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History in The Making: Two Women Graduate from Army Ranger Course

Excerpts from CNN Politics, dtd 19 Aug 2015, By Holly Yan, Barbara Starr and Eugene Scott

Two women made history by becoming the first female soldiers to complete their courses at the Army's exhausting Ranger School, according to a statement from the women's families. Capt. Kristen Griest and 1st Lt. Shaye Haver are the first female soldiers to graduate from the school for the special operations unit.

Their families called it "a monumental and joyous occasion for all 96 soldiers who pinned on the Ranger tab", 21 August. The women are exhausted, but they're "happy, relieved, and ready for some good food and sleep," the statement said.

They're among the 96 students who graduated from the intensive training program in Fort Benning, Georgia.



A female Ranger student shares a laugh with fellow soldiers while waiting for a C-130 plane ride Thursday, Aug. 6, ahead of an airborne jump. (Photo by Dan Lamothe/The Washington Post)



Soldiers participate in combat training during Army Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga. First Lt. Kristen Griest, one of the first two female soldiers who will graduate from Ranger School, is at center. Spec. Nikayla Shodeen/U.S. Army

This was the first year the Army opened the course to women on a trial basis.

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The President's Message



Ladies:

The deadline for submission of articles for this issue finds me on the road traversing our beautiful country. I look forward to attending the Evening Lighting Ceremony at Mt.

Rushmore tonight.

I attended the Region I Conference in Las Vegas and met with some of the ladies of Military Women of Nevada (MWON). They are a very impressive and dedicated group of ladies and I hope they will join MWAN. Members of MWON provided the Color Guard for opening ceremonies of the conference. Elynda Leader, a member of Stars & Stripes, sang the National Anthem. Two fantastic speakers, both veterans, addressed the attendees.

The evening following the conference, Barb and Garry Sebring invited the Board of Directors (BOD) to a cookout at Chez Sebring. This gave the BOD a chance to meet new members to the Board and reacquaint with members we had not seen in a long time. Thank you, Barb and Garry!

Since only 10 members of the BOD were present, Barb offered to host the business meeting the next day. We regrouped at Chez Sebring the next morning and a full day of business ensued! We were able to Skype with Barb Turner, who, at the last minute, was unable to attend and it was like she was actually in the room with us. We had only a couple hiccups with the connection and these were readily corrected. We are looking at the possibility of using Skype for future meetings when several members cannot be in attendance.

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FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



Barb Sebring

I have just attended the Region I Conference here in Las Vegas. While we did not have as many attend as we would like we did have a good time with great speakers. I want to thank the Women Veterans of Nevada for providing the Color Guard. Also a big thanks to all who worked hard to make it a success.

I also want to thank you all for recruiting as many new members as you have. It has been a year since we voted to change our name and include all women that have served or are serving and we now have 155 new members. The bulk of new members are Navy. However, we now have 35 new members from the Army and Army National Guard. Plus we now have 29 new members from the Air Force and Air Force Reserve.

Now for the bad news: We continue to lose members faster than we are gaining them. Plus units are choosing to disband and members are becoming MAL'S. As of July 2015 we have 11 fewer units and 139 fewer members than we had last year. So as you can see we still have not stemmed the declining membership problem. I again want to challenge each and every one of you to bring in ONE new member in the upcoming year. If we all do our part we can make the next year a banner year for MWAN!

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT



Cheryl Adams

I just returned from Mid-Term in Las Vegas. We enjoyed a great cookout at Barb Sebring's new home and she graciously hosted our meeting. We worked hard to continue plotting a course for MWAN. We have lost more units but gained a new unit: Tri-State Women Veterans, Unit 157, of MWAN. We want to encourage units that are thinking of disbanding to think very seriously about this. Try to hold on as long as you can. If additional time is needed, contact me and I will

work with you to make the transition and to gain new members. Flyers and press releases are available for distribution in your area. I will send or e-mail the flyers and help you with press releases. Just ask!

Please understand that a unit of WAVES National no longer exists as WAVES National no longer exists. Name changes must be submitted to incorporate the unit name into MWAN. Women who served in the Navy will never lose their identity or service. We have joined with our sister services in order to preserve our identity, not lose it. Through MWAN, we can continue to share our history of women in the Navy.

RECORDING SECRETARY



GinaMarie Doherty

GREAT JOB to all who put together Region I Conference and our Board of Directors Meeting. It was time well spent and very enjoyable to see and meet new Lady Vets.

A UNIFORM COMMITTEE was formed with six members throughout the regions. We spoke to approximately 20 members via phone or in person. I asked if we wanted to stay with the blue vest and garrison cap or come up with a new uniform or wait until more USA and USAF Sisters joined so they could help us decide. Respondents are from RI, AZ, TN, TX, CA, and ME. Four were MALs; four were 90 years old; three were still serving, and all but one have been members for over a decade. Majority cannot afford to...or do not want to... spend money on a total new uniform. Majority like the vest because it is flattering and can be worn with a casual or dress shirt. There were a few good ideas: 1) If we mandated a new uniform we could phase it in over a 5-year period; 2) We could establish khaki or black pants to go with the new patch on polo shirts; 3) Mandate an MWAN Headgear to promote cohesiveness. Therefore, this committee recommends to the membership to stay the course and reengage once more USA and USAF Sisters joining to help us decide.

NEWSLETTER CONTEST: Thank

you and a great job to the following units who provided input: MAL, 9, 21, 36, 55, 86, 94, 98, 104, 118, 144, and 153. I sent email reminders to units that did not submit three different newsletters, but some still submitted only one copy, which was included in the contest. Categories were changed from what was announced earlier due to paper newsletters only having two submissions. Categories were: Large Units (22 members or more) and Small Units (21 members or less). There was no separate category for paper and electronic newsletters. This was necessary in order to conduct a fair contest.

I purchased the ribbons and made certificates with personal funds, which is my contribution to our great organization. The three judges are all employed with Roger Williams University and gave of their time: a LtCol ARNG Member, an Adjunct Faculty Member, a Jurist Doctorate Member. Prizes are in the mail to the Unit President or Newsletter Editor.

Winners: Large Unit

First Place: Unit 94

Second Place: Unit 55

Third Place: Unit 21

President's Choice/Honorable Mention: Unit MAL

Small Unit

First Place: Unit 144

Second Place: Unit 86

Third Place: Unit 9

President's Choice/Honorable Mention: Unit 98

TREASURER



Monica O'Hara

I just returned from the Region I Conference and Mid-Term Board of Directors Meeting in Las Vegas.

Kudos to the organizers for providing two inspirational speakers. The BOD meeting was very productive. The FY2016 approved budget is located in this issue.

