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WWII WAVE kept code-breaking duties secret for 55 years

At 100 years young, Julia Parsons has a clear message for young women about the future and what can be learned from the past:

"I would like them to realize they did not have all their doors open to them before our peer group {*World War II military women*} started getting out and getting into the world and letting people know that women could do the same jobs that men could do," Parsons said. "They could do interesting things and get out and see the world if they want to. It was a fascinating time, and it was a pleasure to be doing something really important."

Julia is referring to a time 80 years ago when U.S. involvement in World War II was increasing. As an unmarried, new college graduate, she decided to take a job in Army ordnance at a local Pittsburgh, PA, steel mill.

"The steel mills were making shells...all that kind of ordnance..., and they were hiring 'Rosie the Riveters'... which was the first time women had been in the steel mills. It was considered very bad luck to have women {*there*}, so they did not accept 'Rosie' gracefully".

After about a year, Julia saw and answered an ad in the newspaper to attend the Navy's "Mid Shipmen's School" at

Smith College in Massachusetts. While there, she took a couple of cryptology courses. She loved Massachusetts, but immediately after training she and several other WAVES were sent to Washington, DC. While waiting for her assignment, someone asked if any of the group spoke German. Julia (*pictured at right in uniform ca 1942*) had taken the language in high school, so she was tasked with deciphering German U-boat messages.



"We were to decode the

messages from control to the U-boats, the North Sea, the Bay of Biscayne, the Channel, the whole bit," she said. Her job was to decipher codes sent via the "ENIGMA machine" which was one of the first computers.

"They had dozens of messages every day telling the Uboats where to be, where the next gathering would be, where the dangerous convoys might be, if they wanted to avoid them," Julia said, adding, "They would also send personal messages such as 'happy birthday' or if someone had a baby they would congratulate them." Julie kept her duties secret for most of her life – even from her Army husband.

"I met him at a party one night and we were married a year later. I never told him anything," she said. "I think it was so drummed into us that you didn't tell. They had signs all over the place - the posters that said, 'loose lips sink ships' - everybody was doing something, and nobody asked anybody."



All that secret-keeping changed during a 1997 visit to a museum in Washington, DC, where Julia *(pictured above more recently)* got quite a surprise. There, on display was a variation of the ENIGMA machine she had used during her code-breaking days.

"And that's when I found out it had been declassified 30 years before and nobody knew it, well we didn't know it anyway. I was really shocked," Julia said. She added that docents were telling stories of the women code-breakers and, had a few facts wrong here and there, but she didn't say anything.

Since that time, Julia has been sharing her story with anyone who was interested. If you'd like to know more about her, and her all-woman code-breaking team you may visit the following sites:

https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2021/02/28/julia-parsonscodebreaker-100-birthday/

https://www.wesa.fm/identity-justice/2013-09-19/meet-juliaparsons-pittsburgh-native-and-wwii-code-breaker

https://www.dvidshub.net/video/785636/julia-parsons-celebratesher-100th-birthday

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Presidential Ponderings

by Patty Parks, National President

Volunteer needed for National Staff Position! Ladies, we're looking for a special gal who has time to volunteer, but needs to set her own schedule and work from home!

Supply Officer Linda Coffield is retiring her packing tapegun. For 10 years she has diligently kept us supplied with shirts, hats, pins and all manner of logo memorabilia, but it's time for her to move on to other projects.

Linda will continue in the job through August, but we must find someone to assume custody of the tape-gun on September 1st, or our Supply Locker will be locked up!

Please contact Linda - supplies@milwomen.org or 901-488-4153 - for details about the duties, time and space needed to do the job.

Volunteer Viewpoints

by Denise Duke, National Representative for VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (VACDCE)

Happy New Year 2022!! Can you believe it?! I was just getting use to writing 2021 on things! With the new year comes hope for better things. Do you make new year resolutions? I'm not one for doing something like that, but I make an effort every year to do better than the last year.

