

# MILITARY Women's BULLETIN



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## Sunny Fox Honored with "Taking Action Award"

Linda Fox, better known as "Sunny" in the Navy and local communities, was recently honored by Kurt Williams of WTKR Channel 3, when she was presented with their distinguished "Taking Action Award".

Nominated by Shelton Park Elementary School's Principal Tara Brewer, Sunny was surprised with her award after substituting for a recent physical education class, where her favorite activity of the day was running.

"While she's running alongside {the students}, she will mentor them, and ask about their grades and goals," Principal Brewer shared, adding that whenever they need something done, or someone {to help}, they know "Sunny will get it done".

As a retired Navy Storekeeper Master Chief with 21 years and a former NJROTC instructor in Virginia Beach and Norfolk, Sunny isn't slowing down. Her volunteer activities and part time work go beyond the gym floor.



*Congratulations Sunny!*

She is an active member of MWAN Unit 152 and regularly volunteers as a Chaplain with the Virginia Beach Police Dept. and at Shelton Park Elementary when she isn't substitute teaching.

Additionally, she spends many hours at her embroidery machine designing creations that support her race expenses. Diagnosed with cancer some years ago, Sunny set a "bucket" goal to run 1,000 races. She will soon surpass number 900 with many of her races in support of, and including, local disabled children from Shelton Park.

Surprised and humbled by this award, Sunny shared her philosophy of how she earned her nickname with Kurt Williams: "Every time you think you're having a bad day, there are 20 times as many people having a worse day than you are, so always think positive, think happy and help others along the way."

## VA FINANCIAL SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

Submitted by Martha Alderman

In the August 2016 newsletter, Ruth Storck wrote about long term care for friends, family and even ourselves. I am sure many folks read her article and thought, "But how does one pay for it?" For those who qualify, the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) has two financial supplement programs that may help with those expenses. One is for Veterans who have served on Active Duty during a period of war and the other is for survivors (widows & widowers) of those Veterans.

There are financial criteria – income and net worth – that must be met but many will qualify because their income is effectively "offset" by regularly recurring medical expenses such as in-home care, assisted living facility or nursing home residence. I am a retired Veterans' Benefits Counselor (Service Officer) with the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services and the American Legion. I have and still do offer assistance to those seeking this benefit.

Every state has Service Officers to assist veterans in applying for these and other benefits. To locate a Service Officer near you, visit the National Veterans Foundation online at [nvf.org/veteran-service-officers](http://nvf.org/veteran-service-officers).

If you do not use a computer, then you may call the Foundation at 1-888-777-4443. Those listed on the website and/or referred by phone are accredited by the DVA and their services are FREE. (Continue **Supplement** on page 3)

## Don't Forget!

**Annual Dues  
Due 1 January**

**February Bulletin  
Input DUE 1 January**

**Scholarship  
Application  
DEADLINE 3 March**

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

## **Presidential Ponderings**

by Patty Parks, National President

With holidays on the horizon, this may seem an odd time to talk about the next school year, but it is never too soon.

This bulletin contains the MWAN 2017 Scholarship Application on pages 4 & 5.

Originally approved at the 2000 National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, this is one small way our membership helps young people with the ever-rising cost of tuition and books, while encouraging them to learn about the military women who have served – and continue to serve – our nation.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics (<http://nces.ed.gov/>) estimates for the 2013-2014 academic year for undergraduate tuition, fees, room and board were \$15,640 at public institutions. This is 34 percent higher than the same costs 10 years earlier.

We had previously raised the scholarship we award to \$1,500 but in 2015 it was dropped back to the original \$1,000 figure due to low funding.

Please share our scholarship application with everyone who may be eligible. Pass a copy on to other Veteran Organizations in your community for them to share with their military women.

Also, consider an end-of-the-year, tax-exempt donation to the MWAN Scholarship fund. You could include a few extra dollars when paying your 2017 National Dues. Just make certain you include a note so our National Treasurer will know the extra money is for the Scholarship Fund.

