

# MILITARY Women's BULLETIN



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## Veteran Joy Casino proves age is just a number

Article composed using info provided by Joy Casino and her daughter, Patti Ryan

About 10 years ago, Joy learned of a charity called Mission Stitches which worked with missionaries to provide clothes for children in refugee camps and orphanages. There was a specific need for someone to make dresses. Along with making clothes for her husband Danny and their six children, Joy had worked as a seamstress through the years to supplement the family income. With her children raised and she and Danny enjoying financial stability in retirement, she was thankful for her blessings and was seeking a way to help others.

"I just sort of called it my payback time," she said. "God had provided for me and I wanted to give back."

The dress design was very simple for an expert seamstress like Joy: A panel of gathered, print fabric was added to the bottom of a child's tee shirt along with a couple simple embellishments to create a dropped-waist dress. Then 89 years old, Joy immediately said she'd make 20.



Joy modeling one of her creations in the early 1990s.



Joy celebrating her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday in October 2020.

Obviously, she thoroughly enjoyed making the first 20 dresses, because by her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday she had made more than 2,000! The dresses were sent with missionaries, doctors and other relief workers to girls in Cuba, Haiti, Guatemala, Ecuador, Columbia, Nicaragua, Mexico, India, South Africa, Ukraine, and other spots all over the globe. Joy used straight pins on a map of the world to track where her dresses had gone.

"I just give them, and let the world take care of where they go," she said. "The dresses are pretty, and most girls like pretty dresses." But they also embodied a message, Joy said. "It makes the girls feel special and it makes them feel God loves them," she said, adding, "it makes them feel somebody cares."

Working at least four hours daily, Joy completed about 25 dresses per week back then. She joked that it sometimes took her 15 minutes just to thread a needle because she was blind in one eye.

"I pray every day that God will let me live through my 92<sup>nd</sup> year," she said "and that I hit the 3,000 mark with my dresses."

But that was then, and this is now. With her eyesight beginning to fail, Joy has now decided to lay down her sewing needle and pass the torch on to others.

"She turned 97 in October," said her daughter, Patti Ryan. "She was keeping track of the number of dresses she made, wanting to hit the 10,000 mark, and she did."

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The MWAN Procedures Manual is currently being revised to reflect the 2020 MWAN Bylaws. Please direct procedural questions to your Regional Representative listed on Page 10 of this bulletin.

## Presidential Ponderings

by Patty Parks, National President

I must, first, correct an oversight from the April 2021 issue of Military Women's Bulletin. Many of you have sent compliments and praises for the story "Farewell to June Wilbur" on Page 8 of that issue. That heartfelt and eloquent story was researched and carefully written by Unit 55 member Cathy Gerolimatos. The "Florida" dateline was included, but the "byline" which should have reflected Cathy's name was left off. Cathy has written many wonderful articles for the bulletin and routinely submits poignant and informative stories for our membership. Thank you, Cathy, for all your support of our service sisters.

Please note that the MWAN BOD Mid-Term is set for July this year. It will be the first time since September 2019 that BOD members will have the opportunity to conduct MWAN business face-to-face.

Many changes occurred during 2018 and the BOD needs feedback from you on what is working and what is not. While many units have not met in any fashion since March 2020, hopefully, those who have will take time to provide that feedback to their regional representatives.

Finally, our organization is facing some serious challenges. The call for Nomination Committee members in the adjacent column is just one of many instances where needs are not being met. To keep our organization functioning, we must each do our part. Remember:

"As one we can do so little.

Together we can do much", Helen Keller

## Unit Upkeep

by GinaMarie Doherty, Vice President for Unit Liaison

Happy Spring Sisters! Hope and pray all is well with you and your family. I need some help please. All units were asked to send me a copy of their latest Unit Officers Transmittals. I currently do NOT have transmittals for Units 6, 10, 21, 26, 28, 55, 74, 77, 78, 80, 86, 98, 151, 152. Please help me update my Unit Liaison files for these units. Your cooperation is very much appreciated. Thank you for emailing or mailing your current list of unit officers as soon as possible. If there is anything your unit needs, please reach out to me. I am always happy to assist. Thank you, and remember: Sisterhood is the way!

# Officers' Call

## MWAN BOD Mid-Term set for 23-25 July

Your Board of Directors will gather in Indianapolis, Indiana, for the purpose of conducting MWAN business.

