaning of Memorial Day is to honor and remember those families who lost a loved one while serving our great country. Gold Star Families deserve and appreciate our recognition of their sacrifice and find comfort in knowing that our community will never forget them or their loved one. BSM NY8 participated in the remembrance at the Gold Star Families Memorial. Pictured is the BSM NY8 Chaplain

Mary Anne Zani. The Gold Star Families Memorial was dedicated June 10, 2016 with Medal of Honor Recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams the driving force to get this memorial built



NE2

Nebraska Chapter 2-Heartland MOMS participated in “Give to Lincoln Day” in May to raise funds for care packages.





★ LONG ISLAND BLUE STAR MOMS NY6 ★

Calverton National Cemetery Flag Placement and Assembly
 “Boxes of Love” Packing to our Deployed Troops
 Ronkonkoma Memorial Day Parade & Assembly
 Calverton National Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony
 Roger’s 22 Mile Walk

NJ6

On April 27, Blue Star Mothers of Northern New Jersey chapter 6 held a beef steak dinner / tricky tray fundraiser, where over 30 prizes were raffled off. The funds will be used to purchase and ship care packages to troops deployed overseas. They raised almost \$5000.



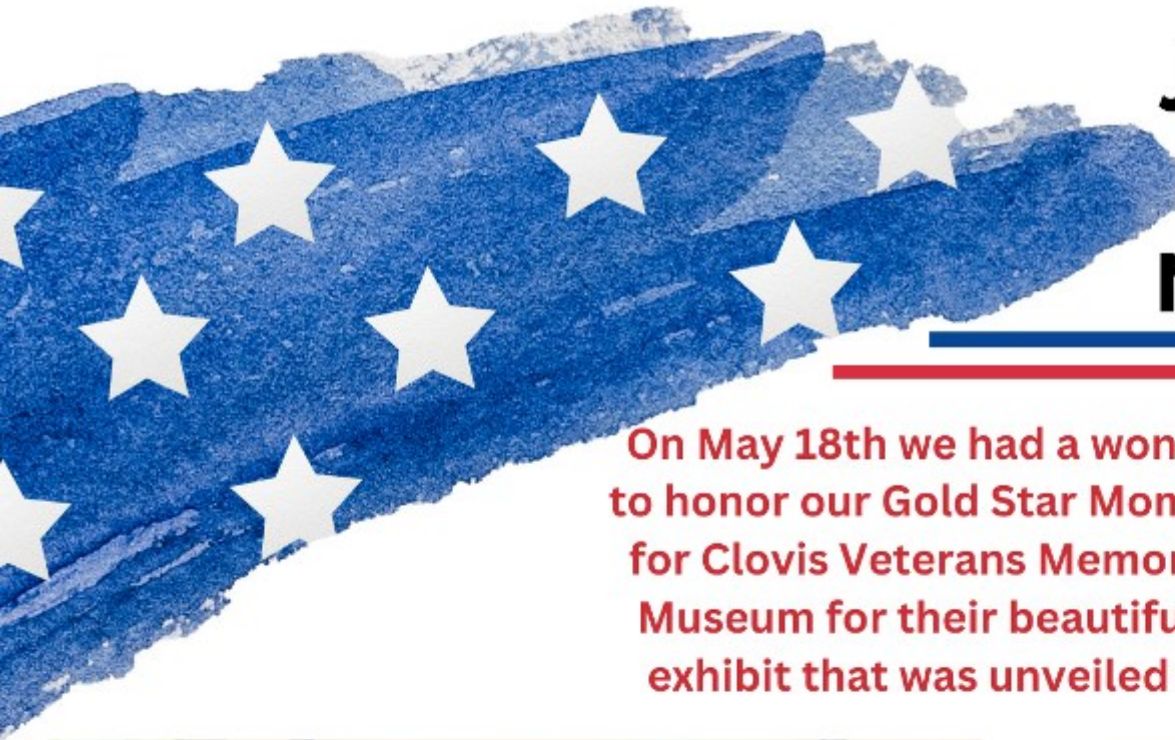


This past month has been a busy one for us. We have had members attend Armed Services Day in New Orleans, Veterans Appreciation Day at the State Capitol, Boots to Blue Tree of Remembrance & Flag planting at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana, Our annual Memorial Day Garden of Flags at the State Capitol, & the Memorial Day Ceremony at Louisiana National Cemetery. All of this plus assembling and delivering 50 deployment bags. Great job to everyone for all your hard work.



LA1





June 2024 CA 10 Newsletter

On May 18th we had a wonderful Gold Star Tea to honor our Gold Star Moms. We are so grateful for Clovis Veterans Memorial District Heritage Museum for their beautiful Blue Star Mothers exhibit that was unveiled for us at our event.



