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Our Service Sister Champion

Member-at-large Gladys L. Hughes was recently selected as a 2018 Peoples Health Champion. The *program recognizes the exceptional achievements of Louisiana residents age 65 and older by celebrating seniors in the community who shatter the myth that getting older means slowing down. People over age 65 accomplish exceptional things all the time ... not in spite of their age ... but because of it.

At age 89, Gladys was named second runner-up in the first-ever Ms. Veteran America competition in Washington, DC. The competition, put on by the organization Final Salute Inc., drew contestants from around the country and the world to help end homelessness among women veterans and their children. Women veterans make up one of the fastest growing homeless populations in the United States.

At the competition in 2012, Gladys displayed such talent and presence, the organizers couldn't just let her go home. So, they recruited her as a judge. She's 95 now – and just finished her sixth season of judging the contest.



Gladys in uniform circa 1945/46

among women veterans is just example of dedication to helping others. She was in college when the US

The work to end homelessness Gladys's entered WWII, so she quit school



Gladys with her Peoples Health Champion award.

to enlist in the US Coast Guard where she worked as medic. After the war she was able to complete her degrees, start a family and start a career in education. For thirty years, she taught high school speech, drama and English. For nearly 20 of those years, she taught at East Jefferson High School in Metairie, LA.

Besides being a WWII veteran and educator, Gladys is an author, a playwright and a director - all qualities that make her a great judge for the competition. But more important is her natural way of working with people, inspiring them, helping them be their best. She says "you can do anything you want to do anytime you want to do it - if you want to bad

enough." And she's using her lifetime of experience to do some of the most important work she's ever done: helping lift women veterans out of homelessness.

*The Peoples Health Champion program was developed by Peoples Health Medicare Plans in collaboration with the New Orleans Saints.

MWAN Scholarship Deadline is 18 March 2019



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Details on all reports are in the MWAN Procedures Manual available at www.milwomen.org

Presidential Ponderings

by Patty Parks, National President

A few months ago, past Executive Secretary Barb Turner was working her way through a stack of "snail mail" which had accumulated while she was out of town. When she came across a letter addressed to "Attn: Charitable Gifts" she may have assumed it was a request for MWAN to support some cause or another. Imagine her surprise when she found the envelope contained a donation check from the estate of a deceased member.

Ruth Ann (Solomon) Kaplan was born 13 February 1922 at Harbor Hospital in Brooklyn, NY, to immigrant parents. During World War II, Ruth was one of our very special foremothers who joined the Navy - as an Aviation Machinist Mate/Instruments - serving for two years and three months. She was extremely proud of her service during which she

made many life-long friends.



Ruth in Uniform circa 1943-1945

After the war she met married Marvin and Kaplan, a World War II infantryman and recipient of the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. They moved to Long Island, NY, and began raising their family - a daughter Mindy and a son Josh.

In 1972 they bought a home in San Diego, CA. Ruth and Marvin were active for many years with the National Association of Retired Federal Employees: **WAVES** National/ MWAN, and the Jewish War Veterans of America. In their early years, they were also avid square dancers performed nationally.

Ruth passed away on

12 December 2017 and was buried at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery with full military honors. In keeping with the love she felt for her military sisters, Ruth bequeathed \$10,000 to MWAN for use in "charitable purposes."

While the MWAN Board of Directors will make the final decision on how this generous gift will best serve our membership, please feel free to send your ideas for its use to me (contact information on Page 10) for consideration during the BOD MidTerm Meeting 14-15 September 2019.

Always remember it was the life-long friendships Ruth made during her military service that prompted this donation. Our connection to each other is the single most valuable gift we can give. Consider calling or writing one of your service sisters today and let her know you are thinking of her. You will both reap the rewards.

My deepest thanks to each of you for your military service and for continuing to tirelessly support each other.



Officers'

1st Vice Advice

by Gloria Wix. National 1st Vice President

It's hard to believe another year has come and gone so fast. 2018 was a very busy year for MWAN and for me as well. My husband, Max, and I support several service organizations with volunteer service as do many of you.

