

MILITARY Women's BULLETIN



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Military Women Convention Invades Mississippi



↑ Renee Chisholm, Chattanooga TN, (back to camera) checks in one of our newest members, Kimmy Gideon, Springfield MO, as Jean Jungkans, Millington TN, and Donna Henderson, Mount Juliet TN, look on.
→ Monica O'Hara, San Diego, (left) and Donna Henderson salute during the opening flag ceremony. Becky Dickinson, Millington TN, holds WN flag and Marie Porter, Atoka TN, holds covered MWAN flag. →

More than 100 members and guests arrived on planes, trains and in automobiles to attend Military Women Across the Nation's first national convention July 18-22, 2016, at Gold Strike Casino & Resort in Tunica, Mississippi. The convention was hosted by members of Volunteer Unit 94, Memphis Belles Unit 151 and TriState Women Veterans Unit 157.

Most attendees arrived Monday afternoon and evening. After a quick stop at the registration desk Tuesday morning, many hopped aboard the shuttle for a bus tour of Memphis, sightseeing at Tunica River Park or a shopping trip at the nearby outlet mall.

Wednesday morning ushered in the General Business Session which opened with a beautiful ceremony. Written, choreographed and conducted by Gloria Wix, Becky Dickinson and Marie Porter, the solemn rite included a brief history of WAVES National, retirement of the WAVES National flag and the unfurling of our new MWAN flag.

Reports by elected officials and national staff members were accented with the presentation of door prizes throughout the day as well as MWAN Security Staff lurking around the meeting room (Continue **Convention** on page 5)



Full **COLOR** Newsletter Now Available!

You've heard about it and now it's here: the brand new "Military Women's Bulletin"! There are lots of changes throughout so take time to peruse every page.

HOWEVER, before we detail the changes, please consider helping us save some money. With this inaugural issue, a full-color version of "Military Women's Bulletin" is available on our web site: www.milwomen.org

For those who are computer-shy, we will continue to "snail"-mail every issue of your newsletter. However, if you are somewhat computer savvy and know how to visit our web site, perhaps you could view/print your own newsletter.

Currently, it costs \$1.37 per black & white copy to print, fold, staple, and mail each issue. With some 1,550 members and 6 issues per year, that brings the annual cost to about \$12,700.

If only 12 members elect to discontinue the paper copy and use the full-color, digital issue, we can cut almost \$100 off that annual cost. (Continue **Newsletter** on page 5)

Don't Forget!

**Unit Annual
Financial Report
&
Unit Letter of
Authorization**

*These items were due on 1 Sept.
If not already submitted, please
get them completed as soon as
possible!*

**Details are in the Procedures
Manual at www.milwomen.org**

Presidential Ponderings

by Patty Parks, National President

Thank you for allowing me to serve you in this capacity. I'm ready to get to work. As I told convention attendees, I have two goals for my first year in office:

First, I'm working to personally visit each of our 34 units nationwide. If I have not yet contacted your unit about a visit, OR if you're a member-at-large in a state with no units and would like a visit, please let me know. My contact information is on page 10 of this newsletter.

Second, I'm working to locate a State Organizer for every state. I've already talked to a few members-at-large about the positions and I will continue this effort.

Now, I ask of you: Help me find our sister warriors. There are about 1.5 million women U.S. Veterans. Since we only have some 1,500 MWAN members, that means there are 1,498,500 **potential** members out there – and that figure doesn't include the 200,000+ who are still on active duty.

How do you find them? Start by letting them know YOU are a veteran. I'm not a ball cap person, but I do wear our logo on tee-shirts, my vest, golf shirts, my visor, lapel pins and buttons. Many of these items are available in the Supply Locker. Or, you may choose to wear shirts or patches celebrating your particular service. The bottom line is, let people know you are a veteran and you are proud of the fact.

Our sisters are out there. You know how much fun we have when we get together. Let's find those gals and share the fun!

