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KAREN STILLWELL NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

I just want to take a moment to check in and see how all of you are doing. Being a military mom is a journey filled with pride, love, worry and strength, and it means so much to have an organization like this where we can support one another through it all. Please know you're not alone, and this group is always here for encouragement, prayers, and understanding.

I want to share some very special news with you all. First off, we are celebrating 84 years of our organization, Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc, along with our 82nd National Convention. Over the past 84 years, there have been only two occasions when we were unable to meet: in 1945 because of wartime travel restrictions, and in 2020 due to COVID, when in-person meetings were not allowed. This milestone is a powerful reminder of the legacy of love, service, and dedication we share as military moms. For more than eight decades, our organization has supported our service members, veterans, gold stars, and their families while building a strong sisterhood rooted in patriotism and compassion. It is truly an honor to be a part of such a meaningful tradition



NATIONAL PRESIDENT
MESSAGE CONTINUED

Recently, our NEB members met and worked hard during the Midyear meeting, developing training and setting goals to help strengthen our organization and continue growing our mission. The convention will build on that work by offering training opportunities to help empower and strengthen us as military moms and leaders, giving us tools, knowledge, and encouragement to better support our service members, veterans, gold star families and each other more effectively.

Be sure to follow the Convention Chatter. Registration is now ready and about to go live. If you're able to attend or follow along with the convention activities, it will be a wonderful way to connect, celebrate, learn, and continue strengthening this amazing sisterhood of military moms.

I am also pleased to announce my President's Project this year, is the "3rd & Goal Foundation", established by Brady Quinn, a former NFL quarterback and son of a Vietnam Veteran. This project is all about teamwork, determination, and pushing forward together - just like in football - working side by side to support our veterans and military families. Every effort we make together helps move us closer to our goal.

See more information listed here in the newsletter about the President's Project and how you can get involved.



NATIONAL PRESIDENT
MESSAGE CONTINUED



In honor of Women's History Month, we're excited to share our latest press release highlighting the women who continue to inspire, lead, and make a difference every day. It is copied here following my message.

As military moms, we also understand the importance of staying strong and supportive during times of conflict, while continuing to be mindful of OPSEC and protecting the safety of our service members and our families here at home. Supporting one another and remaining careful with what we share is one more way we share our love and dedication. Please continue to follow the advice regarding not speaking to the press or sharing our service members or your family's information. Keep everyone safe, it is not about us as individuals, but about our mission. There are those here and abroad who may wish to hurt us.

Sending love, prayers and strength to each of you and your family today and every day. Thank you for being part of this incredible organization.

Respectfully Yours in Service,
Karen
National President 2025-2026





NATIONAL
PRESIDENTS PROJECT
FUNDRAISER

2026 Blue Star Mothers of America President's Project 6th Miles For Our Veterans – If These Boots Could Talk Virtual 5K Call for Department/Chapter Sponsors!

As mentioned in National President Karen's message, this year's event will be in support of **3rd and Goal Foundation** - this group is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of veterans in need through its three pillars: Operation Home (making home handicap accessible for wounded veterans), Operation Education (providing educational programs and scholarship opportunities for veterans), and Operation Joy (uplifting veterans through meaningful gifts, experiences, and community support). Please see <https://www.3rdandgoalfoundation.org/> for more information.



3rd & Goal
FOUNDATION

It is time for our Departments and Chapters to decide if they will sponsor this event again this year! If you already have this in your budget, bring it up at your next meeting to share about 3rd and Goal and to confirm sponsorship with your members! If you do not have this in your budget, you will need to discuss, make a motion, second that motion, and vote in order to get the approval of your members to become a sponsor and have your CSN on the back of this year's shirt!

As in previous years, **any and all Departments or Chapters can sponsor** – what does that mean? Each sponsoring Department/Chapter will have their CSN on the back of this year's shirt! You have until May 15 to commit to be a sponsor so bring this up at your next meeting and take that vote! The minimum sponsorship is \$50, if your chapter gives that amount or more, your CSN will be on the back of the shirt!

We have **sponsorship levels** again this year. If you sponsor at these levels your will, be recognized at Convention and on social media in addition to being on the shirt.

Red Level Sponsors – \$500 - \$999

White Level Sponsors - \$1000 - \$1499

Blue Level Sponsors - \$1500 or more

Sponsor payments/donations will be handled differently this year – these will all go through BSMA to streamline that for all of us! Watch for a link coming soon where you will be able to send your sponsorship payment to BSMA so your payment can be processed right away and be held in a restricted account to then be donated to 3rd and Goal at Convention!

