



## *American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.*

2024-2025 National Executive Board Meeting  
February 6, 2025  
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order – Patti started the meeting at 8:00 AM. (See agenda attached)

A motion to Dispense with the Ritual was made by Joan and seconded by Sherrie. Motion carried.

Sherrie led the members with an opening prayer.

Joyce led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Theresa performed roll call of the officers, and all members were present. (Denise via Zoom)

### Officer's Reports (see attached)

1st Vice President - Annette Kirk

- 2026 National Convention – Annette reported that convention will be held at the Grand Hyatt in Tampa Bay from June 18-21, 2026.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Joyce reported that there are no changes.

Treasurer – Rose

- Flourish – We have moved \$150K into this high yield account. During the first two months, we accrued \$1,100; at 4.25% interest. Rose also shared that Wells Fargo charges \$15/month for our savings account because we don't have the minimum required for free savings. A motion was made to close our Wells Fargo savings account and move the \$4,000 into the checking account was made by Nichole and seconded by Joyce. Motion carried.
- Zeffy – Rose made a motion to table this conversation until next board as further research is needed. Annette seconded. Motion carried.
- PayPal and Square – Rose presented an issue that using both PayPal (PP) and Square (to process credit card payments) creates extra work for the Treasurer. Many of our members do not like using PayPal (PP), and this is why the Square feature was activated. PP now has the option for clients to use their credit card on the app. Rose is requesting that we eliminate Square for payment and use only PP. PP has added a feature to accept credit card payments without requiring the sender to have a PP account. However, Weebly, our current website platform, does not currently support that PP feature. The other concern is that members who have had a bad experience with PP may still be hesitant to use PP's credit card feature, even though it would not require them to create an account, per se. Rose will research with PP to see if this feature will still have the PP branding attached. Nichole will research with Weebly to see if this PP feature is able to be added to our website. Rose will provide data for what percentage of our members pay with PP versus credit card. The results of all research will be presented to the NEB at a future meeting.
- Wegner CPAs' audit review and preparation of our 990 has been completed. Based on the review, it was found that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States

of America.

- Budget – Discussion about travel. Pam suggested that we make a line item in our 2025-2026 budget for Manor travel as the Manor no longer funds the President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice's travel to participate in the August board meeting.

Secretary - Theresa

- Dept/chapter zoom – Theresa reported that there was a good turnout for the first department/chapter secretary's zoom meeting. She will create the roster with names, chapters/departments and emails. This will be put on the Secretary's shared drive.

Wreaths Across America page – Patti will provide Nichole the WAA tech team information to add them to our website. Soundcloud needs to be linked to our website so that members can view their podcast.

VAVS Chair – Pam reported that the second quarterly meeting will be held on March 2. Patti and Pam are creating an AGSM brochure for VA volunteers. Courtney Chavez is the deputy VAVS chair.

Chaplain – Sherrie reported that the first Chaplain's zoom meeting is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>.

No Changes to the following Reports:

IT Chair

Sergeant at Arms

Banner Guard

Flag Guard

President

NSO

Casualty Lists Update – Patti reported that there is a new CO at Ft. Knox for casualty lists. The policy and procedure for providing these lists going forward has not been established at this time.

A motion was made to accept all officers' reports as amended by Annette and seconded by Denise.  
Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports (see attached)

*Finance & Budget* – Vendor/Contractor directory has been a very helpful resource. It is available on the Ways & Means shared drive.

*Headquarters* – Annette will provide additional items needed for the house later. Joan shared that the dorm shower curtain is pulling away from the wall. She is suggesting that we put a chain in the ceiling to hold the shower rod.

- Tyra Nelson from the American Legion called HQ to let us know that they have a Marine who wants to do some community service projects. Annette will call her to get more information.

*Standing Rules* – Upon the advice of our accountant, a change to Standing Rule 5 under Finances was proposed as follows: Grocery expenses for NEB meetings will be covered by AGSM funds. Per our accountant, under IRS rules, this would be an ordinary expense in the regular course of business. Coming from committee, no second is required. Following discussion, the motion carried.

*Constitution and ByLaws – (see attached report with all C&BL proposals included). As outlined in our C&BL, any proposed amendment that is submitted in proper form will be brought to the Convention body.*

*As submitted by the NEB – a proposal to change the wording of Article III, Section 7, Duties of Officers that chaplains will send death notices of not only Dads but all associates. Coming from committee, no second needed. Following discussion, the motion carried and this proposed change will be brought to the Convention body.*

- *As submitted by the Department of Virginia - a proposal to change the wording of Article III – Organization to rename the National Executive Board to the Board of Directors. Following the submission of this proposal, the Department of Virginia was contacted and advised that NEB is referenced in many other sections of the C&BL and that their proposed change does not define who the Board of Directors would be, nor does it address all the other sections of the C&BL that would need to be reworded to make it consistent. They were offered the opportunity to provide revisions to the entire document to make it consistent but declined and only want this one Section 7 to be changed.*

*As submitted by the Department of Kansas – a proposal to change the wording of Article IV – Eligibility and Membership to further define Stepfather. During discussion, it was determined that this proposal referenced the 2023 version of the C&BL and, therefore, referenced the incorrect Article number and did not correctly cite the 2024 version of the C&BL. In addition, their proposed amendment completely eliminates Gold Star Fathers.*

### Special Committee Reports

Little Gold Book (ceremonial book) – Joyce reminded the NEB that at the September meeting, the NEB approved renaming this guide as the “Ceremonial and Business Procedures.” All references to this document will go by that name going forward.

Membership – New Hampshire Member, Karen Lounsbury wants to revive the chapter. She has submitted four applications and they will have a meeting in March. They also want to have a Department meeting in April and have elections at this meeting.

- There are currently 165 members over 80.
- Following discussion, it was determined we will not proceed with developing a Friends of AGSM application. We have added a feature to our website that will allow our supporters to subscribe to our newsletter in electronic format only.

It was discussed that we have seen an increase in entire chapters paying their dues online, as well as more individual members paying online. This decreases the amount AGSM receives due to processing fees. This matter will be discussed further in the budgeting process for 2025-2026 and going forward.

- New Chapter Stand Up Zoom Meetings to be scheduled:  
Ohio  
Indiana  
Illinois  
WA-OR-AK

Community Service –the NEB was asked to approve the presentation of the Healing Through Service Award at the 2025 National Convention. Coming from committee, no second was needed. Following discussion, the motion carried.

VAVs Luncheon – Giveaways and Guest Speaker to be determined.

#### Grants & Scholarships

- Giving Grace – Since we want to provide support to those areas affected by the California fires, consider donating funds to an area VSO who are raising funds for these areas. Patti will find out about the affected areas in North Carolina.
- We have been notified by CSU and Waldorf that no scholarships will be offered this year. We have had very low response to this program for the last couple of years and it is not a viable program for them anymore.

No Changes to these committee reports:

Ways & Means

Americanism

History

Centennial Committee

Legislative

Compliance – We just received our 990 and we will submit to Harbor Compliance for their input. Harbor Compliance hosted a webinar regarding the federal BOI (Beneficial Ownership Information) requirements. Per Harbor Compliance, as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit, at this time, we are exempt from the federal BOI requirements. Each chapter and/or department needs to check with its individual state(s) to see if their state has a filing requirement.

A motion was made to accept the committee reports as amended by Annette and seconded by Nichole. Motion carried.

#### Unfinished Business

Liaison Updates – Since we are having elections and changes in memberships, board members need to download a new list of current members prior to the March email distribution.

Dedicated Financial GBC 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Joyce and Patti attended this event. Fourteen different NPOs participated and had tables set up to provide information about their organization and mission. Each NPO was voted upon and as a result, AGSM received \$2,400 in donations, which included a matching donation from Dedicated Financial. Patti will create a generic thank you letter to those who donated so that Dedicated Financial can forward to the donors.

The WAA MOU is posted on our FB page and website. Their theme for 2025 is *Keep Moving Forward*.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day is on March 29, 2025. Patti, Denise, Nichole, Annette, Theresa and Rose will be attending. We will be having dinner with VVA members on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. We would like to provide lunch for the Tomb Guards while we are in town.

Wreath Laying – We have been approved to present a wreath during the ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Invitation to Department Meetings – An email was sent to all Department presidents advising if they would like a member of the NEB to be present at their Department meeting to please make the request ASAP. At this point, the Department of New York has submitted a request and Annette will attend.

### New Business

SHGTUS “Last Walks”- When a Tomb Guard completes their tour, they do a “Last Walk.” It is up to each Tomb Guard to purchase their own flowers that are placed on the Plaza during the walk. Following discussion with SHGTUS and Holly Holeman, Patti proposed that AGSM sponsor these flowers for the Last Walk. There are approximately 10 per year. It is estimated that the cost would not exceed \$30 per Tomb Guard. If approved, SHGTUS will develop a form with appropriate branding for the partnership between SHGTUS, Holly Holeman and AGSM to be provided to the Tomb Guards. A motion was made that AGSM fund this program by Nichole and Annette seconded. Motion carried. Service to DC Veterans will be the line item for these funds.

### *Memorial Day Tentative Plans*

Patti has had a conversation with AMVETS representatives regarding the proposed schedule. They will be meeting in March to finalize plans and more information will be provided at that time.

### Scholarship – Memorial Day

Similar to what we did at Gold Star Mothers Weekend, it was discussed to provide the opportunity to participate in Memorial Day activities. A motion was made to select two members’ transportation and hotel by Nichole. Sherrie seconded. Motion carried.

### 2025 National Convention –

The Convention Call and registration information will be in the March-April issue of the newsletter.

We anticipate receiving donated airfare for four members to attend National Convention. The NEB will provide a convention scholarship for these members. The scholarship will include the registration fee and hotel costs.

More Convention details will be provided after the first of March.

Spreadshirt/Bonfire T shirt campaign – Nichole is currently working on this. More information will be provided and a decision will be made on this item at a later date.

Army 250 – AUSA is planning an event in Philadelphia and will include a 3-day celebration from June 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>. We have been asked to pencil in those dates, with more details to be provided.

Grant money – We have grant money from The Columbus Foundation that must be spent. After discussion, a plan was developed to offer 10 - \$1,000 grants to chapters to plan and execute a mission-related project. The proposal for the project must be submitted to the NEB by May 1<sup>st</sup>. All projects must be completed by September 30, 2025. All submissions will be reviewed and the 10 submittals selected will be notified and a check will be sent on May 15<sup>th</sup>. A final report about the project must be submitted to the NEB within 30 days of project completion. A motion was made to award 10 - \$1,000 grants to chapters for a mission-related project by Annette. Theresa seconded. Motion carried.

A motion was made to go into a closed session by Nichole and was seconded by Annette. Motion carried.

A motion was made to come out of closed session by Annette. Teresa seconded. Motion carried.

A motion was made to deny the use of the AGSM logo file until a logo usage request is properly submitted by Teresa and seconded by Annette. Motion carried.

Sherrie McGhee led the closing prayer.

A motion to adjourn was made by Annette. Teresa seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

The NEB reconvened on February 7<sup>th</sup> to vote on the following items:

A motion was made to spend no more than \$150 on additional improvements for headquarters by Annette. Coming from committee, no second was needed. Following discussion, the motion carried.

