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DECEMBER 2020

Don't be an Invisible Veteran

This story is about events which took place two years ago. However, the underlying message is just as important today. All of the events below were predicated by a single phone call from a Marine woman veteran.

*By, Patricia Cerchio, President,
First State Military Women Warriors Unit #10*

Dover, Delaware – In 2018 on Saturday, November 3rd, the State of Delaware honored the service and sacrifice of Delaware women who had served their country. The annual Veterans Day Parade kicked off the day with special emphasis on military women. More than 40 units participated, including eight bands. First State Military Women Warriors (FSMWW) Unit 10 members were front and center in the planning and participation of these events.

Three World War II women veterans served as Grand Marshalls with each riding in a special car. Women from all eras, including those still serving, were invited to walk in the parade and were asked to wear their uniforms or something to indicate their branches of service.

At the parade's conclusion, the Delaware Women's Service Monument was dedicated at Legislative Hall. The monument (pictured above right) features photographs of Military Women from World War I through the present day. Each Delaware military woman attending the dedication received a commemorative book and lapel pin.

Following the dedication, the new Delaware Women's Military Service License Plate was made available for the first time. Part of the cost for each plate goes to a trust fund to help Delaware veterans in need.

Earlier in the year, a bridge leading to Dover Air Force Base had been named for Delaware's Senior Airman Elizabeth Loncki; the first Delaware woman killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Several weeks after the monument dedication, a luncheon and ceremony were held to honor Staff Sargent Artishia Mae Conaway Stephens who served in the U.S. Army/Air Force from 1945-1949 as part of the 99th Pursuit Squadron of the famed Tuskegee Airmen. SSgt Stephens was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by U.S. Representative Lisa Blunt-Rochester. The medal was accepted on behalf of SSGT Stephens by her family.

Although it was never officially designated, people in Delaware began calling 2018 the Year of the Military Woman. One woman veteran attending the dedication summed it up this way: "I don't usually tell people I was in the military, but after this, I'm going to start."

That's what this is all about. Delaware's response may have been greater than expected, but it does not take much to get a lot done. It all starts with you letting people know you proudly served in the military. You can do it. Don't be an invisible veteran.



Among those pictured on the monument is Unit 10 (formerly called First State WAVES) charter member and World War II Navy veteran, the late Elizabeth "Betty" Lawton Cerchio, mother of Unit 10's current president, Patricia Cerchio. Betty's picture is on the top row, second from the right.

→→ Don't Forget! ←←

**National Dues are DUE 1 Jan
February Bulletin Input DUE 1 Jan**

The MWAN Procedures Manual is currently being updated to reflect the 2020 MWAN Bylaws. Please direct procedural questions to your Region Representative listed on Page 10 of this bulletin.

Presidential Ponderings

by Patty Parks, National President

As we near the close of 2020, I wish you all safety and peace. My heart goes out to those who have suffered unimaginable loss this year. Please know that your memories of better times are with you forever and may bring some solace in the darkest of times.

While we have spent much of the past nine months socially distancing from others, many of our sisters have found ways to reach out to each other in an effort to lift spirits and bring assurances that no one is alone.

The business portion of our convention has been completed by your Board of Directors and our FY2021 Budget is on Page 3. The slate is clean and we are ready to move forward.

Please keep safe, dear sisters, and remember, like our military service, we're in this together!

Volunteer Viewpoints

by Diane Culleton, National Representative for Veterans Administration Voluntary Service (VAVS)

Greetings to MWAN members. Volunteering continues to be a challenge, but VA facilities are beginning to open areas for our VAWS volunteers. Each hospital has different guidelines regarding our volunteering based on the safety of our veterans, volunteers and VA employees. Please check with your Chief of Volunteer Services to see what your VA facility is allowing. Safety is the number one concern, so it's each volunteers' decision as to her comfort level. Thank you to all the volunteers for whatever you have been able to be involved in, and I wish safety and good health to all as the hospitals start to allow more volunteers to be involved.