May you all have the blessings of love and health during this wonderful time of year.

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

by Gloria Wix, National Second Vice President

The MWAN 2016 Convention was in July and was a great success. It is always a good time to make new friends and to catch up with those we have not seen in a few years.

We accomplished a good deal of business and as a member of the convention committee I want to thank each and every one who worked long and hard to make this a great time for everyone.

I wish to thank everyone who took the time to vote and mail it in. I also extend a special thanks to all who voted for me. I promise to do the best I can to help in any way I can. If I don't know the answer I will find one. A primary function of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President is to assist starting new units. I hope you will keep me very busy for the next two years.

We need to get the word out to all of our women veterans in every state. Because we have opened our doors to women from all services, we have a larger pool to find new members. At one time we had over 100 units across the US and now we are down to 34. Women veterans are everywhere. I have met them at the county fair, standing in line at the grocery store and at Home Depot. Advertise!! Wear something that shows MWAN or that you are a veteran (a pin, a hat, magnets on your car, etc.). They ask about it; you answer, and soon you could have a new member. It's that easy. Advertise and recruit.

Wishing you a joyous Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

# **Officer's Call**

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

## **Volunteer Viewpoints**

by Diane Turcotte Culleton, National VAVS Representative

November and December will find MWAN's volunteers busy with activities held at their respective VA facilities. Many have Homeless Standdown's, Veteran's Day functions and of course the celebrating of Christmas. Thank you to all our VOLUNTEERS for their many hours of dedication.

"Serving Those Who Served" reflects the impact we as volunteers have on those who have served. Our volunteers honor America's Veterans by assisting the VA staff in the care and well-being of these brave men and women. Volunteers come from all walks of life. Volunteers come to share their talents, to learn new skills, to meet new people, to be part of the team, and to enrich their lives.

Come join us as a VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) volunteer to serve those who serve. You will find it very rewarding.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to volunteer at [diane.turcotte30@gmail.com](mailto:diane.turcotte30@gmail.com) or call me at 352-410-6167 (winter telephone #) or 207-399-1696 (cell phone). Best wishes for a Happy Holiday!

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## **Money Matters**

by Monica O'Hara, National Treasurer

This year is rapidly coming to a close and now is the time for all those who are not Life Members to renew their membership for 2017.

Not sure whether you are a Life Member?

Check your address label on the latest Military Women's Bulletin. Just above your name will be "LM" or "16". If "LM" or "17" is not printed there, then your dues need to be paid.

Members at Large, please send dues to me using the renewal form on the back page of this Military Women's Bulletin.

Unit members, please submit dues to your Unit Treasurer. If you have any questions regarding dues, please contact me at 619-262-1047 or [plainsman9@cox.net](mailto:plainsman9@cox.net).

I wish you all a joyous holiday season!



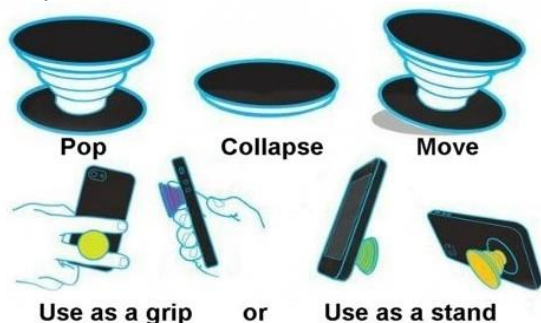


# 2016-2017 MWAN Fundraiser: Popsockets!

by Barb Turner & Michele Batliner

What is a Popsocket? A PopSocket is a phone grip and phone stand that expands and collapses using an accordion mechanism. By adding a PopSocket to the back of almost any mobile device, you can transform its capabilities.

PopSockets "pop" whenever you need a grip, a stand, a headset management system or just something to play with. PopSockets attach to most phones, cases, and tablets. They are easily removable without residue, and can be repositioned over and over. They are designed to expand and collapse 12,000 times!



