



# BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC.

## April 2025

### A message from our National President

Dear Sisters,

Like most other States, Missouri has had some deranged weather during the latter part of March! We experienced 80 degrees on Friday, SNOW on Sunday, and 70 degrees on Monday. I'm glad Mother Nature has settled down a bit and we are now enjoying some beautiful days. Please keep our Sisters across the country in your thoughts and prayers as there is much recovery still going on with recent ice storms and tornados.

I had the honor of attending Sisters in Action in Michigan the first weekend of April. It is always great spending time with Sisters, especially when someone else is in charge of the event 😊. The Planning Committee did a fantastic job of filling the day with fun activities, education, and great food – job well done!! I am looking forward to attending North/South in Ohio in a couple of weeks.

Our 2025 National Convention will be here before you know it, so I hope you are getting registered! Early registration is \$165.00 for the Convention, and \$35.00 if you are also attending the Big Dipper Fun Night (\$200.00 total). This is a great price, as it covers your breakfast all week, lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, and the Banquet on Friday night. We encourage you to register before the price increases on July 1. You can find the form on our website

(<https://www.bluestarmothers.org/>) along with the Delegate, Sponsorship and Vendor forms. The Convention Committee is continuing to work hard to ensure you feel welcome and enjoy your time in Wisconsin; and the NEB is finalizing your training documents.

We hope to bring you a great Convention experience!



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Don't forget to purchase your **Convention Apparel!**

Along with your t-shirt, there are many other items you can purchase using our Convention logo. The link is located within the online store tab, then click on the Spreadshirt link.

Remember – using this logo and those listed below, all proceeds will go towards the Convention.

Together we are Stronger (new)  
Be Kind, Have Patience, Give Grace  
On Fridays We Wear Red  
Red, White & Blue Star Mothers (new)

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

Yours in Service,

*Becky*

Rebecca Stafford  
National President



PLEASE READ  
IMPORTANT  
NEWS

- **Online Store is OPEN!** Lots of items to purchase prior to National Convention!
- There are yearbooks missing from our inventory prior to 2003, if you have them please notify [president@bluestarmothers.us](mailto:president@bluestarmothers.us)
- **The May newsletter will be a “Special Edition” dedicated to our Gold Star Mothers**
- Information regarding the Yearbook is in this newsletter and what you should start submitting
- In search of donation, or a contact to purchase from, a Coast Guard cover and a Space Force garrison hat for the Honor Our Children ceremony
- Watch for Convention Chatters to get all the updated information for this years National Convention



# The 2025 Yearbook Needs Your Photos

Please send all Yearbook photos to; [Yearbook@bluestarmothers.us](mailto:Yearbook@bluestarmothers.us)  
by June 8<sup>th</sup> at the latest

Here's what you should send:

- ❖ 4-5 Chapter photos, **include chapter state & number**. There is no charge to have these in the yearbook
- ❖ **One photo** of each of your currently serving or veteran children with their name, branch, your name and your chapter state & number
- ❖ Photo of Blue Daisies with name and chapter, **not already sent to 2VP**
- ❖ **Gold Star Mothers:** Please send your name, your chapter state & number, your Hero's name, rank and photo.
- ❖ **Blue Star Mothers who served:** Please send your name, chapter state & number with photos of then and now

\*\*\* If you **order a yearbook prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> it will be shipped to convention with no shipping charge**. You must be at convention to pick it up or arrange to have someone pick it up for you. If we need to ship it to you, shipping charges will be applied.

**Orders placed after July 15<sup>th</sup> will be shipped directly to your home address.**

\*\*\* Don't forget you can customize your own yearbook with **2 FREE** pages of your personal photos, this needs to be done **by June 15<sup>th</sup>** if you want the free shipping to convention. You do this yourself when ordering your yearbook.  
**Do not** send your custom pages to 2VP.

Any questions?

Please contact 2VP, Karla, at 651-470-8996 or email  
[yearbook@bluestarmothers.us](mailto:yearbook@bluestarmothers.us)

**\*All Books ordered by June 30<sup>th</sup> will be delivered FREE to Convention but you must pick up there or you will be charged shipping**



## CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES IN THIS YEAR'S

## BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA YEARBOOK!



### Customize Your 2 Free Pages

Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.

Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.

The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$1.99.

### To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook, Use The QR Code Below, or:

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to: [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate)
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Regular price: **\$25.81**

\*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

Create Custom Pages by: **June 15**

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### Add Photos

Add your favorite photos from your phone, computer, Instagram, Facebook, Google or Dropbox account, and have them printed in your copy of the yearbook.



### Sign Books

Make your friends smile by sending them a message (can include a photo or sticker) that they can add to their custom pages or ask them to send you one!



### Add Memories

Answer questions about your year and capture your very best moments. You can even include a photo to go along with them.



### Design Your Page

Add all of your memories to your two free personal pages that will be printed in your unique copy of the yearbook. Need more room? You can add more pages!

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# The 2025 BSMA President's Project is... The Freedom 13!



It is time for our Departments, Chapters, and Auxiliaries (D/C/A) to sponsor this year's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Miles for Our Veterans – If These Boots Could Talk Virtual 5K! Now through May 15, your D/C/A can vote to sponsor this event for a minimum of \$50, or more if you choose, and have your D/C/A listed on the back of this year's shirt! Space is limited, first come first served, so please discuss with your members and vote to sponsor ASAP! Sponsorships must be received by May 15 for your D/C/A to be listed on the back of this year's shirt!

The Freedom 13 is founded by the Mark Schmitz, father of LCPL Jared Schmitz, USMC. Jared was one of the 13 KIA in Kabul at Abbey Gate, on August 26, 2021. The name The Freedom 13 honors their sacrifice. The mission of The Freedom 13 is to remember the heroes that made the ultimate sacrifice by supporting the Veterans still with us. They are building Veteran Memorial Retreats, with a Mission to have one in every state!

Each sponsoring D/C/A will be expected to sell at least 5 registrations (this is done simply by purchasing the shirts from our Gold Star Mother provider, link coming Memorial Day weekend!).

The sponsorship link is should be used for sponsorships up to \$200 <https://mandysteesandmore.com/collections/blue-star-mom-campaign>

Or you can also go to: [www.mandysteesandmore.com](http://www.mandysteesandmore.com) click on Stores, click on Blue Star Mom Campaign, then click open the sponsor link.