As your new 1st Vice President I had the opportunity to represent MWAN at the 25th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Vietnam Women's Memorial in Washington, DC. A reception was held at the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Hall on November 9th where I visited with hundreds of women veterans who served in Vietnam and/or during that era. Along with speeches, songs and prayers, I got to meet Vietnam Veterans of America President John Rowan, and Diane Carlson Evans, Founder Vietnam Women's Memorial.

Even though the Vietnam Women's Memorial depicts only nurses, it is dedicated to all women who served during the Vietnam War. Many medically-trained enlisted women served in Vietnam and eight military nurses as well as several civilian American women supporting the war effort died "in country". Most military women were not allowed to serve in a war zone during that time. So, we simply did our jobs stateside in support of all personnel fighting in Vietnam.

Max and I also attended a candlelight ceremony at the women's memorial Saturday evening as well as several presentations and speeches on Veterans Day. It was an honor and pleasure to represent MWAN at this event.

Volunteer Viewpoints

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR! During 2018 MWAN's VAVS team attended quarterly committee meetings and volunteered many hours at their perspective VA facilities. We are grateful for their dedication to helping our veterans and send each of you a heartfelt "Thank You".

I am excited to report the certification of two new representatives. Congratulations to Louise "Mickey" Kibler (MAL) who will be MWAN's VAVS Representative for the Baltimore, MD, VA and to GinaMarie Doherty (Unit 158) who will be MWAN's VAVS Representative for the Bedford, MA VA. Thank you both for being a part of our great VAVS team.

Regretfully Robin Lord-Haas will no longer be able to represent MWAN at the Bay Pines VA in Florida. Thank you, Robin, for your dedication to volunteering to help your fellow veterans.

As I stated in the last newsletter, 2019 is a perfect opportunity to consider becoming a VAVS Volunteer. Helping to make a difference for our veterans is very rewarding. If you can see yourself being that person, becoming part of our VA Volunteers and representing MWAN at local quarterly committee meetings, please contact diane.turcotte30@gmail.com or call 207-474-2235.

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2019 MWAN SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE IS 18 MARCH 2019

It's time for our annual Scholarship essay contest! The contest is open to relatives of a military woman (living or deceased) who has served or is serving honorably in any of the United States military services or reserve components.

The winner of the contest will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Please submit your essay on the "<u>Role of Military Women in the National Guard</u>" in accordance with the guidance in the application. This \$1,000 scholarship is available to a relative - male or female - of a military woman. The relationship may be by birth, legal adoption or marriage.

This scholarship program was established some 20 years ago. Since that time more than \$30,000 in educational support has been awarded to families of America's service women by Military Women Across the Nation.

If you know of a (qualified) relative who could use a little extra money to help with his/her education then please share this application NOW!



Time is short. The complete application

and attachments **MUST BE E-MAILED BY 18 MARCH 2019**.

For an electronic version of the application and other information, visit our website at: www.MILWOMEN.org and click on "BREAKING NEWS". If you have questions about the scholarship or the application process, please contact the Scholarship Chairman at: MWANScholarship@MILWOMEN.org.

One thing to note, as is to be expected, while the rules to enter are easy and few, they are strict. Several applicants have been disqualified because they DID NOT FOLLOW THE RULES. There are no exceptions to these rules. **GOOD LUCK!**



National 2nd Vice President Needed

We are seeking a candidate for the position of MWAN National 2nd Vice President. Our 2018-2020 elected 2nd Vice President Georganne Bickle resigned for personal reasons so a member is being sought to complete the remainder of the 2018-2020 term.

The National 2nd Vice President is a voting member of the MWAN Executive Board and Board of Directors. Board members are expected to have the ability to communicate via email and will be expected to attend the 2019 MidTerm meeting (set for 14-15 Sep in St. Louis, MO) as well as the 2020 National Convention (set for Sep in Put-in-Bay, OH). Limited financial reimbursement will be available for travel associated with these meetings.