Thank you Unit Treasurers for the Unit Financial Reports and the annual "Letter of Authorization".

It's time to start thinking about annual dues again. If you are a unit member, please submit your dues to the Unit Treasurer; MAL's, please send them to me using the renewal form on the back page of your White Caps. I have already received a few renewals from MAL's.

Donations to the General Fund were received from Leah Folck (MAL), Barb Sebring (MAL) and the Ship's Store.

Vivian Cunningham (MAL) sent in a donation for the Scholarship Fund.

Thanks for your generous donations!

BY-LAWS CHAIRMAN



Cathy Gerolimos

The Mid-Term Meeting is now over. I dare say, it was a jammed-pack, productive meeting. First, let me say that, as always, it is a pleasure to work face to face with the women who are the elected and appointed officers, committee chairs and regional representatives of Military Women Across the Nation. Each and every individual who was at this meeting demonstrated their passion for the continued success of this organization well into the future. Without fail, I learned something new. Among the many topics discussed were both national bylaws and unit bylaws. Proposed amendments to national bylaws will be printed in the White Caps before the 2016 Convention. In general, your Board of Directors agreed that the "transition period" from WAVES National to Military Women Across the Nation should be lengthy enough for units to be able to carefully evaluate their unit needs in the course of transitioning as a constituent unit of MWAN. By lengthening the transition period, it is hoped that units will feel less pressured to rush into updating their bylaws. More than once, I've received panicked inquiries because somehow there's a belief that bylaws need to be done right now. You can relax--you have until 2017 Mid-Term, at which time the transition will be reassessed. It is hoped that this will be helpful, particularly those units who meet only three or four times a year.

It is hoped that each and every one of you want Military Women Across the Nation to be a first-class women's veterans' organization and with the help and dedication of each and every member, this aspiration is achievable. I look forward to meeting women from our sister services, sharing our stories and assisting you in starting a new unit. I am but an e-mail or a telephone call away.

SHIP'S STORE



Linda Coffield

Our ball caps and visors are now available, only \$12.

The POLO Shirts are running larger than the sizes indicate, if you are on the fence about sizes, I suggest you order a size smaller than usual.

The Mid-Term Meeting should have voted on the new name for the "Ship's

Store", so with a sad note this will be my last "Ship's Store" article for the White Caps. The name of the winner who submitted the new store name will be posted in the December newsletter and a new MWAN T-Shirt will be coming her way.



Ball caps and visors - only \$12

FINE PRINT SPECIAL: Get a free historical WN item, we are giving away a FREE WN lapel pin with each order of \$20.00 or more (excludes shipping). Limit one free WN lapel pin per customer. Orders MUST: 1) Total \$20 BEFORE shipping is added; 2) Specify "GHOSTS" on the October 2015 order form for your free WN lapel pin; & 3) MUST be received by 1 Dec 2015.

PLEASE NOTE: Use the **MOST RECENT White Caps order form.** Your order may be delayed if the correct payment and/or shipping are not included.

VAVS NATIONAL REP



Diane Turcotte Culleton

This newsletter finds us all returning from the Mid-Term meeting in Las Vegas, NV, along with some of us attending the Region I Conference. Kudos are extended to Lou Ann Huskisson and her committee for a job well done. It was great catching up with all the members and meeting new friends.

Before the Mid-Term, I visited family in Arizona and while there met with the Voluntary Service Specialist at the Tucson VA Medical Center, and, when in Las Vegas, met with the Volunteer Coordinator at the Las Vegas VA Healthcare Center. We discussed their thoughts and goals for volunteering.

In the last newsletter I addressed the issue that MWAN needed to have 25 VA Facilities with Representatives by September and so that was my initial priority. After receiving MWAN's list of members from our Executive Secretary, I contacted 176 members who had email addresses in the states of Arizona, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma and Texas asking for interested volunteers.

Out of the 17 responses, I received three new representatives in three new facilities. **Joyce Batti**, from Unit # 75, Space Coast, will volunteer at the Viera Outpatient Clinic in Florida under the Orlando VA Medical Center; **Wilma Merket**, Unit #114, Sonoran Desert Military Women, will volunteer at the Southeast Veterans Clinic in Gilbert, AZ, under the Phoenix VA Medical Center; and, **Kathleen Edgin**, from Unit #21, Northeast Ohio Women Veterans, will volunteer at the Tucson VA Medical Center in Arizona. Thank you, ladies, for stepping up to volunteer at these facilities. I am sure you will find it very rewarding.

Because of these three new representatives, I am excited to report that this should bring us to the 25 facilities needed for MWAN to remain a "Service Member" with voting privileges. My goal is to continue reaching out to member's and MAL's to fill as many facilities with representatives so that MWAN's status will continue as a "Service Member". I also have contacted MWAN's Representatives and Deputy Reps to discuss their thoughts and concerns and offer any help they might need.

So, if you would like to volunteer to a worthwhile cause, please email me at: diane.turcotte30@gmail.com call me at: 207-474-2235 (home) or 207-399-1696 (cell).

CONGRATULATIONS to MWAN VOLUNTEERS for helping our organization reach the goal of 25 facilities.

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN



Patricia Cerchio-Vieira

As we get into the Fall, we also approach Scholarship Time. The scholarship is a great way to help get the word out about Military Women Across the Nation and recruit new members. While the military women who the entrants need to be related to don't have to be members of MWAN, it certainly would be wonderful if they are.

So, who do you know who is not only a woman veteran or currently serving on active duty or in a reserve or guard component, but also has a relative, male or female, in college or about to go to college? Most people have some family member who is attending or about to attend college. Why not give them the opportunity to get an extra \$1,000 to help pay for it. This year's essay topic is **Military Women: Then and Now**.

Since the families of high school seniors are always looking for ways to help make college more affordable, be sure and

let your local high schools know about this. They can find the scholarship application online at our website www.milwomen.org. A copy will also be provided in the December Newsletter. Don't forget to pass along this information to other veteran organizations in your local area to include the VFW and American Legion.

I will be sharing the scholarship information on venues such as Facebook and LinkedIn. If you have ideas for helping to get the word out, please contact me via the contact information in the back of the newsletter.

PUBLIC RELATIONS



Jennifer Baun

We are not as far along with the reverse raffle as we'd like. Please consider purchasing a raffle ticket. They are \$10.00, but the payoff is BIG (\$1,000.00). If all tickets are not sold by the end of the calendar year, we will need to reduce the prize amount proportionately to the number of tickets sold.