If you have issues or concerns you would like to see brought before the BOD, please contact the Regional Representative for your state (listed on Page 10 of this bulletin). If your state does not have a Regional Representative, please contact the MWAN Vice President for Membership directly at membership@milwomen.org or by calling 760-201-6465.

## URGENT NEED NOW

### for Nomination Committee Members

The five-member MWAN Nominating Committee is responsible for conducting the election of national officers and regional representatives. The term of the committee is through the 2022 MWAN National Convention.

The committee would normally have been selected at the 2020 convention which was cancelled due to COVID19. Due to the unusual situation, the first five volunteers will form the committee. To maintain geographical diversity, the first volunteer from any region will be the only committee member permitted from that region.

Details of the committee's duties may be found in the MWAN 2020 Bylaws at milwomen.org under the "Governing Docs & Forms" tab.

PLEASE CONSIDER volunteering for the committee. Contact National President Patty Parks **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** at president@milwomen.org or (423)326-0839.



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## Joy (continued from Page 1)

Yes, that's right. Joy has made 9,980 more dresses since the first 20 she committed to 10 years ago. Her only request to those who distributed the dresses was that the dresses be given away, and never be sold or used to make money.

Members of her church describe her as an inspiration. Joy says that makes her feel good, but she insists she is no superwoman. She does what any ordinary, everyday person can do.

As for being an inspiration, Joy says she hopes people are inspired to make and achieve goals, by telling themselves, "If Joy can do it, I can."

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## Check out the National Resource Directory

Did you know there are currently at least 15 states or territories offering women veteran license plates/tags? That and other select resources are listed in the National Resource Directory online at <https://nrd.gov>.

The directory lists thousands of national, state and local resources available for veterans, wounded warriors, service members, survivors, their families and caregivers.

The Department of Veterans Affairs does NOT sponsor or endorse any non-government organization listed.

License plates (pictured below) specifically designed for women veterans are currently available in Arizona, Washington, DC, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia. Contact your local revenue office to learn what is required to purchase specialty plates.



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## Did You Know...

During WWII, U.S. airplanes were armed with belts of bullets which they would shoot during dogfights and on strafing runs. These belts were folded into the wing compartments that fed their machine guns. These belts measured 27 feet and contained hundreds of rounds of bullets.



Often times, the pilots would return from their missions having expended all of their bullets on various targets. They would say, "I gave them *the whole nine yards*", meaning they used up all of their ammunition.

# More Joy!

During World War II, women were not permitted to join the Navy until they were 20 years of age. Joy (Lemmon) Casino (pictured at right in the 1940s) wasted no time, and enlisted on her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1943.



While her family approved and her parents signed for her to join (a requirement then for women under age 21), her brothers had some concerns.

"They were already in the service and after seeing the way things were with military women, they didn't think I could handle it," Joy said. "Not that I was a goody-two-shoes," she laughed, "but they knew I was a Christian and because many of the women were drinking and smoking, {my brothers} were very concerned for me."

Joy assured her family that as long as she was serving her country, she would not smoke a cigarette or drink alcohol. When asked about the funniest thing she remembered from her service, Joy was quick with her answer.

"You had to weigh at least 95 pounds to join the Navy and I only weighed 93. So, before I went to weigh in, I ate a banana split and didn't go to the restroom so I would weigh in at 95 pounds!"

One of Joy's duty stations was at the Bureau of Ships in Washington, DC. In fact, she was in charge of shipping supplies used to build the U.S.S. Midway which is now a museum in San Diego, California. During her tour in Washington, the first Navy parade was held.

"My unit was voted the best and I had the honor of marching in the parade," she reported proudly. "We were also the unit selected to march in President Roosevelt's funeral procession. Again, I was very honored and proud."

Joy also shared one other invaluable memory which helps bring history to life:

"I remember the day Pearl Harbor was invaded. I was in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade at Fletcher High School in Jacksonville Beach, Florida.

"There were several Japanese stores in the beaches area and they were all locked down. People put black shades on their windows that faced east. There was a Japanese boy that graduated from Fletcher High School who was the first Jacksonville Beach resident that was killed in the war.

