

MILITARY *Women's* BULLETIN



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Military Women's Memorial working to preserve the experiences & history of 3 million servicewomen

Press Release

ARLINGTON, Va.—The Women in Military Service for America Memorial in January launched its National Registration Campaign to preserve the stories of some three million woman who have served in or with the armed forces since the American Revolution.

While the memorial is currently home to service stories of roughly 300,000 women, this represents only one percent of the women who have served.

"It is imperative that we do our due diligence for the women veterans who came before us and worked for years to have this memorial built by embracing new generations of military women and ensuring that our stories are forever captured in American history," said memorial President Phyllis Wilson.

"Not only do we have to reach the 2.7 million military women who do not have their stories and military service captured in our database, but we must also educate the public on the legacy of these brave women, who have often been trailblazers for workplace equality."

The memorial is launching the campaign under the name Military Women's Memorial (MWM). The name change is part of a rebrand to update and streamline MWM messaging to reach more women veterans, and share their stories with the public. This includes a new website, an updated register database called *Valkyrie* and exclusive member benefits.



The MWM Register, which has been the heart of the memorial since its inception, is a one-of-a-kind interactive database that records and preserves the names, service information, photographs and memorable experiences of each registered servicewoman. Aptly named after the powerful female warriors from Norse mythology, *Valkyrie* records and preserves the history of the powerful women who have defended this country—both past and present.

From the earliest days of the nation, women have been serving alongside men to gain and preserve liberty, but it was difficult to find them in our history books. There was no repository of women's service to the United States. That all changed in April 1987.

Not long after legislation authorized the Women In Military Service For America Memorial and 10 years before the memorial opened to the public in 1997, the register was created. Servicewomen and women veterans were invited to make their military experiences visible by "registering" their service. By completing a simple form with their dates of service, branch of service, awards and decorations, at least one memorable experience, and a picture in uniform, women took their rightful and visible place in history for all time. For the first time in American history, there was a place to learn

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2021 National Dues are DELINQUENT
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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.

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Presidential Ponderings

by Patty Parks, National President

Here's hoping you are all well and keeping safe in our new year. Since many of our units and gatherings are less than 20 people, and the COVID19 vaccine is now available and being distributed, we may soon see an escalation in meeting opportunities. Please continue to follow published safety guidelines and focus on keeping each other healthy; physically and mentally.

Sadly, many of our long-time sisters did not renew their memberships during 2020. While some likely encountered financial difficulties, many simply may have forgotten to pay their dues. Please consider reaching out to those gals and letting them know 2021 dues are past due.

Finally, let us know what you think of our newest bulletin section on Pages 4 & 5: "Meet your National Staff". There are 28 National Staff positions, 24 of which are currently filled. While most members are familiar with the President, Vice Presidents and Treasurer positions, EVERY member of our staff – whether elected or appointed - is vital to our success.

We hope you'll enjoy learning about these special gals, and – with four staff vacancies – I hope you'll consider becoming one of them!

Volunteer Viewpoints

by Denise Duke, National Representative for Veterans Administration Voluntary Service (VAVS)

Happy New Year! I am excited to assume the role as VAVS Representative for MWAN. A huge Thank You to Diane Culleton for her years of service to our organization! I will do my best to continue providing her high level of quality service.

Do you have a Veteran Administration Facility near you? Have you ever thought about volunteering or participating in the VAVS Committee? One of the most rewarding things I've done in my life since retiring from military active duty is volunteering at the local VA.

Times are challenging during the pandemic, but I assure you the VA needs all the help you are willing to provide.

Volunteers are the backbone of VA service success to our veterans. Many veterans need assistance when arriving at the VA, and a welcome sight is another veteran reaching

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out to guide them to their appointments or assist in completing paperwork or filling prescriptions. Simple tasks can become difficult as we age. Sometimes, all it takes is a friendly voice to guide them on their way. Check it out!

As for the VAVS committees, they meet quarterly for about an hour. Its role is to identify the needs at that VA and marry up the available volunteers to the needs of the facility. It also feeds information back to our organization to assist women veterans in getting assistance from the VA. It has definitely been a rewarding experience for me!

