



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

JUNE, 2017

Chapter President's Letter

Dear Everyone,

Happy Summer! We have passed the solemnity of Memorial Day which is always so poignant and are moving on to the noisy celebration of the 4th of July!! It has been a very busy month so far. We are having our first Poker Run on June 25th and Linda Green has already sent out the notice of what is needed to make our regular top of the hit parade breakfast including 20 pounds of cheesy potato goodness. I suggest Linda have some strong coffee this time so she doesn't fall asleep mid-peel. Please direct your answers to Linda only in response to what you are bringing.

We have mailed out boxes to deployed troops and, hopefully, they received them by now. There will be a mailing in July before Bobbie goes to attend the birth of her Great Granddaughter in Florida. She is really racking them up this year with two new grands and now a great grand! We are participating in the Shootout for Soldiers at Canandaigua Academy on July 22-23. They made us a recipient of the profits (10%) and asked us to be there for the opening ceremony, the closing ceremony, and to have a table with handouts for new Mothers of Soldiers. The first lacrosse game will feature Canandaigua Academy Alumni who went into military service. This should be a fun event. They are also trying to have the fast food restaurants in town support us by having people buy a star to

support a soldier or a vet with the money coming to us.

End of July will find our 75th Convention convening in New York City. Hard to believe Blue Star Mothers have been around that long. A Memorial Service will be held at Ground Zero this year with our newest Mothers working together with our oldest Mothers to honor our lost. A tour of the museum is scheduled for later. We hope to have lots of pictures by the time we return to Canandaigua.

On August 12th, we are helping the Ontario Gun Club hold a fundraiser in which fifty percent of the profits go to the VOC and 25% come to NY#1. The other 25% goes to the Wayne County Veterans Food Box program. They are having a chicken barbeque but asked us for sides and dessert. Jerry Lamb's American Legion Post is allowing us to use their kitchen to refrigerate the food starting on Friday evening. Linda will letting you know what is needed. Bobbie and I will be there to clean up after breakfast, which they are having catered, and lunch, which is also catered. If you would like to lend a hand with the clean up, please let either Bobbie or myself know. This donation could be as much as \$5,000 which would be a great asset to our Holiday for Heroes Program.

The garden has been planted and is in need of weeding. I will do some of the

weeding this afternoon because it is cool out. Hopefully, I can get both boxes done as the weeds grow faster than the plants. Please consider giving a hand with the weeding.

Happy Summer to all and please keep our deployed troops, our wounded and our

Veterans in your prayers. Spare a prayer for those who made the ultimate sacrifice and their families. They may be gone from our presence but they should never be forgotten.

Yours in Service,
Joyce

Blue Star Mothers - New York #1 Elected Executive Board for 2016-17

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

Historian - OPEN

Parliamentarian - Kathy Zeigler

Patriotic Instructor – Becky Nohe

Sgt. at Arms – Linda Green

WebMaster – Brian Mader

As of June 15, 2017, there are 44 moms and 36 associate members.

Please note: This year, Kathy Conradt is retiring as BSMA NY#1 Treasurer. Please strongly consider taking over this position. Kathy will train her replacement!

Regarding the email address, everybody@bluestarmothersny1.org

Using “Reply” to this email address will send the message only to the original sender, while “Reply All” sends to everyone. Keep in mind that it is not always necessary to “Reply All” when simply answering a question from the sender. Please use “Reply” when appropriate which will keep mailboxes a bit emptier.

If you prefer not to receive these emails, please do not mark them as spam or block them. If you do not want to receive these emails, please notify Brian Mader

Renew your BSMA NY#1 Membership!

We strongly encourage renewing via the NY Chapter 1 website rather than using a paper form or the National Website. Using the NY#1 website is much easier for everyone, more accurate, and more complete. It should take only a few minutes to complete your renewal. Your membership at the National level will then be updated.

You do this by going to our website at Bluestarmothersny1.org and clicking on the Members button. Log on (if you forgot your Password, there is a 'Forgot Password' link). When you see the Members page, push the red 'Renew' Button towards the top of the page.

All of your personal information, as is currently on file, will be displayed so you do not have to re-enter it. However, make changes if you like. Click the 'Next' button on the first page to update, if necessary, the information on your military sons, daughters, or other service members. When that is complete, you must agree to the Oath, and then submit your payment (Members only, not Associates) via credit card or check.

You are now finished, and will be notified when your application is approved.

While everyone should submit their renewal as soon as possible, it is especially critical for Executive Board Members to renew no later than August because of National registration requirements.

Please note that you will probably receive emails from the National Website asking you to renew via National. As already stated above, we much prefer you to renew via the NY#1 website instead.

Kickin for the Troops 5K held on Saturday, May 20th at Canandaigua Academy. Nancy B and Deb L helped, Nola walked, and MaryAgnes ran the 5K finishing 2nd overall! Though a small event, it was fun! Organized by Claudia, a student and future Marine, pictured below on the left in the black tee.





Canteen Cookout on Wednesday, May 24th was another success! The Veterans loved all the food! One Veteran insisted on giving a monetary donation to thank us for all we do. He said people don't always think about the "Moms" back home when their kids are serving. The food was delicious and outstanding! A huge Thank You goes to Jerry Lamb for being the chief griller and Geoff who also helped at the grill! There was a full house, and the weather cooperated so most everyone ate outside at the picnic tables.

Memorial Day Parade held in Waterloo on Saturday, May 27th, 2017 -- Memorial Day started in Waterloo about 150 years ago. Four troops of local Girl Scouts built the float. Their leader is Becky Jessup, who is an Army wife and whose husband is currently deployed. The Girl Scouts wore blue stars in our honor. We sat on hay bales that the Scouts thoughtfully covered with patriotic blankets. We had a blast riding on the float. Participating were Joyce, Becky, Rosie, Joanne, Jean, and Mary Agnes. Waterloo does an incredible job on the parade; we were proud to be part of it.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Farmer's Market at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center on Tuesdays from 1:30-5P starts on June 20th and runs weekly until October 10th. The market is located in Parking Lot 1A of the medical center.

Poker Run on Sunday, June 25th, at the Canteen needs donations of food and lots of hands to help. This will be a brunch with over 100 riders to feed. Volunteers should be at the Canteen by 9AM. The riders are expected around 10:30-11AM. Send an email to Linda Green at lgreen@cnbank.com.

Dinners for Canteen needed! If you are able to help, please let Linda Green know at lgreen@cnbank.com. July and August dates are now available.

SHOOTOUT FOR SOLDIERS is a 24 hour lacrosse tournament scheduled for July 22-23. The event is to be held at Canandaigua Academy and benefits Veterans.

Ontario Rod and Gun Club plan a **Sporting Firearms Fundraiser and Chicken BBQ Dinner** on Saturday, August 12th from 8A-7P. Beneficiaries of this fundraiser are the VOC, American Legion Riders of Williamson, and BSMA NY#1. Reservations to participate can be made at www.ontariorodandgun.com. No experience needed! This is an opportunity to

enjoy firearms shooting in a fun, friendly, and safe atmosphere while raising money to support veterans and their families in local areas.

BSMANY#1 Fundraisers

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. 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. 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> .

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.

Interested in contributing information for a future newsletter? The next newsletter will be published in Sept, 2017; 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 under the "About Us" menu tab.

