

Who can join? EVERYONE!

The Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. is a nonpartisan, nonsectarian, nondiscriminatory and non-profit 501(c)3 organization.

Blue Star Mother A **Mother** or **Step Mother** who has a son or daughter who is serving, or has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.

Blue Star Dad A **Father** or **Step Father** who has a son or daughter who is serving, or has been honorably discharged.

Associate Member A **spouse, sister, brother, grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, or friend** of someone who is serving, or has been honorably discharged.

Services included are the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard, Reserve Units, and the Merchant Marines

A printable membership form is on our website:

www.babluestar.org

Membership is: Mothers- \$10. 00

Dads and Associates- no charge at this time

Please fill out the membership form and send a check or money order to:

Broken Arrow Blue Star Mothers of America
PO Box 3548

Broken Arrow, OK 74013

Broken Arrow Headquarters:

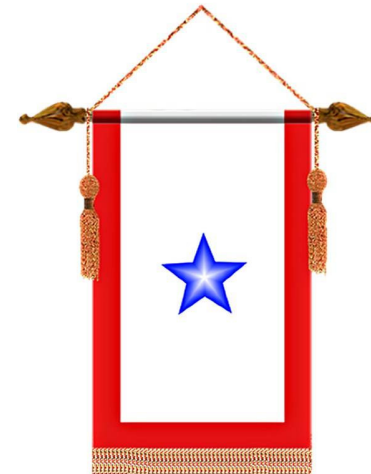
804 S 9th Unit D

(South of 81st on Lynn Lane)

Hours: Tuesday 4-8pm Saturday 9am-1pm

We welcome ALL donations

Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. *Broken Arrow Chapter #5*



God Bring Our Troops Home Safe!

Story of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.

On January 22, 1942 the Flint News Advertiser printed a coupon asking Mothers of servicemen to return the coupon after filling it out. The following February 1st 300 mothers met in the Duran Hotel in Flint Michigan. Captain George H. Maines, who had conceived the idea for this group, acted as the chair of this first meeting. It was decided after receiving 1000 responses from the ad to form a permanent organization.

On February 6th the organization was reported on the Congressional record. Chapters then formed in Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, California, Iowa, and Washington. In June of 1960 the organization was chartered by congress.

Mothers volunteered throughout the tough times of World War II. They worked in hospitals, train stations, packed care packages for the soldiers and were a working part of homeland security during times of war. The organization waned in size over the years but has held together by mothers showing pride in both their children and country. In recent times we have begun to grow in strength.

Being attacked on our own soil has once again started mothers hanging flags in their windows at home proclaiming pride in the fact that we have children protecting our freedom during wartime.

Our organization provides support for active duty personnel, promotes patriotism, assists Veterans organizations, and is available to assist in homeland volunteer efforts to help our country remain strong.



Service Star Flags

Display of the Service Star Banner first came about during World War I. During WWI and WWII most flags were hand made by mothers across the nations. One of the most famous flags was that of the five Sullivan brothers who all perished on the U.S.S. Juneau.

Each blue star represents a service member in active duty. A gold star is displayed if a service member is killed in action or dies in service. If several stars are displayed in one family the gold star takes the honor of being placed at the top.

Display of the Service Star Banner is done during times of war and conflict. Once again families are displaying banners at home.

Visit and contact us on the web @

www.babluestar.org

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