Here's wishing you all success in the New Year! If you have any questions regarding the VA or our involvement as an organization please don't hesitate to reach out to me. My contact information is located on Page 10 of this bulletin.



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Help us find another 200,000 military service sisters!



Only two opportunities remain – one in the north and one in the south – for an adventurous member to represent the interests of sister service women 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, regional rep representatives focus on (1) making regular contact with the units within the region, (2) contacting (by letter, phone or email) EACH Member-at-Large in the region at least annually, and (3) finding 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.

A few pertinent details of the regions needing representation are listed below. If you'd like to be considered, please contact Patty Parks at president@milwomen.org or (423)326-0839 for more info.



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

Military Women's Memorial *(continued from Page 1)*

about the extraordinary servicewomen who defend our country. For more than 30 years, the memorial has been permanently documenting military women's experiences and their impact on American, military and women's history. Visitors can look up servicewomen in the register and learn about their impact on our collective history. A print of individual profiles may be purchased as a keepsake.



Improvements to the database now make it possible for others to register servicewomen or women veterans ensuring their 'HerStories' join hundreds of thousands that make up *Valkyrie*. History is not complete until every military woman's story is told.

The Military Women's Memorial is the only historical repository documenting all military women's service. It is located at the ceremonial entrance to Arlington National Cemetery and features an education center, interactive exhibitions, a world-class collection of military women stories, and engaging programs and events for all generations.

Also new are member benefits which include free access to the Prudential Financial Wellness Portal, employment and career resource portal focused on women transitioning out of the military and women veterans seeking career advice through *RecruitMilitary*; discounted tuition and other student benefits through *Excelsior College*, and more. And, true to the mission of the organization when it broke ground more than 27 years ago, registration at the MWM continues to be free.

Visit the Military Women's Memorial online at www.WomensMemorial.org



VA hiring oncologists for women veterans' care

Source: <https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/83584/va-hiring-oncologists-female-veterans-care/>

As the number of women veterans continues to climb, the VA is growing its ability to provide them with the care they need. The new National Women Veterans Oncology System of Excellence will transform breast cancer prevention, treatment and outcomes by delivering coordinated, integrated patient-centered care to veterans across the nation.

The VA is teaming up with the National Cancer Institute, academic medical centers, other federal agencies, and pharmaceutical and health care technology companies to make this a reality. Their recent partnership with Duke University and Baylor College of Medicine demonstrates a shared commitment to saving lives. In addition to increasing veteran access to critical clinical trials, Duke and Baylor pledge to prioritize co-recruitment efforts and develop national tumor boards.

The System of Excellence will conduct cancer research, provide targeted cancer care through precision oncology and increase tele-oncology. Top breast cancer oncologists are being actively recruited to improve health outcomes for women veterans facing a cancer diagnosis.

"One of VA's top priorities is aiding veterans in the fight against cancer. We're looking to hire innovative, experienced physicians to help us continue to provide the best medical care possible," said Darren Sherrard, associate director of recruitment marketing.

Each year, approximately 700 women veterans enrolled in VA health care are diagnosed with breast cancer. Women make up an increasing percentage of the patients being served, tripling in the past 20 years to become the fastest growing group of veterans. In addition to developing new programs and partnerships, the VA is working to ensure VA medical center is staffed with designated women's health providers who coordinate care for women veterans to ensure they receive equitable, timely treatment from a single primary care provider

Meet your National Staff!

This new feature will be presented as bulletin space is available. The mini biographies (presented in random order) were written by each staff member. If you see where your military or travel path may have crossed with one of these gals, don't hesitate to reach out and get to know each other!

The biographies are in random order. Also, keep in mind these are not "career" positions. Please consider stepping up to one of these jobs in the future.

All of the MWAN positions are volunteer, with some travel reimbursement available for elected officers who are expected to attend annual board meetings.

Annette Dunseth is Region 4 Representative and lives in North Dakota.



