

# MILITARY Women's BULLETIN



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## Don't be conned: Learn the facts before you act!\*

On August 10, 2022, the Honoring our PACT Act of 2022 was signed into law. Section 804 of this law is the Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022 (CLJA), which allows people exposed to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune to file new lawsuits.

You may have seen advertisements from lawyers, law firms or others seeking to represent you in lawsuits related to this new law. These lawyers, firms and private parties are **NOT CONNECTED** with VA benefits or services. Whether you decide to file a lawsuit under the CLJA is entirely your decision, and will not influence the VA's decision to provide you benefits or health care based upon your exposure. Also, filing a lawsuit will not affect the amount of benefits or health care the VA can provide you.

It's important to know, however, that if you are awarded relief by a court in a lawsuit brought under the CLJA, the award must be offset by the amount of any disability award, payment or benefit the VA provided to you or your legal representative relating to exposure to water at Camp Lejeune. This would reduce the amount of the award you receive from the court, but, again, it would not affect your VA benefits.

Any award also must be offset by Medicare or Medicaid benefits. We recommend you contact the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for information on how a court award under the CLJA could affect your benefits under those programs.

Additionally, please note the U.S. Department of Justice has set up a phone number and email address that anyone can use for questions about the status of cases filed in federal court under the CLJA. The email address is [camplejeune.pactact@usdoj.gov](mailto:camplejeune.pactact@usdoj.gov), and the phone number is 202-353-4426.

### Understand your options for health care, benefits

All veterans and family members who believe they were exposed to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune between August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1953, and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1987, should contact the VA to understand their options for health care and benefits. The VA has established presumptions of service connection for several diseases for veterans, reservists and national guard members exposed to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune.

The Camp Lejeune Family Member Program covers out-of-pocket costs for 15 conditions for family members who lived at Camp Lejeune between August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1953, and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1987. Information may be obtained online by visiting <https://www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov/>, or by calling toll-free 866-372-1144.



Located near Jacksonville, NC, Camp Lejeune has been home to Marine Corps combat training since its establishment in 1942.

Veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces at Camp Lejeune for not fewer than 30 days between August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1953, and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1987, are eligible for hospital care and medical services for any of 15 illnesses or conditions. They are also eligible to enroll in VA health care for other health care services they may require. The family members of these veterans who resided at Camp Lejeune for not fewer than 30 days during this period (or who were in utero during the period while their mother resided at that location) are eligible for hospital care and medical services furnished by the VA for any of the same 15 illnesses or conditions.

You can learn more about VA options regarding exposure to hazardous materials at Camp Lejeune online at <https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/camp-lejeune-water-contamination/> or call 800-MyVA411. Also, your local veterans service organization may be able to help. VA will not charge you for providing information related to these services.

\* Information contained in this article was obtained online at [https://news.va.gov/114142/new-measure-camp-lejeune-file-lawsuits/?utm\\_source=middle&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=VetResources&utm\\_id=28DEC2022](https://news.va.gov/114142/new-measure-camp-lejeune-file-lawsuits/?utm_source=middle&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=VetResources&utm_id=28DEC2022)

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MWAN Annual Dues **PAST DUE**

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Please contact your Regional Representative listed on Page 10 of this bulletin, if you have questions.

## Presidential Ponderings

by GinaMarie Doherty, National President

Happy Healthy 2023 to all our sisters and their families! I hope and pray you had a wonderful Christmas and holiday surrounded by loved ones. Please continue to pray for our sisters who are ill or in harm's way throughout the world.

Your MILWOMEN Board of Director's (BOD), which includes all 13 regional representatives, has been busy making important decisions such as retaining our current world-wide web presence for another five years. This is extremely important as it allows our military sisters nationwide to reach us. From our website presence, I have received several membership inquiries from Virginia, Maryland, New York, Indiana and Arkansas. "Thank You", to the regional representatives who have connected with our military sisters.

The BOD has also decided to hold the 2024 National Convention in Rhode Island. I am excited to share my home state with all of you. Please save the dates of September 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

The Women's History Month (March) theme for 2023 is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories." Please visit the Military Women's Memorial online at [www.WomensMemorial.org](http://www.WomensMemorial.org) or call (703) 533-1155 to learn more. Each generation of military women strengthens the next generation by telling their stories. Have you shared yours?

