

MILITARY *Women's* BULLETIN



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At 100 years young, Unit #10 co-founder celebrates 40 years of MWAN/WN membership

By Sherri Leslie & Pat Cerchio, Unit #10 members

Helen says the best decision she made in her life was some 80 years ago when she went to Paramount Pictures in New York City to see Frank Sinatra.

Before the main feature, the theatre played a short Navy public relations film. The story told about a woman after the war showing her daughters her scrapbook about the part she played in the war effort. Boot camp, yeoman school, and her work in the nation's capital, all told an impressive story which Helen took to heart.

Helen (Wendt) Knapp (*at right in uniform*) joined the US Navy WAVES in August 1944, and attended boot camp at Navy Training School (Women Reserves) in Hunter College, NY.

"Hunter was familiar ground as I graduated from school in the Bronx," she said, adding with a laugh, "Midwesterners were surprised we had trees in the Bronx."

She attended Navy yeoman school at Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, IA, and was stationed at the Bureau of Ships in Washington, DC, until her discharge in 1946.



Helen (right) reminiscing with her scrapbook & sharing memories with Unit #10 President Pat Cerchio.

"While at Cedar Falls, I spent many weekends on farms and learned to know and love the farm area, as well as the wonderful families who loved the country and their land," she remembered wistfully.

Helen married after her time in the Navy, had two daughters, and eventually settled in New Castle, DE. She now has four grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, one great, great grandchild, with another on the way.

"The Navy taught me the love of people, and the experience prepared me for life," Helen said. "I worked in people-oriented businesses, with people from all over the country, and climbed the ladder with success attributed to my Navy experience. "I will always be thankful to the Lord who led me to this wonderful experience," she added.

"In early 1980's, me and my good friend Jane Steele, also a Navy Veteran, were among those who started the 'First State WAVES, Unit #10' (now First State Military Women Warriors, Unit 10) to keep our Navy women together," Helen boasted. "I have made many lifelong friends in this group."

Helen also helped start the Faith Lutheran Church, and was a manager with Sarah Coventry Jewelry traveling all over the state and around the country.

In her free time, she developed a passion for painting during some 50 years of studying with Edward Loper, a prominent artist in Wilmington.

Large oil paintings have always adorned her home, and some are still displayed in the nursing home room where she now lives.

Although Helen no longer does large oil paintings, she still paints watercolors in books (*shown at right*) which are a much more manageable size. This past year, one of her daughters took one of Helen's oil paintings, and had it made into a Christmas card for family, friends, and the nursing home staff.



Helen will celebrate her 100th birthday on July 17th. If you would like to send birthday greetings to Helen, please send the card to Helen Knapp, c/o Unit #10 Secretary Sharon Walker, PO Box 11252, Wilmington, DE 19850.

→→ **Don't Forget!** ←←

Unit President Status DUE 1 July

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August Bulletin Input DUE 1 July

Regional Rep Report DUE 1 August

Please contact your Regional Representative listed on Page 10 of this bulletin, if you have questions.

Presidential Ponderings

by GinaMarie Doherty, National President

Please help me welcome Maura Mooney to the Board of Directors. She will serve as Vice President for Finance, beginning on 1 June. Maura Mooney was confirmed to replace Terry Taylor, our Interim Vice President for Finance. These two ladies deserve all our gratitude and appreciation for their hard work. Please give them a call and tell them how much we appreciate them. They fill a very demanding position on the Board of Directors managing budgets, funds, and financial accounts.

There are four months left to earn a free MILWOMEN tee shirt. From September 2022 to September 2023 if you recruit three new members, contact me and I will send you a MILWOMEN tee shirt!

The Board of Directors will hold its 2023 Midterm Meeting in August in Tennessee. If you have ideas for our organization, please reach out to your Regional Representative. They represent you!

I hope and pray you had a chance to participate in appropriate ceremonies for our departed sisters on Memorial Day. May they all Rest in Peace.

Editor Observations

by Patty Parks, Military Women's Bulletin Editor

Special thanks this month goes to all the members-at-large and unit members who took time to share narratives and photos of their activities! Potential members always ask, "What do you do?" It is a delight to share a copy of our latest bulletin which shows them the diversity of our membership!

