

## November 2024



# Blue Star Mothers ROC

We are mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers and female legal guardians who have children serving in the military, guard or reserves, or children who are veterans. We support each other and our children while promoting patriotism. Our organization focuses on our mission every single day and will never, ever, forsake our troops, our veterans or the families of our Fallen Heroes.

### Upcoming Events/Meetings

\* **\*\*\*\*\*NOTE CHANGE\*\*\*\*\***

**NO December  
BSM Meeting**

- \* BSM Meeting:  
January 18th @9:30am  
Henrietta Ely Fagan American Legion, 260 Middle Road, Henrietta NY
- \* Future Strong Stars:  
January 7th @7-8pm  
Panera Bread 795  
Jefferson Rd, Henrietta NY  
See 2025 schedule on page 6
- \* Women Veterans' Coffee House:  
December 13th @5:30pm  
Ely Fagan American Legion. RSVP to 585-210-9779  
See 2025 Schedule on page 5
- \* Wreaths Across America  
December 14th 12noon  
Webster
- \* Army Navy Game  
December 14th  
See page 3 for details

[Volunteers Needed for the events listed below](#)  
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\*Wreaths Across American  
Dec 4th

\*Army Navy Game Dec 14th

## November Care Packages

On Saturday, November 23rd 240 care packages were crammed full with treats, hygiene items, socks, toys, magazines, and jerky and on their way to service members stationed over seas and to 15 Red Cross Service Stations supporting service members in places like Poland, Estonia, Jordan, and Romania. See page 2 for more pictures.



# November Care Packages



Join the Fun!

# BLUE STAR MOTHERS ROC ARMY VS. NAVY GAME FUNDRAISER



December 14th, 2024 @ Noon  
Spencerport American Legion Post 330  
691 Trimmer Rd, Spencerport, NY 14559



## Tailgating, Raffles, 50/50, Food & Drinks

Come join the fun!  
*Service Dogs Welcome*

Pre-game Starts at Noon  
Kickoff is at 3PM

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:  
NANCY GENERAL or MARCY DEWAAL  
(585) 210-9779  
BLUESTARMOTHERSROC@GMAIL.COM  
[www.BlueStarMomsRoc.com](http://www.BlueStarMomsRoc.com)

## Supporting the VA Food Pantry

Support the Canandaigua and Rochester VA Food Pantry by bringing something from the Pantry List to our monthly Blue Star Mothers meeting.

### Pantry List

**Canned chicken**

**Pasta**

**Rice-A-Roni Meals**

**Oatmeal**

**Canned Fruit**

**Reusable Shopping Bags**

**Canned Tuna**

**Pasta Sauce (glass/plastic jar or cans)**

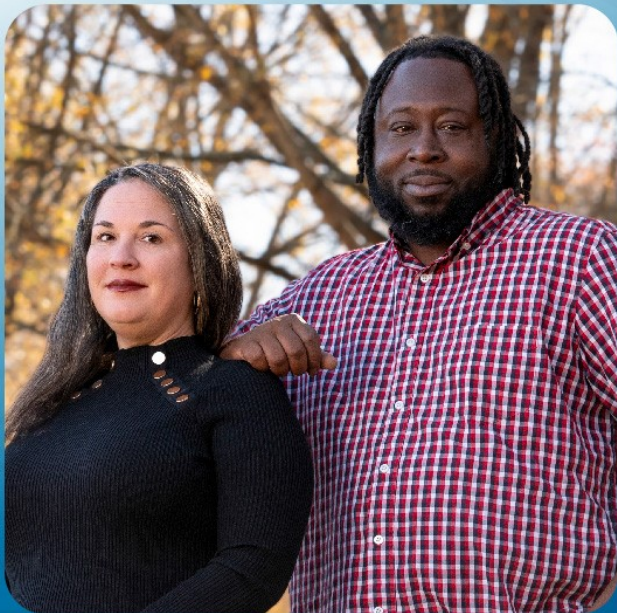
**Peanut Butter**

**Cereal**

**Canned Vegetables**

## Veteran Crisis Line

**Call 988 and select 1 or Text 838255**



It takes courage to speak up when you recognize signs of crisis in yourself or others.



## VETERAN WOMEN'S COFFEE HOUSE 2025 DATES

The following dates are the 2025 dates for the Veteran Women's Coffee House at the Ely Fagan Stevens Connor American Legion Post 1151, 260 Middle Rd, Henrietta NY 14467 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm:

January 10th, February 14, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12.

The dates and location for the March and April Coffee House get together to be determined.



**Monroe Powers  
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**KEEPING OUR PROMISE TO AMERICA'S  
VETERANS**

The local DAV (Disabled American Veterans) has a new office located at  
**Ste 4 1239 University Ave  
Rochester NY 14607-1636  
Phone: (585) 451-5218**

The DAV Mission Statement: We are dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. We accomplish this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.

# 2025 Future Strong Stars



Come for dinner with us at Panera Bread locations, 7-8 p.m.

Help us in building bridges with the Families of all Branches of the Armed Forces.

06 JAN	Henrietta	795 Jefferson Road
03 FEB	Gates	1501 Howard Road
03 MAR	Brighton	1902 Monroe Avenue
07 APR	Greece	800 Greece Ridge Center Drive
05 MAY	Fairport	16 Courtney Drive
02 JUN	Webster	935 Holt Road
07 JUL	Henrietta	795 Jefferson Road
04 AUG	Gates	1501 Howard Road
01 SEP (Labor Day)	Brighton	1902 Monroe Avenue
06 OCT	Greece	800 Greece Ridge Center Drive
03 NOV	Fairport	16 Courtney Drive
01 DEC	Webster	935 Holt Road

Blue Star Mothers: 585-210-9779 or [bluestarmomsroc.com](http://bluestarmomsroc.com)

## Volunteer Opportunities

Our chapter grows and is able to help more service members, veterans and military families because of volunteers. We need the support of all members, associate members, and those thankful for our military to have successful events like The Veteran Stand Down, Lights of Honor, Care Packages etc. Please look at the opportunities below and see how you can help. Our kids stood up and volunteered, now we need YOU to do the same.

**Army Navy Game Fundraiser:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:president.ny8@bluestarmothers.us) or Jill Harris at [1vp.ny8@bluestarmothers.us](mailto: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](mailto:treas.ny8@bluestarmothers.us) or Kathy Dodsworth at [kdodsworth@frontiernet.net](mailto:kdodsworth@frontiernet.net) 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](mailto:jeanneristau6064@gmail.com) or Dory Braun at [dbraun4@gmail.com](mailto:dbraun4@gmail.com) to volunteer.

**Veteran Women's Coffee House:** Monthly get-together for veteran women. Dinner is 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](mailto:dbraun4@gmail.com) to volunteer.

**Wreaths Across American:** Volunteers are needed on Saturday, December 7th at 10am at Webster Union Cemetery (345 Webster Rd, Webster, NY 14580) begin marking 2,200 Veteran graves in 4 Webster cemeteries in preparation for the December 14th 12noon event when wreaths will be laid at the graves. Contact Cherie Wood at 585-305-8250 with questions or to sign-up to volunteer.