So, I'm not going to write about the VAVS today. Simply put, we provide the connectivity from our organization to the individual VA facilities. Instead, I'd like to address you on a more personal level.

Do you have a VA medical facility within driving distance? Or is there one you've passed 100 times but never went in? Next time, don't drive past. Stop, walk in, look around and take time to find the Volunteer Service office or Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE).

The personnel in these offices manage support between the facility and area veterans. They coordinate visits with veterans and/or their families, as well as the support provided directly to veterans by organizations such as ours.

While there, ask how you can help. If you're not local to the facility, maybe you can offer support in another way.

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There are unlimited opportunities to provide direct and indirect assistance to veterans, especially due to the limitations invoked by the pandemic. For example, my local VA has a program where you call veterans to check on them: a friendly voice just to let them know someone is thinking of them.

I'm certain you get the message: Reach out to another veteran. It will do you both good.

Working together in Rhode Island

Ocean State Unit 118 and New England Unit 158 joined forces for the holidays placing a wreath for Veterans Day at the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Exeter, and decorating a tree in the women's wing at the Rhode Island Veterans' Home at Christmas.





Pictured above (left-right) are Gretchen Vierling-Cutlip/Unit 158, Unit 158 President Dottie DiLullo, Unit 118 President Pat Denny. Lois Lepak/Unit 118, Sharron Zapor/Unit 158 & Sue Roberts/Unit 118

At left, placing a star atop the Christmas Tree at the veterans' home women's wing.

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MWAN 2022 National Convention News! SAVE THE DATES: 22-24 SEP 2022



Salt River Military Women Unit 155 of Phoenix, Arizona, is planning a great MWAN 2022 National Convention set for September 22-24 (Thu-Sat) in the beautiful City of the Southwest, Phoenix, Arizona.

The Phoenix area is alive with America's wild west history. Scottsdale, Native American monuments, parks and ruins, as well as the world-famous Camelback Mountain are all only minutes away. Magnificent Sedona is about an hour and a half drive north with Tucson located about the same distance south. And, remember, Arizona is home to the world-famous Grand Canyon National Park.

The Holiday Inn & Suites Phoenix Airport North is offering an extraordinary room rate of \$129.00 per night. All the rooms are suites (similar to a studio apartment with a small kitchen area) and can easily accommodate four people.

Additionally, convention attendees and guests may check in up to three days before the convention, or to extend your stay by three days afterward for the same discounted price. We did this so you can explore more of our great city and state.

The usual convention business will be conducted, but the schedule also includes some great breakout learning sessions, trade show events, a hospitality room, group excursions and other activities. The President's Gala will be held Saturday the 24th, the final night of the convention.

Focusing on our twofold convention theme: Celebrating Women Veterans and Southwestern Arizona History, we're developing a Facebook event page called MWAN 2022 National Convention which will feature updates throughout the coming months. You are welcome to contact convention committee members Shirley Crawford at <u>proudvetusaf@cox.net</u> or 602-750-8779, or Georganne Bickle at <u>gbickle@gmail.com</u>. We also plan to include information about the convention on our Unit 155 webpage: <u>https://srmw.org/</u>, and will update it as we get nearer September. Start planning your trip now!

A solution to getting the member support you need.

By Beth Wingfield, Region 10 Representative

Imagine, if you will, a typical unit meeting. After opening rituals and meeting essentials, someone proposes a new idea. The topic doesn't matter, but say it is a really great idea; something unit members vote to support. It won't take a lot of work, but, it's more than one person can accomplish, so a call is put out for those willing to help.

Then it hits. The sound of silence. No one is even breathing in the hope of not being noticed.

So now, a wonderful idea, supported by a majority of unit members, simply dies. The person who had the idea may try to complete it on her own, but even if she succeeds, her disappointment at having to do all the work may make her silent at future meetings.

