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EVELYN COY – WAVES Communications Specialist who worked as a Cryptographer during WWII

Submitted by San Diego Stars and Stripes, Unit #36

Evelyn Coy lived in Chicago, and when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, she itched to get into the fight. She wanted to be somewhere and do something of value. To join the WAVES, she had to be 21, or at least 20 with their parents' permission, easier said than done in Evelyn's case. As she neared 21, her mother hid her birth certificate which she needed to enlist, so Evelyn went to City Hall and bought a dupe and signed up. Her mother was furious.

In August 1942, Evelyn departed to be a member of the first class of WAVES. Everything was so new, that uniforms were not yet available, but they were issued

official shoes which were so distinctive that they used them identify themselves as WAVES and get into USO dances. After boot camp in New York, she attended Yeoman School in Oklahoma and received orders to Washington, D.C.

WAVES were considered an official part of the Navy, receiving the same rank and pay as men. Women worked in a wide variety of jobs, but Evelyn ended up as a cryptologist. Her new rating badge had a diamond with the letter "Q" in the center, which indicated the communications field. She was assigned to Washington, D.C., and learned to crack coded messages using floor-to-ceiling Cryptanalytic Bombe



Yeoman 3/c Evelyn Coy, c. 1943

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The President's Message



Ladies:

By the time *White Caps* is published, our 21st biennial convention will be over. For those who attended, I hope you had a good time and made many memories, meeting new friends and renewing

others. The Convention Committee put in many long hours and hard work to make the convention a success.

This is my last article as your National President and I want to thank all members for having supported me over the past two years. You have volunteered countless hours to volunteering in your community and to Veterans Affairs.

I especially want to thank the Board of Directors (BOD) and officers. I could not have done this without your dedication and hard work. We have met many challenges

with changes in Regional Representatives and the National Volunteer Services Representative positions. Special thanks go to Jouay Koppari, Region VI Representative, and Diane Culleton, National VAVS Representative who stepped up to the plate and have performed in an outstanding manner. Thank you! Jouay met with members of Space Coast, Unit #75, and helped them recruit new members through displays at various events, thus keeping the unit alive. She also arranged for several interviews on radio and TV to publicize MWAN and her units. Diane stepped in to the National VAVS Representative slot and recruited members to volunteer at various VA Medical Centers and Clinics across the country, thereby keeping us as a voting member of the VA's National Advisory Committee!

Congratulations to all outgoing officers at local, state, regional and national levels. Thank you for your untiring dedica-

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Officers CALL

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Barb Sebring



Greetings, Ladies.

As I write my last column for our newsletter, I'm mentally packing for our Convention in Mississippi. My husband and I are leaving early because we are driving and plan on making some stops along the way. I will miss not sharing my thoughts with you throughout the year but I know whoever is chosen to take over will have lots of good things to share.

I will be taking on the job of Regional Rep for Region I. I'm asking for all members in Region I to make sure we have your email address in our data base. It is a large region and I hope to be able to stay in touch with you via emails. This is especially import for our Members at Large. I hope all of you will contact me with any issues or concerns you have.

I look forward to continuing with my service for this great organization.

Thanks for all your support and enjoyed seeing you all in Tunica!

RECORDING SECRETARY

GinaMarie Doherty



Newsletter Contest was conducted by Rogers High School Teachers from Newport, Rhode Island.

Winners received a Supply Locker 20% discount gift card.

LARGE UNIT

First Place: Northeast Ohio Women's Veterans (OH) Unit #21

Second Place: Volunteer (TN) Unit #94

Third Place: Ocean State (RI) Unit #118

President's Choice/Honorable Mention: San Diego Stars & Stripes (CA) Unit #36

SMALL UNIT

First Place: Military Women of Tampa Bay (FL) Unit #55

Second Place: The Triangle Seagals (NC) Unit # 144

Third Place: Space Coast (FL) Unit #75

President's Choice/Honorable Mention: Memphis Belles (TN) Unit #151
HAPPY HEALTHY SUMMER!

TREASURER

Monica O'Hara



Had a wonderful time at the Convention in Mississippi! It is always good to see old shipmates and meet new ones. Thank you to Memphis Belles (Unit #151), Volunteers (Unit #94) and TriState Women Veterans (Unit #157) for your hospitality and dedicated work on this convention!

The fiscal year ended 31 July 2016 and that means time for financial reports. Unit Treasurers are reminded to submit the annual "Letter of Authorization" and Unit Financial Report to me by 1 September. Please refer to the Procedures Manual for the format. You may send it by email or regular mail, whichever is easier for you. **This is an IRS requirement.**

Donations have been received for the General Fund from Gloria Richards (MAL), Memphis Belles (Unit #151), and Ocean State (Unit #118). Granite State (Unit #33) sent a donation of remaining funds when they turned in their charter.

Adonation to the Stained Glass Window Fund was received from Memphis Belles, Unit #151 (in memory of Linda Coffield's mother, Eleanor Susan (Bieter) Horey).

Thank you all for your generous support!

BYLAWS CHAIRMAN

Cathy Gerolimos



By the time you receive this edition of the MWAN newsletter, the MWAN 2016 Biennial Convention at Tunica, MS, will be concluded and everyone will be safely home. I sit here hopeful that the convention is a success; that we have decided when/where the next convention will be and we're satisfied with what we've accomplished.

That's the business side of the convention. On the other hand, I look forward to catching up with the latest news of so many of you that I've come to know since I first joined this organization.

New bylaws reflecting the approved bylaws amendments will be mailed to National Officers, Regional Representatives, State Directors and Unit Presidents in the next few months.

Unit Presidents are reminded that we're two years into the transition of units requesting name change and updating unit bylaws. I encourage those units yet to submit their name change request and bylaws to make this a priority in the coming fiscal year. You know where to find my e-mail and telephone--I'll do my very best to assist you.

SUPPLY LOCKER

Linda Coffield



I would like to mention the ladies who helped man the Supply Locker during the National Convention: Thank you very much.

Please support our newly elected National Officers and help wherever you can. It is a thankless job and bless the ladies who stepped up to lead us into the future.

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

Note: The POLO Shirts are running larger than the sizes indicate, if you are on the fence about sizes, I suggest you order a size smaller than usual.