The NAC VAWS Executive Committee meeting held a virtual meeting September 22nd. It was decided to cancel the 75th NAC VAWS Meeting & Conference due to the pandemic and to have a virtual conference instead. The James H. Parke Memorial Scholarship fund awarded 15 scholarships totaling \$39,000. Danielle Nam was awarded the 2020 Parke Scholarship. Danielle volunteers at the Palo Alto VA Healthcare System and plans to attend Harvard University.

Having served for six and a half years as MWAN's VAWS National Representative and Certifying Officer, including four years representing MWAN on the VAWS Executive

Officers' Call

Board, I will leave the position effective December 31st. It has been an honor to represent our organization, and I am so grateful for all MWAN's volunteers. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to serve. Denise Duke has volunteered to be MWAN's next VAWS National Representative. She will serve you well as she has many years of VAWS experience.

Please consider becoming a part of your VA Volunteers and represent MWAN at the quarterly committee meetings. You'll find it a rewarding experience helping to serve our veterans. God Bless.

Unit Upkeep

by GinaMarie Doherty, Vice President for Unit Liaison

A unit officer election transmittal is due each time any unit officer is changed. If you have not done so this year, I request ALL units submit a current election transmittal in accordance with MWAN guidelines. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Some units are meeting via zoom or telephone. I applaud all efforts to keep your unit active. Thank you very much.



Season's Greetings

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A Quarter Million Women Veterans

live in the three MWAN regions with NO representative. They may need the support and friendship MWAN offers, but they may not even know MWAN exists.

While several of our sisters have grabbed the opportunity to make a difference, members in three of our regions still need someone to represent their interests on the MWAN Board of Directors and share information about MWAN.

The regional representative job is not difficult, nor does it take a lot of time. However, it does take an interest in helping our sister service women learn about the camaraderie, support and just plain fun that membership in MWAN can provide as well as extending that



same friendship to those who are already members!

Currently, the focus of regional representatives should be to (1) make regular contact with the units within the region, (2) contact (by letter, phone or email) EACH



Member-at-Large in the region at least annually, and (3) find other military women in the region and recruit new members. An estimate of five to 10 hours monthly may be needed to complete these duties.

Each regional representative MUST live in the region she represents; have the ability to communicate via email, and she, or her alternate, is expected to attend national conventions (in even years) and midterm meetings (in odd years), though exceptions can be made.

Each of the three regions needing representation are listed below with a few pertinent details. If you'd like to be considered for one of the representative positions, please contact Patty Parks at president@milwomen.org or (423)326-0839 for more information.

REGION 4:

States: Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming

Units: None **MWAN Members:** 11

Women Vets: 25,046

REGION 5:

States: Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin

Units: One **MWAN Members:** 76

Women Vets: 95,600

REGION 8:

States: Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi

Units: None **MWAN Members:** 23

Women Vets: 110,249

MWAN FY 2020-2021 Budget

Projected Income:	
Transfer from Life Membership Fund	\$ 2,500
Dues Renewal for 2020	10,000
Dues Reinstatement	600
Dues New Members	1,400
Donations	1,500
Fundraising	250
Transfer from Scholarship Fund ①	3,000
Total Projected Income:	\$ 19,250
Projected Expenses:	
President	250
VP for Membership	250
VP for Unit Liaison	250
VP for Finance	250
VP for Finance Expenses	150
Secretary	250
Secretary Expenses	150
Past President Travel	-
Regional Reps ②	3,250
Public Relations Expenses	250
MILWOMEN Bulletin ③	9,000
Call to Convention	-
VAVS Representative Travel	250
VAV Executive Committee Travel	650
James H. Parke Scholarship	200
Mid-term Meeting Expenses	300
CA Tax	20
MWAN Scholarship ①	3,000
Insurance ④	600
Total Projected Expenses:	\$ 19,070

① Scholarships for 2019 and 2020 will be paid out in FYE 7/31/2021, as well as the 2021 scholarship.

