

Blue Star Mothers Rochester NY8



Rochester, NY chapter officially chartered in 2011

Website: www.bluestarmomsroc.com

Care Package Event: June 18th

Packages of Loving Care were prepared and mailed to overseas deployed service men and women. The 93 boxes were assembled and ready for USPS to pick up and ship. Included were packages to deployed chaplains. We received emails from grateful care package recipients. One of the chaplains was surprised to see a care package sent to him directly. The chaplain thanked BSM. "It has been a morale booster for myself as it's always good to remember the appreciation from a grateful nation." God Bless our Troops!



"The Presidents" photo (LtoR) Dorothy R., Current Pres. Gold Star Mothers; Angie S., Former Pres. Blue Star Mothers (BSM); Amy V. (Center), Current Pres. BSM; and Sue L., Former Pres. BSM.

Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Recruits

Scholars to Soldiers Future Strong Stars Dinner, June 30th

Special thanks to the Ely Fagan American Legion and Mission Barbeque



After dinner each recruit was congratulated and given a \$50.00 gift card. Dinner was provided by Mission Barbeque Community Outreach Organizer, BSM Lynn P. BSM Co-chairs VeraMae Rudd Young and Rochelle Hoftmeister started the Scholar to Soldiers Future Strong Stars service project in 2016. It is collaboration with Army Strong Community Center, Rochester Recruiting Command and the Blue Star Mothers. Our monthly Monday night gatherings from 7-8 PM at Panera Bread help Blue Star Mothers in building bridges with families of all Branches of the Armed Forces. This is an opportunity for families to ask questions about boot camp and deployments. Recruiters, recruits and their families are welcome to join us. For further information call Blue Star Mothers 585-210-9779.

Community Salutes Our U.S. Navy Future Sailors on June 14th at the Greater Rochester Airport International Hall, Class of 2022



Photo: Future Sailors with Special Guest of Honor: LT (Senior Grade) George Milner, 101 Year-old, WWII Veteran Petty officer First Class – U.S. Navy Recruiter, Charlton Harley called upon the BSM to assist with the special ceremony for high school graduates from Rochester and outlying areas. Counties represented: Monroe, Aurora Cayuga, Genesee, Monroe, Ontario, and Wayne.



L: Future Sailors seated, Chaplain and PO1 Harley and speakers, R: BSM Ginny N. with her son LT. Nguyen, Chaplain Mary Anne & her sister, Angela M. BSM Associate

BSM Chaplain Mary Anne Zani gave the Invocation, Benediction and spoke to families about the importance of becoming connected with the Blue Star Mothers for support including Operational Security (OPSEC) while their sons and daughters are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Ceremony highlights: PO1 Charlton Harley, Master of Ceremony; Swearing In, LT Nguyen (son of BSM Ginny Nguyen); and Presentation of Certificates, Chief Boeh. There were seven speakers: Christin Harley, W. Irondequoit Teacher, (mother of Charlton Jr.); Dr. Thomas Putnam, Penfield Superintendent; Veteran John Luce, Penfield American Legion; Korey Brown, Monroe County Under Sheriff; Josh Jensen, 134th Assembly District (AD); Marjorie Byrnes, 133rd AD; and Brian Manktelow, 130th AD.

CompeerCorps Summer Kickoff: June 25th; The picnic was held at the Chile American Legion Post 1830. Veteran and service organizations were represented. BSM NY8 met veterans and blue star families. Special thanks to CompeerCorps.



Photo LtoR, Nancy L., Amy V., and Mary Anne Z.