Provide an e-mail address with your ticket order, so we can keep expenses down. If you haven't purchased yours, get it today or buy them for your unit. What better way to add to your treasury? To order, make checks payable to MWAN/WN and send to Jennifer Baun, MWAN Reverse Raffle, 4068 Lockwood Blvd., Youngstown, OH 44511.

Good luck to everyone!

WHITE CAPS EDITOR



Judy Faries

I was so sorry that I could not make the Mid-Term but it sounds like a lot was accomplished. The BOD approved the winners of the WHITE CAPS names. Yeah.

The winners were as follows:

FROM THE BRIDGE is now **OFFICERS CALL** submitted by Barb Turner. She will be receiving a red, white and blue bracelet.

FOAM Off the WAVES is now called **SOUND OFF** with two winners, Alice Johnson (MAL) and Barb Turner. They

will each be receiving a red, white and blue travel jewelry bag.

The new name for the WHITE CAPS must be approved by the body at the 2016 convention but the name the BOD has approved is **MILITARY WOMEN'S BULLETIN** submitted by Mary Lancaster (MAL).

Prizes will be in the mail for Barb Turner and Alice Johnson as soon as possible. The prize for Mary Lancaster must wait until the name has been approved by the convention body. I found each of the prizes at different craft shows over the last year or so. They are all very patriotic.

There were so many submissions and you all did a great job. Thank you so much.

As you can see we have been able to have a MAL Corner in this issue. The MALs are doing so much out there and I really do want to highlight them in every issue. So please keep them coming.

Have a wonderful fall and can't wait to see what everyone is doing for the holidays which will be upon us soon.

Remember that the next cut-off for input for the December 2015 issue will be 1 November 2015.

A reply to the August article, "Identifying Female Veterans an Issue for VA and States"

My name is Bobi Oates, SMSgt, USAF, Retired and I'm the Oates mentioned in that article.

I was privileged to have been selected to serve on the Nevada Governor's Women Veterans Advisory Committee this past year. I've included the web link for the final report we sent up to the Governor's office. A couple of our recommendations have been realized already.

We started as a one year committee but recommended that the committee be established in statute so that we could continue our important work, we were fortunate that the legislative agreed, and now our committee will be able to do that. During the past year I spoke with several states Women Veteran Program Managers and the issues we identified in our report reflect what is happening across the nation.

Some Women don't see themselves as Veterans and others may have had bad experiences and just want to fade away to be left alone. Others may be single moms and fear that if they ask for help their children may be taken away. It's our duty to find these women and help them. Everyone should be proud to be a Veteran, male or female, served in combat or supported the combat troops, you are a VETERAN.

I would welcome any inputs or ideas the members of this organization have to help us continue our work. As always funding and manpower seems to be the biggest stumbling block. I can be reached at oatesrply@cox.net.

<http://veterans.nv.gov/ContentLibrary/WVAC%20Final%20Report%20June%202015.pdf>



CORRECTION: In the August issue, an incorrect statement was printed regarding our organization's status, indicating we are federally chartered. We are NOT federally chartered, although

we are a nonprofit 501(c)19 organization. Our apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

Editors

MAL CORNER



Joy Sleeper was honored to be the Grand Marshall in the Curtis, MI, 4th of July Parade whose theme was "A Salute to Veterans."



Joy Sleeper and her Great Granddaughter Sloane Carlson who helped decorate the float.

On 15 August, four 90+ WAVES and Marine Veterans met for a lunch and good time at Joy Sleeper's cottage.



(L-R, seated) Joy Sleeper, Betty Carpenter, Stevie Severson, and Alice Badgett are former members of Hiawatha Shores unit. Standing is Patty O'Neal, a Navy veteran.



2016 Military Women Across the Nation Biennial Convention

The Memphis Belles and the Nashville Volunteers are looking forward to meeting "Y'all" down on the Mighty Mississippi. Our first Biennial Convention as Military Women Across the Nation is scheduled for July 19 to 21, 2016 at the Gold Strike Casino Resort in Tunica Mississippi.



Rooms have been blocked from Monday, July 18, 2016 through Thursday, July 21, 2016 at the rate of \$69.00 plus tax per night. Tunica County Room Tax is currently ten percent (10%) and could be subject to change. A \$10.00 surcharge (subject to change) will apply per night, to each additional third and fourth person occupying the same room. Each occupied guestroom may have a maximum of four guests.

To reserve your room for this event just telephone directly to the Gold Strike Casino Resort Reservation Department at (888) 245-7829 and identify your affiliation with Military Women Across the Nation/WAVES National (MWAN/WN). Rates cannot be changed at check-in or check-out for guests who do not identify their affiliation at the time the reservation is made. Gold Strike Casino Resort does require that the first night's room and tax deposit accompany the reservation requests (a major credit card number may be used to guarantee a room in lieu of a deposit). The deposit is non-refundable if cancellation occurs within 48 hours of arrival.



Transportation from and to Memphis International Airport will be available for a nominal fee. Those details along with excursions to a few of the local attractions will be made available in the Call to Convention. For those of you who live the RV lifestyle, there are RV parks at two of the casinos in Tunica.

So bring your blue suede shoes and be ready to have some fun in the Land of the Blues, as Military Women Across the Nation party down on the Mississippi Delta! Points of contact for questions about the convention are Marie Porter, 469-855-0237 or Barbara Booth, 901-218-3991.

Military Women Across the Nation Region I Conference

Excerpts from August 20, 2015 Volume 2, Issue 9 of Women Veteran's Informer



On August 25, 2015, Region I held their conference in Las Vegas, NV. Region I representative Louann Huskisson opened the conference and veteran Elynda Leader sang the National Anthem beautifully.

Guest speakers included Nevada Department of Veterans Services' very own Deputy Director, Willette Gerald and Lieutenant Colonel Patricia Falvey. Both women are retired Air Force Veterans. Also, in attendance were the Women Veterans of Nevada (WVON) who provided Color Guard services for the conference.

During the conference, Deputy Director Gerald spoke to women about identifying as veterans. She reflected on the current advancements of women in military service as well as their history and how every woman that has served should be proud to call themselves a veteran. In her speech she informed the audience about services and resources available to veterans through NDVS.

Retired Lieutenant Colonel Patricia Falvey spoke to her fellow veterans about the special moments that she experienced throughout her illustrious career. She began her career as a personnel officer, then moved on to become a member of the Office of Special Investigations Agent (OSI) for the U.S. Air Force.