FINE PRINT SPECIAL: Get a free Star and Stripe Pencil! We are giving away a FREE Star and Stripe Pencil with each order of \$10.00 or more (excludes shipping). Limit one free Star and Stripe Pencil per customer. Orders MUST: 1) Total \$10 BEFORE shipping is added; 2) Specify "Sunscreen" on the Aug 2016 order form for your free pencil; & 3) MUST be received by 1 October 2016.

PLEASE NOTE: Use the MOST RECENT White Caps order form. Your order may be delayed if the correct payment and/or shipping are not included.



VAVS NATIONAL REP



Diane Turcotte Culleton

I attended the 70th Annual NAC VAVS National Conference in Albuquerque, NM, and was energized by the commitment of all the volunteers that were present. The VAVS (NAC) Female Volunteer of the Year was Julie Stranges from the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System representing the National Society Daughters of American Revolution.

The 2016 James H. Parke Award of \$20,000 was given to Shane Mathew who volunteers at the Miami VA Healthcare System. Shane is currently in his first year of Pre-Med at the University of Florida. There were six additional scholarships given, totaling \$15,000. MWAN's donation certainly adds to the financial goal of these scholarships.

Again, this is a reminder that April was the month for our MWAN volunteers to receive their Annual Joint Review. If you have not fulfilled this requirement, please contact your Chief of Voluntary Services as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have already met this commitment.

The MWAN convention held last month in Tunica, MS, was a wonderful time renewing friendships and making new ones. I enjoyed connecting with many of you there.

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

VA MEDICAL/HEALTH



Ruth Storck

It is very difficult to make decisions when it concerns our loved ones. We always want to be the care provider and keep them close for as long as we can.

There comes a time when you are providing home care for your loved ones that you have to admit to yourself it is time to get help. When our loved ones have alzhiemers, dementia, memory issues or confusion these decisions weigh even harder on us, because we know the change in routine will be a much harder adjustment for them. It is hard to convince them their current living situation needs to change not only to assure their quality of life, but

also to assure our own. Caring for parents, spouses, or friends takes a lot of physical and even more emotional toll on the care provider. We are the ones watching them slip away a little each day. It can become overwhelming without some relief.

This does not mean you have to send them to the nursing home. There are many care providers' services available to make caring for our loved ones easier. Adult care centers, Meals on Wheels, companion care who assist in the daily living needs are some examples, as well as skilled care such as speech therapy or physical therapy. These services allow you, the provider, to take time to gather your physical and emotional strength. There are hospice services that can assist in the last months to assure loved ones are pain free and allow them and the family to spend the last days with dignity and peace.

Your primary care doctor is the best person to contact if you need services set up outside of the hospital environment. The doctor can assist in setting up the service that meets your needs depending on your medical history. You must remember in order to be there for our loved ones we need to keep ourselves fit. So make the situation the best for you and your loved ones.

HEARTSPRING PROJECT



Jeanne Hooper

We received a very nice "Thank you" from Jessica Lamoine, the new BoxTops coordinator at Heartspring shortly after sending the last batch of well over 1100 Boxtops. She thanked us for our amazing collection efforts and serving our country. Since then, I have received a few hundred more Boxtops from Heart of America (Unit #9), Volunteers (Unit #94), Ocean State (Unit #118) and MALs Elizabeth and Myrtle Reese. Just as welcome are the nice notes I receive with them! Thank you, ladies, and keep 'em coming!

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN



Patricia Cerchio-Vieira

This year's scholarship competition was extremely impressive. There were so many entries, we had multiple rounds of reviews by readers around the country before the winner was selected. You will find our winner's essay in this issue. The first runner-up, who

unfortunately does not receive a scholarship, was only one point behind the winner (out of 300 possible points). Her name is Elisabeth Bianchi and her topic was "Women in the Army Military Police."

All the participants are to be commended. The 2016 topic was "Military Women: Then and Now." We had some great areas that were explored, to include: "The Sky's the Limit: Women in the Air Force"; "Maternity Leave and Breast-feeding: A Marine Perspective"; and "Uniforms for Women in the Navy: A Never Ending Debate."

Our readers are also to be commended, some of them did multiple rounds of reviews. All took time out of their busy schedules to help out these young people. I highly recommend being a reader to anyone. You will be amazed at the talent of some of these young women and men.

I believe all of the participants benefited, even those who did not win. They all got to interview a military woman. While most interviewed a close relative such as their mother, sister or aunt, I'm sure they all learned something they didn't know about them and their life in the military.

I'm stepping down as Scholarship Chair to pursue other ways of helping military women. I hope you will support my successor by helping get the word out on the scholarship and/or being a reader.

PUBLIC RELATIONS



Jennifer Baun

The most recent convention has taken place and people were able to gather and share ideas.

I'm sorry I missed it and couldn't hear it first hand from you. Instead, I will reflect on things I would have been likely to ask while there.

Is there a local base or post near your unit, and have you reached out to it? Try reaching out to any military installation near-by and connect with the women stationed there. If you have no contacts, call the Public Affairs Officer. Some ideas for connecting are to plan a luncheon with your unit and the women.

Do you stay in touch with local Veteran Service Commissions? They are usually in touch with veterans needs in the area, as well as events. If they know about your unit, they refer women to you that are looking for other female vets to connect with.

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Are you willing to share your story and history? Reach out to local schools about working in the classroom. Or libraries, they are often looking for unique programming.

The main take away is that if people don't know you are out there, how can you expect them to join? Start tooting your own horns, ladies! Make yourselves be known and heard. You might also be surprised that people will gather and not only hear what you have to say, but want to be a part of it.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Barb Turner

Thank you unit treasurer's, unit presidents and regional representatives roster's for verifying the membership rosters that were e-mailed and snail mailed out the end of June. I appreciate you getting them back to me so quickly. If you have not received a roster, please get in touch with your regional representative so she can get it to you!

We have less than 1,550 members on our rolls now and more and more units are turning in their Charters. I thank those members for continuing their MWAN membership as members-at-large (MALs).

As a reminder, I have no way of knowing if you receive the WC or not. What I can do is verify that you have paid your dues (2016 now) and that your address on file is correct. Other than that, I cannot help you. Please discuss why you have not received your WC with your local Post Office.

Mississippi was HOT, but I certainly enjoyed myself and seeing some of my friends. Thank you, Volunteer, Unit #94, Memphis Belles, Unit #151 and TriState Veterans, Unit #157 for a GREAT MWAN Convention 2016!

WHITE CAPS EDITOR



Judy Faries

I hope the summer is treating everyone well. It sure is hot here in Florida.

