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Decisions... Decisions

by Cathy Carroll, Member at Large, USN, 1953-1957

I was attending Oklahoma Baptist University and had finally found a job that would pay more than the minimum wage of 50 cents an hour, which wasn't enough to begin to cover the tuition costs, let alone all the other expenses. I was ecstatic!

A few days later, the Dean of Women asked to see me. She said, "I understand you have a new job." I said yes and told her that the job was at the Sylvania factory making radio tubes. My shift began at 11 PM and ended at 7 AM, which gave me all sorts of options for scheduling classes. I explained that now I would be making enough money to pay my expenses. She looked me straight in the eye and said, "You know we can't have our young ladies leaving campus at that hour of the night." I said, "If I can't have this job, then I can't continue to go to school." Her reply was, "Well . . .?"

After three days of deliberation, sleepless nights, worry, prayers and lots of tears, I decided to join the Army. Then I would come back and finish school on the GI Bill and not have to worry about finances or the Dean of Women. I rode the bus to Oklahoma City and on the way to the Army Recruiting Office I passed the Navy Recruiting Office. As I was looking at the posters in the window, I thought that perhaps I would look better in Navy blue than in olive drab. So about a month later I found myself in Bainbridge, MD, in the Navy's boot camp for women, committed to four years.

Have you ever made a commitment, signed papers, swore to whatever and suddenly, in a flash, you thing, "What have I done?"

I can give you the day and the hour it happened to me. It was 4AM that first morning in Bainbridge when the bugle sounded and I'd have sworn it was no farther than 6 inches from my ear! My first thought was, "Four years of this?! What have I done!?"

Deliberate decisions that seem to go awry - We have all made them. But looking back on those decisions in your life, can you see God at work?

I don't have to tell you that the decision to join the Navy was a very significant time in my life. It was a deliberate commitment that in the beginning looked catastrophic but began an education and a career that I could never have dreamed.

There are those decisions that are calculated, deliberate and cannot fail. Right? Wrong!

When I first joined the Navy, my intention was to be a medical Corps WAVE. After I really thought that over, I

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The President's Message

Ladies:

I am pleased to tell you that several units have come in requesting name changes to incorporate our new membership criteria. Units are doing a good job and we are moving forward with ladies from the Army and Air Force joining our ranks. Good job, everyone!

Are you aware that the Naval War College, in Newport, RI, is collecting oral histories of women who served in WW II in the WAVES, SPARS, and Marine Reserves (MR)? These histories are being archived so that future generations can access this historical data and get a sense of what it was like for women serving during WW II. You can access the histories on line by going to https://usnwcarchive.org/collections/show/25.

Once you access this page, you will see World War, 1939-1945–Personal narratives. **Items in the Women in World War II Oral Histories Collection.** Click on this link and it will take you to several pages of interviews. It would be interesting to know if any of our members know any of the interviewees.

I am looking forward to having the results of our scholarship contest and being able to congratulate the winner. The winner, along with the winning essay, will appear in the August White Caps.

I hope you submitted your suggestions for new names for the White Caps, Foam Off the WAVES, From the Bridge and Ship's Store. It will be exciting to see

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FROM THE BRIDGE

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Barb Sebring

Plans are in the works for our Regional Conferences. As noted in the last White Caps, Region 1 has set the date for their conference. It will be held in Las Vegas on 25 August. If you plan on attending and have not yet registered, please get your application in to our Region 1 Representative, LouAnn Huskisson, as soon as possible.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Region 5 Conference has been cancelled.

Region 6 will hold their conference starting on Thursday, 24 Sept to Sunday, 27 Sept. Region 6 Representative Andrea Cadieux is hard at work getting that set up.

Members are encouraged to attend their local conferences. It is a chance to get to know what is happening in your area. It is especially important for those that are not members of a unit that meet regularly. As MAL's, it gives you a chance to catch up with other members in your area. Let's all get behind these hard working Representatives and attend the meetings. Fun will be had by all! I hope to have more info on the other regions by the next White Caps.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Cheryl Adams

Please keep working on your name change and by-laws. If you can't find your by-laws, I may have them in your original file that is in my possession.

Your Regional Representatives and State Directors/Organizers should be able to help you with questions on reorganizing into MWAN. I am also here to help, so let me know if you have any problems with this or you still have questions. My contact information is on page 14 of the White Caps.

Keep Cathy Gerolimatos, Bylaws Chair, and me informed of your progress. Also, please include unit name, unit number and full date, on all correspondence, e-mails, reports etc. Full date is especially important on reports and mailed correspondence.

All acronyms should be spelled out in full the first time they are used in the bylaws or any document, report, etc. Example would be Military Women Across the Nation (MWAN), then you can continue to use just the acronym through the rest of the document.

Rules for disbanding are very simple: Send me (National 2nd Vice President) your original charter, if you can find it, along with short note on why your unit is disbanding. Any funds in checking or savings should be donated to this organization (MWAN) or other non-profit organizations that your unit chooses. History and pictures can be donated to local Veterans Museum and/or Veterans organization. If you can't find your charter, just let me know, I promise, no one will be punished.

RECORDING SECRETARY

GinaMarie Doherty

Keep your newsletters coming, Sisters!! I am opening the competition up to an annual event and want your newsletters! Our 2014 – 2015 MILITARY WOMEN ACROSS THE NATION NEWSLETTER CONTEST deadline will be July 31, 2015. WAVES AND MWAN Newsletters will be considered. They must be dated from ONLY June 2014 – June 2015. Judging Panel will consist of a Retired Army National Guard Colonel, an Active Duty Civil Engineer Corps Naval Officer, and a Civilian Newspaper Editor. No more than (3) newsletters from any one Unit will be reviewed, graded, and judged. Email to YNCSGRD@AOL.COM or mail to: Ten Osage Dr., Middletown, RI 02842.

REMEMBER to include President and Editor contact information IN AT LEAST ONE NEWSLETTER. The contest has five (5) categories: 1. Large Unit, Electronic Newsletter; 2. Small Unit, Electronic Newsletter; 3. Large Unit, Paper Newsletter; 4. Small Unit, Paper Newsletter; and 5. Presidents Choice. MALs ARE considered a unit. Call or email with suggestions or questions: 401-500-1721.

SISTERHOOD IS THE WAY!

BY-LAWS CHAIRMAN

Cathy Gerolimatos

I have two topics to address this month. One is the deadline for proposed MWAN Bylaw Changes. This is the last call. The other is about common misunderstandings in updating and composing unit bylaws. Hopefully, this will be of help to those units who are still working on that phase of their transition as MWAN affiliated unit.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE SUBMISSION

We are fast approaching the deadline for proposed MWAN Bylaw changes. I welcome and encourage your suggestions and recommendations. Your Board of Directors will be meeting in August to review and discuss your proposals. This meeting is step one in moving your proposed bylaw change(s) forward for consideration by the 2016 Biennial Convention. Along with your proposal, include your reason for the change. This is important! Keep in mind, I am your advocate. In order for me to adequately speak for you, I need to know and understand the reason and purpose of the change. I will accept handwritten (legible), mail and e-mail proposed bylaw changes. DEADLINE: 30 JUNE 2015

UNIT BYLAW REVIEW

Some units have already submitted their unit bylaws for review. That is great, and keep them coming. The Bylaws Transition Team reviews each set of bylaws with an eye toward bringing the unit bylaws in alignment with MWAN Bylaws and in compliance with Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR). Though it is wise to use MWAN Bylaws as a guide, keep in mind that there are requirements within the MWAN Bylaws that do not belong in the Unit Bylaws. For example: MWAN Article III Section 6 discusses the removal of a member from MWAN. This authority is exclusive to the MWAN Executive Committee. If the Unit feels compelled to address this in their Bylaws, then cite what procedure the unit will use to bring this matter to the attention of the MWAN Executive Committee. Again, this is not really needed in the unit bylaws.

