



NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER



March 2025



From the
desk of
Connie M. Shuck
President, Big Dipper
Auxiliary

Spring Into Action With Our Updates

Dear Sisters,

Happy Spring! We hope this message finds you well!

We are thrilled to bring you the latest updates. Welcome to our fresh, new season filled with sunshine, blooming flowers, and exciting opportunities. As we shake off the winter chill, let's embrace the energy of spring with renewed enthusiasm. 🌞

Wow, it is hard to believe that our National 2025 convention is 4 months away. Big Dipper Auxiliary is reaching out to ask for your assistance for our Silent Auction. Donation items are needed to support our Fun Night, and all proceeds will support JCEA. ❤️

Longer days and warmer weather make spring the perfect time to start new projects, pick up a new hobby, or simply enjoy the beauty of nature. Take a walk, plant some flowers, or try a fresh recipe! This season is all about renewal and growth.

Connie M. Shuck 🌸

Did you know?

The first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in New York City in 1762 - not Ireland!

St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity.

More than 13 million pints of Guinness are/is consumed worldwide on St. Patrick's Day.

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th.





Big Dipper
Needs You!

Big Dipper is now accepting
donations to raise money
for the 2025 Annual
Convention Fun Night.

Items are needed for our Silent Auction
and the White Bag Raffel


Gift Baskets
Patriotic Items
Jewlery
Handmade Crafts


ideas

Please email Gen Schindler, Treasurer
treas.bd@bluestarmothers.us
for the Donation Form

New Store Merchandise

Josephine Calenda Educational Assistance Patch



All proceeds go to JCEA

New Accessories Available

Watch for the online order form in the April Newsletter.

All proceeds go to the General Fund.

Happy Dance

Starters squares have been sent/ mailed to our Finisher
(this is the first phase of our Quilt)

Thank you! Funds raised are used for the JCEA
Program.

Applications for the JCEA award will be available in April. Who do you know that could benefit from this?

Eligibility Requirements

- *Active-Duty U.S. Military Member**
- *U.S. Military Veteran**
- *Spouse, child, or Grandchild of an Active-Duty member or Veteran**
- *BSM paid member**
- *Child or Grandchild of BSM paid member**

Please be sure to have the applicant read all instructions and gather all the necessary signatures prior to turning in the form.



Bonfire T-Shirt Fundraiser Extended through March



**Stronger than the Storm * Because * We are
Military Family Strong**



Choose from five colors & eight different styles

Charcoal, Dark Heather Grey, Midnight Navy,
Red, or Military Green

Order your T-Shirt

Proceeds from the sale of these help with Fun night expenses.

Big Dipper 1st VP News

Rebecca Collins

As we all look forward to spring, I for one am feeling excited and adventurous. I enjoy spending time in the Great outdoors! This time of year, gather your Blue Star Sisters and take a hike for our Military.

Membership Goal

The Big Dipper President set a goal of 500 members for 2024-2025, currently we have 200.

We are looking for suggestions to increase our numbers. If you have any ideas or suggestions, Please reach out to me at 1vp.bd@bluestarmothers.us

April JCEA Applications Available
JCEA Goal is \$5,000
we have raised \$981.05

Quote

“All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.” Walt Disney

**Contact Information:
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918-257-1091**



**BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC
BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION/RENEWAL 2024-2025**



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CHAPTER STATE & NO: _____ DEPARTMENT: N/A

**** If you belong to the Department of Michigan or the Department of Ohio, please send your membership form to your Department Big Dipper Financial Secretary****

Send form and check for \$10.00 payable to the order of: "Big Dipper Auxiliary" to

Big Dipper Financial Secretary-
Alethea Tennill
P.O. Box 313 Columbia
MO 65205

OR

If paying through PayPal, Please fill out this form and email it to
finsec.bd@bluestarmothers.us

For Big Dipper Use Only: ↓

Amount Paid: _____

Processed: _____

Method of Payment: ___ Check Check # _____

Deposited: _____

___ Card Last 4 Digits on Card _____

___ Cash

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