After separating from active duty she transitioned into the Air Force Reserves. From there she provided support during the Desert Shield and Desert Storm conflicts and as the European Regional Coordinator for Post 9/11 Individual Augmentee activation.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS for MILITARY WOMEN ACROSS THE NATION OFFICERS TO SERVE 2016-2018

Please email or snail mail this signed consent form along with a 300 words or less bio to arrive not later than ***1 JANUARY 2016** to the Nominating Committee Chairman listed below. Your 300 word bio detailing your MWAN leadership, unit jobs held, collateral duties in your unit or volunteer hours will be included in the February 2016 and April 2016 White Caps along with your picture. Please include a recent picture (headshot-color or black and white; camera ready) of yourself that you would like to see beside your biography in the April 2016 issue. You can e-mail or snail mail the picture and it will be returned to you. Please contact any committee member listed below if you have any questions.

Elected positions are: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary.

CONSENT FORM: I hereby give my consent that my name be placed in nomination for the office of MWAN:

_____ for the term of 2016-2018.

Print Nominee Name

Signature of Nominee

Send completed form and resume to Linda Fulkerson (**Nominating Committee Chairman) to arrive not later than ***1 January 2016**.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS IS 1 January 2016. Normally submission would be 1 February 2016 but because our MWAN National Convention is being held in July 2016 and because we have to print the bio's at least 90 days prior to a convention (according to MWAN Bylaws) we have had to adjust the deadline for submission of the signed consent form and bio to 1 January 2016 (this is also the deadline for the submission of the articles for the February 2016 White Caps).

Oldest Known U.S. Veteran Dies at 110

By Christopher Klein - August 20, 2015 Volume 2, Issue 9 Women Veteran's Informer



Emma Didlake during her visit to the White House

Women Veterans Informer Emma Didlake was a 38-year-old married mother of five when she answered her country's call. With the United States deep in the throes of World War II in 1943, she enlisted in the newly instituted Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and served with over 150,000 other corps members in non-combatant roles both at home and abroad. Didlake was among the first women other than nurses to serve within the ranks of the U.S. Army, and as an African-American in a still-segregated military, she was a trailblazer in more ways than one—not that she saw herself that way. "I didn't know I was breaking barriers," she told the San Antonio Express-News earlier this year after celebrating her 110th birthday on March 13, 2015. "But I enjoyed doing what I was doing because I had committed myself to do just this."

Born in Boligee, Alabama, in 1905, Didlake grew up in Kentucky and married

a coal miner. When she made the decision to join the war effort, she did not seek her husband's permission. "There wasn't no argument or anything like that, it was no trouble. I just did it," she told the San Antonio Express-News. "I wanted to do different things." For seven months, she served stateside as a private and a driver. For her commendable service, she earned the Women's Army Corps Service Medal, American Campaign Medal and World War II Victory Medal.

Didlake moved with her family to Detroit in 1944, according to the Associated Press, and soon after the end of World War II, she enlisted her services in another fight—the struggle for civil rights in America. Didlake joined the Detroit chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and two years ago she received a lifetime achievement award from the organization in recognition of her service. She was also an active member and educator at the Second Baptist Church of Detroit.

The woman known to her family as "Big Mama" outlived her husband and all five of her children before her death on Sunday at a long-term care facility in West Bloomfield, Michigan, where she had recently moved after turning 110.

According to the San Antonio Express-News, Didlake credited her longevity in part to eating golden raisins that had soaked overnight in a pint of vodka.

Not even a month before her death, Didlake garnered headlines on July 17, 2015 when she took a whirlwind one-day tour of Washington, D.C., that was sponsored by a local chapter of the Honor Flight Network, a nonprofit organization that arranges free flights to the nation's capital for veterans to visit the memorials dedicated to wars in which they fought. Didlake visited the World War II Memorial, Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial and the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery. She also toured the Women's in Military Service for America Memorial where she was presented with a copy of her official record.

The highlight of the trip was a White House visit and a meeting with President Barack Obama. "We are so grateful that she is here with us today," the president told the press as cameras whirled and clicked. "And it's a great reminder of not only the sacrifices that the greatest generation made on our behalf, but also the kind of trailblazing that our women veterans made, African-American veterans who helped to integrate our Armed Services. We are very, very proud of them."

Cut along dotted line ✂

BIG Prizes to be given in a Reverse Raffle!

Here's your chance to win big while helping out the organization. A reverse raffle will be held for Military Women Across the Nation to really get things rolling. We will be selling only 250 raffle tickets; the cost is \$10 each. Since it is a reverse raffle, the prizes are big with a \$1,000 grand prize and \$450 to the runner up. There will also be some other gift cards mixed in. The way you win is to be the last person standing, kind of like musical chairs. The draw down will be held once all 250 tickets are sold. In other words, we will draw numbers eliminating tickets after all the tickets are sold. So purchase yours individually and/or for your unit today! To get your tickets, please send the stub below and a check made out to MWAN/WN. Mail the stub and your check or money order to **Jennifer Baun, MWAN Reverse Raffle, 4068 Lockwood Blvd., Youngstown, OH 44511**. A virtual ticket will be e-mailed or sent to you with your raffle number. All winners' names will be published.

NAME: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Unit # or MAL: _____ ID #: _____

EDITOR'S NOTE: Units are encouraged to also participate to have an opportunity to possibly increase their treasury and support their charitable activities.

VA Announces New Rules Regarding Service Animals in VA Facilities

VA News Release dtd 8/17/15

WASHINGTON – Today the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that it has revised its regulation regarding the presence of animals on VA property. The updated regulation will ensure VA practices remain consistent with applicable federal law. It will also assist individuals entering VA facilities in developing a clear and consistent understanding of the criteria governing facility access for service animals.

“As I have traveled to VA facilities throughout the country, I have heard from many Veterans about what a vital role their service animals play in their lives,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald. “The revised regulation will

ensure Veterans and employees have clear guidance regarding the presence of service animals in our facilities. VA remains committed to ensuring America’s Veterans have access to the health care benefits for which they are eligible.”

Under the revised regulation, only dogs that are individually trained to perform work or tasks on behalf of an individual with a disability will be considered service animals. Other animals will not be permitted in VA facilities, unless expressly allowed as an exception under the regulation for activities such as animal-assisted therapy or for other reasons such as law enforcement purposes. The regulation further confirms that service

animals may access VA property subject to the same terms that govern the admission of the public to VA property, and may be restricted from certain areas on VA properties to ensure that patient care, patient safety, and infection control standards are not compromised.

In accordance with required practices, the revised regulation was published in the Federal Register in November 2014, to obtain feedback from Veterans, advocacy organizations and other stakeholders.

Over the next thirty days, VA will provide training to frontline employees and ensure policies at all facilities are consistent with the new regulation.