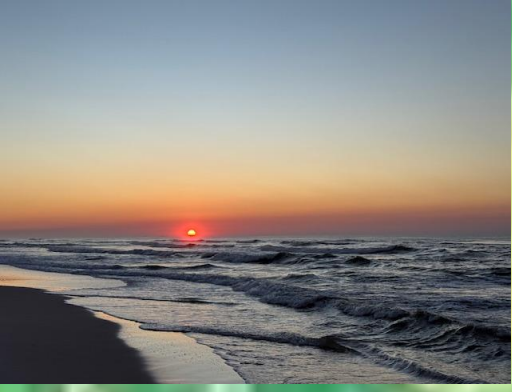
T-shirts – see the awesome mockup below – will be available through Gold Star family-owned Mandy's Tees and More just like always – more info coming later on buying your shirts! We do ask that all sponsors try to get at least 5 members and/or supporters to purchase shirts to help us raise more funds – a portion of each shirt's sales price will come back to us!

Patches – remember the President's Project patch is in the store – all proceeds from sales of that patch will go to 3rd and Goal as well! We will again have year tabs for under the patch – this year they will say 2026 3rd and Goal – and all proceeds will go to the organization from that too. The tabs will be available around Memorial Day; the patches are in the store now!

Our walks will take place the weekend prior to Convention – **July 24-26**. We will have a walk for those at Convention that weekend. Remember to plan your chapter walk, have everyone wear their neon green shirt, and invite friends and family!

Become a 2026
Sponsor – Get your
Dept/Chapter
added to the back
of this year's shirt!!





NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD AT MID-YEAR



WORK HARD
PLAY HARD





NATIONAL PRESS RELEASE



Blue Star Mothers Honor Women Leaders Supporting Military Families

National military mothers organization honors women supporting service members, veterans, and military families during Women's History Month.

WASHINGTON, DC, UNITED STATES, March 9, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As the nation observes Women's History Month, [Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.](#), a Congressionally Chartered nonprofit organization supporting military families, proudly recognizes the women who have led, served, and strengthened America's Armed Forces community for more than eight decades.

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From our founding mothers to the women serving today, leadership and service have always defined Blue Star Mothers and our support for military families.”

Karen Stillwell, National President, Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.

Founded in 1942 during World War II by mothers with children serving overseas, Blue Star Mothers of America emerged as a national voice for military families during one of the most defining periods in United States history. In 1960, the organization was granted a Congressional Charter, solidifying its place as a nationally recognized

veterans and military support organization.

Today, the mission continues through a nationwide network of chapters dedicated to supporting active duty service members, veterans, National Guard and Reserve families, and Gold Star families.

“From our founding mothers in 1942 to the women currently serving in our Armed Forces, leadership and service have always defined who we are,” said Karen Stillwell, National President of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. “Women’s History Month reminds us that women serve our nation in uniform, in their communities, and in leadership roles across the country. Blue Star Mothers proudly stands in that legacy.”

Throughout American history, women have played an essential role in sustaining the military community as service members, advocates, organizers, and family leaders.

Blue Star Mothers mobilized during World War II to support deployed troops. During the Vietnam era, members provided advocacy and emotional support to families navigating



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uncertainty. In the post-9/11 generation, chapters expanded care package programs, community service initiatives, and veteran outreach efforts nationwide.

Women currently serve in every branch of the United States Armed Forces, and many Blue Star Mothers are mothers of daughters serving in uniform, reflecting the evolving leadership of women within the Armed Forces.

As a national military mothers organization, Blue Star Mothers of America represents thousands of volunteer hours annually in support of service members and veterans. Local chapters are led by women balancing family responsibilities, careers, and community service, demonstrating that leadership is built through action and commitment.

Women's History Month provides an opportunity not only to reflect on the past, but to recognize the ongoing leadership of women in military support organizations across the country. Service does not end when a son or daughter enlists. For Blue Star Mothers, service continues through advocacy, volunteerism, and strengthening military families at the community level.

As Blue Star Mothers of America enters its 84th year of service, the organization continues to expand its national footprint through chapter development, outreach programs, and partnerships that support military and veteran families. Strong military families strengthen the nation.

Blue Star Mothers of America invites eligible military mothers to [become part of a national sisterhood](#) dedicated to service, honor, and leadership. Eligible members include mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, and female legal guardians of service members and veterans.

To [find a local chapter](#) or begin the membership process, visit www.bluestarmothers.org.

About Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.

Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. is a Congressionally Chartered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1942. The organization supports active duty service members, veterans, National Guard, Reserve, and Gold Star families through local chapters across the United States. Through volunteer service, community outreach, and advocacy, Blue Star Mothers strengthens

military families nationwide.

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Announcing the BSMA Online Store Spring Fling Bundle!

Get ready for Spring Our Spring Bundle
New Blue Jacket, Umbrella
And a 3-inch patch of your choice
This is a \$75.00 value, all for \$65.00, offer ends May 15



Lightweight jacket with drawstring hood, lightweight lining, elastic cuffs and waist, size XSmall - 6Xlarge



Solid blue with a BSMA patch or Red, white and blue panels with a BSMA patch

Choose 1 of these patches





UPDATE ON REPORTING:

Recently our National Executive Board (NEB) began a chapter membership reporting for the “AMERICA 250 PROJECT”. If you have not heard about this and how it works, please ask your chapter president. This project began in February and will conclude in June.

