



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

Chapter President's Letter

Dear Everyone,

Happy Holidays to all of you! We have had a great year and are still going strong. Hopefully, after next week, we can catch a break and relax. I, personally, had a run in with glitter.... LOTS of glitter. That stuff is wretched to clean up! Hence the need to relax.

We have gotten all our military packages out, and we will be packing Christmas bags for our Vets on December 18th at the Canteen probably around 10:00 a.m. This is also the day that any packages for the Chapter adopted family need to be brought in. Other people will be delivering their parcels for other adopted families that same day. We are having dinner for the Vets on December 20th and giving them their Christmas bags.

Shootout for Soldiers will be at the dinner on the 20th to present us with a check from the proceeds of Shootout for Soldiers. This is a wonderful program of support for all of our military, and I encourage you to help out next year as they plan the yearly event. John Issac and his team do a spectacular job. Geoff and Jane Hallstead are very involved in the efforts and represent our Chapter. Please consider giving some time next summer. We have a table there and it is a lot of fun.

Next year we hope to revive our Light of Love tree on the porch at the Canteen. This makes it easier to handle than tramping through the heavy snow many times (please, I got stuck in a snowbank up to my waist once!). We are hoping to have a program as in the past. We are also planning a chicken barbeque in June and the tailgate fundraiser for next August as well. Come and join the meetings and put in your two cents worth! It's always a good time and very informative.

As always, please remember our troops and those in danger everywhere. Keep them in your hearts and prayers along with a strong wish for peace.

I thank you for all that you do and wish you a Blessed holiday season and joyous New Year!

Joyce

Results from elections held on October 14, 2023

Blue Star Mothers - New York #1 Elected Executive Board for 2023-2024

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 – Fran Gallahan

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 16th, there are 27 moms and 30 associate members of NY#1.



After months of planning, on Saturday, October 21st, BSMA NY#1 hosted a Buffalo Bills themed tailgate fundraiser at the Canteen. There was a Chili Cookoff, Baking Contest, Craft Vendors, Food Trucks, and over 60 Raffle prize baskets! This event was open to the public and many arrived wearing Bills gear! Many volunteers, including the chili and baking judges, made for a memorable day. A female Air Force Veteran, who also brought a food truck, won the chili

contest, and one of our NY#1 members won the baking contest with her delicious home-made, legendary apple pie! Due to the cold and windy weather, the event ended early, but all had a great time! The Canteen is located at 17 Foster Street in downtown Canandaigua.



On November 4th, through the efforts of MaryAgnes McAvoy, Orville's donated a brand-new microwave oven! Joyce Mader wrote a thank you note, and Linda Green is very happy because it makes things easier at the Canteen.

Wednesday, 11/15, was a busy day at the Canteen as Thanksgiving dinner was served to the Vets. The Vets put up the Christmas tree on the porch decorated with the special stars.

We had our Thanksgiving dinner for our Veterans and active-duty Military at 4pm on November 15th. The full Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings was served.

Important Upcoming Dates

Did you know that in 2024, NY#1 will celebrate the 20th anniversary of starting!

Our next regular BSMA NY#1 meeting will be on Saturday, January 13th at the Canteen at 9AM.

Save the date! August 24, 2024 for another Bills Tailgate fundraiser!

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 March, 2024; 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.