Army to Open All Field Artillery MOSs to Women – Except One

Stars and Stripes | Aug 07, 2015 | by Corey Dickstein



Spc. Michael Martinez, cannon crew member, Paladin M109A6 self propelled howitzer, 4th Infantry Division, fires a 155mm round during a live fire exercise at the Udairi Range Complex, Camp Buehring, Kuwait, in 2014. Marcus Fichtl/Army

The Army intends to open all but one field artillery military occupation specialty -- 13F fire support specialist -- to female soldiers, a move that would cover 21,000 previously male-only jobs, a Pentagon spokesman said Tuesday.

Women could be authorized by late October to serve in the newly opened cannon crewmember and field artillery automated data systems specialist MOSs, according to Army spokesman Paul Prince, who said Defense Secretary Ash Carter

sent official notification to Congress last month.

The move comes as the military continues efforts to end prohibitions against women serving in traditionally male combat jobs.

In 2013, then-Defense Secretary Leon Panetta rescinded a 1994 Pentagon policy barring women from serving in battalion-size or smaller combat units. The goal: to integrate qualified female troops into most, if not all, jobs by 2016.

Each service has until Sept. 30 to provide Carter its recommendations on implementing women into remaining closed positions. Each must provide official waivers to the secretary explaining their reasoning for continuing to bar women from serving in any positions.

The services have taken different approaches in pursuing that goal. Each has conducted studies on how to safely and effectively bring women into such fields.

The Army, for example, has opened more than 75,500 positions to women since 2012, when it began its integration program. The Marine Corps, however, has not opened any positions, waiting

until recommendations are made to the defense secretary, a Marine Corps spokesman said.

More than 58,000 -- or about 32 percent -- of active-duty Marine Corps jobs remain closed to women. The spokesman said the service is looking at every job in the Corps individually to determine whether female Marines could serve in the role. He said those decisions have not been made.

In the Army, about 124,000 positions, primarily in the infantry, armor and Special Forces fields, will remain closed to women for now. Prince said a final decision about those -- including the field artillery MOS that works with infantry and armor units -- has yet to be made.

“We’ve done a lot of pilot programs, we’ve done a lot of physical testing, we’ve done a lot of testing on how we integrate women into units, and those are all going well,” Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond Odierno told Army Times on Monday. “We want the best person, if they’re qualified and meet the standards, we want to give them the opportunity to do whatever they want.”

President's Message (continued from page 1)

Now for the meat of our Mid-Term meeting:

> Approved new names for From the Bridge and Foam Off the WAVES to Officers Call and Sound Off, respectively;

> Approved a Bylaws Amendment to change the name of the White Caps to Military Women's Bulletin – this will be voted on at Convention by membership;

> Tabled adding another category of membership to the bylaws until we have completed transition of units to MWAN;

> Approved essay topic for MWAN Scholarship (more on that in December issue);

> Approved renaming Ship's Store to The Supply Locker – Bylaws Amendment will be submitted for members to approve at convention the name of the change of the Ship's Store Officer to The Supply Locker Officer (only the position is identified in the bylaws, thus requiring an amendment for the position name change);

> Approved extension of transition period so that all units can adjust and transition to the new organization;

> Recognized the need for training/mentoring of Regional Representatives, their Alternates, and State

Directors/Organizers. There will be a training session at the convention to address these issues.

> Reviewed all proposed bylaw amendments and approved many to be presented at Convention. Several were withdrawn after discussion and where multiple submissions for the same amendment were submitted, selected the one most appropriate;

> Accepted Barb Turner's offer to head up a fundraising committee – more on this as possible fundraisers are identified.

I want to thank all the BOD members for being actively engaged and providing valuable input, making this a very successful Mid-Term meeting.

Remember that elections are coming up and Linda Fulkerson and her committee will be calling and making contact with members for nominations. If you would like to run for an office (President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary), or have questions about duties, etc., please contact Linda at 480-833-9680, or fulkers6@hotmail.com.

Always Navy~

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Calling All Region IV MALs

Hello, Military Sisters,

Plans are in the making to form a new unit for "Eastern States of Military Women Across the Nation" and we would LOVE for you to join us!! The states included in Region IV Northeast are: Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. Dues will be only \$30 a year, \$25 dollars will go to National to keep our organization going and \$5 will be used to conduct meetings for us to get to know each other and share veterans news and information.

I am National Recording Secretary and currently a Member at Large (MAL). We are looking for MENTORS to be part of our unit as most of us are very new to the organization. You may attend meetings via Skype or Facetime or even better, in person, in one of our homes or maybe one of you would host a meeting via Skype or Facetime.

Please let me know if you are interested in sharing your stories and would like to help us charter this unit.

GinaMarie.Doherty@navy.mil, 401-841-7858, (work) or 401-500-1721 (cell).

History in The Making: Two Women Graduate from Army Ranger School (continued from page 1)

"This course has proven that every Soldier, regardless of gender, can achieve his or her full potential," Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh said in a statement.

But it's not clear what awaits the female graduates. Unlike the male graduates, the two women can't apply to join the 75th Ranger Regiment, an elite special operations force. The Pentagon isn't expected to make final decisions about exactly what combat roles women will be allowed to fill until later this year.

"This is an important moment and an important week because I see it as reality and perception catching up with each other," said Davidson, a former U.S. Air Force aircraft commander and senior pilot. "Women have been on the front lines in Afghanistan and Iraq. So you see policymakers in the Pentagon are ready to say, 'We don't see any reasons why women can't be (in certain roles).'"

The Pentagon describes Ranger School as "the Army's premier combat leadership course, teaching Ranger students how to overcome fatigue, hunger, and stress to lead Soldiers during small unit combat operations."

The current class started in April with 381 men and 19 women. The students were forced to train with minimal food and little sleep and had to learn how to operate in the woods, mountains and swamplands.

Students also had to undergo a physical fitness test that included 49 pushups, 59 situps, a 5-mile run in 40 minutes, six chin-ups, a swim test, a land navigation test, a 12-mile foot march in three hours, several obstacle courses, four days of military mountaineering, three parachute jumps, four air assaults on helicopters and 27 days of mock combat patrols.

By the end of the 62-day course, only 94 men and two women met all of the requirements.

Council on Foreign Relations senior fellow Gayle Tzemach Lemmon, who has reported on women in the military, said Griest's and Haver's achievement could increase women's interest in certain military positions. And she expects the Rangers' graduation to increase society's acceptance of women in military roles traditionally held by men.

"The women who are out there performing the jobs, they are the people who are changing people's minds," said Lemmon.

Davidson said that when she went through training to be a pilot, it was essential to her and her female peers that they be held to the same standards as men. "No one I knew met the women's standard – they made it a point to meet the men's standard, because we knew that that was just going to fuel that attitude of people who didn't want women there," she said.