PopSockets with the MWAN logo will be sold in the Supply Locker for **one for \$10 or three for \$25**. With Christmas right around the corner, this is the perfect time to order several of these for those of you with electronic devices that are hard to hold. Our MWAN logo will be on them, so order yours today! For ordering information, please see the Supply Locker order form on Page 11.



**Supplement** *(Continued from page 1)* Most of the forms required to apply for the programs mentioned above are available online at va.gov. For a Veteran to apply the forms needed are VAF 21-527EZ, 21-2680, and the Care Expense Statement (CES). For the surviving spouse to apply the forms needed are VAFs 21-534EZ, 21-2680 and the CES.

The CES is not available online. However, a "Pension claim package" may be requested from the Service Officer you contact and can be mailed to you. The Service Officer can also advise on where to submit the completed package and other important information. Since a copy of the qualifying Veteran's DD214 or other Discharge Document is required, the Service Officers can also help to obtain that.

Please share this information! This is a benefit that was earned by one's honorable service so if you meet the criterion and need financial help, APPLY ASAP.



## BUGLES ACROSS AMERICA

*Providing Free Live Taps to  
Honor the Veteran*

Bugles Across America is a non-profit organization helping to provide buglers to play live Taps at military and veteran funerals.

To request a bugler, please go to the following website: <http://www.buglesacrossamerica.org> and complete the template. The information will be sent to several buglers in your local area. There is no charge for this service.

If you do not use a computer, you may contact the Bugles Across America founder, Tom Day by mail at 1824 S. Cuyler Avenue, Berwyn IL 60402-2052 or by phone at 708-484-9029.

## Ghost Veterans

by Phyllis Rosales

You see a gathering of people who are all wearing American Legion covers and right away you recognize they are an elite group of our nation's veterans. It doesn't matter what branch of service they served, the fact they all signed and promised to defend this nation with the price of their lives if need be, makes them all super heroes! You walk up to the group, shake each one's hand while thanking them for their service, except for the ghost veterans, then you walk away feeling good inside that you were able to thank those veterans.

The ghosts stand shoulder to shoulder with the other veterans, wearing the same uniforms, yet are not seen by the public. They are overlooked more times than recognized. Usually, it takes a ghost to see another ghost, and it takes a ghost to explain to others - including veterans - why ghosts even exist.

If you haven't figured out by now who the ghosts are, don't feel alone. It is only when they are specifically pointed out that they are truly seen. I want to point out for all to see, our female veterans are ghosts or invisible to many. Although we served and stand amongst our brothers, we are more times than not overlooked, mistaken for one of our brothers' wives, or just plain ignored.

On Veterans Day this year, my husband and I went to dinner and the waitress acknowledged his service because he was ordering off a special veteran's menu. When he told her I was also a veteran, she wanted to see proof of my service. I was hurt by her actions, but I was able to show her my veteran status on my Missouri Driver's license. I thank the state for allowing this status to be placed on an official document.

Our ranks are fewer than our male counterparts, but Women Are Veterans, Too! So the next time you see females amongst a group of male veterans, please don't skip them when shaking hands, acknowledge their service and sacrifice. If you're a veteran and you see ghost veterans, please stand up for them. Most likely they won't say anything to the people making them ghosts, but with a few words from you, you can help educate others and make ghost veterans disappear.



# Military Women Across the Nation College Scholarship Rules & Application



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

The 2017 essay topic is "Military Women Around the World".

Applicants shall select a U.S. military service or branch such as aviation, medical, supply, etc. and compare the service of U.S. military women to the similar service of military women in at least one other country's military.

A few Ideas include, but are not limited to: Women on submarines – U.S. & Norway; Women fighter pilots – U.S. & United Arab Emirates; Universal Conscription/Draft – U.S. & Israel; Women on Surface Ships – U.S. & Japan, etc.

