



A GROUP OF WOMEN WITH ONE THING IN COMMON —
ALL HAVE CHILDREN SERVING IN THE MILITARY.
SEPTEMBER, 2022

Chapter President's Letter

Dear Everyone,

The only constant in life is change...even if we don't like change. It can be good, it can be easy, and it can be hard. I can't say it is bad, because it can be, but then it gives us something to think about and, here it is again, change. These last weeks have been stuffed with changes...Queen Elizabeth has passed after an amazing 70-year reign, California experienced incredible heat with blackouts so no power to keep people from heat related illnesses. Little Birdy, a newly born tiny girl, struggles for life and Bernard Shaw, a respected journalist, has passed. Constant change. Our contribution to change is to finally close on the Canteen after a three-year run for our money!

I hope that we can now move forward and make the Canteen a home away from home for our Vets. We are serving dinner on the 21st of September...breakfast for supper, always a favorite! We can think about long term plans for the garden and holding the Light of Love after a long hiatus. We have to adapt to the changes that have been forced upon us but I see us meeting and taking charge of those changes to allow us to emerge stronger and continue our mission.

We have thanked John Polimeni, Esquire, our lawyer who worked tirelessly, pro bono, to handle the changeover from the Vets Club to the Blue Star Mothers. He has been amazing, and we are very grateful. We thank everyone who, along the way, worked with John, usually for free, as we are a registered Charity, to help wind our way through the various hassles provided by the pandemic and "working from home". A lot of it reminded me of ads for the circus years ago, "Come experience thrills and chills like you've never seen before!" And, boy, were they...Jane Hallstead nearly getting gassed by a fridge giving up the ghost stuffed with food, replacing windows and ceilings, working three days for hours to sort and size all our used clothing, and dealing with those feral cats and a crazed groundhog. I'd say we fit the bill beautifully.

We are going to be thinking about getting families for Holiday for Heroes. We have to meet the new Ontario County Veterans Advisor and see how we can assist him. Linda will begin planning for Thanksgiving for the Vets, Bobbie is working with Cliff on Toys for Tots which helps us benefit the families, and on and on.

I hope that all of you will make an effort to help with all our adventures. I thank everyone who has gone that extra mile to assist us and help make all the changes worthwhile.

Yours in Service,
Joyce

Results from elections held on September 10, 2022
Blue Star Mothers - New York #1 Elected Executive Board for 2021-2022

President – Joyce Mader
1st Vice President – Linda Green
2nd Vice President – Valerie Haynes
Recording Secretary – Peg McCarthy
Financial Secretary - Bobbie Metcalfe
Treasurer – Beth Olson

The following positions are appointed.

Corresponding Secretary – shared by Jean Burlingame and Bobbie Metcalfe
Chaplain – Jean Burlingame
Historian – Jane Hallstead
Parliamentarian – Peg McCarthy
Patriotic Instructor – Ann Wido
Sgt. at Arms – Becky Nohe

As of September 3, 2022, there are 61 moms and associate members.





Member Katy Bracy's daughter, Amanda, promoted recently. Only 16% of those testing passed! Congratulations!

Chicken BBQ held on May 14th was a success! About \$1100 made for the chapter. In addition to the chicken dinner, delicious, home-made baked goods were also available.

WE FINALLY CLOSED on August 29th ON THE NEW CANTEEN on Foster Street!!! Brian and Bobbie will take care of the follow up details for the paperwork (copies, etc.), but it finally happened. NY#1 had to pay a bit over \$700.00 for closing costs but everything else was done pro bono by Attorney, John Polimeni, and he spoke with the City of Canandaigua to do their part pro bono as well. We are to get a check with the remainder of the funds from the Vets Club which might cover the closing costs. After three years, we can call it home!

At the BSMA Convention in California, NY#1 was represented by Jean, Joyce, and Bobbi.



I regret to inform you of the death of Blue Daisy, Jane Tapassi.

Jane, 87, was a member of the Blue Star Mothers NY#1. Jane married Andrew in 1959. Jane and Andrew loved to do Revolutionary War reenacting. Andrew preceded her in death in 2003. In 2016, Jane moved to Kansas to be near her daughter. She is survived by her son Andrew, daughter Andrea, 7 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren. Her funeral was Saturday 7/23/22 in Manhattan KS.

At the NY#1 meeting in September, the Charter was draped and a candle lit in Jane's memory.



The Light of Love will be back this year after a hiatus due to Covid. Tentatively set for the porch of the Canteen to be dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11th.

Next meeting is November 12th as there is no meeting in October due to scheduling conflicts.



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.

BSMA NY#1 Ongoing 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.

Keep collecting those used cell phones and toner cartridges (URGENT NEED) 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, 2022; 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.

