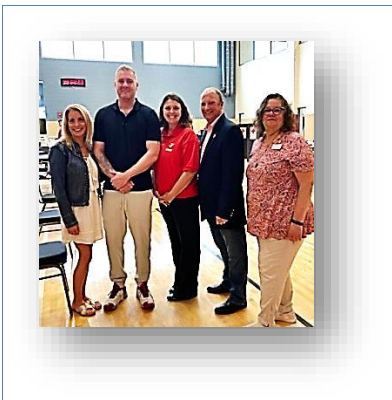


... Additional June 2021 News

Blue Star Mothers, Rochester NY8



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Stephanie Beikirch ; Nick Stefanovic, Dir Monroe County Veteran Services; YMCA Rep; Jim Love, Exec Dir of American Red Cross of Greater Rochester; Sue Lewis, BSM Volunteer with Red Cross for Military and Veterans

On Saturday June 11th the Rochester Blue Star Mothers NY8 supported an American Red Cross community blood drive in memory of local Medal of Honor Recipient, Gary Beikirch. After serving his country in Vietnam as a Green Beret Medic, Gary Beikirch went on to become a school counselor and minister. Gary's wife, Lollie and daughters; Sarah and Stephanie came and supported the blood drive, each donating a unit of blood.

On Saturday, May 21st the American Red Cross presented to the Rochester Blue Star Mothers NY8 "Even War Has Rules, An Introduction to International Humanitarian Law (IHL)".

IHL is a set of rules which seek, for humanitarian reasons, to limit the effects of armed conflict. It protects persons who are not or are no longer participating in the hostilities and restricts the means and methods of warfare. In the course we learned about: a). The Geneva Conventions, the U.S. has ratified and signed all four. b). Types of armed conflicts. c). Rules of engagement. d). Protected persons and protected places. The Red Cross offers these classes free to the community.



Each Blue Star Mom received a lapel pin with the Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Crystal on it, the Emblems of the Red Cross known across the world.

On May 14th BSM Tammy Ensmann and Nancy General attended a Veterans Town Hall event in Hamlin NY. This was a community event designed to address the unique needs of the Veterans in our Community. There was a panel of speakers, a Q&A session and service related tables set up for the Veterans to gather information and sign up for services.

