



NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER



May 2025



Dear Sisters,

We recently observed Memorial Day - a time to honor the brave men and women who served our country and never returned home. As Blue Star Mothers, I know many of us hold their memory close, not just on this solemn day, but throughout the year. If you're anything like me, the sacrifices of our fallen heroes are never far from your heart.

To every mother, stepmother, grandmother, and caregiver who raised a child with the courage to serve - Thank you. Your sacrifice is seen, felt, and deeply appreciated.

Here's what we've been up to this month and what's coming next! We are receiving some JCEA Applications and just as a reminder these need to be received by June 28, 2025. Application on page 2.

Big Dipper Fun Night is coming together but we still need your help, see page 3.

Thank you for being part of our community, we couldn't do it without you!

Connie M. Shuck
Big Dipper President

JCEA 2025 Application Available

ELIGIBILITY/LIMITATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE AWARD - Applicant must meet one or more of the following eligibility requirements:

- Active-Duty U.S. Military, National Guard, or Reserve Member.
- Retired U.S. Military member or Veteran (Honorable Discharge status);
- Blue Star Mother of America, Inc. member or Blue Daisy in good standing;
- Spouse of Active-Duty U.S. Military or Veteran (Honorable Discharge status);
- Child or Grandchild of Active-Duty U.S. Military or Veteran (Honorable Discharge status);
- Child or Grandchild of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. member in good standing.

** JCEA is not a scholarship or grant; it is educational assistance. **

Please be sure to have the applicant read all instructions and gather all the necessary signatures prior to turning in the form.

Click [Here](#) for the application

Deadline for Applications

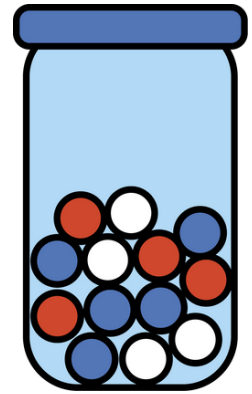
June 28, 2025

**Any applications postmarked after
June 28, 2025, will not qualify.**

silent



***Put on your thinking caps
let's see what we can bring!***



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO JCEA

Please email Gen Schindler, Treasurer
treas.bd@bluestarmothers.us
for the Donation Form

Making Our Dreams Come True

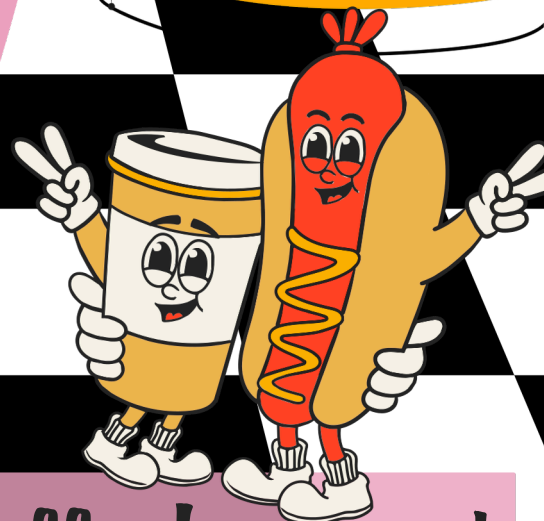
"Fun" Night

PAJAMA PARTY

July 30th

7 pm

Slip into your PJ's and enjoy an evening filled with laughter, snacks, and lively music. Games and contests, bid on unique items at our silent auction, with all proceeds benefiting our worthy cause. Have fun, connect and make a difference.



Schlemiel! Schlimazel! Hasenpfeffer Incorporated

NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY STORE GALLERY



Item #1 Big Dipper Guard Pin



2 Big Dipper Lapel Pin



Item #3 Eagle Pin



Item #4 Heart Stud Earrings



Item #5 Heart Necklace



Item #6 Proud Veteran Pin



Item #7 Star Stud Earrings



Item #8 Star Necklace



Item #9 Patriotic Cross Pin



Item #10 Patriotic Cross Necklass



Item #11 Patriotic Cross Earrings



Item #12 Flip Flop Necklace (silver tone)



Item #13 Flip Flop Earrings (gold tone)



Item #14 Blue Star Hat Bag (Hat & Gloves available at the National BSM Online Store)



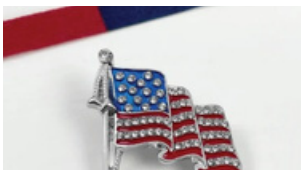
Item #16 Big Dipper Challenge Coin (all proceeds to JCEA)



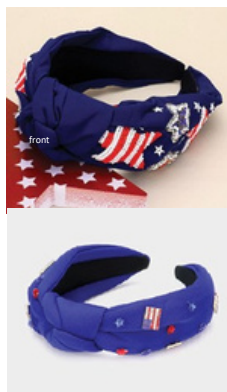
Item #18 JCEA Patch (all proceeds to JCEA)



Item #19 Poppy Pin



Item #20 Folded Flag Pin



Item #21 Hairbands in Navy or Royal



Item #22 Beaded Coin Purse



Item #23 Flag Purse - sparkly



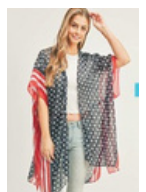
Item #24 Flag Barett



Vintage



Flag



Stars & Stripes

Item #25 Kimonos (3 designs)



Item #26 Flag Earrings



NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY STORE ORDER FORM 2024-2025

-PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY-

Name _____
 Mailing Address _____
 City State Zip _____
 Phone: _____ (Circle: Landline Cell)
 Email _____

Ordered	Item	Cost Each	Total
	#1 Big Dipper Guard Pin	\$12	
	#2 Big Dipper Label Pin	\$12	
	#3 Eagle Pin	\$10	
	#4 Heart Stud Earrings	\$12	
	#5 Heart Necklace	\$10	
	#6 Proud Veteran Pin	\$8	
	#7 Star Stud Earring	\$12	
	#8 Star Necklace	\$8	
	#9 Patriotic Cross Pin	\$8	
	#10 Patriotic Cross Necklace	\$10	
	#11 Patriotic Cross Earrings	\$12	
	#12 Flip Flop Necklace (Silver Tone)	\$10	
	#13 Flip Flop Earrings (Gold Tone)	\$12	
	#14 Blue Star Hat Bag	\$10	
	#15 Flag Knit Hat CLEARANCE	\$10	
	#16 Big Dipper Challenge Coin (all proceeds to JCEA)	\$10	
	#17 Patriotic Sunglass CLEARANCE	\$5	
	NEW ITEMS		
	#18 JCEA Patch (all proceeds to JCEA)	\$5	
	#19 Poppy Pin	\$5	
	#20 Folded Flag Pin	\$5	
	#21 Hairbands in Navy or Royal Blue	\$15	
	#22 Beaded Coin Purse	\$10	
	#23 Flag Purse – sparkly	\$25	
	#24 Flag Barrett – sparkly	\$15	
	#25 Kimonos- Vintage Flag, Flag, Stars & Stripes	\$15	
	#26 Flag Earrings	\$10	
	Shipping for Jewelry Items (See below)		
	Shipping for Hat Bag & Knit Hat and hairbands and purses (See below)		
	Discount for matching sets		
	TOTAL DUE		

See the next page for shipping and payment information

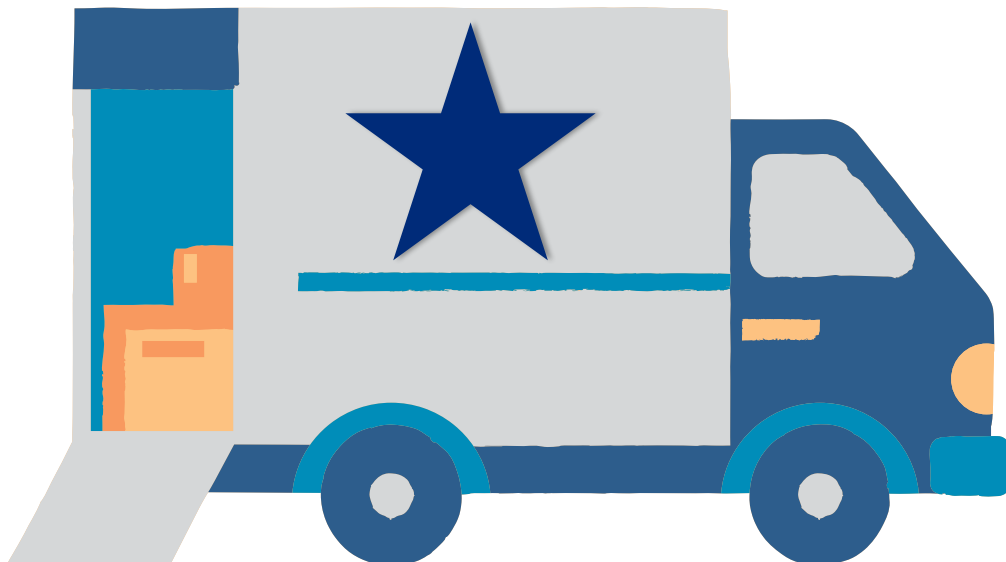
**SHIPPING & HANDLING
FOR JEWELRY ITEMS AND PINS:
4 ITEMS OR LESS \$5
5-8 ITEMS IS \$7
9-12 ITEMS IS \$9**

**SHIPPING & HANDLING
FOR HAT BAGS, KNIT HATS, HAIRBANDS, AND PURSES:
\$6 EACH
\$9 FOR 2 ITEMS
\$12 FOR 3 ITEMS**

**NOTE: IF YOU PURCHASE A PAIR OF EARRINGS AND MATCHING NECKLACE,
A \$3 DISCOUNT WILL BE GIVEN FOR EACH SET**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO “NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY”

**MAIL ORDER FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO:
NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY
C/O ALETHEA TENNILL,
NATIONAL BIG DIPPER FINANCIAL SECRETARY
P.O. BOX 313
COLUMBIA, MO 65205**





**BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC
BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION/RENEWAL 2025-2026**



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CHAPTER STATE & NO: _____ DEPARTMENT: N/A

**** If you belong to the Department of Michigan or the Department of Ohio, please send your membership form to your Department Big Dipper Financial Secretary****

Send form and check for \$10.00 payable to the order of: "Big Dipper Auxiliary" to

Big Dipper Financial Secretary-
Alethea Tennill
P.O. Box 313 Columbia
MO 65205

OR

If paying through PayPal, Please fill out this form and email it to
finsec.bd@bluestarmothers.us

For Big Dipper Use Only: ↓

Amount Paid: _____

Processed: _____

Method of Payment: ____ Check Check # _____

Deposited: _____

____ Card Last 4 Digits on Card _____

____ Cash

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