



Hello Mothers,

Focusing on the Mission and Unity for Blue Star Mothers

This year we place emphasis on the "Mission" of Blue Star Mothers and Unity within the Organization. Our mission is so very important, it is the reason why the organization exists. It is the reason that every mother seeks a chapter. Mom support is so very crucial within our organization. I cannot stress this enough. We need one another as we move through our loved one's military journey. Our organization is an organization that places its focus on mothers. We as mothers have the duty as members to support each other through our children's pledge to military service. We will go through ups and downs just as our children serving will. Our lives will change. We will grow, learn, laugh, cry, as well experience a variety of emotions and events that follow each of us individuals, as unique as each of our sons and daughters military experiences. We are all so different and yet very much the same. Life's journey can be hard enough on its own. Add military service, and we all know how this has affected each of us as individuals.

Please reach out to one another. Share your concerns, your heart, enthusiasm, pain, excitement, anticipations, grief, and relief. Fellowship comes from our inner being. We are Mama's with all of life's issues surrounding motherhood. We will always be our child's mama. Even when they let us know they are adults, we know they are our children and our support of our children brings priceless rewards.

My son is your son, my daughter is your daughter. We empathize, pray, and place ourselves in one another's shoes. In this time of financial uncertainty many of our mothers and their families will face hardships. A shoulder to lean on just to vent is critical. Family events happy and sad touch all of our mothers. We need to be there when the chips are down as well as up. A shy mother, a quiet mother, a funny mother, a loud mother, middle aged, elderly, handicapped, homebound, and of course we have so many different adjectives that fit our mothers.

The holidays are approaching and this can be an especially trying time for mothers. If you haven't heard from one of your mothers in awhile, why not give her a ring. You would be surprised how much this one small effort can mean to us as mothers.

At the same time we are planning our Holiday Events within our chapters. Our Holiday Troop Mailings, Airport Welcome Homes, Community Events, VA Hospital Events, and events with other support organizations. Pace yourselves, it can get very hectic. Remember to apply wisdom and balance as we may have family members who need us at home as well.

Many of us share communities with fellow chapters. Have you reached out to your fellow mother chapters in your own communities with the hand of friendship and support? We all have the same mission. Mother support does not have boundaries. Within the chapter, chapter to chapter locally and around our nation, we are unified in our reason to exist as a very large nationwide group of mothers. What can you do individually to bring peace, harmony, friendship and support between your fellow chapters? Take the step and move it forward.

This is a year of Unity. A year of recognition in that we all serve the same mission within Blue Star Mothers of America Inc. Make the magic and make it happen! We are all the proud members of Blue Star Mothers of America Inc.

God Bless our mothers, our military, our troops, our veterans, our families, our chapters, and departments. A special blessing for those outside supporters of BSMA. They help us get the job done! We could not do it without them.

Sincerely,

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