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RETIRED FEMALE FOUR-STAR APPOINTED TO DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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WASHINGTON — For the first time, a female four-star general was appointed to serve on the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services.

Retired Air Force Gen. Janet C. Wolfenbarger was among three new Secretary of Defense military appointees who joined DACOWITS 8 March 2016 during a swearing-in ceremony held at a DACOWITS quarterly business meeting. Also sworn in were retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Sharon K. G. Dunbar and retired Marine Corps Col. John T. Boggs.

DACOWITS was established in 1951 and is composed of civilian women and men who are appointed by the defense



General Janet Wolfenbarger

secretary to provide advice and recommendations on matters and policies relating to the recruitment, retention, treatment, employment, integration, and well-being of highly qualified professional women in the armed forces. DACOWITS

recommendations have been instrumental in effecting change to laws and policies pertaining to military women.

Highly qualified candidates are selected to serve as DACOWITS committee members on the basis of their experience with the military and with women's work-force issues. The committee provides an annual report to the Secretary of Defense with recommendations based on information gathered through installation visits, business meetings, relevant reports and survey data, and input from individual service members.

Wolfenbarger served 35 years in the
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The President's Message



Ladies:

WOW! Convention is just a month away! Have you made your reservations? I hope to see you there, for sure. This is a good time to make new friends and visit with those with whom we have

so long shared our camaraderie. We have important business to conduct and need the input of all members. Please attend and make your voice heard while enjoying the camaraderie only other female service members can appreciate and know. Registration closes 20 June, so hurry and get yours in if you have not already done so.

Part of our goal as a national organization is to keep our history alive to pass on to the younger generation; to let others know the sacrifices women have made in support of their country; and, to educate the

younger service members about the women who faced many challenges in order to open doors for those of us who follow in their footsteps.

Too many times, we do not document these sacrifices and challenges and they are lost forever. National Treasurer, Monica O'Hara, frequently comes across the obituaries of some of our members and passes them on. Take for instance Ellen Nix, who not only served in the Navy during WW II as a cartographer, but also was an accomplished sculptor, classical musician (playing by ear), landscape artist, model, actress (even doubling for Lana Turner), just to name a few of her accomplishments. As a cartographer, though not aware at the time, she took part in drawing some of the maps targeting Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Please take the time to listen to the stories, record them, in writing and orally. We would be interested in adding these

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Officers CALL

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Barb Sebring



I'm urging all of our Unit Presidents to make sure they get their Unit Reports into their State Directors in June. State Directors please stay on top of this so you can get your reports into your Regional Reps in June as well. This way the Regional Reps can submit their reports to me before we all meet at Convention time in July (Regional Rep Reports need to be sent to Recording Secretary and National President as well). This is earlier than usual due to the timing of the Convention. Hopefully, by now all Regions have held their elections for new Reps and Alternate Reps.

I also urge all of you to think about running for an office in your Unit. It only takes a few hours a month but means so much to those that have been doing the job for many years. I want to thank all of you who have taken on these tasks over the years. I know many of you have served as a unit officer for many terms. This does not go unnoticed and I want you all to know how much we appreciate all that you do for MWAN! We could not have the outstanding organization we have without each and every one of you.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Cheryl Adams



Hope everyone is gearing up for the Convention. Please be sure to submit your annual reports. All units who have not submitted name updates and/or revised bylaws need to do so as soon as possible or let me know what their intentions are. I will not be able to attend the Convention.

RECORDING SECRETARY

GinaMarie Doherty



NEWSLETTER CONTEST is always underway, this year's deadline is 1 July 2016. Newsletters must be

dated ONLY from July 2015 – June 2016. Judging panel will consist of a history teacher and her colleagues from Rogers High School, Newport, RI. No more than (3) newsletters from any one unit will be judged.

The contest has five (5) categories:

1. Large Unit, Electronic Newsletter;
2. Small Unit, Electronic Newsletter;
3. Large Unit, Paper Newsletter;
4. Small Unit, Paper Newsletter; and
5. Presidents Choice. And remember: **MALs ARE A UNIT.**

This year, The Supply Locker Officer is awarding a 20% discount certificate to each winning Unit for purchases made in The Supply Locker. Thank you, Linda!!

I look forward to meeting new Military Sisters in Tunica at our 2016 Convention!

Happy Spring Everyone! SISTERHOOD IS THE WAY!

TREASURER

Monica O'Hara



It's already June and time to get ready for convention in Tunica. Reservations have been made and packing still needs to be done.

The fiscal year ends 31 July and that means time for financial reports. Unit treasurers are reminded to submit the annual "Letter of Authorization" and Unit Financial Report to me by 1 September. Please refer to the Procedures Manual for the format. You may send it by email or regular mail, whichever is easier for you. **This is an IRS requirement.**

Donations have been received for the General Fund from Helen Nugent, Redwood Empire Military Women, Unit 77 and the following MALs: Patricia Black, Shirley Calvert, Charlene Carroll, Mary Eshelman, Donna Harnish, Mildred Harrison, Virginia Jorgenson, Dianne Mallery, Jackie Peak, Juanita Schaber, Bernice Spinney, and Margaret Wheeler. Heart of America, Unit 009 sent in memory of Lucy Livingston; First State, Unit 10 sent a donation in memory

of Phyllis Kemble; and Columbia River Ripples, Unit 70, in memory of Lois Kozic. Spirit of Liberty, Unit 127, sent a donation of remaining funds when they turned in their charter.