If your D/C/A votes to support this project with a larger sponsorship/donation, please contact Sonya at [president.IL6@bluestarmothers.us](mailto:president.IL6@bluestarmothers.us) to discuss how to get that to us with fewer fees. Also reach out to Sonya with any other questions.

Once again we will have 3 Major Donor levels. These sponsors/donors will be recognized at Convention and on social media. Major sponsorships/donations must be received before the start of Convention. Please email Sonya for information on how to send in your large donations. **We already have one Blue Level Sponsor!!!**

- o Red Level Donors: \$500-\$999
- o White Level Donors: \$1000-\$1499
- o Blue Level Donors: \$1500 and up



**New this year – the BSMA President's Project Patch!** The patch in the upper corner of this page is available in the BSMA online store and all proceeds from the sale of this patch will go toward the President's Project each year!

The virtual walk will take place the weekend leading up to Convention – July 25-27

Info on registrations (shirt purchases) and general donations will be coming soon!

Your 5K Committee Thanks You for Your Support – Your Sisters from IL6~IL1~MO4~MO5~LA7~LA1

**Become a 2025 Sponsor – Get your D/C/A listed on the back of this year's shirt!!**

# From the Desk of

Anne Parker, VAVS Representative

Who is a Veteran?

A Veteran is a former member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active duty and was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

To a Blue Star Mother, a veteran can be our dad, mom, husband, son or daughter or anyone in our lives, even yourself. We see them in our daily lives everywhere. Coffee Shops, local parks, restaurants, or just walking down the street. Our veterans are of every age from the young kid or the Korean War Veteran. We recognize them by the way they walk, hold their shoulders and call us ma'am. Each one has a special meaning to us.

As a Blue Star Mother, as part of our Mission, we honor and respect the veteran. We, at times, pay for their coffee or lunch, thank them for their service or donate to their veteran organizations.

Our commitment to the local VA hospitals brings us into the fold with our volunteer hours and our chapter donations. We get to be more involved as we walk the halls with these men and women.

Each year we go one step further and always above and beyond.

When we attend convention, we have time to celebrate our VAVS volunteers, talk about the importance of our program and how it is effective, needed and appreciated.

If your chapter is not able to attend convention this year, we are excited that you can also participate by sending items to the convention chair. All of our VA facilities would appreciate this type of donation but always ask the VAVS Chief first as they are all limited in space for stocking them.

But as we do, as Blue Star Moms, we go even further. We adopt the local VA from the city we are visiting. We do a collection of items of their choice, and we do it well.

For the past few years, the VA Chiefs have all asked for **Sweatpants and with Pockets**. As women, we know the importance of pockets!

This year in Milwaukee, WI we will once again be collecting **Sweatpants with Pockets**. I know we, as moms, will go above and beyond and have our chapters send sweatpants to the 2025 Convention Chair. We have found that chapters are using an online order option, Amazon and Walmart. Affordable and convenient.

Thank you for honoring our BSMA Mission to take care of our veterans. Remember, it is inevitable that one day your son or daughter will be a Veteran.

Please send your sweatpants donation to:

Convention Chair  
Diana Rettig  
7746 Hageman Rd  
Caledonia, WI 53207



# Blue Daisies



Meryle O'Connor  
Member of MN7

Beloved Mother of  
Army Veteran  
Jeanne Ullmer MN7

Meryle will be missed  
by her chapter and  
Blue Star Sisters



Dept. of Minnesota members from MN7, MN11 and MN13, honored Meryl and supported Jeanne and her family by presenting the Blue Daisy ceremony

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## Army

Albert Duwayne Peer, Jr  
 Albert Roy Einhellig  
 Albert S. Nelson  
 Alfred Javan Hite  
 Allan Gowins  
 Allen Jones  
 Alvah E. Donnell Jr.  
 Alvin Henry Richards  
 Andres "Speedy" Cervantes  
 Arthur W. Crossland, Jr.  
 Aubree Luna Rose  
 Robinson  
 Austin M. Boswell  
 Beau Richards  
 Ben Simmons  
 Benigno Raul Mederos-Aportela  
 Beverly Farrell Hall  
 Billy Jo Woods II  
 Billy Joe Hamm  
 Billy Michael Dillard  
 Bobby Gene Dunn  
 Bobby Jason Parker  
 Brian Ormond Thomas  
 Cedric D. Walker  
 Charles C. Herold  
 Charles D Broome  
 Charles Dettor Jr  
 Charles E. (Chuck) Markham  
 Charles Edward Hill  
 Charles F. Gallup  
 Charles Lee Coleman  
 Charles P Heuke  
 Charles Petronka  
 Charles Rogers (CR) Otey, Jr.  
 Charles Swearingen  
 Chaz R McGowan  
 Christian Rivera-Colon  
 Christopher Dale Lyle  
 Christopher David Salmons  
 Christopher R. Keck  
 Clarence Wallace Burruss Sr  
 Claster C Carson  
 Clemmon Royester  
 Clifton Chapman  
 Cole A. Ashcraft  
 Cordy Joe Marquez  
 Cornelius V. King  
 Dale David Dehne  
 Daniel "Dan" Cross  
 Daniel Bennett Boone, Sr  
 Danny McElyea  
 Darel Bryant Elliott

