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For the Love of Flying

Hazel was born in 1912 Portland, Oregon, when Chinese immigration to the United States was restricted and anti-Chinese sentiment was prevalent. Her parents had no idea their daughter would become an American hero.

One of eight children born to Chinese immigrants Yuet Lee and Ssiu Lan Lee, who met and married in the U.S., Hazel Ying Lee experienced a typical American youth enjoying swimming, handball, playing cards and learning to drive. After graduation from Commerce High School in 1929 she took a job as an elevator operator at a department store, one of the few jobs open to Chinese-American women.

However, at 19 her passion was ignited and her focus became flying after a plane ride in 1932. At a time when less than one percent of U.S. pilots were women, and despite opposition from her mother, Lee was so driven to fly that she saved money to take private lessons and earned her pilot's license later that year. Her sister Frances once said, "It was the thought of doing something she loved. {She} enjoyed the danger and doing something that was new to Chinese girls."



A year later, Lee traveled to China in hopes of joining the Chinese Air Force to oppose the Japanese invasion. But they did not accept women pilots. She remained in China despite the war, working a military desk job for a time and flying occasionally for commercial companies.

She was in Canton when hundreds of civilians were killed in Japanese air attacks. Friends have spoken of Lee's calm while bombs fell all around and remember her effort to find shelter for friends, neighbors and family. Following another unsuccessful effort to join the Chinese Air Force, Lee returned to the U.S. in 1938.

After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, America was drawn into World War II and it became clear there were not enough pilots to sustain the war effort. In the fall of 1942, Lee heard about and applied for the Women's Flying Training Detachment - which in 1943 became the Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP).

She was accepted into the 4th class and became the first Chinese-American woman to fly for the U.S. military. During an arduous six-month training program in Texas, Lee learned to fly a variety of military planes. After graduation she was assigned to the 3rd Ferrying Squadron at Romulus Army Air Base in Michigan. They delivered aircraft, being manufactured in converted automobile factories, to points of embarkation, where the aircraft would then be shipped to the European and Pacific war fronts. In a letter to her sister, Lee described Romulus as "a 7-day workweek, with little time off." When asked to describe Lee's attitude, a fellow member of the WASP summed it up in Lee's own words, "I'll take and deliver anything."

Lee flew various aircraft including the Boeing C-47 which could transport up to 6,000 pounds of cargo. In 1944, she attended Pursuit School, becoming one of a select group of women qualified to fly high-powered, single-engine, fighter aircraft, including the P-51 Mustang.

Known for her humor, Lee had a marvelous sense of mischief. She used her lipstick to inscribe Chinese characters on the tail of her plane and the planes of her fellow pilots. One fellow who happened to be a bit on the chubby side, had his plane dubbed (unknown to him) "Fat Ass."

Described by fellow pilots as "calm and fearless," one of Lee's two forced landings took place in a Kansas wheat field. A farmer, pitchfork in hand, chased her around the plane while shouting to his neighbors that the Japanese had invaded Kansas. *"Flying" is continued on page 3*



Don't Forget!

April Bulletin Input DUE 1 Mar
2018 Scholarship DEADLINE 2 Mar
2018 National Dues DEADLINE 1 Apr

Details on all reports are in the Procedures Manual at www.milwomen.org

Presidential Ponderings

by Patty Parks, National President

Happy Election Year! Yes, ladies, 2018 is the year of our National Convention (September 4-7 in San Diego) and time for us to hold national, regional and state elections.

While nominations for national officer nominees is closed, there are still opportunities for you to step up to a leadership position at the regional, state and, perhaps, unit level!

Details of each position are available in our 2016 National Bylaws and Procedures Manual (both online at milwomen.org). While many currently serving officers are willing to continue in the same position, most would deeply appreciate having an "alternate" willing to learn the job and perhaps take it on in the future.

We also will be updating our National Bylaws at convention. While bylaws may seem confusing, they are simply the rules used to run our organization, and to protect you – the members.

To help facilitate all of this official business, the June 2018 issue of Military Women's Bulletin will be filled to the brim with officer nominations and bylaw change details. That means there will not likely be any room for our "Sound Off". So, make certain you get all your news submitted by 1 March for the April 2018 issue.

Also, why not create a Full Page ad for your unit or group of MALs to submit for the 2018 National Convention Program!

Keep your eye out in May for "Call to Convention" which will provide specifics regarding tours, events, advance sales, program advertisements, etc.

