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The President's Message

Moving Foward With Changes



Ladies:

A hearty "Thank You!" goes to the previous officers and staff members. Your time and effort go a long way in making what our organization is today.

Thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me as the President of this awesome organization. I appreciate and ask for your support in implementing the changes voted on by membership attending the 2014 WAVES National Convention.

The cruise ship was humongous! But it had everything to meet anyone's needs, including having one of the only seagoing Starbucks! One of the events scheduled for cruisers was a Veterans Social. Many of us attended to show the crew and others that there were many

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female veterans aboard. We evidently left the event planner unprepared as we knew each other and those veterans we did not know, we readily took into our midst!

We were unable to visit Nassau due to Tropical Storm Bertha and remained at sea for an additional day. However, we did enjoy stops at St. Thomas and St. Martens.

Now, to update you on the convention business: As you may have heard by now, we have changed our name to Military Women Across the Nation, and we have opened membership up to all military women who have served, or are serving, honorably.

Monica O'Hara, National Treasurer, will pursue implementing the changes to comply with the State of CA (where we are incorporated) as soon as the new bylaws and minutes from the convention are published. We have a business plan and are working to ensure a complete and efficient transition. However, we are limited in what we can do until this legal part is completed and I ask for your patience.

With the name change, we will need to select a new logo. A contest was run in March 2014 (February 2014 White Caps) in anticipation of the name change and National received two entries. As soon as the Board of Directors selects the winning entry, it will be published in White Caps. I know Linda Coffield is waiting on pins and needles for the determination of the new logo so that she can start ordering supplies for the Ship's Store.

Regions were also reorganized into six versus twelve. These Regions are now Pacific, Region I; Central, Region II; Great Lakes, Region III; Northeast, Region IV; Mid-Atlantic, Region V; and, Sunshine, Region VI. Elections for Regional Representatives are being held and as soon as the results are available, they will be published. To see the revised Regions, we are including a map with the appropriate states listed for each Region.

Units needing to revise their names should start thinking about what they want to be called. Do NOT submit a name change at this time. Your Regional Representative will receive guidance as soon as it is available and will contact you once a timeline has been established.

You can recruit for new members from other services using the current membership application. As soon as the new logo is chosen, the application will be updated and sent out to everyone. Ensure those applying for membership know our membership is open to all services and they will be full-fledged members and not associate members.

Life members will retain their life membership status under Military Women Across America.

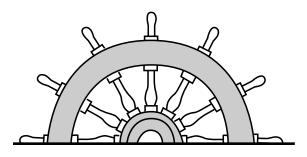
Monica O'Hara and Barb Turner, who both receive compensation for the work they do for our organization, have agreed to forgo their compensation for the coming year to help us weather the financial crunch we are experiencing. BZ to Monica and Barb!

We received three bids for the next convention: CA, OH, and MS. Members voted to hold the 21st Biennial Convention in Tunica, MS, with the anticipated convention dates to be the end of July! The convention will be hosted by the Memphis Belles and Nashville Volunteers and they have some great plans in store for us. This will be a good opportunity to meet new members and visit with past shipmates!

The list of new officers and staff members is updated in this issue. If you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact us. We are here for you.

Until next time, stay safe and keep our troops in your prayers.

Always Navy~ Dassa



FROM THE BRIDGE

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Barb Sebring



I'm very excited about our name change and being elected as your First Vice President. We will have chal-

lenges ahead as we open up our organization to our Army and Air Force sisters. We now have the potential to increase our membership in our current units and also open up new units. Let's all get behind this endeavor and let ALL of our Army/Air Force ladies know they are welcome as full voting members in the new Military Women Across the Nation organization!

I want to thank the Cactus WAVES for all their hard work in putting on the Convention, and in particular Sharon Woods, Linda Fulkerson and Lou Ann Huskisson..

Those of us that were able to attend had a wonderful time on board ship and in port. We were able to dedicate a full day to take care of the business at hand. Not only did we vote to change our name but also to reduce our regions to just six. With the decline in membership and units we felt that this would be manageable while helping to reduce costs.

While all of the changes will take some time to implement please know that your Board is already hard at work getting started on moving forward.

RECORDING SECRETARY



GinaMarie Doherty

Thank you Units 99, 98, 36, 21, 118, 55, 77, 75, and 70 for participating in the Newsletter Contest. A maximum of 3

newsletters dated from March 2013 to April 2014 from each participating unit was reviewed. Many units did not include requested information such as membership totals and phone numbers for unit president and editor. Therefore, I will be mailing winning certificates to Unit addresses.

A Navy Captain, Judge Advocate General Corps, a Coast Guard Commander, Judge Advocate General Corps, and an Executive Editor from UMASS Dartmouth served as our judges. They reviewed newsletters, using a score sheet for guid-

ance and ranked each unit first through fourth for large unit ELECTRONIC newsletter and ranked first and second for small and large units PAPER newsletter.

The smallest unit has 10 members and the largest unit has 45 members, a good variety in numbers. Large units were defined as having 30 or more members and small units defined as having 29 or less members. Large units were rewarded at our National Convention, including THE PRESIDENT'S CHOICE/HONORABLE MENTION, "THE COLUMBIA RIVER RIPPLES", Unit 70. (Oregon).