We don't want our VAVS Representatives and Deputies to be confused on the reporting we need for our VA. In February's article we outlined what was not allowed in our monthly reports and we only could use the actual time spent in the VA Facility, Clinic, Fisher House or Cemeteries. (This does not include Wreaths Across America)

Please contact your chapter president on what time is allowable on the “AMERICA 250 Project” .

As always, our VAVS Representatives, Deputies and Occasional Volunteers are crucial to the mission of the VAVS.

If you have any further questions about the VAVS program, please feel free to contact our National VAVS Representative, PNP Anne Parker –



The 2026 Yearbook Needs Your Photos

Please send all Yearbook photos to; Yearbook@bluestarmothers.us
by June 8th 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 30th, 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 15th 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 15th** 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, Beth, at 636-875-4914 or email
yearbook@bluestarmothers.us



**HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE VA HOSPITAL FUND
BY PLACING AN AD IN THE
2025-2026 YEARBOOK**

Does Your Chapter or Department have something to share in the Yearbook? Design Your own ad and send it to Yearbook@bluestarmothers.us

Include your Email Address
We will send an Invoice for Payment.
Invoice MUST be PAID in 72 Hours.

Ad Space is open to Members, Associates and Businesses

**SPACE IS LIMITED !
AVAILABILITY IS
FIRST COME FIRST
SERVED
DEADLINE IS JUNE 8**

FULL PAGE \$100.00		1/4 PAGE \$25.00
		1/2 PAGE \$50.00

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OR EMAIL: YEARBOOK@BLUESTARMOTHERS.US

**100% OF MONEY COLLECTED GOES
TO THE UNSUPPORTED VA HOSPITALS**



BLUE DAISY



Margaret Bedard

MI | 1998–1999

Past National President

PNP Carla Brodacki (MI180) stated, “I was blessed to meet Margaret in 2007 at the Michigan Convention. She really embraced all the young moms with class and kindness. She always supported me as Department President and was proud when I became National President. One thing that always tickled me about Margaret was her superior skills with technology. She worked in Real Estate well into her nineties, even had a Facebook account. We are all blessed to have had her guidance and acceptance. Everyone was welcome.”



PNP Jean Burlingame (OH2) stated “I met Margaret in 2001. She was my mentor when I was National President and we kept in touch all these years. She was a very kind and caring person. Margaret was the epitome of a Blue Star Mother and one of the finest National Presidents of our organization. We were blessed to know her.”

PNP Karen Steven (NM1) stated “I met Margaret my first convention in 2003, she was a wonderful sister and example of sisterhood.”





The February dinner cooked by Blue Star Mothers Thumb Chapter MI 178 was great. There was plenty of food, desserts and the residents of the Community showed their support.





PA 16



BLUE STAR MOTHERS

January and February 2026



- Fundraising: Began planning for upcoming Night at the Races event - Jan. 8
- Held: Monthly Meeting - Jan. 15
- Hosted: Guest speaker, Deb Krall, Western PA Team Captain - Operation Homefront / www.operationhomefront.org
- Social Event: Moms Mingle - Washington County - Feb. 5
- Social Event: Moms Mingle - Beaver County with two active-duty family members present - Feb. 7
- Volunteered: American Legion 778 Gun Bash - Butler - Feb. 7
- Celebrated: Salute Week - Butler VA - Feb. 13
- Attended: Coffee with Veterans - Greene County - Feb. 14
- Held: Monthly Meeting - Feb. 19
- Hosted: Guest speaker, Kylie Bibza, Community Outreach - The Veterans Place / www.veteransplaceusa.org
- Attended: US Army Reserve 303 Dining Out Ceremony - Feb. 23
- Donated: Diapers and wipes - PA Air National Guard 171 - Feb. 26
- Participated: Podcast - KDKA 100.1 FM - Feb. 27





TX 6



Lone Star Chapter, TX6



**TX6 members
enjoying our
annual February
Luncheon.**



**Ann and Gene checking out
Richardson Memorial Park
before the beginning of the
project**



**Aftermath of a
Richardson Memorial
Park meeting.
Making sure our
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never forgotten.**





Blue Star Mothers ROC NY8 March 2026



Flower City Warriors

The Rochester Blue Star Mothers are honored to support the Flower City Warriors with a donation to continue the incredible work they are doing for veterans in our community. The Flower City Warriors mission is to provide a recreational hockey team for military veterans, active military, reservists, Guardsmen, and their family members in Rochester. They are a 501(c)(3), veteran owned, non-profit organization, formed to enhance veteran community engagement and provide veteran camaraderie supporting a return to civilian life. The organization's primary goal is to connect former and current military personnel with the support of the local community through competitive sport.

New York is a Purple Heart State

On Tuesday, February 24, 2026 New York State became newest "Purple Heart State." The ceremony was held at the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New Windsor, built where George Washington awarded the first Purple Hearts over 200 years ago. Nearly two million Purple Hearts have been awarded since. Each one represents a story of courage that deserves to be remembered. New York's new designation as a Purple Heart State officially recognizes the valor and sacrifice of Purple Heart recipients and affirms the state's commitment to supporting all who served through meaningful action.



