

MILITARY *Women's* BULLETIN



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2019 Military Women Across the Nation Scholarship recipient is the daughter of an Air Force Retiree

Our 2018 MWAN Scholarship recipient is Julianne Wheeler, a business major at the University of Dallas. Even as a full-time student she finds time to serve as a representative for the Residence Hall Association and volunteer as a data-entry intern at the university for 10 to 14 hours weekly. In 2018 she served as a counselor during Our Lady of Guadalupe summer camp as well as piano camp assistant. Julianne is currently the Residence Hall Liturgy of Hours leader; the Sacristan and Eucharistic Minister of the Church of the Incarnation at the University of Dallas, and the Youth Advisory Board Member of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Her hobbies include reading, collecting vinyl records, photography, cooking/baking and gardening. Upon graduation, Julianne looks forward to working in the non-profit arena.

MWAN members wish Julianne success in all of her future endeavors.

Essays are printed as written and have not been edited by the Military Women's Bulletin Editor



Pictured above at her mother's 2015 Air Force retirement is Julianne Wheeler (Center) with her brother Dylan Mobley and her mom Master Sergeant Jennifer Wheeler, USAF (Retired) (Photo provided by Julianne).

The Role of Military Women in the National Guard

An essay by Julianne L. Wheeler

Starting in 1956 women were only allowed to serve in the medical fields of the Army National Guard as per a bill signed by President Eisenhower. Two days later, Capt. Norma Parsons became the first woman to join the Air Guard followed by the first woman to join the Army Guard in January 1957, 1st Lt. Sylvia Marie St. Charles Law. Thus began an era of female involvement that has brought huge changes to the face of the National Guard and to the work it does at the state and federal levels. Women in the National Guard serve proudly in their state's governments during times of national disaster or emergencies as well as answer the call to further national security objectives on the federal level in peacetime and war.

Some of these influential women of the past should be noted for their work before the lives of women currently serving in the National Guard are recognized. The Army allowed flight training for women in the Army National Guard in 1973. Then "Consequently, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Diane Dowd of the Connecticut National Guard's 143rd Aviation Co., became the National Guard's first female aviator". Just 22 years after

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August Bulletin Input DUE 1 July

Volunteer Hours DUE 1 July

★ **Unit President Status Reports DUE 1 July**
Regional Representative Reports DUE 1 Aug

★ **Special Update on Unit President Status Reports on Page 2 of this Bulletin. All other reports are in the MWAN Procedures Manual available at www.milwomen.org**

Presidential Ponderings

by Patty Parks, National President

Last year, your board of directors voted to remove the silhouettes from the logo we are using. The revised logo is on the front of this bulletin. The previous version is pictured here →

Our reason for this action was primarily because the silhouettes were so small on items like jewelry and small patches that it was difficult to identify them as silhouettes.



As new items are ordered, they will be ordered without the silhouettes. However, the items in our Supply Locker must be sold before new items can be purchased.

The silhouettes on shirts, larger patches, table covers and full-sized flags are easy to see, and enhance the statement that our organization is for women. Please do not shun these items.

While our Supply Locker is solvent, its purpose is to provide branded items for our members; not to make money. Most of the items carried in the Supply Locker are sold at or very slightly above cost.

I'm frequently asked how to find women veterans. You can start by letting everyone know YOU are a woman veteran. And what better way to do that than proudly wearing the branded items available ONLY in our Supply Locker!

1st Vice Advice

by Gloria Wix, National 1st Vice President

Summer has arrived and it's a great time to find new members for MWAN. When walking around and soaking up the sun, remember to wear something that says you are a military woman. A hat, visor or shirt with MWAN or your service branch insignia or at least a lapel pin or button will work; anything to let folks know you are a military veteran. And always carry a few business cards that show MWAN and the web address. We are all ambassadors for MWAN.