Winners for large unit electronic were:

- First Place: Tampa Bay WAVES, Unit 55, "Scuttlebutt"
- Second Place: North Coast WAVES, Unit 21, "Crows Nest"
- Third Place: Ocean State WAVES, Unit 118, "Ocean State News"
- Fourth Place: Stars & Stripes, Unit 36, "Stars & Stripes".

Winners for large unit paper were:

- First Place: Space Coast WAVES, Unit 75, "Space Coast Capsule"
- Second Place: Redwood Empire WAVES, Unit 77, "Redwood Log".

Winners for small unit paper were:

- First Place: Flatwater WAVES, Unit 98, "Flatwater Foghorn"
- Second Place: former Marion County WAVES, Unit 99 now MAL "Marion City, FL".

GREAT JOB LADIES!!

I truly enjoyed meeting everyone on the cruise, including Jose Jalapeno, and I look forward to meeting Barb Turner and the new Board of Directors soon. SISTER-HOOD IS THE WAY!

TREASURER



Monica O'Hara

Had a great time at the Convention! It is always good to see old shipmates and meet new ones. A lot was accom-

plished at the general meeting – name change and inclusion of all women veterans. Now the real work begins – formalizing the name change with the CA Secretary of State and the IRS!

Thanks to all the units that submitted their reports in a timely manner. Tax preparation is much easier when I have all the information!

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

During Convention the "hat was passed" for donations to the General Fund. The response was awesome - \$1,072! Thank you convention attendees for your generosity. Recent donations to the General Fund were received from Jo Adamson (Highlanders, Unit 88), Isabelle Becker (MAL), Marie Bliss (Tidewater Tidal WAVES, Unit 152), Dassa Carvey (Tidewater Tidal WAVES Unit 152), Beatrice Ferrane (Cactus WAVES, Unit 114), Elizabeth Gamble (MAL), Mildred Harrison (MAL), Bettie Johnson (MAL), Doris Lindsey (Space Coast WAVES, Unit 75), Beverly Rivera (MAL), Alma Schiefer (MAL). Unfortunately, we had another unit disband. Connecticut Yankees (Unit 42) donated a portion of their remaining monies to the General Fund. Charlene Carroll (MAL) sent a donation to the Scholarship Fund.

Thank you all for your generous gifts!

BYLAWS CHAIRMAN



Cathy Gerolimatos

By the time you receive this edition of White Caps, the very first Bylaws of Military Women Across the Nation

will be distributed to National Officers, Regional Representatives, State Directors and Unit Presidents incorporating the changes agreed to by attendees at the 2014 Convention. This distribution is based on the records of the Executive Secretary. A copy is available via electronic mail upon request. In summary, the Convention effected (1) changing our name to Military Women Across the Nation, (2) reducing the number of regions to six, (3) opening membership to women veterans of all services, (4) opening associate membership to women veterans of all allied and coalition forces and (5) bringing initial membership

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dues for members of new units in alignment with current annual dues.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who submitted proposed changes to me for review by the Board of Directors at the 2013 Mid-Term Conference.

You, and your love for this organization, motivates me to do my very best on your behalf. Some of you asked me to read your thoughts/ opinions to the Convention attendees and I can report that was done.

Soon I'll be asking you to review the Bylaws. Remember, your inputs will be discussed at the 2015 Mid-Term Conference which will be in about ten months. Can you believe it? I depend on you to find errors, improvements or conflicts that need our attention. I stand ready to assist you.

SHIP'S STORE



Linda Coffield

Save... Save... Save... Navy Blue Windbreaker Jacket with WN Logo – only \$20.00 each! Limited sizes,

so get your orders in NOW!

WN Ship's Store **FINE PRINT SPE-CIAL:** Get a free historical WN item, we are giving away a **FREE** WN sewing kit with each order of \$10.00 or more (excludes shipping). Limit one free WN sewing kit per customer. Orders **MUST:** 1) Total \$10 BEFORE shipping is added; 2) Specify "FALL IS COMING" on the Oct 2014 order form for your free WN sewing kit; & 3) MUST be received by 30 November, 2014.

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 REP



Meridith Cox

I am really looking forward to working with all of our VAVS volunteers across the country. So many of you

give long hours to help your fellow veterans. You will be receiving a letter from me shortly, along with a short questionnaire, so that I can be quickly brought up to speed on what is happening in different parts of the country, and how I can help each of you. We are always looking for new volunteers, so if you have a VA facility near you and would like to join us, we would love to have you.

I served on active duty from 1960-1963, and then went back to England where I had gone to school, to go into Nurses Training. When the Vietnam War became a reality, I re-enlisted in the US Naval Reserves and served until 1968. I stayed in the health care field and became a health care risk manager, but in the 1970's began volunteering with returning veterans. For the past nine years I have volunteered with veterans groups and community agencies to help women veterans. I am looking forward to this VAVS position, and working with all of you.

Please feel free to contact me at meridithc@businesswatch.com or by phone (406) 256-3322 if you have any questions.

VA MEDICAL/HEALTH

Ruth Storck



I do hope everyone had a wonderful cruise and a safe journey home. Fall is here and it is time to think of flu

and pneumonia shots. These shots are very important for people, especially for older adults and those with medical issues. Today's flues are very serious illnesses. Speak with your health providers and see if they want you to have the shots.

For those of us living in the colder regions, it's time to see if we are prepared for the winter ahead. Check those closets for hats, scarfs, boots, and warm clothes. Stock the food pantry with a few extra staple items to avoid the rush when the weatherman calls for foul weather. Find the numbers of people to shovel – dare I say it (the white stuff of winter) – snow.

