



IN A MILITARY FAMILY, WE ALL SERVE!

JUNE, 2024

### ***Chapter President's Letter***

The chicken BBQ on June 1<sup>st</sup> went well and the bake sale was a smash hit!! Thanks to all who participated, set up, cleaned up, etc. Many thanks to Dick Metcalfe, Brian Mader and Wesley Fagin (Our Vet) for all their wonderful help. Many thanks to Jeff Gallahan for a terrific job and some really great chicken and sides. The weather cooperated so not too hot, not too cool but just right.

There will NOT be a meeting in June, July or August as everyone is overwhelmed and very busy with company, traveling, etc. We will need some helpers for the Shoot out for Soldiers and the Female Veterans event at Canandaigua VA on August 6th. I will not be here to help so if you can assist Bobbie, please let her know. Our next meeting will be held on September 14<sup>th</sup> and we will hold elections that day as well.

We are having a table at the "Honor Our Vets" Day at the Farmer's Market in Lyons on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Set up begins at 7:00 a.m. and Market opens at 8:00 a.m. - Noon. You can shop as well for fresh produce! I will be there beside the Tent for Toys for Tots (Bobbie and Cliff). I hope I will see some of you there.

We are also having a table, as we did last year, for Shootout for Soldiers. We will be up by the big parking lot so it's very easy access. There will be food trucks and we have contributed 6 baskets so far. (Bobbie hit all the recruiting stations). Please let me or Bobbie know if you can assist. Thanks!

Our next big fundraiser will be the Tailgate Party on September 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. We will need lots of help on that day and hope to have a very good turnout. Please come and be part of the fun!!

Happy Summer,  
Joyce

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As of May 22<sup>nd</sup>, there are 30 Moms and 32 associate members in NY#1.

### **Results from elections held on October 14, 2023**

#### **Blue Star Mothers – New York #1 Elected Executive Board for 2023-2024**

President – Joyce Mader

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Linda Green

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Valerie Haynes

Recording Secretary – Peg McCarthy

Financial Secretary and Membership Chair – Bobbie Metcalfe

Treasurer – Fran Gallahan

The following positions are appointed.

Corresponding Secretary – shared by Jean Burlingame and Bobbie Metcalfe

Chaplain – Jean Burlingame

Historian – Jane Hallstead

Parliamentarian – Peg McCarthy

Patriotic Instructor – Ann Wido

Sgt. At Arms – Becky Nohe



On April 12<sup>th</sup>, we were finally able to hold a Memorial Service for our dear friend Terrence McLamb who passed away last year on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We held the memorial at the shelter in the new National Cemetery in Corfu, New York, which is outside Buffalo. We had quite a few Vets attend and Terrence's sister, Glynisse. It was a very cold, windy, rainy day but our hearts were warm as we remembered our friend and all the good things he had done, his giving nature, and his joy of living. Stories were exchanged and it was truly a warm, uplifting ceremony. We then went to put flowers on the grave site and nearly got blown to OZ with the winds! Terrence would have laughed his head off! We ended the day by taking the guys and Glynisse to lunch at the Batavia Diner. Everyone had a great time and Wesley flirted with every waitress who got close. When all was said and done, everyone

agreed that we gave Terrence a fantastic send off, in fact, Alfred decided that, when he passes, he wants the same send off! It was a

long day but we had closure finally. Rest in Peace, Terrence. We miss you.

Bobbie Metcalfe is now a proud Great-grandmother for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time! Linkin James was born on May 13<sup>th</sup> to Bobbie's granddaughter, Rae Marie, joining his big sister, Ivey.



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#### Canteen News

Canteen is in need of belts for the Vets!  
Canteen needs cleaning and organizing!



The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner of the founding of NY#1 was held on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at Prosecco's on Rt 332 in Farmington. Twenty members and friends attended and shared a great, delicious meal which included Chicken French, Manicotti, and, of course, dessert! One of our newest members, Susan McCloy from Idaho, flew in just for the occasion, her first trip to the Empire State! Joyce, Brian, and Bobbie drove her to Buffalo for an upstate specialty Beef on Weck and a quick trip to Niagara Falls!



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VA Finger Lakes Women Veterans Program is hosting a Women's Health Day events and NY#1 was invited to participate.

Bath, NY on Tuesday, 5/2/24 from 10A-2P – Beth, Joyce, and Bobbie will host a table. This event went well and everyone was appreciative!

Rochester Outpatient Clinic on 6/26/24 from 10A-2P in Monroe County. Joyce and Bobbie will host a table.

Canandaigua, NY in the courtyard on Tuesday 8/6/24 from 10A-2P – Bobbie will host a table. If available to sit at the table with Bobbie, please let her know!

Farmington Am Vets hosting 2 dinners for women Veterans. The first is July 10<sup>th</sup> and the second is November 13<sup>th</sup>. Both will be at Mertensia Lodge in Farmington.

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

Shootout for Soldiers will be on July 27-28, 2024. NY#1 and Honor Flight will benefit from this fundraiser. NY#1 will donate 2 raffle baskets for the cause.

National Convention is in Oklahoma City, OK from July 29 to August 2 at the Sheraton Downtown. NY#1 voted at the March meeting to pay for a room for 5 nights. If interested in attending, please let Bobbie or Jean B know of your intentions.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica Wall will be in Penn Yan on August 8-11 at the Penn Yan Fireman's Field, 110 Hicks Street. It will be open 24 hours and closes at 2PM on August 11. For more info, call 315-536-5196 or visit [THEWALLTHATHEALS.YATESCOUNTY.COM](http://THEWALLTHATHEALS.YATESCOUNTY.COM).

Save the date! September 7th, 2024 for another tailgate fundraiser, craft fair, and food truck rodeo at the Canteen! Starts at 10AM until 4PM. NY#1 is already receiving donations for raffle baskets. Feel free to make one to donate! The more the merrier!

### **BSMA NY#1 Ongoing 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.*

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Interested in contributing information for a future newsletter? The next newsletter will be published in September, 2024; 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.





