

MILITARY *Women's* BULLETIN



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Rhode Island's first all-female Honor Flight, Victory

by Dora Vasquez-Hellner

A couple times each year at zero-dark-thirty, T.F. Green International Airport in Warwick, Rhode Island, is transformed into a dramatic patriotic scene with firefighter escorts, police honor guards, scout troops and cheering spectators. Saturday, April 6, 2019, was one such day.

The transformation was due to the first Rhode Island All- Female Honor Flight, Victory. The crew and 44 women veterans flew from Rhode Island to spend the entire day in Washington, D.C.

The group included veterans from World War II to the Global War on Terrorism. The oldest was 96 years old and the youngest was 35. Six members from New England Military Women Across the Nation Unit #158 participated in this historical event.

The day began with everyone arriving at a local firehouse for roll call. As we approached the firehouse the first thing we noticed was the huge storm flag that was beautifully displayed and waving freely in the slight breeze. The atmosphere was infused with the excitement, the energy and the electricity of this very special group during the last-minute preparations for the trip. This day was all about honoring women warriors.

Upon arrival at TF Green, we anxiously awaited the cue to march into the terminal. We were ready. As our WWII sisters began to enter, we could clearly hear the cheering and applause from all the spectators gathered that fine morning. It was such a beautiful scene to behold. So many people had gathered for the 44 women veterans on Honor Flight Victory. This stunning reception would be repeated several times throughout the day.

Upon arrival at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, we were met by Lieutenant General Nadja West, 44th U.S. Army Surgeon General and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Medical Command, along with several community members. The first stop on our whirlwind tour was at the WWII memorial where we were greeted by our own U.S. Senator Jack Reed (Rhode Island); U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan (New Hampshire); former U.S. Senators Robert Dole and Elizabeth Dole, and Lieutenant General Jacqueline D. Van Ovost, Director of Staff, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, along with other well-wishers.

Our tour included the many war memorials located in Washington, D.C. At each location we all had stories to tell. One could truly feel the camaraderie within our group of women warriors.



Left to right: Unit 118 member Ginny Hanson, Unit 158 members Michele Diamond, Dottie DiLullo, Sylvia Weber, Dora Vasquez-Hellner, Sharron Zapor and kneeling in front Connie Rix.

→→ Don't Forget! ←←

Regional Representative Reports DUE 1 Aug

Unit Annual Financial Report DUE 1 Sep

Unit Annual Letter of Authorization DUE 1 Sep

October Bulletin Input DUE 1 Sep

All report & letter details are in the MWAN Procedures Manual available at www.milwomen.org

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Presidential Ponderings

by Patty Parks, National President

The dates for our 2020 national convention are September 16th-20th, but there is some very important business to conduct before we all converge on Put-in-Bay, Ohio, next year.

Of the five MWAN national, elected officers, the national president, 1st vice and 2nd vice are each limited to two, consecutive, two-year terms. That means I must step down and allow another member the opportunity to spread her wings and lead our wonderful organization.

Our nomination committee, led by past-president Barb Turner, is currently seeking qualified members with the time and interest in serving her sister servicewomen.

Please consider volunteering for one of our national positions. For me it has been a most rewarding and stimulating experience. Details about the nomination process and the committee's contact information are located on Page 4 of this bulletin.

2nd Vice Update

by GinaMarie Doherty, National 2nd Vice President

The primary task of MWAN National 2nd Vice is to assist and manage MWAN units. We currently have 25 active units which are listed on Page 9 of this newsletter.

I am in the process of contacting each of those units and asking three questions:

- Is the unit still meeting at least three times per year?
- Has a current list of unit officers been submitted?
- Has a new set of unit bylaws been submitted since 2014?

To protect our 501(c)(19) status as a nonprofit, veteran service organization, our units must be in compliance with federal guidelines.

If your unit is included on the list of active units, but you cannot answer "Yes" to all three of the above questions, please contact me as soon as possible.

I look forward to serving you all and appreciate your assistance in updating all unit information.

Treasury Tidbits

by Terry Taylor, National Treasurer

At the beginning of this fiscal year, we received a \$10,000 donation from the Kaplan Gift Trust in accordance with the wishes of Ruth Ann (Soloman) Kaplan, a World War II veteran and San Diego Stars & Stripes Unit 36 life member.

We are truly grateful for Ruth Ann's donation as well as every donation we receive. A special "Thank You" goes to those listed below for their donations to Military Women Across the Nation.

All donations made to MWAN are tax deductible.