David Alan Earl  
 David Donald Cummings  
 David F Stafford  
 David L. Lemmings  
 David L. Plautz  
 Delmar Lloyd "D.L." Varner  
 Delores Kestler  
 Dennie Ray Davis  
 Dennis D. O'Connor  
 Dennis J. Molnar  
 Don "Rick" Ricky Berry  
 Donald Campbell  
 McMurrich  
 Donald Captain  
 Donald Easton Meneze  
 Donald Eugene Sawyer Jr.  
 Donald Orf  
 Donald R. Rodgers  
 Donna Kay Osborne  
 Donna Patricia Baldwin  
 Douglas E. Foster  
 Dr Rev Jerry Jerome Gray  
 Dr. Ronald Gene Petrie  
 Duane E. Anderson  
 Duane Perry  
 Dwain Eugene Pangle  
 Dwight Allen McDaniel  
 Eddie Jerome Gilmore  
 Edward "Ed" Ross  
 Pritchard  
 Edward "Eddy" L. Simmons  
 Edward Corella Jr  
 Edward Gordon  
 Braithwaite  
 Edward Kearse II  
 Edward O'Boyle  
 Edwin Thornton Stonerock  
 Efrain Frank Semidey  
 Serrano  
 Eladio Martinez  
 Elmo Harvey Jr.  
 Elvira R. Laws  
 Enrique Rico  
 Fernando Vasquez Garcia  
 Flournoy Bills  
 Francis Sandt  
 Francisco Rodriguez  
 Francisco Valentin  
 Frank Arbing  
 Frank Foster  
 Frank N. Gonzales  
 Fred Sessum III  
 Gary Dwight Conley  
 Gaston H. Ramirez  
 George C Digman  
 George Dolson McLouth  
 George Patterson  
 Gerald Waymire

Gilbert "Gill" J. Klein  
 Gilbert Thomas George Jr.  
 Gilbert W Marshall  
 Glenn Jackson, Jr.  
 Glennis Nelson  
 Graham Robert Williams  
 Harold Allen Burks, Jr  
 Harold Carvis Parks  
 Harold G. Green  
 Harold Robinson  
 Harvest D Newton  
 Henry Croskey  
 Henry L. Haberkamp, III  
 Horace Grance Hanson  
 Howard Uptain  
 Hubert Odom  
 Israel Joe Rodriguez  
 Jack Hamilton  
 James A Chadick  
 James Allen Fritze Jr.  
 James Earl Blankenship  
 James Edward Farmer, Jr.  
 James F. Higgins  
 James Foster Merritt  
 James H. Myers  
 James Harold Smith  
 James Joseph Maulsby  
 James Lee McGee  
 James Lloyd Wilson  
 James Robert Massey, Jr.  
 James Robert Tucker  
 James Roscoe Cane  
 James Scott  
 Jeffrey A. Dlugosh  
 George Guerrero  
 Jerald W. Sherman  
 Jeremy Wayne Green  
 Jerome F. Scheele  
 Jerry H Ralph, Jr  
 Jerry Wayne Kirkendoll  
 Jesse William Harris Sr,  
 Jessie Lee Ellerby  
 Jimmie L Howling  
 Joel Wayne Maxwell  
 John Anthony Winkle  
 John C. Cotton Jr.  
 John Gettys Allen  
 John Jeffries  
 John Joseph Capotrie  
 John L. Hueser  
 John Mitchell Perryman  
 John Nosovitch  
 John Peterson Sr.  
 John Ross Selby  
 John Thomas McIntire  
 Johnny "John" Bernard Parker  
 Jon Hughes Oates  
 Jonathan Huff

Joseph Herman Spencer  
 Joseph Macias  
 Joseph R. Travers  
 Julian McKellar Jr  
 Julius Kaluzny  
 Keith D Salls  
 Keith Surney  
 Ken Hitchcock  
 Kenneth Baldwin  
 Kenneth Dwight Blades  
 Kevin Ira Rice  
 Kimmy Irene Thompson  
 Kurt Stephan Able  
 Kusak Martine  
 Lamont G. Cragun  
 Larry Dennett  
 Larry Kelly  
 Larry Oliver Conway  
 Leon Preston Catlin  
 Leroy Smith  
 Linwood Gregory Gurley  
 Lorenzo Laurel  
 Louis Edward James  
 Louis Gonzalez, Jr  
 Louis Jordan  
 Loy W. Yount  
 Manuel Hernandez  
 Marcy M. Dupre IV  
 Marvin Royce  
 Mary Kae Owens  
 Matthew Charles Schack  
 Melvin O. Stubinger  
 Michael A. Bailey  
 Michael Dale Egbert  
 Michael LaVern Anderson  
 Michael Perez  
 Michael Plueger  
 Michael Vassar Chapman  
 Millard T Woods III  
 Nancy Joy Reutmer  
 Nelson D Yates  
 Nelson Rayburn Hite  
 Nicholas Charnel James  
 Norman Lewis Shurbutt  
 Norvin Lee Ward  
 Patrick Delaney Cook III  
 Paul Hannum  
 Paul John Faron  
 Peter Saccuci  
 Philip John Penaflor  
 Philip Joseph Dagato  
 R.M. Brantley  
 Rafael Figueroa Ayala  
 Ralph Edward Williams, Jr  
 Ralph M. Sharpe Jr  
 Ramie Bowman  
 Randall Fox  
 Ray Calvin Graves  
 Ray M Ridenour

Raymond Daniel Froding  
 Richard "Rick" M. Newlun  
 Richard Browder  
 Richard D. Blemmel  
 Richard Edward Stroessner  
 Richard G. Garrison  
 Richard Lynn Penney  
 Richard M. Koutsky  
 Richard Pregartnner  
 Richard Ronald Shields  
 Ricky Blake  
 Ricky L. Shump  
 Robert Cecil Garrett  
 Robert Dailing  
 Robert Glenn Duncan  
 Robert Henry Perkins  
 Robert Joseph Hoilko  
 Robert L. Bob Edwards  
 Robert L. Matzker  
 Robert Lewis Jr.  
 Robert Mobley  
 Robert Nathan McQueen  
 Robert Villegas III  
 Robert Wayne Fortune  
 Rocky Wayne Fox  
 Roderick Washington  
 Roger W. Sassman  
 Ronald D. Thomson  
 Ronald Obie Dobbs  
 Ronnie Garcia  
 Russell Lintecum  
 Samuel Booker, Jr  
 Samuel Stanley Martin  
 Sherrill Larose Owusu  
 Shirley Randolph Sticher  
 Stephen J Longenbaugh  
 Stevan Wayne Peterson  
 Terry Wayne Gibbs  
 Thomas Broadus Freeman  
 Thomas G. Love  
 Thomas Gerald Kane  
 Thomas W. Bolick  
 Tim Peyton  
 Timothy Ryan Terrell Jr  
 Timothy Wells  
 Victor Tom Rodriguez  
 Walter George Ballard  
 William Albert Ash  
 William David Hogue  
 William Eugene "Gene" Wilburn  
 William Gile Jr  
 William Hicks  
 William James Byrd  
 William Joseph Policy  
 William Lenwood Roach  
 William Malcolm Campbell  
 William Oatha Sinnett

