

MILITARY Women's BULLETIN



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2022 MWAN National Election & Ballot

Historically, MWAN's national officers have been elected via mail-in ballot by membership during even-numbered years. While the names of the officer positions have changed (See *the MWAN 2020 Bylaws*), the election procedure is basically the same. The 2022 National Election Ballot is located on Page 3 of this bulletin, and, properly folded and secured, Page 4 becomes a self-envelope.

However, there is a significant change to the 2022 National Election Ballot. MWAN 2020 Bylaws allows for the national election of our 13 Regional Representatives. So, all of the Regional Representative candidates are listed on the 2022 National Election Ballot.

Additionally, photographs and biographies for all 2022 candidates – including the Regional Representatives - are printed in this issue on pages 5-7.

Please read the 2022 MWAN National Ballot Instructions very carefully to make certain your ballot is valid.

Each MWAN member is permitted to cast a total of five (5) votes on the national ballot: One vote for each of the four (4) national offices, and one (1) vote for a single Regional Representative. It is recommended members select a Regional Representative candidate in the region where the member lives.

Members receiving the bulletin by e-mail are expected to print out the official ballot for submission via postal mail. Ballots submitted via E-mail will not be accepted.

Ballots may be mailed in a regular envelope, instead of the self-envelope. However, your MWAN ID# IS REQUIRED, and should be written on the front, upper, left corner of the envelope, instead of a return address.

Your **MWAN ID# IS MANDATORY** and **MUST BE WRITTEN ON YOUR BALLOT**. Ballots submitted without an MWAN ID# will not be counted. Multiple ballots with the same MWAN ID# will not be counted.

If you do not know your MWAN ID#, there are several ways it may be obtained. If you receive your bulletin by mail, your MWAN ID# is on the mailing label. Your MWAN ID# is also on your member card. It may also be obtained from your Unit Treasurer; or by calling the MWAN Secretary (contact information on Page 10) or by sending an e-mail to Secretary@milwomen.org.

Only votes recorded on the 2022 National Election Ballot will be counted. Votes submitted via email, text, by phone or written on anything **other than** the 2022 National Election Ballot will not be counted.

**BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED
NO LATER THAN JULY 31ST, 2022.**

In compliance with MWAN Bylaws, a third party has been selected to count the 2022 National Election Ballots. Once again, we are the recipients of a very generous citizen who has volunteered her time, so no contract was required.

Please mail completed ballots to:

Linda Moss Mines
6203 St. Andrews Way
Hixson TN 37343-3293



Linda will be provided with a list of MWAN identification numbers ONLY for all members who are in good standing as of July 1st, 2022. To be in "good standing" a member must be a life member, or her 2022 dues must have been received by the VP for Finance by July 1st, 2022.

The election results will be announced at the 2022 MWAN National Convention in Phoenix, AZ.

And, once again:

**PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY
PUT YOUR MWAN ID# ON YOUR BALLOT
PLACE 1ST CLASS POSTAGE ON THE ENVELOPE
MAIL BALLOT NO LATER THAN JULY 31ST, 2022**

→→ Don't Forget! ←←

**August Bulletin Input DUE 1 July
Regional Rep Status Reports DUE 1 July
Volunteer Hours DUE 1 July**

*Please contact your Regional Representative listed on
Page 10 of this bulletin, if you have questions.*

Presidential Ponderings

by Patty Parks, National President

Thank you, again, to all the gals who stepped up and volunteered to take on unit, regional and national leadership positions. Your interest, energy and new ideas will be invaluable to helping our organization continue its critical mission of support to all military women. We do still have a couple of open Regional Representative positions, so please help us seek candidates!

On a disappointing note, due to lack of qualified applicants, we are not awarding an MWAN Scholarship for 2022. However, we are not dissuaded. Barb Turner has agreed to continue as the 2023 MWAN Scholarship Chair, and a new essay topic will be selected.

Remember, MWAN Scholarship applicants no longer require a military woman family member. Please share the application and information with public, charter and private high schools near you, even if you do not personally know an eligible student. Most high schools have a college advisor for seniors who would love to have the information. Let's give Barb a landslide of applicants in 2023!