I want to thank everyone for all of their wonderful input into the *White Caps*. This will be the last issue calling our newsletter *White Caps*. We will have voted on a new name at the convention. The new name if approved will be *Military Women's Bulletin*. I mention it this way because this issue of the *White Caps* has to be in before the convention.

I have a favor to ask of everyone. When you are doing input for the "White Caps" please put the input in regular page format, not the two or three column format. This is very difficult to merge in with the other inputs especially for the Sound Off section. I would really appreciate it.

I would like to thank Dassa Carvey, our outgoing President, for all of the help she has provided in producing the *White Caps*. I travel a lot and have had some family issues this past year and Dassa has always stepped up to help make sure the *White Caps* is completed in a very professional manner. I really appreciate all of her help.

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

Looking For..

Mr. Richard Bell is looking for a nurse or a woman vet who served overseas in WWII to include in a book he is working on about WWII vets. He has a couple of women vets, but they did not serve overseas and he is trying to cover all the different experiences of veterans. If this applies to anyone of our members or you know of a woman vet who has served overseas during WWII, please contact him.

His contact information is:

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There are samples of his work on his website



The Pentagon Created This 3-minute Overview of its New Military Retirement Plan

Provided in Military Times web site posted 15 June 2016

The Defense Department has released a three-minute explainer video providing a basic, broad overview of the military's new retirement system, which is scheduled to take effect in 2018.

The video is part of a what the Pentagon promises will be a thorough financial literacy campaign as officials prepare troops and their families for the change, which will scale back the military's traditional pension plan while introducing new individual investment accounts. Similar to 401(k) retirement plans offered in the private sector, these new accounts will include matching cash contributions from the federal government.

Starting in January 2018, military personnel with fewer than 12 years of service must choose whether to opt into the new "blended" system or stay enrolled in the traditional pension plan. Officials estimate that group includes 1.6 million people.

Those with more than 12 years in uniform will remain enrolled in the traditional pension plan.

"We're keeping up with what the force of the future will look like," Army Sgt. Maj. Michael Schultz, a senior enlisted adviser at the Pentagon, says in the video. "We need to keep up with our civilian counterparts out there, being sure, as leadership, we answer every question for them, we educate them on the choices. ... But at the end of the day, it's going to be their personal decision to make."

Everyone who joins the military in 2018 and beyond will automatically be enroll in the new system.

In approving the new system, officials both in the Pentagon and on Capitol Hill have championed the fact that this new system will, for the first time, ensure service members who don't stay in uniform for a full 20-year career will receive at least some retirement benefit upon leaving.

The move is not without controversy, however.

Notably, officials have yet to resolve one of the plan's key components: its lump-sum payout option.

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President's Message

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tion. Welcome to the incoming officers. I know everyone will continue to support the incoming officers. Together we can accomplish much.

Please keep Cheryl Adams, Outgoing 2nd Vice President, in your prayers. Cheryl recently suffered a heart attack and has had surgery. She is home and recovering and doing very well.

Over the past two years we have seen many units disestablish but we have also chartered two new ones: TriState Women Veterans, Unit #157, and New England Military Women Across the Nation, Unit #158. Sixteen of our units have had name changes approved to be inclusive of all women veterans. Several of those units have also successfully rewritten their bylaws and had them approved. I installed a Stained Glass Window at 4th Recruit Training Battalion, Parris Island, SC, an all-female battalion. We have also held several fundraising activities to support not only the Pillows for Patriots Program, but also the general fund.

I am proud to have been able to bestow Honorary Membership to four ladies supporting Salt River Military Women, Unit #155. Welcome aboard to Kitty Bickle, Barbara Klinedinst, Marion Cartland, and Sandy Engles. Thank you for all your support of Mwan and the Salt River Military Women!

I had the distinct honor of representing Mwan at the Ohio Women Veterans Conference during 2015. In addition, during 2015, Stars & Stripes, Unit #36, represented us at the Joint Women's Leadership Symposium (JWLS) in San Diego, while Maggie Cobb, Cathy Carroll, and I represented the organization during the 2016 JWLS in Arlington, VA. It is very inspiring to see all the young military

women from all branches of the services, even international military women, and to see the advances we have made as military women in service for our country. I have had the pleasure of awarding two scholarships. The latest is published in this issue.

Many thanks go to Patricia Cherchio-Vieira, Scholarship Chairman, for her accomplishments in successfully obtaining the greatest number of applications in the history of our awarding a scholarship! **Bravo Zulu!** Pat. The only service not represented in the submissions was the Coast Guard! I'm sure Pat has some positive feedback to pass on to her successor to be able to increase submissions to be able to reach 100 entrants!

Our membership continues to decline and we MUST recruit new members in order to be able to survive. What are you doing to assist in the recruitment? If you are a unit, have you adopted a Reserve Center in your area? With our Reserves being activated more often, they are in need of care packages. What better way to connect with potential members and let them know we care! Have you visited your local VFW and/or American Legion Post? Check them out.

Last, but not least, I thank my husband, Jerry, for his continued dedication and support. If I have something that needs to be done on the computer, he is the first to figure out how to accomplish what I have in mind and to recommend improvements! He has chauffeured me to all events around the country, providing his support and encouragement. He does all this while taking on his own favorite volunteer projects, mainly making ice cream for community and military events and helping his high school alumni association. I couldn't ask for a better Chief of Staff!

Always Navy~

Dassa

Evelyn Coy – WAVES Communications Specialist who worked as a Cryptographer during WWII

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computers. She worked long hours and around the clock on both Japanese and German messages. She worked behind 12-foot electrified fences, had a top secret clearance, and was prohibited from going into any office except her own. Secrecy was paramount; she could not talk to anybody about her job and even her parents never knew what she did in the Navy."

Eleanor Roosevelt, the President's wife, had been a big supporter of establishing women's branches in the armed forces and had pushed the establishment of the WAVES and WACs. She would invite service women to the White House every week for tea and conversation. Evelyn was part of a group of four women invited to attend one of the teas. Mrs. Roosevelt discussed women's subjects and was a big promoter of women's abilities and potential. Evelyn left with the message taken to heart and spent three years in the service and left as a Communications Specialist (Cryptographer) First Class. Evelyn married a Navy man she met at a USO dance, moved to San Diego and worked in the San Diego City Planning Dept. for 26 years.