Stow away the outside items before the weather turns too cold. I try to place my outside holiday decorations up as soon as the leaves begin to change. I've learned over the years it seems to take me longer in the cold or when I am rushed at the last minute to accomplish this task. I like all that done by the week before Thanksgiving. Once the cooking, baking, shopping, wrapping, and visiting begins, I do not want to be rushed.

Don't let the winter blues settle in and consume you. It is important that we take time and talk with our neighbors, friends and family. They, too, may need to hear from someone to brighten their day. If you do find yourself feeling depressed, or sad, call your health professional or family and speak to them about your feelings. Do not sit alone and ponder feelings of hopelessness. Call me. I can assist you in finding someone in your area to help, or we can just become phone buddies. I am always up for curling up in a chair and chatting the day away. Don't allow yourself to be

alone. Your military and veteran extended family is always on call to assist - you need only to let them.

VOLUNTEER HOURS



Andrea Cadieux

This is such an exciting time to be part of the new Military Women Across the Nation (MWAN) organization. I'd

like to introduce myself, I live in North Port, FL, and have been a member of WN since 1990. I have been President of Pioneer Valley WAVES, Unit 81, MA, for two years and President of Gulf Coast Dolphins, Unit 56, FL, for four years. I was WN Ship's Store from 1996 to 1998. I'm excited to have this new position.

Volunteering and service to others is important to me. There are so many places to volunteer. I encourage everyone who lives near a VA facility to volunteer. The VA Community Base Outpatient Clinics are always looking for volunteers to make reminder phone calls and help coping with the many forms they use every day. If you have any type of a VA facility near you, a medical center, outpatient clinic or nursing home, check in to see if they need volunteers. It is a simple process to become a VA volunteer.

There are so many other ways to be a volunteer within your community, such as helping elderly and disabled with their everyday lives; shopping, cleaning, giving someone a ride to an appointment or just visiting; helping at churches, schools, animal shelters, the library or the theater; or making a shawl, afghan or quilt to contribute to a nursing home.

Think about a way you can volunteer and then be sure to report your hours. They are an important part of our MWAN non-profit status. All units should have a person to collect volunteer hours. They should collect them at every meeting. Unit 56 has a sign in sheet at every meeting with a column for writing down volunteer hours. A simple way to get it done. Also, there is a form in the procedures manual that can be given to all members to write down their volunteer hours at home every month and turn in at the end of the year.

There are so many benefits to volunteering: learning or developing a new skill; being a part of the community; being motivated and having a sense of achievement, meeting new people. The benefits go on and on. Please think about volunteering some of your time to others and after you do that report your hours!!

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN



Patricia Cerchio-Vieira

I am the proud daughter of a WWII WAVE, who was a founding member of First State WAVES, Unit #10

(DE). My Mom connected with the other ladies forming the group about the time I joined the Navy. I attended the conventions with my Mom until her death in 1991. I was sort of the "Mascot" for the unit because I was on active duty. I also attended a few luncheons when I was home on leave.

I was commissioned from Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI, in 1979. I was a Fleet Support Officer and got to serve with the Aviation, Surface Warfare and Submarine Communities. I worked in Shore Station Management and also Acquisition (research, development and procuring new systems). I managed a \$1.5B budget and bought all the Tomahawk Missiles used in Desert Storm.

I served in three joint service tours including one in Seoul, Korea. I especially enjoyed serving with the Marines, who have become my favorite service.

I am a graduate of the Naval War College and also the Program Manager's Course at Defense Systems Management College.

My "Command" Tour was being in charge of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (Sound Lab) in New London, CT. I had the privilege of serving with over 1,200 government personnel and 2,000 contractor personnel during their relocation to Newport, RI under Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC).

While serving in Washington, DC, I was also the Vice President of the former Women Officers Professional Assn. (WOPA), now the Sea Service Leadership Assn. (SSLA). In 1992, while stationed in Philadelphia, I hosted a luncheon in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the WAVES. In addition to the active and reserve women, I invited all the WAVE Units from surrounding Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. My young sailors were buzzing afterwards about all the stories they had heard from the women they met who served in WWII and Vietnam.

I retired from active duty at the beginning of 2003. I remained active with groups like SSLA and Academy Women (open to all women officers). In 2012, at the Joint Women's Leadership Symposium (JWLS) hosted by SSLA, I met Dassa Carvey.

I now do a bit of speaking and especially like speaking to military women's groups. I am in the process of writing a book on "Life After the Military: What Do YOU Want to Do When YOU Grow-Up?"

In 2012, my husband and I relocated to DE and I reconnected with Unit #10. I became President of Unit #10 in June 2014.

I am pleased to serve as the new Scholarship Chairman for Military Women Across the Nation.

PUBLIC RELATIONS



Jennifer Baun

It takes a village... and this organization has had just that to raise it. Now, we are going into a transition period.

Whether your personal preference was to keep the WAVES National name or change to Military Women Across the Nation, I think we all agree that we want to preserve the legacy our ladies established. It is with that intent that I accepted the Public Relations Chair.

Every effort will be made to coordinate, educate and initiate information about the changes to come. Please be patient. Things must occur in an order and with proper planning. Many will be anxious to embrace and want to immediately make changes, but again I ask that you remain patient and follow the protocols the Board will put out. Acting hastily could hamper our goals and objectives.

