



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

## **Chapter President's Letter**

Dear Everyone,

Happy St. Patrick's Day as well as Happy Easter!!! We have had a relatively quiet winter season. Our cookie sales have covered the cost of going to convention so we don't have to have a garage sale this year. This was work but a lot less stressful than the garage sale!!

We are mailing out five boxes to units currently in the Middle East with snacks, drink mixes, etc., which is what they requested. We will be mailing to them again in April as we have a Girl Scout troop with a deployed Dad; they wish to send cookies to the entire unit, and we agreed to help with that. No more chocolate until October; we made severe inroads on the supply of PEEPs at Wal-Mart and jelly beans and hard marshmallow treats (similar to Circus Peanuts). We should have some very happy soldiers.

May is the Armed Forces Luncheon and Marianne Sernoffsky has told us that she has pre-paid tables. If you wish to attend, please let Bobbie or I know, and we will let Marianne know. We will also have our own information/sale table, as we do every year, with our new T-shirts and flyers on the commemorative brick project. The luncheon is a wonderful celebration of all our military services, and I think you would enjoy it tremendously.

Our Benefit Run is June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at the Palmyra Moose Lodge. Linda will soon be letting people know what side dishes we need to accompany the chicken barbeque. The following week, on June 12<sup>th</sup>, we have a Blue Star Riders Poker Run in the morning for brunch and a Harley Hogs Poker Run in the afternoon for lunch. We thought hot dogs and Italian sausage with sides. A busy day but a fun one! Please try to come and help.

Please remember everyone deployed and all those facing deployment. Keep them in your prayers and in your heart. They stand for all of us so that we can remain free, and they do an incredible job!!!

Yours in Service,

Joyce

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

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 – 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 March meeting, there are 39 moms and 43 associate members.**

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Christmas holidays were busy as usual. There were 65 families requesting holiday assistance and all were accommodated! Christmas boxes were shipped to 10 units overseas.

For a change, the weather for the Light of Love ceremony was not too cold or windy! It was well attended though not as many people as last year. At the January meeting, there was discussion about the reading of names. A cutoff date is needed for future submissions of pictures and names to prevent last minute work overload. Newspapers also need additional time for notification of this event.

BSMA past National President, Robin McCarthy, was in town for a visit on Saturday evening, February 6<sup>th</sup>. We brought her to the Canteen, which looked GREAT; she was blown away! Robin is so impressed by our Canteen, and the work we do there. She was very excited to see what is done with our flags; she plans to take the idea back to her Ohio Chapter.

The Stand Down for homeless Vets was March 4<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 175 people attended. There was a lot of food including pizza, bagels, donuts, apples, and bananas and “goody” bags given to the homeless Vets attending.

Buy a Brick Fundraiser was first introduced by Joanne in January. 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. As of the March meeting, a flyer and order form is now available.

Got questions? Contact Joanne at 585-749-6102 or by email at [joanneacq55@hotmail.com](mailto:joanneacq55@hotmail.com) .  
Information on this fundraiser is available at <http://thatsmybrick.com/bluestarmothersny1> .

Jean Burlingame and Bobbie Metcalf suggested a Pumpkin Race Fundraiser to replace the Spaghetti Dinner and to possibly to include: pie contests, pie eating contests, and games. This will be a family event. Committee organized. This event is to take place in October. Need to create: rules, medals, weight classes.

*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.*

**Active Service Men, Women, Reservists, and Veterans are able to receive a complimentary ticket to each Rochester Knighthawks game. Call Charlie Ragusa at 585-454-4295 ext. 3032 with questions.**

**Help needed! The Canteen needs "a few good men" to help with heavy work and needed repairs. Contact Joyce.**



## **Got coupons?**

Pat Witt 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!**

Military Family Salute Brunch is Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM at Monroe Community College. Event is FREE; seating is limited. RSVP required to 585-241-4418 or email to james.love@redcross.org.

The next BSMA NY#1 meeting is Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9AM at the usual place!

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a Baby Shower for pregnant and nursing (female) Vets hosted by BSMA NY#8 in Rochester. Time and location are to be determined.

June 4<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Danny Metcalfe Run at the Moose Lodge. Stay tuned for more information.

BSMA Convention is in Dayton, Ohio this year.

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Interested in contributing information for a future newsletter? The next newsletter will be published in June, 2016. 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.