Another example: MWAN Article III Section 2 discusses classification of membership. Members-at-Large are not a classification of membership within a unit; therefore, it doesn't belong in the unit bylaws.

The granting of honorary membership to an individual or organization is an authority exclusive to the MWAN Executive Committee; therefore, it does not belong in the unit bylaws.

However, Associate membership (MWAN Article V Section 2 Paragraph B2) is a class of membership that is a type/class of membership that is available only at the unit level and should be part of the unit bylaws.

It appears, in the interest of brevity, the position of appointed officers or committees are sometimes omitted. Yet, the duties of the President include appointing officers and committee chairs once the newly elected President is installed. If the President is appointing committee chairs and officers, the Bylaws not only needs to identify the position and committee, but must describe the duties of that appointed position or committee. The appointed officer(s) and/or committee chair(s) needs to know what their duties are. That is found in the Bylaws.

MWAN Article V Section 2 Paragraph B5 mandates that a unit must meet at least three times a year. RONR requires that the meeting be specified, such as the third Friday of the month, or second Saturday of even numbered months. The bylaws are the primary source of information for the members: when the unit meets, the duties of the officers of that unit, how and when elections are conducted, dues, who has the authority to call a special meeting, succession of office, whether or not there is a Board of Directors/Executive Committee and its composition.

Can the unit bylaws reference MWAN Bylaws? Absolutely! For example: In order to avoid having to make changes to the unit bylaws whenever MWAN changes membership dues, one could state within their bylaws: "MWAN annual dues are set by MWAN Bylaws Article IV, Section 1 Paragraph A." or words to that effect. RONR requires a Dissolution article/section. RONR requires direction on how to amend the bylaws. MWAN Bylaws Article V Section 2 Paragraph E1e requires unit officer terms of office coincide with the fiscal year, i.e., 1 August to 31 July. These are a few examples of items the bylaws Transition Team addresses in their review of unit bylaws.

Do ask questions. You know where to find my address, e-mail address and telephone number. My Bylaws Transition Team and I are here to help you.

SHIP'S STORE

Linda Coffield

MWAN PATCHES are ready for purchase; see the order form for sizes and prices.

We have two new items in the Ship's Store; a deck of playing cards with the new MWAN emblem on the front and a new pin with 'Lady WAVE holding the flag', oval shape pin and cute as a button!

FINE PRINT SPECIAL: Get a free historical WN item, we are giving away a FREE WN magnet with each order of $10.00 or more (excludes shipping). Limit one free WN magnet per customer. Orders MUST: 1) Total $10 BEFORE shipping is added; 2) Specify "STUCK ON YOU" on the June 2015 order form for your free WN magnet; & 3) MUST be received by 1 Aug 2015.

PLEASE NOTE: Use the MOST RECENT White Caps order form. Your order may be delayed if the correct payment and/or shipping are not included.

VAVS NATIONAL REP

Meridith Cox

The recent VAVS National Advisory Committee Meeting and Conference in Albuquerque, NM, was an opportunity to share with other service organizations and VAVS staff. I met some of the Chiefs of Voluntarily Service of our facilities and had a chance to talk to my counterparts in other organizations. One thing stood out: National Representatives needed more prompt feedback from VAVS Chiefs and staff about our representatives at hospitals. We need to receive Quarterly Minutes, Attendance Sheets, Annual Joint Reviews (AJR) and Response Sheets so that we can tell which teams were performing well, and which ones needed help. Central Office confirmed the fact that the National VAVS Representative is a full-time position to recruit, train and retain volunteers.

The VAVS Central Office is recommending to the VA that VAVS Central Office be allowed to develop national recruiting material addressing the different generations, to help us all gain new volunteers and retain older ones.

We were also shown how each organization stood as far as participation. We, as WAVES National, had slipped to Honorary Status for last year, no longer a voting member. The drop of required hospitals is still pending. But as Military Women Across The Nation, we have until **the end of September** to gain the required hospitals, so that we can stay a Service Member (voting member) of the National Advisory Committee.

I will be contacting units and MALS this coming month, in an effort to increase the number of hospitals and local representatives and deputies to those hospitals, and am asking our Regional Representatives to help me.

This year, we have gained new hospitals and I have replaced representatives at some hospitals who were not meeting the requirements. My thanks to those of you who are great volunteers! You know who you are. There are only 2 quarters left to be accounted for. This is not much time. So, if anyone living near a VA hospital or Community Based Outreach Center (CBOC) would like to join our VAVS teams, please let me know as soon as possible.

VA MEDICAL/HEALTH

Ruth Storck

It is once again the time of year I remind everyone to to wear sun screen daily. Then, consider applying some at least for the sunnier days of the year. It is so important to protect yourself.

We should also remember that a good set of sun glasses and a hat are a must when being out in the sun.

It is important that we hydrate more when out and about and increasing our activity. It is equally important to remember that alcohol will dehydrate your system and carbonated sodas break down to sugar which burns off with activity. Diet carbonated drinks will also aid in decreased hydration. Water is the best fluid when trying to stay active and hydrated. There are a few drinks on the market that are great for keeping you hydrated. Many replenish minerals that our body's need to function.

It is important to remember to consult your doctor before trying those drinks. Your doctor will be able to let you know if using those drinks will mix well with your medication.

Hope everyone has a wonderful safe summer!!!!!!!!

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Andrea Cadieux

IT'S TIME TO REPORT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS!!

As a non-profit organization, MWAN members contribute a great deal of time and energy to supporting their local communities. Volunteer service is a key aspect of maintaining our non-profit status, and volunteer service hours are extremely important to track and collect for our organization.

VETERAN SERVICE SUPPORT: Veteran Service Support may include such activities as: volunteering at your local primary care clinic or at a VA hospital, visiting patients at VA facilities, participating in Veteran's or Memorial Day parades, attending your MWAN meeting or other veterans' organizations. Any service that performed in support of a veteran can be counted.

If your hours are counted by another organization for attending meetings, they cannot be counted on your Volunteer Hours Form. This is double counting.

Also, in order for the hours to be counted for our benefit at a VA facility, they must be recorded by the VAMC Volunteer Services staff. These hours can be counted on your Volunteer Hours Form and is not considered double counting. The VAMC is a government agency and as such is not a non-profit, charitable organization.

Hours collected by the VAMC VAVS staff are reported to our National VAVS Chair, and she uses these to determine our status and contributions to the VA and to maintain our status on the National Advisory Committee, a voting committee that has direct impact on recommendations to the VA.

COMMUNITY SERVICE SUPPORT: Any community service, whether inside or outside the home, is valued and valuable. This include: teaching Sunday School; helping a friend in need; volunteering at local pet or homeless shelters; participating in prayer chains; tutoring students; assisting with or participating in fund-raising events, quilting, crocheting or knitting blankets for the senior citizen's center; or virtually any service performed in support of your local community.

With so many units being disestablished, I certainly expect to see more input from Members at Large.