Donations to the Stained Glass Window Fund came from Karen Dry (MAL) and Memphis Belles, Unit 151 (in memory of Velma Lake).

Thank you all for your generosity! See you in Mississippi!

BYLAWS CHAIRMAN

Cathy Gerolimatos



In the last issue of White Caps, the proposed Bylaws amendments that will be considered and voted on at the 2016 MWAN Convention this July were published. As in the past, your Board of Directors (BOD) reviewed, discussed and debated on the importance of each and every proposal put forth. I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who took the time to put forth your recommendations. As you review these proposed amendments, you'll see we discussed topics that included, but not limited to, changes to the name of the newsletter, changes to the title of the Ship's Store Officer, clarification or updating the duties of some officers and expand eligibility to hold the office of Regional Representative. The Bylaws, though it's basic precepts are constant, is an evolving document that allows Military Women Across the Nation to function in an ever-changing technological world.

Another topic addressed and approved by the BOD is Standing Rule #4 which provides for non-members to receive MWAN's newsletter for a fee. The annual fee of \$12.00 was increased to \$15.00 to reflect the increase in postage since its adoption in August 2009.

I recommend you review these proposed amendments side-by-side with MWAN 2014 Bylaws, make notes and come join us at the Biennial Convention. Your participation in this process is encouraged and welcomed. **BRING THE APRIL 2016 ISSUE OF WHITE CAPS WITH YOU.**

I look forward to a lively discussion.

SUPPLY LOCKER

Linda Coffield



Are you getting ready to attend the 2016 National Convention? Make sure you stop by the Supply Locker. I would love to put a face

to some of the names I see on order forms.

NEW Items in the Supply Locker: Need something to hand out at your next recruiting function? We are now carrying MWAN pens and pencils. They are custom made with our logo and the web address. Bulk prices are available in 50 or 100 units, just give me a call.



Note: 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.

FINE PRINT SPECIAL: Get a free MWAN Pencil. We are giving away a FREE MWAN Pencil with each order of \$20.00 or more (excludes shipping). Limit one free MWAN Pencil per customer. Orders MUST: 1) Total \$20 BEFORE shipping is added; 2) Specify "Summer Fun" on the June 2016 order form for your free MWAN Pencil; & 3) MUST be received by 1 August 2016.

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

HAPPY SPRING!

Hoping everyone had a good winter and now looking forward to a wonderful spring and summer.

When you receive this newsletter, I will have attended the 70th Annual NAC VAVS National Conference in Albuquerque, NM. Unfortunately our nominee, **Carol J. Watson**, Deputy Representative at the VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System in Las Vegas, NV, was not chosen as the VAVS (NAC) Volunteer of the Year.

MWAN is fortunate to have so many awesome VAVS volunteers and all of them could have easily been the "Volunteer of

the Year". Thank you to all our volunteers for their dedication to our Veterans.

Just a reminder that April was the month for our MWAN volunteers to receive their Annual Joint Review so be sure you contacted your Chief of Voluntary Services to complete this necessary requirement. Thank you to those who have already met this commitment.

I have received the resignation of Barbara McGuire at the James Haley VAMC in Florida and Carrol Donahue at the Roseburg-VA HCS in Oregon. Thank you both for your many years of volunteering. Connie White, Military Women of Tampa Bay, Unit 55, of Florida, has graciously agreed to accept the position of VAVS Rep at the James Haley VAMC. Thanks, Connie, for stepping up to the plate.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to volunteer. My contact information is diane.turcotte30@gmail.com or call me at 207-474-2235 (summer telephone #) or 207-399-1696 (cell phone).

VA MEDICAL/HEALTH



Ruth Storck

The Veterans Administration has a national program for treating Hepatitis C. The VA screens, tests, and researches Veterans to find hepatitis C early. The earlier it is detected, the better chance to cure the Hep C virus.

Hepatitis C attacks the liver causing cirrhosis, liver cancer and reduced liver functions that detox our body. Many people are unaware they have Hepatitis. Some have very strong immune systems that rid the virus without treatment. The VA advises that 85 of every 100 exposed to Hepatitis C have the long term virus and require medications to rid the virus.

The VA's December 2015 update advised veterans should be screened for hepatitis if exposed to blood contact; have multiple sex partners; any contact with an infected persons; injected drug use both prescribed or abused. The injection drug use remains the highest rate of contracting Hepatitis since the 70's. Treatments take several weeks but if detected early are very successful in curing the virus.

Talk to your primary care team to see if you need to be screened for Hepatitis C virus. The VA/Health website has additional information on the treatments currently used and additional information on the VA's Hep C program.

VOLUNTEER HOURS



Andrea Cadieux

I hope everyone is having a wonderful spring and summer. I'd just like to remind all the Volunteer Hours Chairmen in the units to be sure to send in your Volunteer Hours Report to me by June 15th, the 30th at the latest. I must have this report completed before the Convention on July 18th.

These are the volunteer hours all your members have served between 1 June 2015 and 30 May 2016. If you need a form please get in touch with me via email AKC7871@gmail.com or call me on my cell at 401-741-9535.

If you have not collected hours from all your members be sure to get in touch with them now. We really need an accurate accounting of these hours. Be sure count all your volunteer hours: **Community Service:** helping with a neighborhood cleanup, shoveling snow for a neighbor, taking a friend to the doctor, helping at any type of a shelter or homeless services. **Report Veteran Services hours separately.** Include attending a Veterans organization meeting, helping on a committee, transporting a fellow veteran. **Report VAVS hours** if you volunteer at a VA hospital, attending a VA Council meeting or a VAVS Fundraiser

Thank you all for your military service and your continued service by volunteering to help others.