Unfortunately, publishing all the "official" election information in this bulletin severely limited the room available for unit members and members-at-large to "Sound Off". Submitted items which didn't make it into this month's "Sound Off" column will be placed in the August issue. Thank you all for understanding.

Finally, I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the 2022 National Convention in Phoenix. And, while we're excited about this year's convention, it's not too early to think about a location for the 2024 national convention. Planning for that convention begins at this year's convention.

So, if your unit or a co-located group of MALs are interested in hosting the 2024 convention, please contact our Time & Place Chair Patty Koppari as soon as possible. Patty's contact information is on Page 10 of this bulletin.

Please keep safe, and continue to be vigilant about your health and well-being.



Officers' Call



And, Don't Forget to:

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Make your reservations **NOW**
to join us in the wild west for
Military Women Across the Nation's
2022 National Convention
22-25 September in Phoenix, Arizona



See Call to Convention for details or
write to Region 3 Representative
Martha Alderman at "rr3@milwomen.org"

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OFFICIAL 2022 NATIONAL ELECTION INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

- Votes must be recorded on the MWAN Official 2022 National Mail-In Ballot. Members receiving the bulletin by e-mail are expected to print out the official ballot for submission.
- Place an "X" on the line in FRONT of the selections you make. Vote for 1 (one) candidate each for President, VP Membership, VP Unit Liaison and VP Finance. Vote for only 1 (one) candidate for Regional Representative. It is recommended you select a candidate in the region where you live.
- If you desire to write-in a candidate, write her name on the blank line to the RIGHT of the appropriate office. Votes for non-qualified, write-in candidates will be considered INVALID and will not be counted.
- Ballots with multiple votes for any one office will be considered INVALID for that office and the votes will not be counted.
- Write your MWAN ID number at the bottom of the Ballot **AND** in the Return Section of the envelope.
- Apply First Class Postage (One Forever Stamp) to the envelope and mail your completed ballot to:

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Military Women Across the Nation

OFFICIAL 2022 NATIONAL MAIL-IN BALLOT



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____ VICE PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP, Debbie Crutchfield OR Write In: _____

____ VICE PRESIDENT UNIT LIAISON, Renee Chisholm OR Write In: _____

____ VICE PRESIDENT FINANCE, Sherry Hill OR Write In: _____

Select **ONLY ONE** Regional Representative from the following list:

Note: *It is recommended you select a candidate in the region where you live.*

____ REGION 1 REPRESENTATIVE, Lynne Pine OR Write In: _____

____ REGION 2 REPRESENTATIVE, No Candidate OR Write In: _____

____ REGION 3 REPRESENTATIVE, Martha Alderman OR Write In: _____

____ REGION 4 REPRESENTATIVE, Annette Dunseth OR Write In: _____

____ REGION 5 REPRESENTATIVE, No Candidate OR Write In: _____

____ REGION 6 REPRESENTATIVE, Jouay Koppari OR Write In: _____

____ REGION 7 REPRESENTATIVE, Ginger Daniels OR Write In: _____

____ REGION 8 REPRESENTATIVE, Gloria Wix OR Write In: _____

____ REGION 9 REPRESENTATIVE, Michele Batliner OR Write In: _____

____ REGION 10 REPRESENTATIVE, Beth Wingfield OR Write In: _____

____ REGION 11 REPRESENTATIVE, Jennifer Baun OR Write In: _____

____ REGION 12 REPRESENTATIVE, Dassa Carvey OR Write In: _____

____ REGION 13 REPRESENTATIVE, Alicia Rodriguez OR Write In: _____

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 2. Complete Ballot on Reverse Side of Self-Envelope
 3. Verify your MWAN ID# is entered as indicated on the Ballot **AND** on the Self-Envelope
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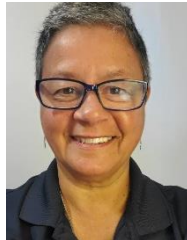
The ballot for MWAN National/Regional Elections is located on **PAGE 3** of this issue. Please submit your ballot as soon as possible, but no later than July 31st, 2022. Nominees and their respective offices follow.

MEET THE 2022 CANDIDATES

★ Nominee for President ★

GinaMarie Doherty

Serving as a member of Military Women Across the Nation (MILWOMEN) since 2000, I have held the offices of National Secretary, Alternate Regional Representative and currently, National Vice President for Unit Liaison. Working with my sisters is what I enjoy the most.