Scholarship Update

by Patricia Cerchio-Vieira

Although I'm stepping down as Scholarship Chair, I want to make sure everyone knows about the 2017 Scholarship.

The scholarship is a great way to help get the word out about Military Women Across the Nation and recruit new members. While the military women to whom entrants must be related don't have to be members of MWAN, it certainly would be wonderful if they are.

So, think about women you know who are not only veterans, serving on active duty or in a reserve or guard component, but also might have a relative - male or female - in college or about to go to college? Why not give them the opportunity to get an extra \$1000 to help pay for college?

This year's essay topic is **Military Women Around the World**. Applicants will pick a service or branch such as Aviation, Medical, Supply, etc. and compare it to at least one other country's military women.

Since families of high school seniors are always looking for ways to help make college more affordable, be sure and let local high schools know about this. They can find the scholarship application online at our website www.milwomen.org. A copy will also be provided in the December Newsletter. Don't forget to pass along this information to other veteran organizations in your area such as the VFW and American Legion.

Also, share the scholarship information on venues such as Facebook and LinkedIn. If you have ideas for helping to get the word out, please contact the new scholarship chair, when her name is announced.

Officer's Call

Volunteer Viewpoints

by Diane Turcotte Culleton, National VAVS Representative

CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME to our new MWAN Officers and Appointed Chairs. The MWAN convention was enjoyed by all and BIG Kudos to Memphis Belles, Unit 151; Volunteers, Unit 94 and TriState Women Veterans, Unit 157 for hosting.

I reported at Convention that as of 7 July 2016 the VAVS Central Office in DC shows we have 27 Facilities with Volunteers. This gives us two facilities over the required 25 in order to remain a Service Organization with voting privileges. I hope to certify two more volunteers in the near future. Thanks to all our MWAN Volunteers for making this possible. This only keeps us ahead of the game by a small number so I continue to look for Volunteers to help us increase our numbers.

If you could possibly consider volunteering to help our fellow Veterans you will find it very rewarding. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to volunteer at diane.turcotte30@gmail.com or call me at 207-474-2235 (summer telephone) or 207-399-1696 (cell phone).

Marketing Designs

by Jennifer Baun, Public Relations Chair

Each of us can be a walking advertisement for MWAN. So, let's use that tool to recruit! Start with our "brand." What is our brand? It's our logo. Do you recognize these "brands":



Sure you do! Even without the company name you can identify the products. That is called "branding."

Every time you leave home wearing an MWAN logo on your shirt, visor, jacket, lapel, earrings, car, etc., you are branding yourself as a military woman! The more people identify you that way, the more likely they are to share the word.

You can even circulate our brand! Carry a few extra ink pens from our Supply Locker and "forget" one here and there: at the store, your bank, car repair shop, etc. Those folks will use the pen and may even pass it on to someone else!

So, don't leave home without being "branded."

We want everyone who sees →
To think:

Military Woman!



National Officer & Staff contact Info is on Page 10.

FY2017 BUDGET

Projected Income:

Dues Renewal for 2017	13,900.00
Dues (80 of 164 renewal from 2015)	2,000.00
Dues (125 new members)	3,125.00
Donations	2,000.00
Fundraising	1,500.00
Scholarship Fund	1,000.00
1st Class Postage	200.00

Total Projected Income: \$23,725.00

Projected Expenses:

President	-
First Vice President	250.00
Second Vice President	250.00
Recording Secretary	250.00
Treasurer Misc Expenses	100.00
Executive Secretary Expenses	500.00
Historian	300.00
Regional Reps	1,500.00
State Directors	-
Public Relations	250.00
MILWOMEN Bulletin	17,000.00
Miscellaneous Committee Chairs	300.00
James H. Parke Scholarship	200.00
Bylaws Chairman	250.00
MILWOMEN Bulletin Editor	-
Parliamentarian	250.00
Mid-term National Officer	750.00
Immediate Past President	-
California Tax	55.00
Scholarship	1,000.00

Total Projected Expenses: \$23,205.00

Another Tupperware Party !

