



A GROUP OF WOMEN WITH ONE THING IN COMMON —

ALL HAVE CHILDREN SERVING IN THE MILITARY.

DECEMBER, 2022

***Chapter President's Letter***

Dear Everyone,

Happy Holiday Season! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We have a lot to be thankful for this year...we now own the Canteen, all the lights work, we have food in the pantry to share with the Veterans and those in need. We have many winter coats, scarves, gloves, and hats. We still have the feral cats, but nothing can be done about them so we live with it.

We had a very generous check from the Shootout for Soldiers Event this year, which was wonderful!! Geoff and Jane Hallstead worked very hard with John Isaac and the team. I was there the day after I got home from Convention and it was very impressive! It is a lot of planning, brainstorming, and just plain sweat, but each year they get better and better! Many, many thanks to all who worked so hard for SFS, and especially Geoff and Jane. John told me that Canandaigua is the top fundraiser in the nation which is no surprise as I think we live in a very generous and grateful community that strongly supports our military and Veterans. The other recipient this year was Honor Flight and that is also so very appropriate. Plus, Jane made a paper outdoor fireplace that really was very cool. Nice work, Jane!

There is no meeting in December as everyone is up to their ears in preparation for Christmas and Holidays for Heroes. We will be open at the Canteen on December 21st for dinner. Pizza and wings are on the menu. If anyone would like to donate appetizers and Christmas cookies that would be most welcome. We will give out the Christmas bags to all Vets who attend at that time. Please notify Linda if you would like to help out in any way.

Our Thanksgiving dinner was a sell out! We had more Vets come than expected, but we got them fed. There were no left overs except for a few lonely desserts. Eagle Star came and we met a lot of old friends who used to be in the Dom. They were excited to see everyone and gossip with each other. Next month I will call to get a grip on numbers so we are not blindsided again.

Terrence MacClamb, our vet who does the cooking, prepared Thanksgiving Dinner for the CLC at the VA. He got permission to use the kitchens and was able to cook the remaining three turkeys plus a truly grand dish of mac and cheese, potatoes, green beans, rolls, etc. to give the Veterans there a lovely meal and let them know they are not forgotten. Many thanks to Terrence for this wonderful gesture.

AMVETS purchased our four Thanksgiving turkeys, one for the Canteen and three for the others. We are greatly appreciative of this gesture. It means a lot and Ed Hemminger is a fantastic Commander! Bobbie is organizing Holidays for Heroes again this year and taking care of the various Christmas family's needing adoptions. So far, we are good to go. We had only one NATO unit to send boxes to but I am sure they will be satisfied with the contents. Many thanks Bobbie!

The Canteen is finally ours after three long, very fraught, years. All the lights work, we have a raised floor in the one side room where we keep the personal products. Brian Mader and Dick Metcalfe have been keeping things in working order for us which is very kind and much appreciated. The building is still standing after 180 years and we'd like to keep it that way.

Everyone helps in their own way and all assistance is welcomed. I want to wish all of you a very warm, happy Holiday season, and ask that you keep those who are in need of our prayers in your heart. Remember those young people who have decided to join the military, and those who have served and are now Veterans. Remember those among us who are in need of prayers for various illnesses and issues.

Merry Christmas to all,

Joyce



### **Results from elections held on September 10, 2022**

#### **Blue Star Mothers - New York #1 Elected Executive Board for 2021-2022**

President – Joyce Mader

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Linda Green

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Valerie Haynes

Recording Secretary – Peg McCarthy

Financial Secretary and Membership Chair - 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 November 12, 2022, there are 27 moms and 34 associate members of NY#1.

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A check for over \$7,500 from Shootout for Soldiers was presented at the Canteen on September 19, 2022. Joyce is on the porch holding the check.

It was hoped that the Light of Love would be back this year after a hiatus due to Covid. A new date was tentatively set for the porch of the Canteen on Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Plans already include cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate. NY#1 is looking forward to hosting this event at the Canteen. All are invited!

Anyone willing to brave the December cold weather, is invited to attend the laying of Christmas wreaths at Sampson Military Cemetery on December 17<sup>th</sup>. NY#1 purchased several wreaths to honor our deceased Veterans at the cemetery.



Next BSMA NY#1 meeting will be Saturday, January 14, 2023.



### **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.*

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Interested in contributing information for a future newsletter? The next newsletter will be published in March, 2023; the deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. 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. This newsletter is also available on the website address noted above under the "About Us" menu tab.

