



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

Chapter President's Letter

Dear Everyone,

Happy soon to be autumn! It has been a crazy busy summer but we survived. We now swing into the autumn with some special events. The first is our PUMPKIN RACE on October 7th, 2017! We will be having it at the Canteen from 11-4 p.m. You need to get your pumpkins ready for the event and spread the word so we have a spectacular turnout!

Next Sunday, September 24th, 2017, we are having a brunch for the Blue Star Riders Poker Run. Linda is again coordinating the food but we are not asking for donations...a novel approach. The Chapter is going to supply the food -- all we supply is the labor. A good deal!

We are going to begin preparations for the Light of Love soon so contact Val if you would like to be on the team. We are also going to get ready for our Christmas Families adoption program through Holidays for Heroes. We could use many more hands this coming year as those who usually turn up to help are getting a little worn (age you know?) If you would like to assist, please contact Bobbie or myself.

As we head into the Holiday season, we have some important reminders along the way as to why we do what we do: The dedication of the Viet Nam Vets Memorial in Farmington, NY, on September 23rd; Gold Star Mothers Sunday to honor those who lost their loved ones in the line of duty; and a dedication of the Gold Star Family Memorial at Sampson Veterans Cemetery coming in October (no firm date yet). Please remember to bless our troops who are in harm's way and those who are preparing to join them as the best of the best. Keep them in your hearts and prayers and remember that together we can move mountains, Ladies.

Joyce



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

Be at the next meeting on October 14th for election of new officers!

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 Conratt

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 September 6, 2017, there are 43 moms and 36 associate members.

Donation!

We were awarded a gift of \$200.00 from the Rochester Travel Professionals. The check from was presented at the meeting on Saturday, September 9th, 2017 by Pat Bean. She is at the center below.



Rod and Gun Club Fundraiser on August 12th

There was an absolute down pour around 12:30 PM. Luckily, it stopped before the Dinner at 4 PM. A HUGE THANK YOU to all that came out to help. Breakfast was set up and lunch was served before the rain came. The Gun Club was very surprised by the varieties of sides, salads, and desserts for the event. Most people took a second plate to carry all the food! Do not underestimate the power of the Mom's and the Associates! The food was delicious! Laura and Brian signed up to shoot and did very well! Thank you everyone who helped out with cooking or baking for the event. Over \$5,000 was donated from this event to BSMA NY#1.

Canteen News

Canteen is in need of personal care products for the Vets. Also with winter looming, coats, hoodies, and boots are needed as well.

Dinners for Canteen needed! If you are able to help, please let Linda Green know at lgreen@cnbank.com.

Our next event, which is our last Poker Run for the year, is Sunday September 24th! It is a Poker Run with brunch at the Canteen. We should expect only 50 people for this event. We will buy breakfast pizza and do fruit, coffee cakes, sausage, cookies, and muffins. The only help needed is 6-8 people to get set up for this. The Riders will be coming around 10:30-11:00 that morning. People should be at the Canteen by 9:30 to help. Someone is also needed to pick up the breakfast pizzas from Tops. Time is to be determined for pizza pick up. If you can volunteer a couple of hours please email Linda ONLY at lgreen@cnbank.com.

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BLUE STAR MOTHERS PRESENT THE 1ST ANNUAL GREAT PUMPKIN RACE

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT OUR
SERVICE PEOPLE, OUR VETERANS
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Entry Fee:
\$10.00 per Pumpkin
\$25.00 per Family



FOR INFORMATION AND RULES:
VISIT OUR WEB SITE: Bluestarmothersny1.org

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 7TH
11:00 AM – 4:00PM
400 FORT HILL AVE
CANANDAIGUA VA GROUNDS
@Blue Star Canteen**

**Sign up 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Or sign up ahead on line Bluestarmothersny1.org
Races from 12:00 PM- 3:30 PM
Fun & Games for Kids, Face Painting, Prizes, Food Concession**

Will you be the last pumpkin standing?



75th National Convention in August

One of the most exciting things to come out of the convention was that we have a brand new website that will be built to our specifications by Chase Bank Foundation. They do this for 501 (c) 3's, especially military oriented ones. It will go live next April and the old website will be regulated to the dust heap. A committee of Mothers with computer and IT experience worked on this for a whole year.

Our new National President is Cyndi Ventura, 1st VP is Anne Parker, 2nd VP is Teresa Bullock, 3rd VP is Christine Boyd, 4th VP is Lori Thueme, Nat. Recording Secretary is Kade Rutherford, Nat. Financial Sec. is Brenda Ternullo, National Treasurer is Carla Brodacki.

It was a wonderful convention, unlike other years. There was no animosity, no tension, and no hate. All went smoothly, and we saw to the mission. We behaved as befits Mothers of the Military.

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. There is only a few more weeks!

Stand Down for homeless Vets being held in Waterloo on November 11th, Veterans Day.

Ongoing BSMA NY#1 Fundraisers

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 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 December, 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.