1st Vice Advice

by Venetta Charles, National 1st Vice President

Happy New Year! I hope everyone is doing well and making plans for 2018. Membership is a key component of Military Women Across the Nation. I want to encourage each member to take an active part in building our membership. I would like our recruiting theme for this year to be "Let's Move Ahead".

There are numerous activities we can do to increase our membership and retain the members we have. Raising awareness of what we do as an organization in your communities is a start. Get involved in Veterans Day and Memorial Day events, just to name a couple. Your unit may also participate in activities at your local military and Veteran Administration facilities.

Social Media is also a great tool to attract military women from all branches. Another idea is to conduct an Open House. Whatever event you decide on, remember that outreach events can be beneficial to the attendees and renew the energy of members. Have fun in whatever way you decide to reach out!

As new members join our organization we need to welcome them with open arms and keep them engaged and connected. Get new members involved in community service, give them a call or send them an email reminding them of the upcoming meeting, and always let them know their contributions matter.

Membership and retention ideas are needed and welcome. If you have an idea, please send me an email describing what your unit has done and the results. My email is veetif@yahoo.com.

Officers' Call

Newsworthy Notes

by Judy Faries, Military Women's Bulletin Editor

It is with mixed feelings that I resign as your bulletin Editor. I have held this position for seven wonderful years but I am at a time where I must put my family first and cannot devote the time I feel this position requires to do the job right.

I am hoping that someone will step forward to fill this position soon. It is a wonderful job that has enabled me to get to know so many wonderful women and their stories. You don't have to be a member of a unit. I have always been a Member at Large. I have gotten to know so many of the units and have been the first one to see what wonderful things the units have been doing.

Being a member of the Board of Directors during the changes this organization has been going through these last few years has been such an exciting challenge and such a privilege to be a part of. I look forward to what the next board has in store for us all.

This job does not take a lot of computer knowledge. If you can cut and paste into a word document, you have the basic skills needed. We have a talented team of ladies who help review each issue for grammar, spelling, etc. Of course, spellcheck does an excellent job of helping with a lot of this. I will also be available to provide any assistance or guidance needed.

I especially want to thank Barb Turner, Dassa Carvey, Patty Parks and all the ladies who have supported me throughout the last seven years. I always want to thank all the ladies for providing such great articles and photos that have made our newsletter such a great newsletter.

Please contact President Patty Parks if you are interested in taking this position. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call. My phone number is 941-479-4651 or cell 301-904-4585 or I can be contacted by email at mizjudy97@gmail.com.

National Officer & Staff contact Info in on Page 10.

MWAN 2018 National Convention
September 4-7, 2018 in San Diego, California
Mark your calendar NOW!



Region Notes

Sunshine Region VI

Representative JouayKoppari, Valrico FL

Call for Sunshine Region VI Representative and Florida State Director 2018

Hi, everyone. I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's Eve.

As you have seen a call has gone out for new officers for our organization. I hope you have thought hard about being a part of helping this organization go forward into the future.

We are looking for women to take on the positions of Region VI Representative and Florida State Director and lead us into the future.

We need new people with fresh ideas to help use all medias to recruit new members and to keep our existing members involved in MWAN, Region, and State. So, think about it very carefully and remember those thoughts you may have had "If I was in that position this is what I would do." Please do not take the attitude that someone else will do it. Step up to the challenge.

Please contact me at jouayk@verizon.net, 4517 Cabbage Palm Drive, Valrico FL 33596-7189, or 813-684-1668 to submit your name for one or both positions.

Thank you for your interest.



Veteran ID Cards now available

All veterans - past, present, and future - can now prove their military service without the added risk of identity theft. Millions of veterans have been unable to document their service without carrying around official military records.

These ID cards will make life a little bit easier for our veterans and serve as a constant reminder that our brave men and women in uniform deserve all the care and respect a grateful nation can offer.

The ID cards are meant to offer a way for veterans to prove their service without carrying a copy of their DD-214 forms, which contains sensitive personal information.

The new IDs will not, however, qualify as official government-issued identification for air travel or other uses. The ID card program is voluntary.

To request an ID, veterans must visit the "Vets.Gov" website, click on "Apply for Printed Veteran ID Card" at the bottom left of the page and sign in or create an account.



"Flying" (continued from page 1)

Alternately running and ducking under the aircraft wing, Lee finally stood her ground, told the farmer who she was and demanded he put the pitchfork down. He complied, and then complemented the landing she made.

