



It's convention time again for the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. We are so fortunate to have Ginger Novak able and willing to go to Boise, Idaho to represent NKY Chapter 5.

To attend a national convention is a wonderful learning experience. You can meet so many good people and really pick up some good tidbits of information. Thanks again and have a wonderful time Ginger. Take lots of pictures to share with us when you get back. We know you will represent chapter 5 and all of BSMA with your heart and your pride of the organization.



A 'tip of the halo' to Colleen Gagliardi, VAVS representative and Kim Hockney, VAVS deputy. These two Ladies with several other BSMA volunteers visit the VA Hospital in Fort Thomas every month to provide a party for our Vets with gifts, goodies and lot of entertainment. I know for a fact that Elvis has been there several times as well as Patsy Cline. Colleen and Kim welcome any member that has some extra time to help in this outstanding project.



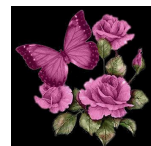
Our heartfelt condolences go out to our sister BSM, Peggy Eubanks. Peggy has lost three members of her family this past year. We love you Peggy and please know that we are always here to stand beside you.



Several of our BSM and Blue Star Dads are still walking on air. Their military sons and daughter have been redeployed to the USA and/or have been home for a short leave.



NKY Chapter 5 is so very fortunate to have acquired many wonderful sponsors to help us in our mission to support our Troops, our Veterans and our military families. Please take a moment to check out our website under "Sponsors" and as often as you can please stop by and say hello to these sponsors and let them know how very much they are appreciated.



Another 'tip of the halo' goes to Jennie Fisk. Jennie is the "Sunshine Committee" chairperson in charge of seeing that every military son and daughter from within our chapter that is state side or stationed in a friendly territory received a birthday box of goodies. The goodies consist of snacks and party favors to gift cards.

Some months Jennie has had as many as a dozen or so birthday boxes or gift cards to mail out.

Jennie certainly wears her title of "Ms. Sunshine" with honors and has our many thanks.



For several months now NKY Chapter 5 BSMA, Inc and The Thank You Foundation have had a perfect marriage. We have proven that both organizations can work together, compliment each other while not stepping on each other's toes. Most of you know already that Kimberly, our chapter president, has taken a position with TTYF; she has the abilities and the right to wear both hats with dignity. As the current president of our chapter she will automatically become the chaplain of our chapter when our new chapter president is elected in November 2009 and installed into office in January 2010.

I know that every member of Chapter 5 wishes Kimberly the very best of luck in her new position and also to John Guinn who is definitely going to really need good luck I'm sorry Kimberly and John, I just had to say that...LOL.

Kimberly has asked me to express her appreciation and thanks to the Executive Board and to every member of chapter 5 for the support you have shown her as she starts her new career.



August is going to be another busy month for our chapter. Many volunteers are still needed for different events. Please, if at all possible step up to the plate and give us a hand.....

I normally am not a betting person but this time I would be willing to bet everything that I have that not one of our currently active members of the armed forces would ever said "I just don't have the time".



Well it's time to end this newsletter, if you have any thing of interest that you would like to include in our newsletters please email the document to me.

I would like to close with this phrase to everyone.....

"Join us when you can and think kindly of us when you can't"

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