



**A group of women with one thing in common –
all have children serving in the military.
SEPTEMBER, 2016**

Chapter President's Letter

Dear Everyone,

Welcome to autumn! It was a most busy summer and now we are galloping into a busy fall. This coming Saturday, September 24th, we have the Hannibal American Legion Riders coming with a delivery for the Canteen. They very generously help us to support our soldiers and veterans each year by supplying us with food, clothing, and money. We are most grateful.

This coming Sunday is Gold Star Mother's Sunday and we will be joining our sister Chapter in Monroe County, Chapter 8, at the Gold Star Family Memorial to lay a wreath at 2:00 P.M. We have about five members of our Chapter who will attend.

Our Chapter elections are going to be held in October so I hope we will have a good turnout. If you are interested in running for an office, please let me know.

Jane and Jeff Hallstead are the very proud parents of Serica, who has survived Beast Barracks at West Point and is now a Plebe. Please keep Serica in your prayers and thoughts. She is a dynamic young lady, and a daughter of whom to be very proud. Serica is a graduate of Canandaigua Academy.

Do not forget that we are going to help with a Stand Down in November in Waterloo. There will be more information on this after we meet with Jack O'Conner next Tuesday.

We need to start the ball rolling for the Light of Love Christmas Tree Event. We hope to have a few Marines there in dress uniform to kick off Toys for Tots. Bobbie Metcalfe just returned from training for that program. They have helped us with our families for Holidays for Heroes as well. We will be at the Lakefront Gazebo on Sunday, November 27th from 1-3 PM for the Light of Love event. Please come and help make it a success!

As always, our December project is going to be the annual Holiday for Heroes. If you have addresses for those deployed, please contact me or Bobbie. We already have well over 25 families for adoption, and I am sure the number will grow. A letter will go out to the Daily Messenger in mid-October.

Thanks for all you do to help keep our soldiers and veterans before the public eye. We are speakers for our children and should not be silent. Their unselfish service to their country is what keeps our democracy vibrant.

Yours in Service,
Joyce

Blue Star Mothers - New York #1 Elected Executive Board for 2015-16

President – Joyce Mader

1st Vice President – Nancy Bardeen

2nd Vice President – Carol Adamowicz

3rd Vice President – Valerie Haynes

4th Vice President – Linda Green

Recording Secretary – Katy Bracy

Financial Secretary/Membership Chair - Bobbie Metcalfe

Treasurer/Budget - Kathy Conradt

The following positions are appointed.

Chaplain – Jean Burlingame

Corresponding Secretary – MaryJean Carlson

Historian - Beth Olson

Parliamentarian - Kathy Zeigler

Patriotic Instructor – Becky Nohe

Sgt. At Arms – Linda Green

Publicity – Dorothy Egan

WebMaster – Brian Mader

As of the May meeting, there were 42 moms and 43 associate members. Membership is due!

BSMA Membership should be submitted if you have not already renewed. Go to www.bluestarmothersny1.org and click on the Members button. We prefer you to renew via our Website instead of any other way.

Be an active member, the kind that would be missed;
Don't just be contented that your name is on the list.
Do attend the meetings and mingle with the crowd;
Don't stay at home and crab both long and loud.
Don't leave the work for just a few and gripe about the clique.
Do take time out to visit a member who is sick.
There is quite a program scheduled that means success, if done,
And it can be accomplished with the help of everyone.
So attend the meetings regularly and help with hand and heart;
Be an active member and take an active part.
Think this over, member; are we right or are we wrong?
Be an active member, please, don't just belong.



National Convention in August in Dayton, Ohio

NY1# met many Moms from other parts of the country and had an interesting and enlightening time. Bobbie Metcalfe, Joann Acquilano, and Jean Burlingame, and Joyce Mader drove to Dayton. Jean and Bobbie made some wonderful decorations for our hotel doors and for our table in the meeting room. NY#1 did not win the door competition but the doors looked sharp! We made about \$450.00 at our sale table which goes to Holidays for Heroes.

This year, the annual donation from the national group was made to the Gary Sinise Foundation to help them to build adaptive homes for severely wounded vets. Blue Star Mothers National donated \$1500 to the Foundation.