The Past President pin and Past National President bars are now available through City Pride. A motion to order four PNP pins and bars from City Pride plus shipping was made by Annette. Coming from committee, no second was needed. Following discussion, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa Karlson, Secretary

NEB Approved date: 2/8/2025

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Patti Elliott, President      Date

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Theresa Karlson, Secretary

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Date



## *American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.*

2024-2025 National Executive Board Meeting

February 6-7, 2025

### Agenda

Call to Order

Motion to Dispense with the Ritual

Opening Prayer - Sherrie McGhee

Pledge of Allegiance - Joyce Paulsen

Roll Call of Officers - Theresa Karlson

### Officer's Reports

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Annette Kirk

- 2026 National Convention

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Joyce Paulsen

Treasurer - Rose Duval

- Flourish
- Zeffy – working group

Secretary

- Department and Chapter Zoom

NSO

IT Chair

- Website/Blog/Social Media Updates
- Adding Wreaths Across America “page”

VAVS Chair

Chaplain

Sergeant-at-Arms

Banner Guard

Flag Guard

President

- Casualty Lists Update

### Standing Committee Reports

Finance and Budget - Rose Duval

Headquarters - Annette Kirk

Standing Rules/Constitution and Bylaws - Joyce Paulsen

Legislative - Rose Duval

### Special Committee Reports

Little Gold Book - Joyce Paulsen

Membership - Teresa Bullock

- New Ohio Chapter
- WA-OR-AK Zoom

Community Service - Joan Snyder

Grants & Scholarships - Teresa Bullock

- Giving Grace
- No Scholarships

Ways & Means - Theresa Karlson

- New Products
- City Pride
- Ship Thrifty

Americanism - Joyce Paulsen

History - Pam Stemple

Compliance - Joyce Paulsen

Centennial Committee

### Unfinished Business

Liaison Updates

- Download New Lists

Dedicated Financial GBC 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

WAA MOU

- Keep Moving Forward

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day – March 29<sup>th</sup>

- Service to DC Veterans
- VVA
- Wreath Laying

Department Meetings

- New York

### New Business:

SHGTUS “Last Walks”

Memorial Day Plans

- Scholarship

2025 National Convention

- Scholarship
- T-shirts?
- VAVS/Community Service  
Lunch?
- Giveaways

Spreadshirt/Bonfire T-Shirt Campaign

Army 250 (June 2025, Philadelphia)

### Closed Session

### Good of the Order

Closing Prayer - Sherrie McGhee

Adjourn



## *American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.*

### National President's Report

September 16, 2024 – January 31, 2025

#### September 2024:

Participated in Interview with US Army Field Band to be used with rollout of Army Rap Band song

Assisted in planning and execution of Gold Star Mother's Weekend events

Facilitated NEB obtaining Survivor Access Cards to JBMHH

Led September NEB Meeting in DC

Participated in Department of Connecticut Zoom meeting

#### October 2024:

Met with Social Security Administration to discuss how SSA can collaborate with AGSM to provide valuable information to members

Met with Veteran's Day Parade Committee to discuss AGSM involvement

Participated on American Gold Star Home and Manor Merger Committee

Attended VDNC meeting in DC

Attended VA NAC in DC

Picked up scanned documents from DOMA

Attended USS Olympia Ceremony and Reception at Chapel of Four Chaplains in Philadelphia, PA

Worked with NSO to plan Veteran's Day schedule and events

#### November 2024:

Served as the POC for Veteran's Last Patrol Operation Holiday Salute card collection

Attended Woody Williams Foundation 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Legacy of Service Celebration in Louisville, KY

Attended and participated in Veteran's Day events in DC

Participated in Department of Connecticut Zoom meeting

Travel to Department of FL-PR to participate in VVA events and Tribute to the Troops event

December 2024:

Participated in Wreaths Across America Annual Convoy

Attended Army-Navy Game

January 2025:

Attend Dedicated Financial GBC 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala

Began planning and fundraising for 2025 National Convention

Ongoing Tasks:

Presided over Zoom board meetings and facilitated e-votes

Participated in quarterly Department and Chapter Presidents Zoom Meetings

Participated in quarterly Department and Chapter Treasurers Zoom Meetings

Participated in quarterly Department and Chapter Secretaries Zoom Meeting

Responded to calls and correspondence coming to organization

Met with MOPH Committee planning the 2026 National MOPH Convention

Participated in key VA online briefings regarding matters relevant to our stakeholders

Worked with National Executive Board members to accomplish mission-related goals

Attended and participated in committee meetings

Participated in Centennial Committee meetings

Participated in American Gold Star Home and Manor Board meetings



## *American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.*

### **National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report September 2024**

Participated in National Executive Board meetings and e-votes

Participated in the following:

- American Gold Star Manor Board meetings
- AGSM, Inc. Centennial Committee meetings
- AGSM, Inc. Chapter and Department President's Zoom meetings
- AGSM, Inc. National VAVS Deputy training
- Attended the USS Olympia Ceremony
- Attended and participated in Veteran's Day events in DC
- Participated in Wreaths Across America in Tampa, FL

Participated in the following Standing Committees:

- Little Gold Book
- Finance & Budget
- Headquarters-Chair

Participated in the following Special Committees:

- Membership
- Community Service
- History

Communicated as NEB Liaison with:

- Department of Alabama
- Department of Maryland/Delaware
- Department of Nebraska
- Department of Maine
- Department of Wyoming

I continue to learn a variety of topics serving as the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. I am assisting Madam President, all while preparing for the future Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Annette Kirk  
National 1st Vice President



American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

## National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report February 2025

Participated in National Executive Board meetings and e-votes

Participated in the following committees:

- Constitution & Bylaws Committee – Chair
- Americanism Committee – Chair
- Compliance Committee – Chair
- Little Gold Book Committee– Chair
- Finance and Budget Committee
- Membership Committee
- Ways and Means Committee

Communicated as NEB Liaison with:

- Department of AZ
- Department of GA
- Department of NJ
- Department of TX-OK

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Paulsen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



# *American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.*

National Treasurer Position Report - February 2024

National Treasurer: Rose Duval

Reporting Period: July 1, 2024 - February 20, 2025

## **Budget & Finance Chair:**

- Worked 1:1 with AGSM, Inc President to establish FY25 Spend Plan
- Assisted in briefing the budget to the Finance and Budget Committee Members
- Attended online training sessions to learn QuickBooks Online
- Scheduled the Quarterly Treasurer's Forum (idea sharing) for all Dept and Chapter Treasurers
- Scheduled Quarterly Finance & Budget Committee Meetings

## **Legislative:**

- Presented current Congressional Actions

## **Headquarters Member:**

- Checked mail on a regular basis
- Got estimates for Blinds, Sheets, Front Garden, and replacement furniture
- Maintained Google Nest Doorbells as needed
- Organized incoming mail for NEB
- Scanned time-sensitive mail to appropriate NEB members
- Installed Blinds, and replacement furniture.
- Organized kitchen, storage, laundry rooms and office supplies.
- Purged and organized financial files in accordance with guidelines provided by the AGSM, Inc accountants

## **Member:**

- Chapter Grants and Giving Grace Grant Committee
- Compliance
- Membership

## **Support:**

- Support the Membership Committee
- Support Ways & Means Committee
- Supported the President's Agenda with two (2) emails to assigned Dept/Chapters.
- Represented AGSM, Inc at the WWI Remembrance Ceremony
- Participated in the National Veterans Day Parade
- Participated in the Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremonies

Respectfully submitted by Rose Duval

# American Gold Star Mothers Inc

## Budget vs. Actuals: Budget\_FY25\_P&L\_1 - FY25 P&L

July 1, 2024 - February 4, 2025

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
<b>Revenue</b>				
AGSM Store Income	5,007.59	6,666.64	-1,659.05	75.11 %
Shipping	267.89	333.36	-65.47	80.36 %
<b>Total AGSM Store Income</b>	<b>5,275.48</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>	<b>-1,724.52</b>	<b>75.36 %</b>
Centennial Celebration	250.00		250.00	
<b>Contributions (income)</b>				
AGSM Friends	37,679.65	33,333.36	4,346.29	113.04 %
Directed Donations				
Chapter Grants	100.00		100.00	
Giving Grace Mothers In Need	22,019.21	6,666.64	15,352.57	330.29 %
<b>Total Directed Donations</b>	<b>22,119.21</b>	<b>6,666.64</b>	<b>15,452.57</b>	<b>331.79 %</b>
<b>Total Contributions (income)</b>	<b>59,798.86</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>	<b>19,798.86</b>	<b>149.50 %</b>
<b>GoldStar Manor</b>				
GS Home sustaining donations		2,000.00	-2,000.00	
GS Manor Donation	27,057.31	30,922.64	-3,865.33	87.50 %
<b>Total GoldStar Manor</b>	<b>27,057.31</b>	<b>32,922.64</b>	<b>-5,865.33</b>	<b>82.18 %</b>
<b>GS Mothers Sunday</b>				
GS Sunday Banquet	3,972.95		3,972.95	
<b>Total GS Mothers Sunday</b>	<b>3,972.95</b>		<b>3,972.95</b>	
Headquarters Stay Donations	225.00	100.00	125.00	225.00 %
Interest	695.11		695.11	
Library of Congress FCU	2.20	1,000.00	-997.80	0.22 %
Well Fargo	8.56	50.00	-41.44	17.12 %
<b>Total Interest</b>	<b>705.87</b>	<b>1,050.00</b>	<b>-344.13</b>	<b>67.23 %</b>
Membership Dues	26,727.70	26,666.64	61.06	100.23 %
<b>National Convention</b>				
Convention Donations	15,237.56		15,237.56	
Service Project Donations	12,500.00		12,500.00	
<b>Total National Convention</b>	<b>27,737.56</b>		<b>27,737.56</b>	
Next Convention Donations	1,000.00		1,000.00	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$152,750.73</b>	<b>\$107,739.28</b>	<b>\$45,011.45</b>	<b>141.78 %</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$152,750.73</b>	<b>\$107,739.28</b>	<b>\$45,011.45</b>	<b>141.78 %</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>AGSM Friends</b>				
Chapter/Dept Grants	3,300.00	4,000.00	-700.00	82.50 %
Charitable Contributions	545.51	3,333.36	-2,787.85	16.37 %
Giving Grace Dues Assistance	80.00	266.64	-186.64	30.00 %
Giving Grace Grants	8,826.43	20,000.00	-11,173.57	44.13 %
Service for DC area Veterans	1,897.96	2,000.00	-102.04	94.90 %
<b>Total AGSM Friends</b>	<b>14,649.90</b>	<b>29,600.00</b>	<b>-14,950.10</b>	<b>49.49 %</b>
<b>AGSM Store Expenses</b>				

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## Budget vs. Actuals: Budget\_FY25\_P&L\_1 - FY25 P&L