We are Here to Support Each Other

Blue Star Mothers of America



Part of the Blue Star Mothers' mission is to provide support to each other. One of the most comforting and encouraging steps that you can take is to connect with other parents who are experiencing similar challenges. The Rochester Blue Star Mothers has a monthly support group called Strong Stars that meets the first

Monday of the month from 7-8pm at various Panera locations in the greater Rochester area on a rotating basis. Come join us on a Monday night to have coffee and share in the support and pride of being a military family. Watching your child serve in the military can bring a range of emotions but we are here to support and encourage. Together, we can navigate the unique journey of military parenthood, because you are not alone.



MARCH
2026

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Greater Tampa Bay Chapter - FL3



1st Quarter 2026

The Greater Tampa Bay Chapter BSMA has been involved in many different events this year. The Chapter has supported the Tampa Bay Frogman Swim, Veterans Depot, Army Recruiting events, Tunnel to Towers 5K, Tribute to the Troops and Homes for our Troops.





Lone Star Chapter, TX6



TX6 members enjoying our annual February Luncheon.



Ann and Gene checking out Richardson Memorial Park before the beginning of the project



Aftermath of a Richardson Memorial Park meeting. Making sure our Fallen Heroes are properly honored and never forgotten.





Fort Wayne Area Blue Star Mothers Chapter IN8

We have been busy in February and March, after taking January off. Most years we cancel due to weather so in 2026 we were proactive, and trying to out guess Mother Nature, we did not schedule a January meeting! We're looking forward to spring arriving in northeast Indiana!

We kicked February off with our regular meeting held at a local Bar and Grill! Great food, great conversation and we got a lot of planning done for 2026.

We attended a Yellow Ribbon Pre Deployment event in Fort Wayne for our local Air Guard. We met nearly 200 airmen and gave each a brochure about our Chapter and a gift to pass along to their moms. We are beginning to hear from those moms and are making connections to bring them aboard. If moms live outside our area, we'll be passing them along to a local chapter nearer their home.

At our March meeting we will wrap up our clothing drive for our local facility Clothes for Joes / Janes facility. We started collecting in January and have 4 SUV's full of clean, gently used clothing for women veterans. We also have new underclothes and socks from a local Farm and Family Store that ran a drive for us. Clothes for Joes / Janes provides clothing items for free to local veterans. We'll be delivering on March 14.

Later in March, some of our members are attending a local Purse Bingo event to support a Veteran Food pantry. Looking forward to a fun evening.

We are blessed to have such an active chapter and love helping our veteran community

Yellow Ribbon Event



First Bags of Clothing





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NE Chapter 2
put together 50
care packages
for deployed
troops March 8,
2026 with the
help of Nebraska
National Guard &
other volunteers.



San Francisco East Bay Chapter 101 January - March 2026 Events

JANUARY

Jan 4 and Feb 11 General Meetings - Oath taking and Installation of 2026 Board Officers. The 2026 Officers took their oaths of office in two separate meetings as not all were present at the first meeting. Our Chapter is so fortunate to have members take active roles on our Board.



FEBRUARY



Feb 21: Give Veterans a Smile at La Clinica Dental. The event, organized by Southern Alameda County Dental Society (sacds.com), offered free dental care for veterans including dental screening, cleaning, an oral health kit, and potential treatment of their most critical dental needs, with no insurance required or requested. The services are all provided by volunteer dentists, residents and interns. Our Chapter worked the registration/check-in table, greeted the veterans as they come in, and talked to them while waiting for their turn.

Feb 26/27: 21st Annual Gold Star Honor and Remembrance, Marines Memorial Club & Hotel, San Francisco. Our Chapter has been attending this event from its first year. There were 75 Gold Star families honored this year. Our Chapter presented a donation check to Gen. Rocco, CEO of the Marines Memorial Foundation, a 501(c)(3) dedicated to serving all branches of the armed services with the core mission to honor the legacy of military service through its programs.



MARCH

Mar 1: Move care package supplies and all our stuff to new storage location. A big effort on planning and logistics, but with awesome teamwork from our own Blue Star Moms and sweet husbands, and so many volunteers from several organizations (Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley, Diablo Valley College Veterans, Las Positas College Veterans, California High School Brave & Blue, Young Men's Service League, and Boys Team Charity) - we got it done! We were out of the old storage by 10 am and fully set up in our new office/storage by 1:45 pm (pizza break included!). Truly remarkable!!!





NM2

Rio Grande Valley
Blue Star Mothers



WELCOME NEW BSM'S TO NM2
RIO GRANDE VALLEY



WELCOME NEW ARMY RESERVE AND NAVY MOM, DIANA WHITE. (LEFT) FRANCES WALKER 1ST VP (RIGHT)



FEBRUARY 2026
NEW MARINE MOM TIFFANY CASADOS -LEFT
AND NEW AIR FORCE MOM
JEWELL CASABLANCA-WAGNER -RIGHT
FRANCES WALKER 1ST VP FAR LEFT
WELCOME!