Duties of the 2nd Vice President as well as the duties associated with Board membership are detailed in the MWAN 2018 Bylaws. An estimate of the minimum time needed to complete these duties is 8 to 10 hours monthly.

If you are interested in being considered for this position, please contact MWAN National President Patty Parks **by 1 March 2019** at president@milwomen.org or (423)326-0839. This is an opportunity for you to contribute to the future of our organization as well as to provide leadership for your sister service women.



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 2019 essay topic is "The Role of Military Women in the National Guard."

APPLICANTS WHO DO NOT ADHERE TO ALL INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

Applicant Eligibility

- 1. 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. Must have a 3.2 or better Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.
- 3. Must be a high school senior or undergraduate college student.
- 4. Entries must be submitted by 18 March 2019: NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 5. Military women and veterans may **NOT APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP**.

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 <u>WILL NOT be considered</u>. **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 the military woman's current 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 2019 topic. The essay must be the applicant's 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 at:

MWANScholarship@milwomen.org

Application Package Submission DEADLINE is 18 March 2019.

Applicants will be notified in June 2019 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 (See documents page)

Military Women Across the Nation College Scholarship Rules & Application PRINT or TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Applicant

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Application Submission DEADLINE is 18 MARCH 2019

Questions? Contact Scholarship Chair at MWANScholarship@milwomen.org
Or Call Barb Turner at 817-491-4555



Sound Off!

NORTHEAST OHIO WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #21 (OH) - On December 11th unit members took a sleigh full of gifts to the women who reside at the Sandusky Ohio Veterans Home. In October and November the residents wrote letters to Santa expressing things they would really like to have or need. We were able to provide a stocking, gift and care packages to each one of the ladies.



Unit members at Sandusky Ohio Veterans Home (From left/front) Brook Harless & Bonnie Bond; (From left/back) Ellen Leidy, Claudia Westover, Delores Speed & Elva Pounders.

SAN DIEGO STARS & STRIPES

Unit #36 (CA) - We had a wonderful year in 2018 and thank everyone who came for the convention. There were many nice compliments and we look forward to seeing everyone again in 2020 at Put-in-Bay, OH.

Our neck pillow project continues with the faithful cutters, stuffers and stitchers. As of December 28th we've made 7,648 pillows. Lovely thank you messages have been received from some pillow recipients. Also, a big shout out to many generous donors for material and/or donations to fund fabric, labels or stuffing.

President Monica O'Hara, 1st VP Roxanne Jones and Chaplain Donna Owens represented the unit at the annual stuffing of backpacks at the VA hospital and later helped distribute them to patients.

We had a nice turnout and gift exchange during our December 1st luncheon at Anthony's Restaurant in La Mesa. For more information about our unit contact Roxanne Jones at roxanne.i.jones@navy.mil or call 619-479-0149.

MILITARY WOMEN OF TAMPA BAY

Unit #55 (FL) - On December 18th members participated for the fifth year in Wreaths Across America at Veterans' Memorial Park of Hillsborough County. Attendance exceeded past years and due to threatening weather, the program was moved indoors. Scouts of all ages, members of veteran service and support organizations as well as community residents participated. Donuts, hot chocolate,

water, coffee, cookies and candy canes were on hand and the weather did clear enough for the placement of wreaths throughout the park. Not only did Unit 55 members participate, but they were the ones who coordinated all aspects of the program. We're proud of the successful turnout in putting forth Wreaths Across America's objective to "REMEMBER*HONOR*TEACH."





(Left) Member Lee Martin and Cub Scout place wreath in honor of U.S. Navy. (Right) Brownie Scout and member Patty Koppari place wreath in honor of U.S. Coast Guard.

Unit members also delivered potted Poinsettia plants to various locations throughout James A. Haley VA Hospital in Tampa, FL. Delivery locations included concierge and information desks, patient pharmacy, USO room, patient library and the women's clinic.



(From Left) Cathy Gerolimatos, Shirley Dawley, Lee Martin, Marty Atzert, VA Nurse Pamela Smith-Beaty, Jouay Koppari and VA Physician Dr. Dana Glenn.