For 40 years our members have promoted the fact that women are veterans, provided volunteer services to our communities and – most importantly – supported each other. While there are many veteran service organizations, MWAN is one of very few strictly for women, and quite possibly the only one boasting nationwide members from ALL service branches.

However, the only way we can continue providing these invaluable services for another 40 years is to constantly seek out our military sisters and encourage them to join.

Every day at work, school, church, shopping, etc. we all meet women. Be on the lookout for those who have served. Many of these women would love to find others who share a similar history; who understand what they have been through – the good and the less good. They would be delighted to reconnect and experience the camaraderie they shared while serving in the military.

We each joined the military for a different reason: patriotism, travel, to escape from home... But regardless of the reason, we became part of a group; we made new friends; found a place where we belonged, and discovered the value of having a purpose. All these things are as important today as they were the day we entered the service.

Find your military sisters and bring them into MWAN. All it takes is for each of you to start a conversation.

Officers' Call

Treasury Tidbits

by Terry Taylor, National Treasurer

Wow! I knew our past treasurer, Monica O'Hara, did a lot, but I have an even greater respect for her now! I'm beginning to catch my breath and hope to have everything running smoothly this summer - just in time for the fiscal year-end (July 31).

Each unit treasurer is reminded to submit the annual Letter of Authorization and Unit Financial Report to me by September 1st. The forms are on pages 46 & 47 in the MWAN Procedures Manual which is online at www.milwomen.org. You may submit the forms by email or regular mail, whichever is easier for you. These documents must be submitted each year and are required in order for us to maintain our tax-exempt status with the IRS. Have a great summer!

Volunteer Viewpoints

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

Thank you to all MWAN VAVS Volunteers who have met their requirement for the Annual Joint Review. If you have not scheduled your appointment yet with your VAVS Volunteer Chief please do so as soon as you can. This is an important part of the ongoing process of helping our veteran's needs.

I attended the Annual VAVS Conference in San Antonio on May 1st where I presented MWAN's \$200 donation to the James H. Parke Scholarship. It is an honor to report that I have been selected again to serve on the VAVS Executive Committee for the next two years. I will do my best to represent Military Women Across the Nation.

We are still in need of volunteers to meet our required 25 volunteers for MWAN to remain a "voting member". Helping to make a difference for our veterans is very rewarding. If you can see yourself being that person and becoming a part of your VA Volunteers and represent MWAN at the Quarterly Committee Meetings you can contact me at diane.turcotte30@gmail.com or call me at 207-474-2235.

National Officer & Staff contact Info on Page 10.

Special Guidance Update for Unit President Status Reports

Per the 2016 MWAN Procedure Manual, Unit President Status Reports were previously due to the STATE DIRECTOR on 1 June each year.

Since the STATE DIRECTOR positions were eliminated at the 2018 MWAN National Convention, Unit President Status Reports shall be sent directly to the unit's respective Regional Representative to arrive NO LATER THAN 1 July. The names and contact information for all Regional Representatives is on page 5 of this bulletin.

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this bill, women were allowed to participate in flight training and “2nd Lt. Marilyn Koon, a former North Dakota Guard member, became the Air National Guard’s first female pilot with the Arizona National Guard’s 161st Air Refueling Group”. Soon after these women made history within the National Guard, in 1978 “Female membership in the Army National Guard has grown from 56 to 13,353 – that equates to a growth rate of approximately 23,700 percent”. In 2016 this number was raised to 57,256. While this growth seems to be slowing down, it is still growth and shows an increasing number of women interested in serving their country through the National Guard.

Nowadays women fill more positions than just medical ones. Some women are filling combat roles. Some of these combat roles were off limits to women in the past. Yet even with their new, modern roles, sadly there are still some challenges that women face. As one woman I interviewed noted “Being a minority, women definitely tend to feel out of place sometimes” while another commented that “Being looked at as the weaker gender is always going to be a problem. Sometimes as women we have to speak up and prove ourselves to our male counterparts before we are respected”. Despite these possible setbacks, many have found success within their career fields. One woman in particular recounted her journey to me, “I started my military career as an enlisted Airman. I actually enlisted in the USAF Reserve first. I worked with members of the National Guard during my initial enlistment and transferred to the Guard after I was offered a full-time position”.

