



A GROUP OF WOMEN WITH ONE THING IN COMMON —
ALL HAVE CHILDREN SERVING IN THE MILITARY.
DECEMBER, 2020

Chapter President's Letter

Dear Everyone,

Well, we made it through Thanksgiving and I don't think we had any Covid outbreaks. It is a very strange year and a very confusing one. We are working as hard as we can to keep things in the area of "normal" but it's a rough gig.

The Thanksgiving dinners went off beautifully! Terrence, our cooking Vet at Cadence, roasted 4 twenty-pound turkeys, in the VA kitchens. He coordinated the rest of the meal that was supplied by our Members. Turkey, baked potatoes, green beans, macaroni and cheese, a relish tray, and pie and apple cheesecake bars for dessert. Both Liberty and Cadence had a grand day and everyone had a grand time.

We also supplied Eagle Star with two turkeys and a gift card to Aldi's for the sides. According to the manager there, everyone had a good time in a homelike atmosphere. This is the essence of a holiday like Thanksgiving. Believe it or not, we did have things to be thankful for this year.

We are moving along with the new Canteen. Bobbie, Dick, and I went this past Saturday and sorted through all the remaining stuff that has been donated. Dick carried it upstairs and Bobbie and I bagged the trash. Brian went and picked up the trash yesterday and hauled to the dump. The old Vets Club must dissolve their organization before we can sign the ownership paperwork but we are still on task to do so, probably in February. The barn is stuffed. It will cure you of wanting to be a hoarder should you have leanings in that direction. That is on the list to be done as well. I am hoping we can have a Saturday to clean and finish up the canteen in January.

We have sent a cash donation for wreaths to Wreaths Across America. They will distribute the wreaths at Sampson Military Cemetery. There is no ceremony this year because of Covid. The wreaths are a silent reminder of what we have given to have a continued free society.

Our Christmas boxes and trees were sent. The DAV and Lions Club, as well as wonderful local citizens, helped us do our best this year for our service people and take care of our local

Veterans. The AMVETS covered our mailing costs this year, and we are most grateful. The DAV provided Thanksgiving dinner to two local Veteran families, and we are grateful. Toys For Tots and Motorcycle Santa and his crew have also stepped in to help us out and we are very thankful.

I hope all of you will have a wonderful holiday season. Please remember that we still have many deployed to the war zone. Keep them and all of our troops in your prayers. They go where Angels fear to tread and our love and support means the world to them.

Joyce

Results from elections held on October 12, 2019

Blue Star Mothers - New York #1 Elected Executive Board for 2019-2021

Due to Covid-19, no elections held for 2020-2021. All Board members serve a 2nd year.

President – Joyce Mader

1st Vice President – Nancy Bardeen

2nd Vice President – Sally Fritz

3rd Vice President – Valerie Haynes

4th 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 **September 12, 2020**, there are 38 moms and 38 associate members.

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!

If you have stories about the old Canteen, please send them to Joyce. She would like to get a collection together to make a memory book. We had many adventures, some spectacular disasters, and much fun. We gave a lot of Veterans good memories, great meals, and practical help in re-setting their lives. This is a tremendous thing. Some have gone on to bigger and better lives, some are still lost, but they all agree that the canteen was a bright spot in their recovery efforts. Mostly, they mention the food and sitting outside at the picnic tables to just visit and relax. Good times.

The new Canteen at 17 Foster Street in Canandaigua is progressing along. We hope to be open to serve dinner to the Vets again by summer, 2021. Cleaning is on-going and in process. At the November meeting, it was announced that closing on the property is delayed.

At the November meeting, two visitors showed up! See the picture below.

The outside man is Marty Collins. Next to him is Rodney Dutton. They are both from disabled American Veterans. Rodney is the Adjutant. Rodney also belongs to The Lions Club. They organized the DAV and 9 other Lions Clubs to donate \$900.00 to us for our Holiday for Heroes tree and Christmas party in a box project. They included a card and information about the DAV and the Crisis Hotline for each box. This is wonderful. The DAV is an amazing group and so is the Lions Club. The Lions Club donates a meal every six months or so to the Canteen and the DAV supplies a monthly birthday cake to the Vets at the Canteen. Very kind and very generous!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 9th, at Veterans Park at 9AM.

Spring, 2021, a chicken BBQ fundraiser is planned. Date to be determined.

Another BBQ fundraiser is in the works as well. We hope to have Sticky Lips provide the food and are looking into this.

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. Information on this fundraiser is available at <http://thatsmybrick.com/bluestarmothersny1>.

Interested in contributing information for a future newsletter? The next newsletter will be published in March, 2020; 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.