ALL Unit Presidents and MAL's Please have all Volunteer Hours Reports to me before 1 July 2015.

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN

Patricia Cerchio-Vieira

I am pleased to say we had four times as many scholarship submissions as we did last year. We had some submissions from family members of not only the active and veteran segments of our newest sister services, but also the Guard and Reserve Components. We even had the real sister of a Marine Member submit an application. One of our volunteer readers was surprised that there were even some boys who submitted. (Although names and most other possible identifiers are blacked out to the readers, I did not black out the sentence that said he was the great-grandson of a WAVE.)

I'd like to say a big thank you to our volunteer readers on the Scholarship Committee: Jackie Knox of Florida and Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas of Rhode Island. They are the ones who made this possible.

Although we had many more submissions than last year, there were far less than expected. We did not even hit 100 submissions.

Thanks to all who helped get the word out, both those who contacted their family members directly about submitting applications and those who contacted other organizations, newspapers or other means of communications to help spread the word on the scholarship and MWAN. If you come across a place you think would list our scholarship, such as a veterans website or a state scholarship listing, please let me know.

Lastly, if anyone has a suggestion for the 2016 scholarship topic, please let me know. The Board will be considering the topic suggestions very soon.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Jennifer Baun

It's after April and we are off to another new start with our membership and units. This is the perfect time to ensure that all contact information is up to date. It is extremely important that each of the units not only have accurate information, but that the data sent to National matches the local units.

I have been working with a database of outdated and incomplete information and get numerous communications "kicked back" because e-mail addresses are incorrect, mailboxes are full, etc. I wish I had the time to follow up on every one of these so that timely and current information could be distributed. Instead, I am relying on all of our units and members to collect e-mail addresses, in addition to those mailing addresses and phone numbers. The responsibility belongs to each of us.

Please save the organization time and money by updating the units and notifying National whenever a change occurs. Many people may not realize that it costs our organization for address correction notifications. We just want to ensure that information is getting to everyone and we are providing you the best support possible.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Barb Turner

Annual Reports are due very soon. If your unit has disbanded since 1 August 2014, you won't have a unit report, but you might want to get in touch with your State Director and/or Regional Representative to remind them that your unit is no longer active.

According to our Procedures Manual the following reports and due dates apply:

Unit President Status Reports are due no later than 1 June to your State Director; **Volunteer Hours** are due no later than 1 July to the Volunteer Hours Chairman, Andrea Cadieux; **State Director Status Reports** are due no later than 1 July to your Regional Representative; **Regional Representatives Reports** are due no later than 1 August to the MWAN 1st Vice President, Barb Sebring; **Letter of Authorization Reports** and **Unit Annual Financial Reports** are due no later than

1 September to the MWAN Treasurer, Monica O'Hara. **Members-at-Large (MALs):** it is very important for you to send in your individual volunteer hours to Andrea Cadieux **ASAP!** Since several units have disbanded it is more important than ever that MALs turn in your hours.

All of the report forms mentioned above are included in the Procedures Manual (PM). If your unit does not have a PM, please let me know and I can email or snail mail a copy to you. The Volunteer Hours Chairman, Andrea Cadieux, 1st Vice President, Barb Sebring and Treasurer, Monica O'Hara's contact information is on page 14 of this White Caps.

WHITE CAPS EDITOR

Judy Faries

The contest for the renaming of the White Caps, FOAM Off the WAVES, and From the Bridge is closed. I want to thank everyone for all of your inputs. It is going to be tough for the team to determine the winners. The renaming of the White Caps has to be approved at the next convention by the members. This is because it requires a change in the by-laws. So please be patient.

When submitting anything for input into the White Caps please remember to copy Dassa Carvey, the President. Ladies seem to be forgetting that both Dassa and I need a copy of all input.

If I don't have a point of contract for your unit please provide it. I try to send out friendly reminders for White Caps input and it would be great if I had all of the points of contact to send that reminder email.

I have mentioned before but would like to remind everyone that MALs and Regional Reps are always welcomed to provide updates as to what they are doing. A lot of the MALs are doing lots of things of interest and it would be great to highlight them.

Remember that the next cut-off for input for the August 2015 issue of White Caps will be **1 July 2015.**

Lt. Col. Christine Mau First Woman to Pilot F-35 Lightning II

by Kelly Humphrey, (Fort Walton Beach) Northwest Florida Daily News (TNS)

Lt. Col Christine Mau puts on her helmet before taking her 1st flight in the F-35A at Eglin Air Force Base, FL., on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (Tribune Content Agency) — Lt. Col. Christine Mau is no stranger to making history.

In 2011, the then-F-15E pilot took part in a sortie in Afghanistan known as "Dudette 07" — the first all-female mission.

On Tuesday, Mau broke another barrier when she became the first woman to pilot an F-35 Lightning II.

"It wasn't until I was taxiing to the runway that it really struck me that I was on my own in the jet," Mau said, according to a news release. "It felt great to get airborne. The jet flies like a dream."

Although women have served in combat aviation roles for more than 20 years, Mau is the first woman to fly the F-35, the military's fifth generation fighter.

She began training at Eglin's F-35 Integrated Training Center on March 16 and completed 14 training missions in a simulator before taking off on her own Tuesday.

Mau's friend Angela Stevenson was on hand to witness her accomplishment.

"I'm so proud of her!" said Stevenson, who met Mau years ago when Stevenson's husband and Mau flew F-15s together. "She's one of those people who as soon as you meet her, you know there's just a spark about her."

Col. Todd Canterbury, commander of the 33rd Fighter Wing, also sang Mau's praises.

"Lt. Col. Mau brings a valuable level of combat experience and operational knowledge to our team," Canterbury said.

Mau, whose call sign is "Grinder," currently serves as the 33rd Fighter Wing Operations Group deputy commander. She insisted that her gender has no bearing on her performance as a fighter pilot.

"Flying is a great equalizer," she said. "The plane doesn't care about your gender."

Capt. Katie Higgins, USMC, First Female Blue Angels Pilot

Captain Katie Higgins flew into history the 11th of April as she took to the skies as the first female pilot in the 69 year history of the Blue Angels! At the Beaufort Air Show in South Carolina, she flew publicly for the first time as an official member of the US Navy's elite flight squadron which performs spectacular air demonstrations for 11 million spectators each year. For the Maryland native, being an aviation trailblazer and role model is an honor: "if that is inspiring to people, if that's inspiring to little girls around the country, then I'm doing my job."

A Marine Corps Captain and Naval Academy graduate, Higgins is a third-generation military aviator whose inspiration to fly first came from her father who was an F-18 Hornet pilot. She's excited about the prospect of inspiring the next generation: "I think by including a lady on the team, that just shows little girls and guys that women can do whatever they put their mind to. Little girls have told me that they didn't even know that ladies could fly aircraft, that women could be in the cockpit."

Now with Captain Higgins in the pilot seat and performing the famous Blue Angels flying maneuvers, Mighty Girls everywhere will see that there are no limits to their dreams of flying high!

ATTA-MARINE AWARD

Dr. Ramu Komanduri, Chief of Staff(I), and John Stelsel, Acting Associate Director, congratulate Carol Watson on achieving 3,750 hours of volunteer work at the VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System.

