



# Big Dipper Auxiliary Newsletter



**November 2022**

Happy November All,

This is the month of the year that we stop and give thanks for all we have.

We are thankful for the roof over our heads, the food on the table, the family near and far. For our sons and daughters who serve our country and friends whom we see seldom.

As wonderful as this is I think, as many do, that thankfulness is year-round. This year as we give thanks begin a tradition of being thankful each day that the sun rises and we have new opportunities to do what makes us fulfilled and surrounded with love and friendship.

The month of October I was honored to travel to conventions in Ohio, Michigan and Minnesota. Spending time talking and laughing with sisters was an experience like no other. Thank you all for welcoming me into your lives and sharing sister time.

As we move into the holiday seasons the National Big Dipper Auxiliary wishes you all a Thankful Thanksgiving. We, as a team, are thankful for the support you have shown to the Josephine Calenda Educational Assistance. We are on the grow and encourage you all to become a member of the Big Dipper Family on a state level in Ohio and Michigan and on the National level.

Respectfully,

*Doreen Berggren,*

National Big Dipper Auxiliary

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*Opulent Cottage*



## Let's keep filling up this Pot of Gold



Let's all have a piece of pie in joining Big Dipper to fund the Educational account.

Hello Ladies,

On November 7, 2022, we will be celebrating 71 years of the Big Dipper Auxiliary. I would like to thank all of you that have already paid your membership dues for 2022-2023. If you haven't paid yet and have questions about joining Big Dipper, please feel free to contact me at the email on the first page of this newsletter. At the end of the year, any chapter that has 100% membership in Big Dipper will receive a certificate thanking you for your participation.

Also, at the end of the year (at Convention), we have a special plaque for the chapter that has raised the most money for Big Dipper.

Throughout the year, we are hoping to have special events that members can participate in. This helps build our sisterhood through Big Dipper.

There is an attached application to this newsletter that you can fill out and mail a check in or you can also go onto the Blue Star Mothers website, go to Big Dipper and fill out the application form there and pay through PayPal.

Also, we are having a Pasta Fundraiser through Big Dipper. This fundraiser will help support the operational needs of the Big Dipper. There are so many different designs of pasta that you can purchase. These make great gifts. If you would like to support Big Dipper Auxiliary by purchasing pasta, please go to this link: <https://funpastafundraising.com/shop/the-big-dipper-auxiliary>

Amy O'Campo, VP Big Dipper Auxiliary 2022-2023

**Congratulations to the New Officers**  
**Department of MICHIGAN Big Dipper**



**Pat Lomonaco– President, Claudette Lunney-Vice President, Jennifer Brouwer-Recording Secretary, Brani Olsson-Financial Secretary, Tonya Lahr-Teasuer, Joyce Fabian-Chaplain**



**Department of Ohio Big Dipper**



**Suzanne Hughes-President, Marybeth Cartmille-1st VP, Lorelei Schluter-Financial Secretary, Kathy Tracy-Treasurer, Kim Stock Foster-Recording**



A decorative border of various autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, yellow, and brown, arranged in a rectangular frame around the text.

Hello Big Dipper Sisters,

Since August of this year, several requests for undeposited/lost checks have been received by Members of the National Big Dipper Executive Board. As your 2022-2023 National Financial Secretary, I am sharing the following pointers to facilitate locating your missing checks:

- Please send all requests for missing checks to [finsec.bd@bluestarmothers.us](mailto:finsec.bd@bluestarmothers.us)
- Include the following with your request:
  - The check number
  - The amount of the check
  - The approximate date the check was mailed
  - Your state/chapter number or state department
  - A working email (several emails have been returned as undeliverable)
  - When issuing a check to the Big Dipper Financial Secretary, please make your checks payable to

National Big Dipper Auxiliary.

- Please mail your payments to:

**National Big Dipper Auxiliary**

**c/o: Gen Schindler, Big Dipper Financial Secretary**

**P O Box 423 Coarsegold, CA 93614**

By helping me with the above information, I will be able to help you as quickly as possible.

