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## Happy 104<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Florence

Florence Hirshon hates the way she looks right now. She prefers to have the "old" picture where she was "beautiful". But, Flo looks pretty good for having weathered two World Wars, the Depression Era and 104 winters and summers. The year Flo was born - 1913 - saw the invention of the modern zipper, the bra and crossword puzzles. She could not have seen a traffic signal until her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday and had to wait until she was 14 to taste Pez candy. Scotch tape didn't arrive until Flo was 17 and not until she was 21 could she play a game of Monopoly.

Flo's memory is failing somewhat and she doesn't hear very well, but she loves to read and to visit. The first of two children born to German immigrant Bruno Hirshon, she was born in

Brooklyn, NY, on July 12<sup>th</sup> but her family moved to California when she was eight years old and Flo never looked back. She says she lived "all over the place" but specifically remembers living in Hawaii three times and being in Los Angeles for a while.

Flo joined the Navy when the war broke out because her friends asked her to join with them. Her other choice was to go to school, and she hated school. It was during the depression and she said she neither wanted nor could afford to attend college.

MWAN records show Flo joined the Navy in May 1943 and was discharged in October 1945 as an "SpX2". According to Flo, she made Chief Petty Officer just before she got out when the war was over. She added that she used to have that uniform but she "can't seem to find anything these days."

Her fondest - and possibly only - memory of being a WAVE was the dances. She loved to dance and said there were always "so many partners!" She said many of the sailors asked her to marry them, but she didn't want to choose, so she never married.

She doesn't recall much about her job in the Navy. The best she could recall was that she worked at a desk and couldn't wait to finish her work so she could go dancing.

After the war, she stayed in the Washington, DC, area and worked for the IRS for 6 years, but can't remember what happened after that. According to her niece Carol's husband, Dennis Kemp, Flo worked for the IRS most



Above, Lovely Florence in June 2017; Upper right, "Beautiful" Florence in 1944



of her life and lived in a small, studio apartment in Los Angeles until she retired and moved to a mobile home park. Dennis added that she loved to travel, often going to Mexico with friends. Flo's niece Carol, daughter of her deceased brother Harold, is her only living, blood relative.

Flo was given a pink ballcap and said she loved it because it said "Navy" and had a WAVES pin on it. Before the visit ended, Flo said she "woke up today ready to leave", but then she couldn't remember why. She then said she wanted to go to LA, but didn't know why she should go there in particular. The staff announced dinner and Flo apparently decided that having dinner was a better choice and off she went! What a lovely, little lady!

See more photos of Flo on Page 9

Special "Thanks!" to Laura White and Lynne & Dan Pine for taking time to visit with Flo in June and to Lynne for taking the notes on which this story is based.

## Don't Forget!

**Regional Rep Status Report DUE 1 Aug**  
**Unit Annual Finance Report DUE 1 Sep**  
**Unit Letter of Authorization DUE 1 Sep**  
**October Bulletin Input DUE 1 Sep**

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

## Presidential Ponderings

by Patty Parks, National President

I continue to be amazed at how many Military Women do not know about the **Women in Military Service to America (WIMSA) Memorial**. Dedicated 20 years ago this October, the memorial was established by the U.S. government to honor women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Located at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery near our nation's capital, the 33,000+ square-foot memorial features a curved, main gallery lined with 14 niches containing displays about the service of women in the military.

The memorial is maintained by the WIMSA Foundation which also operates the Memorial Education Center; manages an archive and research collection relating to women in the military; conducts an education program; and continues to register servicewomen past and present.

The Memorial's Register is perhaps the most significant and unique feature. Twelve computer terminals provide access to the register which contains names, details and some pictures of women who served in the U.S. armed forces from the American Revolutionary War through today's war on terror.



There's no charge to register - although donations are always appreciated. Those eligible to register include all US servicewomen - past, present and those who serve in the future, including deceased women veterans; Active Duty, Reserve, Guard and US Public Health Service uniformed women; and women in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Civil Air Patrol. The Memorial also honors women who served overseas during conflicts, in direct support of the armed forces, in organizations such as the Red Cross, USO and Special Services; and members of the US Public Health Service Cadet Nurse Corps.

Deceased servicewomen from any era or those civilian women who served with other civilian organizations can be registered by family members, friends and organizations. Unfortunately, as of 2010 less than 10% of the 2.5 million eligible women were registered.