## Membership Message

by Debbie Crutchfield, Vice President for Membership

I am looking forward to this new year and growing MWAN. I attended two, unit meetings in December. My unit meeting, Triangle Military Women #144, met in Cary, NC, on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and had a good attendance which included a few members attending via Zoom.

On December 17<sup>th</sup>, I attended Tri State Military Women, #157's holiday social in East Ridge, TN. This was the first time I attended one of their meetings and we had a great time. I am planning to attend their Red Shirt Luncheon on January 21<sup>st</sup> also.

# Officers' Call

I encourage each of you to promote MWAN whenever possible. I mentioned MWAN in a comment on Facebook, and found a woman veteran who wanted more information. She was especially interested in finding a local unit to join. I directed her to Region 12 Representative Dassa Carvey in Virginia. Hopefully, our new contact will join soon!

There are many women veterans all over this country, and the more visible we are when we're out and about, the more women veterans we will find. Our mission is to grow MWAN, so please RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT.

I will attend a Celebration of Life service for Navy Yeoman Senior Chief Norma Schrader in North Carolina on her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday. We lost her in December. At the age of 98, Norma ended her term as President of Unit #144. She was a friend for nearly 30 years and she will be missed. Wishing you all a wonderful 2023.

## Look what's new in our Supply Locker!

The red poppy has memorialized fallen war veterans world-wide for more than 100 years.

While supplies last, our own MWAN Supply Locker is offering a 1"-diameter, enamel version of this resilient little flower (*enlarged in picture at right to show detail*) for \$5 (plus shipping). To order, please use the most current order form on Page 11 of this bulletin.



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**OR send via E-mail to:** [secretary@milwomen.org](mailto:secretary@milwomen.org)

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## In Memory of Norma

### Norma Elaine Schrader, 1920-2022

#### Yeoman Senior Chief, U.S. Navy Reserve/Retired

By Patty Jo Parks

The first time I met Norma was at the 2004 WAVES National Convention in Philadelphia, PA. Walking into the huge hotel, I saw – and, of course, heard - Norma holding court in the lobby.

There she sat with her trusty cane for a scepter, and two-fingers of scotch in her crystal chalice. Surrounded by dozens of service sisters, Norma paused strategically while telling her stories, allowing her audience time to explode into laughter.



Norma in 2005 at a WN Region XI Conference

There was no doubt she was a Navy chief – senior chief as it turned out. She knew how to work the crowd, get things done, and lead by example.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, (there was never any doubt about that!) on a chilly January 14<sup>th</sup> in 1920, Norma never had a frosty word for anyone. If she didn't like the way something got done, or wasn't getting done, she let you know with an honesty usually reserved for 5-year-olds.

She attended bootcamp at Hunter College near her Brooklyn home when she joined the U.S. Navy WAVES (Women

Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) in December 1944. Her duty station at the 6th Naval District Headquarters in Charleston, SC, was likely her first taste of the 'south', because she was often heard to say "As a Yankee in South Carolina, life itself was an experience!"

After her discharge from active duty in 1946, she continued to serve in the Naval Reserve until she was recalled to active duty in 1950 during the war in Korea. Upon her release from active duty in 1953, she remained in the reserve until retirement in 1965.

She joined WAVES National Triangle Seagals #144 in 1998 (now MWAN Triangle Women Veterans #144) and remained a very active member until her recent move to Virginia to be near family.

During her life, Norma received multiple awards and recognitions from myriad dignitaries. But, I'd venture to say one of her proudest moments was being 'officially initiated' as a Navy chief at that same 2004 convention where I met her (*Newly pinned Norma at right*).

As her Unit 144 sister, Shelley Kirk, said, "For those who knew Norma, {we} know she was a dedicated veteran and supported all of us who walked beside her as trailblazers in our own right... We all learned from her decades of support, experience, dedication, and humor, and she was an unassailable ANCHOR of Unit 144..."

Thank you for the joy you brought to our lives, Norma. You will continue to tell stories and sip scotch in our hearts!