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| • Heart of America In Memory of Lucille Kemper | Unit 9 |
| • Mary Anne Cole | Unit 28 |
| • Kaplan Trust In Memory of Ruth Ann (Soloman) Kaplan | Unit 36 |
| • Columbia River Ripples | Unit 70 |
| • Sonoran Military Women | Unit 114 |
| • Helen Baj | MAL |
| • Mary Bell | MAL |
| • Marie Bliss | MAL |

Officers' Call

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| • Eileen "Stormy" Bosbonis | MAL |
| • Katherine Burlin | MAL |
| • Maureen Cahill | MAL |
| • Susan D'Ambrosio | MAL |
| • Gloria Drenzek | MAL |
| • Barbara Eastman | MAL |
| • Carol Goodlin-Couture | MAL |
| • Gayle Isaacson | MAL |
| • Virginia Jorgenson | MAL |
| • Frances Loring | MAL |
| • Martha Mee | MAL |
| • Eva Nolan | MAL |
| • Virginia Roos | MAL |
| • Carolyn Roshak | MAL |
| • Pauline Sanford | MAL |
| • M. Joy Sleeper | MAL |
| • Jo Anne Smith | MAL |
| • Judith Sokolowski | MAL |
| • Teresa Stamm | MAL |
| • Helen Valenti | MAL |
| • Myrna Van Meter | MAL |

Volunteer Viewpoints

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

Yay! Summer is finally here! I'd like to start out on a positive note and welcome our new VAVS members and recognize some changes that have taken place.

Congratulations to the following volunteers:

- Gabe Forsberg representing the Phoenix, Arizona, VA
- Christine Tron representing the Bedford, Massachusetts, VA
- GinaMarie Doherty representing the Providence, Rhode Island, VA
- Louise "Mickey" Kibler representing the Loch Raven, Maryland, and the Baltimore, Maryland, VAs.

Regretfully our deputy VA representative Carol Watson from Nevada has had to resign. Thank you, Carol, for your many years of volunteering and your dedication to our veterans.

A special thanks to Christina La Row, our new member from Nevada who has volunteered to step up and become the Nevada deputy VA representative.

This now brings our total representation of VA facilities to 21. So, you can see, we are still in need of volunteers to meet our required 25 volunteers for MWAN to remain a "voting member" of VAVS.

Helping to make a difference for our veterans is very rewarding. If you can see yourself being that person, please consider becoming a VA volunteer in your community and represent MWAN at the local VAVS quarterly committee meetings.

If you are interested or have any questions about the program please contact me at diane.turcotte30@gmail.com or 207-474-2235.

National Officer & Staff contact info on Page 10.

Victory (Continued from Page 1)

It is difficult to find the best words to express the thoughts and emotions we all experienced that grand day. As one sister warrior said, "I feel validated." Yes, the outpouring of love and support that made this trip possible was a validation of the importance of our service to our country. Without women in the military, the mission would not have been accomplished.

Our return to the TF Green airport terminal later that evening once again reflected an intensely patriotic scene. "God Bless America, land that I love..." We were all surprised to see so very, many people there to welcome us home. We hugged, we kissed and we cried in expressing our gratitude for their demonstration of patriotism in honoring us.



← Gretchen Vierling-Cutlip (Left) and Sharron Zapor

↓ Left to right: Connie Rix, VAMC Women Veterans Coordinator, Providence; Tonya Masselli, McConnell; and Dottie DiLullo.



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We are so grateful to retired Providence Fire Department Chief George S. Farrell of the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Association for making this event possible.

However, without the generous donation from the General Federation of Women's Club from Rhode Island, this flight would not have been possible. Their donation covered the expenses of every veteran and guardian.

Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created in 2005 solely to honor America's veterans for their sacrifices. The network transports veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit and reflect at their memorials.



Top priority is given to senior veterans, World War II survivors, along with veterans who may be terminally ill.

In September 2015 the first all-female Honor Flight was held with 140 women veterans flown from Cincinnati, Ohio. Boasting 130 Honor Flight Hubs in 45 states, the organization estimates it has transported some 225,000 veterans in the past 14 years.

To locate a nearby hub visit www.honorflight.org or call the national headquarters in Springfield, Ohio, at 937-521-2400.

If there is no Honor Flight Network Hub in your area, consider conducting an internet search. In many states, similar but independent organizations – such as "Honor Air", "Hero Flights", etc. - coordinate similar flights for military veterans.

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MWAN National Convention!