SOUND OFF!

HEART OF AMERICA OF MWAN

Unit #9 (KS) - We held our bi-monthly meeting on 29 August at the American Legion in Parkville, MO. A big thank you to all who attended. We were able to vote on our by-law amendments and will be submitting those to National for approval. We also held election of officers for the 2015-2017 year. Our new officers are Sharon Woods, President; Darlene Miella, Vice President; Lois Hardeman, Secretary; and Michele Batliner, Treasurer.



Michele Batliner, holding third prize for small unit newsletter, presented at Mid-Term, Sharon Woods, Darlene Miella, Elaine Kirk, Lois Hardeman, and Lucille Kemper attend Heart of America meeting.

Michele Batliner represented Region II at the Mid-Term in Las Vegas in August. The tasks were many but everyone dug in and were able to have a very productive meeting. Michele will be providing details from the Mid-Term meeting in her next newsletter.



Participates at the Mid-Term BOD meeting in Las Vegas, from left to right, are: Andrea Cadieux, Cheryl Adams, Kathy Gerolimos, Diane Culleton, Dassa Carvey, Barb Sebring, Monica O'Hara, and Jan Roy. Not pictured are Michele Batliner, and GinaMarie Doherty.

Unit 9 will meet again on 24 October at the American Legion Post 370 in Overland Park, KS. For more information please contact Michele Batliner at 816-315-9229 or email at mbatliner@att.net.

SAN DIEGO STARS & STRIPES

Unit #36 (CA) - We enjoyed lunch at the Best Western 7 Seas. Although only a

small number of members turned out, everyone delighted in the guest speaker's presentation about Little Italy and San Diego harbor's early days. Mr. Bregante is a descendant of the Ghio family known for the fine food of Little Italy and the waterfront restaurant - Anthony's.

The Pillow Project is going great guns and, to date, we have completed 3,250 neck pillows. The unit held a fund raiser with some really great items, including a donated 5 faces Women's Memorial coin, and raised funds to help fund the pillow project.

We also celebrated the 73rd birthday of USN women with a cake cutting by the oldest (Evelyn Coy/93) and the youngest (Lisha/20s) ladies present.

Four unit members traveled to Las Vegas for the Region I Conference and met with other veterans in the Vegas area as well. There were about 25 attendees and all enjoyed the speakers: Willette Gerald, Deputy Director, NV DVS, and USAF (Ret.), and LTCOL Pat Falvey, USAF (Ret.).

Next meeting will be 2 October. For unit information contact, Roxanne Jones, at roxanne.jones@score.com or 619-545-6546.

MILITARY WOMEN OF TAMPA BAY

Unit #55 (FL) - Our June meeting was at MiMi's Café, Brandon, FL, as it is customary to hold a luncheon/meeting just before the summer break. It was great to see Lena Banta as she doesn't get to come to our meetings very often. In addition, MWAN Region VI Representative Andrea Cadieux and Linda Bauer joined us. Kathleen Cooper attended as a guest and subsequently joined MWAN.

For meeting information please contact Joay Koppari, at (813) 684-1668 or email at jouayk@verizon.net.

GULF COAST OF MWAN

Unit #56 (FL) - We said good-bye to one of our Life Time and Unit Charter members in June. Geraldine Watson is moving to North Carolina to be with her family. She was feted with a card signed by all members and a cupcake cake with the WAVES emblem and the words, "Fair Winds and Following Seas".



Members wishing Geraldine "Fair Winds and Following Seas" are (l to r): Pam Reis, Vera Allcroft, Marion Glorig, Mary Lou Sabin, Mary Ann Loschin, Sue Ann Howell, Claire Moore, Linda Bauer (top half of head), Mary Lou Johnson, Geraldine Watson, Dotty Savasky, Andrea Cadieux, Donna Francisco



The beautiful cupcake cake given to Gerry Watson to mark her departure.

For meeting information contact Donna Francisco at email address: dfrancis43@comcast.net.

REDWOOD EMPIRE MILITARY WOMEN

Unit #77 (CA) - Our Charter Member Claire Grubbs keeps in touch via email from the Philippines and in turn, we keep her advised with return mail and our newsletter.

We admitted two new members in January and three new applicants in August. It is great to hear them speak of their military experiences.

We continue to meet on the 2nd Saturday each month at the Petaluma Veterans' Hall and partake of a pot-luck lunch for friendly chatter.

For meeting information please contact Suzanne Seville, (707) 829-3104.

FLATWATER WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #98 (NE) - We met in Fremont, NE, in July and August. At the last meeting we donated supplies for a Female Veteran overseas, and with the help of Margaret Nehring and Suzanne Gilsdorf, we packed three boxes to be mailed. Margaret really knows how to pack those boxes and they were crammed full. We had personal items, books, food, cards and games. Suzanne will make the arrangements for the October meeting to

be held in Bellevue with a speaker. This will be the final meeting of 2015. The final audit of the Treasurer's Report was submitted and the current officers agreed to stay on another year.

For meeting information please contact Pat Hunsche, (402) 426-2013, phunsche@abbnebraska.com.

OCEAN STATE

Unit #118 (RI) - One of the highlights of the summer for our unit is always the annual BBQ at Ginny Hanson's house. We had a great turn-out this year with many of our regular members attending, plus a few ladies from some of the old New England units. We were also pleased to welcome new member Connie Rix who demonstrated her lovely singing voice by leading us in song. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food, bocce tournament and, most of all, each other's company.



Unit 118 members gathered at the BBQ at Ginny Hanson's house on 20 August. Pictured: Back (standing/crouching); Elaine Robinson, daughter of a former WAVE, Luisa White, Connie Rix, Maria Helena Peixoto, Middle (couch level); Margaret Nally, Shirley Hill, Lois Lepak, Evelyn Cohen, Carol Rotkin, Rosetta Desrosiers, Front (floor); Barbara Hawley, Ginny Hanson, Dottie Collins.

In the fall, we start our regular meeting schedule again on the third Saturday of each month at 1pm.

For meeting information please call Margaret Pedlow Smith: (504) 756-4570 or email: mpedlowsmith@gmail.com.

MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

Unit #152 (VA) - Unit members met with Amanda McDevitt for lunch recently. Amanda is the first female independent corpsman to be selected for submarine service.



Libby Morrison, Martha Kastler, Amanda McDevitt and her son, April Maletz, Betty Hand and Jo Teel met for lunch.

Amanda is currently attending school in Groton, CT, and was home to celebrate her son's 5th birthday.