To help support the memorial, consider:

1. If you are not registered, sign up today
2. Register a friend or family member who is not registered.
3. Finally, consider a donation to accompany any registrations.

Names currently on the register may be verified by calling 703-892-2606 or by using the contact form at [womensmemorial.org](http://womensmemorial.org). Registration may be completed online at [womensmemorial.org](http://womensmemorial.org).

**This is our memorial. Please help keep it alive.**

WIMSA Memorial 20th Anniversary Celebration is set for 20-21 Oct. 2017. Additional information on the event is on [Facebook.com/WomensMilitaryMemorialWIMSA](https://www.facebook.com/WomensMilitaryMemorialWIMSA)

# Officers' Call

## Volunteer Viewpoints

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

### Volunteers Desperately Needed!

MWAN has had a member on the VAVS board for more than 20 years. However, we are in danger of losing that position. To have a member on the board we must have representatives volunteering in 25 VA medical treatment facilities. Due to the passing of some members and resignations from others, we currently only have 14 facilities with representatives.

Participation as a representative requires attending four (4) VAVS committee meetings locally per year and completing an Annual Joint Review. While it would be nice if the representative volunteered at the VA medical treatment facility on a regular basis, that is not a requirement.

Additionally, MWAN is one of only 20 organizations nationwide with a representative on the VAVS National Advisory Committee (NAC).

During the past 20 years, we have seen many improvements in the services offered to women veterans through the U.S. Veterans Administration, especially at medical treatment facilities. Having military women positioned as representatives on the local level and on the NAC have been instrumental in making these critical changes happen.

PLEASE HELP us keep the momentum going. If you live near a VA medical treatment facility and would consider becoming a local representative, please contact me at [diane.turcotte30@gmail.com](mailto:diane.turcotte30@gmail.com) or 207-474-2235.

**National Officer & Staff contact info on Page 10.**

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# 2017 Military Women Across the Nation Scholarship Recipient and Essay



Pamela Elizabeth Slack is presented her Scholarship Award and a coin by MWAN National President Pattv Parks.

Our 2017 MWAN Scholarship recipient is Pamela Elizabeth Slack, a 2017 graduate of East Hamilton High School in Chattanooga, TN.

While maintaining a 3.44 (4.0 scale) grade-point average, Pamela participated in numerous school groups including Girls Basketball (Team Manager 2012-14), Step Team (Team Captain 2016-17) and High School Fashion Club.

In the community she has participated with her church youth choir, dance team & drill team, and volunteered as YMCA Youth Trust Leadership camp team leader; Get Charmed charm school assistant; youth praise team leader and state park lifeguard. She's also worked tirelessly for several years to bring awareness to the unique needs of inner city school students.

Her hobbies include violin, reading, singing, dancing, modeling and swimming. She plans to attend Alabama A&M University in Huntsville, AL, and major in psychology pre-med with a minor in biology. MWAN members wish Elizabeth much success in all of her future endeavors.



Pamela's sponsor is her aunt LCDR Tracy L. Slack, U.S. Coast Guard (Retired) of Lemoore, CA.



Essays are printed as written and have not been edited by  
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## Military Women Around the World An essay by Pamela Elizabeth Slack

Driven. Determined. Courageous. Focused. Brave. Educated. Committed. All these things and more describe women.

I am the middle child in my family of three children. My life's dream is to become a physician, psychiatrist. My plan is to incorporate music with healing mental illness for both children and adults. This is not something widely done today. However, I have the courage to study then grow my practice in such a way that I become a pioneer of change in medicine. It is exciting to forge forward, implementing new solutions that will help heal people. I have had to pave the way in many areas in my young life already. For example, during my high school years, I have conquered honors classes and some college classes, been a team leader for the YMCA leadership camp, Youth Trust, and other organizations that have helped to build my character. Other community service activities also helped. I have volunteered at the local Food Bank, local nursing homes, returned to Get Charmed, A Charm School for Girls volunteering to assist other young ladies and supported various community events. These opportunities made me a dreamer that I will someday help people bring wholeness to their lives. Hopefully they will learn to love the life they live.

As I researched the 2017 topic for my essay, I thought to myself, "That's it!". That is what military women want also. They want to do their part in this world to help others love the life they live. There are various reasons a woman might serve in the military but ultimately it comes down to protecting the country she loves and its citizens. To do her part to help them live a safe, hopefully fulfilled life. On this topic, I had the pleasure of interviewing a woman I have known all of my life.