Xander Mia  
Navv  
 Allen Mason  
 Anthony Banaszek  
 Antonio Estrello  
 Arthur John Ehlers  
 Auldin Prentice Crane  
 Austin Virgil Owen  
 Barney A Horton Jr  
 Barney A Horton Jr  
 Billy Newcomb Ayscue  
 Blanca Olimpia Nieves  
 Blanche Tate Dudley  
 Boyce Carter West  
 Cecil Edward Cox  
 Charles Ray Murphy  
 Clifford Dean Martin  
 Clyde P. Chaffin  
 Cooney Robert Jones  
 Curry Montgomery Lawler Jr.  
 Dale Warrington Lord-Haas Jr.  
 Daniel L Ogle  
 Daniel Robert Antrim  
 David M. Haynes  
 David Stuart Hunsicker  
 David Warren Durgin III  
 Donald Fredrick Chason  
 Donald Moore  
 Dustin Allen Miller  
 Frank Crawford, Sr.  
 Frank Secora  
 Garnel B Canary  
 Gary Allen Green  
 Gary Edward Beaudry  
 Gary Palmer Merkle  
 Gary Russell Greene  
 Gary W Howard  
 George Francis "Hawk" Boehringer  
 George Harvey Spencer  
 Howard H Swartz  
 Ira Arnold Smith  
 J.C. Porter Jr  
 James Arthur Reynolds  
 James Frank Kalivoda  
 James Lewis Lindsay  
 James Ross Downey  
 James S. Berrigan  
 James Shelby Simmons  
 James Thomas McGrath  
 Jeffrey Noel O'Connor  
 Jerry Lively, Sr.  
 Jimmie L. Ballentine  
 Jimmie Magrone

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**Navy (cont)**

Jimmie Odell Drum  
John Donald Dziejczak  
John J Yaeger  
John Kenneth Hilton  
John O'Laughlin  
Joseph John Vargo  
Landis Edgar Penfold Jr.  
Larry Lee Cummins  
Larry Ray Pewitt  
Lawrence Judge  
Lester Jay Hanna  
Manuel Sanchez  
Mark D Carswell  
Matthew Thompson  
Michael Bruce Croucher  
Michael Craig Branch  
Michael Ian Vengrow, MD  
Neil Daniel Frye  
Owen Lynn Dunsdon  
Patrick Oliver Fisher  
Randy Boyd Powell  
Raul G. Diaz  
Raymon Junius Dickson, Jr.  
Richard F. Anderson  
Richard N Gent  
Rick Duaine Francis  
Robert C Barnes  
Robert E. Callahan  
Robert Frederick Rehkopf  
Robert Michael Thomas  
Robert Patrick Reid  
Robert Smith  
Robert Trehern  
Robin W Beall  
Rodger Wood  
Ronald Kay Barnard  
Roy "Preacher Roy"  
Hinton Jernigan  
Salvatore J LaRosa  
Sherrie Lotz  
Stanley Everett  
Lingenfelter  
Suzanne Elaine Gear  
Tanya Ross Pearson  
Thomas Scott Duncan  
Wayne Jay Harris  
William A Yourkewitz  
William Killman Jr.  
William T. Vieira  
Wilson R. Chaney, Jr.

**Marine Corp**

Alan Howard  
Arthur Raymond Jones  
Calvin Ray Tomlinson  
Charles L. Tyler  
Cyril Edward Pavelka  
Daniel Edward Labrie  
David Alan Smith

Dean Bean  
Donald Allen Ryan  
Donald Clayton Coons  
Earl Eugene Giles  
Elwin Cardenas  
Eugene Kimbler  
Floyd Lumel Peters  
Frank Dennis Hicks  
Fred Jenkins  
Gary John Matecki  
Glen Roy Malone  
Gregory Keith Green  
Harold Sylvesta Cashion  
Harry Stewart Martin Jr.  
Henry Wright  
Irvin Jameson  
Jack Cody  
James "Jim" Boles  
James Alfred Berryhill  
Jerald H. Parker Sr.  
Joel "Ike" Lewis  
John D. Baker  
Joseph Daleo  
Joseph David Marvin, Jr.  
Larry Clark  
Larry Don Wickham  
Leo Bertrand Bilodeau, Jr.  
Lonnie Dale Crider, Sr.  
Lucien Ramsey  
Malvin Haubenstein  
Manuel Gonzales  
Maxwell "Max" Boyd  
Michael Paul Boitnott  
Michael Raymond Montz  
Michael S. Bell  
Noel Ray Dillard  
Paul Elrod Kramer  
Raymond Harold Prescott  
Raymond M. Walsh  
Raymond Verducco  
Richard Lionel Hart, Jr.  
Robert "Bob" Michael  
Howard  
Robert Allen  
Robert Colon  
Robert L.J. Quinn  
Roger "Budda" William  
Roof  
Roy Andrew Spencer  
Steven Blaine Kopp  
Thomas C. Terrell  
Thomas Joseph Fariss  
Thomas O'brian  
Thomas Paul Zaken  
Vernelle L Mickelson  
Vernon C. Smith  
Vincent Edward Pardo III  
Walter F. Austin  
Walter H. Baggett

William Barton Strack  
William David Schooling  
**Coast Guard**  
Charles Lawrence Gang Sr.  
Ernesto Calixtro Satorre  
Jerry Dwaine Bones  
Robert Van Barrow  
Stephen Eric Metz  
William John Reese