## 2024 National Officer Nominees Sought



The 2024 nominating committee will begin seeking candidates later this year for all elected MWAN national and regional positions. Please consider stepping up to serve in a leadership position.

Of immediate concern is filling the Vice President for Finance position to serve through August 2024. Terry Taylor graciously volunteered to serve in the interim. We are seeking someone with a background in accounting, bookkeeping or who has experience as treasurer of an organization. Details of the office are listed in the current MWAN Bylaws.

If you are interested, or know of a member who might be interested, please contact Nominating Committee Chair Monica O'Hara in California at 619-507-0572 or [plainsman9@cox.net](mailto:plainsman9@cox.net) or Terry Taylor in Arizona at 480-577-5163 or [finance@milwomen.org](mailto:finance@milwomen.org).

## 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration



**Virginia** – Life member-at-large Helen Bostick of Ashland celebrated becoming 90 years young in January. Her family threw a fun, food-filled bash that included family and friends. Helen served as a U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsman from 1952-1954, and has been a member of MWAN/WN for 40-plus years. Happy Birthday Helen, and we wish you many more!

## Send us your news!



Members-at-Large as well as units are invited to send in photos and details of events you attend/support as a veteran. Send your narrative in an email, or as an attached document to [editor@milwomen.org](mailto:editor@milwomen.org). Send photos to the same address as a .jpg or .png. You're also welcome to send your information by "snail mail"! Call me at 423-326-0839, and I'll provide a mailing address. Share your adventures with all of our military sisters!



# Military Women Across the Nation \$1,000 College Scholarship Rules & Application



The 2023 essay topic is

## **“What Were the Challenges Faced by Military Women Who Served in Vietnam During the Vietnam War?”**

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

### **Applicant Eligibility**

1. Must have a 3.2 or better Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.
2. Must be a high school senior or undergraduate college student.
3. Entries must be submitted by **1 April 2023: NO EXCEPTIONS.**
4. Military personnel and veterans **MAY NOT APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP.**

### **Application Package MUST INCLUDE the following:**

1. Completed Application.
2. Copy of all transcripts pertaining to current course of study to include academic standing.

***NOTE: To protect personal information applicants are directed to mark out all references to social security numbers on high school or college transcripts.***

3. An essay of 1,000 to 1,500 words in length written on the above topic. The essay must be the applicant's own work; be submitted in .doc or .docx format, and include documented evidence (including a bibliography) of both research and an interview with at least one military woman. Applicants are encouraged to contact military women in recruiting offices, at military bases, reserve units, etc. to enhance the research.
4. The entire Application Package shall be submitted in one email to include **separate attachments** for the following:
  - (1) Completed Application
  - (2) Transcripts (must be legible)
  - (3) Applicant's essay (in .doc or .docx format)

Each attached file must include the applicant's last name and first initial as part of the file name and ALL correspondence must include the applicant's name in the subject line.

5. Email the Application Package and/or any questions to the Scholarship Chair at:

**[MWANScholarship@milwomen.org](mailto:MWANScholarship@milwomen.org)**

**Application Package Submission DEADLINE is 1 April 2023.**

Applicants will be notified in June 2023 of the results.

The scholarship will be paid jointly to the scholarship recipient AND his/her college.

The application is available for download at [www.milwomen.org](http://www.milwomen.org) (See *documents page*)

If additional information is required,  
Contact Scholarship Chair Barb Turner at  
**[MWANScholarship@milwomen.org](mailto:MWANScholarship@milwomen.org)**  
Or Call (817) 733-7034 (*Leave a voice mail.*)

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

**Applicant**

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Maiden (if applicable)

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City County State Zip Country

**Phone #:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Current GPA (4.0 scale):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class Ranking:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Test Scores:** SAT Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Math \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Comp \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of School Currently Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City County State Zip Country

**School Phone #:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **School Website:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of School you plan to attend (if different):** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City County State Zip Country

**School Phone #:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **School Website:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of School you are attending/plan to attend (Select as appropriate)**

\_\_\_ 4-Year/Undergraduate College or University      \_\_\_ Trade/Technical School  
\_\_\_ 2-Year/Undergraduate College or University      \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Civic Clubs:** List memberships and offices (if applicable). Include school, civic, community service, honorary and religious organizations for each active membership: \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Work/Employment:** List your volunteer and/or employment experience: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hobbies/Talents:** List your hobbies, talents and/or interests: \_\_\_\_\_

**Course of Study:** List your major or the field you plan to study: \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your career objective?** \_\_\_\_\_

(Continue answers on separate pages as necessary.)