Carol Watson Honored by Southern Nevada Healthcare System

Carol Watson was honored at a thank you luncheon for Volunteers at the VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System, Las Vegas, 17 April. She proudly accepted her volunteer pin for putting in 3,750 hours in the Woman's Clinic, working with fellow women veterans. Carol started volunteering at the VA Woman's Health Clinic in October 2004. She has worked in various capacities, but mostly for the Women's Program Manager. She has served on the VA Woman's health Committee from 2005 to 2014. She is currently the Deputy VAVS Representative and has also been Volunteer of the month for this VA Healthcare facility and for the State of NV. She also has been appointed to various programs including the planning committee to work on the VA Woman's summit in 2008, and in 2009-2010. She has been instrumental in the Combat Boot Decorating project and the Women's Veteran Photos/Poster decorating project. Carol proudly served as a US Marine.

Counting Your Volunteer Hours

All volunteer work is important, but we volunteer in different ways. So when tallying your volunteer work each month, it helps if you put it into three columns: 1) Hours volunteered through VAVS at VA hospital or CBOC; 2) Hours volunteered to help veterans in the community; and, 3) Hours volunteered in the community at large.

VA/CBOC: VAVS work is the work that gets counted for our National Advisory Committee status. Ask yourself the following: Am I MWAN's Certified Representative or Deputy Representative to this hospital or CBOC and attend Quarterly Meetings and do Annual Joint Reviews? Do I also volunteer at the hospital on a regular basis? Am I assigned by VAVS to come in as an occasional volunteer for a set assignment? Do I come in once or twice a month to perform an assigned task under VAVS supervision? Do I occasionally take part in a unit event that is counted as volunteer work? Do I take part in a Stand Down organized by the VA? Do I volunteer at a State Cemetery, and the Chief of VAVS has approved this as acceptable volunteer work for VAVS? Not all VA facilities allow someone volunteering at a State Cemetery to be approved as VAVS work. When it is not counted as such, put it under "Veterans in the Community".

Does my unit donate money to the VAVS for various projects? Do we make toys, quilts and other items to give to hospitalized veterans? Do we paint patient rooms, or decorate wards. On those occasions, the Representative and/or Deputy Representatives are to ensure donations are included on the Annual Joint Review between the Representative and the VAVS staff.

Be careful that you are not double counting hours. If you are a Certified Representative or Deputy Representative of another organization (Women Marines, DAR, DAV, VFW) you may not double-dip. You cannot have your hours counted at the VA/CBOC for that organization and then also add them to your submission for our organization.

Veterans In Community: Hours that can be included in this category include taking a neighbor, who is a veteran, shopping or to the doctor; participating in Veterans' Parades, Funerals, Memorial Day, Wreaths Across America ceremonies, a fundraising event that is not part of a VAVS activity, but part of an MWAN, VFW, DAV, event as long as these organizations are not counting the hours. Working independently or with a unit to raise funds to support women veterans in the community, volunteering to help find jobs for veterans, or any other work outside the VAMC/CBOC that is geared towards helping veterans are other examples where volunteer hours can be counted for Veterans in Community.

Community Volunteering: All other volunteer work in your community goes into this spot. Examples include helping out at church; volunteering at the library or senior center; driving a neighbor or friend to meetings or doctors' appointments; walking a neighbor's dog. Hours that another organization is not counting and for which you are not being paid can be counted as volunteer hours.

Stained Glass Window Dedication
MCRD Parris Island, SC

MWAN attendees Maggie Cobb, Dassa Carvey and BJ McGuire

SSgt Ashly Mohr, MC

4th Battalion Color Guard

Col Daniel Hass, CO, MCRD, thanks MWAN

Graduating Women Marines

What an event! We were honored to place this window in a Marine Corps facility.

Barbara J. McGuire, Stained Glass Window Chairman, Magdalene Cobb, and I attended the dedication of the Stained Glass Window in the headquarters building for the women's recruit training battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC, on 17 April.

The Marine Corps is the only service having segregated training for men and women recruits. The Fourth Battalion is the female recruit training battalion.

The sun was shining; the sky, clear; and the temperature couldn't have been better!

Barbara and I arrived a day early for the installation. It was touch and go for a bit as the SGW was a smidgeon wider than the window where it was to be installed. The Marines and base maintenance personnel did a fabulous job of fitting the SGW into place.

On the day of the event, we were invited to attend Morning Colors at MCRD Headquarters, along with the families and friends of the recruits graduating. The Marine Corps Band entertained us. After Colors, we walked to the drill hall for the graduation ceremonies, followed by the dedication of the stained glass window.

LtCol Kate Germano, Commanding Officer, 4th Battalion, spoke of women in both the Navy and Marine Corps and the contributions they have made and continue to make. She spoke of the dedicated words "Honor, Courage, and Commitment" on the glass and how this would be a reminder for the recruits to always strive to meet the challenge.

I was honored to present a "Sunburst Eagle" plaque to LtCol Germano for all her assistance in bringing the window to the facility and making this dedication successful.

I told the attendees of the beginnings of the Stained Glass Window and the various locations where windows and shadow boxes have been installed, commenting on the fact that women Marines originally trained at Hunter College along with WAVES and SPARS.

Following the dedication, a reception was held where we had an opportunity to meet many of the women Marines and swap some sea stories. Commissary personnel baked a special cake for the occasion, decorating it with the acronym "MWAN" in red and gold!

Col. Daniel J. Haas, Commanding Officer, Recruit Training Regiment, thanked our members for donating the window.

Barb McGuire ended the program with this quote:

People are like stained glass windows.
They sparkle and shine when the sun is out,
but when the darkness sets in,
their true beauty is revealed
only if there is a light from within

– Author Unknown

LtCol Kate Germano, CO, 4th Battalion

Undrapping

Dedication Cake

2016 Military Women Across the Nation Biennial Convention

The Memphis Belles and the Nashville Volunteers are looking forward to meeting "Y'all" down on the Mighty Mississippi. Our first Biennial Convention as Military Women Across the Nation is scheduled for July 19 to 21, 2016 at the Gold Strike Casino Resort in Tunica Mississippi.

Rooms have been blocked from Monday, July 18, 2016 through Thursday, July 21, 2016 at the rate of $69.00 plus tax per night. Tunica County Room Tax is currently ten percent (10%) and could be subject to change. A $10.00 surcharge (subject to change) will apply per night, to each additional third and fourth person occupying the same room. Each occupied guestroom may have a maximum of four guests.

To reserve your room for this event just telephone directly to the Gold Strike Casino Resort Reservation Department at (888) 245-7829 and identify your affiliation with Military Women Across the Nation/WAVES National (MWAN/WN). Rates cannot be changed at check-in or check-out for guests who do not identify their affiliation at the time the reservation is made. Gold Strike Casino Resort does require that the first night's room and tax deposit accompany the reservation requests (a major credit card number may be used to guarantee a room in lieu of a deposit). The deposit is non-refundable if cancellation occurs within 48 hours of arrival.

Transportation from and to Memphis International Airport will be available for a nominal fee. Those details along with excursions to a few of the local attractions will be made available in the Call to Convention. For those of you who live the RV lifestyle, there are RV parks at two of the casinos in Tunica.

So bring your blue suede shoes and be ready to have some fun in the Land of the Blues, as Military Women Across the Nation party down on the Mississippi Delta!