I was transferred to MWAN from Wave's National. The last conference I attended was a cruise from Galveston, Texas, to Jamaica and Mexico with my daughter, Beth and her three children; Jessica, Kamara and Jordan. We all had a great time! Jen, my youngest daughter, has one daughter, Riley, and has recently moved to Minot, North Dakota. Jessica has two girls, Kaiya and Paisley;

Kamara is expecting a baby girl in March; Jordan lives in Kingston, Tennessee, and has a son, Lucas and a daughter, Ella. Riley is in her Senior year at Minot State.

I was active Navy for almost 15 years. When Beth was one year old, I joined the Naval Reserves, transferred to the Army National Guard when Jen was six months old, and then to the Air National Guard. I retired from the Air Force Reserve.

I've always loved dancing. I read and crochet a lot, do family history and travel when I can. A couple years ago I visited the final of all 50 states!

Beth Wingfield is Region 10 Representative and lives in Georgia.



I joined MWAN in 2015 and am a Charter Member of TriState Women Veterans Unit 157. I'm also very active with The American Legion as well as The Forty and Eight. At Legion Post 112, I serve as a member of the Honor Guard and as coordinator for the annual Veteran's Day parade. The Forty & Eight is a veterans' organization committed to charitable and patriotic aims. Founded in 1920 by American veterans returning from France, it was originally an arm of The American Legion, but became an independent veteran's organization in 1960. I am also active as a musician in Dalton, Georgia, and Chattanooga, Tennessee, where I am a member of the Chattanooga Clarinet Choir.

I joined the Army in 1980 and was honorably discharged in 1985 for a medical condition. I served as a clarinetist in two Army bands; one at Fort Clayton, Panama, the other,

at Fort Bliss, Texas. During my service, I met and married Mike, my late husband of over 30 years (also a clarinetist). We spent our spare time together competitively shooting and taking care of our fur babies Rocky, Roxy, Flash, Amber and Suzy.

Caren McCurdy is Region 2 Representative and lives in Washington.



I grew up on an apple and pear orchard in Hood River, Oregon. After graduating from the University of Oregon and a very brief foray into the working world as an Emergency Medical Technician at a ski area on Mt. Hood, I finished law school and was awarded a commission in the Navy.

Now, after retiring in 2018, my husband Mike and I have decided to settle in Bremerton, Washington, my last duty station. It's great being permanently in the Pacific Northwest where we're able to fish, hunt and hike in nature's playground with our Australian Cattle Dog, Jake.

Although I live in Washington State, I remain a member of Rhode Island's MWAN Unit #118. Maybe one day we'll have enough members in our area to reestablish a unit somewhere within Region II.

Donna Lee is Region 1 Representative and lives in Nevada.



I joined the Navy in Lewisburg, West Virginia and served for 20 years from November 1969 to November 1989. I spent most of my career stateside and in Hawaii.

I experienced many different people and cultures outside of West Virginia. I received my Master's Degree in 1997 as a Rehabilitation Counselor, and worked for the Veterans Administration in Las Vegas, Nevada, from 1998 until 2006. My retirement afforded me the opportunity to travel to many countries, worldwide. I've continued my service to the veteran community by assisting veterans in providing resources and assistance for which I was recognized as the State of Nevada "Veteran of the Month" in December 2017 and November 2020.

Meet your National Staff!

(continued)

Denise Duke is our National Representative with the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service (VAVS) and lives in Alabama.

I've been a member of MWAN (formerly WAVES National/WN) since May 1983 and have held the offices of National Historian, Bulletin Editor and, now, VAVS Representative.

I retired from the Navy in 2000 and continued to work for the Navy as a contractor until 2004 when my family made our final move to Gallion, Alabama (Duke Family Land).

My husband, Bob, is also a Navy retiree. We spend our time overseeing the care of our 150-acre farm. We have two children, Michele and Derrick, and five grandchildren: Jack/15, Lucy/12, Oliver/9, Katie Mae/4 and Cooper/2.

I love to crochet, quilt, and take care of our local veterans. I volunteer at our local hospital helping with the veterans that come to our clinic for care. I also volunteer at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center. It is a fabulous facility!

