



**A group of women with one thing in common –  
all have children serving in the military.  
JUNE, 2018**

Dear Everyone,

Welcome to summer! It's hot out now and humid so it must be summer, right? There are many things going on right now. We have Brian, one of our Vets, who is taking care of the garden at the Canteen. He is also nurturing the Pumpkin Patch! Yes, we did a Pumpkin Patch so that we can supply pumpkins to the vets at the Dom who want to enter the Pumpkin Race. Brian is doing a great job! We had our first lot of fresh strawberries last Wednesday; there were enough to feed everyone who wanted some and even had leftovers.

We had the Poker Run Breakfast on June 10<sup>th</sup>, but, alas, very few riders. Still, they enjoyed the food and had a good time. We have another poker run on June 24<sup>th</sup>, and Linda will be keeping everyone in the loop. Jane and Nola marched in the Memorial Day Parade with our banner as part of the Shootout for Soldiers Event coming in late July. It is a fundraiser for us and the Veterans Outreach Center as well as three national military charities – Gary Sinise Foundation, Semper Fi, and one that deals with military animals. They are all worthy charities. The Team from the Canandaigua Academy does an incredible job to get teams, local businesses, and families involved. Nola, Jane, and Linda are the liaisons from New York Chapter #1. The event will be held July 21-22<sup>nd</sup> at Canandaigua Academy.

We are still collecting gently used, clean clothing. Right now we are in need of men's jeans in smaller waist sizes such as 30, 33, 32 and with a 34 length. If you know of any, please consider donating. We also need tennis shoes, hiking boots,

and shoes, plus shorts for men. If you have women's summer clothing, we can donate it to Marianne Sernoffsky, one of our Associate Members, who works at the VOC and is handling 75 female veterans who are in need. Children's clothing would also be a plus.

As always, please keep our deployed troops in your hearts and prayers. If you have any addresses for deployed troops, please contact Bobbie Metcalfe or myself.

Joyce

**Blue Star Mothers - New York #1 Elected Executive Board for 2017-18**

President – Joyce Mader

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Nancy Bardeen

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Carol Adamowicz

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Valerie Haynes

4<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Linda Green

Recording Secretary – Laura Evans

Financial Secretary/Membership Chair - Bobbie Metcalfe

Treasurer/Budget – Beth Olson

The following positions are appointed.

Corresponding Secretary – duties shared by Jean Burlingame and Bobbie Metcalfe

Chaplain – Jean Burlingame

Historian – OPEN

Parliamentarian - Kathy Zeigler

Patriotic Instructor – Kathy Zeigler

Sgt. at Arms – Ann Wido

WebMaster – Brian Mader

As of June 15, 2018, there are 45 moms and 41 associate members.

