



IN A MILITARY FAMILY, WE ALL SERVE!

MARCH, 2024

Chapter President's Letter

Dear Everyone,

Happy March . . . Remembering Julius Caesar (Et Tu, Brute!), Saint Patrick's Day, Daylight Savings Time (Spring Forward!), National Johnny Appleseed Day and this year we have Palm Sunday and Easter!! There are an enormous number of special Days in March but too many to list here. I just want to remind everyone about this coming Wednesday, 20 March 2024, for Easter Dinner at the Canteen. We will start serving at four p.m. till six p.m. We are having a ham dinner with cheesy potatoes, mashed potatoes, baked beans (sweet potatoes are scarce just now), mac and cheese, green bean casserole, scalloped corn casserole, Cole slaw, rolls, and dessert!!! Truly a momentous event.

We are also serving twenty-five State Troopers at E Barracks an early Easter dinner family style. Putting together all those little dinner boxes is just courting disaster! They are quite excited about being included. Many of them are Veterans and so we have a double reason to be proud of them.

I am hopeful of getting the memorial for Terrance off the ground on April 12th. The guys have been asking when we are going to do one as he touched all of them with his kindness and joy for life. We will settle on a time and it will be at the Veterans cemetery in Corfu, NY which is just outside of Buffalo. The very next day is our Chapter meeting.

We are planning for the Chicken Barbeque on June 1st. Jeff Gallahan, our local State Rep to Albany, is putting it on for us. Rumor has it that he does an incredible job. Fourth of May is the Red Cross Brunch being held at FLCC. This is to get the many Services in the area to reconvene and refocused on maintaining help for our veterans in the Finger Lakes Area.

Bobbie and I had a tour of the new Out Patient wing at the VA, and it is remarkable. Very clean, bright, and WELL LABELED, so you don't have to hire a guide to find out where you need to go. It is a very hopeful place. It was very busy and everyone was cheerful. That entry is now the main entrance as those dreadful stairs in front of Building One is no longer usable. They were a menace, and very slippery when wet (I can attest to that! I slipped, and squished a pie Bobbie had made for the then Director but it was in a foil pan and easy to reshape.)

We have a very busy summer planned so I really hope that many of you will be around to assist and join in the fun. It's always an adventure!

Happy Easter,

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.



Report of the Bills Tailgate fundraiser submitted by Bobbie Metcalfe included income, expenses, signage issues, as well as suggestions for future similar events like increasing turnout. More members need to be involved though especially in the planning stages!

Canteen News

Easter dinner for our Vets planned for Wednesday, March 20th. On April 17th, our Vets will feast on a sub tray. May will be pizza and wings while in June, the Lions Club is providing dinner.

Tentatively for July is planned a BBQ.

Did you know that in May, 2024, NY#1 will celebrate the 20th anniversary of starting? You are invited to a celebration dinner at Prosecco Italian Restaurant on Rt 332 in Farmington on Sunday

5/19 at 5PM. Cost is \$50.00 per person in advance by 4/30/24 to Bobbie. Menu will be beef barley soup, salad, Chicken French, cheese manicotti, bread, coffee, tea, soda, and cake for dessert. Food will be served family style. Mail checks to BSMA NY#1, PO Box 503, Macedon, NY 14502 before 4/30/24.

VA Finger Lakes Women Veterans Program is hosting a Women's Health Day events and NY#1 was invited to participate.

Bath, NY on Tuesday, 5/2/24 from 10A-2P – Beth, Joyce, and Bobbie will host a table.

Rochester Outpatient Clinic on 6/26/24 from 10A-2P in Monroe County. Joyce and Bobbie will host a table.

Canandaigua, NY in the courtyard on Tuesday 8/6/24 from 10A-2P – Bobbie will host a table. If available to sit at the table with Bobbie, please let her know!

Important Upcoming Dates

Easter is March 31st this year. Baskets for Vets (81!) made to be delivered.

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

NY#1 anniversary dinner will be Sunday, May 19th. More info above.

BBQ chicken fundraiser on June 1st at the Canteen. There will also be a bake sale.

Shootout for Soldiers will be on July 27-28, 2024. NY#1 and Honor Flight will benefit from this fundraiser.

National Convention is in Oklahoma City, OK from July 29 to August 2 at the Sheraton Downtown. NY#1 voted at the March meeting to pay for a room for 5 nights. If interested in attending, please let Bobbie or Jean B know of your intentions.

Save the date! September 7th, 2024 for another tailgate fundraiser, craft fair, and food truck rodeo at the Canteen!



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 June, 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.