Yes! Alabama's Louise Hill has offered another month of fundraising for MWAN. This fundraiser will take place during the month of **NOVEMBER** only!

Go online to <http://louisehill.my.tupperware.com>: Select "Find a Fundraiser"; Select "State"; Select "Alabama"; then scroll down the alphabetical list to "MWAN Denise Duke". Select "Support" to go to the FUNDRAISER Brochure. Forty percent of sales from this brochure will be contributed to MWAN. Other items not listed in the Fundraiser Brochure will generate 25% for MWAN. You can pay online with credit card or PayPal.



Balanced Budget Approved

To the left is the final Fiscal Year 2017 Budget which was approved by the MWAN Board of Directors at the post-convention meeting.

There are numerous fees, taxes and other costs associated with running a non-profit organization. Where an office is listed under "expenses" the budget allows the holder of that office to receive reimbursement for expenses associated with that office. Additionally, some office holders are required to attend national meetings, so there are allowances for some of their travel expenses to be reimbursed.

Many of the items listed in the budget are detailed in the MWAN By-Laws and/or MWAN Procedures Manual, both of which are available at our website www.milwomen.org.

If you have questions about the approved budget, please contact the regional representative (through the appropriate channels) for your area. All regional representatives serve on the Board of Directors and are listed on Page 12 of this issue.

History HerStory

by Michele Batliner

For some 37 years our members have been accumulating photos, documents and other historical keepsakes. These items have routinely been stored in some 17 to 20, 30-gallon containers except for four days every two years when they were transported to various locations and put on display at convention.

In order to make these items more accessible to members and to eliminate transportation and storage costs, we are in the process of digitizing the history of our organization.

A huge "Thank you" is due to all of the members who are assisting with this process. Upon completion our history will be easily transported and can be shared with others who are interested in the history of military women.

❖ HerStory Fun Fact ❖

William Cathay served in Company A, 38th U.S. Infantry Regiment (Buffalo Soldiers) from November 1866 to October 1868. Cathay became ill and was discharged when the tending physician discovered he was a "she." Cathay Williams is likely the first black woman to serve in the regular U.S. Army.



There will be a direct LINK to access the fundraiser on the MWAN website and on Facebook.

If you don't use a computer you can request a brochure from Denise Duke by calling (334) 341-1072. Complete your order form and with payment (check/money order payable to: **Denise Duke (NOT MWAN)**) mail to: Denise Duke, 41121 AL Highway 69, Gallion, AL 36742.

If you have a problem reaching the site online contact Denise Duke (334-341-1072 or deniseduke@wildblue.net) or Louise Hill (334-375-3470 or kikerlouise2010@gmail.com) for assistance.

My Life in the Navy by Pearle Crisler

A 93-year-old Navy Veteran and MWAN Life Member, Pearle enlisted in Dallas, Texas and served as an Aviation Machinist Mate during World War II. She wrote this poem in August of 2016. The poem was provided by Therese Agnes Hughes who is a contributing writer for Huffington Post.

Our country was at war in 1943
 I was young, footloose and fancy free
 Working with other women on the assembly line
 Putting radio equipment in B24's, doing just fine
 When a recruiting poster caught my eye
 I decided to give the Navy WAVES a try
 Left Dallas, Texas on 6 May, on a troop train
 Going where they didn't say
 When the time came to disembark
 We were at Hunter College, The Bronx,
 New York
 We were assigned to buildings, given a
 bunkbed,
 Marched to the Mess Hall to be fed
 They then gave us shot after shot,
 Which made our arms hurt a lot
 We were issued uniforms, hats and shoes,
 Had no time to sing the blues
 Calisthenics to make us strong,
 Then classes all day long
 No more wearing civilian clothes;
 The need to wear navy gear arose
 Boot training was finally complete
 We had accomplished quite the feat
 One thing was left to do
 We all had to "Pass in Review"
 Orders were then assigned,
 I was happy to receive mine
 I was to become an Aviation Machinist Mate
 Working on airplanes was to be my fate
 This was cool, but first I had to go to school
 To learn about airplanes from wing to wing
 Engines, carburetors, everything
 NATTC, Norman, Oklahoma came next,
 It all was so complex
 Classes again all week long
 Weekends for fun, dancing and song
 The thing you had to remember to do
 Was be inside before curfew

