**Blue Star Mothers ROC NY 8 Volunteer Opportunities**

**Army Navy Game Fundraiser:** 2nd Saturday in December includes basket raffles, auctions, 50/50 tickets. Help needed: collect items for baskets, create baskets, support at event: selling tickets, set-up/clean-up. Contact Nancy General via text at 585-281-1417 or email her at bluestarmothersroc@gmail.com to volunteer.

**Military Baby Shower:** Annually in May, a community baby shower for military and veteran families expecting a child or have an infant less than 6 months old. Help needed: collect shower gifts, ask for donations, create baskets, support at event: decorating, picking up food items, welcoming moms, serving food, set-up/clean-up. Contact Amy VanDerwerken at president.ny8@bluestarmothers.us or Jill Harris at 1vp.ny8@bluestarmothers.us to volunteer.

**Care Packages:** Boxes packed/mailed in June & November to service members deployed overseas. Help needed: solicit postal addresses for deployed service members, collect care package items, promote our Amazon gift list for needed care package items. Friday night before packing: set-up of donated items. Saturday morning: put together mailing boxes, fill boxes, seal boxes. Contact Debbie Trevett at treas.ny8@bluestarmothers.us or Kathy Dodsworth at kdodsworth@frontiernet.net to volunteer.

**Gold Star Sunday:** Last Sunday in September. Community event to at White Haven Memorial Park to remember and honor service members killed in service and to support their families and friends. Help needed: lining up speakers, publicity, creating flyer/program, set-up/clean-up, greeting guests Contact Rochester Blue Star Mothers NY8 at bluestarmothersroc@gmail.com to volunteer.

**Lights of Honor:** First Sunday afternoon in December. Community event to honor and remember service members past and present with speakers and the hanging of ornaments with pictures of the service members on Christmas tree. Help needed: lining up speakers and entertainment, creating ornaments, publicity, creating flyer/program, set-up/clean-up, greeting guests. Contact Jeanne Ristau at jeanneristau6064@gmail.com or Dory Braun at dbraun4@gmail.com to volunteer.

**Veteran Stand Down:** Organized annually by Veteran Outreach Center in September for area veterans with information on community services, employment and support. Held during the day on Friday at the Public Market in Rochester. Help needed: serving lunch to veterans, staffing BSM table and handing out hygiene supplies, set-up/clean-up. Contact Amy VanDerwerken at president.ny8@bluestarmothers.us to volunteer.

**Veteran Women’s Coffee House**: Monthly get-together for veteran women. Dinner will be served. Help needed: preparing food for dinner, set-up/clean-up. CoChairs are Nancy Bird and Dory Braun. Contact Dory Braun at dbraun4@gmail.com to volunteer.