## PLEASE FOLLOW THE RULES

Previous applicants have been disqualified simply because they did not follow the rules.

### **Applicant Eligibility**

1. Applicants may be female or male but must be a civilian relative of a Military Woman who has served or is serving honorably in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard or their Guard or Reserve components. The relationship may be by birth, legal adoption or marriage.
2. Applicants must have a 3.2 or better Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.
3. Applicants must be a high school senior or undergraduate college student.
4. Entries must be submitted by March 3, 2017: NO EXCEPTIONS.
5. This scholarship is **NOT for military women or veterans.**

### **Application Package MUST INCLUDE the following:**

1. Completed Application.
2. Copy of all transcripts pertaining to current course of study to include academic standing.
3. **Documented Proof of the military woman relative's honorable military service.** Application packages without this proof **WILL NOT be considered.** **Documented Proof** is a legible copy of the military woman's Standard Form DD-214 discharge certificate **OR** a Statement of Service on letterhead from an Active Serving military woman's command.  
**NOTE: To protect personal information applicants are directed to mark out all references to social security and/or service numbers on the DD-214 and high school or college transcripts.**
4. An essay of 1,000 to 1,500 words in length written on the 2017 topic. The essay must be the applicants own work; be submitted in .doc or .docx format, and include documented evidence of both research and an interview with at least one military woman. (The interviewee does not need to be the qualifying relative.) Applicants are encouraged to contact military women in recruiting offices, at military bases, reserve units, etc. to enhance the research.
5. The entire Application Package shall be submitted in one email to include **separate attachments** for the following:
  - (1) Completed Application
  - (2) Transcripts (must be legible)
  - (3) Military Woman Relative Proof of Eligibility
  - (4) Applicant's essay (in .doc or .docx format)

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

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

**MWANScholarship@gmail.com**

**Application Package Submission DEADLINE is March 3, 2017**

Applicants will be notified in June 2017 of the results.

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

The application is available for download at [www.milwomen.org](http://www.milwomen.org) (See documents page)

# Military Women Across the Nation College Scholarship Rules & Application

PRINT or TYPE ALL INFORMATION

## Applicant

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Maiden (if applicable)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City County State Zip Country

Phone #: ( ) Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA (4.0 scale): \_\_\_\_\_ Class Ranking: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Test Scores: SAT Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Math \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Comp \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City County State Zip Country

School Phone #: ( ) School Website: \_\_\_\_\_

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

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City County State Zip Country

School Phone #: ( ) School Website: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_ 4-Year/Undergraduate College or University

\_\_\_ Trade/Technical School

\_\_\_ 2-Year/Undergraduate College or University

\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Volunteer Work/Employment:** List your volunteer and/or employment experience: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hobbies/Talents:** List your hobbies, talents and/or interests: \_\_\_\_\_

**Course of Study:** List your major or the field you plan to study: \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your career objective?** \_\_\_\_\_

(Continue answers on separate pages as necessary.)

## Qualifying Military Woman Relative

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Maiden

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

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

Type of Military Service Proof included (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Submission DEADLINE is MARCH 3, 2017**

Questions? Contact Scholarship Chair at [MWANScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:MWANScholarship@gmail.com)





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## KEYSTONE WOMEN'S VETERANS

**Unit #6, (PA)** – Our September meeting was held at Philadelphia Coast Guard Station and we elected officers for term 2016-2018: President Harriet Stulmaker, Vice President Ruthie Severino, Secretary Louise Manz and Treasurer Billie Jenkins-Taddie.

Several attended an appreciation picnic afterwards at Chapel of Four Chaplains at the Navy Yard. We attended an event in Philadelphia honoring all military branches, first responders, firemen and police. Our unit members represented Delaware County Veterans Memorial. Each branch of service had a booth and memorabilia, including Jeeps, boats and physical challenges. Elizabeth Robinson was recognized at American Legion Post 93 for her 96th birthday.