COMNAVAIRLANT invited unit members to address Women's Equality Day in August. We took this opportunity to publicize our history as well as Military Women Across the Nation. We have several more upcoming events whereby we will be publicizing our unit and the National organization.

The local Stand Down for Homeless Veterans is fast approaching and unit members are actively helping to plan the event and will be participating in it in November. Other activities include participating in the Veterans Day Parade and the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the State Veterans Cemetery in December.

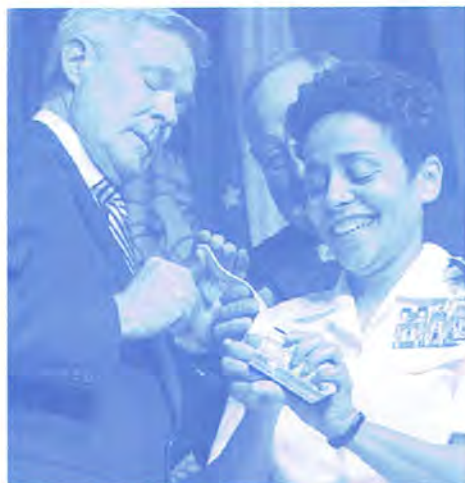
For meeting information, contact Dassa Carvey, at Dassa_2@verizon.net, or (757) 363-3059.

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Executive Secretary - Compensation	\$ 3,000.00
- Misc Expenses	\$ 1,500.00
Historian	\$ 300.00
Regional Reps	\$ 3,000.00
State Directors	\$ 750.00
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White Caps	\$18,500.00
Miscellaneous Committee Chairs	\$ 300.00
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Webmaster	\$ 530.00
Totals	\$39,835.00

Admiral Says Navy's Goal is 25 Percent Women in Each Ship, Squadron

Stars and Stripes | May 15, 2015 | by Wyatt Olson



JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — The Navy is proceeding with its plan to increase the number of women in the service to 25 percent with a similar goal of attaining that ratio in each ship and squadron, the vice chief of naval operations said Thursday.

Women currently make up about 17 percent of the Navy, said Adm. Michelle Howard, who made a stop in Honolulu on her way to the International Maritime Defense Exhibition in Singapore, where she will meet with her counterparts from other nations in the region.

Howard, who became vice chief last year, told an all-hands call that women made up only 5 percent of the Navy when she joined in 1978.

"The reason women were such a small percentage of the Navy was that up until 1967, women could only be 2 percent of the armed forces; it was the law," Howard said. "And up until 1967, women could only be the rank of captain or colonel, and there could only be one of them at a time. That was the law."

Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James said last fall during a stop at Pearl Harbor that the Air Force is made up of about 20 percent women but said she wanted to increase that number, possibly to 30 percent.

Howard said women make up about 46 percent of the civilian workforce, and

studies by the Department of Labor have found that an organization achieves optimal performance when its workforce maintains at least 25 percent of whatever the minority sex might be.

Without that, there "are always accusations of tokenism" and "stereotyping," she said.

For that reason, Howard proposed to the secretary of navy that the service "ought to be shooting for a Navy that's about 25 percent women," she said.

At that level "workplace relationships get normalized," she said.

Howard's plan, however, goes beyond an overall number and seeks to specifically increase the number of women serving on each ship and squadron.

Because the Navy is globally distributed, a higher percentage of women is needed overall if they are to be represented in greater numbers in ships around the world, she said.

"We're going back and looking at the ships — all of them — and what percentage of women are on the ships. Over time we'll modernize them to make sure we get to about 25 percent on each ship."

Alluding to the general problem of sexual assault in the military and Navy ship commanders routinely relieved of duty for inappropriate conduct, Howard said "we have pockets where people are isolated" and "sometimes their behavior isn't so good."

Historically, women in the service have filled more positions in particular occupations than others, she said.

"So, for example, if you look at the nurse corps officer community, it's the men who are a minority in that community," she said.

"What we want to do is make sure women are aware that there's more out there than traditional jobs. There's growth and opportunity across all the communities."

"We need women leadership just as we need male leadership in some of

these communities."

During a question-and-answer session later with reporters, Howard said the Navy is still hashing out the future role for women in one of the service's most elite communities, Naval Special Warfare. Women are barred from serving in the NSW, which includes the SEALs, but possible integration is under review.

U.S. Special Operations Command has the lead in that review but is not scheduled to provide recommendations until the end of the year, Howard said.

She said her sense was that the command was grappling with what "occupational" physical fitness standards would be used if the NSW is opened to women.

"In the end, it might be we can open [NSW slots] up but the occupational standards stand, but if [women] can meet those occupational standards, they should be able to come in."

"What I think will happen is that we won't change those occupational standards," she said.

Asked about overcoming a belief among some men that women aren't physically up to the task of filling these elite combat positions, Howard said, "I can't speak to the male perspective. I'm not a guy."

After a pause she added: "I've served at sea for 30 years. I've been in command of a ship, know my community. I've been their leader, and my sailors have responded to that. And I believe I and my team have been successful in every mission we've been given."



Air Force Leaders Meet as Pressure Builds to Open More Jobs to Women

Sep 13, 2015 | by Richard Sisk



Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James provides an update with Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III on current Air Force operations during a press briefing in the Pentagon, Aug. 24, 2015. (U.S. Air Force photo/Scott M. Ash)

Airmen will be looking for signals next week from the top civilian and uniformed leaders on where the Air Force is headed as pressure mounts to lift the last remaining job restrictions on women.

Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James will be first up Monday with an address on "Re-Inventing the Aerospace Nation" at the Air Force Association's annual Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition at National Harbor, Maryland, just outside Washington, D.C.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh will follow on Tuesday with an "Air Force Update" to highlight plans for the service in moving forward on weapons and personnel.

Both James and Welsh will have to make decisions before the end of the month on whether to open up all military occupational specialties to women or recommend to Defense Secretary Ashton Carter that the service should "exempt" certain positions.

At a Pentagon briefing last month, James indicated that she was leaning towards lifting the restrictions for women who can meet the exacting standards for any given MOS.

"We currently have seven career specialties that are still closed to women," she said at the time. "We, of course, are the most open at the moment of all the services, having the majority of our jobs open, but there are still seven that are not open, and they relate to the special operations world for the most part."

The jobs include pararescue controllers and Joint Terminal Attack Con-

trollers working forward to call in close air support.

"We have been working on establishing gender-neutral and operationally and occupationally relevant standards, and once we have them in place, it certainly would be my anticipation that we would be in a position to open up these jobs to women in the future," James said.

However, the secretary said that both she and Welsh were awaiting final reports from the field on the testing before making their recommendations to Carter before the end of September.

The pressure to lift the restrictions has been building since two Army women last month passed the demanding Ranger School course.

