



A GROUP OF WOMEN WITH ONE THING IN COMMON –  
ALL HAVE CHILDREN SERVING IN THE MILITARY.  
JUNE, 2020  
NO NEWSLETTER IN MARCH DUE TO COVID-19 ONSET

***Chapter President's Letter***

Dear Everyone,

Well, we can say that we are slowly making it through the Shutdown, hopefully, in fairly good spirits. Everyone is in the same boat but we are making strides. The Canteen is still standing. Brian is mowing the grass, which is growing with great glee, no rodent infestations. We have been up there to do things such as clean out the half opened bottles of soda and unplug the small refrigerator that they are usually in, the garbage has been taken care of inside and out. The fridge has been cleaned out and the house is tidy. We have distributed some food from the cellar and the pantry as well as some of the meat. The meat has to be given out as we have absolutely no idea when we will be able to get back to our Wednesday gatherings. We are down to 24 large pans of Shepherd's pie.....anyone hungry???

I hope that everyone is remaining in good health and has very clean houses, basements and garages, not to mention gardens! I hope all your far flung families are safe. I do miss my grandchildren, as well as my children, because they are all so far away. It will be great when we can get together once again. In the meantime, stay safe, enjoy the great weather, and the slow turning of Spring into Summer....that was sarcastic as Summer smacked with a vengeance last week!

Blessings on all your heads....

Joyce



## Results from elections held on October 12, 2019

### Blue Star Mothers - New York #1 Elected Executive Board for 2019-2020

President – Joyce Mader

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Nancy Bardeen

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Sally Fritz

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Valerie Haynes

4<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Linda Green

Recording Secretary – Jean Burlingame

Financial Secretary/Membership Chair - Bobbie Metcalfe

Treasurer/Budget – Beth Olson

The following positions are appointed.

Corresponding Secretary – shared by Jean Burlingame and Bobbie Metcalfe

Chaplain – Nancy Bardeen

Historian – OPEN

Parliamentarian - OPEN

Patriotic Instructor – OPEN

Sgt. at Arms – Donna Strelow

WebMaster – Brian Mader

As of May 31, 2020, there are 37 moms and 31 associate members.

In January, clothing rooms at the Canteen were re-organized. They look great! Great job ladies! Unfortunately, the Canteen closed in March due to COVID-19.



There was a Valentine cookie sale this year. Delicious as always!

Plant forget-me-knots in your garden in honor of our Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Please keep in your prayers all those with COVID-19 and all those who care for them.

Thank you to all essential workers for your service during this time. Many belong to Blue Star Mothers NY #1 and many have children who are essential! A BIG THANK YOU!

Cathy Bond, a BSM of two servicemen, helped write the Pandemic Protocol for the State of New York. Cathy made 17 children's quilts for NY#1 to distribute at Christmas. Joyce picked them up on May 29th. Cathy is a RN who has a consulting company for epidemics, etc.

Congratulations to all Seniors graduating from High School and College, and congratulations to 8th graders who are now moving up to high school!

**The Canteen is going to be closed until the VA allows it to be reopened which could be into the Autumn or late winter.**

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**In case you missed it**, submitted by Jean Burlingame and appearing in the May issue of the BSMA National Newsletter:

NY#1 has been keeping tabs on our Veterans since late March. We check in with our Veterans in the outlying areas of Ontario County, Wayne County, etc., by making weekly calls to get updates and just to listen to them and talk to them. If they are in need, we try to steer help their way.

We deliver food and personal products to Liberty Village and Cadence Square, which are apartment dwellings for Veterans. We know a retired Air Force Veteran who is now a chef at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center. He lives at Liberty Village. We supply him with food and supplies to put on a group dinner at least once a month. This helps the other Veterans know they are being looked after too. Last week, they had Shepherd's Pie, green beans, and homemade raspberry pie. The next scheduled meal will be a full turkey dinner on Memorial Day. The retired Air Force Veteran keeps up-to-date on what is needed.

One of our Moms is a retired Psych Nurse from the VA Medical Center. She worked the Crisis Hotline from its inception 8 years ago. She checks in on our fragile Veterans because they all know her. She finds out what they need. Along with the efforts of a

retired Army Veteran, she was instrumental in helping one of our female Veterans enter the Syracuse VA Medical Center for the specialized help she needed.

One of our NY members lives in Kansas. She watches over the Veterans in her retirement building and keeps their spirits up. Our Veterans are precious to us so we are doing our best, here in the Finger Lakes of Western New York to take care of them.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Next meeting is hopefully in the autumn of 2020, at Veterans Park at 9AM.**

Date already set! December 6, 2020 is the Light of Love at the Canandaigua VA.

## Ongoing BSMA NY#1 Fundraisers

*New RED (Remember Everyone Deployed) t-shirts available. Design is on the back. 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.*

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 placed 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 Sally at [salfriz.2@gmail.com](mailto:salfriz.2@gmail.com). Information on this fundraiser is available at <http://thatsmybrick.com/bluestarmothersny1>

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Interested in contributing information for a future newsletter? The next newsletter will be published in September, 2020; the deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please send MaryAgnes (mother of two Marines and godmother of a Soldier) an email at [mamcavoy@aol.com](mailto:mamcavoy@aol.com) should you wish to submit information. Please do check our website [www.bluestarmothersny1.org](http://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.

