

# MILITARY *Women's* BULLETIN



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## Region I Conference Rocks San Diego



The MILWOMEN Region One Conference was held on Tuesday, 22 August, and by all accounts was a resounding success! Under the leadership of Region One Representative Barb Sebring and attended by President Patty Parks, the one-day conference at the Handlery Hotel was packed with networking, information sharing and camaraderie with a theme of "Aging Gracefully."

The conference got "underway" (literally!) Monday evening, 21 August, with an informal San Diego Bay Dinner Cruise aboard the Adventure Hornblower, where members and guests enjoyed a sit-down dinner and watching the San Diego skyline at sunset.

Tuesday began with an all-female color guard provided by the local Sweetwater High School Marine Corps JROTC Unit followed by the National Anthem sung by Linda Chupco, a Malaysian opera singer.

Thirty-one conference attendees included National Treasurer and San Diego Unit #36 (CA) President Monica O'Hara; San Fernando Valley Unit #86 (CA) President Carolyn Agabon; Members-at-large from Las Vegas, NV; and Salt River Military Women Unit #155 officers from Phoenix, AZ.

MILWOMEN attendees and guests were treated to advice and guidance on a wide range of topics such as cosmetics and aging skin care treatments; nutrition and healthy eating; combating elder abuse; Veteran's Administration policies pertaining to women, and information on wills, trusts and estate planning.

The Veteran's Museum and Memorial provided a static display of World War II, Korea and Vietnam-era women's military uniforms, and a hands-on interactive USO Pillow Project demonstration was provided by the Stars & Stripes unit coordinator, Barbara Ellis.

Additionally, a panel of six active duty female officers from various specialties - aviation, surface, medical service, civil engineering, information warfare, and nuclear service - answered questions from attendees regarding lives of women serving in today's military. Each panelist wore a different style of current Navy uniform and most of the panelists joined us for a networking lunch around the pool.

The day drew to a close with a Memorial Service dedicated to members lost by Region I and culminated in the playing of TAPS by Bugles Across America.



## Don't Forget!

**December Bulletin Input DUE 1 Nov**  
**National Officer Nominations DUE 31 Dec**

Details on all reports are in the Procedures Manual at  
[www.milwomen.org](http://www.milwomen.org)

## Presidential Ponderings

by Patty Parks, National President

### MWAN 2018 Election – Officer Nominations

It's nomination time for MWAN! Every two years we elect new officers to lead the charge. The offices to be filled are President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

Do you know someone you think might be a good fit for one of these positions? Let one of the nominating committee members contact them and talk to them about running for office. Or, are YOU interested in one of the positions? Let us know! Now is the time to start the chatter and get our elections rolling!

The nominating committee members and contact info are:  
Chair Denise Duke: 334-341-1072, deniseduke@wildblue.net  
Vicki Orem: 703-231-4440, vickiorem@hotmail.com  
Michele Batliner: 816-315-9229, mbatliner@att.net  
Laura Holder: 423-242-5880, navygurl68@yahoo.com

All nominations need to be submitted by the end of this calendar year. We'll publish the final nomination list in the February Bulletin and ballots included in the April Bulletin. Winners will be announced at convention.

Details of each office and its respective duties/responsibilities are listed in the MWAN Procedures Manual available at [www.milwomen.org](http://www.milwomen.org) under "Documents".

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Advice

by Gloria Wix, National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

I recently returned from the 18th National Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. There were more than 800 veterans present and I attended a breakfast for women VVA members. I passed out MWAN information and collected several business cards from women vets. One has already contacted me asking for more about MWAN. If you have the opportunity to visit New Orleans, I recommend touring the World War II Museum. It is filled with artifacts, photos, videos, audio recordings and memorabilia; large and small.

Advice: Keep advertising that you are a veteran. Wear something that shows you are a Proud Woman Veteran, a pin, a cap, a shirt, something on your car. They are all conversation starters and potential recruiting helpers. It works. Get the word out about MWAN.

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## Volunteer Viewpoints

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

I attended the 71st Annual NAC VAVS National Conference in Tampa, Florida. My first experience on the Executive Board gave me the opportunity to be a part of the "Nuts and Bolts" of the NAC VAVS and I look forward to the EC meeting in October to be held in Washington, DC. The June Military Women's Bulletin in error reported Sarai Simmons as the winner of the James H. Parke scholarship. The actual winner was **Katie Gardner**. Katie volunteers at the Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Just a reminder that April was the month for our MWAN volunteers to receive their Annual Joint Review. If you have not done so please contact your Chief of Voluntary Services to complete this necessary requirement. Thank you to those who have already met this commitment.