"In 1942 all three of my brothers joined the Navy. I joined the Navy in 1943. My Mother had four blue stars in her window. If someone was killed the star was gold," she said. "But fortunately, my mother never lost any of her children during that time."

Joy has been a member of WAVES National/MWAN since June 1987 and is currently a member-at-large living in Atlantic Beach, Florida

# Sound Off!

## SAN DIEGO STARS AND STRIPES

**Unit #36 (CA)** – Unit members met on April 10<sup>th</sup> at Anthony's in La Mesa. The gathering was well attended and included three new prospects for membership, as well as Senior Chief Sterling Hill, U.S. Navy, Retired (Sherry Hill's dad).

Monica O'Hara opened the meeting and noted it was so nice to see everyone again after six or more months. Guests were introduced and given time to tell us about themselves. Upcoming meeting dates and sites were discussed, with the next meeting to be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> at American Legion Post 434.

Shirley Ferrill gave a report on the neck pillows. We expect to have reached a total of 10,000 by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Shirley is in contact with the USO and working to get local television news interest for presentation of 10,000<sup>th</sup> pillow.

We were also in receipt of a very nice "Thank You" email from a young Marine who happened to pick up a pillow at the USO. His email was sent to the MWAN website because of the label we attach on each pillow, and was forwarded to us. We will have another pillow stuffing/sewing event soon at Sherry Hill's home.



San Diego

## MILITARY WOMEN OF TAMPA BAY

**Unit #55 (FL)** – Delayed 12 weeks due to COVID19 restrictions, the Florida State Fair - declared Heroes Day - opened early April 22<sup>nd</sup> with a "Flip-the-Switch" ceremony. Recognition focused on health-care workers, law enforcement, the forest service and military (active and veterans). The pre-dawn event celebrates the fair opening by literally lighting up the Midway Sky Eye Ferris Wheel. The switch was flipped by Nikkie Fried, Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The lights shimmered in a series of light patterns and colors that lit up the dark sky. The light show was followed by a "Roots of the Fair" breakfast provided by Levy Restaurants.



Left to right: Marti Ryan, Community Relations & Engagement of Hillsborough County Department of Consumer & Veterans Services; Unit 55 Treasurer Cathy Gerolimatos; Gerard Abbett, American Legion U.S.S. TAMPA Post #5 President, & Unit 55 President Jouay Koppari



Also attending was Tiny the Tanker (pictured at left) who reminded everyone to wash/sanitize our hands frequently and continue to wear masks. Tiny has all the equipment, lights, sirens and water effects of a real fire truck but has four hand sanitizer dispensers and signs indicating the importance of hand

sanitizing, social distancing, wearing a mask, etc.

Unit #55 has a new email address which reflects its chartered name. If necessary, please add the new address to your email contacts list so you will receive future email announcements and the unit's monthly newsletter. The new email address is "militarywomentampabay@gmail.com."

## VOLUNTEER

**Unit #94 (TN)** – Unit member and past MWAN National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Gloria Wix was honored for her military service and that of all women veterans on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Mount Juliet High School baseball game. The presentation was made after the first inning by Coach Vince Settle.

All of the baseball players formed a line and shook Gloria's hand and thanked her for her service. And, they won the baseball game!

At right Gloria Wix receives a plaque from Coach Vince Settle.



## TRIANGLE WOMEN VETERANS

**Unit #144 (NC)** - Unit members continue to meet quarterly via Zoom. We celebrated Women's History Month with a program "Trailblazers Among Us" honoring our two WWII WAVES; Betty Plotkin and Norma Schrader. Additionally, we agreed to be a repeat sponsor for the North Carolina Mil/Vet Women's Virtual Summit in October. The business meeting was followed by the social "Irish Spring."

Member Brenda Brubaker is now serving as the Acting Commander of the North Carolina Veterans Council. The council is a statewide, nonprofit comprised of 14 veteran-serving organizations.

Former Unit President Norma Schrader bid farewell to the unit prior to moving to Virginia. She was gifted with a hand-crafted unit pillow (nice work Adina) and a 32-year-old bottle of Scotch. Although gone, she will not be forgotten and forever will be considered an integral part of our unit.