Thank you so much,

# WHAT IS BIG DIPPER YOU ASK?

## Big Dipper History & Purpose

The Big Dipper is a national auxiliary of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. (BSMA) that came into being in Milwaukee, Wisconsin November 7 at the 1951 National Convention. **The objectives of the organization are threefold:**

- ★ **Honoring outstanding members of the BSMA**
- ★ **Sponsoring a "Fun Night" at conventions**
- ★ **Providing educational assistance to a worthy child(ren), grandchild(ren) of BSMA or Veteran; a Veteran, or active duty personnel or BSMA or their spouse.**

The emblem is a flat bottom dipper with a long handle, used on all stationery and worn as a guard pin, attached to the pin of the parent organization.

Pins are \$10 and may be ordered from [Big Dipper National Financial Secretary](#).



## Be a Part of Big Dipper

- ★ Must be a member of Blue Star Mothers of America, INC. (BSMA) in good standing.
- ★ Membership dues (\$10.00) shall be paid using the official forms found on and printed from [www.bluestarmothers.us](http://www.bluestarmothers.us) and submitted through local BSMA Chapter's Financial Secretary.
- ★ Annual Dues of \$10 are payable on September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Membership applications, dues and remittance forms, shall be supplied (upon request) by the Big Dipper National Vice President

## Educational Assistance

Education is the key to success. The members of the Big Dipper will award educational assistance annually to a worthy son/daughter, grandson/ granddaughter of a BSMA or Veteran; a Veteran, active duty service member, or BSMA or their spouse.

The money will be sent directly to recipient of the award, so they may use as needed.



Educational Assistance applications must be returned to the Big Dipper National President or Big Dipper Department President **no less than 30 days prior to first day of convention** to be eligible for consideration by the Educational Assistance Committee (EAC).

The EAC will be appointed by the Big Dipper President as soon as possible following the annual Convention.

Contact National Big Dipper President at [president.bd@bluestarmothers.us](mailto:president.bd@bluestarmothers.us) or visit our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/BigDipperAuxiliary](http://www.facebook.com/BigDipperAuxiliary)



## WEBSITE UPDATE:

Please take a look at the BSMA website under Big Dipper. The page has been updated and is so much easier to navigate. So, when you have your chapter members who want to join, it is more convenient for her to go the website.

Remember, you can print out the membership form and collect everything and mail it to the Big Dipper address that is on the membership form.

**NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS, PLEASE,  
EVERYONE FILL THIS OUT AND SEND IT IN SO  
WE HAVE A RECORD OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP.**



**BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC**  
**NATIONAL BIG DIPPER Auxiliary**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL 2022-2023**



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAPTER STATE & NO: \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTMENT: N/A

**\*\* If you belong to a Department please send form to Department Big Dipper Financial Secretary\*\***

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Send form and check for \$10.00 pay to the order of: Big Dipper Auxiliary. If paying through PayPal, please fill out this form and email it to [finsec.bd@bluestarmothers.us](mailto:finsec.bd@bluestarmothers.us)

BSMA National Big Dipper Auxiliary

c/o Genevieve Schindler

PO Box 423

Coarsegold, Ca 93614

[Finsec.bd@bluestarmothers.us](mailto:Finsec.bd@bluestarmothers.us)

**For Big Dipper Use Only: ↓**

**Processed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deposited:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pins are for Big Dipper Members Only**

## **NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY**

### **ESSENTIAL WEAR FOR BIG DIPPER MEMBERS!**



The traditional, formal Big Dipper Auxiliary Pin attaches with a chain to your BSMA pin for wear on your uniform. Guard pins are \$10 each + S&H (includes chain).

Our NEW casual Big Dipper Auxiliary Pin has two pin backs so that it attaches firmly to your favorite denim vest, sweater, or coat and not spin. Pictures don't do it justice! This pin is for "fun." It's a pin designed to show your pride in your membership in Big Dipper while in or out of uniform! These lapel pins are \$7 each + S&H.



- Shipping and handling for 4 items or less is \$4.
- Shipping and handling for 5-8 items is \$5.
- Shipping and handling for 9-12 items is \$7.

**—PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY—**

**Proceeds are for the Operations Fund of National Big Dipper.**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (circle: Landline Cell )  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

# ordered	Item	Cost Each	Total Cost
	Guard Pin	\$10	\$
	New Lapel Pin	\$7	\$
	Shipping (see above)		\$
	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>		\$

**Make Checks Payable to "National Big Dipper Auxiliary."**

Mail this order form and check to:  
National Big Dipper Auxiliary  
c/o Genevieve Schindler, National Big Dipper Financial Secretary  
PO Box 423  
Coarsegold, CA 93614