Whether hosting bake or yard sales; visiting home-bound veterans; encouraging our community's youth, or flying off to visit memorials in Washington, DC, military women never tire of serving their communities and their nation.

If you have an idea for a new column or a particular item you think would be of interest to our membership, please let me know! This is YOUR publication, so help me out!

Please keep those stories and snapshots headed my way so we can continue to fill our pages with your exploits!

Officers' Call

Supply Snapshot & Special

by Linda Coffield, Supply Locker Officer

Why wait for winter? Take advantage of this springtime special, and get your snuggly, warm sweatshirt for only \$25! That's a savings of more than 10%!



This roomy, white sweatshirt is made by Gildan, and is a heavy blend of 50/50 cotton and polyester. It has the MWAN logo screened center front, and is available in sizes small through 4-XL.

See Page 11 of this bulletin for other items available through the MWAN Supply Locker!

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Sound Off!

KEYSTONE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #6 (PA) – In celebration of Women's History Month we were honored at a luncheon for female veterans at the Folsom Senior Center. We were asked to speak about our time in the service and what it meant to us. Present were Tina Crowding, Ruthie Severino, Louise Manz and Pat Sherwood.

On March 12th, Pat attended a special event at Women's Memorial in Arlington featuring guest speaker, Jessica Lynch, a prisoner of war from the Iraq War. She told of her time as a prisoner and the heart-stopping moment when she realized she was being rescued by American soldiers. Pat was delighted to talk with Jessica, and got an autographed copy of her book, I Am a Soldier, Too.



Pat Sherwood (left) with former-POW Jessica Lynch.

Jessica was slated to be guest speaker at the 2020 MWAN convention in Ohio, which was canceled due to Covid-19. Pat says Jessica is an amazing person, and hopefully we will all get to meet her sometime in the future.

Our April unit meeting was held at Ruthie's home with six members present. Though we've lost membership, it was decided to keep our unit active. Dues were sent to MWAN along with copies of our charter, unit bylaws and a list of our current officers. Our next meeting will be in September, at a location to be determined.

FIRST STATE MILITARY WOMEN WARRIORS

Unit #10 (DE) – Unit 10 co-founder and Past-President Jane Steele passed away last year; a few weeks shy of her 100th Birthday. Serving as unit president for more than 14 years, Jane was a driving force in our unit for many years before and after her presidency, and left us with many wonderful memories.

Early in her Navy days, Jane's Army husband Paul asked in one of his letters for her to send him some cigars. Jane was caught on camera trying out one of the cigars. What a surprise for her when the cigar photo re-appeared at her 90th birthday in the form of decorative stand-ups. Jane took the photos home at the end of the party!

In another Jane memory, in 2018 when the Delaware Women's Service Monument was dedicated, Jane, along

with other WWII women veterans served as parade grand marshals. Jane was wearing a navy-blue sweater with white stars, and selected a red Corvette as the "perfect accessory" for her parade ride.

Jane at right trying out a cigar, and below with her red Corvette accessory!



GULF COAST DOLPHINS

Unit #56 (FL) – Our unit donated \$600 to the Young Marines of Imagine School at North Port (Middle & High School). The funds possibly will go toward training equipment for an obstacle course.

During the presentation, our unit members were invited to watch an initial entry induction ceremony, a promotion ceremony, and a drill & ceremony with marching outdoors.

We had the opportunity to discuss our 20-year military careers with the students, and let them know about our children who chose both the officer and enlisted military opportunities. This was a fantastic mentorship encounter with young students in our community.



Presentation of \$600 check to Young Marines. Pictured (l-r): Donna Rae Hitchcock, Denise Costa presenting check to Young Marine 1SG Terry & Sue Howell.

REDWOOD EMPIRE MILITARY WOMEN

Unit #77 (CA) – Unit members celebrated Women's History Month and Military Women's History Week in March with many activities. We held regular meetings in April and May, and participated with other veteran service organizations in a Memorial Day Program.



Rose Nowak at left as "Rosie" at the Rosie the Riveter Museum in Richmond, CA.