# Officers' Call

It is with great sadness to report of the passing of another volunteer, Jo Ann Teel from Virginia. Jo Ann volunteered at the Hampton VA for many years. I had the pleasure of meeting Jo Ann last year when I toured the Hampton VA. She was such a lovely lady. We send condolences to her family and friends.

As our National President mentioned in her last article we have lost quite a few volunteers due to their passing or resigning because of travel distance or other reasons. MWAN is in jeopardy of losing our status as a Service Member. Presently we have 17 facilities represented and I will be certifying another soon to give us 18. That leaves us 7 volunteers needed to reach our goal of 25. If you are already volunteering at a VA facility please consider becoming a Representative at the VAVS Quarterly Committee meetings. Just contact me if you would like to volunteer at [diane.turcotte30@gmail.com](mailto:diane.turcotte30@gmail.com) or call me at 207-474-2235 (summer telephone #) or 207-399-1696 (cell phone). You will find it a very rewarding experience.

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## Promoting Military Women

by Susan Lindsey, National Public Relations Chair

Hi! I'm Susan. I love to write and apparently don't know when to be quiet. At our June MWAN meeting, I volunteered to handle publicity for Unit #157, TriState Women Veterans. The person I volunteered to was a unit member and our National President, Patty Parks. A week or so later she contacted me and asked if I would serve as the National Committee Chairman for Public Relations. Having just finished four years as PR chair for a Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter and feeling the need to write, I said yes.

My military background is both active Air Force and Air National Guard, serving as a military meteorologist. As with many women who entered the military in the late 70s, I entered a career field that was dominated primarily by men, thus making friendship with fellow military women a survival skill. When I retired after twenty-six years, I had the sense of loss of the companionship and fellowship from other female service members. Being a member of MWAN fulfills my need to reminisce and join in the general camaraderie of kindred spirits.

I am proud to serve as your Public Relations Chair and hope to see an increase of interest in our wonderful organization as I seek and submit information about MWAN to both military and civilian publications. You can help. If you have a story you want told that will garner interest in our organization, please send me a write up and photographs. Be sure you have written permission to publish the images to avoid any misunderstanding. I will combine these wonderful submissions and send to military publications. Letting women learn about Military Women Across the Nation is my goal.

You can reach me with story ideas at 423-802-5426 or [svlindsey8108@comcast.net](mailto:svlindsey8108@comcast.net).

**National Officer & Staff contact Info in on Page 10.**



## Sunshine Region VI Update County Organizers wanted in Florida

The Florida Director of Military Women Across the Nation (MWAN) is looking for a Few Good Women; women veterans, that is!

Are you looking for a way to help fine tune your leadership skills? It just so happens that I am looking for women veterans who want to do just that. How? By becoming a Florida County Organizer for MWAN.

There are 67 counties in Florida which are home to more than 150,000 women veterans. The goal of MWAN is to find them to provide camaraderie and help them stay current with their veterans' benefits.

Did you know MWAN is the only women's military group that holds the status of "Service Member" with the Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service (VAVS) on the National Executive Board (NEC)? Did you know Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs is a state government agency under the authority of the Governor of Florida, charged with helping veterans and their families to receive all benefits to which they are legally entitled?



*Jouay Koppari*

Won't you please help me locate a woman veteran (or two) in each of our 67 counties, who would work closely with MWAN? Please get in touch with me: Jouay Koppari, MWAN Region VI Representative and Florida Director, 4517 Cabbage Palm Drive, Valrico, FL 33596-7189, 813-684-1668, jouayk@verizon.net.

Three people who have already stepped up to the challenge as Florida County Organizers are Laura Livingston ([lal412@yahoo.com](mailto:lal412@yahoo.com)) and Kim Medzyak ([kimmy\\_lee63@yahoo.com](mailto:kimmy_lee63@yahoo.com)) from the Jacksonville area, and Mary Farrell ([mafarrell@cox.net](mailto:mafarrell@cox.net)) from the Gainesville area. A SPECIAL THANKS to Laura, Kim and Mary for doing this! If you live in their respective areas please contact them.

# Go Paperless!

Get your newsletter  
**Quicker** & in **COLOR**  
via email!