Quite frankly, if an idea is good enough to support in a vote, then it should be good enough to support with action. While everyone cannot contribute to EVERY idea, we all owe the unit time on projects at one point or another.

This presents another situation of equal concern: Do the same people do all of the work? Unit officers are in place to provide direction and organization. But the responsibility for action – making things happen - belongs to all of the members.

I've witnessed these scenarios many times over the past 25 years, and they aren't unique to our organization.

As Georgia Section Coordinator for the U.S. Practical Shooting Association, I frequently witnessed these scenarios

as well as the end results. 'Worker bees' became victims of burn out, and good ideas – often offered by newer members – were not acted on, causing members, especially new ones, to drop out. It's time to sound a warning.

Please don't let this happen to Military Women Across the Nation. Our organization is designed to support our sister veterans, our communities and spread our history. What we do is essential and definitely worthy of action.

Believe me when I say I understand we have limited free time. There are things I can't do until I retire. However, I do what I can, when I can, especially when someone takes time to ask me personally. Most people won't ask you to help unless they believe you have something to offer. If you are asked and can help - even in a small way - do it. Anything is better than nothing.

Also, if you want assistance, ask for it. You'll be surprised how going up to someone, individually, and asking for help will get positive results.

This is where I believe a solution lies. If an idea garners support, then don't let it die on the vine. If you can't get volunteers from the meeting, go to those you think can help, and ask each one individually. You will very likely get an affirmative answer. But, don't get discouraged if someone says "No" this time: She may say "Yes" next time.

Ladies, we need your help. We need your care. We need you.



KEYSTONE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #6 (PA) – Ruthie Severino and her husband Sal *(pictured below)* participated in the Veterans' Day parade with American Legion Post 93 in Media, PA. Ruthie was privileged to be seated with a WWII Tuskegee Airman during the ceremony.



Pictured below *(left to right)* Tina Crowding, Ruthie Severino, Billie Taddei, & Gladys Martin *(front)* attended the 7th annual Freedom Medals Awards dinner in November at Springfield Country Club.





Sadly, we lost lifetime member Josephine Larson this past October. Josie (*pictured at left*) joined our unit in the mid 1980's and attended many national conventions, including one of the first ones held, in Hershey, PA. Josephine was very active in military affairs at Anne's Choice Retirement Home and was honored by many of the residents, as seen by their presence at her funeral. She was buried

with full honors at Washington Crossing National Cemetery.

Pictured below are unit members Tina Crowding (*left*) and Pat Sherwood who represented Unit 6 at a special Veterans' Day ceremony hosted by the Women's Military Memorial in Arlington, VA. Wreaths were placed, speeches were given, and most of all, honor was bestowed on all women veterans.



FIRST STATE MILITARY WOMEN WARRIORS

Unit #10 (DE) – Unit members partnered with Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay this year to pick up wreaths placed on veterans' graves in December.

Most are familiar with the Wreaths Across America Program which donates thousands of wreaths each year to be placed on the graves of deceased veterans. While many people volunteer to place the wreaths, not many volunteer to pick them up.

We expect to make this an annual event with a two-fold goal: 1) Help pick up the wreaths, and 2) Allow Girl Scouts to meet some of Delaware's amazing military women.



MILITARY WOMEN OF TAMPA BAY

Unit #55 (FL) – Each year December proves to be one of the busiest months for Unit #55. We glide from one event/opportunity/responsibility to the next with barely a break.

Veterans' Council of Hillsborough County, as part of the Annual Veterans' Day Remembrance program, presents awards to individuals who have enhanced and/or supported veteran issues. Sonya Bryson-Kirksey (retired USAF), the national anthem singer at Tampa Bay Lightning games for the past eight years, was nominated for the Keeping the American Spirit Alive Award. The award was presented in front of fans (who exploded with cheers) at the Tampa Bay Lightning's Military Appreciation Night November 9th.