Earlier this month, Navy Secretary Ray Mabus told the Navy Times newspaper that he had the authority to rule on any exceptions from both the Navy and the Marine Corps, and he saw no reason to ask for exceptions.

"That's still my call, and I've been very public," Mabus said. "I do not see a reason for an exemption."

'Vertigo' Actress Miliza Milo Dies at 91

Miliza Milo was not only an actress and a NAVY WAVE during World War II but was also a Life Member of WAVES NATIONAL. While she passed in 2014 we just learned of her passing and wanted to note some of the history hiding among us.

She appeared in "The Ten Commandments" and was also the first female commander of the American Legion's Post 43 in Hollywood, known as "The Post of the Stars."

Actress **Miliza Milo**, who can be seen – albeit fleetingly – in *The Ten Commandments* and *Vertigo*, two of the most important films of the 1950s, died Feb. 6 of natural causes in Sedona, Ariz. She was 91.

After playing a slave in **Cecil B. DeMille's** epic *Ten Commandments*

(1956), Milo portrayed a salesperson at the Ransohoffs women's specialty shop helping an insistent **James Stewart** pick out a "simple gray suit" for **Kim Novak** in *Alfred Hitchcock's* masterpiece *Vertigo* (1958).

Milo also appeared in the drama *Girl Gang* (1954), on such TV shows as *Playhouse 90*, *Shower of Stars*, *Hawaii Five-O*, *Three's Company*, *All in the Family* and *Good Times* and in regional theater productions.

Earlier, the St. Louis native had supporting roles in such 1940s radio anthology series as *Escape* ("designed to free you from the four walls of today for a half-hour of high adventure!"), *Suspense*, *Romance* and *Crime Classics* and in the comedy *Meet Millie*.

Her friend **Jo Ann Sawyer** noted that Milo served as a **Navy WAVE** (an acronym for Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) during World War II and in the late 1990s was voted the first female commander of the American Legion's Post 43 in Hollywood, known as "The Post of the Stars."

Milo recently appeared in Memorial Day and Veterans Day commercials that saluted veterans and were sponsored by Boeing.

So many ladies did not know that this lady was one of us and the talent that she possessed. It is so important that we tell our stories so they can be shared. There is so much ladies are doing that we don't know about. So please share your stories.

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MWAN Ball Caps \$12 Gray, velco adjustment strap MWAN color logo	MWAN Notes Cards \$10 10 Single-fold notes /envelopes MWAN logo or WAVES hat picture	MWAN Playing Cards \$10 MWAN logo on front	MWAN Visor \$12 Gray, velco adjustment strap
MWAN Polo Shirt w/logo \$30 White or Gray w/emb logo SM-MED-LG-XL-2X-3X-4X	MWAN Earrings \$12 Pierced, 1/2" Round Enamel MWAN Logo (Clip-on Available on Request)	MWAN Logo Charm \$7 Round, Enamel MWAN Logo (3/4")	MWAN T-Shirt w/Logo \$15 Gray color w/screened logo on upper left front & center back SM-MED-LG-XL-2LX-3X-4X
Anchor Lapel Pin \$4 Original Hat Pin Style, 1/2" with single pin clutch back	Necktie \$12 Women's USN - Black w/Velcro closure-One Size	Waist Bag \$10 "Fanny-style"; cotton canvas w/ Embroider logo; 2 zips; adj 30"/4	Vet WAVES Patch \$4 Round, 3 1/2 inch patch Blue/Gray/White
Small Patch \$4 SPECIFY: WN Logo OR Service (Navy, Marines; Coast Guard, Army, Air Force) Size vary 2 1/2"-3"	Anchor Patch \$5 WAVES Anchor & Prop Embroidered in Blue & Grey on White background; 4 1/2" diameter	Large Patch \$10 WN Logo; May be sewn or ironed on back of jacket or vest. Size 8 1/2" diameter	Veteran Lapel Pin \$4 SPECIFY SERVICE: Navy, Marines; Army, Air Force
"Original" Hat Pin \$10 WAVES w/Anchor & Prop	USN Hat Pin \$4 Spread eagle w/USN	WN Logo Charm \$7 Round, Enamel WN Logo (1/2")	Anchor Charm \$7 Original Hat Pin Style (3/4")
MWAN Lapel Pin \$4 Round, clutch back, 3/4"	MWAN Name Puck \$3 Round disk for name tags, 3/4"	Lady WAVE Pin \$4 Oval pin with 'Lady WAVE w/flag	WN Logo Bottle Cap Earrings \$7 stars or hearts
WN Logo Lapel Pin \$4 Round, Enamel WN Logo	Service Logo Lapel Pin \$4 SPECIFY: Navy, USMC, USCG, ARMY, AF	Magnet \$1 Flat, 2 1/2" Circle; White w/WN Logo	Luggage Tag \$2 Blue plastic w/WN Logo
Anchor Earrings \$14 Pierced, Original Hat Pin Style (3/4") (Clip-on Available on Request)	WN Logo Earrings \$12 Pierced, 1/2" Round Enamel WN Logo (Clip-on Available on Request)	Songbook \$8 SPECIFY: "Songs WAVES Sing" OR "Bainbridge Bootcamp Songs"	MWAN Coins \$10 1.3/4" round
Dogtag Lapel Pin \$5 Dog-tag shape, 3/4", silver-color pin w/ chain says: Women Proudly Served	WN Gold T-Shirt \$12 Gold w/Blue screened logo on back and small logo on upper left front. XL-2XL-3XL-4XL only	License Frame \$2 Top: WAVES National Bottom: Women of the Sea Services	Decal \$1 WN Logo for cars, etc SPECIFY: Blue/White OR Blue/Yellow
Patriotic Key Chain \$6 Stars or Stripes in Red, White and Blue Canvas material	WN Blue T- Shirt \$10 Navy w/White screened Logo SM-MED-4X only	Sewing Kit \$2 Blue Case w/WN Logo & WEB address printed in white; 2"x3 1/4"x1/4" Needles/threader/scissors/pins, etc.	WN Bumper Sticker \$1 Two-tone blue WN emblem and dark blue letters on white; glossy paper; Approx 3" x 10
Garrison Cap \$22 Ladies' Style, Dark Blue, lined w/WN Logo Patch provided 55% Poly/45% Wool; DRY CLEAN ONLY Sizes 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25 (Measure Circumference of your head; Add 1 & ROUND UP for Size)	MWAN PATCHES 2.5" Patch - \$3. each (for garrison caps/ballcaps) 3" Patch - \$4. each (for shirts) 8.5" patch - \$10 each (for vest or jackets)		

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