Send an email to  
[secretary@milwomen.org](mailto:secretary@milwomen.org)

Put "Go Paperless!" in the subject box  
Include your name,  
MWAN ID number & email address.

Instead of a paper copy,  
Your next newsletter will arrive by email,  
in **COLOR** on **December 1st**!

## ATTENTION! We have Missing Members!



Several of our Life Members (especially World War II ladies) have disconnected phone numbers and/or have moved leaving no forwarding addresses.

Below is a list of "Missing Members" along with their last known locations.

If you know any of these gals, please provide current info to

Barb Turner, MWAN Executive Secretary, by mail: 9105 Shoshone Trail, Flower Mound TX 75022-7040, by email: [secretary@milwomen.org](mailto:secretary@milwomen.org) or by phone: 817-491-4555.

### We're LOOKING FOR:

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Willie M. Blackwell Jones      | Birmingham AL               |
| Charlotte Martin Etter         | Scottsdale AZ               |
| Rosemary Colwell Fatten        | Sacramento CA               |
| Norma C. Bartz Gilmore         | Sun City CA                 |
| Margaret Kurlonok Harbath      | Lafayette CA                |
| Mary K. Gustafson Hojnacki     | Fresno CA                   |
| V. M. Johnson                  | Idyllwild CA                |
| Marcia M. O'Grady LeMond       | Ventura CA                  |
| Evelyn S. McClain *            | Loma Linda CA               |
| Melva Lynch McGrew-Weber       | Los Angeles CA              |
| Barbara C. Alden Meza          | San Clemente CA             |
| Jeanne E. Morgan *             | Pleasant Hill CA            |
| Dorothy J. Rak Nelius          | Poway CA                    |
| Helen M. Warden Orth           | Anaheim CA                  |
| Jeanette E. Haver Parson *     | Duarte CA                   |
| Claire E. Patsel               | Half Moon Bay CA            |
| Evelyn I. Pellaton             | Cayucos CA                  |
| Doris Salisbury                | Palo Alto CA                |
| Mary L. McDill Schardein       | Ventura CA                  |
| Margaret Beiszer Swayne *      | Oakland CA                  |
| Marjorie C. Dickinson Waggoner | Orangevale CA               |
| Margaret A. Chess Wheeler      | Tracy CA                    |
| Gracia M. Knaack Zimmerman     | Carmichael CA               |
| Bertha Stein Quinn             | Edgewater FL                |
| Elizabeth F. Leckie VanAuken   | New Port Richey FL          |
| Bessie E. Levine               | Brighton MA                 |
| Ilva P. Wilson                 | Northampton MA              |
| Anne Pardue Smith              | Franklinton NC              |
| Virginia M. Springer Dolan     | Reno NV                     |
| Ruth V. Dick Dunlap            | Cincinnati OH               |
| Dorothy Duffendack Hall        | Portland OR                 |
| Linda Howland Wagner           | Pendleton OR                |
| Helen Keeler Beck              | Unionville, Ontario, Canada |
| Claire L. Smith Grubbs         | Philippines                 |

*Any assistance you can provide in locating these members is greatly appreciated!*

## Midterm Meeting in Atlanta Ahead of Irma



MWAN Board of Directors at Midterm (Clockwise from computer): Executive Secretary Barb Turner via Skype, Region II Rep Ginger Daniels, National Recording Secretary (& Skype operator) GinaMarie Doherty, Bylaws Chair Cathy Gerolimatos, Parliamentarian Diane Culleton, Region VI Rep Jouay Koppari, National President Patty Parks, Region I Rep Barb Sebring, National Treasurer Monica O'Hara, National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Gloria Wix and Bulletin Editor Judy Faries.

While keeping a wary eye on the weather, your MWAN Board of Directors managed to complete their decision making and head for dry land before Irma reached Atlanta.

Tackling a full agenda, the BOD met on Saturday, 9 Sep 2017, by ratifying actions taken since the 2016 convention. Items approved included: Appointments of Region II Representative Ginger Daniels, Region IV Representative Ronnie Sujek, Region V Representative Terri Cook, Volunteer Hours Coordinator G. Kathy Dejarlais, Public Relations Chair Susan Lindsey and Scholarship Chair Terry Taylor; An honorary member for Unit 152; MWAN VAVS Representative Diane Culleton was authorized to accept a two-year appointment to the VAVS NAC; Unit name changes for Units 10, 74, 118 and 144; and FY2017 Budget adjustments were made to allow full compensation to Executive Secretary Barb Turner and to reimburse Diane Culleton for expenses associated with her NAC appointment.