**Air Force**

Alvin R. Scarborough  
Anthony Joseph Squeo  
Anthony LeBoutillier  
Antoine Lamar Simmons  
Anton Werner Anderegg  
Bernard Pyron  
Billy J. Mitchell Jr  
Bobby LaVaughn Jeter  
Bruce Michael Povich  
Carl W. Roth  
Charles "Butch" "Chuck"  
Heinis  
Charles "Chuck" Lee  
Bryant  
Charles Daniel Stevens II  
Charles Edward Wilson  
Charles Phillip Porter  
Charles Thornton Keir  
Chester 'Chet' William  
Connor III  
David J. Fogleman  
David John Bonomi  
David Leon Propst  
David Robert Montgomery  
Donald Leander Mills  
Dorsey Lee Woods  
Douglas Q. Sorensen  
Dwight Hartzell  
Emil Alex Ayotte  
Eric Paul Renz  
Floyd Weldon Chilton  
Fred A. Luke  
Gene Edward Garrison  
George Dillion  
Harris Matherne Jr.  
Harry Bailey  
Harvey M. Gregory  
Hedy C. Collins  
Howard Johnson  
James "Jim" F. McDonald  
James Arthur Richards, Jr.  
James Baines  
James Curtis Boone  
James Glen Loy  
James Lowell Heaton  
James Martin "Jimmy"  
Perrott  
James Meador  
James Robert Hiller

James Roy Todd, Jr  
James Stuart Meador  
James Wayne Inghram  
Jason Lee Leathers  
Jerry Jerome Whiting  
Jesse Lee Uzzell  
Jesse R Teal Jr.  
Joe Bob Parmley  
Joe David Haley  
John C. Preece III  
John Franklin McFarlin  
John Patrick Anderson  
John Worth McNeill  
Joseph A Hastings  
Joseph Johnston  
Julian Donald Mitchum  
Karl Wheeler  
Keith Anthony Wade  
Kenneth John McDonald  
Kenny C Bracken  
Larry Lavell Fowler  
Larry Oscar Anderson  
Larry Van Dikeman  
Laura K. Woolbright  
Mark J. Manning  
Martin Jackson  
Monique Michelle  
Milligan  
Percy Douglas Garner  
Phillip Charles Fontaine  
Ragan Bond Beatty  
Ray Harold Gilreath  
Richard " Dick" Varney  
Richard B Petrulavage  
Robert Andrew Eastman  
Robert Dale Davie  
Robert Gruenhagen  
Robert Telford Green  
Ronald G Whitmore  
Rudolph Griner  
Theodore Francis Pazur  
Thomas Adrian Barnett  
Thomas Earl Daniel  
Thomas Eugene Reline  
Thomas J Hendley  
Thomas W. Moremond  
Tommy L. Osborne  
Vernon Dwight Miller  
Vincent Guadagno  
Wayne Allen Freeman  
William C Lewis Jr  
William Frank Perl Jr  
William Lyon  
William M Boisvere  
William Newlin  
William Oliver  
William Steve Foxworth  
William Thomas "Bill"  
Guzy

William Thomas Dillion  
Zennie Peterson Sr.



Troops overseas from Fort Drum opening Easter care packages. They had lots of fun with the Easter bunny ring toss game! This is our mission for both active duty and veterans. Please keep all of them in your heart and prayers.

### **BSMA NY#1 Stars and Stripes Fundraiser**

is scheduled for, Saturday, May 31, 2025 with a new location at Veterans Park on Rt 5&20 in Bloomfield. This will also include a Chicken BBQ (YUM) with pre-sale tickets available for the meal! We plan on a craft sale, raffle baskets, bake sale. If you are in the area, please plan to join us on Saturday, May 31! Looking forward to seeing you!



### **Canteen – The only one in the Nation!**

NY#1 is awaiting approval of a \$50K grant from NYS for updates and renovations to the Canteen. Demolition started in mid-January and the kitchen is looking sooo much better! The kitchen and small downstairs powder room are slated for part of this Grant from NYS.

An application for a Grant from the Lions Club for additional updates is in the works. The new countertop, sink and light were installed on March 10th. Please see picture. The Painters Union in Rochester, decided our Canteen will be their community project this year. They will be ready to paint the outside of the building in the Spring/early summer!!! Also, there is Henry, an aspiring Eagle Scout, who is taking on the flower beds around the house.



Our 2VP, Jennifer, collected & donated 17 dresses to Operation Deploy Your Dress at JBLM when she went to see her son!



We helped support our local VA by getting donations of baby necessities to contribute to their baby shower, for 4 of our local veteran mothers-to-be!

### Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony



Our local community pays tribute to all of our Vietnam Veterans every year with a beautiful ceremony. This year our very own Blue Star Mother, Sherry, sang the National Anthem

### Vietnam Veteran Pinning Ceremony



We partnered with the Steadfast Valor Foundation and had a pinning ceremony for some local Vietnam Vets.

### New Recruit Send Off's



We sent 57 Care Packages to some of our local active duty service members! We gave them a "Taste of Home" with sweets and treats from our local farms and vendors!



# MI 178

The March dinner cooked by the Blue Star Mothers Thumb Chapter MI 178 was enjoyed by many on March 19th. The fundraiser was held at Port Austin American Legion Post #499



## We had a great start to the day Monday, March 31st.

“Operation Peeps” was a success. Fun time shopping and packing Easter care packages to be mailed to our Troops who are deployed or stationed away from home this Easter.

Thank you to all those who come out to our fundraising dinners at the Port Austin American Legion #499. Your support makes it possible to shop and ship these packages to our heroes.

Thank you also to Franklin Inn/Days Inn of Bad Axe, Michigan for opening up early and providing a perfect place to pack.



Pictured are: Pat Rogers, Marcia Janik. Grace Rosenthal, Linda Elandt, Sherry LaLonde. Navy Veteran Kim Rosenthal, Army Veteran Paul Elandt, Army Veteran Dan Little, Dolores Bumhoffer, Nic Stermer. Missing from picture are Donna Wolschleger and Caleb Ney.



# BLUE STAR MOMS CA40 MONTEREY COUNTY, CA



1st Vice-President, Stephanie Miller and President, Robin Falkenberg pictured here.

## Seasonal Fundraisers and Care Packages

1) FAMILY BINGO was a big hit with our members donating great gift baskets for prizes. The food and fun was also enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Thanks to Mark at the Monterey Moose Lodge for all his help along with Stephanie Martinez for coordinating everything.



2) The Habit Burger Fundraiser was a delicious way to build our budget for the Care Package Event. Many families and friends showed up to support Blue Star Moms CA40 and others gave donations.



The Care Packaging Project scheduled for March 29 was a big success with many donations of toiletries, snacks, and everything else on the list. A HUGE THANKS to our donors and members who contributed time, money, and energy on behalf of our Active Military. Thanks to Stephanie Miller for helping to coordinate the effort and organize the donations.