HEARTSPRING PROJECT



Jeanne Hooper

My Heartspring reporting is so far behind, it is like starting the race over! Hopefully, our esteemed Editor still has room for this report. More than 1,100 Boxtops were packed up and shipped off this past week, so take heart, ladies. Your collecting efforts are not in vain! In real money terms, that is \$110 to help Heartspring School, just for clipping those little pink Boxtops! Many thanks to the most recent donations from dedicated collector Roberta Kolterman of Unit 9, Units 52, 70, 74, 94, 151, and MALs Johanne Walker, Sally Harrison and Anna Crider. Campbells labels are also very much appreciated. I give them to Byrneville Elementary School, a gem of a little school in Century, FL, which incidentally is one of our local areas recently impacted by tornadoes. Thank you, ladies, and keep 'em coming!

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SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN



Patricia Cerchio-Vieira

I'm pleased to say we had four times as many scholarship submissions this year as we did last year. We had some submissions from family members of not only the active and veteran segments of our newest sister services, but also the Guard and Reserve Components. The only service not represented was the Coast Guard. We'll have to work on that for next year.

Although we had many more submissions than last year, there were far less than expected. We did not even hit 100 submissions.

We are in the process of reviewing the essays. By the time you read this we will be in the final stages and the winner will be announced in our August newsletter.

Thanks to all who helped get the word out, both those who contacted their family members directly about submitting applications and those who contacted other organizations, newspapers or other means of communications to help spread the word on the scholarship and MWAN. If you come across a place you think would list our scholarship, such as a veterans website or a state scholarship listing, please let me know.

Lastly, if anyone has a suggestion for the 2017 scholarship topic, please let me know. The Board will be considering the topic suggestions very soon.

PUBLIC RELATIONS



Jennifer Baun

It has been my privilege to serve as the Public Relations Chair during this term.

Many of our members and units have had great ideas and suggestions. In fact, a recent request for newspaper ads was made. So, I am drafting a couple of examples that units can use if they'd like to take out ads in their local newspapers. This is also a good time to remind units that they can/should contact local papers and media whenever they have events going on and I can help. A trick of the trade – since we are a Veterans Service Organization, let radio stations know about events for public service announcements. It doesn't cost a thing and is great for brand visibility.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Barb Turner

WAVES National used to cut out and mail grocery store coupons to our troops and their families based overseas. I don't know if any of "you" are still volunteering your time to cut out and mail coupons overseas or not, but you can claim volunteer hours for sure. If you have a friend or a spouse helping you, you can include those hours with yours. Please read all about the **Grocery Store Coupons Project:** <http://www.grocerysavings.com> and click on Military Family Coupons.

If you are going to mail coupons two times a month or more or, in large numbers please do not select just one base ~ spread the wealth!

Check back with the website whenever you are ready to mail the coupons, and choose a different base that you have not recently sent coupons to. **The coupons are valid overseas for up to 6 months after the expiration date.**

Now that we are Military Women Across the Nation (MWAN), wouldn't it be wonderful if we could make this our **first national project** under the new organization's name? This project can be done individually or as a unit. You can ask your church family if they might want to help and get your schools involved as well. The kids would love to help cut out coupons! Check out the website now and see how you can help.

WHITE CAPS EDITOR



Judy Faries

I hope everyone is looking forward to the convention coming up in July. I know that I sure am.

I hope that you have noticed that I have added a section in the *White Caps* called **Across the Nation**. This section will include articles from Regional Reps, MALs and members from the units. As you can see, we have had a few really busy ladies lately. I am so glad that we can include these articles. Please keep them coming. It highlights some of the activities going on that are not necessary tied to a unit. When submitting an article, please be sure to let me know if it is for the unit or not.

As you can see from the President's

Message – the paragraph about Ellen Nix who served in the Navy during WW II – there are so many of these types of stories we do not get to include in our *White Caps* because we do not know about all of these wonderful ladies (not just ladies from WW II) who have such wonderful talents and things going on in their lives that I know we would all love to hear about. Please let us know. We need to get these stories out for all to read.

I really need to say that I am Very Sorry for an error on the ballot in the April Issue. I had stated that Ginger Daniels resided in San Francisco, CA. She actually resides in Shattuck, OK. Ginger Daniels, please accept my sincere apology for the mix up and any confusion this may have caused.

Remember that the next cut-off for input for the July *White Caps* is 1 June 2016.

*Please see
our new Section
ACROSS
THE NATION
on Page 8
of this issue!*



2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!



Here we are at June already! The National Convention, set for 19-21 July at the Gold Strike Casino Resort in Tunica, Mississippi, will be the event of your summer. Don't hesitate in mailing in your registration and making your reservations before the deadline!

As stated in the Call to Convention, registration closes on June 20, 2016. **Registrations received after this date must include a \$25 late fee.** Cancellation refund is 50% after June 20, 2016 and before June 27, 2016. **There will be no refunds for cancellation after June 27, 2016.**

Great food & entertainment are there as well as a brand new Tanger Outlet Mall in nearby Southaven. Other nearby attractions include Elvis Presley's Graceland, Sun-Studios, National Civil Rights Museum, Mud Island and the Pink Palace Museum just to name a few.

Rooms are currently available and 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 per-night surcharge (subject to change) will apply to each third and fourth person occupying the same room. Guestrooms may have a maximum of four occupants. **If reservations are made outside the parameters of the convention dates previously mentioned, the rates are based on availability.** Also, regular guest rooms do NOT have a

refrigerator. There are a few compact refrigerators available for a fee of \$25 per stay so plan and reserve accordingly.