When initially approached about taking on the position as the VAVS Representative for MWAN, I declined. But life has a funny way of changing on a dime, and I decided to accept the challenge. I am excited to expand my role in the organization and to continue to help our veterans!



Elisabeth Lewandowski is MWAN Vice President for Membership and lives in Arizona.



I've been a member of MWAN/WN since 2017. In 2019 I was able to bring lunch for most of my unit's meetings each month.

Currently in the Army Reserve – since 2009 – I work with Signal Company. Previously, I have worked in the intelligence and civil affairs communities. While touring with the Army Soldier Show, I managed wardrobe for the entire trip.

I manage a local non-profit organization called "Veterans Hands in Action" with a mission of providing assistance and supplies to volunteers at the Phoenix VA Hospital. We support after school programs and an orphanage with food, books, etc.

For the past 17 years I have helped decorate the hospital barracks and provide Christmas Stockings for more than 300 wounded Navy and Marine Corps service personnel.

I have two wonderful children: Josie/3 and Wally/1. Both of them often help me deliver food and joy to the volunteers (and staff) at the Phoenix VA Hospital.

GinaMarie Doherty is National Vice President for Unit Liaison and lives in Rhode Island.

I served 26 years on active duty in the Navy beginning in 1986 and retiring in 2012. One of my proudest moments of my career occurred when I became a "plankowner" of USS OSCAR AUSTIN (DDG 79).

{Note: A "plankowner" is a member of the first crew to be assigned to a newly commissioned Navy ship or organization.}

I deployed to the Persian Gulf in 1991 onboard the USS L.Y. SPEAR (AS 36), a submarine tender. My third and final sea duty tour was onboard the aircraft carrier USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72).

Along with serving as MWAN Vice President for Unit Liaison, I hold various state level positions with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary as well as serving on the United Veterans Council of Rhode Island.

I completed a Master's Degree in Management, and am currently a full-time student studying gerontology. My next career goal is to advocate for elderly veterans' quality of life.

I have previously served as MWAN's National Recording Secretary and I am proud to be a Life member. I coordinated, and became a charter member of New England Unit 158 in November 2015.

My husband Stephen and I live in Middletown, Rhode Island. We enjoy spending time with fellow veterans and their families through community outreach and traveling in our recreational vehicle.



Hortense Toliaferro is Region 12 Representative and lives in New Jersey.



I joined the Marines in 1973. Stationed at Camp Pendleton, I was honorably discharged in 1977 and attended Palomar Jr. College after which I worked as a youth and family counselor while living in California.

After moving to Pennsylvania in 1983, I joined The American Legion. During the past 36 years I've held positions including: Post Adjutant, Post, District and County Commander positions, and AL Department of Pennsylvania Historian.

I joined MWAN when invited by some senior Navy women veterans in a nearby unit.

I'm a widow of 10 years and have two sons: James "Jimmy"/46, and Jabbar/26. Jabbar is planning to marry in March 2021.

My position as Region 12 Representative is my first with MWAN to help our organization.

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KEYSTONE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #6 (PA) - Nothing new for Unit 6. We are still keeping in touch. So far all are staying healthy, but missing our fellow comrades. We're especially sad to have missed seeing everyone at the planned convention in Put-in-Bay. Several of our members had already planned to attend and were looking forward to a new experience.

Coast Guard Station Philadelphia has been closed to us for our meetings since last March but our unit officers decided to make our annual donation to the Salvation Army this year. Due to COVID19 restrictions their revenue was decidedly lacking this season.

SEA BREEZES

Unit #52(FL) - Each year for several years, Unit 52 has donated funds for four wreaths during Wreaths Across America in honor of our members who have reported to the Supreme Commander. This year, Kathy Gregory (*Below Right*) and Jeanne Hooper (*Below Left*) visited Barrancas National Cemetery to lay the wreaths themselves. Many volunteers had already laid hundreds of wreaths, and the cemetery looked beautiful!



A belated Happy Birthday to Ruthie Ratchford, who turned 96 in December.

Like many, Unit 52 has not met in almost a year. We hope our members are doing well and staying healthy through these odd times. Happy New Year to all our MWAN friends!