The next mission was setting and approving the Fiscal Budget for 2018 (1Aug2017-31Jul2018) (See column at right).

Bylaw submissions were then discussed with several being recommended to convention and a few being overturned. Below is a summary of some other actions taken:

- Pursue elimination of State Directors/Organizers positions
- Limit Honorary Memberships to 10% of unit membership
- Disestablish the Stained Glass Window Program
- Remove the silhouette faces from our approved logo.
- Establish a committee to review region size and division
- Revoke charters of three units currently in bylaw violation
- Recognize founding member Esther Govorchin
- Review and update the Procedures Manual biennially

The above list is not all-encompassing and some of these actions require bylaw amendments which you will see at the 2018 National Convention (4-7 Sep 2018) in San Diego.

Additionally, these decisions were reached only after a great deal of discussion and research. If you have questions about a specific item, please contact your Regional Representative (see chart on bottom of page 9). She is your Board of Directors representative.

### APPROVED FY 2018 Budget

#### Projected Income:

|                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Transfer from Life Membership Fund | 2,000.00           |
| Dues Renewal for 2018              | 10,100.00          |
| Dues (60 of 127 renewal from 2016) | 1,500.00           |
| Dues (125 new members)             | 3,125.00           |
| Donations                          | 2,000.00           |
| Fundraising                        | 700.00             |
| Transfer from Scholarship Fund     | 1,000.00           |
| Member 1st Class Postage Payments  | 100.00             |
| <b>TOTAL Projected Income</b>      | <b>\$20,525.00</b> |

#### Projected Expenses:

|                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| President                        | 0.00               |
| First Vice President             | 0.00               |
| Second Vice President            | 0.00               |
| Recording Secretary              | 0.00               |
| Treasurer Misc Expenses          | 100.00             |
| Treasurer Compensation           | 0.00               |
| Executive Secretary Expenses     | 420.00             |
| Executive Secretary Compensation | 0.00               |
| Historian                        | 100.00             |
| Regional Reps                    | 1,500.00           |
| State Directors                  | 0.00               |
| Public Relations                 | 250.00             |
| MILWOMEN Bulletin                | 10,500.00          |
| Call to Convention               | 2,000.00           |
| VAVS Representative Conference   | 500.00             |
| VAV Executive Representative     | 650.00             |
| James H. Parke Scholarship       | 200.00             |
| Bylaws Chairman Expense          | 250.00             |
| MILWOMEN Bulletin Editor         | 0.00               |
| Parliamentarian Travel           | 250.00             |
| Mid-term National Officer Travel | 750.00             |
| Immediate Past President         | 0.00               |
| CA Tax                           | 0.00               |
| MWAN Scholarship                 | 1,000.00           |
| <b>TOTAL Pojected Expenses</b>   | <b>\$18,470.00</b> |

**MWAN 2018 National Convention**  
**September 4-7, 2018 in San Diego, California**  
**Mark your calendar NOW!**





# Sound Off!

## SAN DIEGO STARS & STRIPES

**Unit #36 (CA)** – After the resounding success of the Region One Conference here in San Diego, we are now focusing on the MWAN 2018 National Convention which is less than a year away!

Set for Tuesday through Friday, 4-7 September 2018, the convention will be held at the beautiful Handlery Hotel San Diego. In addition to the hotel's heated swimming pool (pictured below), fitness center, on-site "Postcards Restaurant & Bar" and newly renovated rooms, we are planning lots of "extras" to keep you busy.

Mark your calendars now and make plans to join us!



Our next unit meeting is 14 October at the Coronado VFW Club. For unit information contact Roxanne Jones at [roxanne.i.jones@navy.mil](mailto:roxanne.i.jones@navy.mil) or 619-545-6546/619-479-0149.

## SEA BREEZES

**Unit #52 (FL)** - Unit 52 Sea Breezes gathered in June for our end of year lunch at the Oar House, a favorite Pensacola restaurant right on the beautiful waters of Pensacola Bay. Unit President Stephanie Oram showed her athletic prowess by throwing out a perfect first pitch at a recent Blue Wahoos baseball game. The game was part of a fundraising effort by a local organization called HER (Honor, Empower, Rebuild), which provides support to women veterans.