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## KEYSTONE WOMEN VETERANS

**Unit #6 (PA)** – While not having regular meetings, members have kept busy participating in various patriotic functions. Our Veterans Day parade was cancelled due to rain, but participants were invited to a ceremony held in Towne House Restaurant. Local elected officials spoke on shared values and responsibilities of freedom.

The Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association again hosted the Freedom Medal Awards dinner. Unit members in attendance were Ruthie Severino, Louise Manz, Billie Taddei and Tina Crowding. Five local veterans were honored for their extraordinary accomplishments, military service and dedication to our country. We were very proud to honor Navy Corpsman Denise Leslie, who served aboard the USNS Comfort during the Persian Gulf War, and is now mayor of Brookhaven.

Tina Crowding and Ruthie Severino attended a “Delco Welcomes Veterans” outreach fair where 20 veterans’ groups provided information on the VA, suicide prevention, and higher education, to transitioning military members. Live entertainment and food were also provided.

Our own Pat Sherwood, and her childhood friend, Mary, attended the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial (WIMSA), now known



as Military Women's Memorial, in Washington, DC. They enjoyed the ceremonies and the camaraderie of other women veterans, and were especially delighted with the company of Brigadier General Wilma Vaught, USAF/Retired (pictured at left with Pat Sherwood on the left). BGEN Vaught was

instrumental in the founding, funding and establishment of WIMSA, as well as serving as WIMSA president for 29 years.

On an icy cold, December morning, the “Wreaths Across America” caravan stopped at our Delaware County Veterans Memorial on its annual pilgrimage from Harrington, ME, to Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. Coordinated by the local veterans’ council, a wreath was placed before each branch of the service monument at our memorial. Pat Sherwood also placed a wreath on a veteran's grave.

## FIRST STATE MILITARY WOMEN WARRIORS

**Unit #10 (DE)** – Our unit had its holiday meeting at the Green Turtle Bar & Grille. During this meeting, motions were made and seconded to support homeless female veterans in the Delaware area. We presented David Mosley, CEO of the Delaware Homeless Veteran Center, with a small token of support for the Female Veterans

Program. We also contributed to the Wilmington Veterans Hospital Food Bank.

A birthday celebration is in the works for Helen Knapp, who will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in July.

## STARS & STRIPES

**Unit #36 (CA)** – On December 6<sup>th</sup> unit members celebrated the holiday season with an annual Christmas gathering at the home of our gracious hostess, Unit President Monica O'Hara. This lovely potluck event also included a white elephant gift exchange.

Our unit also supported the San Diego VA Medical Center patients by providing goodie- and necessity-stuffed backpacks to inpatients during the Christmas holiday season.



*Pictured from left-right, back-front: Unit 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Roxanne Jones, Unit President Monica O'Hara, Liz Osborne, Pandora Menegus, honorary unit member Linda Jones, Pillow Project Coordinator Shirley Ferrill, Nancy Loseke, Unit Secretary/Treasurer Lynne Pine, Esther Brasmer, Unit 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Carol Weiss, and new member Heather Gallana. Not pictured are Thelma Palomo and Carolyn Ingram.*

## REDWOOD EMPIRE MILITARY WOMEN

**Unit #77 (CA)** – We had a relatively quiet December after a busy November filled with Veterans Activities. On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Maura Mooney (below right) and Trisha Almond (below left) spent the day at Yountville Veterans Home. They helped decorate the facility for the holidays, which was much appreciated by the staff.

Rounding out the year on December 10<sup>th</sup>, we enjoyed a holiday luncheon at a local restaurant. We have many activities planned for 2023.