To make reservations, call the Gold Strike Casino Resort Reservation Department directly 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. **Making a reservation using an M-Life Card or other promotion will NOT be part of the rooms blocked for the convention.** Gold Strike Casino Resort does require the first night's room and tax deposit accompany the reservation (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 and was detailed in the Call to Convention, along with details on excursions, Need-A-Roommate and Sister to Sister Helping Hand Programs.

Your hosts, Memphis Belles, Unit 151; Volunteers, Unit 94; and, TriState Women Veterans, Unit 157, look forward to seeing everyone at the Gold Strike for this historic convention. Points of contact for questions about the convention are Marie Porter, 469-855-0237 or Barbara Booth, 901-218-3991.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

ELVA POUNDERS & ELLEN LEIDY RECEIVE VA VOLUNTEER AWARD

Elva Pounders and Ellen Leidy, both members of Northeast Ohio Women Veterans, Unit 21, were honored on 7 April at the VA Volunteer Award Ceremony. They both volunteer at the Akron Clinic and received some unexpected awards. Between the two of them, they have in excess of 20,000 hours and 29 years of volunteering. They generously split those hours between three different Veteran organizations. In addition to Military Women Across the Nation, their hours go to the Marine Corps League and the Women Marines Association.



FL GOVERNOR'S VETERANS' SERVICE AWARD



L-R: Jouay Koppari, Sandra Moren, Connie White, FL Governor Rick Scott, Cathy Gerolimatos, Cheryl "SiSi" Little, Inetta Bullock

Florida's Governor Rick Scott presented the Governor's Veterans' Service Award to veterans at the C. W. Bill Young Armed Forces Reserve Center, Pinellas Park, FL on March 1, 2016. Recipients included Jouay Koppari, Sandra Moren, Connie White, Cathy Gerolimatos and Inetta Bullock of Military Women of Tampa Bay Unit #55. While waiting, we met Cheryl "SiSi" Little and invited her to join us. This was a great opportunity to meet women veterans, including reservists, and talk about Military Women Across the Nation. To honor the more than 1.5 million veterans residing in the state, Governor Scott created Executive Order 14-88 "The Governor's Veterans Service Award." As Governor Scott travels throughout the state he meets with and presents the medal to the veterans.



BAYSIDE'S NSOMBI ROBERTS FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN FROM NROTC SELECTED FOR SUBMARINE SERVICE

By Space Coast Daily // 9 May 2016

Southern University and A&M College Midshipman 1st Class Nsombi Roberts, from Palm Bay, Florida, was interviewed Oct. 29 by Adm. James F. Caldwell, Jr., the director, naval nuclear propulsion program and the top Navy officer in the submarine force in Washington, D.C.

After passing her technical interviews and the interview with Caldwell, Roberts was selected for submarine service. (U.S. Navy image)

BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA – Bayside High alumnae, Nsombi Roberts, has been recognized as the first African-American woman from the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) to serve aboard U.S. Navy submarines.

Now serving as part of Southern

University and A&M College's midshipman 1st class, Midshipman Roberts was selected for submarine service after passing her technical and entrance interviews.

"I really liked the challenge, and that's why I wanted to go nuclear sub," said Roberts. "I really want to be on a fast-attack sub but my ultimate aspiration is to command a submarine."

The NROTC program develops midshipmen mentally, morally and physically and imbues them with the highest ideals of duty, loyalty and Navy core values in order to commission college graduates as Naval officers.

While enrolled at Bayside, Midshipman Roberts participated in the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps



(NJROTC) program and ascended to the rank of battalion commander.

Following her commissioning and graduation, Nsombi Roberts will attend nuclear propulsion school in Charleston, SC, prototype (nuclear power training unit) at one of several locations in the country and submarine school in Groton, CT, before being assigned to her first submarine.

She continues to be heavily involved in her school work and extracurricular activities in college, while majoring in chemistry with a minor in mathematics. She is also a member of the university's quiz bowl team as well as Zeta Phi Beta sorority. Upon graduation and completion of the NROTC program in May, she was to be commissioned as an ensign in the Navy.

Veteran ID Cards: What your options are now and in the future

By the Veterans Benefits Administration

On July 20, 2015, the president signed into law the Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015. This act allows Veterans to apply for an identification card directly from VA. The VA identification card will allow Veterans to demonstrate proof of



service for discounts at private restaurants and businesses.

It should be noted that the identification card is different from a Veteran Health Identification card or a DoD Uniformed Services or retiree ID card. As such, the VA identification cards cannot be used as proof of eligibility to any federal benefits and does not grant access to military installations.

When available, Veterans will be able to request an ID card from VA for a fee. VA is currently making plans to implement the new law in the most efficient and cost-effective way possible while protecting Veterans' personal information. We estimate that VA will be able to implement the program in 2017. The cost of each card has not yet been determined.

In the meantime, Veterans who would like an identification card that displays their military service do not have to wait until VA implements the new law. You have several options:

- You can access and print a free Veterans identification proof of service letter through the joint VA/DoD web portal, eBenefits. This serves as proof of honorable service in the Uniformed Services, as defined in laws about the Department of Defense (DoD). Veterans can get a free eBenefits account by going to <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>.
- Your driver's license or state identi-

fication card can carry a Veteran designation. This option is currently available in 49 states, along with Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. We expect the 50th state, Washington, to offer this service in August 2017. Veterans wanting more information should contact their state department of motor vehicles or state department of Veterans affairs at <http://www.va.gov/statedva.htm>.