After many months of design, discussion, redesign and more discussion, Unit 52 has a beautiful new patch to proudly show our MWAN affiliation.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our MWAN sisters and all the victims of Hurricane Harvey over in Texas.

**MILITARY WOMEN OF TAMPA BAY Unit #55 (FL)** – Military Women of Tampa Bay Unit 55 held their June Meeting/Luncheon at Hillsborough Veterans Park. This was their last meeting for a two-month hiatus. We held a picnic potluck luncheon. All had a great time.



**Front row:** L-r: Granddaughter of Patti Duvall, Leonides Martin, Shirley Dawley, Clo-Vella Verantte, Marilyn Balkany

**Back row:** L-r: Patti Duvall, Jouay Koppari, Mary Atzert, Joan Fialkowski, Catherine Gerolimatos, Mary Ann Hartman, Rhonda Crawford

We all left with a lot of food since another group held a cleanup of the park and then a luncheon. They gave us their leftovers and all went well. We left just before the rain came.

**Meeting Information:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month from September-June at Hawthorne Village Living Facility at 851 W. Lumsden Road, Brandon, FL 33511, Building 859 at 11:00 a.m. or call Jouay Koppari at 813-684-1668 for more information.

## REDWOOD EMPIRE MILITARY WOMEN

**Unit #77 (CA)** – Unit 77 did not meet during July or August, but did meet on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September at 11am. A pot luck luncheon followed. The next 3 months will be busy, although we will not have official meetings in October or November.



Photo, L-R: Emily Sousa, Margaret Enea Patrizi, Mary Lou Loustalot, Korean and WWII Veterans



# Sound Off!

## REDWOOD EMPIRE MILITARY WOMEN (Continued)

We welcome new members: Delphine Metcalf-Foster, Elizabeth Duisenberg, and Lisa Lim. All served in the US Army.

CONGRATULATIONS to Delphine on being elected the National Commander of DAV! The first woman and African American to serve in this capacity. Well deserved, as she has worked tirelessly for disabled veterans.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of July, our beloved member, Breese Jane Baker passed away. We will honor her at a memorial service on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, along with other veterans organizations in which she was a member. Breese served in the US Army as a Spec 5 Medic, stationed in Japan during the Vietnam War. She was very active in women veterans affairs and her community.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of November, we will participate with other veterans groups at Liberty Elementary School in Petaluma at a program and luncheon honoring veterans. On Veterans Day, we'll again participate in the 13th Annual Veterans Parade, which is the largest parade north of the Golden Gate. We have three cars, and those who are able will walk, carrying our MWAN banner.

Our meetings are held at the Petaluma Veterans Building at 2094 Petaluma Boulevard So., Petaluma at 11:00 am

**For meeting information please contact Rose Nowak at 707-762-5151 or email [xcena@sonic.net](mailto:xcena@sonic.net).**

## FLATWATER WOMEN VETERANS

**Unit #98 (NE)** - Our Unit met on September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Waterford Assisted Living in Lincoln, NE. We were hosted by Marjorie Neill and her daughters.

Following our meeting and lunch, we watched a video presented by Linda Simonsen who talked about Hastings Naval Ammunition Depot. Hastings was the largest naval munitions plant operating from 1942 to 1946 and producing more than 40% of the Navy's munitions.

It was very interesting to learn of such a huge operation going on here in Nebraska which was vital to both coasts during World War II.



*Pictured: back row: Linda Cady, Linda Simonsen, who gave the Program, Pat Hunsche, Jeannie Bixby, Suzanne Gilsdorf. Seated in front are Marjorie Neill and Helen Stauffer, our WW2 Navy Veterans.*

**For meeting information please contact Pat Hunsche at 402-426-2013 or [phunsche@abbnebraska.com](mailto:phunsche@abbnebraska.com).**

## MEMPHIS BELLES

**Unit #151 (TN)** - We celebrated our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 10<sup>th</sup> with dinner at Olympic Steak & Pizza in Millington, TN. Since it was a special occasion, we had a special speaker: State Representative Debra Moody. Mrs. Moody gave an interesting and very down-to-earth presentation on how our state government works from the perspective of one of the few women in state government. She also talked about what the folks in Nashville have done specifically for our Veterans.

We continue to support the VA Hospital in Memphis with a coffee/cookie cart the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month in addition to various activities such as Book & Bake Sale to raise money for VAVS and a model Race Car Derby for physical therapy patients. As I type, we're preparing a toiletry donations for victims of Hurricane Harvey.