## TRIANGLE WOMEN VETERANS

**Unit #144 (NC)** – On December 3<sup>rd</sup> we held our quarterly meeting (in-person and zoom) combined with a holiday potluck meal at VFW Post #7383 in Cary. Topics of discussion included officer reports, upcoming 2023 meeting dates and a review of upcoming veteran-related events. Members also screened the draft of a postcard detailing unit information which is designed to be given out at events where we host a table.



As part of the Wreaths Across American campaign on December 17<sup>th</sup>, Unit member Brenda Brubaker helped lay wreaths at Maplewood Cemetery in Durham with local Boy Scout troops. Adina Lev (pictured above on right) and Linnea Sommer-Weddington (above, left) laid wreaths at Hillcrest Cemetery in Cary.



On December 7<sup>th</sup>, our hearts broke as we bid a final farewell to Unit 144 founder, retired Navy Senior Chief Norma Schrader.

Details of her extraordinary life along with a few memories are on Page 3 of this bulletin.



## MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

**Unit #152 (VA)** – Hampton VA Medical Center held a Standdown for Homeless Veterans the first week in November. Several of our members sorted and organized clothing, supplies and food, along with helping homeless and at-risk veterans on the day of the event.

We celebrated Veteran's Day with a free lunch at Olive Garden restaurant. All who attended had a wonderful time with plenty of food, fellowship and fun. With about 35 unit members and families present, we represented more than 360 years of military service. And that was just in our section of the restaurant!

Several unit members have been heavily involved with the Horton Wreath Society, including serving on the organization's board. This year's wreath-laying event took

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place on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Members sorted and organized over 12,700 wreaths for family members and volunteers to lay at all the gravesites of our veterans interred at Albert G. Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Suffolk.

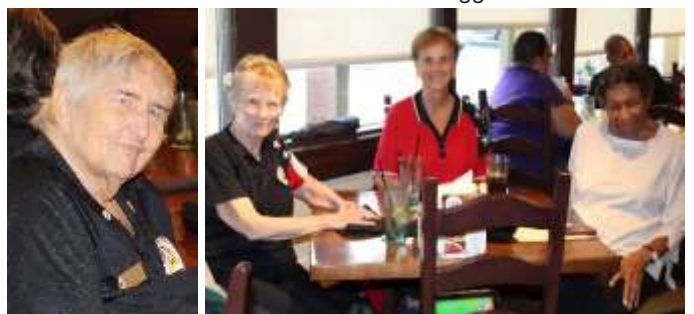


**Above:** Cathy Schweitzer rendering honors. Photo by The Fuller Picture.



**Left:** Martha Kastler organizes supplies at the Hampton VAMC Stand-down for Homeless Veterans.

**Below:** Enjoying lunch at Olive Garden are Elaine Musick (single photo at left) and (left-right) Dassa Carvey, Trish Hubbard & Maggie Cobb.



Mission #3 of the Old Dominion Honor Flight Ice Cream Social was held December 18<sup>th</sup>. Despite the event taking place a week before Christmas, participation was fabulous. The veterans on Mission #3 had nothing but wonderful and positive memories to share about their experience on their honor flight. The next Old Dominion Honor Flight Mission #4 is set for April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Our unit meets monthly, at VFW 4809 in Norfolk. For meeting information, contact Dassa Carvey, at [dassahsg@gmail.com](mailto:dassahsg@gmail.com) or (757) 363-3059.**

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## SALT RIVER MILITARY WOMEN

**Unit #155 (AZ)** – Our unit spent most of our time last year planning for the National Convention – that was FUN! The convention, that is – the planning, well... It was great to see so many of our sisters!

In October, Unit Vice President and retired Navy Chief Martha Alderman (*pictured below right, then & now*) was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society (AVHFS). Established in 1976, the AVHFS recognizes Arizona military veterans for significant post-military contributions on a local, state, or national level. Martha was cited as being “enthusiastic, tireless, and committed to serving her fellow veterans.”

Additionally, unit member and Marine veteran Joan Sisco (*a 2009 AVHFS*



*inductee pictured at left*) was recognized with the Lincoln Award during the Patriots Ball. Sponsored by the Southwest Veterans Chamber of Commerce, the award was presented for the work Joan's organization - Veterans First, Ltd. – has done for needy veterans and their families, especially those who are poor and/or elderly.