I'm a charter member and treasurer of New England Military Women Unit 158. Returning to school to use my GI Bill, I am a full time Gerontology student with an internship in the Alzheimer's Association. I serve as an officer with the DAV, American Legion, VFW, and VFW Auxiliary. I earned a Master's Degree in Management in 2012. I spend my spare time volunteering with veterans, servicemembers, and their families. My husband Stephen and I have two grandchildren, Brandon/15 and Dylan/1).

★ Nominee for Vice President, Membership ★

Debbie Crutchfield

I served in the Navy from 1969-1992 retiring as a Chief Personnelman. After the Navy, I taught public school from 1997-2001, followed by 11 years of teaching Pre-K at my church where I still substitute teach.



I joined WAVES National in 1982 and have served as National Recording Secretary (1992-1994 & 2018-2020) and Executive Secretary (1994-1996). I've been a member of six units in different states, and am currently a member of Triangle Military Women #144 in North Carolina. I've also served as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President in several units. I also handle fundraising for a Bainbridge WAVES Reunion group. I've had plenty of experience in this organization and I would like to serve as your VP for Membership.

★ Nominee for Vice President, Unit Liaison ★

Renee Chisholm

I live in Chattanooga, TN, with my precious little dog, Sasha. My hobbies are sewing, gardening and crafting. I served in the U.S. Army. I have two daughters and three grandchildren. As a member of New Covenant Fellowship Church, as well as several veteran's organizations, I try to live a life of service.



I serve as President of TriState Women Veterans Unit 157, and am also a member of Vietnam Veterans of America and the American Legion. In my church, I serve as a greeter and with the music ministry.

I look forward to serving MWAN on the Board of Directors where together, we can move forward into the future.

★ Nominee for Vice President, Finance ★

Sherry Hill

I am Chief Warrant Officer Sherry Hill, Retired USNR (CWO3). I'm a member of MWAN Stars and Stripes Unit 36 located in San Diego County and former Treasurer. For our mission we make neck pillows for the troops and we deliver them to the USO at the San Diego Airport. You may have seen the article about us recently. We have several Honorary Members that help us out as well, and we hold stuffing and stitching parties independent of our regular meetings.



In the civilian world I retired as a Special Agent GS-13 for the Department of Treasury Criminal Investigation Division, where I worked tax and money laundering cases. If elected I look forward to learning the job. Thank you for your time and take care.

★ Nominee for Region 1 Representative ★

Lynne Pine

I'm a retired U.S. Navy Mustang Lieutenant Commander and former Yeoman Senior Chief Petty Officer, I joined the Navy in 1980 from Klamath Falls, Oregon, and served in various duty stations in the U.S. as well as overseas and aboard an aircraft carrier. Upon retiring in 2007, I held numerous director positions with the civil service until I moved to California where I became a defense contractor.



I have an MBA and several bachelor's degrees, as well as numerous professional certifications. I'm actively engaged with my civilian and military community, serving as an AARP Driver Education Instructor, MILWOMEN National Webmaster, MILWOMEN Stars & Stripes Unit 36 Secretary, and Secretary for Rotary International's Fellowship for Cruising Rotarians.

★ Nominee for Region 3 Representative ★

Martha Alderman

I've been a member of MWAN for 10+ years in Cactus WAVES #114 and then Salt River #155. I'm currently unit vice president, having held all offices over the years. I retired from the Navy as a Chief Petty Officer in 1999 and still miss the unique challenges & opportunities.



I'm always "up" for involvement with my fellow veterans, which is why I was a benefits counselor for 12 years and now a volunteer American Legion Service Officer. We have a great Arizona Military Women's Luncheon annually (except in 2020) and I'm always part of the planning committee because I just love being with so many women veterans.

My husband & I are "child-free" but we have fur babies, and enjoy camping, kayaking, hiking, cooking & travel. I have a great life!

Meet the 2022 Candidates continues on Page 6 & 7.