- Veterans who are enrolled in VA health care can obtain a free Veterans Health Identification Card (VHIC). For more information, please go to <http://www.va.gov/HEALTHBENEFITS/vhic/index.asp>.

- Veterans who have retired from military service can receive an identification card from DoD. For information on obtaining or renewing such a card, please contact your nearest DoD identification card facility. You can find the location of these facilities through this link: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/appj/site>.

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Your Federal Career & Benefits Explained

McCain bill would let vets get healthcare anywhere

By FederalSoup Staff • April 28, 2016

Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and a group of other Republican senators are sponsoring legislation that would make the pilot Veterans Choice Card program permanent and expand it to allow eligible veterans to see their doctor of choice without wait-time and distance restrictions.

The Care Veterans Deserve Act, which expands on veterans' healthcare reform legislation enacted in 2014, is designed to address vets' complaints over wait-times for appointments.

The bill also would require VA to extend pharmacy hours to nights and weekends—and open VA hospitals to

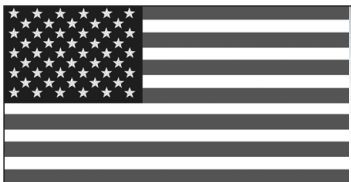
volunteer community providers who could see vets during their off hours. Among other things, the legislation also would let vets visit walk-in clinics without a requirement for preauthorization or copayment, and authorize licensed, registered or certified VA health care professionals in one state to use telemedicine to treat vets in other states.

"While major progress has been made in reforming the VA, much more needs to be done to tear down bureaucratic hurdles that are denying veterans the flexible, quality care they have earned and deserve," McCain said. "This legislation is critical to expanding access to care for

working veterans, while ensuring every veteran has flexibility and choice—no matter where they live or how long they are waiting for care."

Cosponsors of the bill include Sens. Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) and Thom Tillis (R-N.C.).

"We have a long way to go to reform the VA," McCain said, "but this legislation offers important short- and long-term solutions to ensure our veterans receive the care they deserve now and well into the future."



Across the Nation

Cheerios and Friends



Cathy Gerolimos and Cookie

Military Women of Tampa Bay Unit #55 has been a long-standing supporter of Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc. Walk-a-thons in the Tampa Bay area are one of the many, many ways Southeastern Guide Dogs raises

money by collaborating with the surrounding communities.

As of 2016, Southeastern Guide Dogs holds walk-a-thons at nine different locations in Florida. Approximately three years ago, Tampa's Cotanchobee Fort Brook Park was added as a walk-a-thon site. Since Cotanchobee Park was within reasonable distance of home, Cathy Gerolimos decided that she and her dog, Cheerios, would participate in the walk. Cathy's sister, Mary, had just moved to the area, so the three of them formed the fundraising team of Cheerios & Friends and raised money from family and unit members. Cathy's primary objective is to participate and support Southeastern Guide Dogs and not to try to set any records.

Unfortunately, Cheerios, at the age of ten, and as a result of dealing with multiple comorbidities, any one of which

would have knocked most of us off our feet, crossed the Rainbow Bridge in April of 2015. Cheerios traveled with Cathy on her trips to and from New York, including visiting with many friends from Cathy's Navy days who lived along the way.

Cathy decided, in Cheerios' memory, to retain the team name. Now, Cookie, her new four-legged pal, is part of the team. Cathy, Mary and Cookie participated in the Southeastern Guide Dogs Tampa Walk-a-Thon, 2 April. Cheerios & Friends raised \$360.00.

The Walk-a-Thon kicked off about 9:30 am for just about a 1.7 mile walk at the mouth of the Hillsborough River that walked by the Tampa Convention Center. One would have thought that with the overcast, gray skies (with a forecast of a storm cell moving in about mid-day) it would be a great day for walking, but one would be wrong; it was extremely humid.

Cookie, a 9-pound terrier mix, was excited to visit with both two-legged and four-legged new friends. Cookie started off with a great trot and eager to keep up with the pack. It wasn't long before she laid down on a grassy spot about half-way to the turnaround point. Not sure if this was a strategic move to be carried the rest of the way, or what. We made it to the end of the walk moments before rain drops could be felt. By the time we got out of the parking lot and began the trip home, the sky opened up. Many thanks to those of you who supported Cheerios & Friends and we'll see you next year.

Congressman Gus Bilirakis 10th Annual Veterans' Resource Fair

On 16 April, Military Women of Tampa Bay, Unit #55, and Pasco County Women Veterans, Unit #104 came together



Pictured in the back row, left-right: Mary Atzert, Linda Roth, Leonides Martin, and Catherine Gerolimos and in the front is Sandra Moren.

to participate in Congressman Gus Bilirakis' 10th Annual Veterans' Resource Fair at East Lake High School in Tarpon Springs, Florida. Members of both units have participated in this activity before when the organization

was WAVES National. This time, we came together again as Military Women Across the Nation members. In so doing, the possibility of seven new prospective members went home with Pasco County Women Veterans contact information. We hope this will add a couple of new members to Pasco County Women Veterans roles.

Multicultural Awareness Committee Women's History Month Program



Pictured (L/R) AMC(AW/SW) Joanna Madrid, Margaret Wright, Pat Faunt

Jouay Koppari, Region VI Representative, along with Margaret Wright and Pat Faunt MWAN Members at Large, attended the Multicultural Awareness Committee Women's History Month Program at NAS Jacksonville, FL, on 23 March. There were other groups and individuals in attendance giving historical background of their experiences in and out of the military. The other groups participating were Northeast Florida Women Veterans, Jacksonville Harmony, a Marine Corps Veteran, and American Association of University Women (AAUW) Jacksonville Branch. All were very informative.

