



CHARITIES Committee

Tom Meade, Chairman



The RISAA Charities Committee exists to lend a helping hand to others in need, and is a way of giving back to our community.

THIS MONTH'S CONTRIBUTION

Rhode Island Blue Star Moms

Report by LYNN MEDEIROS

I recently had the opportunity to sit down and chat with **Rhonda Ziehl**, President of the Rhode Island Blue Star Moms, the state chapter of the national organization, Blue Star Mothers.

The Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. was established during World War II in 1942, by General George Maines. The goal was to support members, their sons and daughters who are serving voluntarily in the armed forces of the United States.

This is a non-partisan, non-political, non-sectarian organization. They are mothers, step-mothers, grandmothers, foster mothers, as well as female legal guardians who have children serving in the military, guard or reserves, or children whom are veterans. There are over 6,000 members in 200 chapters.

The service flag, also called the Blue Star Flag, was patented by World War 1 Army



Rhode Island Blue Star Moms

Our sons and daughters were called to duty.



Rhonda Ziehl, R.I. Blue Star Mothers President, accepts RISAA check from Lynn Medeiros.

Captain Robert Queisser who had two sons serving on the front line. The flag quickly became the unofficial symbol of a child in service. It is custom for mothers to hang the Blue Star flag in a prominent window of their home.

The flag bears a gold star when a child was killed in war.

The Rhode Island chapter, Blue Star Moms, began ten years ago. They are a non-profit 501(c)3 service organization, and continues the mission of the Blue Star Mothers locally, supporting their members and their sons and daughters serving in the Armed Forces of the U.S.

Donations are used to support troops, veterans and local Blue Star Moms.

They meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM in Warwick.

For more information you can contact Rhonda at 401-413-2511 or visit their web site

at www.RIBlueStarMoms.com

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