What women like these and many others involved in the National Guard bring to the table comes from experiences very different from those of their male counterparts. Beyond their female viewpoints on organization and problem solving, many women have something way more substantial to offer. As one woman said, “My experience as a mom has proven invaluable in my military service. From basic training, to officer training, to my daily interactions with Airmen and senior leaders, my experience as a mom has enhanced my ability to approach all situations with patience [and] understanding...”. The greater benefit that comes from these differences is a diversity that fosters creativity when difficult issues arise and an opportunity for all individuals working together to see things in a different light or perspective. One woman assured me of these by stating “when you combine the strengths of both sexes you have better production”.

More recent women to make history in the National Guard include Major General Martha T. Rainville. MG Martha T. Rainville becomes the first woman in the 360-year existence of the National Guard to serve as a State Adjutant General. In addition, it’s trailblazers like Brigadier General Cynthia Tinkham who recently made Oklahoma National Guard history by becoming its first female general. And the future these women see for women in the military stays bright. BG Tinkham is quoted as saying “I just want females to know that you can join...Don’t be shy, don’t be afraid, don’t second guess it. Be a trailblazer, because you’re going to have a lot of support, and just go for it”. In 2016, “all military occupations and positions are open to women. For the first time in history, female Soldiers serve with no restrictions on rank or MOS”. One woman said, “the future of military service for women in

America is limitless. Military service is what you make of it—it requires hard work and dedication, but the rewards are limitless and absolutely worth the effort”. The other women I interviewed echoed her sentiments by saying that “The future looks great for women” and “any woman can be anything she wants to be in the military as long as she goes for it and works hard to get it”.

Not only do these women continue to inspire young women through their service but they also speak proudly about why more women should consider joining the National Guard. One interviewee said, “Members of the National Guard are known as Citizen Airmen—which is truly wonderful balance between service and self. I have been able to pursue personal and professional goals while ensuring my family is safe and stable—serving my country as a Guardsman is truly the best of both worlds”. To know that there are women out there that feel passionately about the work they do leaves me feeling confident for the future of women not just in the military but particularly in the National Guard. Not only that, it reaffirms in my mind the importance of this branch as a citizen of this country and as a citizen in my state. These are the women bridging the gap between the military at the federal and state levels, and at the state and citizen levels. In conclusion, I feel that the role of military women in the National Guard is unlimited.



MWAN Board of Directors MidTerm Meeting is set for September 14th & 15th in St. Louis

The BOD gathers once during odd-numbered years to manage MWAN business. Regular business is managed at the national convention during even-numbered years.

The 16-member board includes all five nationally elected officers, the six Regional Representatives as well as the national Bylaws Chair, Bulletin Editor, Public Relations Chair, Executive Secretary and Parliamentarian.

If you wish to have an agenda item brought before the BOD at this year’s meeting, please contact your respective Regional Representative. Your representative is based on your state of residence. See Page 5 in this bulletin for names and contact information.

Sound Off!

Submission Suggestions

The “Sound Off” section of our newsletter is a place for members to announce plans, report event participation and brag a little about accomplishments and special recognition.

While most units have someone who submits information, unit membership is **NOT required**! Members-at-large are strongly encouraged to submit photos and write-ups on personal accomplishments, volunteer service, patriotic participation, veteran recognition, etc. Please don't be shy!

And, to make certain you get the best coverage possible, please consider the following photo tips:

1. Limit the number of people in each photograph to a maximum of five or six. Most photos will be about three and a quarter inches wide in the newsletter. As you can see by the top three examples to the right, the more people in a photo, the less recognizable each is. Group photos are always a nice keepsake, but for the newsletter, a maximum of five or six people per photo is better.