*Ruthie Severino Brig General Wilma Vaught and Louise Manz, at the Bainbridge Recruit Training Center Reunion*

Louise Manz and Ruthie Severino attended a Bainbridge Recruit Training Center Reunion in Cocoa Beach, FL. Guest speaker was Brigadier General Wilma Vaught who entertained more than 70 women with tales of women in the service since the Revolutionary War.

Ruthie Severino and husband, Sal, travelled to Texas for a family/class reunion. While there, they visited League Veterans Memorial Park where a half-scale Vietnam Memorial Wall overlooks 18 black granite markers commemorating America's wars. An impressive globe marks the nation's undesignated wars, including the Cold War. The builders realized there are a lot of non-combat veterans and the campaign expanded to honor all who served in uniform.

Our next meeting is 10 December at the Philadelphia Coast Guard Station. **For meeting information, contact Ruthie Severino at 610-356-8956.**

## HEART OF AMERICA OF MWAN

**Unit #9 (KS)** – Heart of America Unit 9 and members of American Legion Post 1107 (an all-female post) participated in the Kansas City Stand Down on 4 November. Purses, personal hygiene items, sweatshirts, socks, scarves and

loves were donated by American Legion Post 1107, the Prairie Chapter of the DAR in Raymore; a church in Grain Valley, and members of Unit 9 to be distributed to homeless women veterans at the event. Sadly, the number of homeless women veterans is growing. We are Military Women Across the Nation and our mission statement asks us to serve God, Country, family, and veterans, in particular women veterans, through community service and volunteerism by assisting, advocating for, and supporting those in need. We are privileged to do our part.

Unit 9 will be celebrating our Christmas luncheon at Stroud's on Saturday, 10 December. Our next meeting will be in April 2017.

**For more information please contact Michele Batliner at 816-315-9229 or email at [mbatliner@att.net](mailto:mbatliner@att.net).**

## THREE RIVERS

**Unit #28 (PA)** - The members of Unit 28 are continuing to meet at Soldiers and Sailors Hall in Pittsburgh. We took a hiatus from hosting our Christmas in July party this summer, but are readying for multiple events in the coming months. November we participated in Pittsburgh's annual Veterans' Day parade.

December will see us all singing Christmas Carols as we celebrate the holiday season. We are also working on multiple volunteer projects, two of which are gathering used eyeglasses for the Lion's Club, and collecting coupons for troops and families stationed overseas. We are looking forward to a busy 2017.

## SAN DIEGO STARS & STRIPES

**Unit #36 (CA)** – Our October meeting was held at the Best Western 7 Seas with 12 members and one guest present. All present participated in the pre-luncheon activity of pillow stuffing with our numbers now approaching 4,600 – fantastic job!

Mr. Paul Greenwood, Deputy District Attorney, spoke on elder abuse – a very hot topic. It is more than just theft of drugs, valuables or even neglect, and the type of abuser can be almost anyone.

Lynne Pine reported on the Christmas Backpacks Project. She also provided updates on the 2017 Regional Conference and the 2018 National Convention in San Diego.

The next unit meeting is 3 December. **For unit information contact, Roxanne Jones, at [roxanne.jones@score.com](mailto:roxanne.jones@score.com) or 619-545-6546/616-274-1606.**

## SEA BREEZES

**Unit #52 (FL)** - Sea Breezes Unit 52 held its first meeting following the summer break in September at Cheddars. We had a nice lunch as well as a good attendance. Our future meetings have a new home. A local FRA Chapter has graciously agreed to share its space.

Our President, Laura White has diligently been working on a design for a new unit patch. Opinions abound, but look for a fantastic Sea Breezes' design.

With heavy hearts, we are sad to report that Unit 52 Charter Member Mary Ann Vodinelich has reported to the Supreme Commander. Mary Ann served as Phone Committee Chairman for many years, as well as lending a helpful hand to anything else needed. We will miss her bright, cheery smile.