# Lone Star Chapter, TX6



Richardson Altrusa included care packages for our troops for their KAN Day event. They packed 45 boxes!

We had the distinction of attending opening day at the National Medal of Honor Museum with our local veterans.



Shelley Smith receiving recognition for her hours of service to the USO.



# TX 13 BLUEBONNET BLUE STAR MOTHERS CELEBRATING 15 YEARS!

We gathered together past and current members and talked about old times, looked at scrap books and year books. We got an update on everyone's child(ren) and had good finger foods as well as cake and punch.

We also went back through the process of how we came to be and see who were the charter members (4 of 5) were there.

On 3/26/25 we gave assistance to the Texas Veterans Commission as they awarded John Boswell, 101, the Medal of Valor. He was a Marine medic at Iwo Jima.



Current members and past members at our celebration



Members Jo Cienski (a 3 star) and Coliss Blackmon ( a 2 star)



Martha VanSyckle  
former First VP and  
Charter Member.



Cheree Barrett  
President past  
15 yrs and  
Charter Member



Charter Members, L to R:  
Joy Sanders, Cheree Barrett, Martha VanSyckle  
and Sheri McMillan



We received recognition from the Nebraska National Guard for our support



Box packing in March for deployed service members



## **Month of the Military Child**



Many Blue Star Mothers are also grandmothers to military children and in April we celebrate the Month of the Military Child (MOMC). The April 2025 MOMC theme is "Celebrating Military Children and Youth: Building Stronger Character and Relationships." Military children show bravery, fearlessness, and resiliency by adapting and meeting adversity head on in an ever-changing environment. There are more than 1.6 million military children . Military families move on average every two to three years, impacting military children through changing schools and support networks. The symbol for the MOMC is the dandelion, representing the resilience and ability of military children to thrive wherever they are, and the color purple, which combines the colors of all military branches.



This year the Rochester Blue Star Mothers along with the VA Caregiver Support Program, The Vet Center, Veterans Outreach Center, CompeerCORPS, and National Guard Family Program are sponsoring an afternoon of bowling for military families along with pizza, soda and cake to celebrate the MOMC!!!



# **Blue Star Mothers of America Louisiana Chapter 1**

**News from the Mothers of Military Servicemen and Women**

**April 2025**



## **The Wall That Heals**



*Denise Singleton, Dora Sanford, Anajoy Savignol and Natalie Truax pinned veterans as they visited The Wall That Heals Vietnam Veterans Memorial replica hosted by Life Tabernacle Church.*

## **Odins Sons Veterans Club Blackwater Krewe Fundraiser**



*LAI provided desserts for the recent Odin Sons Veterans Club fundraiser.*

## **Geared up for Veterans and Active Duty Veterans Memorial Park Gonzales La.**



*Denise Singleton, Margie Remes and Melissa Singletary (Books for Boots founder and LAI member) hosted information booths for LAI and Books for Boots at the Geared Up for Veterans and Active Duty event.*

## **World Down Syndrome Day**



*On March 21, we celebrate World Down Syndrome Day and recognize our newest Associate Member, Ava Grace. Ava Grace loves to support the military and participates in many LAI events.*





**In Memory of  
Stacy Anders  
past BSM National President  
LAI prays for comfort for her family  
and all who she touched  
through her life and deeds**



# YELLOW ROSE - TX20

April 2025

 Blue Star Mothers of America Yellow Rose TX20  
 BSMA Yellow Rose TX20



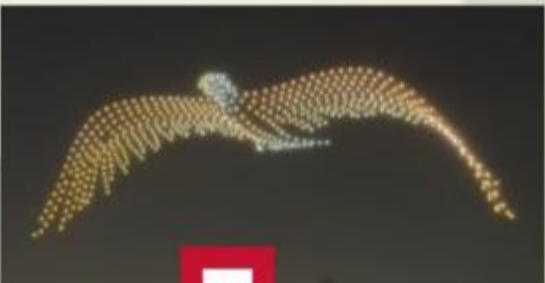
AMAZING drone show and fireworks!



So excited that our TX20 members and families were able to attend.



The Grand Opening of the National Medal of Honor Museum was in March. What an incredibly touching and inspirational event! Did you know...there are 3,526 Medal of Honor recipients and 61 are still living. Many of them were in attendance.



## Merrill Lynch Packing Party for the Troops!

The Tarver & Campbell Wealth Partners in Frisco (Merrill Lynch) group was FABULOUS to work with. They were so excited to be decorating, filling and shipping care packages to our Active-Duty Military. We can't thank them enough for their generosity, thoughtfulness, creativity and support of our Armed Forces.



Merrill Lynch





## Blue Star Moms of California - East Bay Chapter 101

### March 2025 Events

March 25 Joe Kehrig Real Estate Fundraiser at Round Hill Country Club Benefiting our Chapter - Joe Kehrig, a local realtor and a big supporter of our Chapter, hosted a real estate seminar at Round Hill Country Club and asked all agents attending to make a donation to our chapter. We had a table set-up at the event and we received generous donations from the attendees.



March 27 Las Positas College - Veterans First Program: Honoring Women Veterans - Scholarships from five organizations, including Blue Star Mom Chapter 101, were awarded to women veteran students. Our Chapter presented a \$500 scholarship award to Army veteran Catherine Piura.

March 30 Veterans Memorial Building 100th Celebration - The VMB is our Chapter's homebase where we have our monthly meetings. The VMB is operated by the non-profit VMB Development Committee of San Ramon Valley where our Blue Star Mom Suzie Lister (past Chapter president) is the Vice President for its Board of Trustees. Our Chapter supports all VMB activities throughout the year by volunteering at their events, including this special 100th celebration.





## Blue Star Mothers NY7 ★ January-March 2025

Our Chapter volunteered at an event sponsored by our local Realtors Association and were honored to be the recipients of the funds raised!



NY7 worked with our Community and local schools for our Valentines for Veterans Program. 500 gift bags were assembled and distributed to local hospitalized veterans and those receiving care in outpatient clinics. We also provided needed household supplies to clients of the WNY Veterans Housing Coalition.



We held our first major fundraiser—A Meat Raffle! It was not only fun, but a success! Our generous community helped us raise funds for our mission to support our troops and veterans.





