



NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER



July 2026

Farewell and Thank You

As we have published this final edition of the Big Dipper Newsletter for my term, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your support, dedication, and friendship throughout this journey.

Serving as your National Big Dipper President has been both an honor and a privilege. Together, we have celebrated accomplishments, faced challenges, supported our military families, and strengthened the bonds that make the Big Dipper Auxiliary such a remarkable organization.

Thank you to our officers, committee members, chapter leaders, members, and supporters who have generously given their time, talents, and unwavering commitment to our mission. Your passion and dedication have made a lasting impact.





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I am proud of all that we have accomplished together and look forward to seeing the Big Dipper Auxiliary continue to grow and thrive in the years ahead.

May you all continue to support one another, cherish the friendships you have made, and remain steadfast in your service to our military, veterans, and their families.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve.

With sincere appreciation and best wishes,

Connie M. Shuck

National President

Big Dipper National Auxiliary

2024-2026





Josephine Calenda Educational Assistance JCEA

The 2026 Josephine Calenda Educational Assistance (JCEA) applications have been submitted and are currently being processed. The total number of recipients and awards will be announced at the BSM National Convention at the Big Dipper Annual Meeting.

Celebrating Our
DIAMOND JUBILEE
-- 75 Years of Educational Support & Service --

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1951 - 2026

BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY

**JOSEPHINE CALEDA
EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FUND**

Fun Night Reminders

- Register for Fun Night!
- Theme: Top Gun
- Please note: Only light snacks will be available during the event.

We look forward to seeing everyone for an evening of fun, sisterhood, and entertainment! ✈️🎵★

**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.

FUEL UP BEFORE TAKEOFF!
Enjoy light appetizers and hors d'oeuvres throughout the evening.
Dinner will not be served.

JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT!

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR MISSION

TALK TO ME, GOOSE!

YOU CAN BE MY WINGMAN ANYTIME.

HIGHWAY TO THE DANGER ZONE

**BIG DIPPER
AUXILIARY**

Silent



***The Silent Auction is one of our
biggest fundraising events of
the year!***

***Please remember to complete
and return your donation / bid
sheet.***

***Included in this newsletter is
the Donation Form for your
convenience.***

***We appreciate all contributions
–large or small!***

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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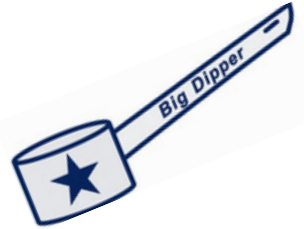
For Office Use Only: ☐ Cash ☐ Check (Check # _____)

☐ Charge (MC VISA DC AMX) Last 4 Digits _____

Amount Pd.



Big Dipper Auxiliary MEMBERSHIP



If you would like to submit your dues prior to Convention, please provide your email address to our Financial Secretary so an invoice can be sent to you.

Finsec.bd@bluestarmothers.us

If you have any questions regarding membership or renewal, please contact our Big Dipper 1st Vice President or Big Dipper Financial Secretary for assistance.

Thank you for your continued support and membership in the Big Dipper National Auxiliary.

[Online Membership Form](#)



BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC.



BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY

Membership Application & Renewal

FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027



Supporting the Josephine Calenda Educational Assistance (JCEA) program through fellowship, service, and fundraising.

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MEMBER INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP YEAR: FY 2026-2027

☐ NEW MEMBERSHIP ☐ RENEWAL

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Chapter State & Number: _____ Department: _____

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PAYMENT OPTIONS

MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$10.00



PAY BY MAIL

Make checks payable to:
Big Dipper Auxiliary

Mail application and payment to:

Ntl Big Dipper Auxiliary
Lorraine Camire - Fin Sec
420 N. McKinley St. Ste 111-B35
Corona, CA 92879-8099

OR



PAYPAL PAYMENTS

If paying through PayPal:

- Complete this application
- Email to:

finsec.bd@bluestarmothers.us
1vp.bd@bluestarmothers.us



IMPORTANT:

Please include **"26-27 Membership Dues"** in the **PayPal memo** line.

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BIG DIPPER USE ONLY

Date Received:	Date Processed:	Amount Paid:	Deposit Date:
Method of Payment: (check one) ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ ACH ☐ Card ☐ PayPal		Check / Transaction # _____	
Card Last 4 Digits: _____		Processed By: _____	
Notes: _____			

TO SUPPORT ★ TO HONOR ★ TO SERVE



Big Dipper Auxiliary Store

Check out our available items, including pins, earrings, and other merchandise. Photo gallery on the next page.

**Pick-Up Store Purchases at
Convention**

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



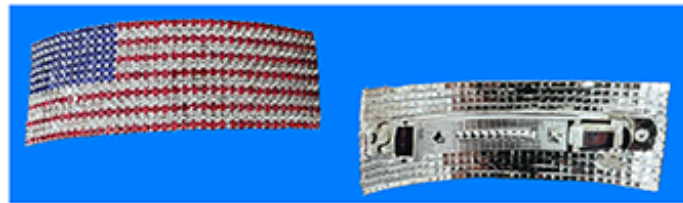
#19. Flag Ribbon \$10.00



#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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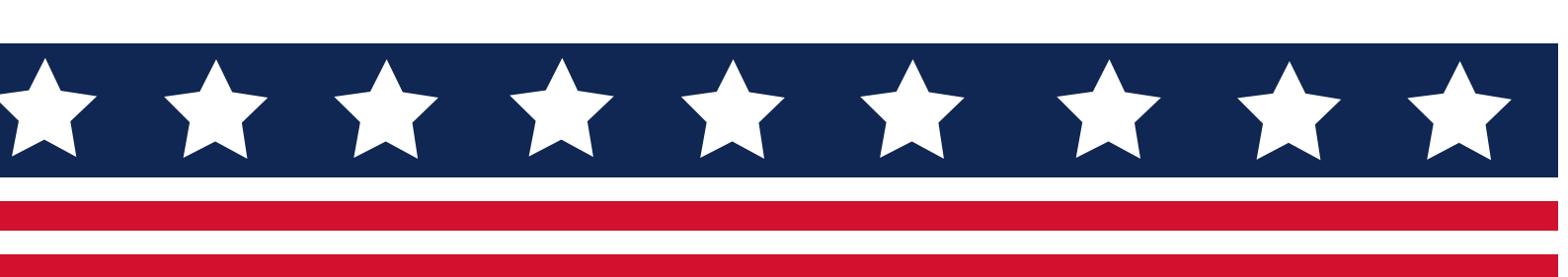
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Order Form 2025-2026

	#24. Flag Kimono- Out of Stock	\$15.00	
	#25. Stars & Stripes Kimono	\$15.00	
	#26. Flag 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:
BSMA National Big Dipper Auxiliary
Attn: Lorraine Camire
420 N. McKinley St, Ste 111-B35
Corona, CA 92879-8099



Contact the Big Dipper Board

President: Connie Moler Shuck

president.bd@bluestarmothers.us

1st Vice President: Pro-tem Brenda Ternullo

1vp.bd@bluestarmothers.us

Recording Secretary: Julie McGaha

recsec.bd@bluestarmothers.us

Financial Secretary: Pro-tem

Lorraine Camire

finsec.bd@bluestarmothers.us

Treasurer: Pro-tem Jan Rusk

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Claudette Lunney-Talbot

president.bdmi@bluestarmothers.us

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Kim Stock Foster

president.bdoh@bluestarmothers.us

