



NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER



May 2026

Message from the President

Hello Big Dipper Members,

Spring is in full bloom, bringing renewed energy, fresh opportunities, and continued dedication to our mission. April has already proven to be a busy and productive month, and we're excited to share updates, highlights, and what's ahead for our Auxiliary.



Highlights

This month, we continued our efforts to support our veterans, active-duty service members, and their families. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Josephine Calenda Educational Assistance Program (JCEA), volunteered their time, and participated in our ongoing initiatives. Your commitment truly makes a meaningful difference.



Upcoming Events

Fun Night Planning: Preparations are well underway! Thank you to everyone involved in organizing what promises to be a fun and meaningful event. More details will be shared soon—stay tuned!

Correction: Please note that Fun Night will begin at 7:00 PM, not 6:00 PM as previously indicated on the flyer.



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Fun Night: How You Can Help

Your support is what makes our events successful!

Here are a few ways you can get involved:

- *Donate: Contribute silent auction items to support JCEA.*
- *Register: Sign up for Convention and Fun Night.*
- *Membership: Become a Big Dipper member and help grow our community.*
- *Spread the Word: Follow us on social media, share our mission, and invite others to join.*



Appreciation Corner

A heartfelt thank you to all our members for your dedication and support.

Whether you've contributed behind the scenes or taken on a leadership role, your efforts do not go unnoticed—we truly appreciate all that you do.



Looking Ahead

Let's keep the positive momentum going and continue working together to make an even greater impact, in the lives of those we serve.

With gratitude

Connie M. Shuck, Big Dipper President



BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY FUN NIGHT

FEEL THE NEED... THE NEED FOR FUN!



JULY 29TH | 7:00 PM

Take flight with us for a high-energy night you won't forget!

- ★ Suit up, aviators! Break out your flight jackets and aviator shades and join us for an epic night of fun, friends, and giving back.
- ★ Gear up for games, exciting contests, and high-flying prizes!
- ★ Bid big in our silent auction—amazing items await your call sign.
- ★ Enjoy great music, good vibes, and top-tier company.
- ★ Mission: fun, connection, and impact. Your support helps us continue our mission and make a difference in our community.

TALK TO ME,
GOOSE!

YOU CAN BE
MY WINGMAN
ANYTIME.

HIGHWAY TO
THE DANGER ZONE

**JOIN US FOR AN
UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT!**

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR MISSION



SILENT AUCTION

Bid sheet



Item #

Item Name _____ PLEASE PRINT

Description of all contents of item/baskets: _____

Donated by Chapter/Donor Name: _____

Chapter State & Number of Donor: _____ Value of donation \$ _____

PLEASE, ALL BIDS MUST BE IN WHOLE DOLLARS ONLY Minimum Bid \$ _____

NO.	Bidder's Complete Name (PRINT)	State & Chapter #	Cell Phone # REQUIRED	Bid Amount
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For Office Use Only: Cash Check (Check # _____)

Charge (MC VISA DC AMX) Last 4 Digits _____

Amount Pd.



Josephine Calenda Educational Assistance JCEA

Applications for the Josephine Calenda Educational Assistance (JCEA) are now available on our website. Please help spread the word and encourage eligible applicants to apply. If you have any questions regarding the application process, feel free to reach out.

For more information and to fill out the application please click the link below.

[JCEA Application](#)



Big Dipper Auxiliary



Be sure to check out our available items, including pins, earrings, and other merchandise. Photo gallery on the next page.

NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY STORE GALLERY



#1. Big Dipper Guard Pin \$12.00



#2. Big Dipper Lapel Pin \$12.00



#3. Eagle Pin \$10.00



#4. Flag Stud Earrings \$5.00



#5. Flag Necklace \$10.00



#6. Proud Veteran Pin \$8.00



#7. God Bless America Necklace \$10.00



#8. Twist Earrings \$10.00



#9. Cross Pin \$8.00



#10. Cross Necklace \$10.00



#11. Charm Bracelet \$10.00



#12. Red, White & Blue Star Necklace \$10.00



#13. Folded Flag Pin \$5.00



#14 Flip Flop Earrings \$12.00
(gold tone)



#15. Blue Star Hat Bag \$10.00
(Hat & Gloves available at
the National BSM Online Store)



#18. Poppy Pin \$5.00



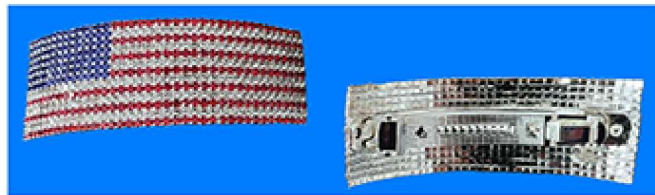
#19. Flag Ribbon \$10.00



#20. Sparkly Flag Pin \$5.00



#21. Bling Evening Clutch \$25.00



#22. Bling Flag Barette \$15.00



#23. Vintage



#24. Flag

Kimonos \$15.00
(3 designs)



#25. Stars & Stripes



#26. Flag Earrings \$10.00



National Big Dipper Auxiliary Store
Order Form 2025-2026

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

# Ordered	Items	Price	Total
	#1 Big Dipper Guard Pin	\$12.00	
	#2. Big Dipper Lapel Pin	\$12.00	
	#3. Eagle Pin	\$10.00	
	#4. Flag Stud Earrings	\$5.00	
	#5. Flag Necklace	\$10.00	
	#6. Proud Veteran Pin	\$8.00	
	#7. God Bless America Necklace	\$10.00	
	#8. Twist Earrings	\$10.00	
	#9. Cross Pin	\$8.00	
	#10. Cross Necklace	\$10.00	
	#11. Charm Bracelet	\$10.00	
	#12. Red, White & Blue Star Necklace	\$10.00	
	#13. Folded Flag Pin	\$5.00	
	#14. Flip Flop Earrings (gold tone)	\$12.00	
	#15. Blue Star Hat Bag <i>(Hat & Gloves available from National BSM Online Store)</i>	\$10.00	
	#16. Big Dipper Challenge Coin	\$10.00	
	#17. JCEA Patch	\$5.00	
	#18. Poppy Pin	\$5.00	
	#19. Flag Ribbon	\$10.00	
	#20. Sparkly Flag Pin	\$5.00	
	#21. Bling Evening Clutch	\$25.00	
	#22. Bling Flag Barrette	\$15.00	
	#23. Vintage Kimono	\$15.00	

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	#24. Flag Kimono #25. Stars	\$15.00	
	& Stripes Kimono #26. Flag	\$15.00	
	Earrings	\$10.00	

Invoices will be sent to you by email from Big Dipper Treasurer

Make Checks Payable to “National Big Dipper Auxiliary”

Send orders to:
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