MEET THE 2022 ★ CANDIDATES

★ Nominee for Region 4 Representative★

Annette Dunseth

I was transferred to MWAN from WAVES National. The last conference I attended was a cruise from Galveston, Texas, to Jamaica and Mexico with my daughter, Beth and her children; Jessica, Kamara and Jordan. Jen, my youngest daughter, has one daughter, Riley. Jessica has two girls, Kaiya and Paisley; Kamara has a baby girl; Jordan lives in Kingston, TN, and has a son, Lucas, and daughter, Ella. Riley is in her Senior year at Minot State.



I was active Navy for almost 15 years. I then joined the Naval Reserve; transferred to the Army National Guard, and then to the Air National Guard. I retired from the Air Force Reserve. I've always loved dancing, reading, crochet, family history research, and travel: I have visited all 50 states!

★ Nominee for Region 6 Representative★

Jouay Koppari

I retired from the Navy in 1992 after 22 years of service. My duty stations included basic training at Bainbridge, MD; school in San Diego, CA; multiple tours as a company commander at Recruit Training Command in Orlando, FL, as well as service in Hawaii (3 years); London, England (3 years), and Panama (1987-1989).



I joined WAVES National (now MWAN) in 1992. I became president of Military Women of Tampa Bay Unit 55 in 2015, and Region 6 Representative in 2016.

I'm kept company by three extremely cute Italian Greyhounds; Signore Truman (15), Faun (8), and Coltrane (8).

★ Nominee for Region 7 Representative★

Ginger Daniels

I spent my three-year, Navy tour at NAS Corpus Christi, Texas - 205 miles from the barracks to my home - and, I loved almost every minute of my Navy experience. Discharged in 1967 as an E-5, I returned to school where I completed my bachelor's in Secondary Education and began a master's program. About half way through, I married a career enlisted soldier I'd known since I was 13 years old.



I became a life member of WAVES National/MWAN in 2006 but have never been a unit member. I've served as a State Director, Regional Representative and am currently serving as the National Secretary (formerly Executive Secretary).

I'm mother to a son and two daughters. One daughter was in the Coast Guard and the other was in the Army. I was widowed when my husband died from Agent Orange complications. I'm retired from civil service with the Department of the Army, the state of Oklahoma and the Census Bureau. When not working on MWAN projects I volunteer at the Shattuck Windmill Museum and Park.

★ Nominee for Region 8 Representative★

Gloria Wix

I was in the Navy for almost four years during the Vietnam War and went to boot camp in Bainbridge, MD. After

graduating, I was stationed there several months before transferring to NAS Pensacola, FL. My final duty station was in Long Beach, CA, as a E-4 Yeoman, processing sailors and Marines for duty in Vietnam. Discharged in 1966, I worked in administrative and secretarial positions for several years, then in the civil service for 20 years in Iwakuni, Japan; Oceanside, CA, and Washington DC.



I've been a life member of WAVES National/Military Women Across the Nation since 2007 and have held several positions in both organizations: Unit 94 President (4 years), National Chaplain (4 years), National 2nd Vice President (2 years), and National 1st Vice President (2 years).

★ Nominee for Region 9 Representative★

Michele Batliner

I joined the Navy at 18 and attended boot camp in Orlando, FL. After Radioman training school in Bainbridge, MD, I was ordered to NAS Bermuda where I met and married a Marine. I resigned from the service and followed my husband to California, where I began my federal employment. After we separated, my daughter and I moved to Kansas City, MO, and I resumed my federal employment as the first woman carpenter in the region.



I joined the Naval Reserve NATO unit which was the best six years of my life! I remarried, had two more children and now have 12 grandkids. After 36 years of government service, I retired as a journeyman electrician. I love my fellow veterans and spend many hours volunteering at American Legion Post 21 and the all-female American Legion Post 1107. I've been a member of MWAN since 2005 and a Regional Representative for many years. I love it!!!

★ Nominee for Region 10 Representative★

Beth Wingfield

I joined MWAN in 2015 and am a Charter Member of TriState Women Veterans Unit 157. I'm also very active with The Forty and Eight, 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, GA, and Chattanooga, TN, where I'm 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, TX. I'm currently serving as Region 10 Representative and look forward to another term.

MEET THE ★ CANDIDATES

★ Nominee for Region 11 Representative★

Jennifer Baun**

I am a Director of Managed Care for the Albertsons Companies and have been involved with managed care for more than 25 years.