My Aunt, Tracy Slack, has shown me over the years the importance of being a strong, independent, successful woman. However, I did not know all of her accomplishments and contributions to our country, The United States of America, until now.

She enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) in 1985 as a junior in college because a recruiter came to her school to spark interest in African Americans. At the time, the number of African American officers in the Coast Guard was extremely low. When she was commissioned, there were only four other black female officers on active duty in the entire Coast Guard. Being a double minority, they endured some very hard times getting and staying there with limited experience. However, she didn't let any of this stop her. Is she a pioneer? Yes, my aunt went on to graduate Officer Candidate School in 1986. She held all types of jobs while in the Coast Guard such as Marine Safety Officer, Commercial Vessel Inspector, Hospital Administrator, Medical Admin Director and Commanding Officer of Enlisted Personnel, to name a few. She got to travel the country with job locations in Washington, D.C., New Orleans, LA (where she met my wonderful Uncle Kenneth), San Diego, CA and Portsmouth, VA among other locations.

My Aunt is now retired. However, during our interview, listening to some of her experiences and about her network of friends, many of whom some have become like family, has given me more interest and respect for women in the military. My Aunt Tracy has made me so proud to be a young American woman. She told me that she had the honor of being the guest speaker for the first African American Female Officer to retire from the USCG. (Continued on page 4)

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My Aunt Tracy went on to become the first African American woman to receive a Meritorious Service Medal in the USCG. Proud of her? Yes, I am! Inspired by her? Yes, I am! Just as I dream of being a pioneer of change in medicine, I see her as having been a pioneer of change in the military. She has paved the way for many generations coming behind her to follow.

After my interview with my Aunt Tracy, I was interested to know how her experiences and those of other women in the USCG compared to women in the Japanese Coast Guard. I found out that in Japan, their Coast Guard recently tried to find new ways to have women join. There are about eight hundred women in the Japanese Coast Guard. Most of them are worried that they won't ever be able to grow their families or take care of the family they have already. This concern is because of the commitment and dedication they have to put forth in the Japanese Coast Guard. Despite all of the hard work the Japanese Coast Guard women do, in April 2016, reportedly there was no woman ranked higher than that of Coast Guard Station Head. This is unlike my Aunt Tracy who reached new heights in the US Coast Guard. However, female Japanese Coast Guard Officers are now beginning to take an active role in various work places. Some are captains, station chiefs and pilots.

That is a long way from 1979 when nine females became the first female students to enter the Japanese Coast Guard School. As of fiscal year 2015, the Japanese Coast Guard had 797 female officers out of a total of 13,400. In contrast, in the 1950s, the USCG Women's Volunteer Reserve was opened. Not until 1973 was the reserve ended and women were first officially integrated into the active duty Coast Guard and the Coast Guard reserve. Overtime, despite having concerns for raising their children and being away from family, females in the USCG can now be found in various ranks. For example, in 2016, the first African American

female took command of Marine Safety Unit Chicago to command a Prevention/Marine Safety Unit/Office.

With this information, it showed me that women all around the world, no matter the culture, can endure some job challenges. Women play a massive part in protecting the world in various ways. They are nurturers, wives, mothers, grandmothers and encouragers, to name a few. With the load of all these titles and then proudly wearing the title of "Military Woman", their roles are reaching new heights and women are overcoming various barriers. Military women are becoming widely respected all around the world. They want to protect the country they love and its citizens.

My aunt believes that all "people should demonstrate some civic duty". She is so proud of how far the US Military as a whole has come. She looks forward to watching all of the branches of the military protect and serve as one.

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### **MWAN Board of Directors to meet in Atlanta**

The 2017 Midterm Meeting of Military Women Across the Nation's Board of Directors will convene on September 9<sup>th</sup> in downtown Atlanta, GA.

Business to be considered will include setting the 2018 Fiscal Budget, review of suggested bylaw amendments and other business submitted for consideration by MWAN membership.

**The BOD includes ALL REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.**  
If you wish to have an item discussed by the board at midterm, contact the representative for your region. The chart below provides current contact information.

### **Regions and 2016-2018 Regional Representatives**

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# Sound Off!