The organization was not built in a day, and we can't expect to change it in one. It will take all of us to build on our history and move the organization forward, while honoring our past. I look forward to working with the units, MALs, and Board and hope together we will build something to all be proud of.

So please keep a look out for news and information!

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Barb TurnerWith the approva

With the approval of the name change and the downsizing of our regions from twelve to six, there will be a

lot of changes taking place this coming year.

I hope that you are strapped in for the ride of your life! It will be fun to make these changes and it will take all of you to help make this happen.

Please don't make assumptions about anything that you think will change or should change. Until we officially become Military Women Across the Nation (MWAN) it will be business as usual for the most part. Get in touch with your Regional Representative first if you have questions so that she can tell you what is going on.

The position of the WAVES National Executive Secretary receives a monthly stipend of \$250.00, plus expenses (postage, office supplies, etc.) and I have voluntarily given up my monthly stipend for the next year and thought you should know.

If you need to get in touch with me, you will find my contact information in the back of the White Caps.

WHITE CAPS EDITOR



Judy Faries

The cruise/convention was great! It was so good to meet everyone and to be able to put a face with a name. The

ladies of the Cactus WAVES did a wonderful job. Not only was the cruise fun but we also accomplished so much. We have so many new staff members so please be sure to check them out on page 14, the Officers and Staff page.

Please be patient with the Board as they implement the many changes to our organization. Remember that the legal steps must be completed before we can do a lot of the changes. I know that everyone is biting at the bit to get going.

As you are providing your inputs for the White Caps please be aware of the cutoff dates as they are really important to get the White Caps published in time. I have a hard deadline to meet that does not change with holidays. With the holidays coming up I would really appreciate it if I could get your inputs on time or early. I do want to thank the ladies who are always ahead of schedule with their inputs because it lets me get started early. This is your newsletter and it is only as good as your inputs and please don't get me wrong, the inputs have been great.

Remember that the next cut-off for input for the Dec Issue will be 1 Nov 2014 and I will be out of town on that date so if you are mailing your input please be sure to send a copy to Dassa Carvey so that it can be included.



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WAVES National

WOMEN OF THE SEA SERVICES

2015 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Membership Application and Recruiting

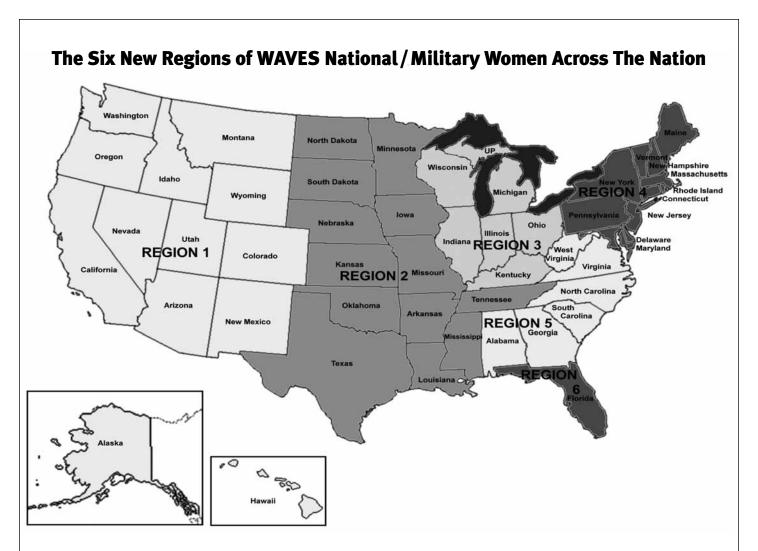
With the vote at convention to open our organization to all women who have served or are serving honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces, I hope all members will expand recruiting efforts to include regular and reserve components of the Army, Air Force, National Guard and Maritime Services.

Recruitment can start immediately and we are updating the membership application to reflect the change.

New members joining after August 1 shall pay \$12.50 as pro rata dues. New members joining through a local unit,

make check for local and national dues payable to the local unit. Unit Treasurer will mail to the <u>WAVES National Treasurer</u>, along with the application and a transmittal sheet. If new members are joining as Members at Large, they are to make check payable to "WAVES National" and mail with this application to the <u>WAVES National Treasurer</u>, whose address is on Page 14. All new members are to submit proof of honorable service.

Happy recruiting!



- **REGION 1** Pacific: Alaska, Hawaii, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico
- **REGION 2** Central: North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Mississippi.
- **REGION 3** Great Lakes: Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky.
- **REGION 4** Northeast: Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland.
- **REGION 5** Mid-Atlantic: West Virginia, District of Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama.

REGION 6 – Sunshine: Florida.

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Enlisted Women to Join Sub Crews Starting in 2016

by Johanna Somers - The Day



The Department of the Navy plans to add enlisted women crewmembers to seven Ohio-class submarines starting in 2016 and to four Virginia-class attack submarines beginning in 2020.

"I think this is just the next step in a process that started a number of years ago to tap into a talented part of the Navy to help run very sophisticated vessels, and to me that's a real huge advantage that the Navy is capitalizing on," said U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, D-2nd District.

"... Women sailors do a great job on surface ships. They have been doing it for a long time, and obviously, with good planning and accommodation, I think the submarine force stands to gain from having women serve in the enlisted rank as well."

The Navy's most recent integration plan was given to Congress on July 18 and likely won't be released to the general public until the end of the year because Congress must have 30 days of continuous session -- days when both chambers are in session -- to review the plan.