2. Take photos of people, not things. A photo of 50 things doesn't tell a story, while a photo of one or two members stuffing pillows, filling bags or handing something to another person draws the viewer in and begs the question, “What is happening here?”

3. Effective candid photos are quite rare. But, posed “candid” photos can be a lot of fun and much more interesting to the viewer. If you cannot get a good photo of an award or gift presentation, ask the parties involved to stage the action later. That gives the photographer control over the background, positioning of the people and lighting!

4. Pictures of people eating or sitting at a meeting are boring and potentially embarrassing: Do you really want a photo of someone chewing a mouthful of food? If a meeting or lunch is featured, select two to four subjects and either stage a “candid” shot or ask them to look at the camera. Consider the bottom three example photos to the right. The people in the top photo can hardly be seen, while the two bottom photos show faces and also indicate the situation.

5. Identify ALL people clearly visible in the picture. If you don't know a person's name, then explain why he/she is in the photo. **Examples:** “Amy Army gives an MWAN brochure to a potential member.” or “Nancy Navy welcomes a visitor to the event.” (This does not include people obviously in the background)

6. Picture composition matters. When taking a photo of a group, two, three or even four rows are better than one long line. Also, make certain each person's entire face can be seen. Before shooting the photo, ask the photographer to verify everyone's face can be seen. Furthermore, if there is a monument, sign or other feature in the photo, keep in mind the photo will be cropped and some of the “feature” may be sacrificed to show the people part.

Hope you find these tips helpful. Above all, keep those photos & articles coming. This is YOUR newsletter!!

(All of the photos printed on this page – the good and the less good - were taken by or composed by Patty Parks)



2018-2020 Regional Representatives

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Disabled Veterans eligible for free National Park Lifetime Access Pass

Many veterans, with a service connected disability rating, are entering federal parks for free with the Lifetime National Parks Access Pass from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. Good for entry into 400-plus national parks and more than 2,000 recreation sites across the country, the Lifetime Access Pass is another way a grateful nation says thank you for the service and sacrifices of veterans with disabilities.

The pass admits disabled veterans and any passengers in their vehicle (non-commercial) at per-vehicle fee areas; and, the pass owner plus three additional adults where per-person fees are charged. In addition to free entry at participating parks, the pass includes discounts on expanded amenity fees; such as camping, swimming, boat launching and guided tours.

Veterans who have a VA disability rating of 10 percent or higher are eligible for the Lifetime Access Pass and there are two ways to apply.

First, disabled veterans can apply in person at a participating federal recreation site. Simply present photo identification (a state driver's license, state-issued ID or U.S. passport) and documentation proving a permanent disability (VA awards letter, VA ID with service connected annotation, VA summary of benefits, or receipt of Social Security disability income). The pass is free and issued at the time of entry.

Second, if applying by mail, send a completed packet and \$10 processing fee to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), Attn: Access Pass, Box 25286, Denver CO 80225. The packet should include:

- The Access Pass application form
- Proof of residency
- VA disability award letter, VA summary of benefits, or proof of SSDI income

The pass application form is available online at https://store.usgs.gov/s3fs-public/access_pass_application.pdf

For more information contact the USGS at 1-888-275-8747.

Did You Know...

Source: *The American Legion*, 14 March 2019

- According to the Department of Defense, as of March 2019 women make up 20 percent of the Air Force, 19 percent of the Navy, 15 percent of the Army, almost 9 percent of the Marine Corps, and as of 2016 made up about 16 percent of the Coast Guard.

- TV star Bea Arthur was a truck driver in the Marine Corps during World War II.

- Queen Elizabeth II is the only sitting head of state to have served in World War II. She was a mechanic/driver in the Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service while still a princess.

- The only woman to be awarded a Medal of Honor is Mary Edwards Walker, a medical doctor who served under contract in the U.S. Army during the Civil War. She was also a spy and a prisoner of war.