Women Veterans Recognition Event

By Michele Batliner



Lou Eisenbrandt

On 23 March, Sharon Woods, and Michele Batliner, along with other women veterans, attended a Women Veterans Recognition event at the VA Eastern Kansas Health Care Center in Leavenworth, Kansas. The event honored women veterans who served during the Vietnam Era.

The keynote speaker was Lou Eisenbrandt, an Army trauma nurse who served in Vietnam during one of the most dangerous times of the war. Her story is recorded in her book "Vietnam Nurse". We were spellbound as she gave her account of daily life at an Army hospital in Chu Lai, Vietnam, above the waters of the China Sea. A panel of women veterans gave personal histories of their experiences during Vietnam which was

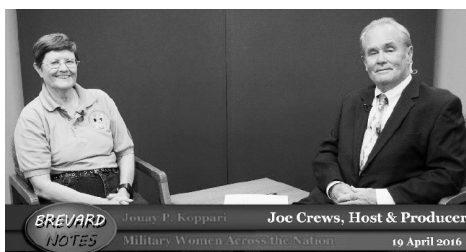
very interesting as well. The movie "Unsung Heroes" was presented after lunch.

Kathy Zima-Sauer, the Women Veterans Program Manager, presented the event. The Daughters of the American Revolution presented all of us with Certificates of Recognition and a Remembrance Coin, along with some great door prizes. Both Sharon and I would love to see more events like this one acknowledging Vietnam era women veterans across the country.



"The Quivira Crossing chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution presented all of us with Certificates of Recognition and a Remembrance Coin along with some great door prizes"

Jouay Koppari interview by *Brevard Notes*



On 19 April, Jouay Koppari, Region VI Representative, was interviewed by Joe Crews from *Brevard Notes*, which airs on a local television station. The purpose of the interview was to give the area information about Military Women Across the Nation.

Florida 29th Annual Vietnam & All Veterans Reunion



Pictured: Jouay and Patricia Koppari

And then, from 21-24 April at Wickham Park, Melbourne, FL, the Florida 29th Annual Vietnam and All Veterans Reunion came together. Jouay Koppari, Region VI Representative, was there to support Space Coast, Unit #75 of MWAN by setting up a table to introduce the Military Women Across the Nation organization to all that stopped to talk. Patricia Koppari was the other participant in this endeavor, a member of Space Coast. In the four days, we met many women and passed out brochures and newsletters to let them what we are all about. We had at least nine leads with at least one if not several possibilities of joining Unit 75. The activity was very fulfilling, talking with not only other women veterans but our male counterparts who gave us a lot of support. We were given information about the Brevard Veterans Council, so Space Coast #75 can get involved with and let them know about the organization.

SOUND OFF!

KEYSTONE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #6 (PA) – We are of sturdy military stock, not only did we survive a major blizzard in January with more than two feet of snow but we have thrived. We made donations to Philadelphia VANH, both to regular residents and hospice department to be used for coupon books. We also made a donation to Mary E. Walker House in Coatesville VAMC.

We participated in the military funeral of Gertrude “Trudy” Zahn with Ruthie Severino and Gladys Martin leading the farewell memorial and salute. We also lost one of our founding members, Bettymorton Currier, who helped charter Unit #6 in 1983.

We celebrated Gladys Felice’s 26th birthday on February 29. She was born on leap year, 1924, and was officially 92.

We are pleased to announce the approval of our new name...Keystone Women Veterans, Unit #6, of MWAN.

Quite a number of us are planning on going to convention in Tunica, Mississippi. **For meeting information contact Ruthie Severino (610) 356-8956.**

HEART OF AMERICA OF MWAN

Unit #9 (KS) – On Saturday, 23 April, we held our first meeting of 2016 at the American Legion Post 370 in Overland Park, KS. We were few in number but we always seem to have a lively time when we get together. Thank you to Midge Halastik for her delicious dessert. We even shared it with some of our male veterans who meet frequently at the post.

Our next business meeting will be held 25 June 2016 at Cascone’s Italian Restaurant. For more information please contact Michele Batliner at 816-315-9229 or email at mbatliner@att.net

SAN DIEGO STARS & STRIPES

Unit #36 (CA) – Our 2 April meeting was a “Tea Party” held at the Chula Vista Veterans Home with about 14 residents in attendance. The ladies enjoyed our usual pre-meeting pillow stuffing and chat session.

Lynne Pine moderated a short program of introductions by everyone with each telling their name, branch of service and time period served. There were also three new members in attendance.

Barbara Ellis explained the Pillow Project and that we have completed 4,025 to date. About 200 were also donated to the Wounded Warrior Games at Camp Pendleton in March.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious “tea” of assorted sandwiches, desserts and a choice of beverages. Drawings for door prizes followed for all present.

Our next meeting will be on 4 June at MCAS Miramar Officers Club. For unit information contact, Roxanne Jones, at roxanne.jones@score.com or 619-545-6546.

SEA BREEZES

Unit #52 (FL) – Like so many other units, our membership has dwindled and meeting attendance has shrunk, much in part to failing health of our members and the challenges of getting out and about some days.