BEST IN THE CITY!

ALBUQUERQUE THE MAGAZINE, ITS READERS AND EDITORS AWARD

BLUE STAR MOTHERS, INC. AND THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY, NM2, THE BEST PLACE TO VOLUNTEER 2025.



NM2 HONORS OUR FALLEN HEROES, WHO SERVED FEARLESSLY AND SELFLESSLY IN DEFENSE OF OUR NATION. THE SIX U.S. SOLDIERS - ARMY RESERVIST, IOWA'S 103RD SUSTAINMENT COMMAND. THESE MEN AND WOMEN ALL BRAVELY VOLUNTEERED TO DEFEND OUR CONTRY, AND THEIR SACRIFICES WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. NM2 REMAIN STEADFAST IN OUR COMMITMENT TO HONROING THE LEGACY OF OUR FALLEN AND SUPPORTING THEIR COLLEAGUES AND FAMILIES DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. WITH RESPECT. R.I.P.





WORKING THE MISSION! NM2 MAILING CARE PACKAGES 3/14/26.


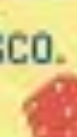


YELLOW ROSE - TX20

March 2026

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



 Bunco fun with our friends at the VFW Auxiliary Group in Frisco. Raising money for their scholarship fund. 

Yellow Roses around town!



TX20 receive 100 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies from a generous donor.



TX20 had the honor of attending a historic event at the Denton County Courthouse. The Alamo Letter Society is an organization dedicated to placing bronze plaques of William B. Travis's "Victory or Death" letter in all 254 Texas county courthouses, the plaque recognizes the sacrifices made at the Battle of the Alamo in 1836. Both Denton and Collin counties now have a plaque.



Veterans at the VA Community Living Center in Dallas received 35 no-sew blankets made by our community members and partners.





IL 6



IL6



Chicagoland Blue Star Mothers hosted our inaugural Battle of the Branches Bowling Bash, and all who supported made it unforgettable. Together, we raised funds for Fisher House at Hines VA and Naperville Responds for Veterans; all while having an amazing time.





TN4 demonstrated their unwavering commitment to our local Veterans by attending a tea party hosted by FrontLine Gardens. TN4 has also participated in a previous garden build, and we eagerly anticipate collaborating again in the future.



FrontLine Gardens is a non-profit organization committed to providing needed gardening resources both equipment based and therapy based to our Nation's Military Veterans and First responders injured in the line of duty.

Frontline Garden's mission is to support the healing journey of veterans, first responders, and Gold Star families through the therapeutic benefits of gardening, addressing their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. Because each hero is different the program is completely customized to each participant. To date they have valued the gardens built at \$332,730.00



As Blue Star Mothers, we proudly volunteer with the Circle City Rotary at the 11th Annual Fire & Ice Chili Cook-Off and Craft Beer Festival held at the Crossings at Corona.

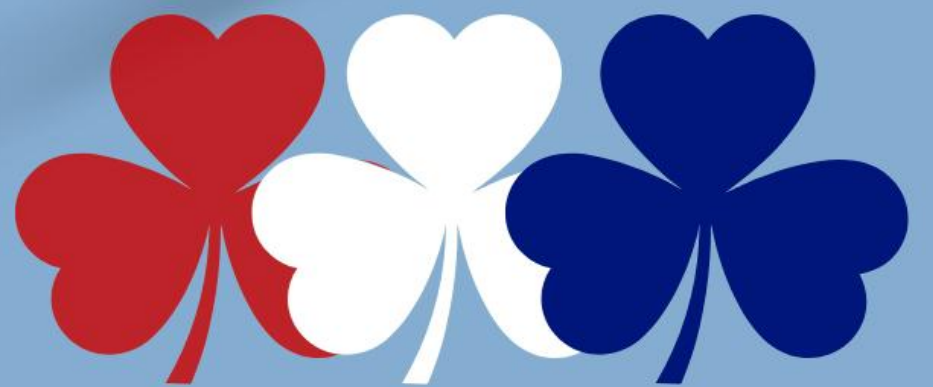
It's always a wonderful opportunity to serve together, connect with our community, and enjoy the camaraderie while supporting a great local tradition.



**Doing their best to keep cool
Michelle Connelly, Angela Gonzalez,
and Evelyn Baltierra.**



Massachusetts Chapter 1



Landstuhl Regional Medical Center
LANDSTUHL, GERMANY

OUR CHAPTER PARTNERED WITH LMRC AND SENT ITEMS REQUESTED FOR OUR SICK AND WOUNDED MILITARY THROUGH THEIR AMAZON WISHLIST.



BLUE STAR MOTHER, ROSEMARIE ANNESE RECEIVES DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD!



CONGRATULATIONS ROSE!



**NORTHAMPTON VA MEDICAL CENTER
VETERAN FOOD PANTRY DONATION**





SACRAMENTO BLUE STAR Moms

March 2026 Newsletter

Highlighting CA7

February 2026 Activities



Guest Speaker

Julie Baumgartner from
Volunteers of America.



