



**A group of women with one thing in common –
all have children serving in the military.
MARCH, 2017**

Chapter President's Letter

Dear Everyone,

We made it to March! It has been a somewhat quieter winter season but still plenty to keep us occupied.

The VA Valentine Cookie deliveries went over very well. Linda Green did an outstanding job coordinating everything, and we were prepared to get the trays ready and delivered. Thanks to the delivery team of Beth Olsen, Nancy Bardeen, Bobbie Metcalfe, and Jean Burlingame, we were done lickety split!

We also did well on our Heart Cookies. They were so beautifully decorated that you almost hated to eat them. Many thanks to all who helped bag this year. It made all the difference. Linda Green and Deb Lamphier were stellar salespeople. Thanks to everyone who helped support us.

The only sad note was that we lost another World War Two veteran, Mr. Robert Purple, Kathy Ziegler's Dad. Mr. Purple was a tremendous supporter of the Chapter, and we will miss his cheery visits. Thanks to all who helped with the reception after the Memorial service. Mrs. Purple and the family were most grateful. It was our pleasure to finally do something for him.

We have been invited to help celebrate the return home of an original Blue Star Mothers Banner from World War One at the Waterloo Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 19th, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Someone found it on E-Bay, I believe, and purchased it. It still had a copy of the original Ceremony of Retirement from 1920 in the bag. I hope that we will have a goodly turnout for this event. It is also a celebration of the Church's founding 200 years ago. I find that amazing!

We have been invited to attend the Waterloo Memorial Day Parade on May 27th. Chapter 1 will be honored along with our fallen and current military.

Our candy sale is over. We made a nice profit from that which, as always, helps support our programs. We have many more exciting things coming during the Spring so stay tuned.

As always, please remember our deployed soldiers and pray for their safety and safe return home.

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
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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 February 24, 2017, there were 38 moms and 35 associate members.

Christmas at the Granger Homestead in Canandaigua
The Festival of Trees included a beautiful BSMA NY#1 tree with Red, White, and Blue ornaments.



Holidays for Heroes 2016 - BSMA NY#1 helped 65 families this year.

Again this year, many, many dozens of cookies baked and donated by Blue Star Mothers as well as many friends of BSMA NY#1. Trays put together the day before and 45 trays delivered to VA offices and staff on Valentine's Day.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

On March 19th at 2PM, the First Presbyterian Church of Waterloo, located at 42 East Main Street, is hosting a commemoration service of the Blue Star Service Flag. The original Church Blue Star Service Flag from 1920 will be displayed. This Flag has 33 stars representing the 33 men from the church serving during World War I. All are welcome to attend, and attendance by Blue Star Mothers is strongly encouraged!

Instead of a poker run this year, a bowling fundraiser in memory of Danny Metcalfe is scheduled for April 8th.

The Veterans Outreach Center (VOC) is planning a kickoff for Battle Buddies to be held at the Canteen on June 10th. The VOC hopes for Battle Buddies to become a group of Vets helping Vets.

Ontario Rod and Gun Club plan a Sporting Firearms Fundraiser on Saturday, August 12th. Beneficiaries of this fundraiser are the VOC, American Legion Riders of Williamson, and BSMA NY#1. It is an all day event. Breakfast and lunch are donated while the American Legion and NY#1 are providing dinner.

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>. As of the **September meeting**, 12 bricks are ordered and paid.

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.

Prayer

Please God . . .

Grant them courage when times are tough.

Grant them strength when they feel weak.

Grant them comfort when they feel all alone.

And, most of all, God, please bring them all home.



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