In November Gabe Forsberg and Martha Alderman, both members of the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association (WACVA) Saguaro Chapter Color Guard, presented colors at an event sponsored by the Fresh Start Women's Foundation.

Unfortunately, our unit was unable to participate in the Veterans' Day Parade, but we are committed to doing so in 2023. Unit member Diana Green presented the unit's wreath at the Phoenix Pearl Harbor Day ceremony.

Most recently, we held our annual Christmas party at the local VFW post (our regular meeting place) with a great turnout including several WACVA members.



*Unit 155 members and guests enjoy being together at their Christmas party. Names were not provided.*

We need to elect new unit officers, as the current officers have held their positions for at least two terms each. At the party, we voted to suspend all unit business until our March meeting, at which time we'll elect new officers and commit to some community activities/services. We have a couple of new members who hold potential to reenergize our Unit.

Our unit provided gifts to many of the 450 wounded soldiers at Balboa Navy Hospital in San Diego. Unit member Norma Joiner donated coffee cups, and a unit member's daughter, Josie (*pictured at right*) helped decorate the tree.



Sadly, long-time member Barbara Meegan passed away in November. She had been a Life Member of Cactus WAVES #114 (*also known as Sonoran Desert Military Women #114*). Unit #114 helped establish our unit and Barbara joined us when Unit #114 surrendered its charter several years ago. Several members attended Barbara's memorial service and rendered proper salutes.

Unit President Shirley Crawford, and her wife Sue Danish, (*pictured at right: Shirley on left*) were involved a serious car crash on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Sue is slowly recovering at home, but Shirley is still hospitalized. Cards of encouragement would be greatly welcome. To obtain Shirley's mailing address, please contact Region 3 Representative Martha Alderman at [RR3@milwomen.org](mailto:RR3@milwomen.org).



## TRISTATE WOMEN VETERANS

**Unit #157 (TN)** – November found unit members braving the autumn chill to participate in the Fort Oglethorpe, GA, Honoring Those Who Serve Parade.



*Pictured (left-right) are Beth Wingfield, Renee Chisholm, Carla Bell and Jo Schendel.*

Back in Tennessee for Veterans' Day we reminded the community that women are veterans, too, by joining in the 'Massing of the Colors' at the Veteran's Day ceremony hosted by the Chattanooga Area Veteran's Council.

Later in the month we joined forces with some 'elfin' family members to decorate Christmas food boxes for the



Chattanooga VetCenter, which distributes food to area veterans and their families who may need assistance.



Above are the crafty folks responsible for wrapping the boxes (left to right) Patty Parks, Beth Wingfield, Jo Schendel, Renee Chisholm, Penny Manna, Carla Bell and Danette Skyles, along with the elfin helpers showing off the snowflakes they learned to make!



Pictured below (left to right) at the Veterans' Day Massing of the Colors are unit members Beth Wingfield (who carried the American Flag), Mary Lambert, Renee Chisholm and Zaida Ringheimer (who carried the MWAN flag).



We finished out the old year with a holiday social at one of our many favorite restaurants! Wishing you all a joy-filled, healthy and fun new year!



Seated (left to right) are Gloria Gray, Beth Wingfield, Penny Manna, Renee Chisholm, Carla Bell; Standing (left to right) are Patty Parks, Jo Schendel, Special Guest MWAN VP for Membership Debbie Crutchfield (who drove in from South Carolina to join us!), Sheila Billings, Laura Holder, Zaida Ringheimer, Danette Skyles, Shelly Galloway, Diane Howard and Janet Duncan.

## LAKELAND ROYAL SWANS

**Unit #159 (FL)** – Greetings from Lakeland Royal Swans! Since being chartered in September (Yea!), we have continued participating in events around our local and

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neighboring communities. Our sisters strive to help one another, and promote camaraderie and good will.

During and after major storms, we check in on each other; assist with transportation for doctor's appointments, and enjoy our meetings, lunches and random get togethers. We truly love each other as sisters-in-arms, and are always there for one another.

In November, we participated in the Lakeland Spanish-American War and Buffalo Soldiers Monument Dedication, followed by our local Veteran's Day Parade.