## MILITARY WOMEN OF TAMPA BAY

**Unit #55 (FL)** – Military Women of Tampa Bay Unit 55 participated in the Annual Holiday Cards for the Troops which took place 1 October at the Center Place for Fine Arts in Brandon, FL. Several volunteer groups and not-for-profit organizations come together to assemble holiday cards to be sent to troops overseas. Fifteen uniquely different cards were designed and assembled; one design at each table. The cards are quite beautiful and each table established an assembly line system of building the cards using different colored paper, a variety of shapes, differing catchphrases, stamped images, etc.



Front Row: Jouay Koppari, Cathy Gerolimatos, and Mary Atzert. Back Row: Joan Fialkowski, Connie White, Patti Duvall, and Rhonda Crawford

Many thanks to Joan Fialkowski, Jouay Koppari, Cathy Gerolimatos, Mary Atzert, Rhonda Crawford, Patti Duvall and Connie White for volunteering some five to six hours of their Saturday for this program.

## REDWOOD EMPIRE MILITARY WOMEN

**Unit #77 (CA)** – Redwood Empire Unit 77 met on 9 September at which time Suzanne Saville was installed as 1st Vice President. Plans for the Veterans Day Parade were made, as we were obtaining vehicles, hopefully convertibles, to honor our members.

Our 8 October meeting reflected a somber note as we remembered Helen Nugent who left us on 28 September. Her funeral was held on 3 October with the Navy Honor Guard present. Almost all of our members were able to attend and honored her with the Military Women's Memorial Tribute and final salute. She was a Charter and Life Member serving as president and secretary of our unit. She served during World War II and was a Petty Officer First Class. She will be missed.

Our 10 December meeting will be a luncheon at a restaurant and our first meeting of 2017 will be on 14 January at the Petaluma Veterans Memorial building at 11 am followed by pot luck. All good wishes to all our sisters as we end 2016.

**For meeting information please contact Rose Nowak at [xcena@sonic.net](mailto:xcena@sonic.net).**

## VOLUNTEER UNIT

**Unit #94 (TN)** Unit members raised more than \$400 at a September garage sale. Funds will be used to support the unit's many projects which assist women veterans.

Part of the profits were used to fund a booth at the Alvin C. York Veterans Hospital's Annual Carnival for its patients in October. Ambulatory patients play games provided by various veterans organizations. They win prizes that include

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much needed items such as socks, lotion, tooth paste, tooth brushes, soap, shampoo, shower caps, combs, cafeteria and gift certificates, puzzle books, etc.



Left to Right: Lisa Suchenicz, Chris Huber, Carol Ransom, Lisa Lasseter, Carol Swindon, Gloria Wix, Marilyn Evans, Chris Lasseter, Betty Merritt and Donna Henderson

## FLATWATER WOMEN VETERANS

**Unit #98 (NE)** - Our Unit had the final meeting of 2016 in Lincoln on 8 October at the Assisted Living Facility where Marjorie Neill is now residing. We were very pleased that Marjorie was doing so well and looked great. Her daughters served a delicious luncheon and Marjorie was able to take the Secretary notes. They informed us that Helen Stauffer, formerly of Kearney, NE, has now moved nearby in Lincoln, but she was not feeling well enough to join us.



Our Oct meeting. Front Row: Marjorie Neill, Back row from left: Suzanne Gilsdorf, Jeannie Bixby, Linda Cady, Pat Hunsche and Margaret Nehring

We received an e-mail from the Air Force service member who received our care packages, and she was thrilled with them. She is the only female in her outfit. Four of our members were Honorary Pallbearers at the funeral service of our WWII veteran, Katheryn Howe, who passed away 1 September in Fremont. Her family appreciated the fact that Katheryn had planned the service, including the outfit she wanted to wear. Her husband has now moved into assisted living in Fremont. We will meet again in April 2017. The specific date and location are unknown as yet due to unknown weather conditions in Nebraska.