Member Janey Wiles had a grand idea a few months back: let’s get back to the basics of what we are supposed to be doing as Military Women Across the Nation: recognize all who have served and hear their stories. In the past few weeks, we visited Geneva Woods and Teddy Walker, with a visit to Ruthie Ratchford planned this week and others in the near future. Janey brings a cake with a photo of the member in uniform on it, and we give them the opportunity to reminisce and tell stories of their military days. It has been a true pleasure for all who have been able to participate!

Several members also recently met with NAS Pensacola CMDCM Adriana Lewis, the first female CMDCM in NAS history. It was an interesting and enlightening visit! We hope to recruit her into Unit 52!

We mourn the loss of long time member June Walker, who recently passed away. June was a very active member, serving in almost every capacity from Unit President to most recently being

our VA stamp chairman. She did it all cheerfully and always with a smile! Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. Our prayers are also with Maryanne Vodinelich, currently residing at the AFRH Gulfport, who underwent surgery the end of April.

FLATWATER WOMEN’S VETERANS

Unit #98 (NE) – We held our first meeting of 2016 on 9 April in Fremont, NE, at USA Steak Buffet. There were six members and one guest; Deborah Wehrli of Blair, who talked about the AMVET organization.



Attending our meeting were (Back, l-r) Pat Hunsche, Jeannie Bixby, Linda Cady, Deborah Wehrli (AM-VETS) and Margaret Nehring; (Front, l-r) Marjorie Neill and Kathy Howe.

Margaret Nehring agreed to take the Courtesy Chairman position. We want to thank Kathy Howe for her prior service as the Courtesy Chairman.

On 7 May, we attended the 95th birthday party of Marjorie Neill at the Legacy Estates in Lincoln.

OCEAN STATE

Unit #118 (RI) – We held our annual Spring Tea at the Rhode Island Veterans Home on 24 March. Members of Unit 118, along with ladies from Unit 158, spent the afternoon with women veterans having tea, singing and opening gift bags. This event is always enjoyable and heralds the end of winter and the coming spring. As we move forward in the year,



Unit 118 Chaplain Lois Lepak (left) opens gift bags with residents of the Rhode Island Veterans Home during the annual Spring Tea

SOUND OFF!

Unit 118 looks forward to its biennial officer elections, various Memorial Day commemorations including our wreath-laying at the Rhode Island Women Veterans Monument, and the annual banquet to be held on 16 June at the Naval Station Newport Officers' Club.

For meeting information please contact Margaret Pedlow Smith at 504-756-4570 or email at mpedlowsmith@gmail.com.

THE TRIANGLE SEAGALS

Unit #144 (NC) – The February meeting was held on 20 February at the Perkins Family Restaurant in Apex, NC.

We heard from Gerry Watson, an MWAN member and a member of Unit #56 in Venice, FL. She shared her WWII military experiences with us. She has relocated to NC to be closer to her family.

Norma Schrader introduced us to two other guests. Amber Mathwig and Rosalie Cauthen. Amber is a 10 year Navy veteran (Master at Arms) and is now the Student Affairs Assistant Coordinator at UNC Chapel Hill. She told us about her responsibilities in this position and how they fitted into her own personal goals. Rosalie Cauthen shared her military experience in the Navy. They are both considering membership in the Seagals!

For our meeting on 16 April (same place) our guest was Tan McGill a member of Americorps and is working with the ACTIVATEGOOD.ORG group whose mission is to bring veterans and their families together to become Frontline Family Volunteers.

MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

Unit #152 (VA) – It was a dark and rainy morning when these ladies met to begin the latest Honor Flight trip. Betty Hand was a guardian and Phyllis Lightfoot and Pat Miesner were honored veterans on the trip. Linda "Sunny" Fox and her NJROTC Units (she was pinch hitting for a second unit's leader as well as mustering her own unit) provided honors for the departure at "O" dark-thirty that April morning.



Betty Hand, HF Guardian, Phyllis Lightfoot, Pat Miesner, (Honorees) and Linda (Sunny) Fox at the start of the April Honor Flight.

Another member who resides in Yankton, SD, and was the unit's first Vice President, Deb Bodendstedt, traveled to Groton, CT, recently as part of the Commissioning Committee for the USS South Dakota.

The USS SOUTH DAKOTA (SSN 790), the 17th Virginia Class nuclear submarine, will be one of the newest, most innovative fast-attack submarines in the United States Navy's fleet. The boat will be christened in the summer of 2017 and is scheduled to join the fleet in August of 2018.

NEW ENGLAND MILITARY WOMEN OF MWAN

Unit #158 (RI) – On 18 April, we presented WWII Veteran Vincent Scirocco a hand crocheted afghan in honor of his service at a ceremony at his home in Woonsocket, RI. With great sadness we are sorry to say that Mr. Scirocco passed away the first week in May.



Unit 158 Member Carol Slavens presenting the afghan to WWII Veteran Vincent Scirocco.

2016 MWAN CONVENTION AFGHAN



Convention planners have decided to offer every MWAN member a chance to win this awesome afghan.

Merilyn Evans from Nashville Volunteer Unit 94 crocheted this beautiful afghan. Tickets are 1 for \$1, or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held at the 2016 National Convention.

If you are not planning to attend you may send a check with your name, phone number and email to Chris Lasseter, 4108 Shacklett Road, Murfreesboro, TN. 37129. She will notify you that your check has been received and send your ticket numbers to you.

Part of this money goes to National, so you are supporting National as well by purchasing tickets. Come to the convention and get entered in other drawings as well. Good Luck!!! Someone will be VERY Happy!