Getting State and Federal Help for Women Veterans

Submitted by Cheryl Adams, 2nd Vice President

I have had several questions on getting state and federal help for women veterans and their organizations. Each state and each VA Hospital is mandated to have a Women Veteran Coordinator (WVC) on staff. Unfortunately, people come and go, among other reasons, so this position may be vacant for some time. If you need to contact one of these people in your area or want to find out who they are, Google (or any computer search engine) "the name of your state" Department of Veterans Affairs or VA Hospital "local city, state".

Most states and VA Hospitals have a Women's page on their website. If they do not have a WVC on staff, don't hesitate to contact them and ask why and when they might expect to appoint one.

Another good source is the National Association of State Women Veteran Coordinators (NASWVC). Most of the State WVCs belong to this organization, but VA Hospital WVCs don't. The NASWVC is a good website.

I just received news that Ashley Laganiere is the new Women Veteran Coordinator for the State of Minnesota. If you would like to be added to her email distribution list, contact her. She will be coordinating events and connecting Women Veterans with resources. Her contact information is as follows:

Ashley Laganiere
ashley.laganiere@state.mn.us
Gold Star Family/Women Veterans Coordinator & Department Planner
Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs
Toll free general phone number
1-888-LinkVet (546-5838)

SILVER TAPS

Please send all WN member/former member Silver Taps information to Executive Secretary, Barb Turner (address on page 14)

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Gone, but not forgotten!

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what suggestions you have come up with. We have some very creative thinking members amongst us.

Several Regional Conferences are in the works and I hope members will take advantage of these to submit any issues they may have to their Regional Representative and State Director/Organizer. It is also a great way to keep abreast of issues at the National level and what we are trying to accomplish.

If you do not have a State Director or Organizer, and you are interested in being one for your State, please let your Regional Representative and the National 1st Vice President know.

There are deadlines for unit reports, including Volunteer Hours and the Unit President's Reports. Please get these in to the Volunteer Hours Chairman Andrea Cadieux and to 2nd Vice President, via your State Director/Organizer and Regional Representative. These reports are necessary in order that we have a record of how everyone is doing and to be able to acknowledge successes. Units are doing some amazing things but do not necessarily submit articles for Foam Off the WAVES. We want to hear from you. If a unit is struggling, the State Director/Organizer is the first person the unit president should reach out to as well as the Regional Representative and 2nd Vice President. Units shouldn't wait until they are ready to fold or until the Unit Report is due to let National know. Hopefully, we will be able to provide suggestions to keep your unit active and to gain new members.

One advantage of our current technology is being able to keep in touch quickly and easily. Facebook has proven to be a great way to get our information publicized and connect with other women veterans. I recently joined a group called WRTC Bainbridge, which is for women who went through boot camp at Bainbridge, MD. The administrator of this Facebook page has made arrangements for a reunion of all women who graduated from Bainbridge to meet in Lancaster, PA (sound familiar?), in September for a reunion. We will also have an opportunity to tour the museum and the base in Port Deposit. Several of our members have signed up for this event and I know they will be reporting on it upon their return.

In mid-April, I attended the dedication of the latest Stained Glass Window (SGW), along with Barbara J. McGuire, SGW Chairman, and Magdalene Cobb. Thank you, Maggie, for coming all the way from Washington, DC, to help us dedicate the window at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC.

Until next time, please keep our troops in your prayers.

Always Navy~.

Dassa

Decisions... Decisions *(continued from page 1)*

decided that I would rather be a photographer. I had once had a dark room and really enjoyed the whole aspect of the photographic business. Besides, it sounded like a lot more fun than taking temperatures and emptying bed pans!

Photography happened to be part of the aviation branch of the Navy, so after completing all the required training courses to get into photography, it was time to request my preferences for my vocation. Of course, rumor had it that you never got your first choice so it might be to your advantage to put your first choice down as your second choice. Not only did that sound reasonable but I remembered back in boot camp, when we were looking at all the career possibilities, someone had asked about Air Traffic Control. I remembered the instructor saying how hard it was to get into that field: perfect health, 20/20 vision, high IQ, no speech impediments or dialects. I also remembered saying to myself the equivalent of "scratch that one!" OK! I had it made. Air Traffic Control... #1 Choice. Photography... #2 Choice. Parachute Rigger... #3 Choice. There were three of us who became Air Traffic Controllers because of those calculations!

A deliberate decision that seemed to go awry became another pivotal point in my life. I never went back to Oklahoma Baptist University to thumb my nose at the Dean of Women. My career as an Air Traffic Controller eventually provided me with a salary that was beyond my wildest dream, opportunities that I would never have dreamed and enough self-confidence to deal with people at all levels of society.

FOAM OFF THE WAVES

KEYSTONE WAVES

Unit #6 (PA) - We braved five inches of snow falling all day to attend a celebration of female veterans for a Women's History Month held at Montgomery County Veterans Center. It was attended by many different veterans' groups, the featured speakers were members of Keystone WAVES.

We also attended an all day Women's Veterans Forum at Temple University in April with workshops and luncheon. The guest speaker was Vice Admiral Nanette DeRenzi, 42nd Naval Judge Advocate General, who spoke about women breaking the brass ceiling in the military and her life as a female JAG officer, especially her time served aboard aircraft carriers. All branches of service were represented and we had a good response to recruiting efforts by handing out applications for MWAN.

Our next meeting is 13 June at Coast Guard Station, Philadelphia, when we will select a new name for our unit.

For meeting information, please contact Ruthie Severino at 610-356-8956.

HEART OF AMERICA OF MWAN

Unit #9 (KS) - We held our first meeting of the year Saturday, 25 April, at Cascone's Restaurant. We agreed on our unit name change and are now busy submitting our new bylaws. We will also be deciding on a unit logo/emblem in the near future. It's an exciting year for MWAN and I'm so proud of all the hard work that has been accomplished. Keep up the good work everyone!

We are saddened by the recent loss of two faithful members; Beverely Saxon-Ellis and Barbara Seney. Both held chairs within our unit for many years and it will be hard to fill their shoes. Fair winds and following seas, ladies. We will miss you.

For information about our upcoming 27 June meeting, please contact Michele Batliner at (816) 315-9229 or mbatliner@att.net

NORTHEAST OHIO WOMEN VETERANS OF MWAN

Unit #21 (OH) – It's official! We are no longer North Coast WAVES and are now Northeast Ohio Women Veterans of MWAN with a new unit emblem.

We also welcome Claudia Westover, Rosalie Bland, Delores Speed, Florence Pearl, Karen Kish and Jan Brown from the ranks of associate and as new members. The unit has a great new partner in The Danbury, which graciously has provided us a place for meetings with great meals.

Northeast Ohio Women Veterans Unit 21

And there's more… We just held our bi-monthly social meeting with guest speaker, had members participate in a Women Vets Resource Fair in Summit County, and participated in Memorial Day programs.

STARS & STRIPES

Unit #36 (CA) – Unit 36 ladies were very amenable to a last minute change of venue for the April meeting when our selected restaurant closed suddenly. All ladies got the word and met at the new site. We spent the gathering time stuffing neck pillows and to date have completed 2,790. Awesome!

Barbara Ellis composed a very nice letter for anyone to take to their network circles and hopefully increase the finance /assistance picture to carry on the project. A Girl Scout Troop has shown interest in assisting as part of their badge work.

We draped the charter in memory of two members: Priscilla LeBlanc (USN) and Barbara Root (USA-Associate Member).