Didn't make sense to me
 I got picked up by the S.P.
 Taken back to base to mend my ways
 Restricted for sixty days



No more weekend journeys for me
 Confined to barracks, gosh oh gee
 Graduation came eventually
 And orders came down
 NAS Dallas, Texas was where I was bound
 Assigned work in assembly and repair
 Measuring engine parts for wear
 Then came work on the Magna-Flux machine,
 Checking for cracks on all metal things
 On weekends we'd go into town,
 To eat, to have fun, whatever we found
 One night, as crazy as it seems
 I met the man of my dreams
 He was home on leave and wouldn't you know
 His leave was soon up and he had to go
 Not long after that I got orders again,
 Back to NAS, Norman was the plan

Which was fine, I went to work on the flight line
 The planes had to be checked, then
 started so
 When the cadet came out, they'd be ready to go
 I'd lead him, since he couldn't see
 To where he needed to be
 He'd take off for his flight
 I'd watch 'til he was out of sight
 When his flight was over and he came to land,
 I'd lead him back to where he began
 I'd re-check the plane for the next cadet to fly,
 Knowing my turn to go up would come by
 and by
 At the end of the day we'd go around
 To make sure the planes were all tied down
 I couldn't believe it, but my dream man came
 back on leave,
 I got leave and let it be said,
 On 23 March 1945 we were wed
 He returned to duty and I did too,
 This was what we had to do
 Later the war was over-Victory!
 An Honorable Discharge was handed to me
 My husband remained a military man
 Sent to the Philippines, Korea, Vietnam and
 Japan
 Before this however he had orders for
 Austria and lo
 This was when I was allowed to go
 We returned to Ft. Bragg to settle down 'til
 The next orders came around
 We raised four kids along the way
 I learned to take life day by day
 We were in Alaska, retirement time came
 Before we could leave he developed a pain
 In the hospital for a spell
 For how long no one could tell
 The guest house kept the kids and me
 Napoleon & Kat stayed in the kennels you see
 Orders for Ft. Lewis, Washington came
 finally
 Life in the military was done
 Civilian life had just begun

Region 1 Representative Reporting

My name is Barb Sebring and I'm the new representative for Region I. First of all, if you have not submitted your email address to our National Executive Secretary, please send it to me.

I would like to communicate with you on a regular bases through email. My email address is bsebring62@msn.com.

We have a large number of members-at-large (MALS) in the region and I think this would be the best way to keep each and every one of you informed on what is happening in our region.

Our alternate Region Representative is Lynne Pine. She and I are busy planning our Region I Conference for next year. As soon as we get dates set we will get you that information.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. If you do not have email my phone number is 415-419-7978 and my complete contact information is on page 10. I look forward to working with all of you.



★ WANTED!★ State Directors & Organizers

We need YOU to step up and help recruit new members and organize new units. Some 400,000 of the nation's 2 Million women vets live in **Georgia, Virginia and Texas** – States where we have **NO STATE LEADERSHIP**. If you have the time and energy to guide your state, please contact your Regional Representative (*listed on page 12*) **TODAY!**



Convention (Continued from page 1) for anyone playing games or texting on their cell phones.

Business included some 33 bylaw amendments including the renaming of "White Caps" to "Military Women's Bulletin." Thanks to Bylaw Chair Cathy Gerolimos' careful research, most changes were well defined and went smoothly.

Based on convention critiques, the afternoon training session presented by Barb Sebring was very well received and helped many members better understand the structure and workings of MWAN.

