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BLUE STAR FAMILY PIN OFFERING

This year at Buckeye Girls State, we would like to honor our Delegates that have a parent or a sibling who are actively serving in the military today. During our session those Delegates who have completed this form and returned it along with their other documents, by the June 1, 2018 deadline, will be included and receive a **Blue Star Family Pin**.

The blue star banner has become an American tradition to display in the window of a home when a loved one is proudly serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The blue star represents one family member serving, and a banner can have up to five stars. If the individual is killed or dies, a smaller golden star is placed over it. On Sept. 24, 1917, an Ohio congressman read the following into the Congressional Record:

“The Mayor of Cleveland, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Governor of Ohio have adopted this service flag. The world should know of those who give so much for liberty. The dearest thing in all the world to a father and mother; their children.”

We would like to present you with a Blue Star Family Pin. This is awarded to military family members to recognize the sacrifice that military family members must endure while a loved one is serving away from home. This pin features the American Legion emblem, and may be given to or worn by any immediate member of a military family including, a spouse, children, mother, father, brother or sister. **Please include a picture of the service member, we will include them in the program slides.** All pictures will be returned during registration. Be sure the service member’s name and the Delegate’s name are listed on the back of them. **If possible, email the picture(s) to LT248@aol.com.**

Delegate Name: _____ Email: _____

Military Family Member Name: _____

Relationship (please circle): MOTHER FATHER BROTHER SISTER

(Note: If more than one family member is currently actively serving please indicate.)

Branch of Service: _____

The **Blue Star Family Pin Offering Form** must be fully completed and returned in the large, self-addressed envelope contained in this packet by the **June 1, 2018 deadline**.