Pictured from left to right are Gwen Pipkins, Grace Tate, Kathleen VanMiddlesworth, Caroline Brice, AJ Burr, and Linda Osborn.

In December, we joined Military Women of Tampa Bay Unit #55 at the Veterans Memorial Park; at the Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr. Veterans Museum in Tampa for the Veteran's Day Tribute, and at the Wreaths Across America Ceremony (WAA). Karen Warren (pictured below) assisted in the WAA opening ceremony.



Following the events, we enjoyed lunch at Five Guys Restaurant with Region 6 Representative Jouay Koppari before carpooling back to Lakeland.



Representing Unit 159 and Unit 55, WAA participants pictured left to right are: Grace Tate, Pattie Duvall, Susan Parda-Watters, "Soldier Girl" (Pattie Duvall's granddaughter), Gwen Pipkins, AJ Burr, Jouay Koppari, Caroline Brice, Kathleen VanMiddlesworth, Linda Osborn, Karen Warren, Cathy Gerolimos, and Roberta Troxell.

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## MWAN Regional Map



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**★ NEW ITEMS!!**

**ONLY USE CURRENT ORDER FORM**

# MWAN Supply Locker

February 2023

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 \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN 8½" (vest) \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- ★USN Women Veteran \$ 6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_**
- Patches: Navy Flag or Services \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY)
- American Flag Patch (3½"x2") \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Women are Veterans, Too \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- WAVES Anchor (old style) \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Vietnam Era Eagle \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

### JEWELRY & PINS

- MWAN Coin \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Lapel pin \$ 4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Charm \$ 7 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Earrings \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Coin Keychain \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Mouse Pad \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Original Hat Pin \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Anchor & Prop Earrings \$14 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Anchor & Prop Charm \$ 7 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Anchor & Prop Lapel Pin \$ 4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Veteran Lapel Pins \$ 4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)
- Honor-Courage-Sacrifice Veterans Pin \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Vietnam Era Pins \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- ★Veteran American Flag Pin \$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 \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Service Crest Lapel \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY)
- Service Dogtag Pins \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY, USCG, VETERANS)
- US Vet Stars/Stripes Lapel Pin \$9 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Honoring Women Veterans Pin \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- ★Poppy Flower Lapel Pin \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_**

### **\*\*Shipping Cost\*\***

Up to \$40 = \$9; \$41-\$100 = \$17; \$101 & above = \$20

Check/MO #: \_\_\_\_\_ **NO PHONE ORDERS**

**Make checks payable to MWAN SUPPLY LOCKER**

Mail check with Order Form to: Linda Coffield, 95 Vernon Street, Atoka, TN 38004

Questions? Call: (901) 488-4153 or Email: LindyC1951@gmail.com

### MWAN CLOTHING ITEMS

- Neck Tabs, Black w/Velcro \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Garrison Caps (includes patch) \$24 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Sizes: 25
- MWAN Visor \$15 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Ball Cap \$15 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN T-Shirt \$18 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- MWAN Polo Shirt \$36 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
**Gray or White** Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- MWAN Jacket \$36 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
- MWAN Sweatshirt \$28 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- MWAN White Dress Shirt \$34 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL
- Patriotic Scarf (100% Polyester) \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

- American Veteran Bracelet \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- 2016 Convention Pin \$2 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- 2016 National Convention Patch \$1 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Playing Cards \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Canvas Key Chain/Stars & Stripes \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- 2016 National Convention Coin \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Mini-Flags Set (MWAN & American)\$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(flags are 6"x4" with weighted gold base)

- MWAN Window Decal \$3 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Magnets \$2 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Car Magnet (8" Oval) \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Pencils (2 each) \$1 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Pens (4 each) \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- WAVES Key Chain, Rubber \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- DD214 Alumni Decal \$6X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Flags (3'x5') \$80 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Table Coverings \$120 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN PopSockets \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
3 for \$20 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME BADGE W/MWAN PUCK \$15 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_**

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:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*USE ONLY CURRENT ORDER FORM\*\***

**NOTE:** MWAN Ladies White Dress Shirt **RUN SMALL** (Ladies cut).  
POLO Shirts (Unisex) **RUN LARGE**; Suggest ordering a size smaller



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