Gulf Coast

Unit #56 (FL) - The last few months have been a flurry of activities which included awarding our Unit scholarship,



(From Left) Darielle Costa, Asheleigh Wood & Denise Costa,

Gulf Coast #56 (Continued)

monthly veterans' teas, a Veterans' Day celebration, North Port New Comers' Day and the Poinsettia Festival Parade. We were honored to present our Gulf Coast Unit #56 Scholarship Award and MWAN Coin to NJROTC Senior Asheleigh Wood from North Port, FL. The award was presented by Unit Secretary Denise Costa (LTC, U.S. Army/Ret) and her daughter, Army ROTC Cadet Darielle Costa.

Laura Thompson organizes a monthly "tea time" for our sister veterans who are residents at Douglas T. Jacobson State Veterans Home. Last month residents also enjoyed cookies donated by Denise Costa and her daughter as well as fresh flowers provided by Darlene Mosser-Kerner.

A highlight of October's tea was each lady sharing a wonderful memory from long ago. What delightful stories they have to share! A great time was had by the MWAN members, honoring those ladies who paved the way for all of us while serving this great country. Rose Deck served tea and cookies to the ladies.



Unit President Darlene Mosser-Kerner (Above left) and Unit Vice President Dotty Savasky placed a red Poppy wreath to represent the end of World War I and to honor all who served on Veterans' Day in North Port, FL.

Unit members handed out more than 2,500 pieces of candy while participating in the Poinsettia Parade. We met many veterans in the crowd and were happy to see parents teaching children how to honor the American flag as it passed.



(Clockwise from front seat passenger) Unit Members in lead car: Andrea Cadieux, Donna Francisco, Mary Lou Johnson & driver Chaos.

COLUMBIA RIVER RIPPLES

Unit #70 (OR) - In 1990 our unit members took part in the Veterans Day parade and at least one unit member has participated ever since: That's 29 parades! This year Carol



Fish, Kathryn Lussie, and Merrily Hewett (age 95) took part in the parade, representing Unit #70 for the final time.



(Above) Carol Fish before the parade. A vintage WWII "Women Are Veterans, Too" poster is on the right with an MWAN recruiting poster on the left. (Below) Merrily Hewett waves from inside the car decorated with the Unit 70 banner.





"Ripples" at Applebee's on Veterans Day (From left) Merrily Hewett, Carol Fish, Kathryn Lussier, Marcia Leslie (driver)

The unit, which would have turned 30 in April, voted to disband at the end of 2018 due to low member participation.

Sound Off!

REDWOOD EMPIRE MILITARY WOMEN

Unit #77 (CA) – Our unit closed out the year with a luncheon attended by nearly all our members. Kate O'Hare Palmer "pinned" three Vietnam Era members with a special pin commemorating their service. Kate served as a surgical nurse in Vietnam and currently chairs the Women's Veterans Committee as a national member of Vietnam Veterans of America.



(Above from Left) Vietnam Veterans Katherine Duisenberg, Kate O 'Hare Palmer, Rose Nowak & Pat Tremaine



Almost 100% attendance at our year-end meeting!

We have located two women veterans who are residents of nursing homes. We have provided them with tabletop Christmas Trees and lap quilts, courtesy of the Santa Rosa Quilt Guild and plan to continue visiting them.

We were saddened to learn one of our life members, World War II WAVE Claire Grubbs, passed away in November.

VOLUNTEER UNIT #94 (TN) –

Unit members regularly give toys for the Fisher House at Alvin York VA Medical Center in Murfreesboro. This was a record year for the amount of donations they received.





(From Left)
Angela Pillow,
Carol Ransom
& Fisher House
manager
Rebecca Wood

Our unit was proud to participate in Wreaths Across America at the Stones River National Battlefield and placed wreaths on our veterans' markers.