In a letter to Vice President Joe Biden, the Department of Defense explains its intention to modify seven Ohio-class submarines and build Virginia-class submarines to meet "habitability requirements" for crews comprising men and women.

Courtney said the costs of providing separate sleeping quarters for women and adding lavatory signs are minimal compared to shipbuilding costs in general. "This plan does not affect the existing Los Angeles-class submarines," he said. "If they had to modify that, that would cost money because they weren't built for gender class separation. But the Ohio-class subs were so big that it really wasn't that difficult to set up sleeping quarters for women only and make sure lavatories have proper signage."

Building the new Virginia-class attack submarines to accommodate women's quarters shouldn't require large design or construction changes, Courtney added.

The integration plan calls for women to make up 20 percent of the enlisted crew of submarines on which female officers are already serving. More than 60 women officers are serving on 14 ballistic-missile and guided-missile submarine crews.

Female officers began integrating into the submarine force in 2011 after the Navy lifted its ban on women serving aboard submarines in 2010. Female officers will be arriving at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton by January 2015 to join the crews of the attack submarines USS Virginia (SSN 774) and the USS Minnesota (SSN 783).

The USS Michigan (SSGN 727) is the first submarine that enlisted women would report to in 2016, according to integration plan. Women would be able to serve in all job positions on submarines formerly closed to enlisted women.

Opportunities for enlisted women are changing because in 2013 the DoD retracted the 1994 Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule, which excluded women from being assigned "to units below the brigade level whose primary mission was to engage in direct combat on the ground."

"The Navy, we are very excited to roll out this plan because we believe, and again we have been very persistent about this, that there are very capable women who have the talent and desire to succeed in the submarine force," said Timothy Hawkins, a spokesman for Submarine Group 2. "Drawing from this talent helps us maintain the world's best force."

The integration plan released to Congress is the result of a 60-person task force led by Rear Adm. Kenneth M. Perry. The panel met for a little more than a year and reviewed questions such as how many enlisted women are interested in serving aboard submarines and what modification would be required.

"The Navy looks forward to publicly releasing details of the plan once the congressional notification process is complete," Hawkins said.

Get Ready For 2016 Convention in Tunica, MS



The Memphis Belles (Unit 151) and Nashville Volunteers (Unit 94) were selected to host the WAVES National 21st Biennial Convention. So start making your plans to attend the 2016 convention. You may be asking where in the world is Tunica, MS? Well, it is the Gateway to the Blues, mid-way between the two coasts and its proximity to Memphis, TN increases the options for recreational excursions and transportation from the Memphis International Airport. Stay tuned to the future White Caps for more information as it becomes available.

Memories of National Convention Cruise - 2014

Meet your new Officers

Meet your new Board of Directors



Left to right: Monica O'Hara – Treasurer, GinaMarie Doherty – Recording Secretary, Cheryl Adams – 2nd Vice President, Barb Sebring – 1st Vice President and Dassa Carvey – President all being sworn in by outgoing President – Jo Adamson



Front row left to right: Lynne Pine, Monica O'Hara, Cheryl Adams, Jan Roy, Jo Adamson, Dassa Carvey, Cathy Gerolimatos, GinaMarie Doherty and Jennifer Baun. Back row left to right: Veronica Sujek, Diane Turcotte Culleton, Judy Faries, Kristen Gancarz, Barb Sebring, Pat



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ATTA-WAVE AWARD KHEHEHEHEHEHEHEHEH



Dolores Schubilske receiving a canvas reproduction of her active duty photo and plaque



The wait staff aboard the convention cruise singing Happy Birthday to Dolores.

US Coast Guard Honors WN Member Dolores Schubilske

On August 1, 2014, US Coast Guard Station Milwaukee played host to Badger Unit #39 member Dolores Schubilske and her family. This celebration was to commemorate three significant events that were to occur on August 4th, for both the US Coast Guard and Dolores. This celebration had to be moved up due to Dolores' participation in the WN Convention Cruise.

On this day the US Coast Guard would celebrate their 224th birthday and pay tribute to one of their own. Dolores would also be celebrating her 90th birthday. But, what makes this date so special for both Dolores and the Coast Guard, is what brought them together on this day back in 1944. This would be the day that on her 20th birthday Dolores and the Coast Guard joined forces when Dolores became a US Coast Guard "SPAR".

US Coast Guard Station Milwaukee presented Dolores with a wonderful canvas reproduction of her active duty portrait. Additionally the City of Milwaukee presented her a plaque signed by each of the city Alderman for her service. Lunch was provided by the Coast Guard Station as well as a wonderful Birthday Cake. After lunch a ride on the newest 45 foot response boat was a thrill for Dolores and her family.

WAVES National members helped Dolores celebrate her birthday aboard the convention cruise. The wait staff presented her with a cake and sang Happy Birthday to her. Celebratory drinks were enjoyed in the Champagne Bar after dinner the last night onboard the ship.



Jouay P. Koppari



Mary Ann Keckler

Florida Governor Honors Two Unit 55 Members with The Governor's Veterans Service Awards

Florida Governor Rick Scott hosted the "Governor's Veterans Service Awards" on June 30, 2014 at the American Legion, Seminole Post 111, Tampa, Florida. This was one of eight stops around the state of Florida. Of those receiving the Award were Jouay P. Koppari, DPCS (USN) Ret. and Mary Ann Keckler, both members of Tampa Bay WAVES, Unit 55.