## KEYSTONE WOMEN'S VETERANS

**Unit #6, (PA)** - We were honored to have National President, Patty Parks as a special guest at our March meeting. A late snow storm a few days before greeted her and she got to throw some snowballs. Several of us traveled to Delaware to help celebrate the birthday of 102-year-old former WAVE, Carobelle Hanssmann, with First State Military Women Warriors.



*Pictured left to right seated: Hope Anne Hart, Betty Byron, Elizabeth Robinson, Gladys Martin, Ruthie Severino, and Jane McCann. Left to right Standing: Tina Crowding, Jeanne Lemasters, Lynn Senior, Patty Parks, Sandi Holmes, Billie Taddie, Dorothy Holland, Hortense Toliaferro and Louise Manz*

Our unit has lost two (2) long time members, Jeanette Brower, 101, and Marie Cush, 94. Jeanette was the first WAVE chief at Willow Grove NAS. Marie was past president of Keystone WAVES and organized veterans' events entertaining patients at Philadelphia VA Nursing Home. A donation in their memory has been sent to the Women in Military Service to America (WIMSA) Memorial. We were also sad to learn our president Harriet Stulmaker lost her husband Art.

June meeting and luncheon was held at Lancers Diner with a new member, Heather Kohler, a member of Air National Guard. Gladys Martin, unit chaplain, celebrated her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday with a surprise party. Since recovering from a recent surgery, she is "back on track". Members participated in Memorial Day parades despite rainy weather, and enjoyed a patriotic concert held annually at Reformation Lutheran Church, which was then followed by an ice cream social.

## HEART OF AMERICA OF MWAN

**Unit #9 (KS)** – Heart of America Unit 9 of MWAN held their June meeting at American Legion Post 370. We were a small group but had a wonderful time. Thanks to member Nellie Croke we had a delicious desert to go with our lunch.



*Pictured left to right: Marilyn Bosley, Michele Batliner, Midge Halastik, Elaine Kirk, and Nellie Croke*

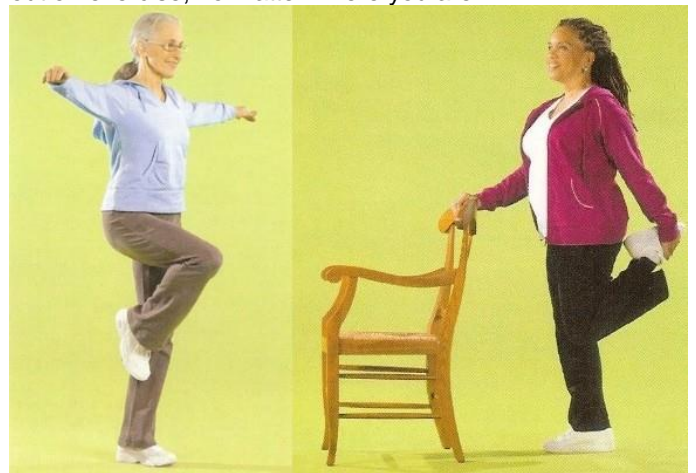
At our August meeting we hope to have a pot luck dinner along with a DJ to delight us with music from the different eras represented by our membership. The date and place have not been set yet, but contact Michele Batliner in August and she can provide details.

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

## FIRST STATE MILITARY WOMEN WARRIORS Unit #10 (DE)

- On Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> Catherine McDowall, a Physical Therapist from the VA Medical Center and a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserve, joined the FSMWW for lunch and a bit of exercise. Catherine explained that in addition to drinking plenty of water and doing cardiovascular exercise such as walking, swimming or running, we also need to do strength, balance and flexibility exercises.

She demonstrated and inspired others to try some easy and fun exercises. These exercises needed very few, if any, props. Catherine also gave out stretchy bands. The bands along with a sturdy chair allow you to do a myriad of exercises. You can easily take the band with you. So, there is no excuse to miss out on exercise, no matter where you are.



*Pictured are simple exercises which can be done anywhere*

In addition to exercise, members got to further relax making bracelets or necklaces using beads or trying adult coloring books. An enjoyable time was had by all.

On Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of September, the Soul Riders Auto Club will Salute ALL First State Military Women at their monthly Sunday Afternoon Car Show.

## SAN DIEGO STARS & STRIPES

**Unit #36 (CA)** – The June Meeting was held at the Mangia Italiana Restaurant in Chula Vista with 12 members including one new member and two guests present. Pillow stuffing and camaraderie were enjoyed by all prior to the meeting. Current number of neck pillows is at 5,320 – Awesome!