(From Left) Front: Chris Huber, Marilyn Yzaguirre, Kathy Coppings Back: Linda Cantrell, Lisa Suchenicz, Carol Ransom, Janis Lopiccolo, Cheryl Happel

TRIANGLE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #144 (NC) - The unit celebrated at our annual holiday party *(pictured below)* in Cary on December 1st. Coordinated by Norma Schrader, we enjoyed the fellowship of members, family members and guests for lunch and our meeting. In looking at our past year's activities we are living our motto: *"Honoring our History by Continuing to Serve."*



We also celebrated the recognition of Unit 144 Life Members, all WWII veterans: Norma Schrader, Betty Plotkin, and Teresa Watkins. Norma was the only Life Member in attendance and was presented with a certificate

by Unit President Pat Childers.

We also welcomed another new member bringing our total to six new members over the past 12 months! We will kick off 2019 at Mustang Misfit Ranch with our 3rd Annual Family Day Picnic March 16th.

(Right) Norma Schrader holding her Life Member recognition certificate while Unit President Pat Childers looks on.



MEMPHIS BELLES

Unit #151 (TN) - As part of the VAVS Committee at Memphis VAMC, unit members helped sponsor and provided food for the annual Race Car Derby for Recreational Therapy patients in October. Later in the month we partnered with the Tipton County Veterans Council (TCVC) to assist with their semi-annual pancake breakfast fundraiser. We worked as hostesses and waitstaff, did some recruiting and enjoyed a fantastic breakfast. In November we enjoyed our annual Thanksgiving potluck

in a relaxing home atmosphere – thank you Linda Coffield! December was unusually busy beginning on Saturday the first when we again partnered with the TCVC and Girl Scout Troop 13804 to properly fold more than 400 American flags which had been flown as part of the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse annual fundraiser. We enjoyed a pizza lunch and the excitement and enthusiasm of the Girl Scouts as they learned proper flag folding techniques and shared with us their knowledge of flag history and etiquette.



Folding flags with fellow veterans and Girl Scouts.

During the two weeks before Christmas we partnered with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 7175 to provide free gift wrapping. Although the tips weren't as generous as in past years, we enjoyed the interaction with customers and are thankful to our Tipton County Veterans Service Office for providing us a location for the fundraiser. Our next meeting will be January 19th at 1000 (0930 if you want breakfast) at the VFW in Millington.

For details contact Becky at 901-837-4630.

MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

Unit #152 (VA) - In the spirit of holiday tradition, unit members stayed busy until the end of 2018! Several members participated in the Stand Down for Homeless and At Risk Veterans at the Hampton VA Medical Center. In the legacy of lost unit member JoAnne Teel, and with the help of her daughter and son-in-law, the unit was able to provide much needed items for veterans during the holiday season.



Stand Down volunteers (Left to Right) Suz Whitman, Dassa Carvey, Elaine Musick, Subrina Strauss, Kathy Montgomery, Natalie & Matt Rediske (Jo Teel's daughter & son in law)

Sound Off!

December found members involved with the annual wreath laying ceremony at Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery, helping in the placement of over 8,700 wreaths.



At the Wreaths Across America ceremony, (From Left) Louise Jones, Volunteer Donn Zwirn & Phyllis Lightfoot greet visitors and hand out baked goods provided by Unit 152.

Another group of members were able to further support the VA Medical Center by helping stuff some 300 "Ditty Bags" which were later handed out to patients at the hospital Christmas parties.



L-R Shane Haney, Suz Whitman, Charity Haney, Kathy Montgomery & Dassa Carvey at Ditty Bag Stuffing.

We meet monthly at VFW 4809 in Norfolk. For meeting information contact Dassa Carvey at 757-363-3059 or dassahsg@gmail.com.

New England

Unit #158 (RI) - Sylvia Weber (*Left in below photo*) a Vietnam Era Air Force Flight Nurse conducted first aid training for



Girl Scout Troop 516 from Riverside. GinaMarie Doherty's granddaughter is a member of the troop.