With most business completed on Wednesday, the Thursday session was brief and punctuated by the selection of San Diego as the site for our 2018 national convention and the installation of 2016-2018 Regional Representatives.

Major General Dee Ann McWilliams, U.S. Army (Retired), was guest speaker at the President's Banquet. As current president of the Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA) Memorial, Dee brought us up to date on the memorial and its needs.



However, she also kept banquet attendees laughing during most of her talk as she detailed some of her rather exasperating experiences as a woman senior Army officer.

After installation of the newly-elected, 2016-2018 National Officers: President Patty Parks, First Vice Venetta Charles, Second Vice Gloria Wix, Treasurer Monica O'Hara and Secretary GinaMarie Doherty, drawings were held for about

30 gift baskets. The evening's final drawing was for a crocheted afghan. The coveted, blue and white blanket which featured the MWAN emblem was made by Merilyn Evans (left) and won by Lorraine Elander (right).



Finally, a Special Thanks to Deanna Allman who kept the Hospitality Room stocked with all kinds of snacks and drinks, making it the perfect place for story-telling, reminiscing and great conversations.

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Thanks for helping us save trees & money!

Members are responsible for keeping their current email addresses on file with the MWAN Executive Secretary.

Newsletter (Continued from page 1) The more members who choose digital, the more savings we reap. Those savings can then be used to grow our organization and help even more of our sister service members.

Interested? Please see the "Go Digital" diamond above. Now, back to other details:

Instead of reducing the number of newsletter issues to balance our budget, your Board of Directors opted to limit the number of pages per issue to 12. Of course we've kept the important standards like Silver Taps, the Supply Locker order form and contact details for MWAN officers and staff, but we've cut several of the columns and reduced the size of some forms. These cuts made room for more news!

The Sound Off section has been expanded and we hope to include every bit of news our members want to share. Members-at-Large and Units alike are invited to send photos and tell us what you are up to.

Additionally, if your "Sound Off" input has a lot of details and/or several photos, we may make it into a full-fledged article!

Also, let us know what you think of our new Bulletin! Send your comments - likes & dislikes - to Editor Judy Faries (contact info on page 10). Constructive comments are welcome as we are always seeking ways to improve.

Finally, if you find a mistake or two, we probably put them there on purpose. After all, we would like everyone to be happy and some people are always looking for mistakes!

Representative Needed for Region IV

Jeanne Lemasters plans to move in April 2017 to a different region which will leave her post vacant.

Responsibilities are outlined in the MWAN Bylaws and Procedures Manual (Click on "Documents" at www.milwomen.org). Training will be provided. Applicants must be able to communicate using e-mail.

If interested please write to president@milwomen.org.

Sound Off!

KEYSTONE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #6 (PA) – Five from our unit attended MWAN Convention in Tunica, Mississippi. Due to Southwest Airlines computer glitch some of us had a little trouble getting home. Our pilot told us he was a former marine pilot, landing planes on the deck of an aircraft carrier. And told us a Navy Corpsman had saved his life when he got shrapnel in his back.



Unit women attending the MWAN Convention - Back row: Billie Jenkins-Taddei, Louise Manz, Ruthie Severino, Front row: Jeanne Lemasters, and Gladys Martin.

Several of us attended a patriotic concert where each branch of the services was honored and we performed "WAVES of the Navy" for the audience. Some of our members have been ill or hospitalized, and we are looking forward to seeing them again.

Contact Ruthie at 610-356-8956 for meeting info.

HEART OF AMERICA OF MWAN

Unit #9 (KS) – In honor of Women's Equality Day, the Kansas City VA Medical Center recognized WWII- and Korean- era women veterans in a ceremony on Friday, 26 August. Terry Curry, manager of the Women Veterans Program office along with Leslie Andrews, EEO/Diversity Program Manager coordinated the event. Three ladies attending were Marilyn Bosley, Milda Halastik (Midge), and Elaine Kirk, WWII veterans and members of Heart of America Unit 9 of MWAN.