Although flying under military command, the 1000+ women pilots of WASP were classified as civilians. On average, they were paid less than men; they had to pay for their own uniforms as well as their own room and board, and they did not receive military benefits. In fact, for the 38 WASPs who died in the line of duty, the U.S. Air Force did not pay for funeral expenses.

Sadly, Lee became one of the 38 in 1944 when she died as a result of injuries sustained in a runway collision.

In 1977, WASPs finally won veteran status and in 2010 President Barack Obama awarded WASPs the Congressional Gold Medal.



Members-at-Large

North Las Vegas NV – Several Nevada members of MilWomen gathered for a Christmas Party on December 13. Pictured above are (standing L-R) Elaine Chin, Edith Hicks, Barb Sebring, Brenda Mallison, Yvette Weigold, Bobbi Oates, (seated, L-R) Donna Lee, Carol Watson, Mitzi Tracy, Peggy Randle and Lee Kearney.

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Military Women Across the Nation College Scholarship Rules & Application



This \$1,000 scholarship is available to a relative - male or female - of a military woman.

The 2018 essay topic is "Moms Serving in the Military: The Challenges They Face."

PLEASE FOLLOW THE RULES

Previous applicants have been disqualified simply because they did not follow the rules.

Applicant Eligibility

1. Applicants may be female or male but must be a civilian relative of a Military Woman who has served or is serving honorably in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard or their Guard or Reserve components. The relationship may be by birth, legal adoption or marriage.
2. Applicants must have a 3.2 or better Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.
3. Applicants must be a high school senior or undergraduate college student.
4. Entries must be submitted by March 2, 2018: NO EXCEPTIONS.
5. This scholarship is **NOT for military women or veterans.**

Application Package MUST INCLUDE the following:

1. Completed Application.
2. Copy of all transcripts pertaining to current course of study to include academic standing.
3. ***Documented Proof of the military woman relative's honorable military service.*** Application packages without this proof **WILL NOT be considered.** ***Documented Proof*** is a legible copy of the military woman's Standard Form DD-214 discharge certificate **OR** a Statement of Service on letterhead from an Active Serving military woman's command.

NOTE: To protect personal information applicants are directed to mark out all references to social security and/or service numbers on the DD-214 and high school or college transcripts.

4. An essay of 1,000 to 1,500 words in length written on the 2018 topic. The essay must be the applicants own work; be submitted in .doc or .docx format, and include documented evidence of both research and an interview with at least one military woman. (The interviewee does not need to be the qualifying relative.) Applicants are encouraged to contact military women in recruiting offices, at military bases, reserve units, etc. to enhance the research.
5. 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) Military Woman Relative Proof of Eligibility
 - (4) 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.

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

MWANScholarship@gmail.com

Application Package Submission DEADLINE is March 2, 2018

Applicants will be notified in June 2018 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)

Military Women Across the Nation College Scholarship Rules & Application

PRINT or TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Applicant

Full Name: _____
Last First Middle Maiden (if applicable)

Mailing Address: _____
Street City County State Zip Country

Phone #: () _____ Email: _____

Age: _____ Current GPA (4.0 scale): _____ Class Ranking: _____

High School Test Scores: SAT Verbal _____ SAT Math _____ ACT Comp _____

Name of School Currently Attending: _____

School Address: _____
Street City County State Zip Country

School Phone #: () _____ School Website: _____

Name of School you plan to attend (if different): _____

School Address: _____
Street City County State Zip Country

School Phone #: () _____ School Website: _____

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

___ 4-Year/Undergraduate College or University

___ Trade/Technical School

___ 2-Year/Undergraduate College or University

___ Other: _____

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

Volunteer Work/Employment: List your volunteer and/or employment experience: _____

Hobbies/Talents: List your hobbies, talents and/or interests: _____

Course of Study: List your major or the field you plan to study: _____

What is your career objective? _____

(Continue answers on separate pages as necessary.)

Qualifying Military Woman Relative

Full Name: _____
Last First Middle Maiden

Relationship to applicant (Mother, Aunt, Cousin, etc.): _____

Service Branch: _____ Current Military Status (Veteran, Retired, Active, Reserve, etc.): _____

Type of Military Service Proof included (REQUIRED): _____

Application Submission DEADLINE is MARCH 2, 2018



Questions? Contact Scholarship Chair at **MWANScholarship@gmail.com**
Or Call Terry Taylor at 480-577-5163



Sound Off!