## TRIANGLE WOMEN VETERANS #144 (Continued)



Unit #144 Zoom meeting was attended by (Top to bottom, left to right) Annette Stevenson, Jerry Rita Brunton, Carolyn Comfort, Pat Childers, Adina Lev, Debbie Crutchfield, Tenita Solanto, Sandra Robinson, Linnea Sommer-Weddington, Shelly Kirk, Brenda Brubaker & some innocent bystander!



Past Unit 144 President Norma Schrader with her farewell gifts.

## MEMPHIS BELLES

**Unit #151 (TN)** - Members are planning their first meeting of the year with catering provided by a new restaurant owned by two Coast Guard veterans. There will be significant encouragement for the female half of the ownership to join the unit!

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## MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

**Unit #152 (VA)** - With unit meetings still on hold, members continue to serve and support the community of veterans among us, as well as in their own communities.

Spending her time keeping track of unit volunteer hours is just one way Jo Heimerl stays busy. Over the past year, Jo has spent time baking and taking sweet treats (cupcakes, cookies, etc.) to her neighbors every holiday (July 4<sup>th</sup>, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, etc.). This past Easter she was able to gift three Easter baskets to elderly neighbors who are not well. Not only did she share the gift of her baking talents, Jo was able to spend an hour and a half with each basket recipient. Thank You, Jo, for letting your neighbors know you care!

Unit member Maggie Cobb (at right) continues her work for the USO. Once each month, food is provided by Capitol Area Food Bank, and the USO Military Family Market is held at Ft. Belvoir. Maggie has routinely volunteered each month. She is also a U.S. Coast Guard ambassador for WIMSA.

Congratulations to member April Reid who was promoted to Lieutenant, USCG, on May 1<sup>st</sup>. April has had an interesting career. She made Chief, in 2012; in

2019 was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer (Engineering) and is now a Lieutenant! She began her career aboard USCG Cutter Pea Island, named for an all-African American life saving station in North Carolina. She will wrap up her career aboard the USCG Cutter Harriet Lane, the latest in a long line of Coast Guard cutters named after the ship that fired the first shot of the Civil War! April (at right below) will be the Chief Engineer aboard the Harriet Lane.



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## MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER #152 (Continued)

Unit member Pat McFadden has been teaching free yoga classes for four years. The classes were held weekly at the local Great Neck Public Library conference room in Virginia Beach until COVID closed the library in March 2020. The classes resumed in May 2020 as virtual classes twice weekly via Zoom, and have grown to include many local veterans. Over 100 classes have been taught in the past year.

Members Betty Hand and Dassa Carvey have been active with Quilts of Valor and are anticipating two presentations ~ one to a local friend of unit members, and one to Betty's nephew in California. Betty's nephew will have his presentation in a virtual ceremony to include his family. We look forward to pictures and celebrating with the recipients.



For more information about Quilts of Valor visit [QOV.org](http://QOV.org) or call (515) 619-6556.

## SALT RIVER MILITARY WOMEN

**Unit #155 (AZ)** - Throughout the pandemic unit members have continued to meet monthly via Zoom. Each meeting has a topic or theme. Some months have had very few attendees while others had up to 17 members join in.

Unit President Shirley Crawford hoped having Zoom meetings would help keep members from feeling isolated. The method has worked for some, but, sadly, for others it has not helped. Some members did not have access to a computer or the process was deemed too complicated.

Overall, the effort was truly successful because all except two members renewed their memberships and we even added four new members in 2021.

Finally, on May 19<sup>th</sup> we held a long-awaited in-person meeting; our first since February 2020. The business part of the meeting was shortened so everyone could visit with each other. Seeing old friends and meeting new ones brought great joy to everyone along with non-stop talking and laughing. It was a great time.

## NEW ENGLAND

**Unit #158 (RI)** - Congratulations to 2020 Rhode Island Woman Veteran of the year Dora Vasquez-Hellner!



Dora is a retired Army First Sergeant who served for 23 years. After retiring from the Army she became a Spanish Teacher.

Today, she is now a Rhode Island Department of Health COVID Quarantine/Isolation

Case Manager providing much needed resources to the local community. Dora is a member of Team Red, White, and Blue, the VFW, and Unit 158 Secretary.

## MEMBER-AT-LARGE, MISSOURI

Navy veteran Ann Marie Puck (pictured below) has kept busy recently by volunteering to help clean veterans' graves in the Fairview & New Hope Cemetery, Liberty.



