



A GROUP OF WOMEN WITH ONE THING IN COMMON —
ALL HAVE CHILDREN SERVING IN THE MILITARY.
JUNE, 2021

Chapter President's Letter

Dear Everyone,

Hello to everyone and I hope all of you are well. We are happy to be back in action after a long year of quarantine. It was good to see everyone at our recent meeting.

Geoff Hallstead, husband of our Member, Jane, did some investigating for us on the Canteen front and was happy to report a solution that will get things finished up in a month or less. He has agreed to see it through, which is a good thing for us. The lawyers found a way around waiting to go before a judge to dissolve the Vets Club. There is still a lengthy wait on ZOOM to go before a judge. We should have good news very soon.

We kept our Veterans in the loop as well as we could during Covid. We provided a sub tray, chips, and dessert to Eagle Star and Cadence Square each month, plus giving the raw ingredients for another meal to our Vet, Terrence, who is a cook and happy to get it done. We gave supplies to the Vets that live in the nursing home at the VA as the internal Canteen there is closed permanently come June 30th. They give a list to Terrence, who visits with them; he gives the list to me; and Bobbie or I go shopping for them for basics if we do not have them in our supply. Terrence then gives the supplies to Chaplain Searle who delivers for us. We also filled many requests for clothing, food, and personal products as we could during the pandemic.

There will be a clean out of all the stuff in the barn on Saturday, June 26th, at 10:00a.m. Please come and help if you are able. We have to unload all the stuff that was shoved in there last summer. We will also have a small dumpster to cart away any stuff. Beth and our Vet, Mike Grover, have been taking care of the yard for us. Mike worked for a landscaper and loves doing gardening. His wife, Monica, also comes along and helps. The large dead branches from the tree next door that hung over the yard have been cut, courtesy of the United Way of Ontario County. They had a tree trimming team come in a few weeks ago and cut them back. We are allowed by law to do this as they threaten our property.

It's supposed to be cool and nice this week so enjoy it! I hope to see a goodly number of you at the next two events. Happy Summer!

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 June 7, 2021, there are 39 moms and 45 associate members.

Everyone is well here in Kansas, and being a bit cold I bundled up to see the sights at the Tulip Festival today (February, 2021).

I have our daughter, our grand-daughter and our grand-son looking after me very nicely each week.

Hope to hear back from my faraway friends and family, I miss everyone very much.

Take care and say safe.

Much love,

Jane Tapassi in Kansas



Joanne Acquilano wrote:

I wanted to share that last year when we closed our Canteen for good, my husband and I transplanted a Rose of Sharon and Rhododendron. They both survived the winter! The Rose of Sharon (left) is doing great! The Rhododendron (right) I think will make it; it does have two blossoms. I think it just needs a couple years and some TLC. So, some of our beloved Canteen has survived in my new yard!



BSMA NY#1 Convention News:

Ellie Ramsey and Peg McCarthy, two long distance members of our Chapter, are going to represent us at the National Convention in New Orleans this year. Peg is also Chair of the By-Laws Committee and is on the Grievance Committee. They have known each other for years and will do their level best for New York Chapter 1. Hopefully, Convention will be held in a cooler place next year (not so hot!), and we can attend.

We will be cleaning out the barn at the property at 17 Foster Street on June 26th to prepare for a July re-opening. We need male helpers to move stuff. Face masks and gloves are a good idea as the feral cats have been using the place over the winter. Please do make an effort to come and get us cleaned up. One of our vets, along with his family, and Beth have taken wonderful care of the grounds. Keith Metcalfe is going to finish up the inside work and we are hoping to get the sign back up.

At the meeting on June 12th, eleven new members were initiated into NY#1! Welcome and thank you for joining us: **Nancy Barry, Amity Decker, Jennifer Demand, Heather Frye, Nichole Green, Marie Lawton, Sheila Miller, Diane Mitchell, Kathleen Nussbaum, Judy Tadsen, and Crystal Vermette.**



The business that does the embroidery of our clothing needs an order of at least 12 shirts, light jackets, or hoodies, in order to embroider for us again. If you would like to have a Chapter shirt made, please get the shirt (you need to purchase the clothing item yourself) and bring it to Joyce or Bobbie.

If we get 12 items to embroider, we get a group price of \$12.50 (possibly a bit more depending on costs). Please make sure to get the shirts to either Bobbie or Joyce by June 26th, 2021, as it will take two weeks for the work.

You can shirts in red, white, or blue if you choose. You can also have a light jacket or hoodie done with the Chapter logo which is shown in the picture below. The Finger Lakes are embroidered in the State with a tiny Blue Star where Canandaigua is located. They do a fabulous job.



UPCOMING EVENTS

If anyone is available Saturday, June 26th, please come and help clean the Canteen. If you can, please bring a dish to pass and the Chapter will provide hot dogs from the outside grill. This is a huge undertaking to get this house ready to serve our Veterans. Please let Linda Green know if you can help.

Shoot-out for Soldiers will take place July 24-25, at Canandaigua High School starting at 12 noon. There will be events and a food truck. One-third of the profits will go to Blue Star Mothers, NY Chapter 1.

Next meeting is scheduled for the second Saturday of the month in September at Veterans Park on Route 5 & 20 at 9AM.

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 September, 2021; 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.