A Navy veteran, I attended bootcamp at RTC Orlando, FL, followed by Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare School in Norfolk, VA, and became an Ocean System Technician Analyst, serving as part of the Integrated Underwater Surveillance System.

I'm currently president of Northeast Ohio Women Veterans Unit 21; a life member of AMVETS Post 44, a member of American Legion Post 301; a member and Past Commander of the United Veterans Council of Greater Youngstown; serve on the Ohio Department of Veterans Services Women Veterans Advisory Committee, and was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in 2015.

**If elected, Jennifer has volunteered to serve concurrently as Region 5 Representative.



★ Nominee for Region 12 Representative★

Dassa Carvey

I enlisted in the Navy in 1963 and served as an E-5 Journalist at NAS Pensacola, FL. As a military wife I served as OMBUDSMAN while pursuing my career as a budget analyst for the Navy. I retired in 2006 with some 35 years of active duty and civil service.

I joined WAVES National in 2000 and have served in numerous positions; Official Convention Photographer (3 years); National Public Relations Chair (2 years); Stained Glass Window Chair (4 years); National 2nd Vice President (2 years); 1st Vice President (2 years), and WAVES National/MWAN President (6 years). I chartered Tidewater Tidal WAVES Unit 152 (now Military Women of Tidewater) in 2002 and served as unit president for 2 years.

I volunteer as Deputy VAVS Representative at Hampton VAMC; as secretary of A.G. Horton, Jr., Memorial Veterans Cemetery Wreath Society in Suffolk, VA, as well as volunteering with my local civic league and police precinct.



★ Nominee for Region 13 Representative★

Alicia Rodriguez

Upon completion of Navy boot camp and electrician training, I was assigned to the USS Simon Lake (AS-33) in La Maddalena, Italy. While on active duty, I earned my bachelor's and master's degrees in Business Administration. I'm a military-certified Small Arms Instructor, and obtained my Black Belt Six Sigma certification from Tourou International University.

I joined MWAN in 2015 and am a member of New England Military Women Unit 158, where I've served as their Volunteer Hours Chair. I have a son, Steven, 11, and am the proud daughter of Carlos Rodriguez and Leticia Desfassiaux.



The following proposed MWAN Bylaw amendment will be presented at the 2022 National Convention for your approval or disapproval. Please become familiar with this proposal so you will be able to discuss and vote on it.

The current MWAN Bylaw reads:

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers.

D. Elected officers of MWAN shall hold no other elected office concurrently at the National or Regional level.

Proposed Amendment: Insert "MWAN" before "elected office..."

Submitted by: 2021 Midterm BOD

Reason: To differentiate between MWAN elected office and any non-MWAN civic, municipal, state or national office the member may hold.

If approved, the amended MWAN Bylaw would read:

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

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★ Region Rep Candidates Needed! ★

MWAN has 13 regions so no one representative will have too much territory to cover. However, this means we need 13 representatives to act as member points-of-contact.

We STILL need TWO more 2022-2024 representative candidates to support the following areas: **Region 2/** Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and **Region 5/** Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin.

As a minimum, the position duties included reaching out to MWAN members to let them know they are remembered. You also will have a vote on national MWAN issues. There's no limit to the activity you may choose to pursue as a regional representative: Traveling to meet your constituents, establishing new units, soliciting the region for input on concerns and questions members may have, etc.

A couple of our other regional representatives have volunteered to oversee these regions until representatives can be found. We are, of course, indebted to them for their selfless offer, but with a thousand members nationwide, they should not have to do 'double duty'.

If you have a couple hours each month to provide support to our sister members, please contact Nomination Committee Chair GinaMarie Doherty at (401) 500-1721 or untitliaison@milwomen.org.

Sound Off!

TRIANGLE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #144 (NC) – We had our first in-person meeting in March at a local restaurant. The quarterly gathering was actually “hybrid” as some members joined us via Zoom! Our next meeting is set for June 25th.

The Veterans’ Experience Action Center/Veterans’ Benefit Live was hosted by Cary American Legion Post 67 March 17th-19th. The focus was for any veteran or family member who had questions about VA healthcare, benefits, and, most importantly, filing a new VA claim. Unfortunately, they were not able to see everyone who walked through the door, but for those they couldn’t meet personally, the VA set up appointments for the following week.



