

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS

- VA and Military Hospital Volunteers
- Legislative Advocacy
- Seat on VAWS Advisory Committee
- Homecomings and Celebrations
- Troop Care Packages and Letters
- Blue to Gold Program
- PTSD & Wounded Warrior Projects
- P.O.W. / M.I.A. Awareness
- Sew-Much-Comfort
- Big Dipper Educational Funds
- Wreaths Across America
- Attending Ceremonies
- Single Soldier Project
- And many more.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT PROJECT

Homes For Our Troops

www.homesforourtroops.org

BLUE TO GOLD

This program is to honor our Fallen Military Families. A Gold Star Banner is provided for every parent and surviving spouse of a military member who has lost their lives while serving their country. It is personalized with their loved ones name and branch of service. See our web site for more information.

OUR PARTNERS

BLUE STAR BANNER PROGRAM

ServiceFlags.com donates to our organization for every banner ordered. This helps fund our Gold Star Banners program. Please order one today at:

ServiceFlags.com, Inc. | 1-866-887-6678
3688 Research Way, Carson City, NV 89706
www.ServiceFlags.com

PRINT PARTNER PROGRAM

XpressPrint offers 10% savings on nationwide printing services to members and donates 10% of your online orders to Blue Star Mothers of America. Order today by using Promotional Code: **SAVE10BSMA**

Xpressprint, Inc. | 1-866-218-2088
17111 Beach Blvd., Huntington Beach, CA 92647
www.PrintForBSMA.com

twitter

www.Twitter.com/bluestarmothers

facebook.

www.Facebook.com/bluestarmothers

BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC



For more information please visit us online:
www.BlueStarMothers.org

A non-profit 501(c)3 Veterans Service Organization
Founded 1942 – Congressionally Chartered 1960

2010 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

WENDY HOFFMAN

National President

President@bluestarmothers.org

JENNIE KNOCKAERT

1st Vice President

FirstVP@bluestarmothers.org

ELLIE RAMSEY

2nd Vice President

SecondVP@bluestarmothers.org

JUDY DORSEY

3rd Vice President

ThirdVP@bluestarmothers.org

KATHRYN HOOD

Recording Secretary

RecSecretary@bluestarmothers.org

PAT SOLER

Financial Secretary

FinSecretary@bluestarmothers.org

KATHRYN VENABLE

Treasurer

Treasurer@bluestarmothers.org

CHAPTER PROJECTS

Chapters across the country support troops in a variety of ways from a canteen in New York to Operation Melody in Colorado. Most chapters send care packages. VA Medical Centers across the country have a chapter representative on the VAVS committee. Many chapters also participate in Welcome Homes, Honor Flights, Sewing Circles, Veterans Breakfasts and many other activities in local chapters. We partner with the USO, Red Cross, Homes for Our Troops and other organizations.

We support all troops, Veterans, POW/MIA and Fallen Military Families through varying activities on all levels.

WHO WE ARE

We are the proud mothers of our US Armed Forces troops and veterans.

OUR HISTORY

On January 22, 1942 the Flint News Advertiser printed a coupon asking Mothers of serviceman to return the coupon after filling it out. After receiving 1000 responses from the ad it was decided to form a permanent organization. The following February 1st 300 mothers met in the Durant Hotel, in Flint Michigan. Captain George H. Maines, who had conceived the idea for this group, acted as the chair of the first meeting.

On February 6, 1942 the organization was reported in the Congressional record. Chapters then formed in Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, California, Iowa and Washington. In June of 1960 the organization was officially chartered by Congress.

MISSION STATEMENT

The purposes of the corporation shall be: To perpetuate the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., and the memory of all the men and women who have served our country as members of the Armed Forces; the further object of this organization shall be patriotic, educational, social, and for service; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States; to educate our members and others not to divulge military, naval, or other Government information; to assist in veterans' ceremonies, to attend patriotic rallies and meetings; to foster true democracy; to care for the unsupported mothers who gave their sons to the service of the Nation; to aid in bringing about recognition of the need of permanent civilian defense for each community and to ever be alert against invasion of un-American activities; to uphold the American institutions of freedom, justice, and equal rights, and to defend the United States from all enemies.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are \$20.00 per year for members. Prospective members can join online by check or credit card. You can locate a local chapter on the national site by clicking on your state. No dues are required for Dads and Associates.

While optional, members may purchase Blue Star Mothers pins at \$10.00. For this and other logo items, please visit our online store.

NATIONAL WEB SITE

Our National web site, www.BlueStarMothers.org includes a secure members area with forums, message boards, information and e-lists. Once a member is approved they are issued a user name and password for access to the online community.

STARTING A CHAPTER

If you are not able to find a local chapter you can start your own. You need five mothers who have or have had children serving in our Military to be members to start a Chapter. Please request a packet to obtain a chapter charter from the National 1st Vice President at firstvp@bluestarmothers.org

