



Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.

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Dear Blue Star Mothers,

Due to unforeseen circumstances, I have been honored to be appointed as National Chaplain for our organization by National President Wendy Hoffman. I want to thank Past National President Sabrah Rolfe for reaching out to hundreds of Gold Star Mothers last week with greetings on Gold Star Mother Sunday. I would also like to thank Past National President Karen Stevens for serving as National Chaplain for the past 2 years. Both did outstanding jobs and it will be hard to fill their shoes. As National Chaplain, I will be preparing our annual memorial service for our 2010 national convention. I have already spoken with National President Wendy Hoffman and assured her the service would reflect her wishes and the finest rituals of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. Compiling the list of our Fallen Heroes and departed Blue Star Mothers for the memorial service has begun. I will be working with the National 3rd Vice President to assure all of our Fallen Heroes and their Gold Star Mothers are honored by our organization. The National 2nd Vice President has given me deadlines for the newsletter so I can keep all of you updated each month. This brings me to you, the membership. Please feel free to notify me at chaplain@bluestarmothers.org of your needs so I can respond to all illnesses and deaths that you report to me. Please include full names & addresses in your requests. I look forward to working for all of you and I hope to meet many of you at the National Convention, 2010.

Sincerely,

**Jean Burlingame
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