July 1, 2024 - February 4, 2025

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
AGSM Store Inventory/Supplies	6,138.57	4,000.00	2,138.57	153.46 %
AGSM Store Postage & Shipping	470.34	333.36	136.98	141.09 %
AGSM Store Refunds	-67.00	133.36	-200.36	-50.24 %
<b>Total AGSM Store Expenses</b>	<b>6,541.91</b>	<b>4,466.72</b>	<b>2,075.19</b>	<b>146.46 %</b>
Banking Expenses	45.00		45.00	
Banking Fees/Merchant Account	86.49	200.00	-113.51	43.25 %
PayPal Fees	386.67	1,200.00	-813.33	32.22 %
Returned check costs		0.00	0.00	
Square Fees	410.86	66.64	344.22	616.54 %
<b>Total Banking Expenses</b>	<b>929.02</b>	<b>1,466.64</b>	<b>-537.62</b>	<b>63.34 %</b>
Centennial Expenses		0.00	0.00	
Compliance/Strategic Plan Expenses	2,601.56	16,666.64	-14,065.08	15.61 %
GSM Sunday				
Facility Rental (deleted)		0.64	-0.64	
Floral / Wreaths/Decorations	699.11	1,333.36	-634.25	52.43 %
GSM Mother Sunday Banquet	4,134.95	6,666.64	-2,531.69	62.02 %
GSM Sunday - Open House	640.95	600.00	40.95	106.83 %
Invitations/Printing	167.46	66.64	100.82	251.29 %
Reception		333.36	-333.36	
Transportation around DC	2,690.56	2,000.00	690.56	134.53 %
<b>Total GSM Sunday</b>	<b>8,333.03</b>	<b>11,000.64</b>	<b>-2,667.61</b>	<b>75.75 %</b>
Headquarters Operations				
Computers & Software		666.64	-666.64	
Hqs Furnishings	105.99	1,333.36	-1,227.37	7.95 %
Hqs property Insurance		2,600.00	-2,600.00	
Hqs D & O Liability Insurance		1,000.00	-1,000.00	
<b>Total Hqs property Insurance</b>		<b>3,600.00</b>	<b>-3,600.00</b>	
Hqs property taxes paid	7,999.04	12,000.00	-4,000.96	66.66 %
Hqs Utilities	5,132.93	5,333.36	-200.43	96.24 %
Postage	1,824.42	2,666.64	-842.22	68.42 %
Printing	274.47	333.36	-58.89	82.33 %
<b>Total Postage</b>	<b>2,098.89</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>-901.11</b>	<b>69.96 %</b>
Repair & Maintenance of Hqs	1,807.02	2,000.00	-192.98	90.35 %
Floor Restoration (deleted)		0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Repair &amp; Maintenance of Hqs</b>	<b>1,807.02</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>-192.98</b>	<b>90.35 %</b>
Software Subscriptions	2,028.39	6,000.00	-3,971.61	33.81 %
Supplies/Staples	1,271.02	666.64	604.38	190.66 %
<b>Total Headquarters Operations</b>	<b>20,443.28</b>	<b>34,600.00</b>	<b>-14,156.72</b>	<b>59.08 %</b>
History Project	901.51	333.36	568.15	270.43 %
Membership				
Membership Cards		466.64	-466.64	
Membership Pins		333.36	-333.36	

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## Budget vs. Actuals: Budget\_FY25\_P&L\_1 - FY25 P&L

July 1, 2024 - February 4, 2025

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Outreach	298.16	0.00	298.16	
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>298.16</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>-501.84</b>	<b>37.27 %</b>
Memorial Day				
Floral / Wreaths etc.		1,333.36	-1,333.36	
Misc expenses		133.36	-133.36	
Transportation		333.36	-333.36	
<b>Total Memorial Day</b>		<b>1,800.08</b>	<b>-1,800.08</b>	
National Board Expenses				
Misc. NEB expense	280.08	666.64	-386.56	42.01 %
NEB Travel - Feb. Board meeting	2,133.48	3,333.36	-1,199.88	64.00 %
NEB Lodging - Convention	424.96	4,000.00	-3,575.04	10.62 %
NEB Travel - Sept. GSM weekend	3,213.90	3,333.36	-119.46	96.42 %
NEB Travel - Veterans Day	1,715.44	2,000.00	-284.56	85.77 %
NEB Travel - Convention	537.08	2,666.64	-2,129.56	20.14 %
NEB Travel - Memorial Day		3,333.36	-3,333.36	
NSO Travel	1,281.92	2,000.00	-718.08	64.10 %
President Travel	9,660.98	5,333.36	4,327.62	181.14 %
Special Event Travel	417.96	2,000.00	-1,582.04	20.90 %
VAVS Travel	982.11	2,000.00	-1,017.89	49.11 %
<b>Total National Board Expenses</b>	<b>20,647.91</b>	<b>30,666.72</b>	<b>-10,018.81</b>	<b>67.33 %</b>
National Convention exp				
Audio/Visual/Evote Exp.		2,666.64	-2,666.64	
Banquet/Gala		6,666.64	-6,666.64	
Convention deposit		3,333.36	-3,333.36	
Convention Liability Insurance		1,200.00	-1,200.00	
Dad and guests activity		3,333.36	-3,333.36	
Entertainment		1,333.36	-1,333.36	
Journal Expenses	700.00	2,000.00	-1,300.00	35.00 %
Memorial Service (deleted)		2,000.00	-2,000.00	
Miscellaneous Costs	90.00	2,000.00	-1,910.00	4.50 %
National Project		3,333.36	-3,333.36	
Printing (deleted)		333.36	-333.36	
Registration packet		1,333.36	-1,333.36	
Transportation	-879.65	3,333.36	-4,213.01	-26.39 %
Various Meal costs	720.00	2,000.00	-1,280.00	36.00 %
VAVS Lunch		3,333.36	-3,333.36	
Venue/Hotel Expense	19,490.54	2,000.00	17,490.54	974.53 %
Welcome Reception (deleted)		6,666.64	-6,666.64	
<b>Total National Convention exp</b>	<b>20,120.89</b>	<b>46,866.80</b>	<b>-26,745.91</b>	<b>42.93 %</b>
National Fundraiser				
September National Fundraiser (Snacks)		0.00	0.00	
Suicide Awareness Tees/Bracelets/Permits		0.00	0.00	

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## Budget vs. Actuals: Budget\_FY25\_P&L\_1 - FY25 P&L

July 1, 2024 - February 4, 2025

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
<b>Total National Fundraiser</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
Newsletter				
Newsletter Postage	2,638.36	2,733.36	-95.00	96.52 %
Publishing cost	7,400.00	8,666.64	-1,266.64	85.38 %
<b>Total Newsletter</b>	<b>10,038.36</b>	<b>11,400.00</b>	<b>-1,361.64</b>	<b>88.06 %</b>
Payroll Expenditures (deleted)		0.00	0.00	
Payroll Processing (deleted)		0.00	0.00	
Payroll Taxes (deleted)		0.00	0.00	
Salary (deleted)		0.00	0.00	
Workmans Comp Insurance (deleted)		0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Payroll Expenditures (deleted)</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
Professional Fees				
D & O Insurance		0.00	0.00	
Mileage		0.00	0.00	
Office Supplies & Materials	26.15	0.00	26.15	
Printing		0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Office Supplies &amp; Materials</b>	<b>26.15</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>26.15</b>	
Petty Cash (deleted)		0.00	0.00	
Professional Fees/Dues	893.00	4,000.00	-3,107.00	22.33 %
Accounting Fees		10,000.00	-10,000.00	
Attorney/Legal Fees		66.64	-66.64	
Consultant Fees		66.64	-66.64	
Dues/License		0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Professional Fees/Dues</b>	<b>893.00</b>	<b>14,133.28</b>	<b>-13,240.28</b>	<b>6.32 %</b>
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	<b>919.15</b>	<b>14,133.28</b>	<b>-13,214.13</b>	<b>6.50 %</b>
Special Event Expenses	190.00	1,666.64	-1,476.64	11.40 %
Veterans Service (deleted)		0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Special Event Expenses</b>	<b>190.00</b>	<b>1,666.64</b>	<b>-1,476.64</b>	<b>11.40 %</b>
Sponsored Members	568.16		568.16	
Uncategorized Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Veterans Day				
Flowers / Wreaths	1,541.87	1,333.36	208.51	115.64 %
Transportation in and around		133.36	-133.36	
Veterans Day miscellaneous expenses	95.92	333.36	-237.44	28.77 %
<b>Total Veterans Day</b>	<b>1,637.79</b>	<b>1,800.08</b>	<b>-162.29</b>	<b>90.98 %</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$108,820.63</b>	<b>\$207,267.60</b>	<b>\$ -98,446.97</b>	<b>52.50 %</b>
NET OPERATING REVENUE	<b>\$43,930.10</b>	<b>\$ -99,528.32</b>	<b>\$143,458.42</b>	<b>-44.14 %</b>
Other Revenue				
Flourish	1,111.61		1,111.61	
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,111.61</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,111.61</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
NET OTHER REVENUE	<b>\$1,111.61</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,111.61</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

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Budget vs. Actuals: Budget\_FY25\_P&L\_1 - FY25 P&L

July 1, 2024 - February 4, 2025

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
NET REVENUE	<b>\$45,041.71</b>	<b>\$ -99,528.32</b>	<b>\$144,570.03</b>	<b>-45.26 %</b>

# American Gold Star Mothers Inc

## Statement of Activity

July 1, 2024 - February 4, 2025

	TOTAL
Revenue	
AGSM Store Income	5,007.59
Shipping	267.89
<b>Total AGSM Store Income</b>	<b>5,275.48</b>
Centennial Celebration	250.00
Contributions (income)	
AGSM Friends	37,679.65
Directed Donations	
Chapter Grants	100.00
Giving Grace Mothers In Need	22,019.21
<b>Total Directed Donations</b>	<b>22,119.21</b>
<b>Total Contributions (income)</b>	<b>59,798.86</b>
GoldStar Manor	
GS Manor Donation	27,057.31
<b>Total GoldStar Manor</b>	<b>27,057.31</b>
GS Mothers Sunday	
GS Sunday Banquet	3,972.95
<b>Total GS Mothers Sunday</b>	<b>3,972.95</b>
Headquarters Stay Donations	225.00
Interest	695.11
Library of Congress FCU	2.20
Well Fargo	8.56
<b>Total Interest</b>	<b>705.87</b>
Membership Dues	26,727.70
National Convention	
Convention Donations	15,237.56
Service Project Donations	12,500.00
<b>Total National Convention</b>	<b>27,737.56</b>
Next Convention Donations	1,000.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$152,750.73</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$152,750.73</b>
Expenditures	
AGSM Friends	
Chapter/Dept Grants	3,300.00
Charitable Contributions	545.51
Giving Grace Dues Assistance	80.00
Giving Grace Grants	8,826.43
Service for DC area Veterans	1,897.96
<b>Total AGSM Friends</b>	<b>14,649.90</b>

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## Statement of Activity

July 1, 2024 - February 4, 2025

	TOTAL
AGSM Store Expenses	
AGSM Store Inventory/Supplies	6,138.57
AGSM Store Postage & Shipping	470.34
AGSM Store Refunds	-67.00
<b>Total AGSM Store Expenses</b>	<b>6,541.91</b>
Banking Expenses	45.00
Banking Fees/Merchant Account	86.49
PayPal Fees	386.67
Square Fees	410.86
<b>Total Banking Expenses</b>	<b>929.02</b>
Compliance/Strategic Plan Expenses	2,601.56
GSM Sunday	
Floral / Wreaths/Decorations	699.11
GSM Mother Sunday Banquet	4,134.95
GSM Sunday - Open House	640.95
Invitations/Printing	167.46
Transportation around DC	2,690.56
<b>Total GSM Sunday</b>	<b>8,333.03</b>
Headquarters Operations	
Hqs Furnishings	105.99
Hqs property taxes paid	7,999.04
Hqs Utilities	5,132.93
Postage	1,824.42
Printing	274.47
<b>Total Postage</b>	<b>2,098.89</b>
Repair & Maintenance of Hqs	1,807.02
Software Subscriptions	2,028.39
Supplies/Staples	1,271.02
<b>Total Headquarters Operations</b>	<b>20,443.28</b>
History Project	901.51
Membership	
Outreach	298.16
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>298.16</b>
National Board Expenses	
Misc. NEB expense	280.08
NEB Travel - Feb. Board meeting	2,133.48
NEB Lodging - Convention	424.96
NEB Travel - Sept. GSM weekend	3,213.90
NEB Travel - Veterans Day	1,715.44
NEB Travel - Convention	537.08
NSO Travel	1,281.92