Female pilots with the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing pose with Afghan Capt. Niloofar Rahmani, the first female fixed-wing pilot in the Afghan Air Force. (Sgt. Melissa Lee/USMC)

- Navy Capt. Rosemary Mariner was one of the first eight women selected to fly military aircraft in 1973, and a year later became the Navy's first female jet pilot. At her graveside service in February 2019, nine women pilots from Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia performed the "missing woman" formation for their predecessor – the first all-female crew to do so.

Sound Off!

KEYSTONE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #6 (PA) – Here in the Northeast, we have had a good winter. Our March meeting was well attended and held at the U.S. Coast Guard Station Philadelphia. The primary building entry or “Quarter Deck” had been completely renovated since our last visit and is now enclosed with bulletproof glass. As usual, the active duty staff made us feel extremely welcome and comfortable.

Since it was a drill/duty weekend for reservists, we were invited to have lunch with them. It was like reliving our service days as we claimed our metal trays and proceeded through a chow line. We enjoyed a marvelous lunch of Teriyaki Beef Stir-fry and - just like old times- bussed our own tables before heading to the boardroom for our meeting.

Our special guest speaker was Kathryn Satnas, Director of Innovations, VA Nursing Services spoke about opportunities available to veterans.

We were then visited by several female “Coasties.” We explained our organization and its goals and invited them to join us at our meetings. For meeting information, contact Ruthie Severino at 610-356-8956.



Left to right: Hortense Toliaferro, Tina Crowding, Dorothy Holland, Billie Taddie, Gladys Martin, Louise Manz, Ruthie Severino, Kathryn Satnas.

NORTHEAST OHIO WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #21 (OH) - Several members of Unit 21 were in attendance at the United Veterans Council 78th Anniversary Awards Banquet.



Left to right: Lorraine Wonner, Nora Patella (Associate Member), Jennifer Baun, Jennifer Figueroa, Brook Harless

As part of Women’s History Month, members of Northeast Ohio Women Veterans were honored Saturday, March 9th, by Quilts of Valor and provided a presentation by Dave Morrow from Women Warriors of Ohio.



Left to Right (Front row, seated or kneeling): Donna Sheldon, Ruby Gilliam, Frona Liston, Brook Harless, Lorraine Wonner. (Back row, standing) Elva Pounders, Freda Whaley, Nora Patella, Vickie Wallis, Rosalie Bland, Evelyn Eyster, Gloria Galati, Claudia Westover, Ellen Leidy, Sally Porter, Jennifer Baun.

SAN DIEGO STARS AND STRIPES

Unit #36 (CA) - Since the last report, the unit is full speed ahead with its activities. Our President Monica O’Hara is currently out of state taking care of her mother’s passing and all that goes with it. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.

Neck pillow stuffing occurs prior to every luncheon and the last Wednesday of each month. The dedicated busy bees have completed 8,200 pillows. Awesome, ladies. The Unit was reminded to account for their volunteer hours on the forms that are due in May.

With postage going up again it is imperative that Unit 36 members who have email please provide their addresses to receive the newsletter and any important information being passed on before the next meeting.

Our next meeting is 8 June 2019 at the American Legion Post in Chula Vista. For unit information contact Roxanne Jones at roxanne.i.jones@navy.mil or 619-545-6546.



Left to right (Seated): Thelma Paloma, Deb Quiett, Shirley Ferrill. (Standing): Carol Weiss, Pandora Menegus. Photographer Liz Osborne.

MILITARY WOMEN OF TAMPA BAY

Unit #55 (FL)

Team Cheerios & Friends participated in the Annual 3K (1.8 mile) Southeastern Guide Dogs Walkathon Saturday, April 27th, at Al Lopez Park in Tampa. Without question, there were more dogs and people than can be remembered in the past; 673 dogs registered.