② There are now 13 regional reps who are expected to attend Midterm instead of the previous six. Additionally, recording secretary, bylaws chair, editor, public relations and parliamentarian will no longer be attending.

③ Due to more members "Going Digital," the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter has gone down.

④ Our 3-year insurance bond is up for renewal 7/14/21.





Military Women Across the Nation College Scholarship Rules & Application



This \$1,000 scholarship is available to a relative - male or female - of a military woman.

The 2021 essay topic is

“Should women be required to register for the draft?”

APPLICANTS WHO DO NOT ADHERE TO ALL INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

Applicant Eligibility

1. May be female or male but must be a civilian relative of a military woman who has served honorably, or is serving, in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard or their Guard or Reserve components. The relationship may be by birth, legal adoption or marriage.
2. Must have a 3.2 or better Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.
3. Must be a high school senior or undergraduate college student.
4. Entries must be submitted by **12 April 2021: NO EXCEPTIONS**.
5. Military women and veterans may **NOT APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP**.

Application Package MUST INCLUDE the following:

1. Completed Application.
2. Copy of all transcripts pertaining to current course of study to include academic standing.
3. **Documented Proof of the military woman relative's honorable military service.** Application packages without this proof **WILL NOT** be considered. **Documented Proof** is a legible copy of the military woman's Standard Form DD-214, discharge certificate **OR** a Statement of Service on letterhead from the military woman's current command.
NOTE: To protect personal information applicants are directed to mark out all references to social security and/or service numbers on the DD-214 and high school or college transcripts.
4. An essay of 1,000 to 1,500 words in length written on the above topic. The essay must be the applicant's own work, be submitted in .doc or .docx format, and include documented evidence (including a bibliography) of both research and an interview with at least one military woman. (The interviewee does not need to be the qualifying relative.) Applicants are encouraged to contact military women in recruiting offices, at military bases, reserve units, etc. to enhance the research.
5. The entire Application Package shall be submitted in one email to include **separate attachments** for the following:
 - (1) Completed Application
 - (2) Transcripts (must be legible)
 - (3) Military Woman Relative Proof of Eligibility
 - (4) Applicant's essay (in .doc or .docx format)

Each attached file must include the applicant's last name and first initial as part of the file name and ALL correspondence must include the applicant's name in the subject line.

6. Email the Application Package and/or any questions to the Scholarship Chair at:

MWANScholarship@milwomen.org

Application Package Submission DEADLINE is 12 April 2021.

Applicants will be notified in June 2021 of the results.

The scholarship will be paid jointly to the scholarship recipient AND his/her college.

The application is available for download at www.milwomen.org (See documents page)

Military Women Across the Nation College Scholarship Rules & Application

PRINT or TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Applicant

Full Name: _____
Last First Middle Maiden (if applicable)

Mailing Address: _____
Street City County State Zip Country

Phone #: () Email: _____

Age: _____ Current GPA (4.0 scale): _____ Class Ranking: _____

High School Test Scores: SAT Verbal _____ SAT Math _____ ACT Comp _____

Name of School Currently Attending: _____

School Address: _____
Street City County State Zip Country

School Phone #: () School Website: _____

Name of School you plan to attend (if different): _____

School Address: _____
Street City County State Zip Country

School Phone #: () School Website: _____

Type of School you are attending/plan to attend (Select as appropriate)

___ 4-Year/Undergraduate College or University ___ Trade/Technical School

___ 2-Year/Undergraduate College or University ___ Other: _____

Civic Clubs: List memberships and offices (if applicable). Include school, civic, community service, honorary and religious organizations for each active membership: _____

Volunteer Work/Employment: List your volunteer and/or employment experience: _____

Hobbies/Talents: List your hobbies, talents and/or interests: _____

Course of Study: List your major or the field you plan to study: _____

What is your career objective? _____

(Continue answers on separate pages as necessary.)