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## Statement of Activity

July 1, 2024 - February 4, 2025

	TOTAL
President Travel	9,660.98
Special Event Travel	417.96
VAVS Travel	982.11
<b>Total National Board Expenses</b>	<b>20,647.91</b>
National Convention exp	
Journal Expenses	700.00
Miscellaneous Costs	90.00
Transportation	-879.65
Various Meal costs	720.00
Venue/Hotel Expense	19,490.54
<b>Total National Convention exp</b>	<b>20,120.89</b>
Newsletter	
Newsletter Postage	2,638.36
Publishing cost	7,400.00
<b>Total Newsletter</b>	<b>10,038.36</b>
Professional Fees	
Office Supplies & Materials	26.15
Professional Fees/Dues	893.00
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	<b>919.15</b>
Special Event Expenses	190.00
Sponsored Members	568.16
Uncategorized Expenditure	0.00
Veterans Day	
Flowers / Wreaths	1,541.87
Veterans Day miscellaneous expenses	95.92
<b>Total Veterans Day</b>	<b>1,637.79</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$108,820.63</b>
NET OPERATING REVENUE	<b>\$43,930.10</b>
Other Revenue	
Flourish	1,111.61
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,111.61</b>
NET OTHER REVENUE	<b>\$1,111.61</b>
NET REVENUE	<b>\$45,041.71</b>

# American Gold Star Mothers Inc

## Statement of Financial Position

As of February 4, 2025

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Flourish Savings 2675	151,111.61
Library of Congress Money Market	4,194.29
Library of Congress Prime Share	1,870.23
WF Checking x5258	370,780.88
WF Savings x1811	4,973.93
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$532,930.94</b>
Other Current Assets	
PAY PAL	-1,264.83
Prepaid Shipping & Postage	50.97
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ -1,213.86</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$531,717.08</b>
Fixed Assets	
Accumulated Depreciation	-138,038.00
Buildings	122,755.00
Furniture & Fixtures	68,145.00
Land	6,105.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$58,967.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$590,684.08</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
WF CC x0905 Patti Elliott	0.00
WF CC x6138 Teresa Bullock	0.00
WF CC x7765 Annette Kirk	-406.97
<b>Total Credit Cards</b>	<b>\$ -406.97</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ -406.97</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ -406.97</b>
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	108,419.99
Retained Earnings	437,629.35
Net Revenue	45,041.71
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$591,091.05</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$590,684.08</b>



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## **Secretary's Report - February 2025**

September 25, 2024 – January 31, 2025

1. Prepared general donation thank you letters for the President's signature.
  - 29 monetary donations
  - One In-kind donation
2. Recorded 20 e-votes:
  - October 2024 – January 11, 2025
3. Prepared minutes for January 2025 NEB meeting.
4. Attended Free Seminar for DC Non-Profits in November.
5. Participated in the following meetings:
  - Ways & Means – Chair
  - Finance Committee
  - Community Service Committee
  - Headquarters Committee
  - Department & Chapter Secretary's Forum
  - Treasurer's Forum
  - Miscellaneous administrative duties to assist NEB members as requested, to include:
    - ❖ Scheduled Zoom meetings

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Karlson  
National Secretary



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**Record of Votes**

1.

<b>TOPIC:</b> Motion to ratify Teresa Bullock as National Service Officer					
<b>Motion:</b> Joan Snyder		<b>Second:</b> Theresa Karlson			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 7/2/2024 9:34 AM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Abstain
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed:</b> 9:45 AM		<b>Result:</b> Carried		<b>Tally:</b> 10-0-1	

2.

<b>TOPIC:</b> Motion for logo usage request – Armed Forces Brewing Co for AGSM Fundraiser					
<b>Motion:</b> Joan Snyder		<b>Second:</b> Sherrie McGhee			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 7/10/2024 @ 11:38 PM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed:</b> 7/12/2024 @ 7:30 AM		<b>Result:</b> Carried		<b>Tally:</b> 11-0-0	

3.

<b>TOPIC:</b> Motion to get Disaster recovery grant information out to Membership from the affected areas that FEMA designated for Hurricane Beryl					
<b>Motion:</b> Pam Stemple		<b>Second:</b> Teresa Bullock			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 7/13/2024 @ 5:44 PM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed:</b> 7/13/2024 @ 2:15 PM		<b>Result:</b> Carried		<b>Tally:</b> 11-0-0	

4.

<b>TOPIC:</b> Motion to approve revised Charter application request form					
<b>Motion:</b> Teresa Bullock		<b>Second:</b> Joyce Paulsen			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 7/16/2024 @ 11:34 AM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed:</b> 7/17/2024 @ 5:41 PM		<b>Result:</b> Carried		<b>Tally:</b> 11-0-0	



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5.

<b>TOPIC:</b> Motion to Approve Logo Request from National Coalition for Patriots					
<b>Motion:</b> Teresa Bullock		<b>Second:</b> Nichole Chilton			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 7/26/2024 @ 8:00 AM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed:</b> 7/27/2024 @ 8:30 AM		<b>Result:</b> Carried		<b>Tally:</b> 11-0-0	

6.

<b>TOPIC:</b> Motion to approve 8/4/2024 Meeting Minutes as amended					
<b>Motion:</b> Teresa Bullock		<b>Second:</b> Annette Kirk			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 8/8/2024 @ 8:00 AM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Abstain
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Abstain
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed:</b> 8/11/2024 @8:00 AM		<b>Result:</b> Carried		<b>Tally:</b> 9-0-2	

7.

<b>TOPIC:</b> Motion to Approve Logo Request from Subeca, Inc.					
<b>Motion:</b> Teresa Bullock		<b>Second:</b> Annette Kirk			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 8/12/2024 @ 12 Noon					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed:</b> 8/13/2024 @ 12 Noon		<b>Result:</b> Carried		<b>Tally:</b> 11-0-0	

8.

<b>TOPIC:</b> Disaster Recovery Grant for Members Affected by Hurricane Debby					
<b>Motion:</b> Annette		<b>Second:</b> Teresa			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 8/18/2024 @ 10:00 AM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed:</b> 8/18/2024 @ 10:00 AM		<b>Result:</b> Carried		<b>Tally:</b> 11-0-0	



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9.

<b>TOPIC:</b> Logo Usage Application from Keller North America for Charity Golf Tournament on Nov 1, 2024					
<b>Motion:</b> Teresa		<b>Second:</b> Denise			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 9/3/2024 @ 11:00 AM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed:</b> 8/28/2024 @ 7:40 PM		<b>Result:</b> Carried		<b>Tally:</b> 11-0-0	

10.

<b>TOPIC:</b> Motion to approve 8/28/2024 Meeting Minutes with attachments					
<b>Motion:</b> Teresa		<b>Second:</b> Pam Stemple			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 9/3/2024 @ 11:10 AM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Abstain	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed:</b> 9/4/2024 @ 3:10 PM		<b>Result:</b> Carried		<b>Tally:</b> 10-0-1	

11.

<b>TOPIC:</b> Motion to approve logo request from the US Veterans MC of Oklahoma					
<b>Motion:</b> Teresa		<b>Second:</b> Annette			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 9/8/2024 @ 8 PM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed:</b> 9/9/2024 @ 3:00 PM		<b>Result:</b> Carried		<b>Tally:</b> 11-0-0	

12.

<b>TOPIC:</b> Motion to approve logo request from Keller North America, Inc. for their charity golf tournament on Nov 1, 2024					
<b>Motion:</b> Teresa		<b>Second:</b> Pam			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 9/9/2024 @ 9:13 PM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed:</b> 9/11/2024 @ 7:00 PM		<b>Result:</b>		<b>Tally:</b>	



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13.

<b>TOPIC:</b> Motion to approve logo request from Maryland Dept of Veterans and Military Families for their Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup> event.					
<b>Motion:</b> Teresa B			<b>Second:</b> Theresa K		
<b>Vote called for: 9/11/2024 @ 10:48 AM</b>					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed: 9/13/2024 @ 10:00 AM</b>			<b>Result: Carried</b>		<b>Tally: 11-0-0</b>

14.

<b>TOPIC:</b> Motion to approve the AGSM logo request from the US Veterans MC from OK for the revised flyer which includes the Woody Williams foundation graphic by Teresa and seconded by Rose. Motion Carried. 11-0-0					
<b>Motion:</b> Teresa			<b>Second:</b> Rose		
<b>Vote called for: 9/16/2024 @ 8 AM</b>					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed: 9/18/2024 @ 8 AM</b>			<b>Result: Carried</b>		<b>Tally: 11-0-0</b>

15.

<b>TOPIC:</b> A motion to order 500 AGSM Challenge Coins from Valor Coins and Pins was made by Theresa.					
<b>Motion:</b> 10/1/2024 @ 1:51 PM			<b>Second:</b> Pam		
<b>Vote called for: 10/2/2024 @ 2:00 PM</b>					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed: 10/2/2024 @ 5:00 PM</b>			<b>Result: Carried</b>		<b>Tally: 11-0-0</b>



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16.

<b>TOPIC:</b> A motion to purchase cookware on Amazon for \$462 plus tax and shipping for the tomb guards					
<b>Motion:</b> Teresa		<b>Second:</b> Annette			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 10/2/2024 @8:40 PM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval		Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee		Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed: 10/4/2024 @ 8:21 PM</b>		<b>Result: Carried</b>		<b>Tally: 9-0-0 (2 members did not vote)</b>	

17.

<b>TOPIC:</b> A motion to approve the NEB September 24 & 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes.					
<b>Motion:</b> Teresa		<b>Second:</b> Annette			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 10/5/2024 @ 3:00 PM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed: 10/7/2024 @ 3:00 PM</b>		<b>Result: Carried</b>		<b>Tally: 11-0-0</b>	

18.

<b>TOPIC:</b> A motion to approve the logo usage as requested by the Tampa Bay Chapter, Department of Florida.					
<b>Motion:</b> Teresa		<b>Second:</b> Pam			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 10/9/2024 @ 9:00 AM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed: 10/10/2024 @ 9:00 AM</b>		<b>Result: Carried</b>		<b>Tally: 11-0-0</b>	

19.

<b>TOPIC:</b> A motion to approve the logo usage as requested by the Maryland Chapter for WID Breast Cancer Luncheon Sponsorship					
<b>Motion:</b> Teresa		<b>Second:</b> Rose			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 10/10/2024 @ 9:00 AM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk		Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert		Joan Snyder			
<b>Vote closed: 10/12/2024 @ 9:00 AM</b>		<b>Result: Carried</b>		<b>Tally: 8-0-0 (3 members did not vote)</b>	



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20.