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



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## PASCO COUNTY WOMEN VETERANS

**Unit #104 (FL)** - Our unit doesn't meet during the summer since our "Snow Birds" head back up north, but that doesn't mean the level of volunteering decreases!

This summer our President, Linda Roth, was deeply involved in the community. She continues to embed herself in community programs that benefit local citizens. Judi Barrett is busy with the ToyMakers painting handmade wooden toys for sick and needy children. Penny Tardona serves as our liaison with the Baldomero Lopez Veteran's Home coordinating activities for monthly visits and helping to organize this year's Veterans Day celebration. Carol Goodwin-Coutre organized and collected clothes, shoes and personal hygiene products for homeless Veterans.

We wish all our Sisters a wonderful holiday season. Remember to take time to watch out for each other. Call and check on another female Veteran during the holidays to make sure she isn't suffering from the holiday blues. See you in 2017!! **Please visit our Facebook page** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1027275757293622/>



Friends and members of Unit 118 gather at the Rhode Island Women Veterans Monument for the annual Veterans Day Wreath Laying. Left to Right: PO3 April Griffin, PO2 Meg Smith, Past President Carol Rotkin, State Director Luisa White, Treasurer Shirley Hill, Chaplain Lois Lepak, Carla Muchelan and President Ginny Hanson

## OCEAN STATE

**Unit #118 (RI)** - It was a beautiful fall day on 4 November with the New England foliage at the height of its color. Eight friends and members of Unit 118 gathered at the Women's Monument in the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery for our

annual Veterans Day Wreath Laying. The commemoration began at 11am with an invocation by Chaplain Lois Lepak. Then, each person present took a turn reading the names of Unit 118 members who have passed away.

State Director Luisa White and Vice President Meg Smith placed the wreath on the memorial and a benediction was offered. Just at the conclusion of the ceremony, a funeral procession passed by and the members of Unit 118 offered a hand salute as one last tribute to a veteran on his way to his final resting place. The ceremony was a beautiful way to honor and remember the women veterans of Rhode Island.

**For meeting information please contact Margaret Pedlow Smith at 504-756-4570 or email at [mpedlowsmith@gmail.com](mailto:mpedlowsmith@gmail.com).**

## MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

**Unit #152 (VA)** – Volunteer opportunities in September started with the annual NAS Oceana Air Show in Virginia Beach.

Member Tanya DelPriore organized a great number of ladies to come out and represent the Unit and share our story.



L-R Tanya DelPriore, Jo Heimeri and Martha Kaslter



A tradition close to the Unit's heart continued in October, with Unit members April Maletz, Betty Hand, and Martha Kastler attending Honor Flight Historic Triangle Virginia's 16<sup>th</sup> mission to the WWII Memorial in D.C. A very special day in honor of our WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Veterans.



L-R (Back row): Heather Donis, (Artist), LT Kim Angel (USCG), Kathy Goodall, Jo-Anne Teel, Dassa Carvey, HS1 Susan Carson (USCG), and PO2 Mary Bradford (USN). L-R (Front Row) LCDR Collen Symansky (USCG), Renee Brown, and CAPT Brenda Kerr (USCG).

Many of the ladies from Unit 152 spent time with women patients at the Hampton VAMC. At a special "Paint Nite" outing quality time was enjoyed by all and hidden talents emerged.

With lots of templates to cut and pillows to stuff, a group of Unit members enjoyed an October Pillow for Patriots Sew-a-thon. Sea stories and pizza made for an enjoyable and productive evening.



L-R Cathy Schweitzer, Louise Jones, Renee Brown, Betty Hand, Angie Gilliam, and Martha Kastler on the sewing machine.

The Unit calendar has filled up fast for November and December is filling up fast as well and we invite all to join us. Another Pillows for Patriots Sew-a-thon is on the books, as well as participation in Ditty Bag Stuffing, and a Stand Down for Homeless and At-Risk Veterans.