Assistant Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security

Lieutenant Commander Kate Higgins-Bloom, USCG

Kate is the Coast Guard Fellow to the DHS Office of Legislative Affairs where she conducts congressional outreach on a variety of homeland security issues.

Before coming to D.C., Kate spent three years as the Incident Management Chief for Sector Boston. She oversaw port security, inter-agency response, and search and rescue along hundreds of miles of coastline. Kate was also a member of the Atlantic Incident Management Assist Team, and supported events ranging from oil spill response to the 2009 Presidential Inauguration.

From 2006 to 2007, Kate served as Commanding Officer of USCGC BARANOF, assigned to a multinational task force dedicated to protecting critical Iraqi maritime infrastructure and preventing piracy in the Persian Gulf. Before assuming command, Kate had a diverse career that included deployment as a member of the Principal Federal Official's Cell for the Hurricane Katrina response and two afloat tours conducting counternarcotics and rescue operations.

Kate earned a Master's of Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in 2011. She is a 2000 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy, where she earned a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering.

FOAN OFF THE WAVES Unit #21 (OH) - The summer had nearly come to an end and the

GATEWAY WAVES

Unit #5 (MO) - We were delighted to welcome Michele Batliner, Regional Representative, her daughter, Colete Coleman, and her friend Kathy Miller to our July meeting and lunch. As we all talked about recruitment and retention Michele stressed "continuity" and the importance of "communication", and how to attract new members. All women veterans like to share military stories. Our October 25th meeting will be at the Missouri Veterans Home of St. Louis. All are welcome to attend.

For meeting information please contact Shirley Walz at siwalz59@gmail.com or call (314) 822-4249.

KEYSTONE WAVES

Unit #6 (PA) - Several members attended the Annual Patriotic Concert, featuring Joe Smith of the Philly Pops, followed by an old-fashioned ice cream social. We also attended an open air concert in Rose Tree Park, featuring the famous Army Field Band and Chorus. Jeanne Lemasters and Marian Bomher attended the funeral of WWII veteran. Virginia Burke, who served in the Asiatic/Pacific Theater and was cofounder of BUX-MONT Women Veterans Association. She was buried with military honors at Ft. Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

For meeting information please contact Ruthie Severino at (610) 356-8956.

HEART OF AMERICA

Unit #9 (KS) - There was a lot of excitement and anticipation awaiting our August meeting held at the American Legion Post 370. First, Lois Hardeman gave us the details of her attendance at the Marine Corps Convention held in Kansas City last month. This was her first convention and you could feel her excitement. She and husband, Larry, were able to hook up with friends that they hadn't seen in 47 years. Next, Sharon Woods gave us all the highlights from the WAVES National Convention. Everything is abuzz with all the new changes. I can't wait to jump in and get started! New beginnings, new challenges, new opportunities for all of us.

For meeting information please contact Michele Batliner at (816) 315-9229 or mbatliner@att.net

Unit #21 (OH) - The summer has nearly come to an end and the unit has been busy. Two members went on the Convention Cruise

and made up the Master at Arm's. New officers were installed in July including Sally Porter as VP, and Delores Speed, Treasurer. The summer usually ends with the Canfield Fair, and this year was no different. The Mahoning County Veteran Service Commission kindly paid for the tents of each organization, which NCW benefited. We successfully gained some leads for new members and helped the Ohio Department of Veterans Service identify female veterans residing in the state. Next on the agenda, the Summit County Stand Down.

STARS & STRIPES

Unit #36 (CA) - The unit held the July birthday meeting at Monte Vista Retirement Village in Lemon Grove. The center provided a nice lunch and decorations. We started the session as always with the pillow stuffing - a great gathering project.

The meeting was brief as the President, Secretary and Regional Representative were out of town and we had decided to have the installation at the September meeting. We also had our cake then as well (someone forgot to order it)! Oops! After the meeting we were invited to take a tour of the facilities.

For meeting unit information please contact Roxanne Jones at (619) 479-0149 or email: roxanne.jones@score.com

GULF COAST DOLPHINS

Unit #56 (FL) - We have been busy this summer. Many members attended the Women Veterans Appreciation Night at the Military Heritage Museum in Punta Gorda, FL. Kim Lovejoy the curator is a member of our unit. She has many displays of women's military collectibles from all the services.

In June we took a field trip to the Southeast Guide Dogs in Palmetto, FL, for a tour of their training facility and the highlight of the trip was some "puppy hugging". On the way home we stopped at Woody's River Roo for a wonderful waterfront lunch on the Manatee River in Ellenton, FL.

In July, we met at Claire Moore's condo activity room for the 26th birthday celebration for Unit 56. Everyone enjoyed a delicious pot luck lunch and birthday cake. We were honored to have Jo Adamson. WN President, attend and swear in our new officers: Donna Francisco, President; Mary Lou Sabin, Vice President; Linda Bauer, Treasurer; Denise Costa, Secretary; Andrea Cadieux Region XII Representative and FL State Director.

We are excited to start our new year as Military Women Across the Nation. We already have associate members from the Army and Air Force and we are honored to have them as full members of our unit. Andrea Cadieux has accepted the position of WMAN Volunteer Hours Chairmen and is the new Regional Representative for Florida.

For more information about our unit and meeting place and time, please contact Donna Francisco, dfrancis43@comcast.net.