<b>TOPIC:</b> Motion to approve the logo usage as requested by Lisa and Michael Jordon for special bicycle fundraiser					
<b>Motion:</b> Teresa			<b>Second:</b> Theresa		
<b>Vote called for:</b> 10/14/2024 @ 7:00 AM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton		Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed: 10/16/2024 @ 7:00 AM</b>			<b>Result: Carried</b>		<b>Tally:</b> 10-0-0 (1 member did not vote)

21.

<b>TOPIC:</b> Motion to purchase a 3x6 banner to be used during parades for no more than \$200 including delivery.					
<b>Motion:</b> Teresa			<b>Second:</b> Pam		
<b>Vote called for:</b> 10/16/2024 @ 2:00 PM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed: 10/18/2024 @ 2:00 PM</b>			<b>Result: Carried</b>		<b>Tally:</b> 11-0-0

22.

<b>TOPIC:</b> A motion to approve that the HQ Committee spend no more than \$500 for 2 modems and 2 ceiling fans.					
<b>Motion:</b> Annette			<b>Second:</b> N/A		
<b>Vote called for:</b> 10/25/2024 @ 10:30 AM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed: 10/26/2024 @ 8:30 AM</b>			<b>Result: Carried</b>		<b>Tally:</b> 11-0-0



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23.

<b>TOPIC:</b> A motion was made to purchase \$300 worth of snacks and cleaning supplies for the DC Fisher House to be delivered by the Board on 11/8/2024.					
<b>Motion:</b> Pam		<b>Second:</b> Nichole			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 10/30/2024 @ 2PM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed:</b> 10/31/2024 @ 2 PM		<b>Result:</b> Carried		<b>Tally:</b> 11-0-0	

24.

<b>TOPIC:</b> A motion was made to approve the MOU with WAA					
<b>Motion:</b> Annette		<b>Second:</b> Pam			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 11/4/2024 @ 12:41 PM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed:</b> 11/5/2024 @ 1PM		<b>Result:</b> Carried		<b>Tally:</b> 11-0-0	

25.

<b>TOPIC:</b> A motion was made to purchase the tooling and one President's Pin as created by City Pride for \$733.50					
<b>Motion:</b> Theresa		<b>Second:</b> Sherrie			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 11/7/2024 @ 9AM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed:</b> 11/8/2024 @ 7 PM		<b>Result:</b> Carried		<b>Tally:</b> 11-0-0	

26.

<b>TOPIC:</b> A motion was made for Patti to use a rental car to pick up documents from DOMA					
<b>Motion:</b> Annette		<b>Second:</b> Pam			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 10/19/2024 @ 10 AM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed:</b> 10/21/24 @ 10 AM		<b>Result:</b> Carried		<b>Tally:</b> 11-0-0	



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27.

<b>TOPIC:</b> A motion was made to purchase the hard drive with AGSM documents from DOMA for \$700					
<b>Motion:</b> Pam		<b>Second:</b> Joyce			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 11/12/24 @ 12:28 PM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed:</b> 11/14/24 @ 4:36 PM		<b>Result:</b> Carried		<b>Tally:</b> 11-0-0	

28.

<b>TOPIC:</b> A motion was made to approve the logo request from Syrus A. Vincent for CW02 Dyers Memorial Ruck to raise money for AGSM.					
<b>Motion:</b> Teresa		<b>Second:</b> Annette			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 11/14/24 @ 4:42 PM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed:</b> 11/16/24 @ 5:00 PM		<b>Result:</b> Carried		<b>Tally:</b> 11-0-0	

29.

<b>TOPIC:</b> A motion was made to spend no more than \$1,000 for pens and disc fans as giveaways for the Dedicated Financials' 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration to be held in January 2025.					
<b>Motion:</b> Teresa		<b>Second:</b> Annette			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 11/16/2024 @ 11:16 AM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed:</b> 11/18/24 @ 8:30 PM		<b>Result:</b> Carried		<b>Tally:</b> 11-0-0	



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30.

<b>TOPIC:</b> A motion was made to approve the logo request for the Ocean City, NJ 2025 beach tags to be used by active-duty military and veterans.					
<b>Motion:</b> Teresa		<b>Second:</b> Annette			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 11/19/24 @ 2:53 PM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed: 11/21/24 @ 3PM</b>		<b>Result: Carried</b>		<b>Tally: 11-0-0</b>	

31.

<b>TOPIC:</b> A motion was made to provide a letter of support for the Red Star Service Banner initiative.					
<b>Motion:</b> Teresa		<b>Second:</b> Denise			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 12/4/24 @ 6 PM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	N
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	Y		
<b>Vote closed: 12/5/24 @ 6 PM</b>		<b>Result: Carried</b>		<b>Tally: 10-1-0</b>	

32.

<b>TOPIC:</b> A motion was made to restock low inventory items for the AGSM store.					
<b>Motion:</b> Theresa		<b>Second:</b> Rose			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 12/9/24 @ 10 AM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	Y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder	No Vote		
<b>Vote closed: 12/11/24 @ 10:00 AM</b>		<b>Result: Carried</b>		<b>Tally: 10-0-0 (One member did not vote)</b>	



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33.

<b>TOPIC:</b> Motion to approve the NEB 1/5/2025 Meeting Minutes					
<b>Motion:</b> Theresa		<b>Second:</b> Rose			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 1/5/2025 at 5:00 PM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	y	Teresa Bullock	
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder			
<b>Vote closed:</b> 1/7/2025 @ 5:00 PM		<b>Result:</b> Carried		<b>Tally:</b> 9-0-2 (2 members did not vote)	

34.

<b>TOPIC:</b> Motion to approve renewal of annual membership to the Center for Non-Profit Advancement					
<b>Motion:</b> Rose		<b>Second:</b> Teresa			
<b>Vote called for:</b> 1/10/2025 @ 2:00 PM					
Patti Elliott	Y	Annette Kirk	Y	Joyce Paulsen	Y
Theresa Karlson	Y	Rose Duval	Y	Teresa Bullock	y
Sherrie McGhee	Y	Nichole Chilton	Y	Pam Stemple	Y
Denise Torbert	Y	Joan Snyder			
<b>Vote closed:</b> 1/11/2025 @ 2:00 PM		<b>Result:</b> Carried		<b>Tally:</b> 10-0-1 (1 member did not vote)	

35.

<b>TOPIC:</b>					
<b>Motion:</b>		<b>Second:</b>			
<b>Vote called for:</b>					
Patti Elliott		Annette Kirk		Joyce Paulsen	
Theresa Karlson		Rose Duval		Teresa Bullock	
Sherrie McGhee		Nichole Chilton		Pam Stemple	
Denise Torbert		Joan Snyder			
<b>Vote closed:</b>		<b>Result:</b>		<b>Tally:</b>	

36.

<b>TOPIC:</b>					
<b>Motion:</b>		<b>Second:</b>			
<b>Vote called for:</b>					
Patti Elliott		Annette Kirk		Joyce Paulsen	
Theresa Karlson		Rose Duval		Teresa Bullock	
Sherrie McGhee		Nichole Chilton		Pam Stemple	
Denise Torbert		Joan Snyder			
<b>Vote closed:</b>		<b>Result:</b>		<b>Tally:</b>	



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37.

<b>TOPIC:</b>					
<b>Motion:</b>		<b>Second:</b>			
<b>Vote called for:</b>					
Patti Elliott		Annette Kirk		Joyce Paulsen	
Theresa Karlson		Rose Duval		Teresa Bullock	
Sherrie McGhee		Nichole Chilton		Pam Stemple	
Denise Torbert		Joan Snyder			
<b>Vote closed:</b>		<b>Result:</b>		<b>Tally:</b>	

38.

<b>TOPIC:</b>					
<b>Motion:</b>		<b>Second:</b>			
<b>Vote called for:</b>					
Patti Elliott		Annette Kirk		Joyce Paulsen	
Theresa Karlson		Rose Duval		Teresa Bullock	
Sherrie McGhee		Nichole Chilton		Pam Stemple	
Denise Torbert		Joan Snyder			
<b>Vote closed:</b>		<b>Result:</b>		<b>Tally:</b>	

39.

<b>TOPIC:</b>					
<b>Motion:</b>		<b>Second:</b>			
<b>Vote called for:</b>					
Patti Elliott		Annette Kirk		Joyce Paulsen	
Theresa Karlson		Rose Duval		Teresa Bullock	
Sherrie McGhee		Nichole Chilton		Pam Stemple	
Denise Torbert		Joan Snyder			
<b>Vote closed:</b>		<b>Result:</b>		<b>Tally:</b>	

40.

<b>TOPIC:</b>					
<b>Motion:</b>		<b>Second:</b>			
<b>Vote called for:</b>					
Patti Elliott		Annette Kirk		Joyce Paulsen	
Theresa Karlson		Rose Duval		Teresa Bullock	
Sherrie McGhee		Nichole Chilton		Pam Stemple	
Denise Torbert		Joan Snyder			
<b>Vote closed:</b>		<b>Result:</b>		<b>Tally:</b>	



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41.

<b>TOPIC:</b>					
<b>Motion:</b>		<b>Second:</b>			
<b>Vote called for:</b>					
Patti Elliott		Annette Kirk		Joyce Paulsen	
Theresa Karlson		Rose Duval		Teresa Bullock	
Sherrie McGhee		Nichole Chilton		Pam Stemple	
Denise Torbert		Joan Snyder			
<b>Vote closed:</b>		<b>Result:</b>		<b>Tally:</b>	

42.

<b>TOPIC:</b>					
<b>Motion:</b>		<b>Second:</b>			
<b>Vote called for:</b>					
Patti Elliott		Annette Kirk		Joyce Paulsen	
Theresa Karlson		Rose Duval		Teresa Bullock	
Sherrie McGhee		Nichole Chilton		Pam Stemple	
Denise Torbert		Joan Snyder			
<b>Vote closed:</b>		<b>Result:</b>		<b>Tally:</b>	

43.

<b>TOPIC:</b>					
<b>Motion:</b>		<b>Second:</b>			
<b>Vote called for:</b>					
Patti Elliott		Annette Kirk		Joyce Paulsen	
Theresa Karlson		Rose Duval		Teresa Bullock	
Sherrie McGhee		Nichole Chilton		Pam Stemple	
Denise Torbert		Joan Snyder			
<b>Vote closed:</b>		<b>Result:</b>		<b>Tally:</b>	

44.

<b>TOPIC:</b>					
<b>Motion:</b>		<b>Second:</b>			
<b>Vote called for:</b>					
Patti Elliott		Annette Kirk		Joyce Paulsen	
Theresa Karlson		Rose Duval		Teresa Bullock	
Sherrie McGhee		Nichole Chilton		Pam Stemple	
Denise Torbert		Joan Snyder			
<b>Vote closed:</b>		<b>Result:</b>		<b>Tally:</b>	



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National Service Officer Report – February 2025

For the period July 1, 2024 - January 27, 2024:

Processed Member and Associate Applications, Transfers, Change of Address, and Death Notices.

Entered Per Capita and Officer updates in database.

Participated in National Executive Board Meetings and e-votes

Worked with Madam President to plan and attend Gold Star Mother's Week and Veterans Day events.