Don Bradley of the Kansas City Star interviewed all attendees and an article was printed in the KC Star. Women from all branches of service were represented with the exception of the WASPS. The keynote speaker was Kathleen Fogerty, Director of the KC VA Medical Center along with Judy Turner of the Harry S. Truman Library Institute and Malinda Graves-Sampson of the Missouri Veterans Commission. Each woman veteran attending received a certificate of recognition, a wrist corsage, a challenge coin, a pin denoting her service during WWII/Korea, and a gift bag. The Blue Springs Chapter of the DAR provided drinks, cookies, and flowers.



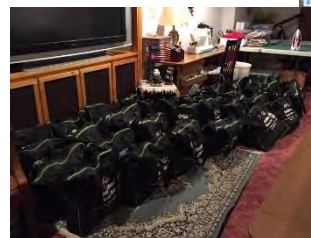
Unit members (L-R, front row): Milda Halastik, Elaine Kirk & Marilyn Bosley.

Our next meeting will be held at Cascone's Italian Restaurant on 22 October. **For more info please contact Michele Batliner at 816-315-9229 or mbatliner@att.net**

NORTHEAST OHIO WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #21 (OH) - This is the time of year that Unit 21 really gets busy. Members spent six days at the Canfield Fair talking to the community, locating women veterans, and raising funds for women vet programs.

Next the unit provided supplies for homeless and women vets in need at the Laura Dunlop Memorial Summit County Stand Down.



↑ Women Vet Tent at Canfield Fair
← Personal care bags for Stand Down

Then on to a new event this year with the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra where the unit presented the MWAN flag in a tribute to area veterans organizations.

LEATHERSTOCKING OF MWAN

Unit #26 (NY) – We celebrated Independence Day with our meeting held at the Claxton Manor Senior Living in Herkimer NY. Annemarie Hansel, one of our members, lives there. The center was kind enough to serve our nine members with food and drink. Millie Bonde's husband (retired Master Chief) Don enjoys our meetings and brought a beautiful red, white and blue cake. We are proud to have four new members. Welcome aboard to Jean Murphy (Navy), Terri Spurlock (Army), Crystal Hicks (Navy), and Claire Allison (Air Force).

Mary O'Connor announced she will be leaving us and moving into assisted living. Our Treasurer, Judy Obreza has not attended meetings for more than 1½ years and won't be returning. They will be greatly missed. The next meeting will be back at Denny's in Herkimer on the first Wednesday of each month. **For more information please contact Mary Erin Blair at 315-894-3271.**

SAN DIEGO STARS & STRIPES

Unit #36 (CA) – The 13 August meeting was held at Coronado VFW Post with about 18 attending including 2 new members. All enjoyed the pillow stuffing which is now up to 4,350 and the delicious lunch prepared by the Auxiliary.

Monica O’Hara, Lynne Pine and Roxanne Jones gave brief updates about what occurred at National Convention – name changes, membership standing, financial status, election results and by-law changes, etc. The Regional Conference will be in San Diego in the fall of 2017 and MWAN National Convention will be in the fall of 2018. Both will be held at the Handlery Resort & Spa in Mission Valley.

Business included voting to spend up to \$100 for Christmas Backpacks for veterans at La Jolla VA Center, creating a special certificate with a possible swag bag for the 5,000th person receiving a neck pillow, and Veteran Parade registration.

The unit celebrated the WAVES Birthday and included two other celebrants - Evelyn Coy, 95 on 19 Aug, and Peg Boyce, 85 on 21 Aug. It was also noted that Shirley Ferrill is Chula Vista Veteran of the Year! Congrats! Our next meeting is on 8 October. **For unit info contact, Roxanne Jones, at 619-545-6546, 616-274-1606 or roxanne.jones@score.com**

SEA BREEZES

Unit #52 (FL) – Unit 52’s recent visits to our WWII veteran members have included cakes with pictures of them in uniform and time for swapping sea stories.