*Pictured (L-R) Becky Dickinson, President; Theresia Lockett; Barbara Rosendahl; Barbara Booth, immediate Past President; Anne Day, Treasurer; Representative Moody; Linda Coffield; Not shown: Kathy Desjarlais.*

**Our next meeting is a Thanksgiving Pot Luck on Saturday, 18 November at 11 AM at 95 Vernon Street, Atoka, TN 38004. RSVP to Becky Dickinson at 901-837-4630 for more information**

## MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

**Unit #152 (VA)** - Celebrating was the Unit's theme for the months of May and June. Many ladies turned out to welcome the WW II and Korean War veterans at the Honor Flight Social in May. Many attended with family members, making the event an "All Hands" service opportunity.



*L-R Members Molly Bergeron-Conway, Marie Bliss & Bobbie Waldren help serve ice cream to Honor Flight veterans*



## MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER (Continued)

We welcomed a new Senior Chief into the Unit - Senior Chief Musician Charity Haney was pinned (photo below) by her daughter and husband, Master Chief Naval Aircrewmen Operator Shane Haney, in June. Charity is stationed with the U.S. Fleet Forces Band, where she is currently the only female MUCS in the fleet bands. There have been four before her, and only one MUCM



in the fleet bands, who retired about 10 years ago.

Jo-Anne Teel (who passed away unexpectedly in July) was featured on WAVY-TV 10 "On Your Side's" Celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of Naval Station Norfolk. Jo-Anne spoke of her Navy beginnings, challenges along the way, and the positive changes she experienced during her 20-year career.

At least six members attended the 2017 Joint Women's Leadership Symposium held in Norfolk. The two-day conference provided an across the services opportunity to reach local veterans and help address issues for servicewomen at large.



Rebecka Signas (left) Swedish Armed Forces, 1st Submarine Flotilla & Maggie Cobb at JWLS, Norfolk

The months of July and August provided opportunities for the Unit to give back to area veterans in a variety of ways.



(L-R Martha Kastler, Betty Hand, Molly Bergeron--Conway, Dassa Carvey, and Helen Jakubik

## Sound Off!

The hours of stitching and stuffing paid off, as 100 neck pillows were donated to the Norfolk International Airport USO. Monetary gifts were presented to the USO for their snack locker and presented to Diane Alvis, Admin Assistant to Chief of Volunteer Services, by Kathy Montgomery in support of their Summer Youth Program.



Diane Alvis (left) & Kathy Montgomery

Topping off the month of August was a visit from MWAN National President Patty Jo Parks, (who again brought the rain with her), and a hearty welcome to a new Honorary Unit Member. The Unit turnout to meet & greet Patty Jo at Olive Garden was wonderful. Many reunions were celebrated over dinner, including a couple of our Coast Guard members – Alexandra Muhly and April Reed. Alexandra

was April's Company Commander, in her first CC position. Laura Orr was welcomed as an Honorary member because of the work she does for the local veterans at the Norfolk Naval Museum.



(L-R Laura Orr & Betty Hand)

The unit continues to meet monthly to stitch and stuff Pillows for Patriots. Thanks to the social computer skills of some of our members, the Unit's Facebook page is up and active.

**We meet monthly, at VFW 4809 in Norfolk. Contact Dassa Carvey at [dassahsq@gmail.com](mailto:dassahsq@gmail.com) or 757-363-3059 for info.**



April Reed (left) & Alexandra Muhly

## SALT RIVER MILITARY WOMEN

**Unit #155 (AZ)** - Due to an extreme heat warning - the temperature reached 117 degrees - Salt River Military Women did not meet in June. We did get together in July and August, and several of our members attended the Region One Conference in San Diego. Six women - Martha Alderman, Kitty Bickle, Gabe Forsberg, Maria Gastelum, Andi Guerra, and Terry Taylor - shared a house on Mission Beach and took in the sights while they were in San Diego. Gabe and Terry went on the Hornblower Dinner Cruise the night before the conference. Thank you Stars & Stripes for hosting a fantastic regional conference!