Participated in the following committees:

Executive Committee

Membership Committee (Chair)

Grants Committee (Chair)

Scholarship Committee (Chair)

Compliance Committee

History Committee

Centennial Committee

Communicated as NEB Liaison with:

Department of Texas-Oklahoma

Department of Washington-Oregon-Alaska

Department of Florida-Puerto Rico

Participated in quarterly meetings with:

Chapter and Department Presidents

Chapter and Department Secretaries

On the Centennial Committee I am on the following sub committees:

Our History on all Levels

Marketing, Branding, Publicizing

Participated in Wreaths Across America Radio interview for Centennial Committee.

Met with the Department of Southern California-Hawaii, Long Beach, CA

Attended Chief Plenty Coups Day of Honor, Billings MT



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Attended Global War on Terror Memorial Rededication, Fort Moore, GA

I traveled to and spoke at Port Angeles, Washington Wreaths Across America event.

Responded to correspondence coming to NSO email.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Bullock, National Service Officer



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Information and Technology Chair report

January 28, 2025

It is an honor and privilege to fill the role of Information and Technology Chair for the 2024-2025 year. Advancing our beloved organization by incorporating technology to better serve out Members, Donors, and Supporters is the primary focus of this position.

- Participated in National Executive Board Meeting and e-votes
- Participated in the following committees:
  - Ways and Means Committee
  - History Committee
  - Community Service Committee
  - Membership Committee
- Continued to update website as needed and re-work sections for better flow
- Posted blogs on website
- Added and updated products for the store website
- Assisted with product suggestions and provided resources for webstore items
- Assisted with delivery of cards for LVP and created graphics for newsletter
- Worked with the National President and Waveline to print and publish newsletters
- Printed and mailed membership cards to new members
- Printed name tags, reception cards, and memorial cards to GSM weekend
- Designed Holiday cards with signatures to be mailed to the over 80 Members
- Designed and put together center pieces for Gold Star Mothers banquet
- Assisted with setup and take down of Gold Star Mothers banquet
- Attended the Woody Williams Foundation Gala in Louisville, KY
- Participated in 5 of the 6 ceremonies that AGSM was invited to across the Washington, DC for Veterans Day
- Participated in the Veterans Day parade in Washington, DC

Respectfully Submitted  
Nichole Jackson Chilton  
Information and Technology Chair  
January 28, 2025



## *American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.*

### VAVS National Committee Report

February 2025

This year we have made it a priority to grow our Volunteers and finding ways to make our VSO status in the VA important again. We also have a new VAVS National Deputy, Ms. Courtney Chavez from the Department of North Carolina.

We have 40 VAVS volunteers right now. Of those 40 volunteers, we have 33 VAVS Representatives and Deputies within our Chapters and Departments.

Patti and I attended the National Advisory Committee (NAC) Executive meeting in October in Washington, DC. We received our total hours that AGSM volunteered in FY 2024 broken down by VISN and by person and where they volunteer. We found out that there is a common theme throughout the VA is that the hours that the VSO's volunteer are not accurate.

We have made a quarterly form that our volunteers can use to track their hours by month and visit with their Volunteer Director to ensure their hours are correct for FY2025.

I am working on a procedure's document for the VAVS Volunteer program and a new brochure. I have put together quarterly Chapter and Department VAVS Volunteer meetings, via Zoom.

The Spring NAC Conference will be held in Orlando, FL from April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The registration has not been emailed out yet. Courtney and I both plan to attend the NAC Executive Committee Conference if funds are available.

I received an email on Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> stating that there is a hold on approving new VAVS volunteers since the new Trump Administration took office. However, if you are a current volunteer, you can continue in your role. Also, Occasional volunteers can still participate in functions.

Nothing more to report.

Pam Stemple, VAVS Committee Chair



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**Chaplain's Report – January 2025**

September 25, 2024 – January 31, 2025

1. Prepared Death Notifications of AGSM members or associates and mailed newsletters and condolence cards to their families:
  - Prepared 1 Death Notifications for September-October
  - Prepared 3 Death Notifications for November-December
  - Prepared 1 Death Notification for January-February
  - Prepared 3 Death Notifications for March-April
2. Participated in the following NEB events:
  - Gold Star Mothers Weekend in Washington DC
  - Veterans Day Weekend in Washington DC
    - i. Delivered gift boxes to the Fisher House in Washington DC
    - ii. Assisted with the organization of Christmas cards for Operation Holiday Salute
3. Participated in NEB meetings:
  - September 24-25, 2024
  - January 5, 2025
4. Participated in NEB e-votes.
5. Participated in the following committees:
  - Constitution & By-Laws/Standing Rules
  - Grants & Scholarships and all e-votes
  - Centennial
6. Communicated as NEB Liaison in October, November, December, and January with:
  - Missouri
  - West Virginia
  - Iowa
  - South Dakota
  - Minnesota

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherrie Battle McGhee – National Chaplain



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Sgt at Arms Report-February 2025

For the period July 1 to February 1, 2025

- Participated in National Executive Board Meetings
- Participated in Executive Board Meetings
- Created “Chore List” for NEB Members for Gold Star Mothers weekend and Veteran’s Day.
- Created Room Assignments for NEB Members
- Created grocery list for GSM Weekend and Veteran’s Day

Upon request of Headquarters Committee Chair added “Headquarters windows are not to be opened at any time.”

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Bullock

National Sgt at Arms



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### **National Banner Guard report**

**October 2024-February 2025**

Attended November NEB meeting – attended Veterans’ Day weekend events at Headquarters

Participated in Veteran’s Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

Veteran’s Day Service at Arlington

Represented AGSM at Women In Military Service (WIMSA)

Participated in NEB zoom meetings, Committee meetings, emails and e-voting.

Committee Assignments are as follows:

Americanism

Compliance

Headquarters

Community Service – chair

Written and submitted an article on the importance of reporting our membership’s community service hours for AGSM magazine.

Assigned as the NEB Liaison to the following departments:

Department of New York

Department of Tennessee



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**February 6,2025 National Executive Board Meeting**

**National Flag Guard Report**

**For the period June 23,2024 - February 6,2025**

**Participated in National Executive Board meetings and events:**

**September - Gold Star Mothers Weekend**

**November - Veterans Day at Arlington**

**Participated as part of the following committees:**

**Constitution and By-Laws , Standing Rules**

**Americanism**

**Grants Committee**

**Communicated as NEB liaison with:**

**Department of Nevada**

**Department of Ohio**

**Department of Kentucky**

**Department of Virginia**

**Department of District of Columbia**

**Denise Torbert**



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Finance & Budget Committee Report – February 2025

**Chairman:** Rose Duval

**Members:** Annette Kirk, Joyce Paulsen, Theresa Karlson

**Ex-Officio:** Patti Elliott

**Meetings Called:** July 21, 2024 (Zoom), July 30, 2024, (email) & January 19, 2025(Zoom)

**Budget**

1. Worked 1:1 with AGSM, Inc President to establish the FY25 Spend Plan.
2. Assisted the President in briefing her budget to the Committee Members.
3. Established a Working 2024-2025 Budget Spreadsheet.
4. Attended 3 online training sessions to learn QuickBooks Online.
5. Recorded all Revenue and Expenditures in Quickbooks Online

**Finance**

1. Researched point of service vendors.
2. Reviewed investment opportunity.
3. Established a Vendor/Contractor Directory.
4. Established a formal tracking of Grant Donations.
5. Consolidated all Subscriptions under a single credit card.
6. Centrally managed all airline purchases on a single credit card.
7. Established an account with a High Yield Saving Account (Flourish)
8. Established ShipThrifty account and cancelled Stamps.com

Respectfully submitted by Rose Duval

Attachments: Statement of Financial Position

Statement of Activity

Budget vs. Actuals: Fiscal Year 2024-2025



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### **Headquarters Report February 2025**

Annette Kirk-Chair  
Rose Duval  
Theresa Karlson  
Joan Snyder  
Patti Elliott (Ex-Officio)

Participated in Zoom and group text with the committee members

The HQ Committee determined the following maintenance and upgrades-

- HQ deep cleaning, to be completed late April/early May approx.
- Installation of blinds in stairway window between kitchens (blinds were purchased in September 2024)
- Installation of two ceiling fans in kitchen (purchased September 2024)
- Schedule carpet cleaning
- Wash comforters-starting in March and have completed for Memorial Day
- Possibly replace bed pillows-starting with dorm room
- Invest in an irrigation system for the front garden
- Consider which region 7a shade loving perennials to plant in the front garden.
- Rescreen back door in kitchen
- Repair handrail entryway
- Add wire support to shower curtain rod in the dorm bathroom. (rod is pulling away from the wall and sagging)
- Notch out bathroom wall where doorknob hits
- The windows in the family room must not be opened. A sign will be made to not open those windows.

Tyra Nelson from the American Legion HQ has stated that their Annual Washington DC Conference will be held February 22-27, 2025. She will have quite a few Marines that want to volunteer their time. We need the supplies to do the work.

Committee proposes the following:

Purchase from Lowe's-  
Drip Irrigation System \$45.00  
Digital timer and hose \$43.98  
Screen \$10.98

Respectfully submitted,  
Annette Kirk  
National 1st Vice President



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## C&BL and Standing Rules Committee Report February 2025

### **Members:**

Joyce Paulsen (Chair), Sherrie McGhee, Denise Torbert, Pam Stemple, Becky Christmas PNP and Patti Elliott (Ex Officio)

### **The Constitution and By-Laws –**

- A question arose from Sherri - Chapter Bylaws, Article III, Section 7 (Chapter Chaplain pg 23). Regarding the description of Dad. Researching to see if clerical or need to submit this time around. Patti researched and it is not a clerical issue and needs to be submitted. The document is attached.
  - Committee asking for change from Dads to Associates
- The Dept of VA sent an Article III Sec 1 change was submitted. The document is attached.
  - The committee was asked to preview. Comments sent to Dept President. No changes were made and submitted to 2ndVP.
- The Dept of KS sent an Article IV Sec 6 change was submitted. The document is attached.

### **Standing Rules –**

- Received SR from Dept of TX-OK.  
Had a phone call with Dept President Sherry Guy to go over thoughts and recommendations.
- Received SR from Chapter NW TX Chapter.  
Had a phone call with Chp President Carla Wicks and went over recommendations.
- Received SR from the Dept of NM.  
No changes are recommended. Communicated with Dept Pres.
- SR for NEB needed to be updated per our CPA recommendation.  
Committee asking to update. Grocery expenses for NEB meetings will be covered by AGSM funds.  
The document is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

C&BL Committee

**C&BL Committee Jan 2025**

**Proposed Bylaw Change to Present to the NEB in 2025**

**Currently Reads:**

Article III – Chapter Bylaws

Sec 7. The CHAPTER CHAPLAIN shall conduct the devotional exercises at the opening and closing of each meeting; conduct all Memorial Services and send notice of deaths of members and Dads to the Department Chaplain and perform such other duties as pertain to her office. She shall perform other duties as assigned and at the request of the Chapter President.

**Proposed Change to Read:**

Article III – Chapter Bylaws

Sec 7. The CHAPTER CHAPLAIN shall conduct the devotional exercises at the opening and closing of each meeting; conduct all Memorial Services and send notice of deaths of members and associates to the Department Chaplain and perform such duties as pertain to her office. She shall perform other duties as assigned and at the request of the Chapter President.

**Rationale for the Change:**

The Chaplain should report notices of deaths for members and associates.

Presented by the C&BL Committee 1/8/25

## **PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE TO PRESENT TO THE NEB IN 2025**

### **Currently Reads:**

Article III – Organization

Sec. 1 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. shall be organized into Chapters, and Chapters into Departments.