Thank you to the following groups that helped support our Veterans project:

- Cecil Cox American Legion #147
- Cecil Cox American Legion #147 Riders
- Bill Rogers
- VFW Post 3225
- VFW Post 3225 Auxiliary



YELLOW ROSE - TX20

June 2024



BSMA Yellow Rose TX20

Established May 5, 2024



TX20 Board (left to right)

- Jennifer Rowe - Treasurer
- Jenn DiMarco - 1st Vice President
- Stephanie Manchen - President
- Hope Briggs - Recording Secretary
- Amy Crockett-Norwine - Financial Secretary



Fun Fact
The yellow rose is the universal symbol for **FRIENDSHIP**

Chapter Facts

Yellow Rose - TX20 was formed in 2024 by a small group of passionate mothers that wanted to honor their children serving in our military.

Our chapter services the North Texas areas of: Frisco to Denton, Pilot Point/Celina to Lewisville and everywhere in between!

Yellow Rose - TX20 meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Frisco Public Library at 6:30pm.

♥ YELLOW ROSE IN ACTION ♥

Our Chapter has hit the ground running and we are ready to spread the Blue Star Mother Love!

May Events

- Frisco: The Wall that Heals - A Vietnam Veteran Memorial
- DFW National Cemetery: Travis Manion Foundation Memorial Day Honors
- Robson Ranch in Denton: Memorial Day Honors

June Event

- Frisco: 1st Chapter Meeting - June 4
- The Colony: Veterans Memorial Trail Ribbon Cutting - June 6
- The Tribute: BSMA President's Project, Chapter 5K- June 15

1st Meeting Attendees



Founding Members



MEMBERSHIP

10 and growing!



MN7 North Metro



Volunteered at the Ruck Life event in Superior, WI for 23rd Veteran an organization started by the son of one of our Chapter members.

We volunteered to stuff bags and donated a golf item for the swag bags for the Women's Veterans Golf Event with MACV.



Participated in laying a wreath for Memorial Day at two local cemeteries.

We volunteered at the first ever pop-up food pantry at the Minneapolis VA.



Attended the Cord presentation to graduates at St. Francis High School that are entering the military. Handed out gift bags to the moms of the graduates.

Attended the dedication of the Gold Star Family Memorial in Zimmerman MN.

Sponsored and played BINGO with patients at the Minneapolis VA.



Placed flowers at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery in Remembrance of the children for 3 of our chapters Gold Star Mothers. (photo used with permission).



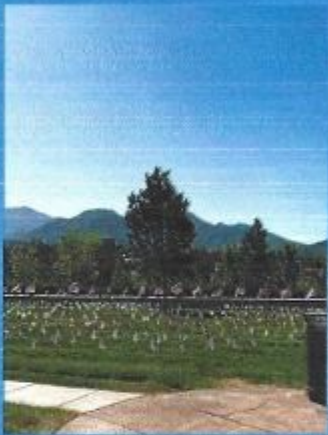
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Rio Grande Valley Blue Star Mothers



Rio Grande Valley, NM2 BSM attended Memorial Day Ceremonies and Honored and Remembered the fallen for their ultimate sacrifice. BSM Gloria and volunteers went to Santa Fe National Cemetery and placed US flags at graves. On Tuesday, BSM, Ruth Romero (not pictured) picked up US flags from the Cemetery.



On May 18th 2024, RGV NM2 hosted the First Annual Battle of the Branches Community Blood Drive! The Branch that Won was the



Please donate if you are able. Every two seconds someone needs blood!
There is no substitute.
Go ARMY!

UP NEXT ON JUNE 15th PACKING OF 400 CARE PACKAGES TO DESTINATIONS WORLDWIDE TO DEPLOYED TROOPS!

Dear Soldier,
Sailor,
Airman,
Marine,
Coastie, &
Guardian.



Thank you
For Your
Service!



RIO GRANDE VALLEY NM2 IS CELEBRATING ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY! WE REACHED A MILESTONE AND PROUD OF OUR MANY SUCCESSFUL MISSIONS SERVING ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND VETERANS AND SUPPORTING EACH OTHER AS SISTERS. WE ARE PLANNING A CELEBRATION DINNER IN JULY.

2004-2024

WE CHARTERED ON 30 AUGUST 2004.

CA7 SACRAMENTO BLUE STAR MOMS

Memorial Day Memories



Donations from Young Marines



Veterans' Memorial Day Car Show




Nicole Gee Memorial Walk



Country in the Park

Thank you will never be enough. Your sacrifice is a debt that will never get paid. But, God Bless you and your sacrifice. Thank You for standing up when others kneed.



We received hundreds of notes for our Care Packages



TX18

SPRING CREEK AREA BLUE STAR MOTHERS

MEMORIAL DAY - A DAY TO HONOR & REMEMBER



DELIVERING CARE PACKAGES MAKES A HEART HAPPY



Blue Star Moms of the Southwest Valley, AZ4



The Girl Scouts did a great job packing up boxes for our deployed.