Guest speaker was Amber Robinson, a three-time Afghanistan Army veteran who talked about her time in the service and coping with PTSD. She had been a guest speaker at the Women's History Month at the Veteran's Museum of San Diego along with Evelyn Coy. Amber



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## Unit #36 (CA) (Continued)

brought a guest who is a history professor and mentors veterans in a program aiding those with PTSD by creating plays of significance to bring such issues to the public.

Unit voted on annual donations to Stand Down, Women's Memorial, Veterans Museum and VA Hospital Women's Program. Updates on the Conference in August and the 2018 Convention were given. Visit of National President Patty Jo Parks was also presented to the members.

The Navy women's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated with cake cut by the oldest (Evelyn Coy) and the youngest (Amber Robinson) attendees.

**Next meeting is 22 August at the Region One Conference.** For unit information contact, Roxanne Jones at [roxanne.jones@score.com](mailto:roxanne.jones@score.com) or 619-545-6546.

## COLUMBIA RIVER RIPPLES

**Unit #70 (OR)** - On 26 April a second "Ripple" turned 100. Coast Guard YN3 Roberta (Moore) Hockett was feted at not one but THREE parties during the week of her birthday. Members from the Portland Coast Guard base attended the first party, thrown by her family, and presented Roberta with several gifts including a collection of ten challenge coins from all the CG stations in Oregon on a custom-made wooden rack with her name, the Coast Guard emblem and Yeoman insignia engraved on it, and a "cover" from the USCGC Alert. She wears it just about everywhere she goes now.

The second party was at her retirement center and the third at her church.



Photo of Coast Guard personnel – standing, MST3 Jezel Huston, YNC Valerie McDevitt, Roberta, LTJG Anthony Solares, ENS Adam Birch; kneeling, MK2 Trina Beiring, MST2 Sarah Augustine.



The collection of Coast Guard coins presented to Roberta Hockett.

Less than a month later Roberta attended lunch with MWAN President Patty Parks when Patty visited Portland during her "West Coast tour". A few weeks later, Roberta along with Merrily Hewett (age 94) attended an Open House at the Portland Veterans Center.



Photo at lunch – standing, Marcia Leslie, Virginia Fraser, CRR President Kathryn Lussier, UVP Carol Fish, Patty Parks; holding banner, Roberta with Merrily Hewett (age 94)).

Roberta said she plans to be around at least another three years to see her grandson graduate medical school. After that, she said she'll find another goal to live for. These "old" gals are hard to keep up with!

CRR is continuing its outreach to women veterans in the Portland/Vancouver (Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill and Clark counties) area. If you are a Member-at-Large in that area, or know of women veterans here, please email [CRR1PDX1@yahoo.com](mailto:CRR1PDX1@yahoo.com), or call (503) 246-9938. We would love to have you join us for our monthly meetings at VFW 4248 in Portland, and join our unit.

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## REDWOOD EMPIRE MILITARY WOMEN

**Unit #77 (CA)** – Unit 77 has had a busy first half of 2017. On the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, we were guests of the USCG, Two Rock Training Center in Petaluma for a delicious luncheon. We were welcomed by the Base Commander and greeted by a female admiral who was visiting the Base from the East Coast. Bettie Crandall, one of our longtime members and a WWII Navy Veteran wore her uniform and was the guest celebrity. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, Bettie passed away. Several members attended her memorial service, and we paid her a final tribute.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of May we were honored to have our National President Patty Jo Parks visit us for a dinner meeting. She was a joy to meet and gave us an informative and encouraging presentation, and participated in a group photo, below.



Left to – right: Margaret Enea-Patrizi, Rose Nowak, Patty Jo Parks, Mary Lou Loustalot, Kathleen Willcutt, Suzanne Saville, Emily Sousa and Maura Mooney holding our banner during our National President's visit on 17 May 2017

The VA Clinic in Santa Rosa hosted its 2nd annual Women's Veterans Luncheon on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June, and was well attended. Several of our members attended. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, several members attended the Flag Day Program sponsored by the local American Legion Post 28, with a reception following.

Our next meeting will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September at 11:00 am at the Petaluma Veterans Building at 1094 Petaluma Blvd. South. Following the meeting we will have a pot luck luncheon. We have 3 new members and continue to grow our membership.