We continue to make meals at the Minneapolis Fisher House three times a month.



From our most recent meal for the guests at the Fisher House we had these comments:

A grandma that had been there previously with her grandson shared the struggles that he was having and then she needed the recipe for the potatoes and shared it with several other guests!

Another guest was celebrating her birthday and thanked us for making her meal special.

Another shared how being able to sit down and enjoy a meal without having to prepare it after a long day at the hospital meant so much to her and she thanked us on behalf of all. She knew she was speaking for everyone.

If we as Blue Star Mothers ever question whether we make a difference, this day was the day to remember that we do.

We continue to have members volunteer at the VA Pop-Up Pantry.



Several moms got together for a craft night and social time.





**BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF THE  
LEHIGH VALLEY PA201**

**SHARING OUR MISSION  
WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY**

Our Blue Star Sister, Maura O'Donnell-Roszyk is also a member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Allentown, PA St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. The parade committee sponsors a free, family-friendly event which is open to the public to spread St. Patrick's Day Cheer. The event has taken place annually over the last 8 years.

This year's event was filled with arts and crafts, face painting, music, Irish dancers, hurling demonstrations, an Irish passport which participants could get stamped after answering a bit of Irish trivia, games, and good cheer spread by local organizations. The event provided our Blue Star Mother Chapter with an opportunity to spread our mission in a new venue to the local community. Approximately 800 individuals from the local area were in attendance.



Bonnie & Judy (from left to right)

Participants with their Shamrock people

Three of our Chapter members, Judy Miller (President), Maura O'Donnell-Roszyk and Bonnie Sankovsky, participated in spreading St. Patrick's Day cheer by providing an Arts & Craft project for attendees to make and enjoy. The craft was a Shamrock person. Participants added a face, legs, hands, feet and hat to the shamrock to complete their person. All items needed to create the Shamrock person were pre-cut to provide a craft that would be easy to make for all age levels in attendance. The Shamrock person was a great hit!! Additionally, members of our local community unfamiliar with our Blue Star Mother Organization walked away with information regarding our mission to support our local Veterans and deployed military personnel.



Bonnie, Maura & Judy (from left to right)

# TREASURE COAST BLUE STAR MOTHERS, FL11



American Legion Post 268 held a Quarter Auction for our benefit. We were unfamiliar with the fundraising technique but we were thrilled to get the proceeds from the auction.



We are fortunate to receive new members on a regular basis. We find military mothers while out in the community bringing exposure to BSMA and our chapter.



It was our pleasure to present honor cords to two young men at Westwood High School. These young men were leaders in the JROTC program and we were pleased to honor them.

# Blue Star Mom - Houston Chapter TX2 Monthly Newsletter Celebrating Our Community and Achievements

Dear Blue Star Sisters!

We're excited to share the latest happenings, upcoming events, and highlight the achievements within our chapter. We appreciate your continued support and participation in making our community vibrant and impactful.

We are so grateful for all of our phenomenal opportunities to help our community.





# BLUE STAR MOTHERS SOUTHWESTERN PA



## March 2025



*Be Brave*

March was an exceptionally active and meaningful month for our chapter, filled with opportunities to serve and support our community and veterans.

- We proudly participated in a fundraiser gala for the Pennsylvania PetVets.
- At the Butler VA Hospital, we supported a veterans' Bingo event.
- Our President and 1st Vice President shared the mission and vision of our chapter during an appearance on MC-TV.
- Members lent their support to the 911th Airwing Family Easter Egg Hunt and Family event.
- Several chapter members participated in flag ceremonies and events honoring the 20th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans.
- Our chapter was also represented at the Vietnam Veterans 50th Anniversary service, hosted by the Veterans Breakfast Club.
- We collaborated with the local outreach group Neighbor 2 Neighbor to provide breakfast for the community and veterans.
- Additionally, we continued collecting donations for our upcoming care package event.
- At our monthly meeting, we had the privilege of hosting guest speakers from Bridge to Home Hospice, who provided invaluable insights into the significance of end-of-life care for veterans.

It was truly a powerful month, filled with impactful moments of service, connection, and dedication to our mission.



*"...and it... if any... would be just... The chance... the... as possible... the... which they had... the... the... little hope... it... "The big thing... and... and..."*



# MN16

We are “Marching” towards our busy season with our annual Spring fundraiser at the Braham Craft Show – a bake sale, patriotic items, and a delicious homemade sloppy joe lunch with chips, cookie and slaw! At our April meeting, we agreed to provide red, white and blue graduation chords to local high schools for graduating seniors who have committed to military service – we would like to honor them for their commitment. Minor touchups to our float was discussed, as parade season is coming quick! Our annual garage sale fundraiser is on the horizon and we approved a donation to the Hickam AFB Induction Ceremony.



# Fort Wayne Area Blue Star Mothers – Chapter IN8

Our Chapter has been busy since the beginning of 2025.

50 Care Packages to our deployed military members from across Indiana; Cards and American Flag lapel pins for Honor Flight Veterans; Assisted with Month of the Military Child at local 122nd Fighter Wing “Board and Brush” event.

We have recently updated all our promotional materials and have display stands delivered to all our local recruiting offices and local armories.

For our new members we have a variety of Patriotic and BSM “Swag” for them to choose from to begin their collection of “All Things Patriotic”



Winter & Spring Care Packages packing and preparation. Care Packages Ready for Pick Up



Membership Displays



“All Things Patriotic” Swag items



The Vietnam Veteran Memorial Replica and Mobile Education Center was placed at Life Tabernacle Church from March 18-23



Geaux 7 volunteered during the dates it was in Central.



Geaux 7 members and the Reverend of the Life Tabernacle Church



The flyer we used to promote our Hometown Military Hero Banners in three of our cities that will place these banners in their hometown the month of June and July (they will be up for Flag Day and the 4th of July). We have two other cities in November for the Veterans Day Parades. This is a great way to honor our military families.



Carol Bass, a Gold Star Mother and Sandy Stockwell, 2 VP of Chapter 7 placed a wreath at the wall during the opening of the Thursday night ceremony



Girl Scout Troop 10732 donated Girl Scout Cookies to be placed in our care package boxes which will be mailed to our servicemen and women overseas April 12th.