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REDWOOD EMPIRE, Unit #77 (CA) – Continued



Pictured at the Rosie the Riveter Museum (left to right) are Rose Nowak, Kate O'Hare Palmer, Emily Sousa, Trisha Almond, Maura Mooney, Pat Tremaine & Lisa Lim.



Staff & students at the US Coast Guard Training Center joined numerous Unit #77 members at the Military Women's History Week lunch.

TRIANGLE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #144 (NC) – Unit members assembled 37 comfort purses for a local non-profit, "Women Veterans Support Services, Inc." (WVSS). WVSS is a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to provide compassionate care to women veterans in the Triangle in times of crisis; ensure they receive the benefits to which they and their families are entitled, and connect them to community support. They also educate and advocate locally and nationally on issues affecting women veterans. Below, Yoneka Moore Trent (left) and Shelley Kirk show off their handiwork.



On April 8th, members continued to create sleeping mats for homeless veterans that will be donated once we've completed a sufficient amount. These are made with "PLARN". Plastic grocery bags are cut in pieces and tied together to make a long row of "plarn", which is then crafted into the mats.



Plarn crafters pictured above are (left to right) Bess Corriveau, Yoneka Moore Trent, Adina Lev, and Linnea Sommer-Weddington.

Hosted by Cary American Legion Post 67, there were about 30 VA administrators and 15 veteran service officers on hand to assist veterans with existing and new VA claims during the 3-day Veterans Experience Action Center (VEAC)/Veteran's Benefits Live (VBL) event in Cary.

TWV #144 hosted a table and offered applications to join us while handing out our postcards chocked full of information.

On March 25th, we held our meeting at the American Legion Post #67 Hall in Cary. Agenda items included: draft budget; treasurer's report; and other topics for our first meeting of the calendar year. A zoom meeting was arranged for those who could not attend in person.

We took time during the meeting to hold a very special ceremony to recognize our nine Vietnam Era Veterans (VEV) with "Quilts of Honor" (*not to be confused with Quilts of Valor*). Two very special members - Adina Lev and Jill Blakeley – spent hours of their time, energy, and fabric, handcrafting these beautiful quilts. The honorees served between 1955 and 1975. These beautiful quilts (see photo) were stunning and had individual meanings selected for each veteran it was wrapped in at the ceremony.



Wrapped in their Quilts of Honor are (left to right) are Brenda Brubaker, Debbie Crutchfield, Jo Flack, Ann Lewis, & Jean McMillan.

A week later, the leadership team traveled to Sanford following Sanford's Flag Ceremony to Vietnam Veterans, and honored the remaining unit members - Pat Childers, April Maggart, and Carolyn Comfort - by cloaking them in their VEV quilts. One more member, Scottie Hudson, will be recognized in Burlington in the near future.

MEMPHIS BELLES

Unit #151 (TN) – Jean Jungkans and Kathy Desjarlais attended the VA Health Fair and Outreach in West Memphis, Arkansas, to recruit and spread the word about our organization. Jean (pictured below) was excited about several potential new members with whom she spoke.



The event was the day after two EF-3 tornadoes tore through Tipton County, where most of our members live. Thankfully, none of our members were injured, but some sustained property damage.

Sami Philips (pictured below with storm debris in the background), whose neighborhood was directly in the path of one of the tornados, headed out to assist with cleanup; while Anne Day, Linda Coffield, and Kathy worked a fundraiser at a local café.



Seven area veteran organizations came together to work or donate toward the fundraiser, which will assist veterans and their families whose homes were lost or damaged by the tornadoes. The event raised over \$3,000. Additionally, Jean collected and donated several bags of bedding and clothing for the tornado victims.

The Tipton County Museum set up an escape room fundraiser for Easter. Theresa Lafond, Linda, Kathy and Anne (pictured below, left to right), excitedly accepted the challenge, and failed miserably, but had a good time.



Anne, Sami, and Linda also participated in the Museum's Trivia Night. Sami and Linda took 1st and 2nd place respectively, while Anne came in 4th. Way to go, Ladies!

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MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

Unit #152 (VA) – We had a special celebration in honor of Women's History Month before the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Christen Hague-Renwick, Commander of the VFW Post 4809, held a social to "Honor Military Women Past, Present and Future". There was a cake, and everyone enjoyed the time to socialize.