### **Proposed Change to Read:**

Article III – Organization

Sec. 1 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. shall be organized into Chapters, and Chapters into Departments. *The Board of Directors is a group of members who are elected by the membership to govern and oversee the organization's operations. The Board is responsible for setting the organization's mission, strategy, and goals. The Board ensures that the organization operates in compliance with legal and ethical standards. The Board of Directors is also responsible for ensuring the organization's financial stability and sustainability.*

### **Rationale for the Change:**

At the 2022 National Convention, all chapters and departments were introduced to Harbor Compliance whose responsibility was to have each chapter and department file to get their own EIN rather than use national EIN. After getting their own EIN, they were encouraged to become compliant within their state so they can operate as a sanctioned nonprofit in that state. If all entities of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. must be compliant within their states and select Directors and Board of Directors to govern their entity, then the national organization should realign its terminology to reflect such and discontinue using National Executive Board and be known as the National Board of Directors for the national organization and in doing so, each Department and Chapter should also reflect the realignment. Evidence of the use of Directors and Board of Directors is in keeping with the language used in the original Certificate of Incorporation as described below:

*In 1928 the original documents for acquiring a Certificate of Incorporation for the national organization, the fourth section refers to the number of its trustees, directors, or managers. The fifth section also references the Board of Trustees, Directors, or Managers. When amending the Certificate of Incorporation in 1937, the words National Executive Board were used when referencing a special meeting of the organization was held to amend Paragraphs "Third" and "Fourth." The final amendment to the Articles of Corporation in 1986 mentions the Board of Directors two times when amending the Fourth Paragraph. The amendments in 1937 and 1986 mentions the meeting of the National Executive Board. There is no mention of National Executive Board in the original documents approved and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in the District of Columbia.*

**Presented and approved at the April 27, 2024 Department of Virginia meeting.**

## **Proposed Amendment to the AGSM Bylaws**

### ARTICLE IV

#### Eligibility and Membership

##### Currently written:

Sectional 6. Gold Star Fathers and Gold Star Siblings and Gold Star Grandparents are eligible to join as Associate Members. They pay no dues, hold no office and have no vote, but may be appointed as a Deputy to the representative at the VA Medical Center.

##### Proposed Change:

Section 6. Stepfathers who assumed the responsibility of a son or daughter under the age of fifteen years, and reared this son or daughter who has served or was missing in action or died while on active duty, or died as a result of such service are eligible to join as an Associate Member. Gold Star Siblings and Gold Star Grandparents are eligible to join as Associate Members. They pay no dues, hold no office, and have no vote, but may be appointed as a Deputy to the representative at the VA Medical Center.

##### Rationale:

This proposed change serves to bring the definition of Stepfathers in line with the definition of Stepmother as outlined in ARTICLE IV, Section 2 of the American Gold Star Mothers Constitution and Bylaws.

Respectfully Submitted by the Department of Kansas

February 2, 2025

Karen Funcheon, President

Jennifer Jackman, Past National President



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LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

2024-2025

Date	Action	AGSM Action
7/25/2024	<p><a href="#">H.R.1182</a> - Veterans Serving Veterans Act of 2023 (118th Congress) Sponsor: <a href="#">Rescom. González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]</a> (Introduced 02/24/2023)</p>	No Action
7/25/2024	<p><a href="#">H.J.Res.65</a> - Designating November 9th of each year as "Gold Star Father's Day". (118th Congress) Sponsor: <a href="#">Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]</a> (Introduced 05/25/2023)</p>	No Action
7/25/2024	<p><a href="#">S.Res.422</a> — 118th Congress (2023-2024)<b>A resolution designating August 1, 2023, as "Gold Star Children's Day".</b>Sponsor: <a href="#">Wicker, Roger F. [Sen.-R-MS]</a> (Introduced 10/19/2023) <b>Cosponsors:</b> <a href="#">(1)</a><b>Latest Action:</b> Senate - 10/19/2023 Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR <a href="#">S5104</a>; text: CR <a href="#">S5115</a>) (<a href="#">All Actions</a>)<b>Tracker:</b> This bill has the status Agreed to in Senate Here are the steps for Status of Legislation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Introduced</li><li>2. <b>Agreed</b></li></ol>	No Action
8/30/2024	<p><a href="#">H.R.9188</a> - Gold Star and Surviving Spouse Career Services Act  <b>Sponsor:</b> Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2] (Introduced 07/30/2024)  <b>Bill, Resolution, or Law Text:</b> <a href="#">Introduced in House (07/30/2024)</a>  <b>Display Title:</b> Gold Star and Surviving Spouse Career Services Act</p>	No Action



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**Official Title as Introduced:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain spouses eligible for services under the disabled veterans' outreach program, and for other purposes.

**Short Title(s) as Introduced:** Gold Star and Surviving Spouse Career Services Act

9/14/2024 [H.Res.1447](#) - Expressing support for the designation of the week of September 22 through September 28, 2024, as "Gold Star Families Remembrance Week". No Action

Sponsor: Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4] (Introduced 09/12/2024)

**Bill, Resolution, or Law Text:** [Introduced in House \(09/12/2024\)](#)

**Official Title as Introduced:** Expressing support for the designation of the week of September 22 through September 28, 2024, as "Gold Star Families Remembrance Week".

10/19/2024 [H.R.9869](#) - Gold Star Children Education Act of 2024 No Action

**Sponsor:** Rep. LaLota, Nick [R-NY-1] (Introduced 09/27/2024)

**Bill, Resolution, or Law Text:** [Introduced in House \(09/27/2024\)](#)

**Display Title:** Gold Star Children Education Act of 2024

**Official Title as Introduced:** To make dependents of members of the Armed Forces who died while serving on active duty eligible for enrollment in Department of Defense Education Activity schools on a tuition-free, space-available basis.

**Short Title(s) as Introduced:** Gold Star Children Education Act of 2024

10/23/2024 [H.Res.1551](#) - Expressing support for the designation of October 23, 2024, as a national day of remembrance of the tragic 1983 terrorist bombing of the United States Marine Corps barracks in Beirut, Lebanon.

**Sponsor:** Rep. Pence, Greg [R-IN-6] (Introduced 10/22/2024)



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**Actions:** 10/22/2024: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

**Actions:** 10/22/2024: Introduced in House

**Bill, Resolution, or Law Text:** [Introduced in House \(10/22/2024\)](#)

**Committees:** House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

**Cosponsor:** 10/22/2024: Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]

**Display Title:** Expressing support for the designation of October 23, 2024, as a national day of remembrance of the tragic 1983 terrorist bombing of the United States Marine Corps barracks in Beirut, Lebanon.

**Official Title as Introduced:** Expressing support for the designation of October 23, 2024, as a national day of remembrance of the tragic 1983 terrorist bombing of the United States Marine Corps barracks in Beirut, Lebanon.

12/17/2024 [December 17, 2024 - House \(Vol. 170, No. 187\)](#) - MILITARY FAMILIES NATIONAL PARKS ACCESS ENHANCEMENT ACT; Congressional Record Vol. 170, No. 187



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## Little Gold Book Committee February 2025

### **Members:**

Joyce Paulsen (Chair), Annette Kirk, Jennifer Jackman PNP, Becky Christmas PNP, and Patti Elliott (Ex Officio)

### **Meetings:**

7/14/24 and 8/8/24

The focus was to update the Little Gold Book as well as the name.

Utilized the LGB 2<sup>nd</sup> Printing, October 2017.

- Updated verbiage.
- Installation updates for AGSM officer description positions
- Updated name to Ceremonial and Business Procedures.
- Newest version listed as 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition September 2024

Formatted new updated book and is now available to all members via AGSM website.

Would like to review pricing for potentially publishing in a small booklet.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Paulsen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



## *American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.*

### Membership Committee Report

February 2025

Membership Committee: Chair Teresa Bullock

Members: Annette Kirk, Joyce Paulsen, Pam Stemple, Nichole Chilton, Patti Elliot (Ex-Officio)

Total Active Membership: 954

Over 80: 165

Members: 789

Inactive Members: 102

Our committee meeting was held on January 15, 2025.

The committee discussed the fact that many of our members are over 80 now and approximately 100 or more members will be over 80 in 5 years.

#### **Applications:**

1. Madam President would like the committee to come up with a Friends of AGSM application. The committee explored what needs to be included in the application. The following are suggestions for Patti and Teresa to work with
  - a. Name, address, DOB, etc.
  - b. Organization if applicable.
  - c. Are they VSO members? If so, which ones?
  - d. Do they volunteer at the VA? And would they like to give a few hours to AGSM?
  - e. What would they like to do for AGSM? Hobbies, Associations and Organizations they are connected to?
  - f. Would they like a newsletter? If so, it would be \$40.00 a year.
  - g. Would they be willing to help us with the projects that we do yearly?
  - h. Special skills that may be helpful, for example: fundraising, letter writing, handyman, etc.

#### **Membership Cards**

1. The chair worked with IT to replace and produced a list of membership cards as members requested cards that were not received, or new members are accepted.

#### **Change of Address:**

1. Change of Address form added to website.

No recommendations currently.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Bullock  
Membership Chair

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## *American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.*

### **Community Service Committee Report**

**Period October - February 2025**

Members: Joan Snyder (chair)

Annette Kirk

Theresa Karlson

Nichole Chilton

Patti Elliot (Ex-Officio)

The Community Service Committee met in-person 11/9/2024 at Headquarters.

1. Discussed and finalized the criteria for individual member recognition for their outstanding community service
  - a. Create an award for an individual (money coming from the grants fund)
  - b. Drafted criteria for award selection
    - i. Must be a member in good standing with AGSM
    - ii. Must have submitted their individual CSR for 2024 by the chapter deadline of 2/1/2025
    - iii. Each Chapter will submit one applicant to their Department President.
    - iv. Each Department will submit one applicant to the National Community Service committee.
    - v. The National Community Service committee will select an individual from the submitted nominations.
    - vi. Both chapter and department president seen and verified individual's CSR report was submitted
    - vii. Nomination letter from the Chapter president must accompany the application - in 250 words or less describe why your member embodies the spirit of the AGSM mission.
    - viii. All Department nominees will be recognized at the 2025 National Convention with a certificate.
    - ix. Winning nominee will receive
      1. Registration fee for the 2025 National convention will be paid OR



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2. Monetary donation (equal to Convention registration fee) to a charity of the nominee's choice (Charity must align with AGSM mission.)
- c. Name of the recognition award - "Healing through Service Award"
- d. Form to be developed and distributed to membership through email to all Chapter and Department presidents.

The Community Service committee met on Jan 20, 2025 8:30pm via zoom.

1. Review and finalized the application form for the "Healing Through Service Award."
2. Deadlines for submission and selection of winning nominee determined;
  - a. 3/1/2025 - Chapter submission to Department
  - b. 4/1/2025 - Department submission to National Community Service Committee
  - c. 4/6/2025 - National Community Service Committee to meet via zoom to select winner
  - d. 4/7/2025 - Winner notified and announced to membership
3. Email distributed to all Chapter and Department presidents announcing the "Healing Through Service Award." Application form attached.
4. Discussed different ways to recognize Chapters and Departments at the 2025 National Convention for Community Service hours, mileages, and in-kind donations.
  - a. certificates
  - b. recognition done during VAVS luncheon or during business meeting
  - c. giveaway ideas - pens, pins

**ACTION:** Approve this award to be presented at the 2025 National Convention in Raleigh, NC.

Next committee meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 6, time TBD via zoom

Respectfully submitted

Joan Snyder – Community Service chair



## *American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.*

### Grant Committee

Report for Period July 1 to January 27, 2025

Chair: Teresa Bullock

Members: Sherrie McGhee, Denise Torbert, Rose Duval, Patti Elliot (Ex Officio)

Chapter Grants – Application period currently open. A total of 4 grants at \$200 and 4 at \$400 were awarded for a grand total of \$2400.

