

Letter from the BSMA NKY Chapter 5 President.....
Spring 2009



Spring.....a time of sunshine, wind, rain, and the rebirth of the earth. It is also a time to restructure our priorities and put the cold months of winter behind us. Our Chapter had a very productive 2008 and in order to be just as, if not even more, productive for 2009, we can not forget who we are and what our mission is.

As the president of Chapter 5 as well as a military mom of two sons, I want to thank all of you for the support you have given me, our executive board and each other. Times are pretty trying right now for so many of us, but I know that if we all can pull together we can keep our chapter fundamentally strong.

We, as Blue Star Mothers, have a two-part mission.....our sons and daughters serving in the Armed Forces and the Veterans that have already served for our freedom. Everything else we do is like the cherry on the top but means very little if we ever allow ourselves to forget our main purpose.

We have tried to make our chapter known in the northern KY area by participating in various community activities. We have marched in parades, rode motorcycles, been very involved in Veterans Day programs, helped out at several festivals and participated in manning the Viet Nam Wall. Our Blue to Gold team, Lorene Friedman and Paul Noel, represented our chapter in the very honorable but truly sad duty of presenting Gold Star Banners to

the parents of two Fallen Warriors from Kentucky. Our VAVS representative, Colleen Gagliardi and VAVS deputy, Kim Hockney have faithfully visited the Veterans at Fort Thomas Hospital each month and provided them with entertainment, birthday parties and gifts. Jenny Fisk, our Sunshine committee, mails out birthday boxes and gift cards every month to our military sons and daughters that are serving in the military but stationed within a no-war zone. The list goes on and on and the point I am trying to make is that each of you play a very important part in our chapter.

We have approximately 80 members but sadly, only about a quarter of that membership is actively involved. It is truly amazing what a few committed members can do, but just think what we could do if all 80 were that committed! God bless all of you who are making the commitment and I want to reach out to those of you who have it in your heart to commit, but circumstances prevent you from doing so. Let's make the coming year even better than the previous years have been and let's make our commitment to our mission even greater! This is the spirit that will continue to make Blue Star Mothers of America an extraordinary organization and will keep our mission alive and well!

Let's make this a year of Unity.....a year to recognize that we all serve the same mission within our chapter. We can make this happen! We are all the proud members of the Blue Star Mothers of America Inc.....we are the mothers, dads and supporting members dedicated to our troops, our veterans, our families, our chapter and each other.

In Fellowship,

Kimberly