KEYSTONE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #6 (PA) - We had a good meeting at the Coast Guard Station in September with a brown bag lunch. The Coatesville VA Salute to Women Veterans luncheon was well attended with old friendships renewed and many new friends made. We again rode in vintage convertibles and Army Jeeps in the Media Veterans Day Parade. Afterwards we gathered for a complimentary lunch at Texas Roadhouse restaurant. Louise Manz, Gladys Martin, and Billie Taddei attended the Freedom Medals Awards dinner at Springfield Country Club where the awards were presented by the legendary Bobby Rydell.

A special tribute was given to honor the late Linda Houldin as a founding member of Delaware County Veterans Memorial Monument. Ruthie Severino participated in Blood, Sweat and Cheer Fitness Festival, benefitting the Memorial, by donating a unit of blood. Our December meeting, scheduled the same day as the Army-Navy game, was cancelled due to a snow storm!

Next meeting is March 10. For unit information contact Ruthie Severino at 610-356-8956.

HEART OF AMERICA OF MWAN

Unit #9 (KS) - Heart of America Unit 9 held their annual Christmas luncheon on December 2. It was a small but lively group. We always enjoy getting together.

On a sad note, we lost a long-time member of our unit, Roberta Kolterman (pictured at right). She had been our Sunshine chair for many years and was very loyal and committed to our group. Fair winds and following seas, Roberta. You will be greatly missed.



As we go into 2018 we wish all our veterans and active duty personnel a prosperous and fulfilling new year. God bless all of you.

For more information about our Kansas City unit please contact Michele Batliner at 816-315-9229 or mbatliner@att.net.

SAN DIEGO STARS AND STRIPES

Unit #36 (CA) - Since the Region I Conference in August the Unit has welcomed a few new members, attended the Annual Military Women's Luncheon at MCAS Miramar and participated in the Veterans Day Parade.

Neck pillow stuffing occurs prior to every luncheon and on the last Wednesday of each month. The dedicated busy bees have completed 6,150 pillows. Awesome, ladies.

Our senior stateswoman, Evelyn Coy (96), has made the move from her hilltop home to a senior villa in downtown San Diego. If anyone wishes to send a note or call – please contact the Unit (info below) and we will gladly assist you.

We held our holiday meeting at the Marina Galley in Chula Vista. Good company, good food and Christmas fun with the gift exchange. Our guests were from Veterans Village San Diego Welcome Home Program. The guest veteran

gave a brief story of her life and how the program is helping her and her children to become self-supporting again. The hat was passed and, as always, the ladies were most generous. We were also brought up to date about last year's guest and how well she is doing.

Our next meeting is February 3. For unit info contact Roxanne Jones at roxanne.i.jones@navy.mil or 619-545-6546/619-479-0149.

SEA BREEZES

Unit #52 (FL) - We held our annual Christmas party at Jeanne Hooper's house on Saturday, December 9. The few that attended had a wonderful time, yummy food and all went home with a "dirty Santa" gift that made each happy. Our next meeting/lunch will be held at The Oar House on March 10. We wish everyone in MWAN a very Happy 2018!

MILITARY WOMEN OF TAMPA BAY

Unit #55 (FL) - It has been a very busy holiday season for Military Women of Tampa Bay Unit #55 (MWTB55). This year, James A. Haley VA Medical Center held its 10th Annual Veterans' Day Parade Friday, November 10. The parade included members of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) from local high schools, local cub scouts, several veterans' organizations, as well as, employees and volunteers of the hospital.



James A. Haley Annual Veterans' Day Parade (L-R): Jouay Koppari, Cathy Gerolimatos, Joan Fialkowski, and Shirley Dawley.

The World War II Memorial Dedication held on Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 7, at Hillsborough County Veterans' Memorial Park. WWII veterans attending the dedication - along with our very own Marilyn Balkany - were honored. To add to the importance of this day, Phase I of the newly constructed Veterans' Resource Center (VRC) was dedicated and opened to the public. The VRC is a proud addition to Veterans' Memorial Park.



Pearl Harbor Remembrance/World War II Memorial Dedication: Jouay Koppari, Mary Atzert, Connie White, Cathy Gerolimatos and Pattie Duval standing behind WWII veteran Marilyn Balkany.

MILITARY WOMEN OF TAMPA BAY (Continued)

The following Saturday, unit members, friends and family celebrated the holidays with a luncheon at the Cheesecake Factory in Brandon. In the spirit of the holidays and continuing a long-established tradition, the unit conducted its annual distribution of poinsettia plants throughout James A. Haley VA Medical Center, SCI units, concierge counters, USO day room and the Women's Clinic.