Left to right: Unit #55 member Cathy Gerolimatos, Jimmie Kirksey Jr., Sonya Bryson-Kerksey receiving award from council president Cody Palmer, Lori Abbett and Gerrard Abbett.

Unit members served as registrars at Veterans' Memorial Park's World War II 80th Anniversary Remembrance program conducted December 7th. During the program, the names of World War II veterans were announced. Also, a series of storyboards were placed inside the footprint of the park's WWII Memorial announcing future plans/design for a centerpiece to be installed.



Left to right: Unit #55 members Roberta Troxell, Jouay Koppari, Pattie Duvall & Cathy Gerolimatos with rendering of the WWII Memorial centerpiece superimposed on photograph.

The very next morning, December 8th, we delivered poinsettia plants to James A. Haley VA Hospital and Hidden River VA Clinic. Due to COVID-10 restrictions, we were unable to place the plants at key locations inside the hospital and clinic, however, staff met us at both locations and took the plants inside for us. Our unit has been providing poinsettia plants to this VA hospital for more than 25 years. As you might guess, the employees expect us and are excited to see the arrival of the plants each year.





Delivery of plants at Spinal Cord Injury entrance of Haley VA Hospital. Left to Right: Connie White, Denise Finlay w/Sophia, Jouay Koppari, Roberta Troxell and Cathy Gerolimatos



Delivery of plants to Women's Clinic at Hidden River VA Clinic. Anchored by unnamed clinc staff members at each end, Unit members making the delivery (left to right, beginning with red shirt) are Connie White, Denise Finlay w/Sophia, Roberta Troxell, Jouay Koppari and Cathy Gerolimatos,

On December 13th Unit members conducted the final program coordination meeting for the Wreaths Across America program set for December 18th at Veterans Memorial Park. While it was the unit's fifth year coordinating the event, it took everyone – unit members, fellow veteran organizations, park rangers, center staff and Hillsborough County - to make the program successful. More than 250 people - Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, community businesses and volunteer organizations, Kappa Epsilon Psi Military Sorority, families and individuals – are estimated to have attended/participated.

Unit member Irene Rapoza (right) with scout escort places a wreath for POW/MIA.





REDWOOD EMPIRE MILITARY WOMEN

Unit #77 (CA) – We enjoyed a lovely holiday luncheon on December 11th with 16 members and two guests present. Our discussion centered on the very successful 2021 veterans' parade. It was a beautiful, sunny, autumn day and there were more than 120 parade entries and 40,000 in attendance.



Scenes from our veterans' parade. Above, left-right: Emily Sousa, Margaret Enea-Patrizzi, driver Rich Bergeron & Kitty Willcutt. Below, left-right: Lisa Lim, Ana Mohrman (& her two nephews), Dana Riggs, Maura Mooney, Cristina Baggese, Rose Nowak & Trisha Almond.



Our first 2022 meeting on January 8th was attended by 12 members. In addition to collecting dues, we laid out the meeting dates for the year.

A committee, chaired by members Lisa Lim and Trisha Almond, is working to host a local viewing of the documentary, <u>"Invisible: Women of War"</u>. The program features interviews with four post-9/11 women veterans who talk about their deployment experiences. The interviews were then stitched into the documentary. The movie trailer highlights a few soundbites from the interviews, while the visual is masked in an artistic way to make the stories more "palatable". Those interviewed were of different ranks and held various jobs in the Army.

Lisa met the filmmaker, Major Gloria Downey, USAF/Retired, when the documentary premiered in 2020. We are in the hope that Major Downey will be able to join us and offer the documentary for public viewing.

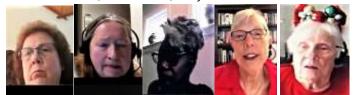
Our next meeting is scheduled for February 12th.

TRIANGLE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #144 (NC) – Our December Zoom meeting included the election/installation of new unit officers: President Adina Lev, Vice President Yoneka Trent and Secretary/Treasurer Linnea Sommer-Weddington.