REDWOOD EMPIRE WAVES

Unit #77 (CA) – Only three of our unit members were able to attend the convention-cruise. Emily Souza and Morella Staggs were there to cheer on Barb Sebring for First Vice President of WAVES National. She'll do a great job and North Las Vegas will have a unit with a "gung-ho" new member.

In September our new unit officers took over and we will be seeing lots of changes with our new name "Military Women Across the Nation (MWAN)." Now all units can recruit Army and Air Force women which will surely strengthen our numbers to replace so many we have lost.

For meeting information please contact Bettie Crandall at (707) 838-4035.

FLATWATER WAVES

Unit #98 (NE) - Our Nebraska unit met in Fremont on Saturday, August 16th at Gambino's Pizza with six members and three guests attending. We discussed the new name of the organization as Military Women Across the Nation, or MWAN. The Treasurer's report was read and audited. Following the meal Tom McDonough of the VA State Service Office spoke to us regarding help if needed with the VA.

Our final meeting was held on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at 11 am at the Junction Café, Missouri Valley, Iowa. We had our lunch and proceeded to the De Soto National Wildlife Refuge to see the display of the Steamboat Bertrand. which sank into the Missouri River in 1865. The contents were not recovered until 1969.

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

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ALAMO WAVES

Unit #103 (TX) - Navy Recruiting District-San Antonio (NRD-SA) paid tribute to Alamo WAVES members in March. Female recruiters interviewed some of us and introduced us to NRD staff and recruiters. Commanding Officer CDR Juedeman spoke of the role of WAVES in paving the way for today's sailors and presented certificates of appreciation for our service. In July, our birthday luncheon guests were NRD-SA's Skipper, CDR Corry (Duchess) Juedeman; the new XO, CDR Karen Muntean; and recruiters NC1 Gina Valdez and YN1 Montcrief. In August, CDR Corry publicly recognized our Alamo WAVES at her change of command/retirement ceremony. We were very touched by her comments. Corry has been a wonderful support to our unit over the past several years.

Finally, we mourn the loss of our dear friend, Evelyn Swenson (92) who passed away in July. She was Alamo WAVES first president in 1991 and a dear friend to each of us.

For meeting information please contact Susan D'Ambrosio, President, sdambrosio@satx.rr.com or (210) 650-5470.

PASCO COUNTY WAVES

Unit #104 (FL) - Long before I became a member of Unit 104 Dorothy Eklund was an associate member.

Dorothy was not a WAVE – she was in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served as a pilot during WWII. But, Dorothy went beyond being just a military woman pilot, she was an instructor. She TRAINED the young men (mostly) and young women of the Army Air Corps to fly by using only the instrument panel...flying without visuals, without sight. Flying blind was the term because flying at night or in a fog or in any kind of inclement weather, you were virtually blind to any obstacle in front of you. So, with Dorothy's training, you never slammed into a mountain!

On June 30th of this year Dorothy Eklund answered the call to attend a very special pilot's briefing with Our Lord. She was 97 years old. At her viewing she was given praise by members of the American Legion where she and her husband were members for many years. Our Unit's Chaplain, Judith Barrett, said a farewell prayer. At the end of the

prayer, members of our unit gave Dorothy the military "slow" hand salute. Her daughter was so happy that Dorothy got a grand send-off.

Dorothy had been very ill the last couple of years, but she hardly ever missed a meeting. We hadn't seen her, though, in March and April, because she was on dialysis...but she did come to the last meeting of our fiscal year...in May. I think it was her way of giving us a farewell appearance before her final good- bye. We will miss her, and we'll never be able to fill her chair. During our September meeting, we memorialized Dorothy, and pray that she'll be sitting with us from above.

GREEN MOUNTAIN WAVES

Unit #109 (VT) - On May 3rd six members of our unit accompanied by veterans from the veterans home and Honor Flight Guardians boarded the Leather Stocking Honor Flight for Washington, DC.



Participating in the May Leather Stocking Honor Flight were members of Unit 109, left to right: Helen Doxsee, Alice Bennett, Margaret Lillie, Jane McCauley, Betty Roark and Helen Vail

A large cheering crowd met us at the airport where we attended a ceremony and were given t-shirts to wear. When we arrived in DC, there was a beautiful double rainbow that greeted us along with another cheering crowd. We attended the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, visited the WW II Monument and the Iwo Jima Monument. After a wonderful dinner, it was back to the airport and another double rainbow to bid us farewell. It was a very emotional day but enjoyed by everyone.

OCEAN STATE

Unit #118 (RI) – On August 21st, we held our annual unit cookout at Ginny Hanson's house in North Kingstown. Members from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island made the trip as well as the Command Master Chief of Naval Station Newport, Shannon Howe. The event was a time to catch up with old friends while enjoying some delicious food and rousing games of bocce.

GinaMarie Doherty reported on the 35th Anniversary Convention and recent changes to our organization voted on by WAVES National. Also, the barbecue was the culmination of a project to collect care packages for female sailors deployed in Afghanistan. The members of Unit 118 donated generously and 15 complete care packages were collected.

Our September meeting was held at 1pm on September 20th at Gregg's Restaurant in North Kingstown. Susan MacKenzie, the new Director of the Rhode Island Veterans Hospital, was the guest speaker.



Attending the cookout at Ginny Hanson's house, left to right; Elaine Robinson, MariaHelena Peixoto, Alicia Rodriguez, CMC Shannon Howe (Naval Station Newport) and Dottie Collins.