MILITARY WOMEN OF TAMPA BAY

Unit #55 (FL) – Unit members were determined to conclude 2020 by bringing holiday cheer to James A. Haley VA Hospital, and by coordinating Wreaths Across America (WAA) at Tampa's Veterans Memorial Park.

For more than 20+ years, MWTB55 has distributed live Poinsettia plants to various locations within the VA hospital. This year we were informed the closest we could get was to deliver Poinsettias to VAVS personnel at the hospital, and to a specific individual located in the Women's Clinic at the Hidden River VA Clinic.



The plants were placed around the base of the Christmas tree located in the Spinal Cord Injury lobby (*Right*) and a few select places inside the hospital. Since the Women's Clinic was literally empty - except for the receptionist - we placed the plants on tables and windowsills.



Present at Poinsettias delivery were (left to right) Jouay Koppari, Cathy Gerolimatos, VAVS Staff Princella Evans, Connie White & Irene Rapoza.

After much negotiation and submission of multiple alternate plans, approval was given to coordinate a very, very scaled back, modified WAA program. Coordinating eight groups of ten scheduled at half-hour intervals, COVID19 screening and strict crowd management, wreaths were placed throughout the park at the 21 memorials. Many thanks to our new members who came out braving the great unknown to help us manage the chaos.



WAA placement team (from left: Sophia (companion dog), Denise Finlay, Irene Rapoza, Jouay Koppari, Harriett Montoya, Connie White, Cathy Gerolimatos, Arnie Feller

REDWOOD EMPIRE

Unit #77 (CA) – As we welcome 2021, we reflect on the positive events that have transpired and hold hope for a brighter future. Unit members have weathered the drought, the extreme heat waves, and the fires. We consider ourselves lucky, as the locusts did not appear. We are optimistic now that a vaccine has arrived, and await the day when the pandemic will be in the past.

As mentioned in the December Bulletin, the 2020 “mini” Veterans Parade took place on November 11th at 11:11 am. (Below are photos of the parade, but names were not provided.)



Later on Veterans' Day, our local radio station interviewed five unit members. Not only were the interviews played a week later, but the station producer replayed them a second time because he was so impressed with our stories. Unit member Trisha Almond was responsible for organizing

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this event, in collaboration with the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women, of which she currently chairs. (Advertisement for unit member stories below.)

Women in the Situation Room

returns with

"Women in the Military"

Monday, November 30, 1:00pm

KPCA.FM or 103.3FM



A conversation with Sonoma County female veterans who served 1959 - 2018

Trisha Almond, CSW Chair, USCGR & USN Veteran
Rose Nowak, USAF Veteran, 2020 SoCo Veteran of the Year, & MWAN Redwood Empire Unit 77 President

We're looking forward to once again gathering in the near future. A reminder has gone out to our members that annual dues for 2021 are due January 1st. Wishing all our sisters across the country a Healthy, Happy New Year!

TRIANGLE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #144 (NC) – While Unit 144 did not submit an article this month, the photo at right showed up in the MWB Editor's in box.

A gentle reminder to all that the famous, or perhaps *infamous*, Norma Schroder is still causing trouble at 101 years young! Happy Birthday, Norma!



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MEMPHIS BELLES

Unit 151 (TN) – On December 1st unit members Becky Dickinson and Kathy Desjarlais folded, bagged and tagged over 380 flags for the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse. The flags will be distributed to the families who purchased flags which were flown during November 2020 in the Veterans' Fields of Honor around Tipton County.

On December 15th unit members Debra Burns, Linda Coffield, Kathy Desjarlais and Becky Dickinson reported to the Millington VFW along with more than 20 other volunteers to pack 264 boxes of non-perishable food items. Each box contained nearly 50 items.



Becky Dickinson (left) & Linda Coffield packing food boxes.

The boxes were given to veterans and veteran families along with a turkey, bread, eggs and butter. VA staff members delivered boxes to those unable to pick up the boxes at the VA. Twenty families received two boxes because there were five or more people in their families.

Food items were donated by hospital staff, Veterans Service Organizations along with various merchants and other companies. All surplus food will be used at the VA Homeless Center as needed.