MILITARY WOMEN OF TAMPA BAY *(Continued)*

This year, Cookie burned out about two-thirds of the way and enjoyed the rest of the walk being carried by her "mom" Cathy Gerolimatos (*Pictured at right*) in a cross-body sling carrier.

We were excited to get our picture taken with the famed pirates of Tampa's Annual Gasparilla and Thunder Bug of Tampa Bay Lightning. Team Cheerios & Friends thanks Military Women of Tampa Bay, friends and families for both their support and donations. The team raised over \$400.00.

Southeastern Guide Dogs began in 1982 with a single vision: to help those who cannot see. In 2006, the school formally launched a veterans' program serving members of the U.S. Armed Forces, starting at first with guide dogs and later expanding to include service dogs, emotional support dogs, facility therapy dogs, Gold Star Family dogs, and military family dogs. Annually, Southeastern Guide Dogs schedules walkathons at five locations on different dates beginning at the end of February through the end of April. To date, \$1,024,040 has been raised.



Sound Off!

which was represented by Katherine Rhinehart and Joanna Kolosov as moderators. They arranged for the discussion to be digitally recorded and posted online for others to see at "https://youtu.be/AA9_MvTptpg". The panel was truly "living history" with Navy, Army and Coast Guard participants who served during World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf as well as present day.



Unit 77 members celebrating Women's History Month while enjoying lunch with our local "Coasties".

Our April 13th meeting was well-attended and although we don't have a May meeting, we will participate in the 2nd Annual Veterans Expo on May 19th, hosted by the Rotary Club which is a great place to network and gain new members. We also plan to participate in the Memorial Day program in conjunction with all the other local veteran service organizations. June 8th is our next regular meeting and we welcome visitors & new members! We almost always meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 11 a.m.

For directions to our meeting location and/or other information, please contact Rose Nowak at (707)762-5151 or xcena@sonic.net.



Left to right: Gaspiralla Pirate, Mary Gerolimatos, Tampa Bay Lightning "Thunderbug", Cathy Gerolimatos holding Cookie, Pattie Duvall and two more Gaspiralla Pirates in the back.

Redwood Empire

Unit 77 (CA) - The unit has as had a busy two months. We are happy to welcome new members: Virginia White/Navy and Patricia Hendricks/Army as well as welcoming back Lisa Lim/Army after an absence.

We celebrated Women's History Month in grand fashion as we were, once again, invited to lunch at the USCG Training Center in Petaluma. These men and women are an inspiration to us and we appreciate the warm welcome we received.

On March 25th, five of our members participated in a panel discussion at the local library, sponsored by the History & Genealogy Department of the Sonoma County Library

VOLUNTEER

UNIT #94 (TN) – Unit members visited with women veterans living at the VA Nursing Home in Murfreesboro. We played Bingo and provided refreshments as well as a gift bag for each of the residents.



Unit 94 members standing in the middle of the photo are (Left to right) Unit Treasurer Carol Ransom, Unit Secretary Victoria Johnson and Unit Vice President Angela.



Sound Off!

TRIANGLE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #144 (NC) – The Triangle Women Veterans held their 3rd Annual Family Picnic at the Mustang Misfit Ranch in Chapel Hill again this year. Following the horse show, there was a quarterly meeting then a cookout. After meeting the chickens and collecting eggs, members enjoyed a hay ride.



(Above) Member Ann Lewis' grand-daughter Shelby shows off her riding skills.

(Upper left) Unit Vice President Nelly Onate (in pink), takes a hay ride with her children (to Nelly's immediate left & right) along with another volunteer.



(Lower left, Left to right) Nelly Onate, Unit President Pat Childers and veteran guest Robin.

Unit President Pat Childers (fourth from left in below photo), was a panelist at the 11th Annual Master Chief Petty Officer Angela Rodriguez Women's Leadership Symposium, U.S. Coast Guard North Carolina Sector in Jacksonville.