The Pentagon Created This 3-minute Overview of its New Military Retirement Plan (continued from page 4)

The American Academy of Actuaries issued a warning to the Pentagon in May, saying it risks shortchanging enlisted personnel specifically.

The Pentagon says it's working to address the issue.

Meanwhile, officials have introduced the first of four courses that will help the force prepare for decision time. They're targeting the military's leaders now, individuals expected to be on the receiving end of questions from rank-and-file personnel, but the course is open to anyone. It's accessible via the department's **Joint Knowledge Online** portal.

It'll be December before a course is introduced that's tailored specifically for the troops who'll have to choose whether they want to opt in, officials say.

Retirement reform is a centerpiece of Washington's broad effort to overhaul key parts of the military's personnel expenditures, a series of moves — some ongoing — that have touched everything from healthcare to housing allowance.

The Pentagon views these ballooning costs as a threat to its ability to maintain a modern military.

Organizations that advocate on behalf of the nation's military personnel, by contrast, view these efforts as an attack on the quality-of-life programs that were designed to offset the unique hardships troops and their families must endure.

The explainer video calls the new retirement plan a matter of "financial security."

REGION VI HAPPENINGS

Jouay Koppari and Cathy Gerolimatos represented Sunshine Region VI at the 3rd Annual State of Florida Women Veterans' Conference 15-16 June, at the First Coast Technical College, St Augustine, FL.

Sunshine Region VI set up a table and acquired approximately 30 contacts in hopes of gaining new members to MWAN. Many of the attendees lived in the Jacksonville, St Augustine, and Melbourne area. Every single person that came by our table was given a brochure, MWAN application and business card of Region VI Representative. In addition, approximately 25 brochures were given to Mark (AJ) Johnson, Veteran Claim Examiner Supervisor with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs Northeast Florida, with a promise that he'll display them in his office.

The Keynote Speaker was Brigadier General Valerie Gonzales-Kerr, FL National Guard (retired) currently serving as the Florida National Guard's Assistant Adjutant General - Support and the Florida Department of Military Affairs'

State Quartermaster. There were a total of 16 speakers on a wide variety of topics of interest to women veterans that included CDR Selena Hernandez-Haines, USN (ret), Director of Military Recruitment, Flagler College; Vianne Marchese, Chief of Community Care Services North Florida, South Georgia VA; Chantal Escoto, Assistant Director of the Florida Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Rae Chapman, Vocational Employment Coordinator, VA Gulf Coast Veterans' Health System; and Walter Davis, VA Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Department of Veterans' Affairs. Each speaker addressed

such things as women's health in the VA system, how important it is to work with someone experienced in the claims system of the VA, understanding the VA claims appeal system, vocational rehabilitation program, veterans' preference in seeking employment, etc. This conference provided a lot of valuable information.

In addition, a Trailblazer Recognition Luncheon was part of the program. We had the opportunity to meet some of the women who paved the way for most of us to enjoy a career in the military and/or to serve in what were typically male jobs in the past. The trailblazers served in WWII, Korean and Vietnam Wars.

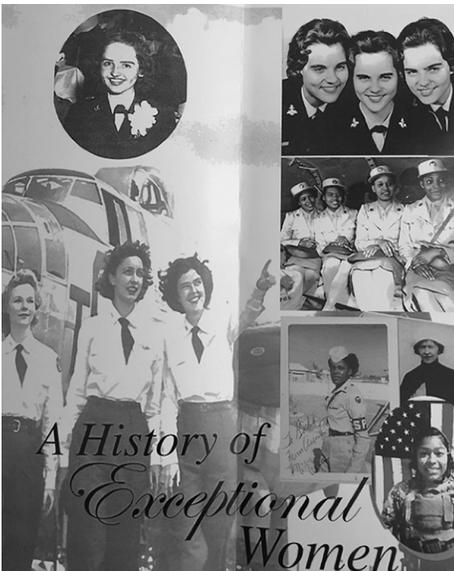


Jouay Koppari, Regional Rep for Region VI, handed out brochures, membership applications, and business cards at the Women Veterans' Conference.



Women who paved the way for us in military service were recognized at the Florida Women Veterans' Conference.

THE VETERAN WOMAN MUSEUM



Anne LaBell of Colorado has big ambitions and is well on her way to seeing them come to fruition. She is the Founder and Director of The Veteran

Woman Museum Foundation. It will be the first ever museum dedicated solely to the American military woman, featuring all branches of service from WWI through Afghanistan.

The museum will display examples of exceptional women of the past and present who helped their country in their own way, many whose deeds were ignored, discounted, or credit given to her male counterparts. It's all about "HER"; honor, education and remembrance.

Many collections and exhibits are being designed. Uniforms and clothing will include a Doughboy uniform, especially commissioned for an Army nurse and a rare WWII Bataan Death March nurse's Army dress. Modes of transportation, including a 1942 WLA Army Harley Davidson motorcycle and a 1957

Chevy Generals' staff car will be featured. Many more exhibits will include vintage military weapons, posters and other items related to women serving in the military.

A popular TV show that brought attention to women serving in Korea was *M.A.S.H.* Visitors will be able to walk through the 4077th hospital surgical tent and see the 4077th Korean War Jeep.

This museum is scheduled to open in Las Vegas in 2018. Military Women Across the Nation has a huge opportunity to be a part of something that is already a part of us.

For more information you can contact Anne @ 720-240-0300 or visit the website www.TheVeteranMuseum.org or youtube video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tqQJkg2aBxM>

MWAN Participates in 29th Annual Joint Women's Leadership Symposium

by Dassa Carvey

Maggie Cobb, Cathy Carroll and I had the distinct honor of representing Military Women Across the Nation at the Joint Women's Leadership Symposium, in Arlington, VA, in June. We met many servicewomen from all branches of the U.S. military, as well as sea service women from some of our Allied Services.

The Joint Women's Leadership Symposium serves as the **only event in the United States** dedicated to providing our service women professional development through networking, education, and mentorship from all five Armed Services. This training symposium has become a preeminent training event dedicated to providing women serving in the Department of Defense and Coast Guard – civilian, officer, enlisted, and cadets.

This year's theme **"Leading with Purpose: Impacting the Future!"** focused on opportunities for women in the military while exploring options for the future. In this venue, we were able to discuss the opportunities we had and didn't have when we were in service and

expound on the challenges we faced, as well as challenges and obstacles faced by those who came before us.