Our chapter packed 65 care packages that will be sent to our deployed servicemen and women over seas. As you can see we had plenty of volunteers to help pack our boxes with Love.



We volunteered for "Love the Boot Community Cleanup Day". Our group planted flowers and cleaned up around the Central Veterans Memorial on April 12th

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Rio Grande Valley  
**Blue Star Mothers**



Month of the  
Military Child



**SPRING PACKING – 3/15/2025 RGV NM2 MISSION COMPLETED BY MAILING 425 CARE PACKAGES TO DEPLOYED TROOPS WORLDWIDE! WE DID RECEIVE A BATTALION WITH 700 SERVICE MEMBERS. RGV NM2 GRATEFULLY WITH UNMEASURED GRATITUDE THANK ALL THE CHAPTERS OF BSMs WHO HELPED SEND CARE PACKAGES TO THIS UNIT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT ! WE LOVE OUR MILITARY !**



### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Gloria, Kathy & Marlane attended the  
Tribute for Women in the Military at

American Legion Post 99-Albuquerque, NM 3/7/25

Gloria & Marlane also walked the runway at the Raymond G. Murphy VA Hospital on 3/21/25 and wore what empowers them at BSMs and WE are the daughters of WWII Veterans and have active-duty children serving.



### BATAAN DEATH MARCH 3/22/2025

Elena and Mike Foster, BSM and associate and Rachel Donovan, associate from RGV NM2, did the walking and volunteering at the White Sands Missile Range in Alamogordo, NM.

THANK YOU for honoring all who were forcibly transferred by Imperial Japanese Army. They were forced to march 66 miles 4/10/1942.

76,000 POW (66,000 Filipinos and 10,000 Americans.)  
Sixty plus nurses were American POWs who bravely stayed and cared for the injured.  
More than just a Marathon.



NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS WAR DAY, MARCH 29, 2025

50<sup>TH</sup> COMMEMORATIVE ANNIVERSARY –RESPECTFULLY HONORING ALL VIETNAM VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR THEIR SERVICE . HONOR, RESPECT AND NEVER FORGET. "WELCOME HOME"



COMING UP FOR RGV NM2...

4/13-HONOR FLIGHT OF NEW MEXICO CAR SHOW

4/15- SUIT-UP AND PURPLE-UP FOR THE MILITARY CHILD

4/19 –GENERAL MEETING INSTALLING NEW ARMY MOMS!

5/3 -MILITARY CHILD APPRECIATION BANQUET-KAFB

5/17 –MOMS, MORALE & MORE WHO FILLED THE GAP OF THE 1940'S LUNCHEON

5/26 –MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE AT THE NM VETERANS MEMORIAL

5/31 & 6/1- FIESTA AIR SHOW AT KIRTLAND AFB.

# BLUE STAR MOTHERS SE WI 2



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NEWSLETTER

## Upcoming Events

**April 2025 Meeting**  
April 15<sup>th</sup>

**Honor Flights**  
April 26<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup>  
& June 14<sup>th</sup>

**Milaegers Farmer's  
Market**  
May 18<sup>th</sup> & July 20<sup>th</sup>

**Field of Flags**  
May 21<sup>st</sup>

**Memorial Day  
Ceremony**  
May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 11am

**Cooking Class  
Fundraiser**  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Camp Hometown  
Heroes**  
July 2<sup>nd</sup>

**2025 National  
Convention**  
July 28<sup>th</sup>-Aug 1<sup>st</sup>

**WI Realtor Military  
Ball**  
October 18, 2025

At our March 2025 meeting we discussed plans for upcoming volunteer opportunities, National Convention planning, shared a delicious meal and were honored to welcome Debbie Rueber, Community Engagement and Partnerships Coordinator with the Suicide Prevention Team, to our group. Based out of the Captain James Lovell Federal Health Care Center in North Chicago and also serving the Kenosha area, Debbie plays a vital role in helping veterans and their families access support for substance use, mental health services, and other resources. Thank you to all the moms who shared their stories and questions during this meaningful discussion.



Pictured above & below are members at the Silent Hero Program, which took place April 7<sup>th</sup> at Union Grove Cemetery. This program entails students researching their chosen Veteran and a visit to a local national cemetery, each year in the spring. This year a teacher and 4 students from a local middle school selected to research U.S. Navy Lt. Commander Orville E Pitts and U.S. Army Corporal Cecil Grayson Sutphen, who both served in the Korean War, returned home and continued to serve their communities. After sharing what they learned through their research, there was a "No Next of Kin Ceremony" for Air Force Veteran Roni Richotto.



# PA14



PA-14's 2nd Annual Baskets & Bucks  
BINGO which was held this past  
Saturday, April 12, 2025.

We had around 280 people come to  
support us and it was a super  
successful event with a lot of  
teamwork involved!



Along with our Hero 5K, (which is held in November each year), we are able to support veterans and do our holiday care package mailing every December. In December we packaged 200 boxes to ship world-wide.



Bunco - April 12, 2025

# Truckee Meadows NV #3



# Military to the Mountain March 16, 2025



The **Department of Minnesota** celebrated 20 years as a department on March 1! We celebrated by holding our Annual Spring Meeting on our anniversary date. We had a fun time celebrating, reminiscing and looking forward to our next 20 years!



Friday night sister time and dinner. Even as a guest at the Department of Minnesota Spring Meeting, National President Becky has a servants heart! Here she is serving the ladies of Minnesota water and popcorn while we wait for our food orders to be taken.



Freedom Farm,  
Susie Bjorklund



MMAF (Minnesota Military  
Appreciation Fund)  
Joe Bennek



Becky, Dr. Steve Lansing,  
Col. Wayne Quist, Ret.,  
Sgt Cliff Reynolds, all Vietnam  
Veterans. Book-  
Veterans in Crisis



Porsche Hurley  
Minneapolis VA,  
Wheelchair Games



Presidents  
from all six  
Minnesota  
chapters

Department of  
Minnesota  
Executive Board



Dept. President Jen, Past Dept. President's  
Karla, Lucie, Denise, Jeanne and  
National President Rebecca



Group Photo

# Ohio Chapter #9



## Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser



## EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

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Big Dipper Auxiliary of Ohio



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