Qualifying Military Woman Relative

Full Name: _____
Last First Middle Maiden (if applicable)

Relationship to applicant (Mother, Aunt, Cousin, etc.): _____

Service Branch: _____ Current Military Status (Veteran, Retired, Active, Reserve, etc.): _____

Type of Military Service Proof included (REQUIRED): _____



Application Package Submission
DEADLINE is 12 April 2021.



Questions? Contact Scholarship Chair at MWANScholarship@milwomen.org

Sound Off!

KEYSTONE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #6 (PA) - While we have been isolating and distancing, we have not been idle. Ruthie Severino did a video interview describing how the Delaware County Veterans Memorial, located in Newtown Square, came to be.

Tina Crowding and Pat Sherwood traveled to Women in Military Service to America (WIMSA) for the dedication of a sculpture honoring female handlers and their canine partners.

Titled "The Pledge", the art was donated by The War Dogs Foundation and is the first statue to be located at the memorial. It was designed by artist Susan Bahary.

Attending the event were women military handlers from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines, along with their K-9 partners.



The sculpture inscription reads, "Honoring all women of the U.S. Military, Past, Present and Future, The Pledge: To Protect and Defend Our Country" on one side, and the obverse reads, "Let the generations know that women in uniform also guaranteed their freedom. That our resolve was just as great as the brave men who stand among us. And with victory, our hearts were just as full and beat just as fast – that the tears fell just as hard for those we left behind." Anne Sosh Brehm, 1st LT, US Army Nurse Corps, WWII

Several unit members were set to attend a celebration of General Wilma Vaught's 90th birthday in March, but the event was canceled due to the pandemic.

Gladys Martin was nominated and accepted for a Freedom Foundation Award. Gladys will be honored privately since the November awards ceremony has been cancelled.

HEART OF AMERICA

Unit #9 (KS) - Unit members gathered for a lunch meeting Saturday, October 24th at Casconi's Italian Restaurant. It was good to see everyone again and simply sit and visit.

We send very special 99th Birthday greetings to World War II member Marilyn Bosely. Our Christmas luncheon is set for 11am Friday, December 4th at Stroud's Restaurant.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.



Unit 9 members at our October luncheon are (L to R) Beverly Hagen, Nellie Croke, Darlene Miella, Michele Batliner, and Lois Hardeman.

SAN DIEGO STARS & STRIPES

Unit #36 (CA) – Unit members met for lunch on October 3rd with 5 members and 2 guests attending. We observed basic protocol of masks and distancing and all enjoyed having a meal out. Monica was still traveling and unable to attend. Barbara Ellis had made some holiday items to sell and the funds were donated to our unit treasury.



Lunch meeting attendees were (L to R) Dan Maclean, Gay Norton, Barbara Ellis, Shirley Ferrill, Roxanne Jones, Kay Poindexter, and Lynne Pine Maclean.

We are hoping to have a holiday luncheon on December 5th if restaurants are open and available. Shirley Ferrill reminded us of a drive-by collection for the homeless stand down on November 7th and offered to collect and deliver items anyone has to donate. She also brought us up to date on the neck pillows: Currently, we have donated 9,537.

For meeting information contact Unit 1st VP Roxanne Jones at 619-274-1606.



Neck pillow stuffers (L to R) Sherry Hill, Susan Farnsworth, Shirley Ferrill, Deb Quiett, Monica O'Hara and Roxanne Jones.

MILITARY WOMEN OF TAMPA BAY

Unit #55 (FL) - Regretfully, the annual Veterans' Day parade at James A. Haley VA Hospital will not be held this year. While we are all very disappointed, we understand.

The VA Volunteer Service (VAVS) put out a call to members of the VAVS Committee to submit one or two video clips honoring veterans, which would then be sent to its Public Affairs/Communications & Media Team and assembled into a single video. Though not certain “how” to do this, Unit 55 members decided to try and on Saturday October 17th we met in a parking lot for a video shoot!