We saw a preponderance of Coast Guard ladies, primarily, I think, because Maggie is a retired Coast Guard Sailor and the ladies from that service were especially interested in learning her history.

To bring the ladies to our table, we offered them a chance at winning one of three Pillows for Patriots that the Military Women of Tidewater, Unit #152, donated. Attendees were especially interested in hearing about the various projects we are involved in and the pillows were a prime example.

This was Cathy's first experience participating with us in this event. When asked what she thought of it, she replied, "When asked to help man an MWAN display at the Joint Women's Leadership Seminar, I had no idea what to expect. What a pleasant surprise! The young women attending the seminar were refreshing with their enthusiasm and "can do" demeanor. Few knew about MWAN

so we were able to share what we are all about. All in all, a delightful experience."



Maggie Cobb and Cathy Carroll talk to Petty Officer Ashley Cruz, U.S. CG, during the JWLS in Arlington, VA.



JoAnn Orloff and Fleet CMC Susan Whitman stopped by to chat with Dassa Carvey and Maggie Cobb at the MWAN table.

WOMEN VET PLATES COME TO OHIO

For several years the women veterans of the Great State of Ohio have had a request... to have a woman veteran license plate. This is the year that finally happened. State Senator Sandra Williams, who is a veteran, sponsored and introduced a Senate bill to create the Ohio Women Veterans specialty license plate, and Ohio women veterans thank her for her service and for helping to make this a reality. The bill originally made it to committee, but was then submitted as part of the budget and remained in the budget, which was signed by the Governor on June 30th, 2015. These weren't the only efforts to make this happen, though. Many women veterans reached out in their communities, at VA Clinics and Veteran Service Commission offices to obtain the required signatures, should they be needed. It is all these efforts

collectively, that has made this possible.

The plates are similar to the current veteran license plate. This was deliberately done. Many of the 67,000 women veterans in Ohio currently have veteran



Karen Kish (2nd from L), Jennifer Baun, USN (center), and Jo Wildman, USCG (3rd from R), members of MWAN, attended the unveiling of the Ohio Women Veterans license plate.

plates and they are proud of their branch of service. It made sense to keep that theme and not separate women so much

from our male contemporaries. Women veterans are not looking for a separate identification – we are Veterans, first and foremost and would just like the acknowledgement that women are veterans too. While there is a more accepting acknowledgement of this fact, women who have served continue to face incorrect perceptions. This license plate is a new way for Ohioans to help the community understand just how many women have served and how proud we are of that service.

The license plates were officially unveiled during a ceremony hosted by the Ohio Department of Veteran Services and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles on Friday, April 22nd, 2016 at 2:00pm at the Ohio Statehouse Ladies Gallery. Several members of Military Women Across the Nation were in attendance and a couple received presentation plates.

2016 Military Women Across the Nation Scholarship Recipient and Essay



Orian Hairston and his mother LTC Tykise Larry

Orian Hairston is a recent graduate of West Potomac High School, Alexandria, VA. Orian was an active member of the National Honor Society, student government, chess and committee chair treasurer of youth council. He also

enjoys helping his mother with her non-profit charities.

His mother, LTC Tykise Larry, USA, is his sponsor. LTC Larry is in the Army Nurse Corps.

Orian aspires to attend a business school with an innovative curriculum and one that offers individualized experimental learning in a high tech facility. He endeavors to pursue not only business but also international studies.

When informed of his winning essay, Orian relayed that his mother had not seen his submission. He presented it to her for Mother's Day! PRICELESS! Also, he wanted a photo of the two of them together with her in uniform, but LTC Larry was deployed, as many military women/mothers are.

MWAN wishes Orian much success in all of his future endeavors.

Military Women: Then and Now Salute to African-American Women Serving in the US Army Nurse Corps: Past and Present

During the month of February in the United States, we as a nation take time to recognize famous African-Americans and celebrate Black History Month. As a 17 year old African-American male in my senior year in high school, I feel that it is imperative to recognize black history as a vital part of American history each day. I would like the reader of this essay to travel on a journey with me describing the important periods of the African-American Army Nurse Corps Officer past, present and future. I would also like to honor the legacy of African American Army Nurse Corps Officers to include my mother, LTC Tykise LaJuan Larry. She is currently serving her 20th year in the United States Army Nurse Corps.

I was amazed and stunned to discover during the last three decades, the Army Nurse Corps has been privileged to have three African American Corps Chiefs. BG Hazel W.

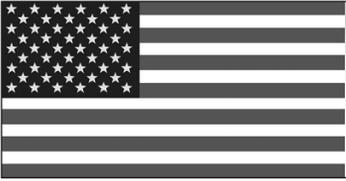
Johnson (Ret.), the first African American woman to attain the rank of General, served as the 16th Chief of the Army Nurse Corps from September 1979 until August 1983. BG Clara L. Adams-Ender (Ret.) served as the 18th Chief of the Army Nurse Corps from September 1987 until August 1991. BG Bettye H. Simmons (Ret.) served as the 20th Corps Chief of the Army Nurse Corps from 2 December 1995 until 31 January 2000. My mother commissioned in the Army Nurse Corps February 1996 while BG Simmons was serving as Corps Chief. She was so inspired and honored to join during this time as she knew these trailblazers paved the way for her and other current African American Army Nurse Corps officers which certainly didn't come easy and without an uphill battle.

The performance of nurses during the Spanish American War led to the establishment of the Army Nurse Corps on 2 February 1901. However, African Americans continued to fight for acceptance as nurses both in civilian and military venues. During the Spanish-American War, African American nurses were only allowed to serve as contract nurses. Before that time, during the Civil War, African-American nurses such as Sojourner Truth, an emancipated slave, worked in Union hospitals caring for the wounded, ill and injured. Likewise, Harriet Tubman also nursed soldiers during this timeframe. However, many of the nurses never received a pension until 30 years after the end of the war.

At the onset of World War I, administrative barriers existed within the Army Nurse Corps and the American Red Cross that prevented African American nurses from joining the war efforts. With political and public pressure building for acceptance of African American nurses for the war cause, plans were made to permit them to apply to the Army Nurse Corps. It was not until the last months of World War I, during the influenza epidemic of 1918, that the Army and the Red Cross began accepting these nurses who were so willing to serve. It soon became apparent that their participation was necessary to win the war.