Evelyn Coy, Monica O'Hara, Shirley Ferrill and Thelma Paloma were guests of ACU-1 at Coronado Amphibian Base on 11 March for Women's History Month. They received caps, t-shirts, challenge coins and flowers. On 22 March, Monica O'Hara and Shirley Ferrill attended the Military Women's Discussion Panel at the Veteran's Museum.

For meeting unit information please contact Roxanne Jones at (619) 479-0149 or email: roxanne.jones@score.com

NORTHWEST FL WAVES

(Unit #52) FL – Unit 52 had a nice turnout for our April meeting. Members present voted on a long list of possible new unit names, with the goal of narrowing it down to just a few. We accomplished that goal, and all members are in the process of voting on a final name. In March, President Laura White invited unit members to her house for lunch and card games. There was more chit - chat than cards, but we squeezed in a rousing game of Spades, too!

The photo above was taken in Laura's yard. We call it "Mysterious Wisteria WAVES."

Sadly, WW II veteran Dorothy Parker passed away in March. Dorothy had a wicked sense of humor and always a twinkle in her eye. Finally, "Fair Winds and Following Seas" to AO1 Valeisa Jefferson, who has recently returned to active duty and is on her way to Japan!

GULF COAST OF MWAN

Unit #56 (FL) – The unit participated in the North Port, FL, Newcomers Day on the 2nd of May. This event is held at the community center and any newcomers to the area are welcome to attend. We were able to meet several women veterans who expressed an interest in joining our group. Our members who were at this event were Mary Lou Johnson, Army; Dotty Savasky, Air Force, and Donna Francisco, Navy. We printed business cards and handed them out to anyone expressing an interest in joining our group.

For meeting information contact Donna Francisco at email address: dfrancis43@comcast.net.

REDWOOD EMPIRE MILITARY WOMEN OF MWAN

Unit # 77 (CA) – In March the members were honored guests at the USCG Women's Symposium held at the USCG Training Center, Petaluma, CA.

Pictured Front Row (l-r): RDML Linda Fagin, D-1, Emily Souza, Margaret Patrizi, Marylou Loustalot, Unit President Helen Nugent, Morella Staggs. Back Row (l-r): RADM Joseph Servido, D-11, CAPT Fosse, Nancy Brenza, Joanne Robinson

Members were placed at different tables in order to interact with active duty members during the luncheon. Young women from a local high school gave speeches on women's struggle for equality in the military. We distributed recruiting posters for MWAN to local active duty members.

At the April, meeting several members took recruiting posters to place in various community centers to invite military women to join. Upon successful completion of our new by-laws we look forward to designing a new logo for our unit.

For information on meeting schedule, etc. please contact Suzanne Saville at (707) 479-9896.

VOLUNTEERS OF MWAN

Unit # 94 (TN) - For the National History Day Competition, four students from Clarksville's Northeast Middle School along with some of their parents, joined us at our meeting on 10 January. The young ladies were compiling information about WAVES of WWII for their competition presentation.

Students speaking to Unit 94 (left to right) Lauren Graves, Marissa Lott, Sydney Keesler, Amelia Bucer and Natalie Sierra.

Four Unit 94 members, Chris Huber, Edna Sutherland, Chris Lasseter and Jane Boulton, participated in the VA Salute to Veterans at the Alvin C. York VAMC in Murfreesboro, TN, 11 February.

Chris Huber, Edna Sutherland, Chris Lasseter and Jane Boulton delivered blankets with a stuffed animal and a bag of Valentines to female in-patients.

The group visited female in-patients and gave them blankets and a stuffed animal along with a bag of Valentine candy. Jane bought the material for the blankets and a friend of hers made the blankets. Of the 26 blankets donated, some went to patients at the Tennessee Fisher House. Edna assembled the Valentine goodie bags.

FLATWATER WAVES

Unit #98 (NE) - We met 9 May at the USA Steak Buffet in Fremont. We had our April meeting there with six members and one guest, Mary Le Arnell from North Bend, who was a Navy Nurse. Three of our WW II women attended: Kathy Howe, Mable Stamler and Marj Neill. Our former associate member; Jeannie Bixby, USA, is now a regular member in our MWAN group. I have been busy submitting the correct forms to National. We discussed the Bylaws at our May meeting. After a long winter, we are all enjoying the green grass and trees in bloom.

For meeting information please contact Pat Hunsche, (402) 426-2013, phunsche@abbnebraska.com.

OCEAN STATE

Unit #118 (RI) - At the beginning of 2015, Unit #118 began offering its bimonthly newsletter by email. Members could continue receiving their newsletter by United States Postal Service as usual or opt for the digital version. This alternative has been well received by many of our members and has the added benefit of saving the unit on printing and shipping costs. One of our members has also suggested that if other units are doing the same, we could exchange email lists and keep informed of the news in other units. So, is anyone else out there sending their newsletters by email? Are there any other creative uses of technology being employed to get the word out about MWAN?

For meeting information please contact Margaret Pedlow Smith at (504) 756-4570 or email: mpedlowsmith@gmail.com.

MEMPHIS BELLES

Unit #151 (TN) - What we have been up to: The Memphis Belle Unit and our Nashville Sisters were asked to be interviewed for a Middle School Project about the WAVES. Our unit provided current photos of our original WAVES with them holding a picture of themselves in uniform, along with a biography and other photos. The Nashville unit was video recorded with their history. Girls from the 6th through 8th grades were in charge of this and won for their region and went on to compete at State level. At State, they were awarded the Special Award for Best in Women's History! And let me tell you, I went to Nashville to see their project and they did the WAVES justice. They had the video interviews on an IPAD showing through a porthole they had cut-out and they had quotes from various WAVES, along with photos on the display Board. They also had a WW II doll that one of Nashville ladies provided for them to use. It was simply fantastic, and we have asked, but not heard back, if we can use it for the 2016 National Convention for all to see.

Recently six members of the unit attended the TN Women Veterans 4th Annual Summit meeting in Nashville hosted by the VA on 18 April. Lots of interesting topics were discussed and several breakout sessions were attended.

The following photo was taken during our annual garage sale where we collected over $450. Traditionally, we use this fundraiser to sponsor a veteran and their family at Christmas through the Memphis VA Hospital.

"Memphis Belles Annual Garage Sale" sales ladies Linda Coffield and Margaret Smith (wearing a wig) bring in the bucks!

We also met with the Volunteers Unit and with Patty Parks for a planning session on the National Convention 2016 to be held in Tunica, MS. On Sunday, the Nashville unit had a brunch schedule at Morell's in Nashville, where 14 of us sat down to family style dinning, passing the platters and bowls of food around the table. If you left hungry, it was your own fault. Afterwards, we had a meeting with all the ladies to further discuss the National Convention before we all drove back to Memphis. We look forward to seeing each of you at the 2016 National Convention!

For meeting information please contact Marie Bates, Unit Secretary, via email at marie.salvato@park.edu.

MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

Unit #152 (VA) - Quilts of Valor presented unit member Geraldine Rivera and her husband, Cesar, each a quilt honoring

their service. The Mission of QIV Foundation is to "cover service members and veterans with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor."

Geraldine and Cesar Rivera are wrapped in their quilts from QOV.

Three of our members were interviewed by the local media on their service during the Viet Nam Era. To listen to Johanna Heimerl, Barbara Waldren and Jean Conroy tell of their experiences go to http://vietnam.pilotonline.com/video.html.

Hampton City Council honored our unit for having been instrumental in addressing the needs of veterans in Hampton and surrounding cities.