A big thanks to unit member Debra Burns, the Chief of Voluntary Services at our local VA hospital, who coordinated the entire evolution. We're proud to have her as a member.

MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

Unit #152 (VA) – Unit members have continued pressing through the COVID19 challenges as our governor implemented stricter guidelines on gatherings. However, members were able to still support fellow veterans.

Unit members Suz Whitman, Betty Hand, and Kathy Goodall had the honor of joining in the awarding of Quilts of Valor (QOV) by the Patriots Triangle QOV at the local VFW, in November. This was accomplished as a drive-through the parking lot.

(Right) Suz Whitman (left) and Betty Hand kept the traffic moving during the QOV presentations.



(Below) Patriot Triangle QOV organizer Tammy Wallace (left) and Unit 152 member Kathy Goodall made sure each veteran received the proper quilt and certificate.



On Thanksgiving Day, Betty Hand and April Maletz delivered Thanksgiving dinners to four of our unit members. Betty (Left) and April (Right) are pictured below with dinner recipients Geraldine and Cesar Rivera (Center).



Our unit supports the Horton Wreath Society through donations and volunteering. This non-profit organization raises funds each year to place a live wreath on each gravesite at the Albert G. Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Suffolk. The wreaths are delivered from Maine and we help, along with other military organizations and civilian volunteers, to offload the wreaths, unbox them and reload them for local delivery to the cemetery.

Unit members also participated 19 December in the placing of the wreaths. In spite of COVID19 restrictions and the bitter cold, volunteers made this year's event even more successful than ever.



Unit members worked with HWS to place some 10,800 wreaths at the Albert G. Horton Jr Veterans Memorial Cemetery pictured above.

Like many, we 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.

FOX CITIES

Unit #153 (WI) – We are very sad to report unit members of Fox Cities #153 of Appleton, Wisconsin have voted to disestablish their unit.

TRISTATE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #157 (TN) – While observing every safety guideline, unit members gathered for a holiday social and thoroughly enjoyed the much-missed camaraderie!

Top to bottom & left to right:
 Pres. Shelly Galloway, VP Renee Chisholm, Treas. Patty Parks, Sec Sarah Hale-Hill, Joyce Campbell, Carla Bell, Arran Grazier- Williams, Danette Skyles, Diane Howard, Dee Russo, Deborah James, Diana Rand, Juanita Grohman, Louise Jones, Penny Manna & elf Ginger Hudson.



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All attendees brought non-perishable food items for donation to the Chattanooga VetCenter Food Pantry. Coordinated by our dear friend and veteran Kevin Baker, local veteran and civic organizations provide the food which Kevin and several volunteers (including our own Carla Bell) box and distribute to local veteran families at Christmas time.



Chattanooga VetCenter Outreach Coordinator Kevin Baker with Unit 157 member Carla Bell surrounded by food donations.

NEW ENGLAND

Unit #158 (RI) – In November, unit members celebrated their Fifth-Year Anniversary. Congratulations!

Pictured below are three Vietnam-era unit members: (From left) Army Veteran Sharron Zapor, Air Force Veteran Gretchen Vierling-Cutlip and Air Force Veteran Dottie DiLullo.



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New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia

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

FEBRUARY 2021

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: supplies@milwomen.org

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PLEASE make sure you are using the current order form, some items have been discontinued!

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

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



U.S. Navy

Marie A. (Dougherty) Marvel 010/DE
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 Vivian E. (Kent) Frazier MAL/AZ
 Barbara Kolinovsky MAL/AZ
 Elizabeth Ference MAL/CT
 Ruth (Hurlbutt) Gardner MAL/CT
 Bernice (Berman) Rosenberg MAL/CT
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 Jacqueline J. (Schiavoni) Illingworth MAL/FL
 Florence E. (Chromulak) McCann MAL/FL
 Jeanne Frances (Hollister) McCauley MAL/FL
 June P. Wilbur MAL/FL
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 (Dues period 1 January to 31 December)

*Please type, print
 or use address label*

Name: _____ Member ID #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

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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

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