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

## VOLUNTEER UNIT

**Unit # 94 (TN)** - Members of Nashville, Tenn. Volunteer Unit 94 participated in Memorial Day ceremonies at one of Tennessee's Veterans Cemeteries by reading the names of veterans who died during 2016 and 2017. More than 600 names were read by a dozen participants.

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Pictured are (above) Unit 94 Newsletter Editor Merilyn Evans, (below left) Unit 94 President Donna Henderson, event organizer and (below right) Unit 94 Vice President Lisa Suchenicz as they read their respective lists of deceased Tennessee veterans.



## FLATWATER WOMEN VETERANS

**Unit #98 (NE)** - The Flatwater group met in Wahoo in May and had a tour of the new Veterans group Memorial in front of the Court House. It is truly remarkable. Mary Scamehorn received her Quilt of Valor in Kearney where she lives. Our Past President, Mabel Stamler died at the age of 95 in Lincoln after a lengthy illness. Member Nancy Johannes of Marysville, Kansas, lost her husband. We are met again on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July at the new Blair Public Library. Pat Hunsche hosted the group and we toured the Library following our meeting and luncheon.

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

## State Directors Needed

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MWAN Bylaws stipulate applicant must live in the state she represents OR be a member of a currently chartered unit in the state she represents.

**To apply or for more info contact: Patty Parks [pattyjoparks@yahoo.com](mailto:pattyjoparks@yahoo.com) or 423-326-0839**



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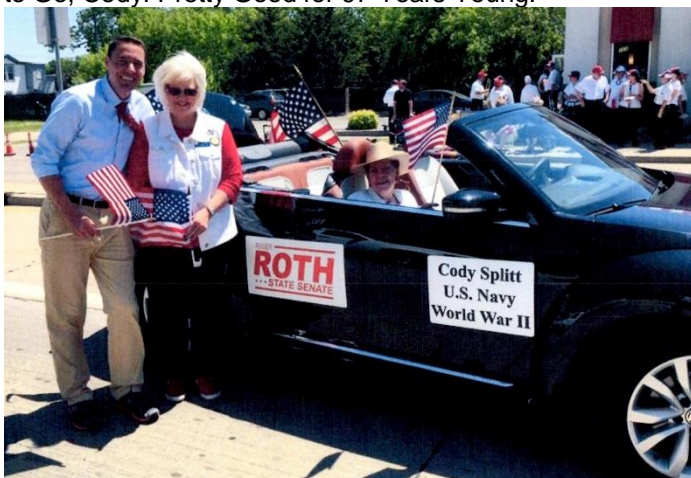
## FOX CITIES

**Unit #153 (WI)** - We had a most enjoyable time in the Memorial Day Parade, after which we enjoyed a complimentary breakfast at Perkins Restaurant in Appleton. Below is a picture of seven members of our unit with our new MWAN Banner (& two students from an area school holding the banner).



Members participating in Appleton's 2017 Memorial Day Parade (L-Rt) are: Carleen Smith, Grace Gebhart, Nancy Packett, Toni Webb, Mickey Parker, Evelyn Ruppel and Maureen Radtke.

Cody Splitt was the guest of honor in Appleton's Flag Day Parade this year. Cody, our oldest unit member who will turn 98 on August 13<sup>th</sup>, has received many community & state honors including, Lifetime Achievement Award, Woman of the Year, induction into the Business Hall of Fame and Honors in the Wisconsin Law School Alumni Magazine. Way to Go, Cody! Pretty Good for 97 Years Young.



Cody Splitt, WWII Veteran (seated in passenger-side of the car) and Wisconsin Senator Roger Roth (left) were both participants in Appleton's Flag Day Parade.

## SALT RIVER MILITARY WOMEN

**Unit #155 (AZ)** - To provide support to women vets our unit held a baby shower in lieu of our regular May meeting, and boy, did we have a downpour of gifts! We also played some

games and enjoyed snacks and each other's company. We plan to make this a regular annual event and encourage other units to see if their local VAMC has a similar program to support. Kathy Laurier, Salt River Unit Charter member and now a MAL, along with her sister Barbara Klinedinst started the very first New Moms & Babies program at the Phoenix, AZ VAMC. There are now a few other such programs in place within the VA Healthcare System and, hopefully, more to come. Kathy and Barbara "retired" a few years ago and their program was taken over by Cathy Clark who is the Women Veterans' Program Manager.



