



In a military family, we all serve!

September, 2025

Chapter President's Letter

Dear Everyone,

We had a wonderful turnout for our elections today! You will see the full roster of new officers in the pages of this newsletter. We said farewell to one of our Founding members, Jean Burlingame, who is transferring to another Chapter to work on a special project with another PNP, Judy Dorsey, and the rest of the Gavel Club. We thank her for all her efforts for NY #1 and wish her all the best going forward.

We have had a very busy summer and now, as we are sliding into autumn, hopefully things will slow down a bit. With the weather being cooler, we need volunteers to tackle the tremendous confusion upstairs and get it and the Barn sorted out. Both places look like a candidate for that hoarders show on TV!

We are having dinner this coming Wednesday, 17 September 2025 from 4-6 PM. It is a late summer barbecue. The yard and garden are being maintained by both Brian and Stephen and are looking good. We are planning to go and purchase blinds for the downstairs windows very soon to get some privacy along the driveway side of the house.

The Female Veterans Health Fairs went very well! Everyone was very happy to get a gift bag and a handmade blanket. The Squishmallow characters were donated from Toys for Tots and were also a big hit. Jane and Geoff had another good year on Shootout for Soldiers where we had a table. It was hot but we had a good time. Brian was nominated by Jane Hallstead to receive a "Quilt of Valor" for his service to our country, and it was presented to him, as well as others, at the Shootout.

We are already planning for the chicken barbecue in May as well as the craft show. We did very well this past year including a generous matching gift courtesy of Deb Lamphier from Constellation. Everyone did a great job and it was a lot of fun!

So, now we need to get things ready for fall shipping for Holiday for Heroes and for finding needy veteran families or single vets for Christmas. If you have someone in mind, please let Bobbie know.

Thanks to all for all you do!
Joyce

As of September 15, 2025, there are 23 Moms and 26 Associate members in NY#1.

Results from elections held on September 13, 2025

Blue Star Mothers – New York #1 Elected Executive Board for 2025-2026

President – Joyce Mader

1st Vice President – Linda Green

2nd Vice President – MaryAgnes McAvoy

3rd Vice President – Val Haynes

4th Vice President – Ricci Shuttleworth

Recording Secretary – Joanne Acquilano

Financial Secretary – Fran Gallahan and Carol Adamowicz

Treasurer – Bobbie Metcalfe

The following positions are appointed.

Corresponding Secretary – Bobbie Metcalfe

Chaplain – Va Haynes

Historian – Jane Hallstead

Sgt. At Arms – Becky Nohe

Patriotic Instructor – Rose Asproules



National Convention, July 28 to August 2 in Milwaukee, WI, attended by Jean Burlingame

The 1st day of the National Convention, Jean was honored, in front of the entire convention body with a pin for 25 years of service to BSMA. National 1st Vice President Karen Stilwell pinned it on, and she received a standing ovation. A great way to start off one of the best conventions she ever attended. Jean had already decided this would most likely be her last convention since it is difficult for her to travel alone these days. With a heavy heart, Jean said good-bye to some of her dearest friends of over 20 years. Four of the friends told her that they would get her and take her to convention. Jean is overwhelmed to think of all that she has seen and done in 25 years with Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. Jean is happy to say that she still has NY Chapter 1 meetings and events, and she looks forward to making more memories.

September 11th, 2025

Dear Blue Star Mothers and Associates,

I have an opportunity to work with another Past National President on projects that are close to my heart. In order to do this, I will be transferring to Stars and Stripes, Ohio Chapter 2 after the NY1 meeting on Saturday, September 13th. I am very close to all of the Past National Presidents and I am really excited to take on this new adventure with one of them.

It was not an easy decision to transfer, as a charter member, from New York Chapter One. I thought and prayed about it for weeks. My forever friendships in NY1 are precious to me. I will miss all of you very much, but I am sure we will see each other at your events and fundraisers.

I am honored to have served as your Chaplain. Your children are always in my daily prayers, and I wish each of you the happiness you all so richly deserve.

Thank you for the memories of a lifetime.

Love always,
Jean
Burlingame

Past National President

Canteen News

September 17th menu is a cookout! October 15th is by Shootout For Soldiers. November 19th will be a Thanksgiving meal for our Vets! December 17th is scheduled to be pizza and wing with a holiday party. Please contact Linda Green to help out or contribute food at the monthly dinners for our Vets.

Important Upcoming Dates

Next NY#1 meeting is Saturday, October 11th, at the Canteen at 9AM. Hope to see everyone there!

The Gold Star Family Sunday event is September 28th from 2-3 PM at the Four Seasons Chapel at White Haven Memorial Park, 210 Marsh Road, Pittsford.

BBQ fundraiser date is set! Put Saturday, May 30th, 2026, on your calendar now! Event will again be at the Veterans Park in Bloomfield on Route 5/20 near Route 444. There will be a craft fair again and bake sale.



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.

To all the military Moms out there, you are the quiet heroes behind the heroes.

Interested in contributing information for a future newsletter? The next newsletter will be published in December, 2025; the deadline is usually the 15th of the month at the very latest. 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.

