



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

***Chapter President's Letter***

Dear Everyone,

Welcome to September! The Canteen is finally opened and we had two meals there. We are currently planning to have one meal a month at the Canteen until further notice. One of our Vets will continue to cook for Cadence Square with staples provided by the Chapter. Our mission has changed slightly because of the pandemic but we have adjusted and adapted to things. The only thing certain about Life is that it constantly changes!

We are still awaiting the repair of our upstairs clothing room so, for the moment, clothing is on hold. But we have the food pantry open for requests and personal products. We are trying to maintain activity and keep the Chapter busy.

I hope everyone has had a good summer. Jane Hallstead and Geoff gave us an update on the Shootout for Soldiers at our September meeting. We had twelve new members join us, and I just received a message from a new Canandaigua Resident who is currently a member of another Chapter but wishes to change to our Chapter as she is too far away from her old Chapter. So, we are growing!

Bobbie is already organizing our families for our Christmas program which will support Wayne and Ontario Counties only this year. We have a great deal of need right here on our doorstep and we hope to make a difference. We are trying to get the word out to our Vets who live in apartments all over Canandaigua about our once a month get together. If you know of a Vet who would like to come and socialize, please let them know!

Things have been quiet and, other than our Chicken Barbecue, we have not had any fundraisers because of the spreading the virus. Still where there is a will, there is a way. Please make an effort and come to the next Chapter meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> at Veterans Park at 9AM. I look forward to seeing all of you.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> year.**

**NEW ELECTIONS ON OCTOBER 9, 2021!**

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 the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting**, there are 39 moms and 34 associate members.

BSMA NY#1 allocated \$450 to purchase wreaths for Wreaths Across America for Sampson Veterans Cemetery at the regular meeting in September.

Also at the September meeting, Jeff Hallstead updated us on 17 Foster Street. Canandaigua Veterans' Club had to be dissolved. That paperwork has been filed and should be acted on within a month. Jeff has started inquiries on renovation for the barn, driveway, and the front bedroom ceiling.

NY Chapter 1 current schedule will be CEB Meetings on the Tuesday before the chapter meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month will be the chapter meeting, and the Wednesday following the chapter meeting will be dinners at the Canteen at 17 Foster Street.

**Shootout for Soldiers update** - Jane Hallstead reported that \$69,186.10 was raised at the event, and Blue Star Mothers, NY Chapter 1, will receive 15%, approximately \$10,377.92.

Carol made dinner for our Vets on September 15<sup>th</sup>, and the DAV brought a birthday cake!

**Reassessing our mission: scaling back our mission, membership involvement in activities, current and future needs or lessening of needs.**

**Recruitment:** We added 2 new members in September and 12 in June. Our brochure will be redesigned to clearly define BSMA and our Chapter. The brochures will then be distributed to military recruitment offices, Chamber of Commerce, Runnings, banks, post offices, & stores.

A picnic at the Canteen to meet and greet was suggested.

We will be sending boxes to a NATO unit out of Fort Drum in October, November, December, January and February.

**Retention of members:** More participation activities are needed at meetings.

Suggestions included:

1. Linus Project
2. Pillowcases for Strong Pediatric Unit
3. Combat Vets for Vets For homeless Vets
4. Marine Corps Toys for Tots
5. Holiday for Heroes (Wayne County Veterans already vetted, Ontario County will be vetted by Jeremy Marshall, Veterans Director) We will also provide for single Veterans
6. Formation of Committee(s) to bring fresh ideas to meetings
7. Coffee Hour for Female Veterans at the canteen

Terrence will cook Thanksgiving dinners for Liberty and Cadence on different dates to be determined. Amvets will supply the turkeys for Liberty and we will supply the ingredients for the sides. We will supply the turkeys, etc. for Cadence. Bobbie will get potatoes & squash at the farmer's market. Green beans will be from the Canteen. Pies, rolls, etc. welcome by members. Date & place to drop off will be announced via email.

Jen Cratsley, a Gold Star Wife and a new member of NY Chapter One is starting a Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. Chapter and the dedication will be on April 9, 2022.

A Church group, that has a prayer shawl committee, will knit hats, gloves and mittens for our Veterans.

At our October 9, 2021 meeting we will have elections and our activity will be packing boxes for our NATO unit.

At our November 13, 2021 meeting We will pack Christmas boxes for our NATO unit.

Distant members, Andrea Sinclair and her Mom, Jane Tapassi, a longtime BSM and friend of Jean Burlingame. They are proud members of New York 1 and help keep things going in the Midwest. Jane successfully adjusted to her move in with Andrea and her husband. She has the run of the upstairs and few stairs. She has plenty of

windows, sunshine, scenery. She is able to go out onto the porch or deck with ease and get fresh air daily. Her arthritis has gotten difficult and she has difficulty getting around sometimes, but she is very much her sassy self with her great-grand kiddos when they visit with us. We keep her as active as her body allows. Andrea has a contracting position at Fort Riley that is rewarding and humbling, being around our Active Duty as well as our Veterans daily. Andrea is trying to see where the BSM can help out there, and she will let us know if anything comes up where we might be able to help out in the great state of Kansas. Our son Ckenny is doing well at Fort Carson, he is getting ready for Hell Week on his trip to a base in California mid-October. He is scheduled for deployment in the springtime. He contracted the Delta Variant COVID19 this past week, so he is home working to get well enough to get back to work.

### **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.*

*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>

Interested in contributing information for a future newsletter? The next newsletter will be published in December, 2021; 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.