Our Teddy Walker proudly wears her WAVES uniform → Geneva Woods reminisces with other Unit members. Clockwise from top left: Janey Wiles, Jeanne Hooper, Kathy Gregory, Linda Balink-White, Geneva and Stephanie Oram. ↓



Correction to the last Bulletin: Congratulations to Laura White, re-elected President of Unit 52.

Sound Off!

REDWOOD EMPIRE MILITARY WOMEN

Unit #77 (CA) – The newly elected officers were installed during our July meeting: President Rose Nowak, 1st VP Suzanne Seville, 2nd VP Margaret Enea-Patrizi, Secretary/Treasurer Maura Mooney. Installation was performed by Mary Louise Loustalot and Helen Nugent. Helen’s service as unit president for the past 6 years was acknowledged.



Pictured (L-R): Helen Nugent, outgoing President, Maura Mooney, Sec-Treas, Rose Nowak, Pres, and Margaret Enea-Patrizi, 2nd VP.

Unit 77 will continue our goal to grow our membership utilizing local newspapers to make the public aware of our presence in the community as well as our local veterans organizations. We plan to actively participate in the upcoming Veterans Day Parade, which is the largest parade north of the Golden Gate.

We meet the 2nd Saturday @ 11:00 am at the Petaluma Veterans Bldg., Room B, 1094 Petaluma Blvd South, Petaluma, CA. We have 6 meetings a year, with 3 other luncheon meetings @ locations to be determined. **For meeting information please contact Rose Nowak at email xcena@sonic.net**

VOLUNTEER UNIT OF MWAN

Unit # 94 (TN) - Volunteer Unit 94 from Nashville had a special event on 20 August at Mimi’s Café in Smyrna. They brought numerous personal items for hospitalized veterans, as well as clothing items for a veteran family who lost everything in the Baton Rouge LA flood.



L-R around table: Rhonda Rivera, Unit Pres Chris Huber, Betty Merritt, Jennifer House-Hart, Krista Heaton, Carol Swindon, Lisa Suchenicz, Gloria Wix, Unit Pres-Elect Donna Henderson, Chris Lasseter, Martha Munn, Deanna Allman, and Event Organizer Carol Ransom.

Sound Off!

FLATWATER WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #98 (NE) - The Flatwater Women Vets met three times since our last posting, in July, August and September at the USA Steak Buffet in Fremont. It is handicap accessible, we are allowed to use the party room for our meeting and then eat at their buffet. Our Secretary, Marjorie Neill had a stroke in July, but is in rehab and doing well. Kathy Howe and her husband, Wes Howe have moved into the Nye Apartments Assisted Living and life should be easier for them as Kathy uses a walker. They were also interviewed by Dr. Joyce H. Winfield, PhD, for a book on memories of the Veterans of World War II. It should be printed by November. During our 17 September meeting the ladies packed Care packages for female service members who are deployed overseas. We also plan for an October meeting where a speaker will discuss the Military and hometown effort during World War II. **For meeting information please contact Pat Hunsche at 402-426-2013 or phunsche@abbnebraska.com**

OCEAN STATE

Unit #118 (RI) - After holding elections in May, Unit 118 is proud to announce its new officers: President Ginny Hanson, Vice President Meg Smith, Secretary Michele Santana, Treasurer Shirley Hill and State Director Luisa White. They were sworn in at the 24 September business meeting. Thank you, ladies, for being willing to serve in this capacity! **For meeting info please contact Margaret Pedlow Smith at 504-756-4570 or email at mpedlowsmith@gmail.com**

MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

Unit #152 (VA) - Martha Kastler, Serena Copley, and Cheri Snaza handed out 25 Pillows for Patriots at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital Ambulatory Infusion Center. Martha reflected that one of the favorite pillows reminded a patient of the Chick Fil-A cow.