Other attendees were unit members sitting left to right; Evelyn Cohen, GinaMarie Doherty, Luisa White and standing is Barbara Hawley.

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

TIDEWATER TIDAL WAVES

Unit #152 (VA) – April Maletz and Jo-Anne Teel addressed more than 500 newly designated Chief (Selectees) aboard the USS WISCONSIN, indoctrinating them on Naval Heritage and women in the Navy.

Dassa Carvey and Jo-Anne Teel were invited to address the Coast Guard staff at their Department of Logistics, Norfolk, VA, for Women's Equality Day and the role sea service women played in formulating change for women in the military. They also spoke on what it was like to be in the Navy in 1960 – 1993.

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Coast Guard personnel attend a talk presented by Dassa Carvey and Jo-Anne Teel for Women's Equality Day.

Unit members look forward to participating in the Virginia Beach Veterans' Day Parade, November 11th, followed by the Stand Down for Homeless Veterans, November 15th.

For meeting information, contact Karen Cozza at (757) 705-0306 or email at karen.cozza@gmail.com.

SALT RIVER WAVES

Unit #155 (AZ) – As a tribute for more than five years meeting at Emeritus

Assisted Living, where our founder Louise Glende resided, we donated a classic Navy rocking chair from Cracker Barrel. Louise is pictured as the first to sit in the chair. Two weeks later Louise passed away. We held a memorial at the facility. The empty chair near the podium was a symbol of our loss.



Unit members (seated) Louise Glende, Founder; and standing left to right: Mae Jorgensen, Margaret Waldron, Vee Flayter, Diana Green, Lynn Engels, and Lori Elander donated a rocking chair to Emeritus Assisted Living facility.

An old fashioned small town Independence Day Parade was alive and well in Munds Park, AZ. This is the fifth year for the parade. The Salt River WAVES were delighted to see we were the ONLY military unit. We decorated member Kathy

Laurier's Jeep. Martha Alderman rode in the jeep while Margaret Waldron and Barbara Klinedinst walked alongside passing out candy to the kids and business cards to the adults.



Salt River WAVES parade entry, Munds Park, AZ on July 4, 2014.

We were stunned and thrilled as parade watchers thanked us for our service and gave proper salutes, which of course we returned. We'll do this event again next year. We were all so proud to be Veterans and Americans.

For meeting information please contact Mae Jorgensen, President, (623) 936-5352.

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Gone, but not forgotten!

A Brief History of Hunter

Submitted by Ellen Mercer Diming, Past President of Virginia Blue Ridge WAVES Unit 57 (now disbanded) and WAVES Historian 1994-96.

Although the U.S. Naval Training School (WR) at Hunter College (Bronx, NY) was not the first boot camp for WAVES during WWII (NTS Cedar Falls, Iowa was) it eventually became the largest naval boot camp in the country. Cedar Falls was not large enough to accommodate up to 6,000 women at a time, so the Navy had to look elsewhere.

Hunter College was originally a commuter college for women. It had no dormitories, but it did have four well-built stone buildings: Gillet Hall, Davis Hall, a gymnasium and a student hall. The number of students had been declining during the war years. It was close to two subway lines for good transportation and, overall, the Navy was well pleased with the site. The nearby 8th Regiment Armory (NY State National Guard) could be used for drilling and reviews and the Walton H.S. Auditorium could provide seating for 1,400.

In early January 1943, the Navy commandeered 13 (eventually 17) neighboring apartment buildings to be used as barracks. Six hundred and thirteen families were evicted from their apartments (under protest) and relocated. The apartments had to be cleaned, painted, and equipped with double-decker bunks in time for the formal commissioning ceremony on February 8, 1943. Captain William Amsden (U.S.N.), the first commanding officer, faced a daunting task, but he met the challenge.

WAVE recruits had to be U.S. citizens between the ages of 20 and 36 with a high school diploma. Many were college graduates. We came from all over the country and from all walks of life, inspired by a sense of patriotism and a love of adventure.

Training varied from six to eight weeks in length. Approximately 1,600 new recruits arrived every two weeks as a similar number shipped out for further training or duty assignments.



Over 5,000 women were discharged from Hunter over the three-year period of operation, mainly for homesickness or psychological reasons.

The Navy allocated \$200 for our uniforms, which were designed by the French-born Mainbocher. We were convinced that ours were the best looking uniforms of any of the women's services.

Life at hunter included classroom

instruction, drill, physical education, and regimental reviews. We all remember the hours spent marching in either the heat of summer, or the wind and rain of spring and fall, or the cold and snow of winter.

Hunter trained 80,000 enlisted WAVES in the course of its existence, and approximately 1,900 SPARS and 3,300 Marines during 1943. The last class of WAVES' trainees graduated in October 1945. After serving the Navy and the nation for three years, the "U.S.S. Hunter" was officially decommissioned on February 1, 1946.

All of the nearby apartment buildings commandeered by the Navy in the 1940s were now back in civilian hands and in use. The four original Hunter buildings are still being used at today's Lehman College.

For many WWII WAVES, boot camp at Hunter was a time of mental and physical testing, of long days and inadequate sleep at night. But it was also an exciting time when we learned new skills, made new friends, and looked to the future with pride and confidence. None of us will ever forget Hunter.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: I felt a little bit of history of the WAVES should be shared as we move on with a new name and as we open our organization to all women veterans.

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