Giving Grace Grants – Application period was opened July 1, 2024. Received 5 applications, 2 denied due to no eligibility, 1 denied due to not receiving information to finalize, 1 cancelled when member stated she had received funds elsewhere, 1 awarded in the amount of \$2,033.30.

Giving Grace Dues Assistance – Two members have requested dues assistance currently.

Disaster Relief Grants – Application period was opened for hurricane Beryl for members in areas identified by FEMA, received and awarded 3 grants for a total of \$2,793.13. The application period was opened for hurricane Debby and no requests were received. The application period was opened for hurricane Helene, 2 requests were received and granted for a total of \$2,000. The application period was opened for hurricane Milton, 2 requests were received and granted for a total of \$2,000. The total awarded for Disaster Relief is \$6,793.13.

Recommendation: Approve \$10,000 to donate to VSO's who have had fire damage and/or loss in the California fires.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Bullock  
Grants and Scholarship Chair



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Ways & Means Committee Report  
February 2025

The second Ways & Means Committee Meeting was held on 1/23/2025. Attendees included Theresa Karlson, Pam Stemple, Joyce Paulsen, Nichole Chilton and Ex-Officio Patti Elliott. The following items were discussed:

- 2024-2025 Budget - As of 1/19/2025, The AGSM Store's revenue was \$4,190.39. Shipping was \$201.24; Expenses were \$6,708.75 and postage was \$437.18. Expenses included ordering the Past President's Pin and restocking items for the store.
- City Pride - We are waiting for the Past President's Pin sample to be delivered to Theresa.
- New Vendors - We are using the following new vendors for store items. They are City Pride, Valor Coins & Pins, Treeline Customs, ShipThrifty and Industry for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ibvi). Their products and services are very good.
- ShipThrifty - This new shipping tool has been very user friendly, and costs have been reasonable.
- Valley Athletics - They have added more logo products to their website.
- There have been discussions about providing officer pins such as Chapter Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain and Vice President. Theresa contacted Valor Coins and Pins and they have provided an estimate for each pin.
- Nichole suggested providing an AGSM charm and she can check with her jeweler for more information.



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## Americanism Committee Report February 2025

### **Members:**

Joyce Paulsen (Chair), Joan Snyder, Denise Torbert and Patti Elliott (Ex Officio)

### **Meetings:**

8/21/24 and 1/9/25

- The focus was to provide something new and fresh for the website or social media.
- Be aware of any news articles or magazines. Any military anniversaries or military stores that you personally know about please share them. Members may have to do some research on the Internet.
- Calendar put together to split the contributions by Joyce and emailed to the committee members.
- Shared new ideas for the second half of the year and each of us turn in one for our assigned month.
  - Will ask friends and co-workers for articles.
  - Will ask SOS coordinator for an article.
  - Elks Lodge, American Legion or VFWs may seek essays or history from members to contribute.
  - Will seek schools and/or teachers who might have pictures or stories of their own.
- All submissions are sent to chair Joyce and she will forward them to publications.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Paulsen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



## *American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.*

### History Committee Report

February 2025

History Committee Members: Pam Stemple - Chair, Teresa Bullock, Annette Kirk, Nichole Chilton, Patti Elliott, Ex-Officio

The last few months have been very busy with the History Project. We are off and running.

Nichole has finished making the "Lineage and Service History" database in Quick Base. I have tested the new database, and it will be a wonderful way to access all our American Gold Star Mother, Inc. applications and documents. The process of getting the applications into the database has begun.

The WW1, WW2, and Korea applications project has begun. The process of taking all the scanned documents from the February meeting last year started in October 2024. Patti and I discussed the best way to start this process, and it was determined that we would have these documents in the Google shared drive first. I have completed 80% of those scanned applications from February 2025 and have them ready to put in the new database.

We have received the drive from Doma that has a copy of the applications and documents that were sent to them from 2020. There are almost 5000 scanned documents that will need to be put in the database. This will be the next big chunk of applications and documents from 1928 going forward to 1955.

Our Committee meeting was held and I shared with the committee members the set-up and procedures process that I documented and they are excited to get started on getting the applications and documents in the database.

We still have boxes of applications from before 1955 that will need to be scanned and put into the database. I would recommend that there be a working party at HQ for a week or two this summer to accomplish the scanning that still needs to be done. Then we can work on the shared drive to get them ready for the database. We need to get this part of the project finished and off to the Library of Congress.

Then the next project will be the timeframe of 1956 to 1980 applications and documents.

Nothing more to report.

Pam Stemple, History Committee Chair



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## American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

### Compliance Committee February 2025

#### **Members:**

Joyce Paulsen (Chair), Teresa Bullock, Rose Duval, Joan Snyder, and Patti Elliott (Ex Officio)

The Compliance Committee Meeting 1/21/25 reports the following:

Joyce had conference call 1/20/25 with Shauna DeWolf from Harbor Compliance.

Joyce reported to HC that our 990 for 2023 is not complete yet.

Reviewed necessary items that were provided through HC online portal.

#### Project Status-

- Charitable Solicitation Registration Project 2023-2024
  - Tax year 2023 – Several of the states have an open item on our account. The 990 is needed for 2023 for these states require AGSM nationals' 990 and audit review. Once we have completed and downloaded it will clear the account open items up in this area.
  - Tax year 2020-2021 showed the state of Texas requiring a bond of \$1000 to submit Veteran Organization Registration Application. Rose recalled this open item and found an email that showed it is only \$100. This was shared with Shauna and Dept of Texas. I will forward this email from Rose to Shauna.
- Annual Report form 2025 (need to complete some open items)
  - NJ needing agent and principal address. Joyce reached out to the Dept President to complete this info.
  - Area asking for tax extension 8868. I reached out to the treasurer and received it and entered onto our account.

#### Registered Agent Service-

- Received one Delivered document – annual report for ND. (emailed to Shauna for review)

#### Seeking another Compliance Company-

A recommendation to seek out other compliance companies was brought up in the September board meeting. Joyce had interviews with three companies and it was discovered that two of the three were being bought out by Harbor Compliance. It also was thought that our account has several open items that we should clear before changing companies. Once our 990 and review are complete, we may want to initiate a new search.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Paulsen - Chair



## *American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.*

### **AGSM Centennial Committee Report to the National Executive Board February 3, 2025**

Since the report to the NEB for the September 2024 board meeting, the Centennial Committee met in October, November, and January. It has been the practice for the committee not to meet in December due to the holiday season. After establishing this committee in 2023, there has been some changes in the members. Currently the committee is made up of **six** Past National Presidents, **three** Past National Officers, and **six** National Executive Board members.

#### Items Discussed:

- A JotForm survey was sent out to all members to poll those who were not at the National Convention June 2024. The same questions that were used for the Gallery Walk were sent out to get ideas from our members did not attend the convention. One additional question about the experiences of members who have experiences in planning a celebration like a centennial was included. The survey was sent out in October with a return date of November 8, 2024. The tagline, “A Century of Service” was the title of the survey.
- Five subcommittees were formed, and each committee member is assigned to two committees. The Finance and Fundraising Committee reported that a database will need to be created with sponsors and donors. That committee will draft a letter seeking corporate sponsors and donations. Communication and the need to follow the guidance of WAA on using social media is necessary to get the message of the centennial out daily, weekly, monthly. All committees are looking forward to the ideas that will come from the survey to the membership. Marketing/Branding and Publicizing made a connection to someone connected with the Rose Bowl and possibly a float in a future Rose Bowl Parade. Subcommittees were encouraged to schedule meetings and prepare reports to bring back to the committee for each monthly meeting.
- Discussed writing an article for the November-December newsletter to gauge the interest in members commemorating the end of WWII with a Pilgrimage trip to France honoring the moms and their heroes laid to rest abroad.
- A schedule has been created for monthly interviews with Jeff Pierce and WAA radio. Each interview will have a common message in addition to talking about the mom’s hero.
- The committee reviewed a document, “Legacy & Vision” that American Legion used to plan their centennial in 2019. Members were asked to review that document to see if it would be useful in planning AGSM’s centennial. Something from the document that was quite appealing was “Every Post Has a Legacy.” This will challenge every department and chapter to research their history. This led to a discussion of setting up a Centennial Facebook page and a Centennial link on our website.
- Two Centennial booklets from the American Battle Monument received while visiting France will be available reviewing the contents and determining if it can be used in our planning.

- A decision was made to begin writing a Centennial Plan like a Strategic Plan. It will guide the committee in planning and developing action items and timelines for the next three years. A survey will be sent out to get input for the plan from all committee members.
- An email was received from Chris Dickon who has researched, published and produced a documentary on Gold Star Mothers. He worked in collaboration with John Graham and Michael Hitt and are particularly interested in the history of Countess Constance de Caen, known as the “Little Mother” who aided WWI American soldiers in France. She is buried in Washington, DC in an unmarked grave.
- Our History on All Levels committee shared the project going on at headquarters where applications are being scanned and uploaded to the database. A possible activity for members would be “A Mother and her Hero” which involves researching the fallen servicemember and their families using their membership application in the database.

#### Action Taken:

- A JotForm with questions discussed during the Gallery Walk at the 2024 National Convention was sent out to all members in the organization. Only twelve members responded, and their feedback will be forwarded and reviewed by the subcommittees for possibly incorporating in the planning.
- An article, “Centennial Road Trip in France 2027” was in the January-February **The Gold Star Mother** to promote and encourage members to consider traveling to France to recreate the Pilgrimage honoring the Mothers and their heroes buried overseas.
- Received our first Centennial Celebration donation from Red Flegal. A letter acknowledging his donation for tax purposes was mailed to him. It will be the letter sent to all donors contributing to the Centennial.
- Continue to promote the upcoming Centennial with monthly WAA Radio interviews with Jeff Pierce. Six committee members completed their interviews with others scheduled through August 2025.
- A meeting was held with Chris Dickon to learn how he and his colleagues who have researched Gold Star Mothers can help with the Centennial Celebration. He gifted the organization with his book, **The Foreign Burial of American War Dead**. His colleague, John Graham is a co-producer of a PBS documentary broadcast and distributed by Illinois Public Media in 2003. Michael Hill, a historian from Georgia has done extensive research on Countess Constance de Caen. The History Committee will review this information and decide how to move forward utilizing their resources.
- Approved a letter drafted by Theresa Karlson to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee to create a special stamp to honor our centennial.
- Received feedback from the survey sent to all committee members getting their input on what the organization has accomplished over the past 96 years, the vision and mission for the centennial celebration, goals for the celebration, how to engage stakeholders for the celebration, crucial needs for the next 100 years, and any additional feedback that will be helpful for writing the centennial plan.
- Subcommittees are holding meetings to report back to the Planning Committee at the February 16, 2025, meeting. Monthly meeting will continue through 2025.