There was a great speaker on cyber security. She is an Air Force wife and very good at her business. It was frightening when she illustrated how to find out all about someone in 5 clicks at no cost. Ladies, tighten up your social media accounts! Use your privacy settings and keep it low key, especially if you are posting pictures of your children and grandchildren. If someone asks to friend you and you do not know them, ignore the friend request! Make your accounts private and investigate all friend requests!!!

The new National President, Cyndi Ventura, is from Long Island and, therefore, the 75th Convention celebrating Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. will be held in the New York City area in August, 2017.

Canteen News

The Canteen has been super busy with an average of 25-35 Vets being served each Wednesday night. When we first started serving dinner on Wednesday night only, we had lot of Moms who showed up to help. We were able to serve, clean up, get clothing without anyone being stressed, exhausted, or needing to say "no" because there was not have enough help. We have members who are local that are never even seen or heard from other than renewing their membership. NY#1 asks these people come to help out. There is also a need for people to make meals for the Wednesday night dinners. The need for help on Wednesday nights is urgent or the Canteen will be reduced to serving store bought cookies and coffee. Ladies, you need to step up and participate. It would be a huge embarrassment for NY#1 with the ONLY Canteen in the Nation, to close our doors due to apathy on the part of our members. Volunteer to make a meal. If you cannot do it alone, get together with other Moms and each of you makes part of a meal. There is plenty of meat in the freezer available to use for a meal and canned

goods in the basement. Help lighten our load at the Canteen and be an active part of our organization. Please do not just use us for "bragging rights".

Additional ways to help our Chapter!

T- shirts are red with a patriotic design stating TGIF for Thank God I'm Free.

Window car clings are available for all military branches.

Contact Bobbie at 585-200-0121 for more information and to order.

Buy a Brick Fundraiser was introduced by Joanne at the January, 2016, meeting. A sample brick was shared at this meeting. Bricks cost \$50 and a duplicate brick is \$35. Bricks will be 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. A flyer and order form is now available. Got questions? Contact Joanne at 585-749-6102 or by email at joanneacq55@hotmail.com. Information on this fundraiser is available at <http://thatsmybrick.com/bluestarmothersny1>. As of the September meeting, 12 bricks are ordered and paid.

Do you have the address of any military serving overseas during the Christmas holidays? Be sure to submit a mailing address in order that we may send holiday items to them!

Got coupons? -- A note from Pat!

In a recent phone call, Pat Witt thanks everyone for sending the coupons she shares with the families of overseas troops. The ladies are happy to receive the coupons. Therefore, keep mailing Pat the coupons to share with them!!

Pat collects grocery store coupons to send to Troops overseas. Coupons can be expired, but must be expired within the last six months. Pat mails coupons to military personnel in Germany. She also works with her church to share coupons with Marine families in Okinawa, Japan. Mail your unused coupons to Pat at 60 Hendrix Road #122, West Henrietta, NY 14586. For more info, contact Pat.

BSMA NY#1 ongoing fundraiser

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The 1st Annual Gold Star Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Gold Star Family Memorial in White Haven Memorial Park (210 Marsh Road, Pittsford) is scheduled for September 25th at 2PM.

Farmer's Market at the Canandaigua VA runs until October 11th. It is open on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 5PM.

At the next BSMA NY#1 meeting on October 8th, **elections** will be held. **Please plan to attend.**

November 16th is the Thanksgiving dinner for our Vets at the BSMA Canteen. The Canteen will be closed the following Wednesday, November 23rd which is the day before Thanksgiving. Enjoy the day with family.

Light of Love is scheduled for Sunday, November 27th, from 1-3 PM. Stay tuned for details.

Valentine cookie sale fundraiser again! YUM! We are investigating options for other bakeries to bake these delicious treats!

February break week will hopefully bring a Bowling for Vets fundraiser. Stay tuned for more information.

Interested in contributing information for a future newsletter? The next newsletter will be published in December, 2016; the deadline is the 15th of the month. Please send MaryAgnes (mother of two Marines and godmother of a Soldier) an email at mamcavoy@aol.com should you wish to submit information. Please do check our website www.bluestarmothersny1.org for additional information, photos, and more. This newsletter is also available on the website address noted above.