Annual Poinsettia distribution at James A. Haley VA Hospital: Cathy Gerolimatos, Jouay Koppari, Dr. Dana Glenn, Connie White, Mary Atzert, and Lee Martin.

MWTB55 co-sponsored the Fifth Annual Wreaths Across America event at Hillsborough County Veterans' Memorial Park for the third year. Wreaths were placed at all war memorials throughout the park and specifically at the Freedom Memorial which honors each of the armed services and POWs/MIAs.



Wreaths Across America, Hillsborough County Veterans' Memorial Park: Jouay Koppari, Cathy Gerolimatos, Pattie Duvall, Connie White, Mary Atzert, Joan Fialkowski, and Meghan Hosea.

REDWOOD EMPIRE MILITARY WOMEN

Unit #77 (CA) – Happy New Year to all our sister veterans across the country. At this writing I know there are many suffering the ravages of a brutal winter, and our thoughts are with all of you.

Unit 77 held its first meeting of 2018 on January 13 with guest speaker Nancy Sandborn, a member of the Pacific Coast Air Museum's Oral History Team, which is currently

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working with the Library of Congress's "Veteran History Project." They digitally record a one-hour interview of each veteran's military experience and provide a DVD for the Library of Congress, the Air Museum and the veteran. The team is currently focusing on WWII and Korean veterans and is especially interested in capturing stories from women veterans. This is a wonderful opportunity for our members to chronicle their time in service, and to become a part of history.



Unit 77 members participating in the Veteran's Day Parade are; Mary Lou Loustalot, Margaret Enea-Patrizi, Rose Nowak, Ana Mohrman, Dawn Richards, Lisa Lim, Pat Tremaine, and Emily Sousa.

As a result of the recent news article, we are welcoming eight new members who contacted us after reading a recent article about unit member Rose Nowak in the newspaper. Ah, the power of the press! We look forward to welcoming them to our group.

In other news, unit member Delphine Metcalf-Foster was elected the first National Woman Commander of the DAV. Congratulations Delphine! She is a tireless worker for all veterans and we are so proud of her. On February 10 we will honor Jane Breese Baker at an all veteran memorial service which was postponed due to the October firestorms. We look forward to a fruitful and productive new year.

For meeting information please contact Rose Nowak at 707-762-5151 or email xcena@sonic.net.

SONORAN DESERT MILITARY WOMEN

Unit #114 (AZ) – Lula Bell Vomhof, Retired Navy Chief Barbara A. Meegan and her daughter, Anne-Marie Meegan brought Christmas cards to the residents at the Arizona State Veterans Home. They also provided handmade decorations of snowmen and bears. Along with the donated calendars, the unit bought baby items for the new maternity moms at the Phoenix VA.



Lula Bell Vomhof, Retired Navy Chief Barbara A. Meegan and her daughter, Anne-Marie Meegan.

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TRIANGLE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit#144 (NC) - As 2017 came to an end, so did the "Triangle Seagals". We spent 2016 debating and finally decided to make our transition to MWAN happen. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Unit Secretary Brenda Brubaker working with National Bylaws Chair Cathy G., we met the necessary requirements; bylaws, new logo and website (thanks to new member Erica Head) and a Facebook page. Membership grew by three including a Life Member living in South Carolina who travels almost four hours each way to meet with us, and four Triangle Seagals "charter members" are in our new unit.

We had fun meeting at various locations around the state to increase visibility and participation. A "family day" meeting and outing at Misfit Mustang Ranch was particularly exciting. This fully-working ranch with six Mustangs rescued from out west has a mission of providing a nurturing outlet for veterans dealing with PTSD.



Left to Right: standing: Secretary Jill Blakeney, Vice President Nelly Onate, President Pat Childers, North Carolina Director Brenda Brubaker and member Debbie Crutchfield. Seated is Immediate Past president Norma Schrader. Treasurer Kathryn Hare is not pictured.

"It has been my pleasure to serve as President for so many years," said WWII Veteran Norma Schrader as she passed the gavel to Pat Childers, "but it was long past due that the leadership change along with the mission and physical makeup of the organization. They have my deepest thanks for their support over the years!"

Triangle Women Veterans meets at noon on the 3rd Saturday of March, June and September and the 1st Saturday of December.