Zoom meeting attendees: Above/left-right, Adina Lev, Yoneka Trent, Linnea Sommer-Weddington, Annette Stevenson & Brenda Brubaker, Below/left-right, Jo Flack, Christine Milam, Guest Maureen Holland, Pat Childers, Jerry Brunton.



We also discussed updates on NC legislative activity. The Milvet Virtual Summit was attended by several members who shared information. Previously a Zoom meeting, the summit is now live on Facebook. Member Brenda Brubaker reviewed some important information regarding North Carolina being a very veteran-friendly state. In order to meet agenda timelines/topics, however, further information will be forthcoming at a later date.

The meeting concluded with discussing plans for the Leadership turnover and holiday wishes all around before moving on to our annual Holiday auction fundraiser at the adjournment of the meeting. Our fundraiser netted the unit approximately \$550 and was a fun time.



On December 4th, unit members (*pictured above, left-right, Christine Milam, Adina Lev & Brenda Brubaker*) gathered to create more than 50 holiday cards which were delivered to the Durham VA Hospital. The group previously created about 50 cards back in October for Veterans' Day. Those cards were delivered to the Durham VA.

MEMPHIS BELLES

Unit #151 (TN) – The holidays kept unit members very busy. We decorated a Christmas Tree for the first Festival of Trees, a fundraising event for the Tipton County Museum. Although our tree did not win or place, it was fun and we look forward to doing it again in 2022. We also participated in the Covington Christmas Parade.

Unit member Deb Burns, Chief, Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) (formerly VAVS) at Memphis VAMC coordinated a Holiday Food Box drive last year.

Unit #151 (TN) Continued from previous page.

We joined her again this year in the packing and distribution of food boxes to some 300 veterans and their families. Food was delivered via a drive-through process.



Linda Coffield (left) packed food boxes and Kathy Desjarlais as a reindeer gave the food to veterans.

During the week of Christmas, we joined CDCE staff and other volunteers on a couple of occasions for 'parades' through the hospital. During the parades, in-patients, outpatients and family members were given a variety of gifts such as backpacks, stockings, cards and socks. All total, some 600 gifts and cards were distributed.



Deb Burns (left) as Mrs. Santa & in right photo as "Cammo Santa" with "candy cane" Kathy Desjarlais (right) during hospital parades.

Kathy Dejarlais continued community contributions by helping American Legion Post 237 members paint the Covington Boys and Girls Club.

MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

Unit #152 (VA) – As a solemn tribute to veterans, our unit volunteers and donates funds toward the purchase of wreaths through Horton Wreath Society, a non-profit organization which raises funds annually to place a live



wreath on each grave at Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk. This past December, volunteers laid 11,700 wreaths. Unit member Dassa Carvey is pictured (*below, right*) assisting a family place their wreath.



Unit members Kathy Goodall and Sunny Fox received the "Most Inspirational" award for a bra *(pictured at right)* they created for the 2021 Bra-Ha-Ha event sponsored by the Chesapeake Regional Health Foundation. The event raises funds to improve breast health and cancer detection in the area's uninsured and underinsured populations.





Coordinating with VAMC Hampton Voluntary Service Specialist Atalaya Horton (at left in photo to left), unit member Gaby Morrison (at right in photo to left) donated 63, customknitted, breast prosthesis to "Knitted Knockers", a national, non-profit organization which

provides the soft, washable breast prosthesis free to breast cancer survivors who've undergone breast procedures. For more information visit <u>https://www.knittedknockers.org/</u>.



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- 1. Must have a 3.2 or better Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.
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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 <u>an interview with at least one military woman</u>. 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

Application Package Submission DEADLINE is 18 April 2022.

Applicants will be notified in June 2022 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 (See documents page)

If additional information is required, please contact MWAN Scholarship Chair Barb Turner at <u>MWANScholarship@milwomen.org</u> or 817-733-7034

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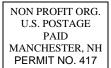
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