Blue Star Moms of the Southwest Valley AZ4

May/June 2024 Events

The chapter joined forces with Girl Scouts and The American Legion in Buckeye, AZ to pack up and ship out nearly 60 boxes for our deployed troops. It was all hands-on deck and a big job was accomplished complete with smiles all around!

In between all the hard work, several sisters got together for a super fun Patriotic craft.



Memorial Day was filled with somber moments for the Blue Star Moms as we participated in three separate Wreath Laying ceremonies. Our own president Theresa Koontz led the Pledge of Allegiance alongside the president of the local Gold Star Chapter, Tammy Pulaski at the National Memorial Cemetary of Arizona. Several chapter members including Sue Taney and Tammy Echter attended the city of Litchfield Park service and presented a beautiful wreath. Lauren Erickson represented our chapter at the city of Avondale Memorial Service and presented a beautiful Patriotic Wreath there.

Prior to the Memorial Day Remembrance at the Litchfield Park Memorial Garden (President's Project), several Blue Star Sisters replaced plants, weeded, and blew off the sidewalks to create a gorgeous setting in respect for our fallen.



The Blue Star Moms presented Memorial Wreaths at three locations: National Memorial Cemetary of Arizona, the city of Litchfield Park and the city of Avondale.



It was a beautiful morning for a Memorial Day Service

MO5 Central MO Blue Star Mothers

Greetings from the “Show Me State”! You haven’t heard from us for awhile but that doesn't mean we haven’t been busy. We are getting excited about the National Convention.



Becky Stafford & Shelly Vishnefske

The chapter participated in Wreaths Across America in December 2023 placing wreaths at the Jacksonville Missouri Cemetery.

In January our chapter planned to prepare a meal at the Fisher House in Columbia, MO. The weather had other ideas and many of us couldn’t attend, we did have our Past President, Becky Stafford, there to prepare the meal.



Sue Sanders & Dorothy Hampton

Each month the chapter makes 24 table decorations for the Veterans Home in Mexico, MO. The residents love seeing what the decorations are.



Anita Sanderson & Judy Kelly VA Home

During the month of May our chapter visited 10 schools throughout Mid-Missouri to present Honor Cords to those high school students who are joining the Military. We awarded 70 students and have invited their moms to join our chapter. Alethea Tennill, President, Sue Sanders and Dorothy Hampton presented two Honor Cords to Seniors at the Eldon, MO High School. Deann Coffman, 1st VP, presented an Honor Cord to a Senior at Ashland MO High School who was accepted into West Pointe.

We wish all these Seniors success in their military adventures.



OK Chapter 21



Members & volunteers working together!



BLUE STAR MOTHERS SE WI 2



JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Honor Flights
June 15th

**Veterans Treatment
Court**
June 10th @ 3pm

**Camp Hometown
Heroes**
July 2nd @ 9am

**Irreverent Warriors
Silkies Hike**
August 24th

Brat Fry In Elkhorn
August 9th
9: 30am-3pm

**Veterans Outreach
of Wisconsin
Banquet**
October 12th

Picture below are
attendees from the
recent & very popular
Cooking Class
Fundraiser!



Since our last meeting in May, in which we welcomed 1 new guest, we've enjoyed a calendar full of events! Pictured below are photos from the 5th annual Field of Flags display at the War Memorial in Milwaukee, WI. This year 27,316 flags were placed; each flag representing a WI service member killed in action from the Civil War through the present. While one of our members was interviewed, our group of volunteers was able to be in the back ground and "waved" when our chapter was mentioned!



More
Memorial Day
preparations
& flag
placement at
West Lawn
Memorial Park
Cemetery.



On Sunday, May 26th
we presented the
Blue Star Mother
Wreath at the Union
Grove Memorial Day
Ceremony.

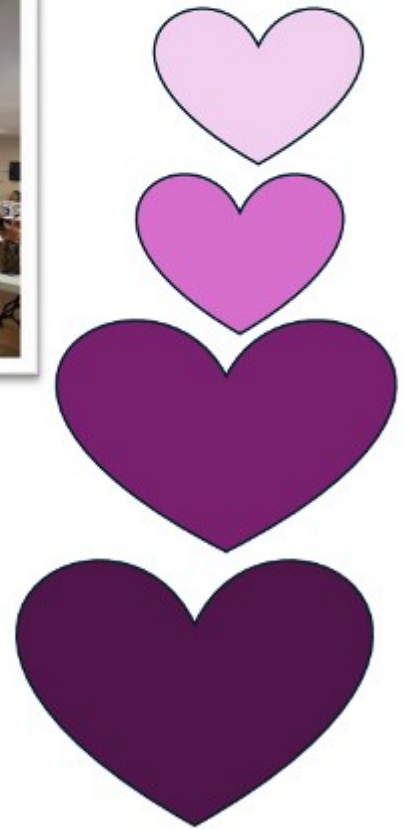


Pictured below and to the right are
photos from our newest fundraiser event
at MKE Burger Co!