Carolyn Comfort (On the right in photo to the right) and Pat Childers staffed an information table at the VA Medical Center during the Fayetteville Health Fair.



MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

Unit #152 (VA) - Unit members spent March and April enjoying the privileges of being a part of a very active unit. Stitch and stuff nights returned with slightly smaller turnout, yet we were able to produce close to 200 pillows. We were excited at welcoming new members to the unit at the March stitch gathering. During our March meeting, the unit rallied around and welcomed home Suzanne Davis from her three long years in the Pacific.

April was filled with the celebration of being women veterans. Norfolk Tides, a local, professional minor league baseball team, hosted Military Appreciation Night recently where Unit President Betty Hand threw out the first pitch.



Retired Navy Personnelman Senior Chief Betty Hand (Right) at Norfolk Tides Military Appreciation Night with Musician 3rd Class Amanda Thompson of the Fleet Forces Band

Unit member Susan Whitman (At left in below photo) hosted and participated in the Courage & Commitment Leadership Forum at Virginia International Tattoo on April 26th. Interviews and discussion focused on the histories of great women military leaders as far back as the Korean War Era.



Additionally, all women veterans present were called on stage to receive special recognition for their military service (Below photo from event taken by David Polston).



MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER *(Continued)*

This summer is also shaping up to be a busy one for unit members. Unit members plan to support the annual Hampton VA Hospital County Fair by spending time with other local veterans and serving refreshments, and many members are planning to attend the 6th Annual Virginia Women Veterans Summit in Hampton.

We meet monthly at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4809 in Norfolk. For meeting information, contact Dassa Carvey, at dassahsg@gmail.com or (757)363-3059.

Sound Off!

Charter unit member Renee Chisholm recently retired from her job with a local hospital, but stays busier than ever. Charter unit member Renee Chisholm recently retired from her job with a local hospital, but stays busier than ever mailing greeting cards and other good wishes to unit members; serving on the funeral color guard detail with her American Legion post; providing needed items to area

homeless and driving her sister service women to doctor appointments, clinic visits, etc. She is also quick to collect \$5 when a cell phone rings during unit meetings! Many may remember Renee from the security team at our 2018 national convention in San Diego.

Thanks, Renee, for your Army service and for supporting your military sisters!



TRISTATE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #157 (TN) – Unit members were thrilled to welcome Peg Trout to our April meeting. Peg is author of “Sisters in War: Remembering the Women Veterans of World War II” and recently moved to the Knoxville area.

Peg has been a member of Stars & Stripes Unit #36 in San Diego for more than 10 years and plans to continue her membership there.



(Left to right) Michele Lorino, Peg Trout.

Military Women Across the Nation Units

Unit numbers preceded by a star (★) have **NOT OFFICIALLY** changed names to become units of MWAN. Please contact MWAN National 2nd Vice President as soon as possible to complete the name change process or to provide official documentation showing an official name change dated **AFTER 10 August 2014**.

Arizona	155 Salt River Military Women	New York	026 Leatherstocking
California	★036 San Diego Stars & Stripes 077 Redwood Empire Military Women ★086 San Fernando Valley WAVES		★080 Salt City Blues
Delaware	010 First State Military Women Warriors	North Carolina	144 Triangle Women Veterans
Florida	052 Sea Breezes 055 Military Women of Tampa Bay 056 Gulf Coast 074 Lake Country 104 Pasco Military Women Veterans	Ohio	021 Northeast Ohio Women Veterans
Kansas	009 Heart of America	Pennsylvania	006 Keystone Women Veterans ★028 Three Rivers
Nebraska	098 Flatwater Women Veterans	Rhode Island	118 Ocean State 158 New England Military Women
		Tennessee	094 Volunteer Unit 151 Memphis Belles 157 TriState Women Veterans
		Virginia	152 Military Women of Tidewater
		Wisconsin	153 Fox Cities