Unit 55 video “stars” (L to R) are Irene Raposa, Jouay Koppari, Cathy Gerolimatos and Connie White.



Unit 55 meeting attendees (L to R) were Irene Raposa, Connie White, Jouay Koppari and - not pictured because she’s taking the picture - Cathy Gerolimatos.

REDWOOD EMPIRE

Unit #77 (CA) – As Unit 77 moves into the last month of 2020, we have not had a unit meeting, and since our Sonoma County Veterans Buildings continue to be in lock down, it will probably be 2021 before we can gather again.

We normally participate in the Veterans Parade in Petaluma on November 11th, which is billed as The Largest Veterans Parade North of the Golden Gate. This year a “mini parade” was held, including the American Legion Post 28 Riders, and a sprinkling of representatives from the various Veteran Service Organizations. Unit 77 was represented by members Leslie Fuller and Rose Nowak who rode in an Army jeep. Originally, pre-pandemic, all Unit 77 members were set to be Grand Marshals in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of women winning the right to vote.

What a difference a year makes! In the fall of 2019, four Unit 77 members visited the 45-resident Yountville Veterans Home, toured the facility and cemented plans to support women veterans residing there. The photo at the top of the next column captured the day.

From Unit 77, we’re wishing each and every one of you a Happy, Healthy Holiday Season!

Sound Off!



Unit 77 members in the fall of 2019 are (L to R) Kate O'Hare Palmer, Leslie Fuller, Katherine Duisenberg and Rose Nowak.

TRIANGLE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #144 (NC) – Unit 44 members continue to meet via Zoom. During the September meeting, members recorded a message that was played during the North Carolina Women Military Veterans Virtual Summit on October 15th. The unit also donated door prizes which earned their logo a spot in the “Sponsor and Partners” section of the event’s website at wmvse.org.



Members ZOOMING in to meet in the above composite photo are (L to R, Top to Bottom) Annette Stevenson, Adina Lev, Yoneka Trent, Carolyn comfort, Jo Flack, Pat Childers, Brenda Brubaker, Jill Blakeney and Tenita Solanto.

Unit members signed Veterans Day cards for the hospice and CLC patients at Durham VAMC. Additionally, cards will be sent to veterans that reside in the same facility as unit member Norma Schrader. At right, Adina Lev shows off some of the cards specifically for women veterans.



Sound Off!

MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

Unit #152 (VA) – Unit members have continued pressing through the COVID challenges as they supported fellow veterans and celebrated each other's milestones and successes.

Suz Whitman had the honor of joining in the awarding of 50 Quilts of Valor (QOV) by the Patriots Triangle QOV. The quilts were awarded to veterans at Cypress Landing, a local veteran's home built by veterans.



QOV event attendees were (L to R) Les & Tammy Wallace, Madonna Rabatin and her sister Toni, Susan Paschal and her mom Mary Anne and Suz Whitman

We received word that the box we sent to a unit member stationed in Bahrain was well received and truly a blessing to shipmates far away from home at this time.

Sending long distance cards and greetings, unit members played a "critical role" in honoring Shirley H. Reagor of Houston, Texas, a World War II Coast Guard SPAR, on her 100th birthday. Mrs. Reagor's daughter was "awed and blessed" to work with each member in this remarkable celebration.



Please join us in congratulating another Coast Guard woman: Unit member Naval Engineering Chief Warrant Officer 4 April Reid (pictured at left) who has been selected for promotion to Lieutenant next year. Congratulations April!

Members Cheri Snaza (below left) and Dassa Carvey (below center) delivered gifts of bed runners and crocheted afghans from the unit to patients at the Hampton VAMC. Volunteer Services Chief Judith Curtis (below right) received the much-appreciated gifts which will be enjoyed by many.



Unit 152 members hope the new year will be filled in the support of our fellow veterans.