Unit member Suz Whitman, had the pleasure of attending a tribute to the WAVES in Honor of Women's History Month which was hosted by the women aboard the USS San Antonio (LPD-17).



Suz Whitman (standing, second from right) with the women of the USS San Antonio.

Our unit provides neck pillows for all veterans who participate on the Old Dominion Honor Flight. Therefore, unit members spend countless hours doing what we call, Stitch & Stuff. Even if members don't know how to sew, they help by stuffing the pillows. At the March 18th Stitch & Stuff, eight members completed 75 pillows. Betty Hand personally prepared 60 pillows ready for stuffing to keep the Patriot Pillows stocked.

Another Old Dominion Honor Flight is now history. Mission #4 took place April 22nd, and – despite the rain - it was a complete success! The guardians and veterans met at the Newport News Mariners Museum at the crack of dawn. Busses were loaded and Mission #4 was underway with an escort of Patriot Guard Riders and police all the way to Washington, DC.



Veterans, guardians and other team members of Old Dominion Honor Flight Mission #4

The first stop was the National Museum of the Marine Corps, where the group had a very special guest to greet and speak to them. Medal of Honor recipient Colonel Harvey "Barney" Barnum, USMC Retired, welcomed the veterans. He spoke to the group thanking not only his fellow veterans but all the guardians for making the honor flight happen.

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TIDEWATER, Unit #152 (VA) – Continued

Once back on the road, the police escort wove the busses through downtown traffic to the WWII Memorial. While visiting the Vietnam War and Korean War memorials many folks returned to the buses as storm clouds approached. While a few got wet, their spirits were not dampened, and the group continued to Arlington Cemetery where they witnessed the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown.

The veterans were treated to a delicious dinner at the Knights of Pythias Lodge #22 in Fredericksburg. Mission #4 returned to the Mariners Museum, in the rain, at about 9:45 p.m. Special Thanks to April Maletz (pictured below with WWII/Korea veteran Irving "Irv" Jones) and her entire Honor Flight team for a fabulous day.



Our unit meets monthly at VFW 4809 in Norfolk. For meeting information, contact Dassa Carvey, at dassahsg@gmail.com or (757) 363-3059.

SALT RIVER MILITARY WOMEN

Unit #155 (AZ) – We are Women Veterans of Salt River Unit 155 and, in the words of Unit Vice President Norma Joiner, "We build morale, and we expand our horizons to better the unit and ourselves".

Some of the good we recently indulged in was in April when we held a baby shower to benefit the Maternity Outreach for Veteran Families (MOVF). Our donated gifts (pictured at right) – many handcrafted – were given to families of Veteran Hospitals Phoenix and Prescott.

Also, our volunteer hours are mounting rapidly. In the next bulletin we'll include photos from the Memorial Day service, including massing of the colors and a wreath laying ceremony.



Unit #155 Baby shower participants (left to right) standing; Sherry, Martha, Lizz, Christine, Georganne, Norma, Carol, Gabe & Yvonne; seated: Elisabeth & son, Joan, Beth, Kitty, Barbara, & Diana. (Last names withheld for privacy.)

TRISTATE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #157 (TN) – April was very busy for our unit. We participated in three information fairs, and now have a total of five new members this year!

Unit member Penny Manna became an instant celebrity at the Chattanooga VA info fair when her song was performed live by the Freedom Sings USA team. Freedom Sings USA helps veterans, military personnel, and their families reach emotional balance through the creative process of songwriting. Visit <https://www.freedomsingsusa.org/> for more information.



Above: Penny Manna (at right) is front and center while VA clinic employee & songstress Bo Cox sings "A Lady in the Corps." Penny's song is available on Freedom Sings USA Album Volume IV.

Below: Beth Wingfield (left) receives a hug from new unit member Kitty Williams who was "delighted" to find us!



The limelight also shown on unit member Rita Waller who was guest speaker at the 2023 Woman Veterans Luncheon hosted by the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC). Rita was the first black woman to graduate, and be commissioned by the UTC ROTC program.

She presented a very entertaining recap of her military service which included serving in the Air Guard, Army and Marine Corps, as well as meeting Tyrone, the love of her life. The program closed with Rita receiving a Quilt of Valor.