Unit Vice President Brenda Kerr, CAPT/USCG, (pictured at far right) participated in a joint services opportunity at Norfolk Sentara Hospital. With the signing of The Military

Medics and Corpsmen Bill, establishment of the Virginia Military Medics and Corpsmen Pilot Program, puts our veterans to work immediately in the medical field.

Brenda swore her daughter Danielle into the Navy Medical Corp on 8 Aug 2016 at The University of Kansas. Danielle will finish pharmacy school through the NMC program as an E-6. Upon graduation in 2018 she will be commissioned as a Lieutenant.

In August we celebrated our first anniversary as MWT 152, with Rear Admiral Meredith Austin, USCG, speaking on the importance of teamwork and communication. Our



RDML Austin, recognizes Unit members (L-R) Elaine Musick, Patricia Miesner, Phyllis Lightfoot for their service during the Korean War.

annual auction was exciting, helping to bring in funds for next year's opportunities. New officers were installed and the presidential gavel was passed. Beginning with the Oceana Air show in Sept, it looks to be a busy fall. We welcome all to join us. We meet monthly at VFW 4809 in Norfolk.

For meeting info contact Dassa Carvey at 757-363-3059 or Dassa_2@verizon.net



RDML Austin with Dassa Carvey who was presented a Lifetime Achievement award.

Jo-Anne Williams Teel (left) and April Maletz address the Mid-Atlantic Regional Maintenance on Women's Equality Day. →



SALT RIVER MILITARY WOMEN

Unit #155 (AZ) - Five of our members were privileged to attend the MWAN National Convention in Tunica, MS. We made many new friends and shared hugs with old friends. It was a wonderful and fulfilling experience.

Pictured (L-R) are Volunteer Hours Asst. Chair Laurie Elander, Unit Historian Diana Green, Dir. of Unit Committees Terry Taylor, Unit President Georganne Bickle with her service dog Silkie & Kittv Bickle. →



At our unit meeting on 17 August, President Georganne Bickle presented Barbara Klinedinst, Sandy Engles, and Marion Cartland with their National Honorary Membership Certificates and Member ID cards.



Barbara Klinedinst & Georganne



Sandy Engles & Georganne



Marion Carland & Georganne



Sound Off!

NEW ENGLAND MILITARY WOMEN OF MWAN

Unit #158 (RI) – Members of our Unit have been very busy. Our President and Vice President man a table and sell donated items for VAVS every Wednesday at the Providence Rhode Island Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Pictured are Unit Vice President Connie Rix (left) and President Maria Helena Peixoto (right). →



Saturday, 18 June, unit members attended the Senator Whitehouse Veterans Breakfast. It was held at the RI National Guard Warwick Armory.

Pictured clockwise beginning with Member in Red Shirt, Dorothy Dilullo, Sylvia Weber, Maria Helena ↓



Sadly, we lost one of our oldest and dearest members, Beatrice G. Ferrante, age 99, a WWII Navy Veteran (pictured above right). We are deeply grateful Bea was able to attend the August meeting and that we were able to spend quality time with her before she passed. She will be missed.

For meeting information please contact Georganne Bickle at admin@rmw.org.

TRISTATE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #157 (TN) - TriState Women Veterans Unit 157 was VERY well represented at the 2016 National Convention.



{L-R} Cathy Brown, Gloria Gray, Janet Duncan, Nancy Pollard, Penny Manna, Beth Wingfield, Renee Chisholm, Laura Holder, Denise Duke (associate member from Alabama) and Unit President Rita Waller.

Unit members Patty Parks and Nettie Hudson were also there but they were too busy "rubbing elbows" to pose for the picture. We had a great time!!



Sharon Leslie
MWAN First State, Unit 10
VFW Delaware State Commander



Two Military Women Across the Nation members have become the First Female State Commanders of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Congratulations ladies!!!



GinaMarie Doherty
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Need something to hand out at your next recruiting function? We are now carrying MWAN pens and pencils. They are custom made with our logo and the web address. Bulk prices are available in 20, 50 or 100 units, give me a call for prices.

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