# Sound Off!

## SALT RIVER MILITARY WOMEN (Continued)



On the Cruise Region I Rep  
Barb Sebring, with her husband



Gabe Forsberg with Caroline Agabon,  
Unit 86 on the Hornblower Cruise



Maria Gastelum, Martha Alderman, Terry Taylor, Gabe Forsberg at  
Balboa Park in San Diego

**Our unit meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of the month at the Arizona State Veterans' Home. Please visit our website at [www.srmw.org](http://www.srmw.org) for more information.**

## TRISTATE WOMEN VETERANS

**Unit #157 (TN)** – New Unit President Cathy Brown conducted her first meeting in August and it was a lively meeting packed with plans for the next few months.



Unit 157 members at their August meeting: **Standing (l-r)** Deborah James, Susan Lindsey, Gloria Gray, Gigi Albi, Sylvia James, Gina Dorris, Rita Waller, Nancy Pollard, Tracey Pruett (?), Phyllis Schelski (?), Karen Lee (?), Laura Holder, Shelly Galloway **Seated (l-r)** Beth Wingfield, Penny Manna, Cathy Brown, Sandy Hughes, Judith Stringfield

Upcoming projects include "Girls Night Out" at Chattanooga Theatre Centre, the Dalton (GA) Veterans Day Parade, the Veterans Salute & Information Fair on Veterans Day, a spring yard sale and a train trip to New Orleans in April!

Unit members will also support Wreaths Across America this year and participate in wreath placement at Chattanooga National Cemetery. Encompassing more than 120 acres this cemetery is the final resting place for more than 50,000 service members and dependents including seven Medal of Honor recipients and 186 German prisoners of war from World Wars I and II

In a desire to promote and inform fellow women veterans, an article appeared in a local online newspaper highlighting the TriState Women Veterans activities and plans for the 2017-2018 year. Contact information for the Wreath sales and meeting times were included.

**Unit 157 meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of even months. For location and more details please contact Susan Lindsey at [svlindsey8108@comcast.net](mailto:svlindsey8108@comcast.net) or 423-802-5426.**

## NEW ENGLAND MILITARY WOMEN

**Unit #158 (RI)** - Members of Unit 158 pose before marching in the USA's "Oldest Fourth of July Parade".



L-R: Unit Vice President Maria Helena Peixoto, Unit President Linda Grausgruber and Unit Historian Connie Rix.



**PopSockets!**  
**Save money &  
Help raise funds!**  
See the Supply Locker  
Order Form for Details



## In Memory of Jo-Anne Teel

(Submitted by Cathy Schweitzer, Unit 152)

On July 18, 2017, the ladies of Unit 152 lost one of their sweetest members, when Jo-Anne Teel passed away.



Paint Night with women patients at the VAMC.

As shared by the local paper, Jo-Anne was born in Warsaw, NY, to Donald and the late Beverly Hoyt Williams. She served in the US Navy and retired as a Chief Petty Officer. She was an active volunteer at the VA Medical Center in Hampton, VA, Military Women of Tidewater, and the Horton Wreath Society. She was a long-standing member of WAVES

National and Military Women Across the Nation. She was a sister, a mom, a grandmother, and a very special friend to many, who will be missed dearly.



Acting up with Libby Morrison at the VAMC Volunteer Awards Banquet.

Jo-Anne had recently been featured on WAVY-TV Ten On Your Side's Celebration of Women in the Navy, which was part of the centennial celebration of Naval Station Norfolk. An enthusiastic speaker, Jo-Anne loved sharing highlights of her Navy career with anyone who would listen. During

Women's History Month, she spent many volunteer hours sharing her story with local commands.

Seeing it as "A way to make a life", and see the world, Jo-Anne joined the Navy just two years out of high school, at the suggestion of her cousin. She never thought she would stay for twenty years or achieve the rank that she did. Initially surprised at making Third Class Petty Officer, she would later become the only woman at her command to be promoted to Chief. During her career, she became the mother of two daughters, in a time when Navy careers were not common for women. She would often reflect on the changes in treatment of women, noting that harassment was very commonplace in her early career years. She admitted she was in awe of the incredible number of high ranking women now serving.

Jo-Anne was a volunteer who had a special heart for serving. For a time, she served at the Hampton VA Medical Center as the Unit's Representative for Volunteer Services, and continued as a Deputy Representative. She was always on hand to help with the many activities that the VAMC hosted. She was a lively, positive member of Unit 152, attending to the needs of the Unit and its individual members. She was a talented woman, who shared many of her hand-crafted creations to help with the financial goals of the Unit. She had a beautiful smile, and an enormous heart, that was loved by so many.



Women's History Month presentation at Portsmouth Naval Medical Center

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 (USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)  
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