Sheila Mason (l), Military Affairs Committee (MAC), and John Gately, Chairman, MAC, (r) present Venetta Charles, Unit President, with a plaque in appreciation of the unit's participation in the 2014 Stand Down for Homeless Veterans.

We meet monthly, at VFW 4809, Norfolk, VA. For meeting information, contact Dassa Carvey, at Dassa_2@verizon.net, or (757) 363-3059.

SALT RIVER MILITARY WOMEN

Unit #155 (AZ) - Paperwork, discussions, revisions and start all over again. That's been our story for the past couple of months as we wanted so badly to get up to speed with the change over to the new redefined organization. I feel sure that all of you have been going through the same thing. The plus side---every meeting there have been more members of our sister services wanting to join our group. We have grown to the point now that our first project will be Memorial Day Observances. Part of our group will present a wreath at the National Memorial Cemetery and another group will do the same at the Pioneer and Military Park, which is one of the oldest cemeteries in Phoenix.

Salt River Military Women's new officers; (left to right) Georganne Bickle, President; Margaret Waldron, Vice President; Martha Alderman, Secretary, and BethAnne Whiting, Treasurer.

MEMBERS AT LARGE

N E W S

Several East Tennessee women veterans participated in Chattanooga's 66th Annual Armed Forces Parade on 1 May. Focusing on the U.S. Navy this year, the parade's reviewing officer was Admiral Jonathan Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations, pictured here with several members of TriState (Alabama, Georgia & Tennessee) Women Veterans.

*Standing (left-right): SSG Deanna Cooley (TN Air National Guard), President *Rita Waller (Army/Marine), *Mona Lisa Sanders (Navy), 1st Vice President *Cathy Brown (Army), *Renee Chisholm (Army), Bobbie Mallard (Army), Alma Carter (Navy), CNO, Diane Bailey (Navy), *Rabbit Zielke (Navy), *Sandy Hughes (Army), *Penny Manna (Marine), *Laura Holder (Navy) and CDR Lyn Church (US Merchant Marine). Kneeling (left-right): Treasurer *Patty Parks (Navy), Secretary *Gloria Gray (Air Force), Laura Comas (Army) and *Shelly Galloway (Army). Those with an asterisk are MWAN MALs.*

Of those pictured, 11 are MWAN MALs working to form a new unit. If you are interested in being a charter member of this unit, please contact President Rita Waller at "wall58@comcast" or Treasurer Patty Parks at 423-326-0839.

Earlier in April, eight Chattanooga members, along with numerous Memphis Belles, Unit #151, and Volunteer, Unit #94, sisters attended the 4th Tennessee Women Veterans Summit in Nashville. Hosted by the Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Administration Medical Systems, attendees were updated on current benefits as well as provided insight to future expansion plans for both organizations.

THANK YOU GIRLS - Our unit's WW II WAVES Criselda Leveritt and Peggy Baros; Korean War era WAVE Ruth Walling and sister Cold War era WAVE, Cam Pilcher and USMC Trish Martin, as well as Viet Nam Era Jill Slocum deserve my special thanks and appreciation for their support and help over the past few years. I am sad to report that we lost our dear friend and charter member Rose Anne Hicks in February.

We surrendered our Unit Charter in May. I hope that we can regenerate the Alamo Unit as a fully integrated MWAN unit during the summer. For the fourth year, I had the rewarding experience of telling middle school students about WAVES and the roles of military women during WW II. Thanks to the Stryker Base Submarine Veterans, SSVI, for their invitation to join them at the Frank Tejeda Middle School Faire again this year.

Susan D'Ambrosio, President
Alamo WAVES, Unit #103
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REGIONAL NEWS

REGION 1 – Regional Conference will be held in Las Vegas, NV on 25 Aug. The point of contact is LouAnn Huskisson.

REGION 2 - We have a new unit forming in Region 2. The new unit is located in Chattanooga and will be the TriState Women Veterans. Chartering is set for 20 June. Way to go Patty Parks!

REGION 5 – Due to unforeseen circumstances, Region 5 Conference has been cancelled.

REGION 6 – We are busy planning the 2015 Joint MWAN Region 6 Conference/All Navy Women's National Alliance in Orlando for the weekend of 24-27 Sept. Please think about coming we have a fun weekend planned at a great hotel. Point of Contact is Andrea Cadieux, FL Region 6 Rep/Florida State Director, akc7871@gmail.com or call 941-564-6056. The registration form in found on page 13.

REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE: 13 SEPTEMBER 2015

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Branch of Service: _____ Years: _____ Retired: Yes ____ No ____ ANWNA _____ MWAN _____

TYPE OF CONVENTION PACKAGE WITH TICKETS FOR EACH EVENT – CHECK ✔ BOX THAT APPLIES:

- ❑ **PORT PACKAGE: $75** – Includes Registration Fee, Main Banquet, Sunday Speaker
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- ❑ **GOLF PACKAGE: 9 holes with lunch – $45**. Details will be mailed to players.
- ❑ **AL CAPONE'S Dinner/Show: $65.00** (includes transportation, taxes, and gratuity)

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Sauteed Chicken Breast

Grilled Flank Steak

I AM ALSO REGISTERING FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S):

Names	Package Desired	Banquet Entree

IF GUEST, PLEASE INDICATE WHICH FUNCTION THEY WILL ATTEND

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I am registering for **AL CAPONE'S Dinner/Show**: Yes _____ No _____ TOTAL Amount: $ _____

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I plan to attend the **SATURDAY MORNING SEMINARS** Yes _____ No_____

I would like to be a sponsor for the **SHIPMATE ASSIST PROGRAM** and am enclosing an additional amount of: $ _____.

I would like to donate to the **JO STUBBS SCHOLARSHIP FUND** and am enclosing an additional amount of: $ _____.

I plan to attend the **REGION 6 MEETING** on Saturday Yes _____ No_____

My check is for: $ _____ (TOTAL)

*Make checks payable to **ANWNA** and mail (with registration form) to **All Navy Women's Alliance, P.O. Box 147, Goldenrod, FL 32733-0147**. Send us any names and addresses you would like to add to our mailing list and/or make a copy and send to your friends. You can also find us on the Web at: www.anwna.com. Just download the Plan of The Year and registration form.*

GOLF INFORMATION

Scramble Format – Included: Orange juice/Donuts, (coffee available), green fees, golf cart, lunch and door prizes. You may form your own foursome or be paired with players of your choice. You will receive directions by mail so register early.

Call Rosemary Jeck at 1-813-948-9144.

Do you need transportation to golf course? Yes _____ No_____

People in your foursome:

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4. When dues have been paid by new members, **membership cards will be issued to each new member directly with a copy to unit treasurers for those unit members. Regular members** will not be issued another membership card **but** Life members will be issued a permanent Life Membership card.
5. All changes of address must be forwarded to the Exec. Secretary sixty days before moving, if possible. There will be no re-mailing of WHITE CAPS unless the member forwards $7.50 to Monica O'Hara, Treasurer.
6. You may submit your White Caps articles via e-mail to Judy Faries at, Mizjudy97@gmail.com with a copy to Dassa Carvey at Dassa_2@Verizon.net.

