



A GROUP OF WOMEN WITH ONE THING IN COMMON —

ALL HAVE CHILDREN SERVING IN THE MILITARY.

JUNE, 2022

Chapter President's Letter

Happy Summer Everyone! It has been a beautiful Spring with good rainfall and gorgeous flowers. Now we are hitting the summer stretch. What, in past times, was called High Summer. There are activities going on all around us so I hope you will indulge in some of them.

Coming up on June 15th is our monthly dinner at the Canteen. Jane Hallstead is cooking for all the Vets and, as usual, it will be delicious! She is grilling chicken (well, actually, Geoff will be the Griller) and will have delicious sides. Clothing, food, and personal products will be available to those Vets that are in need. I hope we will have a good turnout of Moms and Vets.

On July 30-31, the Annual Shootout for Soldiers La Crosse Event put on by the SFS event committee. Again, Jane and Geoff are an integral part of planning and executing the event. The funds raised are shared with the Blue Star Mothers and the Veteran's Outreach Center. Please do volunteer to help Beth at the BSM table on Saturday, July 30th. She will be there all by herself. I will be there on Sunday after returning from the National Convention in Long Beach, California, the night before. It is an exciting event and all the teams play their hearts out, including a team made up of Veterans!

The Convention begins on Monday, July 25th, in Long Beach, California. There are going to be decisions made that demands the presence of both Jean Burlingame, our Past National President, and myself as this is the only time we can vote on things. We thought we would risk it this year. We will be meeting up with Ellie Ramsey, a long-distance member who currently lives in Nevada. Ellie has been a member of BSM for many years when she lived in Sacramento but decided to join our Chapter prior to moving. We are looking forward to seeing her!

Please keep all of our Service children in your prayers and pray for peace in the Ukraine. Their national emblem is the sunflower, a joyous symbol of hope for all of us.

Happy Fourth of July!

Joyce

Results from elections held on October 9, 2021

Blue Star Mothers - New York #1 Elected Executive Board for 2021-2022

President – Joyce Mader

1st Vice President – Nancy Bardeen

2nd Vice President – Linda Green

3rd Vice President – Valerie Haynes

Recording Secretary – Peg McCarthy

Financial Secretary - Bobbie Metcalfe

Treasurer – Beth Olson

The following positions are appointed.

Corresponding Secretary – shared by Jean Burlingame and Bobbie Metcalfe

Chaplain – Nancy Bardeen

Historian – Jane Hallstead

Parliamentarian – Peg McCarthy

Patriotic Instructor – Ann Wido

Sgt. at Arms – Linda Green

As of March 4th, 2022, there are 39 moms and as of November, 2021, there are 44 associate members.



At the April 9th meeting, Moms attending put together Easter baskets for our Vets!

The Chicken BBQ fundraiser on Saturday, May 14th, went extremely well!!! We sold all but 39 of the chickens, nearly all the bake sale table, and a few donations! Val H did a great job of organizing everything with Grove Brothers. Set up was at 9AM. By 10:30, the delicious smells started drawing people to our tent. They browsed our dessert selection till 11AM when the first chickens came off the grill.

Thanks to everyone who donated baked goods, volunteered to help, and to Grove Boys. The guys that cooked the chicken, salt potatoes, coleslaw, and very nice rolls with butter. All was grand. Bobbie should have the numbers soon.

Share and spread the word! VVA Chapter #803 Elmira, NY is hosting the Traveling Vietnam Wall Memorial at Elmira's Eldridge Park June 29 through July 4, 2022. Anyone wishing to donate time or funds to the event or questions on signing up please contact Marty Chalk (607)426-5819, Coordinator. For Reading of the Names contact John or Mary Burin at 607-731-5328, and for volunteer opportunities contact Mary Burin 607-731-5328.
Submitted by Michael Murphy, Chemung County DVA

The garden at the Canteen is flourishing, thanks to Beth, Mike, and all their efforts to tidy it up. We have peonies, roses, Lily of the Valley, hostas, as well as a myriad of other plants to make the garden a joy to behold.

There will not be a NY#1 meeting till September, but there will still be dinners once a month at the Canteen. Dinner for June is set. Val, Bobbie, and Joyce will be making dinner for July. Please contact Linda if you can handle the following months. You only have to prepare for about 20 people.

There is patriotic bunting up on the porch of the Canteen and it looks great! The neighbor next door mows the front lawn of the Canteen when he mows his own. His Dad is a Marine Viet Nam Vet and actually owns the house. This is very kind and we are grateful.

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 (URGENT NEED) 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 September, 2022; 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.