For meeting info contact **Norma Schrader** at mabelsmith1920@nc.rr.com or **Pat Childers** at patc0227@aol.com.

MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

Unit #152 (VA) - Cold temperatures could not keep unit members from their time-honored traditions in the final months of 2017. Young and old ventured out to participate in the Virginia Beach Veterans' Day parade, with the annual ride atop the Aviation Museum's double decker bus followed by a gathering at the Lynnhaven Olive Garden for a complimentary lunch and good fellowship.



Veterans Day - Alongside Aviation Museum Bus; Meline Wayne, Cathy Schweitzer, Kathy Montgomery, April Maletz, Kimberly Hall, Davina Bowker & kids, Elaine Musick, Martha Kastler, and Betty Hand.



At Olive Garden; Cathy Schweitzer, Dassa Carvey, Elaine Musick, Geraldine Rivera, Libby Morrison, Betty Hand, Phyllis Lightfoot, Kathy Montgomery, Bobbi Waldren, Helen Jakubik, Halima Royster, Martha Kastler, Louise Jones, Kimberly Hall, Molly Bergeron-Conway, and April Maletz.

Traditions continued at the fall Ice Cream Social honoring veterans of the Honor Flight Historic Triangle Virginia where Martha Kastler, Angie Gilliam and April Maletz served up frozen treats.

Many Unit members participated in the annual wreath laying ceremony at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery. While some were able to help offload and prepare the 8300 wreaths for placement, others were able to render honors to those especially close to Unit members.



Left: Alesia Thorton-White honored husband of Unit member Linda Mitchell. Right: CAPT Brenda Kerr, USCG, honored Albert G. Horton, Jr.

We meet monthly, at VFW 4809 in Norfolk, VA. For meeting information, contact **Dassa Carvey**, at dassahsg@gmail.com or (757) 363-3059.

PopSockets!



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SALT RIVER MILITARY WOMEN

Unit #155 (AZ) - November and December were busy months for military women. Our own retired Navy Captain Carol Culbertson was Grand Marshall for the Phoenix Veterans' Day Parade! Carol is a unit member and past president of Sonoran Desert Military Women as well as an associate member of our unit!



Carol Culbertson, CAPT, USN, (waving) participated as the Grand Marshall for the Phoenix Veteran's Day Parade.

Also in November Marion Cartland and (pictured below) Georganne Bickle, her granddaughter Jianna and mom Kitty Bickle volunteered with the Aid to Puerto Rico hurricane victims.



In December Diana Green and Martha Alderman represented the unit by laying wreaths at the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in Phoenix. Also in December several members and guests enjoyed some holiday camaraderie at our unit Christmas Party held at Phoenix City Grill.

Sadly, we lost long-time member Vida McKelvey Flayter in November. "Miz Vee" was born in 1924 and joined the Navy WAVES on August 9th in 1945. The Japanese officially surrendered less than a week later on August 14, so helping end World War II was Vida's "claim to fame." Discharged shortly thereafter, she was so moved by her experience that she sought out and relished the company of other WAVES.



Vida in her Navy uniform.

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Vida was first a member of WN Cactus WAVES Unit 114 but then became a plank owner and the inaugural president of Salt River Unit #155. She remained an active member until a few months ago and passed away on November 7. She was dearly loved and will be sorely missed, especially for her humor and the fun she always brought to our meetings.

For meeting information, contact Georganne Bickle at 480-785-6806 or admin@srmw.org.

TRISTATE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #157 (TN) – Unit members have worked non-stop on numerous projects. Let our photos tell the story:



Etowah (TN) Veterans' Parade. L-R Melissa Newman, Renee Chishom, Judith Stringfield, Bobby Jean Bradford, Cathy Brown and Patty Parks



While Zaida Ringhimer and Debra James (not pictured) carried our colors at the Chattanooga National Cemetery Veterans' Day Service, another group of members was setting up a Veterans Salute & Information Fair. Pictured L-R: Penny Manna, Civilian & Stalwart women veteran supporter Carol Laing, Patty Parks, Cathy Brown, Judith Stringfield, Michele Lorino, Gloria Gray, Renee Chishom and Wendy Burke.

During Veterans Appreciation Day at the Chattanooga VA Clinic, Unit President Cathy Brown (left), Judith Stringfield (right) and clinic Volunteer Coordinator Bo Cox (center) helped serve slices of cake. Our unit was prepared to buy the cake but President Cathy convinced a local Food City to donate it!



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