World War II changed American history and redefined the status and opportunities of the professional nurses. In 1941, the Army Nurse Corps began accepting African American nurses but only a small number. When the war ended in September 1945 just 479 black nurses were serving in a corps of 50,000 because a quota system imposed by the segregated Army during the first two years of the war held down the

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Across the Nation

Maggie Cobb at the USO



Although not as close to her home unit as she might like, Maggie Cobb of Military Women of Tidewater, Unit #152

(VA) has never let distance keep her from celebrating and supporting our troops.

When the USO of Metropolitan Washington-Baltimore teamed up with Giant Barbecue Battle and Stratford University for the Military Cook-Off Challenge, Maggie was on hand to support the USO and the programs and services they offer to our troops and their families.

The USO Show Troupe is part of an American tradition

that goes back nearly 75 years to its beginnings in the muddy camp shows of the South Pacific. Today the pride and passion that fueled that early music lives on through the USO Show Troupe.



This year's Military Cook-Off Tent hosted teams of competing chefs from each service branch as they faced off in a barbecue; 100% of the proceeds benefited USO-Metro programs and services for local troops and families. Thank you, Maggie, for always being on hand to support the troops – you make your unit proud!

2016 Military Women Across the Nation Scholarship Recipient and Essay *(continued from page 8)*

number of black enrollments although many more were fully qualified. The Army authorities tried justifying enrollment based on the fact that assignments available to black nurses were limited because they were only allowed to care for black troops in black wards or hospitals. However, political pressure and outrage forced the Army to drop its quota system in 1944 to increase enrollment federal funding opportunities for African-Americans seeking to become professional nurses. After the war, many veterans, including nurses, took advantage of the increased educational opportunities provided for them by the government.

Huge progress for African American nurses and the Army Nurse Corps marked the end of World War II. Yet, it was not until July 1948 that Executive order 9981 issued by President Harry S. Truman eliminated blatant discrimination in the armed forces. The Executive Order 9981 states, "there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion or national origin." The passage of Executive Order 9981 triggered the Army as an organization to eliminate 300 segregated units. African American nurses were finally able to serve in integrated hospitals in Korea, Japan, Hawaii, and in

the continental United States. African American nurses cared for wounded frontline soldiers and combat evacuees without the constraints of a segregated environment. The Korean War was a turning point in the reception of African American nurses in the Army Nurse Corps.

During the interview with my mother, I was made aware that recent years have seen the missions of the Army nurse expand. Army nurses serve throughout the world in support of armed conflict and humanitarian endeavors. My mother herself served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom for a total of 15 months. I remember my mother sacrificing for the entire family to defend her country. During the last twenty years of my mother's career, she has been nominated and selected for numerous jobs based on her work ethics and not the color of her skin. The nurses discussed in this essay are but a handful of the countless African American nurses who have served for the continuance of freedom and liberty within our borders and abroad. All of these nurses serve with great distinction and honor. Today, African American Army Nurse Corps officers are assigned to all specialties within the Army Nurse Corps and making a significant difference in American history.

SOUND OFF!

KEYSTONE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #6 (PA) – Ruthie Severino and her husband, Sal, attended the USO Tribute show “Rocking with the Troops” supporting all veterans with impersonator “Win” Roberts as Bob Hope, Jack Benny, and Red Skelton. Special guest star was our own legendary Bobby Rydell.

Jeanne Lemasters and Billie Taddie attended the unveiling and dedication of the POW/MIA Chair of Honor at the Chapel of the Four Chaplains. This empty and reserved chair will remind our visitors of the sacrifice made by 92,000 still missing American service men and women... “You Are Not Forgotten.”

Four members attended the Media Memorial Day Parade and Gladys Martin gave the invocation during ceremonies following the parade. We were also guests at the Media VFW celebration honoring all veterans whether war time or peace time.

June meeting was held at the Coast Guard Station. Elections were postponed until next meeting.

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

HEART OF AMERICA OF MWAN

Unit #9 (KS) – We held our June meeting at Cascones Italian Restaurant. Six members attended along with a guest, Regina Slade, from American Legion Post 1107 in Independence, MO. In past meetings we have been discouraged by the low attendance. But not this time. It seems we have sparked some new interest and had a very productive meeting. With ideas from President Sharon Woods and Secretary Lois Hardeman, the group decided we could learn a couple of things from these two. Sharon showed off some of her craft projects she has been working on. She never lacks for things to do! Lois got excited about these projects because she is a professional seamstress and a crafty person as well. So she offered her home as a meeting place for members to gather and make crafts we could sell at various events. It would also give us time to socialize while

doing something productive. Our first get together will be in September. We can't wait.

We were also privileged to have an impromptu guest speaker, Regina Slade. She shared her experiences during her military career as well as veterans events her Post is involved in throughout the year. Post 1107 is an all-female post with about 17 members.



Speaker Regina Slade

Our next business meeting will be held at non 27 August 2016 at the American Legion Post 370 in Overland Park, KS. For more information please contact Michele Batliner at 816-315-9229 or email at mbatliner@att.net

NORTHEAST OHIO WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #21 (OH) – The unit decided to go big or go home for Memorial Day this year. So, we had a float in the annual Boardman Memorial Day Parade and attended the Service. That same weekend we had already attended the Youngstown VA's women veteran program. Other members participated in the Springfield Township Veterans Memorial. We sure wish the rest of the summer would be smooth sailing, but are avidly planning for the Canfield Fair and our upcoming 30th Anniversary Banquet.



Some members of the Parade Float: (L-R) Donna Sheldon, Rosalie Bland, Freda Whaley, Vicki Wallis, Sarah Hale, and Jennifer Baun (standing)



Members at the Springfield parade: Elva Pfounders and Ellen Leidy



Youngstown VA Women Event: Sara Hale, Vicki Wallis, Jennifer Baun, Freda Whaley, Nora Patella (assoc mbr Royal Army), Karen Wiscott, Donna Sheldon, and Rosalie Bland. Also in attendance, but not pictured - Jan Brown.

For meeting information please contact Jennifer Baun at 314-803-8643 or email at Jennifer.baun@att.net.

SEA BREEZES

Unit #52 (FL) – Several members of the Sea Breezes gathered for a year end lunch at the Pensacola Yacht Club in June. It was great visiting with Ruthie Ratchford (and husband Ran), Pat Gilbert, Annette Weichert and Geneva Woods, members we have not seen in a while, as well as some of our members we do see more often. Lunch was fantastic, and the socializing much fun! Thanks so much to Linda Balink-White for setting up this wonderful event!