Community Donations

Donated Thank You cards from
Moms & Daughters group.



Community Service

Middle School students chose SBSM for
their community service project.



Happy Birthday Jeannie

A beautiful morning celebrating one of our
very own Blue Star Mom superstars.

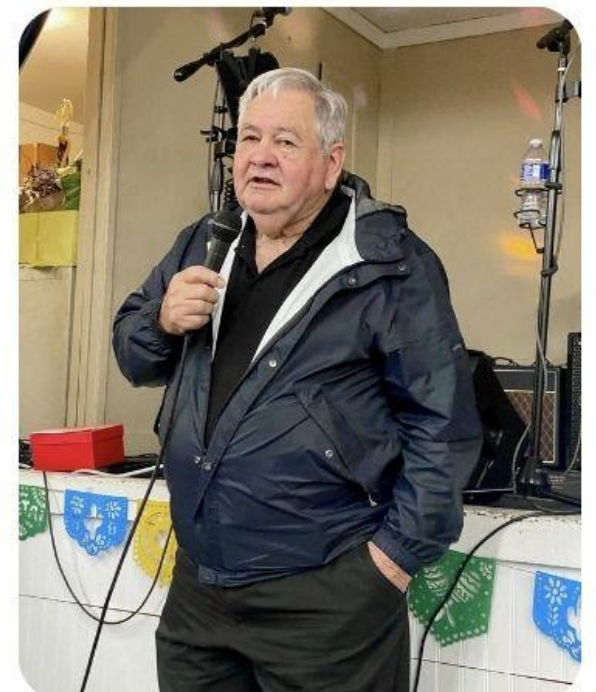


Gold Star Event in San Francisco

We were honored to gather at the Marines' Memorial
Club & Hotel to honor our Fallen Heroes.



Fiesta Fundraiser



Good Food, Multiple Veteran Posts, Gold Star Families, a Great Band and Special Guest Mike O'Connor (POW) made our Fiesta Fundraiser a night to remember.



Blue Star Moms, Houston Area Chapter TX2 March Newsletter



At our February meeting we welcomed Jason Andrews as our guest speaker. CEO of Alpha Ready Co Radio DJ for Operation Alpha Ready on The Thin Line Rock Station Army & Coast Guard Veteran



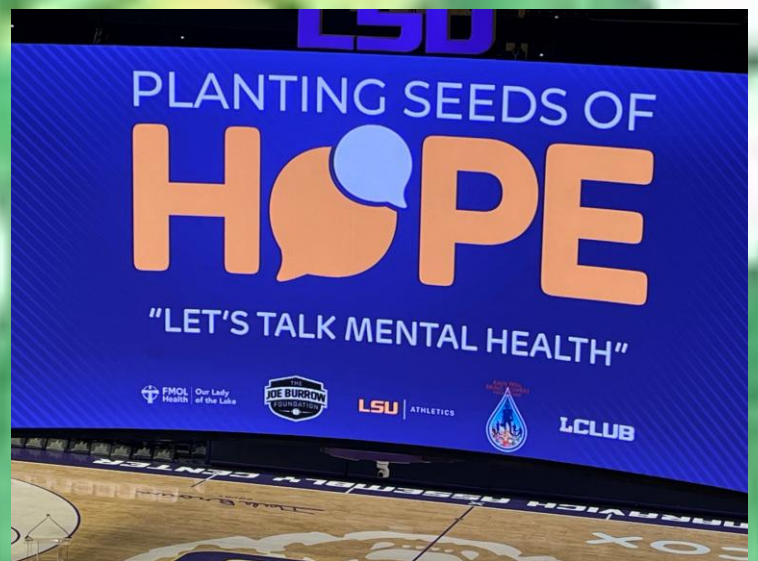
We packed care packages at the end of February.





BOOKS FOR BOOTS

LET'S TALK MENTAL HEALTH SEMINAR



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LA WAR VETERANS HOME



ASSISTED IN PRESENTING QUILTS OF VALOR



DEBBIE AND SANDY PRESENTING A QUILT OF VALOR

AIR FORCE VETERAN RECEIVES HIS QUILT



DEANA AND HER GRANDMOTHER ELOISE





**St. Paul Blue Star Mothers
MN 11
March Newsletter**



A \$2500 donation was presented to members of Wood N Hearts, a 501c3 organization who donates entire bedroom sets to Veterans who have been displaced and are in need of assistance. Check them out at woodnhearts.com



Our thoughts and prayers are with all our service members, at home and far away, and their families.



Pine City Blue Star Moms

Our March meeting - held at a local restaurant this month, was a busy one wrapping up details for our upcoming annual Spring Craft Show Luncheon/Bake Sale fundraiser and closing in on the details for our bi-annual comedy show/dinner fundraiser coming up in April.

PLUS - planning for a new fundraiser this fall with live music, food and an auction! Things are certainly getting busy as we head into warmer weather.

