



**group of women with one thing in common –
all have children serving in the military.
DECEMBER, 2017**

Chapter President's Letter

Dear Everyone,

Happy Holidays to all. It has been a very busy time lately with all the events we have participated in....The First Ever Pumpkin Race...the Commemoration of Viet Nam Vets on the 50th Anniversary of the War....the Stand Down in Waterloo....just endless.

Our National President, Cyndi Ventura, came to visit earlier this month and was blown away by the Canteen and all the work being done there. She and her husband also wanted to see the original Light of Love tree that sparked a movement among Chapters across the Country. She was impressed. She thought it was so touching in its simplicity and meaning.

Our boxes to the deployed troops were mailed off as have the Christmas trees. This gives our serving children a touch of home while they protect our nation. Homemade cards were included in the boxes to let them know that others wish them well.

The Light of Love tree looks amazing at night at Kershaw Park Gazebo. The City of Canandaigua strung lights around the trees next to the Gazebo as well as trimming the edges of it. We got bigger red, white, and blue lights so it can now be seen from the roadway. Stop by and see. It was a wonderful ceremony. Thanks to all who participated!

Please remember our loved ones who are serving or enduring struggles associated with their service. Keep them in your prayers and in your heart, not only at Christmas but all year long. They have given up a lot to defend our country and to help others in need.

Joyce

**Blue Star Mothers - New York #1 Elected Executive Board for 2017-18
October 14th was election of new officers who are listed below.**

President – Joyce Mader

1st Vice President – Nancy Bardeen

2nd Vice President – Carol Adamowicz

3rd Vice President – Valerie Haynes

4th Vice President – Linda Green

Recording Secretary – Laura Evans

Financial Secretary/Membership Chair - Bobbie Metcalfe

Treasurer/Budget – Beth Olson

The following positions are appointed.

Corresponding Secretary – duties shared by Jean Burlingame and Bobbie Metcalfe

Chaplain – Jean Burlingame

Historian – OPEN (Nola Trost nominated)

Parliamentarian - Kathy Zeigler

Patriotic Instructor – Kathy Zeigler

Sgt. at Arms – Ann Wido

WebMaster – Brian Mader



As of December 14, 2017 there are 37 moms and 37 associate members.
The first ever BSMA NY#1 Pumpkin Race on October 7th
was a fun day at the



despite the rainy and cloudy weather! There was a lot to do, great food to eat
and drink,

AND the pumpkins were fabulous! Eighteen pumpkins raced in three age
categories. The official judge for the event was the Assistant Director of the
Canandaigua VA. Rick states that the VA will enter a pumpkin in the race next
year! Check out the pictures!







Our dear friend, Lauren Coe, is the Mary Kay Consultant, and now Director, with whom we have a relationship for many years. Her son has finished Navy boot camp and is currently on the West Coast. She has donated many gifts to us over the years. She would like you to know that she will give any Blue Star Mother a 15% discount on a Christmas order from Mary Kay. She will also do the same on Mother's Day in May. Ten percent of her profit goes directly to supporting the soldiers.

For those of you who do not know, Lauren has a 501 (c) 3 Charity called One Soldier at a Time. Any soldier stationed anywhere in the world can contact her to get a gift delivered to a Mother, Father (Mary Kay has products for men), wives, girlfriends, etc. She will select, wrap, and mail the gift to the person at absolutely no charge to the soldier. I think it is a wonderful thing to do. So, if you are in need of some gifts this year, please consider Lauren. Her email is gezuz4u@gmail.com.



Ongoing BSMA NY#1 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.

Buy a Brick Fundraiser was introduced by Joanne at the January, 2016, meeting. Bricks cost \$50 and a duplicate brick is \$35. Bricks will be in the Patriot Garden around the flag poles at the Blue Star Canteen. The 4" by 8" brick in Regimental Red is etched through a laser process. Got questions? Contact Joanne at 585-749-6102 or by email at joanneacg55@hotmail.com . Information on this fundraiser is available at <http://thatsmybrick.com/bluestarmothersny1> .

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, 2018; 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.