We had a very short business meeting and elected/re-elected the 2016 – 2018 officers. Congratulations to Laura Walker (President) Stephanie Oram (V.P.) Linda Balink-White (Treasurer) and Kathy Gregory (Secretary). We know these ladies will do a fabulous job in keeping Unit #52 going and in line. Thank you all for volunteering!

Our thoughts and prayers are with MaryAnn Vodinelich, as she battles illness.

SOUND OFF!

GULF COAST OF MWAN

Unit #56 (FL) – Denise Costa, of MWAN Unit #56, ran the Memorial Day 5K(3.1miles) race to raise money for Charlotte County Veterans in Punta Gorda, FL.



Denise Costa shows off her 1st place race medal

This race began a 5 year series in honor of the branches of the military. This year was in honor of the Army. There was a flyover during the National Anthem, a WW II Army Vet was present, and over 500 runners ran either the 5K or 10K race. Denise won 1st in her age group. Denise is a retired Lieutenant Colonel having served 20 years in the Army Nurse Corps.

Rose Deck was one of 66 Veterans on Collier County, FL's 10th Honor Flight and the only second all Female Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. on 11 June 2016. Rose was a Yeoman at the Naval Air Station in



Rose Deck participated in the second all Female Honor Flight

Alameda, CA in 1954-1955.

The Veterans all wore pink t-shirts, which said on the back, "I'm a lady and a Veteran". The Veterans ranged in age from 24-95. They were greeted by 92 year old former Senator Bob Dole and many other veterans, Active Duty personnel, Girl Scouts, and people showing honor and respect.

While in the Washington, D.C. area,

they were escorted and got to see the WW II Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Wall, Korean Memorial, Iwo Jima Monument, Air Force Memorial, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Changing of the Guard at Arlington, and lunch at the Women in Military Service Memorial while looking up their names.

If you have not gone yet, look into the Honor Flight in your area.

REDWOOD EMPIRE MILITARY WOMEN

Unit #77 (CA) – We recently attended a WOMEN VETERANS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON at the local VA facility. The purpose was to enlighten women veterans on some of the recent changes made by the VA for their benefit and encourage them to avail themselves if need be.

Recent memorial services included Rena Suberg who was a Charter member of Unit #77 back in 1989. We still have two remaining Charter members.

Elections were held at the June meeting and our new officers will be installed in July. We welcome our new members and have included them in the slate of officers to be installed.

We will continue our meetings on the 2nd Saturday and enjoy our "get together" pot luck lunch.

PASCO COUNTY WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #104 (FL) – Our unit, led by our president, Linda Roth, continues to strive to build up our membership and recruit members from all Services. We maintain a presence in the local community, attending numerous Veterans functions, including unit member Judi Barrett's participation in wreath laying during the holidays at a local National Cemetery. As a unit, we visit and provide gift bags to female Veterans at the Baldomero Lopez State Veterans Facility where we also participated in the annual Memorial Day celebration.

We are taking the summer off since



Pictured from Memorial Day are Penny Tardona, Carol Goodlin-Coutre, Linda Roth, Marie Scire Everhart and Jouay Koppari

our area has such a large concentration of "Snow Birds". See you again in the fall!!

Visit our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/102727575729362/>

OCEAN STATE

Unit #118 (RI) – On 16 June, members held their annual Rhode Island Military Woman of the Year luncheon at the Officers' Club on Naval Station Newport. Over thirty people attended, including members of this unit and New England Military Women Across the Nation, Unit 158, personnel from the Surface Warfare Officers School (SWOS), and guests from the Rhode Island Department of Veterans Affairs, Jewish War Veterans, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.



Luisa White, MWAN Rhode Island State Director, presents the RI Military Woman of the Year plaque to Lt. Kelly Pisano during the annual luncheon on June 16.

The award honoring outstanding military service by an active duty woman serving in Rhode Island was presented to Lieutenant Kelly Pisano, United States Navy. Captain Kevin Meyers, Executive Officer, SWOS, gave remarks on LT Pisano's excellent performance as an instructor at SWOS's International Directorate.

Guest speaker Captain Dennis Boyer, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport, also spoke regarding the role of women in the Navy today. "With those who can pull their share of the load



Capt. Kevin Meyers, Executive Officer, SWOS; Lt. Kelly Pisano, RI Military Woman of the Year; Carol Rotkin, President, Unit 118; Luisa White, RI State Director; Capt. Dennis Boyer, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport, cut the cake during the awards ceremony recognizing Lt. Pisano's selection as the RI Military Woman of the Year.

regardless of whether or not they wear a skirt, we are a better, more capable fighting force because we rely on the most talented people to serve, both men and women," Boyer said.

MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

Unit #152 (VA) – The months of May and June found the ladies of the Unit quite busy. An Honor Flight Ice Cream Social, and attendance at Memorial Day services at Albert G. Horton, Jr., Memorial Veterans Cemetery in May were opportunities for members to show special honor to our veterans.

After years of donating to our local food bank, Martha Kastler and Dassa Carvey were able to tour the facility. Being able to see how our donations are put to work was both enlightening and encouraging.

Members were welcomed at the annual County Fair at the VA, as Phyllis Lightfoot, Helen Jakubik, Dassa Carvey, and Jo Teel shared homemade cookies and hand-crocheted lap robes.



Martha Kastler, Betty Hand, Vee Charles, and April Maletz help Individual Augmentation servicemembers select a neck pillow.

Activity in the Pillows for Patriots work allowed us to send off departing IA members with individual pillows in June.

Ann Marie Dixon-Leach shared a very special moment - that she and her mother were blessed to reenlist her oldest son in the Navy for four more years.



LTJG Ann Marie Dixon-Leach reenlisted her oldest son, IT3(SW) Edwin Sharpe Jr. Cecil Myers, Petty Officer Sharpe's grandmother, had the pleasure of sharing the event.

We meet, monthly, at VFW 4809, Norfolk, VA. For meeting information, contact Dassa Carvey, at Dassa_2@verizon.net, or 757-363-3059.

TRISTATE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #157 (TN) – TriState Women Veterans, Unit #157, hosted the 5th Annual Tennessee Women Veterans Summit in Chattanooga 29-30 April. Top Tennessee leaders in the veteran community presented up-to-date details and current opportunities in their programs.



President Rita Waller welcomes Summit attendee with a song of Chattanooga!

