



In a military family, we all serve!

June, 2026

Chapter President's Letter

Good Morning Everyone,

Well we finally have nice weather and beautiful Spring flowers. That always is cheering! We have been busy as usual and are now facing a busy summer.

May 30th 2026 was our Chicken Barbecue with Jeff Gallahan operating the food. It was held in downtown Manchester and started serving at 11:00 AM. There was NO bake sale this year nor craft sale as we couldn't get space but, hopefully, next year! Pre-Sale chickens sold for \$15.00 and were \$20.00 at the sale. Jeff and his crew do an excellent job, and it really is a good meal.

We are still awaiting the final word on the grant. We have passed everything and now the State Lawyers just have to give the final okay and the grant money should be released. This calls for all fingers to be crossed. Brian has consulted with Jeff and Jeff says it can take up to three or four months....that was in February. SIGH! Please keep fingers crossed that it is soon.

The yard at the Canteen is looking lovely. Bobbie's Aunt Bev donated poppy plants (see picture below) from her yard before she passed and they are up and strong. We have a beautiful deep coral rose blooming in the yard, and Stephen has cleaned up all the garbage that people from the street behind us have thrown in the rear. We will have to come up with something if this continues, but I think electric fencing is illegal. Yes, we had to take down the old Cherry tree in the yard as termites had taken up residence, and it was falling over toward the fence which would be very expensive to replace. The yard is much brighter but it was hard to see the cherry tree go away.

I will be out of town from the 5th of June until the 16th and Bobbie will be gone from June 1st until June 15th. Should you have any questions, please call our 1st VP, Linda Green. Before I forget, we will be having pizza and wings for the June meal on the 17th of June. We made it simple as Linda has a medical appointment, and Bobbie and I will just be returning home. We had a good turnout for last month's dinner. Many members of the AMVETS came. Their new Commander is Tammy Bressette. Ed is retiring. He was a grand commander and I think Tammy will be as well PLUS she makes KILLER Blueberry scones!!

We are in need of a cleaning day at the Canteen as the dust and tracked in mud from winter is taking over. Please let Linda know if you are interested in helping us clean.

I wish you all a joyous 250-year birthday!! Bobbie has tee shirts, sweatshirts and long-sleeved tees for sale with a 250 years logo on it. So, if you want any, please let her know ASAP!

Happy Summer!
Joyce



As of March 9th, 2026, there are 26 Moms and 24 Associate members in NY#1.



Results from elections held on September 13, 2025

Blue Star Mothers – New York #1 Elected Executive Board for 2025-2026

President – Joyce Mader

1st Vice President – Linda Green

2nd Vice President – MaryAgnes McAvoy

3rd Vice President – Val Haynes

4th Vice President – Ricci Shuttleworth

Recording Secretary – Joanne Acquilano

Financial Secretary – Fran Gallahan and Carol Adamowicz

Treasurer – Bobbie Metcalfe

The following positions are appointed.

Corresponding Secretary – Bobbie Metcalfe

Chaplain – Val Haynes

Historian – Jane Hallstead

Sgt. At Arms – Becky Nohe

Patriotic Instructor – Rose Asproules

Canteen News

On a Saturday in March, Linda, Bobbie, and Joyce attended a Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) meeting in Auburn, NY. They donated to NY#1 in the past and wanted to meet and greet us!

On March 27th, two teenage karate students and a parent came to the Canteen to clean up the gardens and put down mulch. See below for the picture of Mila and Connor. Mila organized this afternoon at the Canteen as her community service project which is required to earn her black belt in karate.



Ft Drum is setting up a diaper and wipes bank for soldiers' families in need. Jane H is our Rep and expects help from other West Point moms!



NY#1 was invited to attend the 3 female Veteran health events in 2026 in Bath, Rochester, and Canandaigua. Unfortunately, the Bath event was held in March, and they forgot to invite us! NY#1 is provided goodie bags for the female Veterans as well as pizza for lunch in Canandaigua. Lunch for the Rochester event is provided by another organization. As far as we know, there is no date set yet for the Rochester event.



Jane represented us at a Memorial Day parade.

Important Upcoming Dates

The next meeting is Saturday, September 12th at 9AM at the Canteen. No meetings in June, July, and August though the Canteen will still be open for dinner for the Veterans on the 3rd Wednesday of those months.

The Shootout for Soldiers garage sale is June 13th in Canandaigua. For details, please contact Jane.

Shootout for Soldiers 24-hour lacrosse tournament will be July 25-26 at Canandaigua Academy. Donations of cakes and cookies are requested for their fundraiser. Contact Jane H for more information. Money raised for SFS events benefits Honor Flight and BSMA NY#1.

National Blue Star Mother's Day is February 1st. We missed it in 2026, but put it on your calendar for 2027 to celebrate!

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 September, 2026; the deadline is usually the 15th of the month at the very latest though earlier is always better! 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.