Save the Dates ~ September 16-20, 2020

Start planning now! Your trip to the 2020 MWAN National Convention will be better than the movie "Planes, Trains and Automobiles," but some of you may just use all those modes of transportation.

Come join us September 16th through September 20th, 2020 in historic Put-in-Bay, Ohio, and celebrate our theme: "A Clear Vision of Women Veterans."

The usual business will be conducted but the schedule also includes some great break out learning sessions, trade show events, receptions, group activities and, of course, the President's Gala on our final night.

You won't want to miss the sights and sounds of Put-in-Bay, also known as "Ohio's Key West of the North". There will soon be a Facebook event page called MWAN 2020 National Convention that will feature updates. Also, feel free to contact Jennifer Baun at neowv21@gmail.com or 314-803-8643. Hope to see everyone there!!



Put-in-Bay, Ohio, site of the 2020 MWAN National Convention.

Region II Conference Planned

by Michele Batliner, Region II Representative

Region II is hosting a conference in Kansas City, Missouri, October 11th-13th. We hope you'll join us. We'll have many local female veterans joining us from various veteran service organizations in our area.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Region II Representative Michele Batliner at 816-315-9229 or email at mbatliner@att.net. More information will be posted on our MWAN web site (milwomen.org) as it becomes available.

Attention: Region V Members-at-Large

by Jill Blakeney, Region V Representative

Back in June, Alternate Region V Representative Beth Wingfield and I reached out to the members-at-large (MALs) in Region V.

Our goal is to understand what we can do to make your experience better, help you connect with other MALs in your area if interested, share via the Military Women's Bulletin things going on with you, and anything else you want us to know.

Pearle Crisler took time to contact us and now she's featured on Page 9 of this bulletin!

We're receiving some feedback, but it is coming in at a trickle. Please take time to contact us so we can serve you better! Our contact details are also on Page 9.



Nominations are needed for the 2020 – 2022 MWAN National Officers

by Barb Turner, Nominating Committee Chair

Our 2020 MWAN National Convention is only a year or so away and it is time to look for the next slate of national officers. Did I just hear you sigh?

Oh come on now, it isn't difficult to think about who you want up front to lead us for the next two year term. The elected officers of MWAN shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Treasurer and a Recording Secretary.

A candidate for elective office shall be a regular member in good standing of MWAN (unit or member-at-large); be familiar with the objectives and purposes of MWAN; have leadership experience, and time to devote to the duties of the office. Additionally, a candidate for the office of President shall have served at least one term on the MWAN Board of Directors.

Do you want to know what is involved in performing the duties in each office? Detailed descriptions for each office are located in the **MWAN 2018 Bylaws** and **MWAN Procedures Manual**, which are both available at the www.milwomen.org website under "Governing Docs and Forms".

If you really want to know what is involved in holding an elected office, why not get in touch with our current national officers or those who have held those offices in the past. Contact information for all current officers is listed on Page 10 of this newsletter. Call and ask any one of them to share what holding a national office is really like.

Please get in touch with a Nomination Committee member if you are interested or know of a member who might be interested. Nomination Committee members are:

- Renee Chisholm in Chattanooga, Tennessee at 423-208-1611 or chisholm_renee@epbf.com
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- Rose Nowak in Petaluma, California, at 707-762-5151 or xcena@sonic.net
- Barb Turner (Chair) in Flower Mound, Texas, at 817-491-4555 or turners_5@sbcglobal.net

Sound Off!

KEYSTONE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #6 (PA) – We are still keeping busy and showing our military pride by supporting the Media Theater Veterans Alliance and attending veterans' night at the theater. All veterans, their families & friends are invited to a private reception prior to a combat veteran being honored on stage before start of performance.



Ruthie Severino (Left) & Tina Crowding marching in Media, PA Memorial Day parade.

spearheaded by Unit Vice President Tina Crowding, on the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. We also celebrated Gladys Martin's 97th birthday. She was on hand to tell us about her memories of D-Day and how it impacted the women who were serving at that time. She and sister WWII veteran Dorothy Holland cut the cake.



(Left to right) Dorothy Holland, Gladys Martin, & Ruthie Severino at the Media Theater's D-Day Celebration.

HEART OF AMERICA

Unit #9 (KS) – The unit's bi-monthly luncheon was held at Pegah's Family Restaurant. Afterward, we all caravanned to Unit Secretary Lois Hardeman's home for our meeting.