Unit 144 members set up an information table. Pictured above, Brenda Brubaker, Adina Lev and Yoneka Trent welcomed all veterans, but focused on the gals! More than 1,000 veterans visited during the three-day event, and more than 50 signed our roster for follow-up contact which yielded five new members!!

Unit president Adina Lev was present in the early hours of April 27th, and waved farewell as Triad Honor Flight #2A22 departed Greensboro to take veterans to



Washington DC for visits to military memorials. Pictured at left is one of the organizers, Jaqueline Kohler (Left), with an unnamed Army veteran.



MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

Unit #152 (VA) – We recently said goodbye to our very dear, unit charter member Elizabeth “Libby” Morrison. Libby was laid to rest at the A.G. Horton, Jr., Veterans Memorial Cemetery, where she spent many years helping raise funds for the Horton Wreath Society as well as annually placing live wreaths on each gravesite.



In addition to being a Life Member of MWAN, Libby worked tirelessly with her unit sisters. She was our first VAVS (now CDCE) Representative at the Hampton VAMC, often times testing the patience of the Chief, Volunteer Services, but always departing on a friendly basis. She was our unit’s first “Sunshine Lady”, sending cards to unit members whenever she felt they needed cheering up or to just tell them we were thinking of them. She will be well-remembered for her kindnesses, generosity and humor.

One particular instance comes to mind. The 2010 WAVES National Convention was held in Norfolk, and Admiral Patty Wolfe was our guest speaker at the President’s Dinner. It seems all of the “trouble makers” were seated at one table. Libby was dared, nay, encouraged to throw a dinner roll at one of our unit members seated at the head table.

Well, Libby’s aim wasn’t all that great, and she missed the target, hitting Admiral Wolfe instead! The admiral promptly fined Libby. The fine was later returned, but unit members preserved the roll and presented it to Libby in a trophy case!

Libby will be remembered by her humanitarian service; her contagious smile and laugh; and her giving heart of gold. She knew no strangers and would help anyone. She will be greatly missed and the memories we have will last us a lifetime. Libby had a glow and an energy that would fill a room - not to mention her red, white and blue hair.

We held our Hawaiian-themed holiday party in February. Thanks go to Sheila Jessen for all the arrangements and organizing the event. Our live auction garnered some very lively bidding! A fun time was had by all attendees.

In recognition of Women’s History Month, unit member April Maletz had the honor of speaking at the Navy Reserve Center Norfolk in Virginia Beach; on board the USS Arlington (LPD 24), and at Information Warfare Training Group in Norfolk.



Pictured above (Left to right) are Jo Heimert, Medal of Honor Recipient Harvey Barnum, Betty Hand and Suzanne Davis.

Some unit members actively participate in the Old Dominion Honor Flight program. April Maletz serves as Mission Director; Martha Kastler is Treasurer; Betty Hand

is Flags-for-our-Heroes Coordinator, and other members serve as Guardians. The latest mission was held in April with member, Jo Heimerl, making the trip with her guardian and unit member, Suzanne Davis.

Pictured below (Left to right) are Martha Kastler, Betty Hand and April Maletz celebrating Betty's birthday at the WWII Memorial in Washington, DC, during Honor Flight Summit.



We meet monthly at VFW 4809 in Norfolk. For more info contact Dassa Carvey at dassahsg@gmail.com or (757) 363-3059.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE, FLORIDA

Greetings from Lakeland! We are an up-and-coming unit of amazing military women veterans located in the heart of central Florida. We may be small, but our hearts are big, and our goals are high.

Lakeland is located between Tampa and Orlando. Meetings are held at 1100 on the 4th Saturday each month The American Legion Post 4, 1375 Ariana Street, Lakeland. If you know anyone who may be interested in joining our prospective unit, please have them contact Kathleen at KDVanM@gmail.com or (863) 738-4487.



Pictured above are those who attended the Lakeland Royal Swans "Meet & Greet" in March (Left to right): MALs Karen Warren and Caroline Grimsley, and Kathleen VanMiddlesworth who is currently a member of Unit #55.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE, TEXAS

The following information was submitted by Region 7 Representative Sue Gunnell.