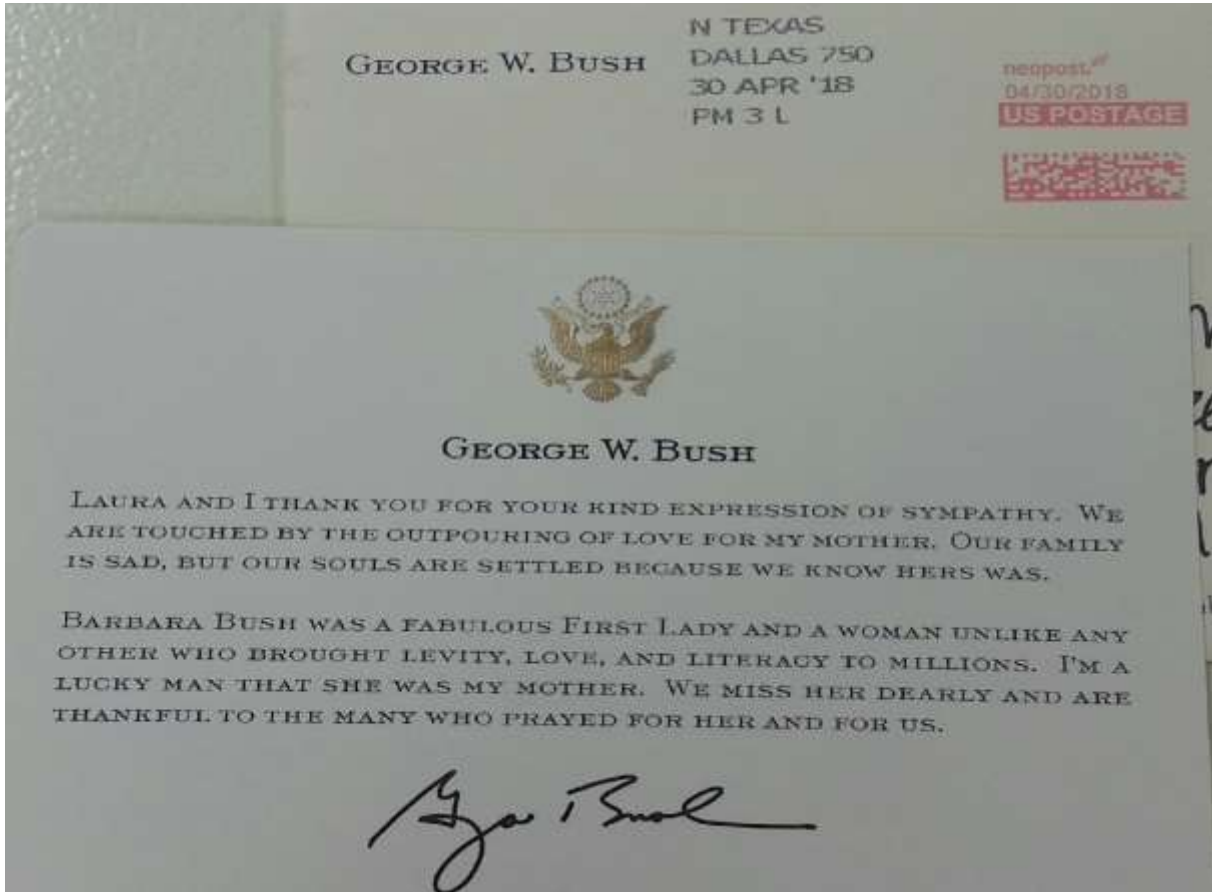


The Bowling for Vets Fundraiser was held at the bowling alley in Canandaigua on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Debbie Lamphier was the Chair of that project. There were 18 bowlers this year. Bobbie sold raffle tickets to everyone in the whole bowling alley! We are looking into moving this event to March in 2019.

Free haircuts by Christine are available for our Vets at the Canteen once a month.



NY#1 Chaplain Jean B sent condolence cards to both former President Bush's after the death of Barbara Bush. Below is a photo of the response received from President George W. Bush.





LAX players and parents make dinner for Vets and Canteen on 5/16/18.  
Canandaigua Memorial Day parade getting ready for SFS!





Canandaigua Memorial Day parade. Banner carried by Jane and Nola promoting the Shootout for Soldiers.

There was an overwhelming response to our baby shower for the expected twins of a military family which shows the very generous side of our mission and the members of NY Chapter 1. Diapers, a diaper bag, baby wipes, baby clothes, bottles, bath wash and handmade blankets courtesy of Jean B to name just a few items.

We received a very generous donation from Sloth Electric in Stanley, New York as part of a celebration for their 40th year in business. The company wished to give back to the community and gave us a gift of \$2,000.00. We are most grateful for their kindness.

## **Upcoming Events**

Shootout for Soldiers is on July 21-22 at the fields behind Canandaigua Academy. Opening ceremonies start on 7/21 at 4PM. Bring pictures of your military loved ones and be prepared to talk a bit about them. Moms are needed to attend the opening ceremonies and share their experience. Since this is a 24 hour event,

those who can't come for opening ceremonies are welcome to come at other times. We are honoring veterans and families before each game which is scheduled every hour, so times are open every hour starting 7 pm. Volunteers are also needed to sit at the BSMA NY#1 table.

Pumpkin Race is scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup> this year. A special superhero will be in attendance for the kids!

Charity Races at the race track coming again in October. The previous time we attended, it was wonderful and great fun! NY#1 awarded \$3,000 that year. More information is not available at this time.

The Light of Love will move from Kershaw Park (where it is cold outside) to the Canandaigua VA auditorium inside in warmth. Stay tuned for details! Come and meet the Vets!

### **Ongoing BSMA NY#1 Fundraisers**

*Window car clings are available for all military branches.*

*Contact Bobbie at 585-200-0121 for more information on other items and to order.*

Buy a Brick Fundraiser was introduced by Joanne at the January, 2016, meeting. As of the May meeting, 25 bricks were sold/ordered. Bricks cost \$50 and a duplicate brick is \$35. Bricks will be placed in the Patriot Garden around the flag poles at the Blue Star Canteen. The 4" by 8" brick in Regimental Red is etched through a laser process. Got questions? Contact Sally at [salfriz.2@gmail.com](mailto:salfriz.2@gmail.com) or Joanne at [joanneacq55@hotmail.com](mailto:joanneacq55@hotmail.com) . Information on this fundraiser is available at <http://thatsmybrick.com/bluestarmothersny1> .

*Keep collecting those used cell phones and toner cartridges from your printers. Also, any scrap metal, wire, old stoves, refrigerators, or other metal items are needed. We get cash for them! Please contact Bobbie Metcalfe.*

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Interested in contributing information for a future newsletter? The next newsletter will be published in September, 2018; the deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please send MaryAgnes (mother of two Marines and godmother of a Soldier) an email at [mamcavoy@aol.com](mailto:mamcavoy@aol.com) should you wish to submit information. Please do check our website [www.bluestarmothersny1.org](http://www.bluestarmothersny1.org) for additional information, photos, and more. This newsletter is also available on the website address noted above under the “About Us” menu tab.