Members Martha Alderman and Cathy Clark at the baby shower.

**Our unit meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of the month at the Arizona State Veterans' Home. Please visit our website at [www.srmw.org](http://www.srmw.org) for more information.**

## TRISTATE WOMEN VETERANS

**Unit #157 (TN)** - Although the weather was threatening on Memorial Day in Chattanooga, TN, members of the TriState Women Veterans unit left the coziness of their homes to participate in the Armed Forces Day parade on May 5<sup>th</sup>.



Pictured (L-R) are: Arlene Caliger, Gloria Gray, Rita Waller, Zaida Ringheimer, Patty Parks, Judith Stringfield, Shelly Galloway, Deborah James, MonaLisa Sanders, Laura Holder, Wendy Burke, Penny Manna and Diane Howard.

On Memorial Day, the forces were divided to cover two events. Four members were dispatched to the Whitfield County Courthouse in Dalton, GA, for a memorial wreath program. Several other members attended the Memorial Day service at Chattanooga National Cemetery where Unit Vice President Shelly Galloway carried our American Flag and Unit President Cathy Brown carried our Unit Flag during a "massing of the colors".

Created in commemoration of the Civil War "Battles of Chattanooga", November 23<sup>rd</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>, 1863, the cemetery includes burial sites of casualties from the Battles of Chattanooga and Chickamauga, GA, including some 1,800



**Unit #157 (TN) (Continued)** unknowns. It is the final resting place for seven recipients of the Medal of Honor and the only national cemetery with both World War I and World War II foreign prisoners-of-war interred. There are 186 POWs from both wars.



Memorial Day at the Chattanooga National Cemetery. (L-R) Judith Stringfield, Cathy Brown, Tijuana 'TJ' Jordan, Gloria Gray, Shelly Galloway, Patty Parks and Sheila Billings



Wreath Laying at the Whitfield County Courthouse, Dalton, GA. (L-R) Rita Waller, Janet Duncan, Kit Standifer and Beth Wingfield

At the June meeting, charter member Susan Lindsey volunteered to serve as Public Relations chair for the Unit. Susan served in the Air Force and retired out of the Florida Air National Guard. Her career field was Scientific Services Officer, Meteorologist.

#### MEMBER-AT-LARGE

**Hiawassee (GA)** – (Excerpts from Clay County Progress clipping written by Lorrie Ross and submitted by Martha Warth.)



On right Martha holds a photo of her in the same WAVES uniform she is wearing. On left her daughter Sharon McHenry holds her early Navy photo.

During World War II, about 86,000 women were WAVES. This group may be less familiar to Americans than many other military units, but Clay County native Martha Neal

# Sound Off!

Warth served as one of the WAVES for a few years and can still wear her uniform from more than 70 years ago.

Her father, Army Sergeant Neal Haigler was a company clerk aboard the World War I medical corps train known as the 'Sanitary Train.' "When I joined, Daddy said he was pleased I went in," Martha said. "When I left, instead of saying be a good sailor, he said, 'be a good soldier.'"

Basic training for her was at Hunter College in the Bronx, New York City. Then her time with the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service or WAVES began.

#### MEMBER-AT-LARGE

**Huntington Beach (CA)** – Charter, and most "Senior" member Florence Hirshon enjoyed visits from sister Navy women during June. When Laura White walked into the room, Florence saw her shirt and shouted, "Navy! Navy! Navy!" before she even knew Laura was there to visit her.

Since Florence is unable to hear, Lynne Pine wrote down questions for Flo to read and answer. However, each answer seemed to bring on more and more animation so Florence spent most of the visit laughing!



Flo with Laura White.

Laura's and Lynne's visits were in advance of Flo's 104<sup>th</sup> birthday which she celebrated on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Flo has no family nearby but she is able and loves to read. If you'd like to send her a card or note, please contact your Regional Representative to get her address.



Flo laughing while answering one of Lynne's questions.

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August 2017

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 MWAN 3" (shirts) \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Women Vets Patch (arch) \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Proud to Serve (square) \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Women are Veterans Too \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
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 American Flag Patch \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

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 MWAN Charm \$7 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
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 MWAN Name Puck \$3 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN Coin Keychain \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Anchor&Prop Earring \$14 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Anchor&Prop Charm \$7 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Anchor&Prop Lapel Pin \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
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 (USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)  
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 DON Lapel Pin \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Service Crest Lapel \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
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