



A GROUP OF WOMEN WITH ONE THING IN COMMON —
ALL HAVE CHILDREN SERVING IN THE MILITARY.
SEPTEMBER, 2023

Chapter President's Letter

Dear Everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying the wonderful weather we are currently having. Please keep your fingers crossed for the Chapters big event on 21 October 2023 that we have the same sunshine and gentle temperatures.

We are having a finalization meeting on this coming Saturday, 30 September 2023, for the event and I would like to see a lot of faces there. It has been a mammoth amount of work and Bobbie has gotten us many vendors, along with Sally Fritz, to have craft tables as well as food trucks. Bobbie goes to many farm markets with Cliff for Toys for Tots and kills two birds with one stone by talking to people about our event.

Our next meeting is 14 October 2023 at the Canteen for our annual elections. I am hopeful that we will have a good turnout of members. We are working hard to serve our Veterans and deployed troops. We have a goodly number of members but some I never see at meetings. Please try to attend the Chapter meeting on the 14th of October. It is important. If you are interested in running for any positions, please let me know. We are in need of a new treasurer as Beth resigned due to ongoing health problems. So, PLEASE, PLEASE come and volunteer!!!!

As always, we need to think about our active-duty service members as well as our Veterans. Please keep Cole Canada in your prayers. He was traveling in a double ATV vehicle when they were hit by a deer. He was medevac'd to a hospital and only got out this past week. He is pretty beat up but lucky to be alive. He is waiting for a consultation with a plastic surgeon to repair damages to his face.

Also, our local Veteran, Alfred, remains in the Buffalo VA for intense therapy. He needs your prayers for his recovery as well.

Please remember that our troops are on the move at all times to help with our national security so keep them in your prayers as well.

I hope to see many of you at the next two meetings.

Yours in Service,

Joyce

**Results from elections held on September 10, 2022. Elections for 23-24 to be held on Saturday, October 14th at 9AM and the Canteen! Please plan to attend!
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 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 June 12th, there are 27 moms and 30 associate members of NY#1.

Shootout for Soldiers July 29-30, 2023

Joyce would like to thank Becky and Rosie for turning up to help at the BSMA NY#1 Shootout for Soldiers table (see picture below) at Brave's Playing Field at Canandaigua High School. There were a lot of vendors there for Veterans Services and an Army Table. Honor Flight was there along with a WW2 Medal of Honor soldier from the Battle of the Bulge. He was a fascinating person to talk to and had an endless crowd waiting to do so. They talked to quite a few people who came to buy ducks.

By 1:30PM, the bad weather moved in and the wind picked up tremendously. Everything was blowing like crazy, the temperature dropped, and the rain started. People kept playing Lacrosse, but the shoppers disappeared and, after 45 minutes, Joyce shut down the table as the rain was there to stay.

It was definitely an exciting place to be with all the activity. Thanks to Jane and Geoff for their diligence every year as well as John Issac's and the rest of the group who put together the whole event. It just keeps getting better. NY#1 had a table in years past and thanks to everyone who took time out of their summer to tend the table for a few hours. Everything you do for the Chapter to support our active-duty troops and our Veterans is greatly

appreciated. With our new location at the event, we were more visible this year and were able to talk to more people.



PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED!!!

Last year Lauren Coe, our Mary Kay Lady, asked for prayers for her son who had been seriously injured in a motorcycle accident. The medical community told Lauren that her son would never walk again. She assured her son that he would get better and a RN that was caring for him took her aside and told her that she needed to understand that he was not going to get better and walk again. Lauren told her that she had prayers on her side and so just wait and see. Recently, Lauren said that her son went from being bedridden, to a wheelchair, to a walker, to a cane, and then she showed a video that shows him walking on his own!! It was AMAZING! They are training him with bungee cords around his legs to work on his gait, but he is walking alone once again. Lauren says to everyone who prayed for him "Thank You" from the bottom of their collective hearts. Prayers can move mountains and here is proof. 7/30/2023

National BSMA Convention was July 31 to August 4, 2023, in Nashville, Tennessee at the Millenium Maxwell House Hotel. Bobbie M. and Jean B. attended from NY#1. For additional information, please read the report of the Convention in the September meeting minutes.

Important Upcoming Dates

The next BSMA NY#1 meeting will be Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 9AM at the Canteen. This is to finalize our upcoming fundraising event in October.

Our next regular BSMA NY#1 meeting will be on Saturday, October 14th at the Canteen at 9AM. Elections will be held! Please plan to be there!

Save Saturday, October 21st, for the Buffalo Bills Tailgate Party including a chili contest, baking contest, a food truck rodeo, raffle baskets, and a craft sale at the Canteen. More details to follow as they become available. **Do attend the meeting on 9/30/23!!!**

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 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, 2023; 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.