Submit Date	Publish Date	Issue
1 Jul 2015	Aug 2015	Aug
1 Sep 2015	Oct 2015	Oct
1 Nov 2015	Dec 2015	Dec
1 Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Feb
1 Mar 2016	Apr 2016	Apr
1 May 2016	Jun 2016	Jun

Store Use :

MWAN Ship's Store

Women Veterans ~ Still Something Special

June 2015

Date : _____

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Item Description	Color	Size	Price	Qty	Total

***ALLOW 6 WEEKS FOR ENGRAVED ITEMS** * Additional items may be listed on a separate page** — **Subtotal**

Up to $45 = **$7** $ 46 to $100 = **$13** $101 & above = **$20** → **ADD Shipping**

***No phone orders. Make Check/Money Order to* "MWAN/WN SHIP's STORE"** — **Total Due**

MAIL CHECK WITH ORDER FORM TO: **LINDA COFFIELD, 3902 LOWIN COVE, MEMPHIS TN 38128-1913**

Questions? Call: (901) 372-9028 ♦ or write lmcoffield@comcast.net

Name Badge w/WN Logo **$15**
Brushed Gold Plastic w/Bold, Black Letters, Double Clutch back
(***Magnet back On Request***)
Name on Badge: _____
(Nickname/Maiden/Other Info) _____
Branch: _____ Years/From: _____ To: _____
WN Unit Name & Number: _____

Outgoing Officer Pin w/WN Logo **$12**
Brushed Gold Plastic w/Bold, Black Letters, pin type back
Name on Badge: _____
Office Held: _____
Years in Office: From _____ To _____
WN Unit Number: _____

Sister Warrior Pin **$5**
Round, Quarter Size
Clutch Back

Travel Alarm Clock **$6**
Pop-Open, Digital w/lighted face & WN logo on Blue Case
2¼" x 2¾" x 1" Closed

Wrist Watch **$28**
2-tone (gold & silver) w/second hand
White face w/WN logo & 12 numbers;
Black leather band (7⅝");Gold gift box

Jacket Navy Blue w/WN Logo
Zipper Close: **SM only** **$20**
Snap Close: **Med - 4X** **$25**

Golf Shirt w/WN logo **$25**
Navy: SM-MED-LG--2XL
White: SM-LG-LX-2XL

Sweatshirt **$20**
Navy w/WN Logo
SM, LG, XL, 2XL

Playing Cards **$10**
MWAN emblem on front

T-Shirt **$10**
Navy w/White screened Logo
SM-MED--3X-4X

Anchor Lapel Pin **$4**
Original Hat Pin Style, ½ "
with single pin clutch back

Necktie **$12**
Women's USN - Black
w/Velcro closure-One Size

Waist Bag **$10**
"Fanny-style"; cotton canvas w/
Embroider logo; 2 zips; adj 30"/4

Vet WAVES Patch **$4**
Round, 3½ inch patch
Blue/Gray/White

Small Patch **$4**
SPECIFY: WN Logo ***OR*** Service
(Navy, Marines; Coast Guard,
Army, Air Force) Size vary 2½"-3"

Anchor Patch **$5**
WAVES Anchor & Prop
Embroidered in Blue & Grey on
White background; 4½" diameter

Large Patch **$10**
WN Logo; May be sewn or ironed
on back of jacket or vest.
Size 8 ½ " diameter

Teddy Bear **$7**
W/Service Patch on Belly
SPECIFY: Which Service

"Original" Hat Pin **$10**
WAVES w/Anchor & Prop

USN Hat Pin **$4**
Spread eagle w/USN

WN Logo Charm **$7**
Round, Enamel WN Logo (½")

Anchor Charm **$7**
Original Hat Pin Style (¾")

USN- Patriotic Ribbon Pin **$4**

WOMEN Vets Patch **$5**
"It's time to honor & support them"

Lady WAVE Pin **$4**
Oval pin with 'Lady WAVE w/flag

WN Logo Bottle Cap Earrings – stars or hearts **$7**

WN Logo Lapel Pin **$4**
Round, Enamel WN Logo

Service Logo Lapel Pin **$4**
SPECIFY:Navy, USMC, USCG, ARMY, AF

Magnet **$1**
Flat, 2½ " Circle; White w/WN Logo

Luggage Tag **$2**
Blue plastic w/WN Logo

Anchor Earrings **$14**
Pierced, Original Hat Pin Style (¾")
(Clip-on Available on Request)

WN Logo Earrings **$12**
Pierced, ½" Round Enamel WN Logo
(Clip-on Available on Request)

Songbook **$8**
SPECIFY: "Songs WAVES Sing"
OR "Bainbridge Bootcamp Songs"

Notes Cards **$8**
10 Single-fold notes w/envelopes

Dogtag Lapel Pin **$5**
Dog-tag shape, ¾", silver-color pin w/
chain says: Women Proudly Served

Gold T-Shirt **$12**
Gold w/Blue screened logo on back
and small logo on upper left front.
S/M--XL--2XL--3XL--4XL

License Frame **$2**
Top: WAVES National *Bottom:*
Women of the Sea Services

Decal **$1**
WN Logo for cars, etc
SPECIFY: Blue/White **OR** Blue/Yellow

Patriotic Key Chain **$6**
Stars or Stripes in Red,
White and Blue
Canvas material

Did you see the Fine Print Special!

Sewing Kit **$2**
Blue Case w/WN Logo & WEB
address printed in white; 2"x3¼"x¼"
Needles/threader/scissors/pins,etc.

WN Bumper Sticker **$1**
Two-tone blue WN emblem and
dark blue letters on white;
glossy paper; Approx 3" x 10

Garrison Cap **$22**
Ladies' Style, Dark Blue, lined w/WN Logo Patch provided
55% Poly/45% Wool; DRY CLEAN ONLY Sizes 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25
(Measure Circumference of your head; ***Add 1 & ROUND UP for Size)***

MWAN PATCHES
2.5" Patch - **$3**. each (for garrison caps/ballcaps)
3" Patch - **$4**. each (for shirts)
8.5" patch - **$10** each (for vest or jackets)

MILITARY WOMEN ACROSS THE NATION
9105 Shoshone Trail
Flower Mound, TX 75022-7040

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NOTE: WHITE CAPS not having your correct address will not be forwarded by the Post Office unless you have submitted an address change. Please include MWAN on all address changes in order to keep receiving your White Caps. Please send the address change form in 60 days before moving.

MEMBERS: If you are going to be traveling from time to time, why not send **Monica O'Hara $7.50** to have your WHITE CAPS sent via first class mail. This way, you will never have to miss an issue. Thank you!

ADDRESS CHANGE FORM

OLD: (Paste WHITE CAPS label here)

NEW ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE # ( ) _____
area code (Check here if unlisted) ☐

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

Mail to: **Barbara Turner,** Executive Secretary
9105 Shoshone Trail, Flower Mound, TX 75022-7040

MEMBER-AT-LARGE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

(Dues period 1 January to 31 December)

Please type, print, or use address label

Date _____

Name _____ Member ID # _____

Address _____ (Find on WHITE CAPS address label)

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Telephone Number ( ) _____ (Check here if unlisted) ☐

Check #_____ Tax Deductible Donation Included $ _____ Dues for 1 year are **$25.00** • Check Amount: _____

Please enclose a check or money order for **$25.00** for dues for one year, made payable to MWAN, and submit with this form to the **National Treasurer, Monica O'Hara, 6383 Kimmy Ct., San Diego, CA 92114-5631**

New members use MWAN membership application only.

The Life Membership rate for those 90 years or older is $30.