Blue Star Moms - Houston Chapter TX-2

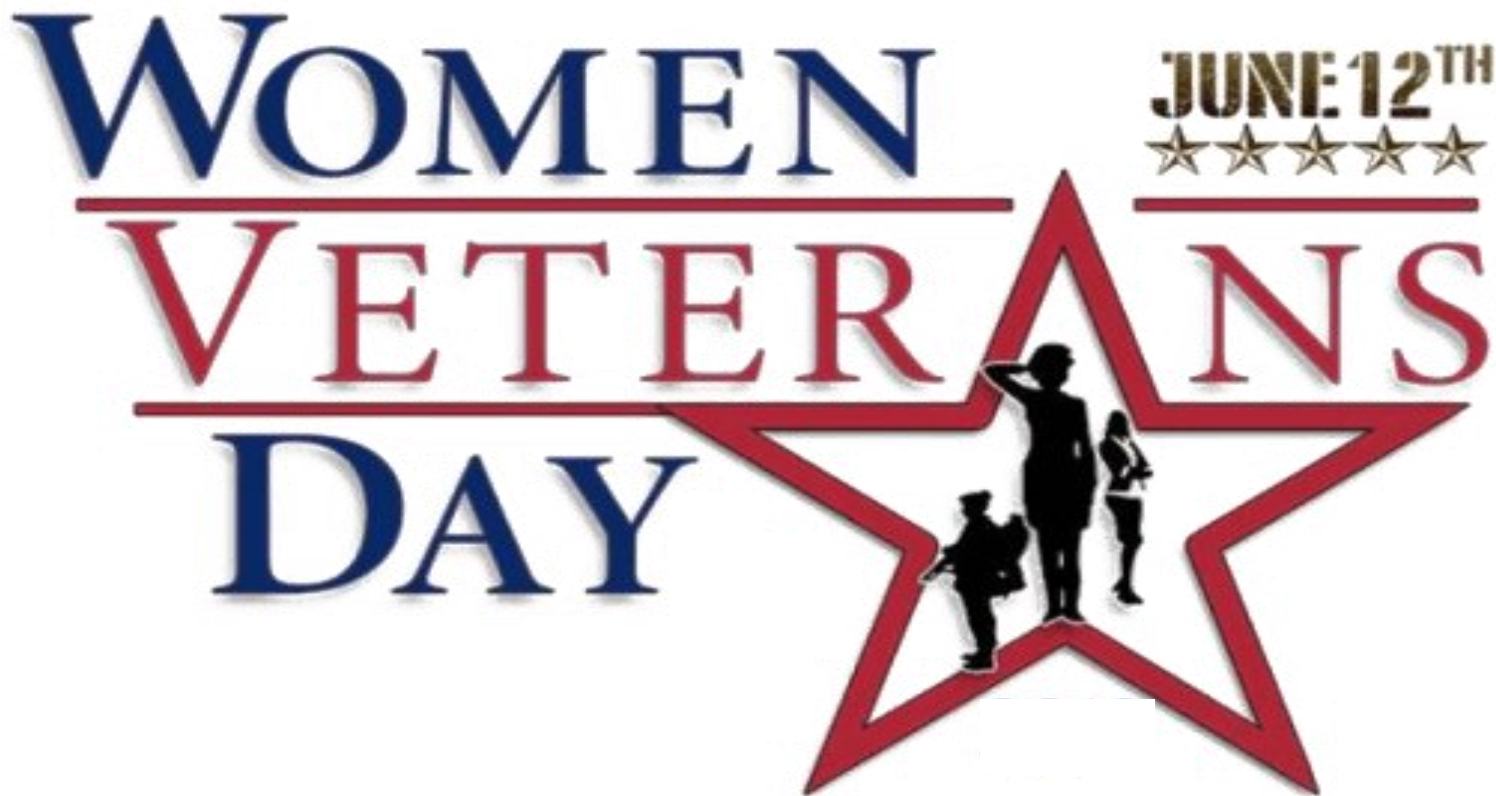
Look at all of the May flowers that sprung up for us this past month! We had a great general meeting with a presenter on Situational Awareness. We got great pics from some deserving military personnel and attended events benefiting our chapter.



We had fun activities and great donations for our troops.



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WOMEN VETERANS AND OUR
BLUE STAR MOMS WHO HAVE SERVED!



JUNE

PTSD Awareness Month

AND IF TODAY,
ALL YOU DID WAS
HOLD YOURSELF
TOGETHER,
I'M PROUD OF YOU.