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assistance with service-connected claims and entitlements. Barbara Silvia at sweetsissy1997@yahoo.com can provide more information.

LAKELAND ROYAL SWANS

Unit #159 (FL) – Greetings from Lakeland Royal Swans! What a wonderful busy couple of months we have had as our unit continues to grow with two new members joining us in April, and several prospective members in the works!



March meeting attendees were (left to right) Gwen Pipkin, AJ Burr, Grace Tate, Kay Shelby, Kathleen VanMiddlesworth, Jessyca Carpenter & Lorraine Peaslee.

Also in March, we set up a recruiting table at the Lakeland annual Sun 'n Fun Airshow. It was most definitely a hot and windy day: Very windy! Next year we plan to have a canopy for protection from the sun!



Above: Grabbing shade from their hats at the air show are (left to right) Grace Tate, Jessyca Carpenter & Kathleen VanMiddlesworth.

Below: Attendees at our April meeting were (left to right) Kathleen VanMiddlesworth, Allison Smith, Pat Watson, Lorraine Peaslee, Linda Osborn, Karen Warren, Gwen Pipkin, Grace Tate & AJ Burr. Following our meeting, several of us enjoyed lunch at Ford's Garage.



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NEW ENGLAND

Unit #158 (RI) – Unit President Sylvia Weber attended a Military Women's Luncheon at the Rhode Island Veterans Home April 8th. State senators and city officials joined in celebrating Women's History Month by recognizing and honoring women residents, as well as several local women veterans for their service. Music and dancing were also on the agenda as seen in the below snapshot.



Unit member Erika Westbrook was honored on April 29th for her service as a Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary State President. Erika is a case manager Newport County Community Mental Health Center. Founded in 1964, the center provides recovery-oriented, evidence-based and integrated mental health and substance use care to children, adolescents, families, and adults, many of whom are women veterans in Rhode Island.

We participated in a 7-hour Veterans Expo on May 20th in East Providence along with some 40 other organizations and veteran services officers. It was a great opportunity to provide up to date information on benefits, as well as provide

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LAKELAND ROYAL, Unit #159 (FL) - Continued

During April, we volunteered and participated in the Lakeland Flight to Honor Orientation, as well as the Lakeland Flight to Honor Welcome Home Celebration two days after the orientation.



Karen Warren, Kathleen VanMiddlesworth, Grace Tate & Linda Osborn help with Flight to Honor Orientation above, and assist in the welcome home celebration below!



Lakeland is located between Tampa and Orlando. Meetings are held at 11 a.m. on the 4th Saturday each month at American Legion Post 4, 1375 Ariana Street, Lakeland. If you know any sister veterans who may be interested in joining our unit, please have them leave a message for Kathleen VanMiddlesworth at 863-738-4487, or send an email to MilitaryWomenLakeland@gmail.com. We're also on Facebook at facebook.com/LRSofMWAN/.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE, NORTH CAROLINA

By Pat Childers

As an MWAN life member and North Carolina Ambassador for the Military Women's Memorial (MWM), it was my honor to nominate Navy veteran Vivian Ekkela Cunningham for recognition as an MWM Living Legend.

I learned about Vivian who is an MWAN member-at-large when her caregiver reached out to MWAN about celebrating Vivian's upcoming 100th birthday.

I immediately began researching and found she was a charter member of the MWM as well as a member of MWAN. The MWM Living Legend program recognizes military women whose stories of service provide inspiration and example for all to appreciate.

"These women are true trailblazers who paved the way for so many other women to follow, and they deserve far more than just this special recognition," MWM President Phyllis Wilson said of the program.

"Their stories of service not only inspire, but they also increase public awareness of women's contributions to America's national defense. It is our distinct honor to designate World War II YN1 Vivian Ekkela Cunningham as a Living Legend," she continued.



Above, MWM Ambassador Pat Childers (left) presents a Living Legend Award Proclamation to Vivian Cunningham.

Help preserve the rich history of women's military service by registering your service with your memorial. Registration is free and can be completed online at www.womensmemorial.org.





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First Time, NEW Member Dues are \$35 for the period of 1 Jan through 31 Dec

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First Time, New Members will receive an MWAN Membership Card and MWAN T-Shirt:

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