Rose Dern says her childhood was like everyone else's. She attended school in New York and worked after school. The similarities to most other young women in 1942 changed when

Sound Off!

Rose, at 21, chose to join the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, or the Navy WAVES (*Pictured below*).

She completed basic training at Floyd Bennett Field – New York's first municipal airport – and served there until she volunteered to serve in Hawaii. As a radio operator in the South Pacific, Rose was tasked with decoding classified information. With the war winding down, she transferred back to Bennett Field where she served another couple of years. It was there she met and - six months later, married – Marine Robert Dern.



After being discharged from the Navy, Rose and her husband moved to Virginia where they welcomed a son,

Robert, and daughters, Sandra and Anne. Rose was a stay-at-home mom until she and her husband divorced in the early 1950's. She had to go back to work even though she didn't like leaving her children.



Rose at 100 years young.

Rose worked for the state of Virginia for 30 years. While she was considered the "go-to person" in the highway department, she quickly learned about the "glass ceiling".

"I wanted to get more education, but I had three children to raise. In some cases, I was more qualified than the men who were promoted {to leadership}.

"My boss would say, 'Well, Rose, they {the men} have a family to provide for,' and I'd say, 'Well, I have a family to provide for, too.'" Rose's daughter, Anne, says her mother was always searching for knowledge and was a great role model.

Now looking forward to her 101st birthday this year, Rose has traveled far and wide, and has even dipped her feet in Jerusalem's River Jordan. She lives in Georgetown where she's surrounded by family and friends, and stays busy with yoga classes, and has always been an avid walker.

How does one make it to 100-years-young? Rose says, "Just keep doing the most you can each and every day."

SAVE the DATE: Saturday, November 26th 2022

We'll be decorating and giving gifts to wounded service members at Balboa Naval Hospital, San Diego, CA. Please help by donating Christmas stockings or any items to put in the stockings: socks, cards, coffee mugs, books, instant coffee, etc. For more info contact Elisabeth Lewandowski at elwandowski@gmail.com or 760-201-6465.

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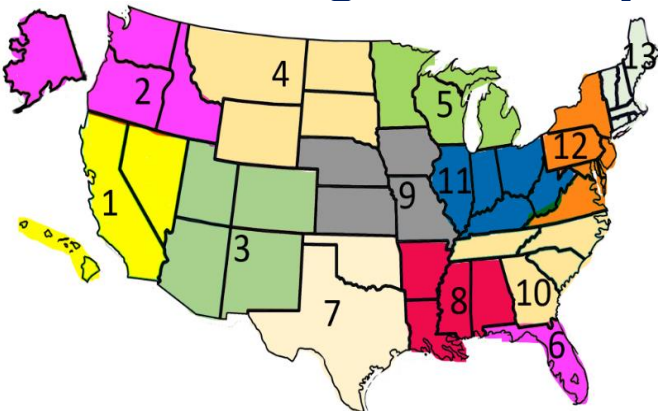
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MWAN Regional Map



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MWAN Supply Locker

JUNE 2022

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)
 Honor-Courage-Sacrifice Veterans Pin \$5 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 _____ = _____
 (USAF, USMC, ARMY, USCG, VETERANS)
 US Vet Stars/Stripes Lapel Pin \$9 X _____ = _____
 Honoring Women Veterans Pin \$6 X _____ = _____

★ SHIPPING COST ★

Up to \$40 = **\$9**; \$41-\$100 = **\$17**; \$101 & above = **\$20**

Check/MO #: _____ **No Phone Orders**

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Neck Tabs, Black w/Velcro \$12 X _____ = _____
 Garrison Caps (includes patch) \$24 X _____ = _____
 Sizes: 21, 22, 23, 24, 25
 MWAN Visor \$15 X _____ = _____
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 MWAN T-Shirt \$17 X _____ = _____
 Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
 MWAN Polo Shirt \$32 X _____ = _____
 Gray or White Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
 MWAN Jacket \$33 X _____ = _____
 Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
 MWAN Sweatshirt \$24 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 _____ = _____

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 (4 each) \$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**)

Subtotal: \$ _____

★ ADD Shipping ★: \$ _____

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

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