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

SALT RIVER MILITARY WOMEN

Unit #155 (AZ) – Unit meetings resumed in September via Zoom. In October we held our Annual Halloween party. Even though we did not meet in person, a costume contest ensued. Members were asked in advance to dress in costume, have a photo taken and email it to the unit president. The unit board would then make a decision.



Gabe Forsburg as "Darth Vader" (Pictured at left) won by accenting her mask, helmet and dark clothing with an old telephone wired with a few lights. Gabe passed on her winnings saying she thought Beth Anne Whiting had a better costume. Beth Anne's costume included a mask and witch's hat along with a T-shirt asking, "Are you a good witch? Or a bad witch!"

A couple other games were played with members staying online longer to

simply chat and uplift spirits. While we cannot currently meet in person, we can still have meaningful conversations and show our care for each other.

Our unit recently collaborated with another non-profit group, Veterans First - whose primary focus is helping women veterans – and other non-profits by providing funds for a woman and child to move away from a domestic violence situation and back to family in Florida.

Additionally, many unit members – again in collaboration with Veterans First and other non-profits – provided personal essentials for Native American veteran women and their children. The items were delivered to the Navajo Nation in November.

TRISTATE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #157 (TN) – Unit members gathered in October for the first time since our pre-COVID19 brunch in February. The weather was perfect for our 'BYOL' (bring your own lunch) picnic at Riverfront Park and everyone enjoyed the sistership. We welcomed Louise Jones from Unit 152 who recently moved to Tennessee to be nearer her twin sister Diane Howard who is a Charter Member of our unit. We are working to convince Louise to transfer in... (Sorry, 152!)

With patriotic balloons on the tables and our unit banner proudly displayed, we garnered many "Thank You for your service" greetings from passersby, and even signed up a new member visiting the area from Georgia!

Though many events, programs and services have been cancelled due to the pandemic, individual members have found ways to continue supporting our community.

Danette Skyles (on right) and Michele Lorino (on left) volunteer regularly with the local branch of the YMCA Summer Food and Fun Program which provides meals and snacks to kids 18 and under at some 2,500 locations nationwide.

Below, masked unit members gathered for a quick snapshot to commemorate our meeting.



Sound Off!

Unit 158 members teamed up with Ocean State Unit 118 members to participate in a wreath-laying ceremony in honor of Veterans Day at the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Featured in the background of the photo is the Women Veterans Monument which was created by Anne Mimi Sammis and dedicated in 2002. Unit 158 President Dottie DiLullo was a founding member of the memorial committee assigned by the Rhode Island governor to acquire funds for the project.



(L to R) Front row: Louise Jones, Penny Manna, Cathy Brown, Gloria Gray, Carla Bell, Beth Wingfield, and Rita Waller
(L to R) Back row: Diane Howard, Michele Lorino, Danette Skyles, Joyce Campbell and Patty Parks

NEW ENGLAND

Unit #158 (RI) – Unit 158 member Gretchen Vierling-Cutlip (pictured below) has been sworn in as the Rhode Island



United Veterans Council (UVCRI) President. The council consists of nine state Veteran Service Organizations including MWAN, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, The American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America, Italian American Veterans, Jewish War Veterans, Korean War Veterans and American Veterans. The UVCRI meets

10 times annually in support of the state veteran cemetery in Exeter; to advocate for veterans living in the state veteran home in Bristol, and to monitor legislation which benefits veterans and their families.



(L to R) Dora Vasquez of Unit 158 with Lois Lepak, Pat Denny, Carla Murcelano and Susan Roberts of Unit 118.



Ways for veterans & their families to get the flu vaccine FREE!

During the 2019-2020 flu season, more than 4,600 veterans were hospitalized from the flu at VA medical centers and more than 600 of them required intensive care stays. With this year's added COVID19 concern, it's all the more important to get a flu vaccination. Fortunately, there is no cost for the shot to most veterans and their families.