We also discussed presenting red, white, and blue honor cords to graduating high school seniors who have committed to military service.

Special prayers were offered for our troops as we hold them all in our hearts.





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**WE HAD A PERSONAL TOUR OF OUR LOCAL
COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE MUSEUM**



**WE HAD A BOOTH AT THE
NON-PROFIT MISSION FAIR**



**ONE OF OUR OWN KIDS,
DONALD O'CAMPO,
RECEIVED A
QUILT OF VALOR**



WELCOME HOME BLAKE!



NEW RECRUIT SEND OFFS



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Sisterhood of Past Presidents



Serving our Vets at Second Sunday Breakfast



Sisterhood of Military Moms



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RHBSM's @ Friends of Folsom Crab Feed for our Marine Corps League



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Remembering Our Fallen Heroes

Communities across Iowa have faced profound heartbreak in recent months as we honor the lives and sacrifices of our fallen service members. On December 13, 2025, tragedy first struck when two soldiers from the Iowa National Guard were killed in an ISIS ambush, leaving three additional soldiers wounded. Our state has mourned deeply for these heroes and the families they left behind.

Just three months later, sorrow returned when six members of the U.S. Army Reserve 103rd Sustainment Command unit based out of Des Moines were killed in an airstrike on March 1.

As our communities struggled to absorb this devastating loss, we were again reminded of the cost of freedom with the loss of two more Iowans—along with friends and fellow service members from other states who were closely connected to our great state.



December 13, 2025 — Palmyra, Syria
113th Cavalry Regiment
 Iowa Army National Guard - Johnston, IA



Sgt. William Nathaniel Howard
 Marshalltown, IA



Sgt. Edgar Brian Torres Tovar
 Des Moines, IA



March 1, 2026 — Port Shuaiba, Kuwait
103rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary)
 U.S. Army Reserve - Des Moines, IA



Maj. Jeffrey R. O'Brien
 Indianola, IA



Sgt. Declan J. Coady
 West Des Moines, IA



CW03 Robert M. Marzan
 Sacramento, CA

Our communities continue to mourn while surrounding our Blue Star and Gold Star families with unwavering love and support. As we honor these heroes and their ultimate sacrifice, we also ask for continued prayers for the families and communities grieving across Iowa, Minnesota, Florida, Nebraska, and California. Though our hearts are heavy, we remain united in

remembrance and gratitude, with a promise to never forget the brave men and women who gave everything in service to our great nation.



Sgt. 1st Class Nicole M. Amor
 White Bear Lake, MN



Sgt. 1st Class Noah L. Tietjens
 Bellevue, NE



Capt. Cody A. Khork
 Winter Haven, FL

Their courage and commitment will never be forgotten.





The Gateway Blue Star Mothers were honored to host our Gold Star sisters at the Salute Our Troops Gala held at the Foundry Center in St. Charles this past month. The event was hosted by the Freedom 13 nonprofit, which was founded by Jared Schmitz's father after the loss of his son at Abbey Gate. During the evening, our Gold Star sisters were recognized for their heroes and for the sacrifices made by their families. They also stood in support of two other families in attendance who lost their heroes at Abbey Gate.

The Blue Star Mothers were also honored in recognition of our own heroes and the sacrifices they made in service to our country. It was a meaningful evening of remembrance, honor, and support for the families of the fallen at Abbey Gate.

The gala also served as an important fundraiser to support Freedom 13's mission of creating a place where veterans can spend time in an environment designed to provide tranquility, peace, and beautiful scenery.



Jen W. showing off Her paddle after Bidding and taking home a fabulous prize.



Our chapter's treasurer, Angie, recently took time to speak with a group of women who were interested in learning how they can support Blue Star Mothers and our Wreaths Across America mission. We are always grateful for opportunities to share our mission, connect with our community, and welcome those who want to help honor and support our service members, veterans, and their families. Thank you, Angie, for putting on a beautiful display!





Blue Star Mothers of Valencia County NM6
February/March 2026



Buying and delivering items to VAVs for our veterans at the local VA Hospital



Teaming up with our sister chapter NM2 to pack boxes one day and to provide a flag line another day at the dedication of the Moriarty (NM) Veterans Memorial (and meet a 99-year-old WWII veteran!)



Happy birthday, Blue Star Mothers!





**BLUE STAR
MOTHERS
SE WI 2**

**MARCH 2026
NEWSLETTER**

**Upcoming
Events**

**March 2026
Chapter Meeting**
March 17th

**Cooking Class
Fundraiser**
April 6th

Honor Flight
April 25th

**Veterans
Treatment Court**
April 27th

Honor Flight
May 30th &
June 20th

**Volunteer @
Boland Hall
Family Picnic**
July 11th



Our February chapter meeting was another wonderful opportunity to gather, connect, and continue our mission of supporting our service members, veterans, and each other. We were grateful to see so many familiar faces and to welcome members coming together to share updates, plan upcoming activities, and enjoy time together as a chapter.

