



**A group of women with one thing in common –  
all have children serving in the military.  
June, 2019**

***Chapter President's Letter***

Dear Everyone,

Happy summer (in a manner of speaking). It has been a beautiful and very busy spring season. We have had an enormous amount of activity with more to come.

Our Chapter and Board meetings are now on hold until September because of summer vacations, etc. Bobbie and Cliff are gearing up for Toys for Tots and we have some events throughout July and August. We are helping the Ontario Rod and Gun Club with their Chicken Barbeque on July 20, 2019. We are serving the breakfast and lunch, that they are providing, and will have limited sides for the barbeque. We stand to make a healthy amount of money from this. The same week-end we are participating in the Shootout for Soldiers here in Canandaigua on the Lacrosse fields in back of Canandaigua Academy on July 20-21. Jane Hallstead and Nola Trost are the reps from our Chapter to the team coordinating this. We hope that you will step up and take a turn filling a seat at our table. It is up near the action this year and not in the back 40. It might not even rain this year!

We are also sponsoring a light breakfast for the Wayne County Riders the following week-end at the Canteen. They are having a Poker Run and asked if we could help them out. We are also beneficiaries for that event. In early August, we are having a table at the Palmyra Pirate Days right next to the Toys for Tots table, so I will need warm bodies that day. I may be in Texas for a three year old birthday party so I will be unable to attend. We are also having a table at the Carhartt store on Routes 5 and 20 in Bloomfield this year on August 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be up near the front of the store and will have a popup tent to help ward off the sun (and rain). Please wear your Chapter shirts so people know who we are.

The garden is now planted and the weeds have gone on to wherever it is that dead weeds go. Brian, Dick Metcalf and Greg Trost have put in the new wheelchair ramp at the Canteen. Some of the timbers still in good condition are going to make new frames for the garden boxes. Beth has reported back from her trip to Texas and says that Cole is doing well other than the broken ankle he sustained when the horse rolled on him. Why get it looked at when it happens? Wait 10 days so your healing time takes longer!

As always, please remember our deployed soldiers, our veterans in need, and the families on the home front. They need our attention and prayers each and every day. They help make our country free to enjoy beautiful summers, and we are so very grateful for that.

Yours in Service,

Joyce

**Blue Star Mothers - New York #1 Elected Executive Board for 2018-19**

President – Joyce Mader

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Sally Fritz

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 – shared by Jean Burlingame and Bobbie Metcalfe

Chaplain – Jean Burlingame

Historian – Rosie Asproules

Parliamentarian - Kathy Zeigler

Patriotic Instructor – Kathy Zeigler

Sgt. at Arms – Donna Strelow

WebMaster – Brian Mader

As of June 11, 2019, there are 39 moms and 32 associate members.

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**IMPORTANT!** In case you are unaware, if you wish to remain a full-participating, voting member of NY#1 , you must attend 4 meetings a year. This rule is in the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. by-laws. By attending meetings, you are up to date on activities and business of the Chapter. Helping on Wednesday nights at the Canteen does not count toward voting rights as a member! Please be sure to attend at least 4 meetings in the fiscal year.

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**BSMA NY#1** recently changed its mailing address. Correspondence should now be sent to **PO BOX 503, MACEDON, NY 14502.**



In April, Laura (center) was in Texas for a gun show. She got to meet Medal of Honor recipient Sammy Lee Davis and his wife, Dixie. Mr. Davis is an Army Veteran and author of books on his time in Viet Nam.

May was clean up mode at the Canteen. The Lacrosse team from the Canandaigua Academy helped by cleaning all the leaves off the patio and spreading straw on the pumpkin patch. They helped Bobbie pull weeds and spread white stones on the big in ground star out front. The tennis team from Canandaigua Academy will put down mulch when rain and their game schedule allow. Painting and moving outdoor furniture is also to be done when weather permits. Horseshoe boxes are being taken down since the construction behind the Canteen will not allow for them anymore. The heavy bench by the horseshoe pits will be moved to the patio. House will be power washed. The Groundhog is back and will be dealt with as soon as possible. On May 27<sup>th</sup>, Brian Mader, Dick Metcalfe, and Greg Trost put in the new handicapped ramp as the old one was no longer safe to use.

Armed Forces Day luncheon at Diplomat Party House on Saturday, May 18, 2019, was well attended by many Veterans, families, and students. Cake was delicious!





Linda Green and her Dad, William Wilcox, a WWII Vet, at the Armed Forces Luncheon. He joined the Army in September 1954, trained as a medic, and was sent to Iceland until 1956. From July 1956-1959 he was in the Army Reserves. In 1961, he joined the Coast Guard Reserves and served until 1992. He retired as a Commander.

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At the May NY#1 meeting, the Chapter voted to finance the Female Veterans Picnic on 3 August, 2019 for Marianne Sernoffsky. The amount of food will be decided as soon as Bobbie gets the a final count of how many will attend. The Auburn-Owego Chapter of the DAR has collected clothing for women and children and brought it to us. We have delivered it to Marianne also for distribution to female veterans and their families. Heart 2 Heart Bags have been given to Marianne to disperse to female veterans. Peg McCarthy, our long distance member in Maryland, sent nearly \$400 worth of goods for filling the purses. We will also see if we can get Tops to donate reusable shopping bags for this project.

Joanne Acquilano makes embroidered Patriotic Angels for the Chapter to give to our Gold Star Families. She also sells the Angels and may donate some of the proceeds to the Chapter.

A box truck will be rented and used to deliver furniture to Liberty Village in Canandaigua to furnish five apartments for Veterans who will be doing independent living. We have a great deal of furniture currently and can easily accomplish this task. Also at Liberty Village, the Common Rooms are in need of books, magazines, puzzles, and snacks, all of which we currently have at the canteen. Nancy Bardeen will be in charge of overseeing the donations and getting items delivered to Liberty Village.

**Letters to the American Legions and VFW's in NYS state went out the beginning of May requesting donations to NY#1. This year, the letters highlighted what we did for the Coast Guard stations in Rochester and Buffalo. A few donations already received from these organizations. Last year, we received \$5,000 from these letters.**

The Rochester Coast Guard station invited NY#1 to a picnic on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. The picnic was a thank you to those who helped during the government shutdown earlier in the year.

**BSMA NY#1** has 12 out of state members who will received Mother's Day Gifts from Lauren Coe. Also, we have three VAVS reps of which two are in Kansas and one in California. Decision not to have one here in Canandaigua as ladies are not treated well at our VA here.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

A Wayne County bike group is requesting NY#1 help again this year with their Poker Run held on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019, this year. We will supply a light breakfast at 9AM for the poker run. More information available as the date gets closer.

The Ontario Gun Club requests NY#1 assistance on July 20 with dinner. We will purchase salt potatoes, macaroni salad, and baked beans for them.

**Shootout for Soldiers is scheduled for July 20-21 at Canandaigua Academy with opening ceremonies at 12N on July 20<sup>th</sup>.**

A chicken dinner fundraiser is planned for July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Walmart on Routes 5 & 20. Price is \$10 each and 400 dinners are planned. Stay tuned for more information or contact Valerie Haynes.

Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. 2019 National Convention is July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup> in Minnesota.

NY#1 will participate in Pirate Days in Palmyra on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

The third annual Pumpkin Race is scheduled for September, 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Bowling for Vets is tentatively set for November.**



## Ongoing BSMA NY#1 Fundraisers

*New RED (Remember Everyone Deployed) t-shirts available. Design is on the back.*

*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. 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). 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, 2019; 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.