We strive to keep our tradition strong by participating in our local Memorial Day parade and ceremonies. Two unit members marched with American Legion Post 93 while Gladys Martin and Billie Taddei rode in vintage convertibles. Afterward we visited Pennsylvania Veterans Museum and then enjoyed lunch at Barnaby's.

We had a grand time at our June meeting at the Coast Guard Station. The celebration was

All officers agreed to maintain their present positions for another year. We explored many topics about how we can contribute to our veteran community.



(Left to right) Lois Hardeman, Nellie Croke, Darlene Miella, Michele Batliner and Beverly Hagen.

Beverly Hagen offered her home for our next meeting in August. We really enjoy the camaraderie we share with our members. Our next meeting will be August 24th.

For more information, please contact Michele Batliner at 816-315-9229 or mbatliner@att.net.

SAN DIEGO STARS AND STRIPES

Unit #36 (CA) – Unit 36 met on June 8th at the Chula Vista American Legion Post 434 and enjoyed the fish fry lunch fundraiser.

Our thoughts and prayers were with Unit President Monica O'Hara and her family during her mother's funeral. We also received updates on a few comrades we have missed seeing.

The Unit along with a few volunteers have now completed 8,450 neck pillows. Shirley Ferrill brought a "much-loved" child's neck pillow to share. The parents had asked if a replacement was possible as their son had used his a lot.

We welcomed new member Linda Sundberg who gave a brief overview of her service time and her volunteer work since retirement. All were reminded to submit volunteer hours as soon as possible. Our next meeting is set for August 3rd at Nicolosi's Italian Restaurant in San Diego.

For unit information contact Roxanne Jones at 619-545-6546 or roxanne.i.jones@navy.mil.

SEA BREEZES

Unit #52 (FL) – Three unit members attended Memorial Day ceremonies at Barrancas National Cemetery.

On June 8th 10 members and 'supporting friend' Karen Aggerton held the quarterly meeting/social at the Oar House. Guest speaker Nancy Bullock-Prevot, Chief Cryptologic Technician, US Navy, Retired, shared the story of how she was inspired to create the HER Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to helping women veterans in northwest Florida. HER is on the verge of opening a beautiful, 10-bed home and shelter for homeless women veterans in Pensacola. Several members visited the home a few days after our meeting and were amazed by what Nancy has accomplished and her dedication to making the lives of women veterans better. The visiting members presented Nancy with a \$500 check to be used for emergency purposes.

Our next quarterly social will be at the Oar House in Pensacola at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 14th.

Sound Off!

MILITARY WOMEN OF TAMPA BAY

Unit #55 (FL) - Sunday, May 26th, Veterans' Council of Hillsborough County conducted its Annual Memorial Day Remembrance at Veterans' Memorial Park in Tampa. Attendance from the veteran and local communities was sizeable. The ceremony was highlighted with the color guard from Riverview High School JROTC; two representatives of Hillsborough's Board of County Commissioners (BOCC); Director, County Consumer & Veterans Services; Deputy Director of Operations, U.S. Central Command; Gold Star family members including a rifle salute and taps. Because Memorial Day is to honor our nation's fallen, the Gold Star families were invited to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Les Miller, Chairman of the BOCC, read the Memorial Day Proclamation and Sandra Murman, District 1 Representative of the BOCC was guest speaker. Brigadier General Johnnie L. Johnson, Jr., US Army, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, was the Keynote speaker. BGEN Johnson's speech was moving and appropriate to the day's purpose.



(Left to right) Jouay Koppari, Cathy Gerolimatos, Cookie and Connie White.

GULF COAST

Unit #56 (FL) - Our unit has been active supporting many veteran activities in our local area. Laura Thompson tirelessly organizes our support for the 14 female residents of the Douglas T. Jacobsen State Veteran's Nursing Home. Our June tea theme was Summer Fun. Denise Costa, Sue Powell, and Kim Werla visited with our sister veterans.

Laura also coordinated donations from our unit for National Nursing Home Week, May 13th-17th. The staff at

Jacobson Veterans' Home was honored on Friday, May 17th. Laura designed five baskets with all the items we donated, to include gift cards, wine, champagne, stuffed animals, edible cookie arrangements and much more.



Denise Costa (Left) presented NJROTC Cadet Master Chief Samantha Bronson Gulf Coast Unit #56's annual scholarship of \$350. Samantha is a senior at North Port High School.

Our unit continues to provide MWAN info and other veteran services information at the quarterly "City of North Port New Comers' Day". Dotty Savasky and Sherry Kaderli attended the event where they met local radio personality Pat Petersmark. Ms. Petersmark plans to do a live presentation on military veterans during her "Chat with Pat" radio show.