President's Message

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to our website. If you would like more information on conducting an interview with one of our ladies, contact me. My contact information is on the Officers & Staff page in each issue of White Caps. Let's tell **Her Story** for history.

Inside this edition, you will find a **Tupperware Fundraiser** to benefit our organization. We will earn 40% of sales from the fundraiser brochure and 25% from other items during the month of July. I know you will find something you just have to have. Tupperware containers are now dishwasher and microwave safe, a plus in my book!

All unit presidents, state directors and regional representatives, national officers, both elected and appointed, remember to update and send a copy of your reports to our Recording Secretary and appropriate BOD member. These are important documents that record our progress and accomplishments.

REPORTS: Unit Presidents – don't forget to submit your annual status reports to your State Director/State Organizer or, in the event you do not have one, directly to your Regional Representative. This report is vital to their completing their reports to National in a timely manner. Also, Volunteer Hours reports are due to the National Volunteer Hours Chairman from units and members-at-large. If you have a friend or relative who does volunteer work and the hours are not being collected by another organization, you may submit those hours as "Friend of MWAN." It's imperative we have a good accounting of all volunteer hours each year. Reporting time frame is 1 June – 31 May.

Unit treasurers: Be sure you submit your annual financial report and Letter of Authorization to Monica O'Hara, National Treasurer, by 1 September. These are needed to comply with IRS regulations.

Lastly, don't forget to bring your copy of the **proposed bylaws amendments**, found in the April 2016 issue of *White Caps*, to convention. Hope to see you there!

Until next time, please keep our troops in your prayers.

Always Navy~

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RETIRED FEMALE FOUR-STAR APPOINTED TO DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (continued from page 1)

Air Force. She received her commission in 1980 and was among the first class of women graduates from the U.S. Air Force Academy. She began her career in acquisition as an engineer at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, and held a variety of leadership assignments throughout her career, culminating as the commander, Air Force Materiel Command. She was the Air

Force's first female four-star general.

"It is truly an honor to be selected to serve on this important committee. I retired last July after serving for 35 years in the United States Air Force. I am thrilled to be afforded the opportunity to continue to serve my nation in this new capacity," Wolfenbarger said.



TUPPERWARE FUNDRAISER –

Barb Turner & Michele Batliner

How about a Tupperware Party? Who doesn't love Tupperware? Wait until you see the new dishwasher and microwave safe items. You're going to love them!

Denise Duke, member of Northeast Ohio Women Veterans Unit 21, is working with Louise Hill, her Tupperware Consultant in Alabama, to provide MWAN with 40% of the overall sales during the month of **July (1 – 31) only**. At the end of the month we will close out our party and 40% of the overall purchases made from the **FUNDRAISER Brochure (only)** will come back to MWAN!

It's easy to shop! Go online to <http://louisehill.my.tupperware.com/> and then click on **FIND A FUNDRAISER** and then **"Select a State"**. Click on **Alabama** and then scroll down the alphabetical list until you find **MWAN DeniseDuke**. Click on **"Support"!** and you will be taken to the **FUNDRAISER Brochure**. Click on **<SHOP NOW>** and 40% of sales from the **FUNDRAISER Brochure (only)** will be contributed back to MWAN. When checking out, please make sure that you identify the complete address for

shipping (i.e., to your home or to someone else if it's a gift). You can pay with a Credit Card, PayPal, or by check. Please make checks payable to: **Denise Duke, not MWAN if you order and pay by mail**.

Once the party begins Louise will create a direct LINK to access the **FUNDRAISER** on the MWAN website and on Facebook. If you have problems getting to the online **FUNDRAISER** or accessing the LINK, let Louise or Denise know and they will take care of you.

If you are unable or prefer not to shop online, you can request a catalog from Louise Hill or Denise Duke and a **FUNDRAISER Catalog** will be mailed to you.

If you want to purchase Tupperware items not listed in the **FUNDRAISER Brochure**, MWAN will receive 25% of those sales. Contact Denise Duke at 41121 AL Highway 69, Gallion, AL 36742 (334-341-1072) or deniseduke@wildblue.net, or Louise Hill, P.O. Box 480824, Linden, AL 36748 (334-375-3470) kikerlouise2010@gmail.com.



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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	MWAN Medallion \$10 Medallion (on blue ribbon)
USN - Patriotic Ribbon Pin \$4	Service Logo Lapel Pin \$4 SPECIFY: Navy, USMC, USCG, ARMY, AF	MWAN Magnet \$2 MWAN Logo	Navy Flag Patch \$4 Iron on, 3 1/2"x2"
Anchor Earrings \$14 Pierced, Original Hat Pin Style (3/4") (Clip-on Available on Request)	Freedom Forever Pin \$4 Oblong pin, eagle on front	Proud to Serve \$4 Oblong patch, 3"X 2 1/2"	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	Women Vets Patch \$5 Arch style patch - "It's time to honor & support them"	MWAN Pencils 2/\$1 MWAN logo with website Bulk prices available – call me	MWAN Coin Keychain \$10 Keychain w/ring
Patriotic Key Chain \$6 Stars or Stripes in Red, White and Blue, Canvas material	Sister Warrior Pin \$5 Round, Quarter Size Clutch Back	WAVES Notes Cards \$10 10 Single-fold notes /envelopes WAVES hat picture on front	MWAN PENS \$2 MWAN logo with website Bulk prices available-call me
Garrison Cap \$23 Ladies' Style, Dark Blue, lined w/MWAN 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 Flags and Table Coverings Flag – 3x5', white, with MWAN logo \$80 Table coverings – fits 6' table, washable \$120.		

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