Along with sharing a meal and catching up, we discussed several upcoming events and service opportunities for the spring. Our chapter continues to stay busy supporting our local veteran community and planning ways to show appreciation to those who have served our country.

One of the highlights of the evening was working together to prepare cards for an upcoming Honor Flight "Mail Call." These heartfelt notes will be delivered to veterans during their Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C., reminding them how deeply their service and sacrifices are appreciated. Writing these messages together is always a meaningful reminder of why we do what we do.



In February, our chapter had the pleasure of attending a Yellow Ribbon Deployment event in Brookfield, WI. Nearly 150 military personnel participated in the day's program, attending breakout sessions and receiving important information to help prepare for their upcoming deployments.

Our chapter was honored to host an information table (pictured below), where we were able to represent not only SE Wisconsin Chapter 2, but the mission of Blue Star Mothers of America as well. Events like these give us a valuable opportunity to connect with service members and their families, share resources, and let them know there is a strong and supportive community standing behind them.

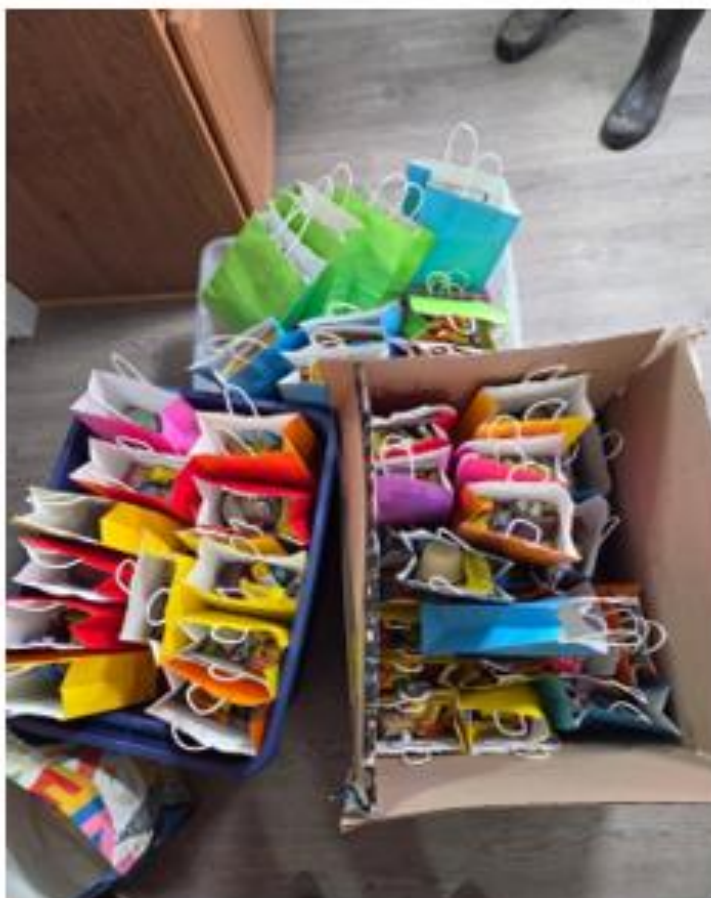




Having fun with Santa and the Grinch in Canandaigua before Christmas! The Five Below store was a toy donation site for Toys 4 Tots! The need for toys was great this year for boys and girls up to the age of 16.



Easter bags packed at the NY#1 March meeting for the Continuing Living Center at the Canandaigua VA and 17 boxes waiting to be shipped to APO zip codes.



Shootout for Soldiers 24-hour lacrosse tournament will be July 25-26, 2026, at Canandaigua Academy. Donations of cakes and cookies are requested for this fundraiser. Contact Jane H for more information. Money raised for SFS events benefit Honor Flight and BSMA NY#1.



Buckeye Military Moms OH-9



We recently celebrated our chapters 19th birthday and have had many wonderful a events like our packing party, VA visit, chapter birthday, and holiday party.



You Can't Spell Hero Without Her

Signed up to fight for freedom
What a price you had to pay
Picture in her helmet
Missing family everyday
You're Lady Liberty
Dressed like GI Jane
Some scars we'll never see
She will never be the same
She's a mother, she's a daughter
She's a sister and a friend
Standing tall in that uniform
Until the very end
When Uncle Sam called
She signed that line to serve
'Cause you can't spell hero without her

On an old dusty base
With the medals that shine
She's been to hell and back
For the stars and the stripes
You're Lady Liberty
Dressed like GI Jane
Some scars we'll never see
And she will never be the same
She's a mother, she's a daughter
She's a sister and a friend
Standing tall in that uniform
Until the very end
When Uncle Sam called
She signed that line to serve
'Cause you can't spell hero without her, yes

For the ones that didn't make it
We will pause and then we cry
We can still see their smile
In every sunrise

She's a mother, she's a daughter
She's a sister and a friend
Standing tall in that uniform
Until the very end
When Uncle Sam called
She signed that line to serve
'Cause you can't spell hero without her

'Cause you can't spell hero without her

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