Unit members attended the Military Heritage Museum annual Rosie the Riveter event. The event honors women who worked in factories and shipyards during World War II and other women veterans.



On Memorial Day, Dotty Savasky (Right), Darlene Mosser-Kerner (not pictured) and Donna Francisco (Left) participated in a wreath laying with the American Legion Post at Veteran's Park.



Unit members Dotty Savasky (Left) and Sherry Kaderli (Right).

Sound Off!

TRIANGLE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #144 (NC) – Unit members Annette Stevenson and Jill Blakeney attended the North Carolina Veteran's Business Association's annual meeting on May 7th at the North Carolina National Guard Joint Force Headquarters in Raleigh. In addition to planning the event, Annette – who is vice president of the association - was mistress of ceremonies, provided the vice president's update and moderated the panel discussion. Presentations were tailored to inform and assist military veteran business owners and/or those interested in starting a business in North Carolina. Annette is owner of Stevenson Consulting Group. Jill is president and founder of Mustangs & Patriots Project, Inc.

WWII veteran Norma Schrader was recently interviewed over the phone by a student (Brady) for a school project. Brady, who lives in Florida, was so impressed with Norma, he asked his aunt, unit member Jill Blakeney, to arrange for him to meet Norma in person. After the school year was over, Brady and his father, Jim, arrived in Cary for a visit. A great time was had by all!



Norma Schrader enjoyed lunch with Jim (Right) and his son Brady.



June meeting attendees pictured around Norma (Center) are (Left to right) guest Adina Lev, new member Yoneka Trent, Unit President Pat Childers and new member Rebecca Redd-Jolly.



Above Left: Laura Thompson carried the POW/MIA flag in an Honor guard with AmVets Post 312.



Above Right: Denise Costa and her husband ran the Memorial Day/Veteran's 5K Race in Punta Gorda to raise money for needy veterans. Each year the race features a different military: The US Coast Guard was recognized this year.

VOLUNTEER

UNIT #94 (TN) – Unit members attended the annual memorial service at Pegram National Cemetery. During the ceremony, volunteers read over 480 names of veterans who were interred at Pegram since last Memorial Day.



(Left to right) Merilyn Evans, Donna Henderson, Jane Boulton and Jennifer Mobley.

Volunteer unit member Stephanie Ward (Below) recently attended a baby shower sponsored by the local VA. Our unit donated many items for the event and Stephanie received wonderful items for her baby due in November!



Sound Off!

MEMPHIS BELLES

Unit #151 (TN) – New unit officers were officially sworn in at the June 8th meeting immediately followed by a cook-out at Linda Coffield's home. The next meeting is set for 10 a.m. September 21st at the Millington VFW hall and will be preceded by a breakfast at 9:30 a.m.



Unit 151 officers (Left to right) are Secretary Patricia Ferguson, President Kathy Desjariais and Treasurer Linda Coffield.

SALT RIVER MILITARY WOMEN

Unit #155 (AZ) – On May 15th we proudly co-hosted the 27th Annual Military Women's Luncheon with the Phoenix WACVA Saguaro Chapter 68. We were so pleased to have 55 attendees despite the event being held on Wednesday instead of the typical Saturday. It was held in the Phoenix VA Medical Center basement and the support, which included tables, chairs, beverages and a PA system was terrific.



Unit member and MWAN Region I Representative Martha Alderman was mistress of ceremonies as well as registrant and treasurer. Unit member Elisabeth Lewandowski, who currently serves as a U.S. Army Reservist, used her GREAT connections to provide food for the event.

During the luncheon we honored event-founder Sue Wudy, a U.S. Army veteran who served in-country during the Vietnam War. She shared several stories from past luncheons.



U.S. Marine Corps veteran Joan Sisco, Founder & CEO of Veterans First, Ltd. spoke about her new program, "Muster & Mingle", which features social events for women veterans. Guests obviously enjoyed hearing from all these gals as well as unit member Kathy Laurier and her sister, honorary unit member Barbara Klinedinst, who founded the Maternity Outreach for Moms program at the Phoenix VA Medical Center and are now the Program Managers. Luncheon attendees brought a tremendous amount of "baby shower" gifts to donate to the program. There were LOTS of door prizes and the WACVA Chapter donated a cake. Many familiar faces and several new ones. We all had a ball and look forward to the 2020 luncheon.