If you're covered by Tricare, the vaccine is free in three ways: (1) At a military hospital or clinic. Call ahead for availability as active duty personnel have priority; (2) At participating network pharmacies. Call 877-363-1303 to find one near you, or (3) At your primary care provider. There may be an office visit copay.

If you're enrolled in VA health care you can get a flu shot at a local VA health care facility, walk-in flu shot clinic, or more than 60,000 in-network retail pharmacy or urgent care locations. Eligibility for urgent care locations require that you must have received care from a VA or in-network provider in the past 24 months. You may call the VA general information line at 800-698-2411 to find a location near you.

If you aren't enrolled in VA healthcare, Medicare Part B covers 100% of the cost of a flu shot, or your insurance may offer free flu shots. Check with your insurance company for details.

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Representative: **Beth Wingfield**, 706-508-5612/GA
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REGION XI: Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia

Representative: **Jennifer Baun**, 314-803-8643/OH
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REGION XII: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland,
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Representative: **Hortense Toliaferro**, 215-327-7384/NJ
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REGION XIII: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New
Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

Representative: **Michele Diamond**, 401-824-6786/RI
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MWAN Regional Map



Contact information for each Regional Representative is provided in the chart to the right.

MWAN Supply Locker

DECEMBER 2020

Name: _____ (Why not use a return address label here!)

Address: _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Did you circle the type/size and/or color on items?? **Double Check please!** **Phone Number: () _____

Price per piece...X Number you want = total cost for item(s)

PATCHES

MWAN 2½" (caps) \$ 3 X _____ = _____
 MWAN 3" (shirts) \$ 4 X _____ = _____
 MWAN 8½" (vest) \$10 X _____ = _____
 US Navy WAVES Veteran (circle) \$4 X _____ = _____
 Patches: Navy Flag or Services (USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY) \$4 X _____ = _____
 American Flag Patch (3½"x2") \$4 X _____ = _____
 Proud to Serve (square) \$5 X _____ = _____
 Women are Veterans, Too \$5 X _____ = _____
 WAVES Anchor (old style) \$4 X _____ = _____
 Vietnam Era Eagle \$6 X _____ = _____

JEWELRY & PINS

MWAN Coin \$10 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Lapel pin \$ 4 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Charm \$ 7 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Earrings \$12 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Coin Keychain \$12 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Mouse Pad \$6 X _____ = _____
 Original Hat Pin \$10 X _____ = _____
 Anchor & Prop Earrings \$14 X _____ = _____
 Anchor & Prop Charm \$ 7 X _____ = _____
 Anchor & Prop Lapel Pin \$ 4 X _____ = _____
 Veteran Lapel Pins \$ 4 X _____ = _____
 (USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)
 Little Lady WAVE w/Flag Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
 Vietnam Era Pins \$6 X _____ = _____
 Dogtag Pin (Women Proudly Served) \$5 X _____ = _____
 Freedom Forever Eagle Pin \$5 X _____ = _____
 US Flag & Service Flag Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
 (USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)
 USN Hat Pin (Spread Eagle w/USN) \$8 X _____ = _____
 USN Crest Lapel Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
 US Navy Lapel Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
 USN Patriotic Ribbon Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
 POW/MIA Lapel Pin \$5 X _____ = _____
 Department of Navy Lapel Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
 Service Crest Lapel \$4 X _____ = _____
 (USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY)
 Service Dogtag Pins \$5 X _____ = _____
 (USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)
 US Vet Stars/Stripes Lapel Pin \$9 X _____ = _____

MWAN CLOTHING ITEMS

Neck Tabs, Black w/Velcro \$12 X _____ = _____
 Garrison Caps (includes patch) \$23 X _____ = _____
 Sizes: 21, 22, 23, 24, 25
 MWAN Visor \$12 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Ball Cap \$12 X _____ = _____
 MWAN T-Shirt \$15 X _____ = _____
 Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
 MWAN Polo Shirt \$30 X _____ = _____
Gray or White Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
 MWAN Jacket \$32 X _____ = _____
 Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
 MWAN Sweatshirt \$22 X _____ = _____
 Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
 MWAN White Dress Shirt \$34 X _____ = _____
 Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL
 Patriotic Scarf (100% Polyester) \$4 X _____ = _____