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Publication of an advertisement **DOES NOT** imply endorsement of the product(s) and/or service(s) offered. Advertising deadline is the first of the month prior to publication. Any late or incomplete submissions may not be included in the next newsletter issue. Submissions for advertisement are subject to approval by the MWAN Board of Directors. First-time/New advertisements must be submitted **14 days earlier** to allow review by the MWAN Board of Directors. Size guidelines are outlined below. Submit all advertisements in (minimum) 300 dpi, camera ready .jpg format. Submission via email is the preferred method. For additional information contact MWAN President Patty Parks at 423-326-0839 or president@milwomen.org

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**PLEASE
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JUNE 2019

Name: _____ (Why not use a return address label here!)

Address: _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Did you circle the type/size and/or color on items?? **Double Check please!** **Phone Number: () _____

Price per piece...X Number you want = total cost for item(s)

PATCHES

MWAN 2½" (caps) \$ 3 X _____ = _____
 MWAN 3" (shirts) \$ 4 X _____ = _____
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 US Navy WAVES Veteran (circle) \$4 X _____ = _____
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 (USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY)
 American Flag Patch (3½"x2") \$4 X _____ = _____
 Proud to Serve (square) \$5 X _____ = _____
 Women are Veterans, Too \$5 X _____ = _____
 WAVES Anchor (old style) \$4 X _____ = _____
 Vietnam Era Eagle \$6 X _____ = _____

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MWAN Coin \$10 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Lapel pin \$ 4 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Charm \$ 7 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Earrings \$12 X _____ = _____
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 Watch, USN WAVES \$30 X _____ = _____
 Original Hat Pin \$10 X _____ = _____
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 Anchor & Prop Charm \$ 7 X _____ = _____
 Anchor & Prop Lapel Pin \$ 4 X _____ = _____
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 (USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)
 Little Lady WAVE w/Flag Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
 Dogtag Pin (Women Proudly Served) \$5 X _____ = _____
 Freedom Forever Eagle Pin \$5 X _____ = _____
 US Flag & Service Flag Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
 (USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)
 USN Hat Pin (Spread Eagle w/USN) \$8 X _____ = _____
 USN Crest Lapel Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
 Sister Warrior Pin \$5 X _____ = _____
 US Navy Lapel Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
 USN Patriotic Ribbon Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
 POW/MIA Lapel Pin \$5 X _____ = _____
 Department of Navy Lapel Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
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 (USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY)
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 (USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)

Shipping Cost

Up to \$40 = \$8; \$41-\$100 = \$15; \$101 & above = \$20
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 MWAN Polo Shirt \$30 X _____ = _____
Gray or White Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
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 Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL

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 American Veteran Bracelet \$5 X _____ = _____
 2016 National Convention Patch \$1 X _____ = _____
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 Canvas Key Chain/Stars & Stripes \$6 X _____ = _____
 2016 National Convention Coin \$6 X _____ = _____
 US Navy WAVES Veteran Magnet \$3 X _____ = _____
 Mini-Flags Set (MWAN & American) \$10 X _____ = _____
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 MWAN Magnets \$2 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Car Magnet (8" Oval) \$5 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Pencils (2 each) \$1 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Pens \$2 X _____ = _____
 WAVES Key Chain, Rubber \$5 X _____ = _____
 MWAN Flags (3'x5') \$80 X _____ = _____
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 MWAN PopSockets \$10 X _____ = _____
 3 for \$25. X _____ = _____

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Double clutch back **OR** Magnet back (circle one)

Name on Badge: _____

Nickname/Maiden: _____

Unit or Other Info: _____

Branch: _____ Years / From _____ To _____

(**Use back of form if you need more space**)

Subtotal: \$ _____

ADD Shipping: \$ _____

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____



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Frances Lois Swallow	Past Member/NH



U.S. Air Force

Sara Jayne (Conroy) Williams	94/TN
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(Dues period 1 January to 31 December)

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