Editor's Note: Names were not included with the photographs accompanying this article.

TRISTATE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #157 (TN) – About 15 unit members and a handful of guests marched/rode in Chattanooga's 70th Armed Forces Parade in May. Each year a different service is featured and this was Army's year. The post-parade luncheon guest speaker was General Michael Garrett, commanding general of U.S. Army Forces Command.



(Left to right) Shelly Galloway, Beth Wingfield (front), Cathy Brown, Gloria Gray, General Garrett, Renee Chisholm and Patty Parks.

Several members also represented the unit and women veterans at the memorial service in Chattanooga's National Cemetery. Shelly and Renee carried our unit flags in the annual 'Parade of Colors' and Renee experienced her first television interview taking advantage of the opportunity to tout the military service of women!



(Left to right) Potential unit member Michelle, Shelly Galloway, Patty Parks, Renee Chisholm and one of our newest members, Anne Munns.

MEMBER AT LARGE (GA)

Pearle Crisler is a charter member of WAVES National/Military Women Across the Nation which means she has been a member for 40 years!

At 96 years young, Pearle stays busy by writing poetry, going out for lunch, participating at the local senior center, attending church on Sunday and making jewelry to give to other seniors on their birthdays. Here is a sample of the poetry she writes:

Why?

by Pearle Crisler

When I stop to wonder why
The beckoning angels pass me by
There's got to be a reason I don't know
I keep carrying on; loving friend and foe
Hoping that the reason will show
God knows I am trying
I'm not afraid of dying
My soulmate will meet me at the door
I couldn't ask for anything more.
There must be something I should do
God please give me the strength
To follow through

Military Women Across the Nation Units

Unit numbers preceded by a star (★) have **NOT OFFICIALLY** changed names to become units of MWAN. Please contact MWAN National 2nd Vice President as soon as possible to complete the name change process or to provide official documentation showing an official name change dated **AFTER 10 August 2014**.

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| Arizona | 155 Salt River Military Women |
| California | 036 San Diego Stars & Stripes 077 Redwood Empire Military Women ★086 San Fernando Valley WAVES |
| Delaware | 010 First State Military Women Warriors |
| Florida | 052 Sea Breezes 055 Military Women of Tampa Bay 056 Gulf Coast 074 Lake Country 104 Pasco Military Women Veterans |
| Kansas | 009 Heart of America |
| Nebraska | 098 Flatwater Women Veterans |
| New York | 026 Leatherstocking 080 Salt City Blues |
| North Carolina | 144 Triangle Women Veterans |
| Ohio | 021 Northeast Ohio Women Veterans |
| Pennsylvania | 006 Keystone Women Veterans ★028 Three Rivers |
| Rhode Island | 118 Ocean State 158 New England Military Women |
| Tennessee | 094 Volunteer Unit 151 Memphis Belles 157 TriState Women Veterans |
| Virginia | 152 Military Women of Tidewater |
| Wisconsin | 153 Fox Cities |

Sound Off!

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

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MWAN 2½" (caps) \$ 3 X _____ = _____
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 (USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY)
 American Flag Patch (3½"x2") \$4 X _____ = _____
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 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 _____ = _____
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 MWAN Mouse Pad \$6 X _____ = _____
 Original Hat Pin \$10 X _____ = _____
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 Anchor & Prop Charm \$ 7 X _____ = _____
 Anchor & Prop Lapel Pin \$ 4 X _____ = _____
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 (USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)
 Little Lady WAVE w/Flag Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
 Vietnam Era Pins \$6 X _____ = _____
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 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 _____ = _____
 Sister Warrior Pin \$5 X _____ = _____
 US Navy Lapel Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
 USN Patriotic Ribbon Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
 POW/MIA Lapel Pin \$5 X _____ = _____
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 Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
 MWAN Sweatshirt \$22 X _____ = _____
 Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
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 Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL
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 American Veteran Bracelet \$5 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 _____ = _____
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 Mini-Flags Set (MWAN & American) \$10 X _____ = _____
 (flags are 6"x4" with weighted gold base)
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 MWAN Magnets \$2 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Car Magnet (8" Oval) \$5 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Pencils (2 each) \$1 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Pens \$2 X _____ = _____
 WAVES Key Chain, Rubber \$5 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Flags (3'x5') \$80 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Table Coverings \$120 X _____ = _____
 MWAN PopSockets \$10 X _____ = _____
 3 for \$25. 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: _____

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ADD Shipping: \$ _____

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____



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(Dues period 1 January to 31 December)

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