Speakers included Tennessee Department of Veterans Services Commissioner Many-Bears Grider (Army Guard/Ret); U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Region (Tennessee) Director Edna McDonald; U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs Tennessee Valley Healthcare System Director Suzanne Jené and many more. Some 75 women veterans from four states attended the event and a few signed up as new members of Unit #157.



During the Summit more than 20 Vietnam-era veterans were honored for their service by Daughters of the Revolution Chief John Ross Chapter Regent Teresa (front row, second from right).

{Photo by Charlee Brazier}

TriState Women Veterans Unit #157 was a co-host of the 2016 MWAN Convention which included attending numerous planning meetings held across the state and even in Tunica, Mississippi. However, unit members are ALWAYS up for a "road trip" and any opportunity to meet with sister service women!



Unit members (l-r) Patty Parks/Navy, Beth Wingfield/Army, Penny Manny/Marine and Renee Chisholm/Army attended the final planning meeting in Nashville on 25 June.

For meeting information please contact Patty Parks, 423-326-0839, or pattyjoparks@yahoo.com.

NEW ENGLAND MILITARY WOMEN OF MWAN

Unit #158 (RI) – Unit members attended the Armed Services Night.



President MariaHelena Peixoto and Vice President Connie Rix display the banner identifying their unit at the opening game for the PawSox baseball team in Providence.

Eighth Army Welcomes First Female Deputy Commanding General

By Tim Oberle, Eighth Army Public Affairs, July 13, 2013

Editor's note: A Patch Ceremony is a tradition started by the Army during World War II and soldiers who served in a combat zone during a period of active enemy engagement placed their unit patches on their right shoulders to signify their participation. To earn this combat patch, a soldier must serve for at least 30 days in a theater of operations declared a combat zone by the Secretary of the Army or a higher official.



Eighth Army Deputy Commanding General for Sustainment Brig. Gen. Tammy Smith addresses attendees during a Patch Ceremony 7 July at US Army Garrison Yongsan in Seoul

SEOUL, South Korea – Eighth Army welcomed Brig. Gen. Tammy Smith, the first female general officer to serve in an Eighth Army headquarters-level position, during a Patch Ceremony on July 7 at U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan in Seoul.

Smith takes over as the Deputy Commanding General-Sustainment for Maj. Gen. David Puster who is set to retire following 36 years of distinguished service to the nation. Puster leaves Eighth Army having laid down much of the groundwork for the relocation of more than 29,000 Soldiers, civilians and family members under the Yongsan Relocation Plan and the Land Partnership Plan with the South Korean government.

Addressing the crowd at the jam-packed Collier Community Fitness Center, Eighth Army commander Lt. Gen. Thomas Vandal praised Puster for setting the conditions for a successful transition.

“Today, we bid farewell to a remarkable Soldier, leader, and general officer. Gen. Puster did a phenomenal job taking care of our Soldiers (and families) in a very complex environment ensuring we were always ready to fight tonight,” said Vandal. “

“(Puster) coordinated one of the largest relocations in the history of the United States military as we prepare our move to Camp Humphreys. His work (has been) instrumental in keeping this project on track, and he made sure that it did not impact our readiness.”

Smith takes over at a critical juncture of the Transformation and Re-stationing process as the bulk of the moves are set to take place over the next few years, including the relocation of the 2nd Infantry Division, Eighth Army and U.S. Forces Korea headquarters elements.

“During your tenure, you will have oversight of the Eighth Army’s move and integration into our new Headquarters at Camp Humphrey,” Vandal said, acknowledging the difficult road ahead for Smith as she assumes her new role, but reassured her that she was the best possible leader to handle the transition.

“I have no doubt that we have plenty of work in front of us as we

move all of the Eighth Army units to Pyeongtaek, but I am confident that we have the right leader in Tammy Smith to...ensure a successful transition.”

As Puster’s own remarks drew to a close, he offered Smith words of encouragement for the long journey ahead. Having worked alongside Smith since her arrival, Puster possesses a unique insight into her ability to handle the massive undertaking.

“You come at an exciting time of transformation,” Puster said. “I’m certain you will continue to uphold the incredible legacy of the alliance (and) provide valuable support to our partners in the defense of Korea. Our commanders and staff will soon learn what I have already seen during our transition time together (that) you are absolutely the right officer, at the right time, for this job.”

Throughout Smith’s remarks it was clear that she was extremely proud to serve as a trailblazer for aspiring female officers across the Army, but that she regarded her new position with especial gravity because it is with one of the Army’s most storied units.

“It has taken me 30 years of military service to arrive at what I anticipate will be the greatest assignment of my career,” she said. “It is a privilege to serve in the Army, and it is a privilege to be trusted with the Eighth Army sustainment portfolio.”

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USN - Patriotic Ribbon Pin \$4	Service Logo Lapel Pin \$4 SPECIFY: Navy, USMC, USCG, ARMY, AF	MWAN Magnet \$2 MWAN Logo	Navy Flag Patch \$4 Iron on, 3 1/2"x2"
Anchor Earrings \$14 Pierced, Original Hat Pin Style (3/4") (Clip-on Available on Request)	Freedom Forever Pin \$5 Oblong pin, eagle on front	Proud to Serve \$5 Oblong patch, 3"X 2 1/2"	MWAN Coins \$10 1.3/4" round
Dogtag Lapel Pin \$5 Dog-tag shape, 3/4", silver-color pin w/ chain says: Women Proudly Served	Women Vets Patch \$5 Arch style patch - "It's time to honor & support them"	MWAN Pencils 2/\$1 MWAN logo with website Bulk prices available – call me	MWAN Coin Keychain \$12 Keychain w/ring
Patriotic Key Chain \$6 Stars or Stripes in Red, White and Blue, Canvas material	Sister Warrior Pin \$5 Round, Quarter Size Clutch Back	WAVES Notes Cards \$10 10 Single-fold notes /envelopes WAVES hat picture on front	MWAN PENS \$2 MWAN logo with website Bulk prices available-call me
Garrison Cap \$23 Ladies' Style, Dark Blue, lined w/MWAN Logo Patch provided 55% Poly/45% Wool; DRY CLEAN ONLY Sizes 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25 (Measure Circumference of your head; Add 1 & ROUND UP for Size)	MWAN Flags and Table Coverings Flag – 3x5', white, with MWAN logo \$80 Table coverings – fits 6' table, washable \$120.		



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