ITEMS OF INTEREST

American Veteran Bracelet \$5 X _____ = _____
 2016 Convention Pin \$2 X _____ = _____
 2016 National Convention Patch \$1 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Playing Cards \$10 X _____ = _____
 Canvas Key Chain/Stars & Stripes \$6 X _____ = _____
 2016 National Convention Coin \$6 X _____ = _____
 US Navy WAVES Veteran Magnet \$3 X _____ = _____
 Mini-Flags Set (MWAN & American) \$10 X _____ = _____
 (Flags are 6"x4" with weighted gold base)
 MWAN Window Decal \$3 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Magnets \$2 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Car Magnet (8" Oval) \$5 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Pencils (2 each) \$1 X _____ = _____
****MWAN Pens (5) \$4 X _____ = _____**
 WAVES Key Chain, Rubber \$5 X _____ = _____
 DD214 Alumni Decal \$6X _____ = _____
 MWAN Flags (3'x5') \$80 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Table Coverings \$120 X _____ = _____
 MWAN PopSockets \$10 X _____ = _____
 3 for \$20. X _____ = _____

NAME BADGE W/MWAN PUCK \$15 X _____ = _____

Double clutch back OR Magnet back (circle one)
 Name on Badge: _____
 Nickname/Maiden: _____
 Unit or Other Info: _____
 Branch: _____ Years / From _____ To _____
 (**Use back of form if you need more space**)

Shipping Cost

Up to \$40 = \$8; \$41-\$100 = \$15; \$101 & above = \$20
 Check/MO #: _____ **NO PHONE ORDERS**

Subtotal: \$ _____
ADD Shipping: \$ _____
TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Make checks/Money Orders payable to **MWAN SUPPLY LOCKER**

Mail check with Order Form to: Linda Coffield, 95 Vernon Street, Atoka, TN 38004

Questions? Call: (901) 488-4153 or Email: LindyC1951@gmail.com

****FIVE (5) MWAN Pens for \$4, great stocking stuffers****

NOTE: MWAN Ladies White Dress Shirt **RUN SMALL** (Ladies cut).

POLO Shirts are unisex, sizes **RUN LARGE**; I suggest you order a size smaller.



Silver Taps

U.S. Navy

Marilyn R. (Whitney) Pease	074/FL
Esther Cody (Wendt) Splitt	153/WI
Mary Virginia van den Heuvel	MAL/FL
Sue C. (Snyder) Anderson	MAL/ME
Margaret 'Peggy' (Sandstrom) Hansen	MAL/MN

U.S. Marine Corps

Almina (Ufford) Brenner	074/FL
Priscilla (White) Wright	074/FL

Former WN/MWAN Member

Sylvia (Clewes) Poplawski	VA
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Gone but never forgotten

MAL = Member at large * Denotes Charter Member of WAVES National
Submit all MWAN member Silver Taps info to Ginger Daniels, P.O. Box 314, Shattuck OK 73858-0314 or secretary@milwomen.org

MEMBER-AT-LARGE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

(Dues period 1 January to 31 December)

*Please type, print
or use address label*

Name: _____ Member ID #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

NOTE: Future newsletters will be sent via email. If you Prefer A Printed Copy, please check here ☐

Phone: _____ Life Membership for those 90 years & older is a one-time payment of \$30.

National Dues for 1 year are **\$25.00** + Tax Deductible Donation \$_____ = Total Amount: \$_____

Please enclose a check or money order made payable to "MWAN", and submit with this form to:

Terry Taylor, VP for Finance, 10105 E Via Linda, Ste 103-253, Scottsdale AZ 85258-5362

First-time applicants must use the MWAN membership application available online at www.milwomen.org