**We meet monthly, at VFW 4809, Norfolk, VA. For meeting information, contact Dassa Carvey at [Dassa\\_2@verizon.net](mailto:Dassa_2@verizon.net) or (757) 363-3059.**

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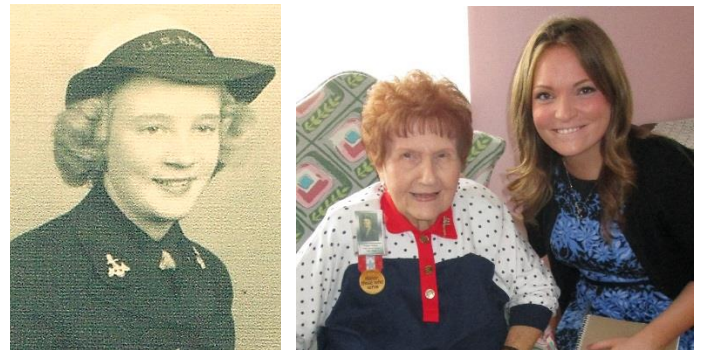
## TRISTATE WOMEN VETERANS

**Unit #157 (TN) – Chattanooga's Navy Ball** was well-attended and found several unit members enjoying good food and fellowship!



L-R: Joyce Campbell, Patty Parks and Teena Gravitt at the Navy Ball

Reporter Kate Smith with WRCB TV turned two of our members into celebrities by interviewing them for a Special on WWII veterans which was aired in November. Navy WAVE Jeanette Legg and Army Nurse Virginia Wilhoit shared what it was like to serve on active duty during the war. While Jeanette remained stateside for her service, Virginia had tales to tell of Africa and Italy.



Left: Jeanette Legg in her 1944 Navy Uniform. Right: Virginia Wilhoit today with Reporter Kate Smith.

## Shirley Ferrill is Chula Vista Veteran of the Year

Shirley Ferrill was recognized recently as Chula Vista (California) Veteran of the Year by Chula Vista Mayor Mary Salas. Widely known for her work with the homeless, community and veterans, Shirley is an active member of MWAN Unit 36 as well as other veterans' organizations, the community and her church. Councilman John McCann presented Shirley with the Proclamation as the Mayor read the statements within.

At the San Diego County Veteran of the Year Luncheon a few days later, Shirley was recognized as a nominee for the Will Hays Lifetime Achievement Award and Unit #36 was recognized as a nominee for Veterans Allegiance Award. The unit wasn't selected but did receive certificates from the County Board of Supervisors, San Diego Veterans Museum and the California Legislative Assembly.



Councilman John McCann and Shirley Ferrill



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# MWAN Supply Locker

December 2016

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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 2 1/2" (caps) \$3. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN 3" (shirts) \$4. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN 8 1/2" (vest) \$10. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
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 (USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY)  
 Women Vets Patch (arch) \$5. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Proud to Serve (square) \$5. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Women are Veterans Too \$5. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 WAVES anchor patch (old style) \$4. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

## JEWELRY & PINS

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 MWAN Lapel pin \$4. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN Charm \$7. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN Earrings \$12. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
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 MWAN Coin Keychain \$12. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original Hat Pin \$10. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Anchor&Prop Earring \$14. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Anchor&Prop Charm \$7. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Anchor&Prop Lapel Pin \$4. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Veteran Lapel Pins \$4. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 (USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY)  
 Little Lady WAVE w/Flag Pin \$4. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dog Tag (Women Proudly Served) Pin \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Freedom Forever Eagle Pin \$5. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Canvas Key Chains (star or stripes) \$6. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 USN Hat Pin (Spread Eagle w/USN) \$8. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 USN Crest Lapel Pin \$4. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sister Warrior Pin \$5. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
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 (USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY)

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