



NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER



June 2026

Message from the President

Greetings Sisters,

As we move through the month of June, I would like to thank each of you for your continued dedication, support, and commitment to our organization and mission. Your hard work and willingness to serve continue to make a positive impact within our auxiliary and our communities.

This month has been filled with planning, collaboration, and preparation for upcoming Fun Night event. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and talents to support Big Dipper activities and initiatives.

Please continue to stay involved and support one another as we work together to strengthen our mission.

Warm regards,

Connie M. Shuck

National Big Dipper President



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Membership and Renewal

Attached is the 2026–2027 Membership and Renewal Form. Please complete and submit the form along with the required dues. If you have any questions regarding membership or renewal, please contact our Financial Secretary Lorraine Camire, finsec.bd@bluestarmothers.us for assistance. (page 7)

Officer Nominations

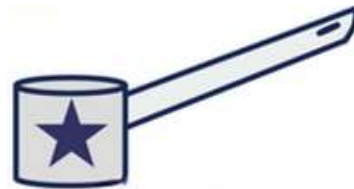
The Nomination Announcement and Nomination Forms for National Big Dipper Auxiliary Officers have been distributed. Members interested in serving are encouraged to review the officer's duties and submit nominations by the required deadline.

Silent Auction/Fundraiser Information

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!! (page 8)

Big Dipper History

From the Big Dipper Constitution, dated 1951, the emblem and official flower was adopted at the 1952 convention. The Big Dipper Emblem became a flat bottom Dipper with a long handle



and worn as a guard pin attached to the official National Blue Star Mother's pin. The official flower became the California Poppy. "The Big Dipper got its name because of the seven elected officers to correspond with the Seven Stars appearing in the Big Dipper Constellation." (Erma Hoffman at the Department of Ohio Big Dipper meeting May 16, 1952)

*Constitution was adopted in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 7, 1951, where Seven Officers were Duly elected and sworn in for the year. Leona Sterling of Michigan, was the first National Big Dipper President.



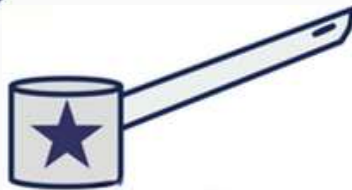
Celebrating Our
DIAMOND JUBILEE

-- 75 Years of Educational Support & Service --



1951 - 2026

BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY



**JOSEPHINE CALEDA
EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FUND**

Your \$10 Membership Can Change a Future

Invest in Education. Invest in Their Future

Educational Assistance is available for:

*Military Members ★ Veterans ★ Blue Star Mothers
Spouses ★ Children & Grandchildren ★ Families*

JOIN US

Make a difference

Your support helps ensure opportunity for tomorrow



Josephine Calenda Educational Assistance JCEA

The 2026 Josephine Calenda Educational Assistance (JCEA) application is now available. Members are encouraged to share this opportunity with eligible applicants.

- ✓ Applications must be submitted by June 26, 2026, at midnight PST.
- ✓ This award may only be received twice.
- ✓ Be sure to have Chapter Presidents or 1st VP signature on Application

Click the link to access the application online.

[JCEA Application](#)

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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





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)		Check / Transaction # _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> ACH <input type="checkbox"/> Card <input type="checkbox"/> PayPal		Processed By: _____	
Card Last 4 Digits: _____		Notes: _____	

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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Bid Sheet continues on reverse side - →

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

Charge (MC VISA DC AMX) Last 4 Digits _____

Amount Pd.

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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 Barette	\$15.00	
	#23. Vintage Kimono	\$15.00	

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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

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