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| Price per pieceX Number you want : | = total cost for item(s) | | | |
| PATCHES | MWAN CLOTHING ITEM | IS | | |
| MWAN 2½" (caps) \$ 3 X = | Neck Tabs, Black w/Velcr | | = | |
| MWAN 3" (shirts) \$ 4 X = | Garrison Caps (includes p | oatch) \$23 X | | |
| MWAN 8½" (vest) \$10 X = | Sizes: 21, 22, 23, | | | |
| US Navy WAVES Veteran (circle) \$4 X = | | | = | |
| Patches: Navy Flag or Services \$4 X = | MWAN Ball Can | \$12 X | = | |
| (USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY) | MWAN Visor MWAN Ball Cap MWAN T-Shirt | \$15 X | = | |
| American Flag Patch (3½"x2") \$4 X = | Sizes: S, M, L, XL | 2XI 3XI 4 | | |
| Proud to Serve (square) \$5 X = | MWAN Polo Shirt | | = | |
| Women are Veterans, Too \$5 X = | Gray or White Size | es SMIX | 1 2XI 3XI 4XI | |
| WAVES Anchor (old style) \$4 X = | MWAN Jacket | \$32 X | = | |
| Vietnam Era Eagle \$6 X = | Sizes: S, M, L, XL | | | |
| JEWELRY & PINS | MWAN Sweatshirt | \$22 X | = | |
| MWAN Coin \$10 X = | Sizes: S, M, L, XL | | | |
| MWAN Lapel pin \$ 4 X = | MWAN White Dress Shirt | \$34 X | = | |
| MWAN Charm \$ 7 X = | Sizes: S, M, L, XL | | | |
| MWAN Earrings \$12 X = | ITEMS OF INTEREST | -, <i>-</i> , <i>-</i> , <i>-</i> , -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, | IXL, OXL | |
| MWAN Coin Keychain \$12 X = | MWAN Mouse Pad | \$6 | X = | |
| MWAN Coin Keychain \$12 X = Watch, USN WAVES \$30 X = | American Veteran Bracele | et \$5 | X = | |
| Original Hat Pin \$10 X = | 2016 National Convention F | Patch \$1 | X = | |
| Anchor & Prop Earrings \$14 X = | MWAN Playing Cards | | X = | |
| Anchor & Prop Charm \$ 7 X = | Canvas Key Chain/Stars & | | X = | |
| Anchor & Prop Lapel Pin \$ 4 X = | 2016 National Convention | | X = | |
| Veteran Lapel Pins \$ 4 X = | US Navy WAVES Veteran | Magnet \$3 | X = | |
| | Mini-Flags Set (MWAN & Ar | merican) \$10 | X = | |
| Little Lady WAVE w/Flag Pin \$4 X = | (flags are 6"x4" w | | | |
| Dogtag Pin (Women Proudly Served) \$5 X = | MWAN Window Decal | | = | |
| Freedom Forever Eagle Pin \$5 X == | MWAN Magnets | | = | |
| US Flag & Service Flag Pin \$4 X = | MWAN Car Magnet (8" O | val) \$5.X | = | |
| (USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY) | MWAN Pencils (2 each) | \$1 X | = | |
| USN Hat Pin (Spread Eagle w/USN) \$8 X = | MWAN Pens | \$2 X | = | |
| USN Crest Lapel Pin \$4 X = | WAVES Key Chain, Rubb | er \$5.X | = | |
| Sister Warrior Pin \$5 X = | MWAN Flags (3'x5') | \$80 X | = | |
| US Navy Lapel Pin \$4 X = | MWAN Table Coverings | \$120 X | = | |
| USN Patriotic Ribbon Pin \$4 X = | MWAN PopSockets | \$10 X | | |
| POW/MIA Lapel Pin \$5 X = | | | | |
| Department of Navy Lapel Pin \$4 X = | 3 for \$25. X NAME BADGE W/MWAN | PUCK \$15 | X = | |
| Service Crest Lapel \$4 X = | Double clutch back OR I | | | |
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| Service Dogtag Pins \$5 X = | Nickname/Maiden: | | | |
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| NEW ITEM, Billing of for your d | aalaan maaatimaa aaa . | l f | | |

NEW ITEM: Mini-flag set for your desk or meetings, see order form

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