Many of the graves belong to the Pioneer Infantry units which served during World War I. Composed of African American men, these service units dug trenches and completed other non-combat, labor-intensive tasks, such as building bridges, roads and maintaining railroads near the front lines. The men who served in these units were the backbone of Army support and without them, combat troops would not have had the supplies, protection nor means of embarking deeper into the war zones.

Ann also reported the Kansas City VA Medical Center has a new display featuring Women Veterans Through Time, which includes Ann's bootcamp photo and other memorabilia (pictured at right)!



## MEMBER-AT-LARGE, FLORIDA

Happy 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday to World War II Navy Veteran Harriet Dalton. Harriet keeps active with a brisk, five-day-per-week, 40-minute walk around the five-acre Ocala-Marion County Veterans Memorial Park.

The park, which contains some 5,000 memorial bricks, 200 benches and 100 commemorative plaques, hosts memorials, veteran events, band concerts and other programs.

"I'm blessed," Harriet told the Ocala Star Banner in an April 2021 article. "The park is a beautiful and peaceful place and I can stop and talk to people. The park also has meaning to me; I have memorial bricks there for family members," she

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## MEMBER-AT-LARGE, FLORIDA (Continued)

said, adding that her doctor wishes more seniors would follow her exercise lead.

Harriet is originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and her parents were both World War I veterans. Her dad, Fred Lieber, was an orderly and her mom, Inez, was a nurse.

After WAVES boot camp at Hunter College in New York City, Harriet served from August 1944 to September 1945 at Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn. She was assigned to aviation supply and issued materials such as jackets and gloves to aviators.



## Her Story:

### Air Force Veteran Eileen Collins

Eileen wanted to become an astronaut. While young, she kept that goal a secret because women were not supposed to be astronauts. About the time she completed her bachelor's degree, the U.S. Air Force changed its policy to allow women. Collins, along with three other women, participated in Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma. The women experienced pressure from both the Air Force program and the 450 men on the base. If they failed, the program would be cancelled. In the end, Collins and two other women succeeded, and Collins earned her pilot wings in 1979.



Following several years of career-enhancing education, training and experience, she attended test-pilot school, a qualification needed to become a shuttle pilot, at Edwards

Air Base, California. Although she did not get to meet them, everyone talked of the first class of space-shuttle astronauts, which included the first female astronauts, who visited the base. This inspired her to apply to the space shuttle program.

In January 1990, Collins received a call on behalf of NASA saying she would be the first female pilot of the space shuttle. Collins became an astronaut in July 1991, and on Feb. 3, 1995, became the first woman to pilot a shuttle.

On July 23, 1999, Collins made history again, as the first female commander of a U.S. Spacecraft while aboard the Columbia STS-93. She retired from NASA in 2006.

Thank you, Eileen, for your stellar performance, and for challenging gender norms which opened doors for other women to fulfill their dreams.

### WWII Army Nurse declared "Living Legend" by WIMSA

By Cathy Gerolimos

On May 6<sup>th</sup> several members of Military Women of Tampa Bay Unit #55 (MWTB55) headed to Lakeland, Florida, to participate in The Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA) Memorial Living Legend proclamation for 1LT Hope Elizabeth Rogers Kirkendall, U.S. Army Nurse Corps, in the Helen Berry Garden of the Florida Presbyterian Homes. In addition to Unit 55 members, those attending included WIMSA Ambassador Ruth VanDyke; Hope's family members, along with residents and staff of the Florida Presbyterian Homes.

Along with the proclamation, signed by WIMSA President CW5 Phyllis Wilson, U.S. Army, Retired, MWTB55 members presented Hope with a U.S. Army Nurse Corps lapel pin, a Unit 55 challenge coin and an MWAN challenge coin.



Hope Kirkendall (center front) is surrounded by sister unit members (left to right) Jouay Koppari, Roberta Jordan, Connie White, Kathleen VanMiddlesworth, Pattie Duvall and Cathy Gerolimos

Hope began her service in April 1943 assigned to the 16<sup>th</sup> General Hospital at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. By December that year, Hope (pictured at right in uniform circa 1944) was in route to the European theater of operations via U.S. Army Transport (ship) Edmund B. Alexander.



Upon landing in Liverpool, England, she found herself at a station hospital in the village of Penley, County of Wrexham, North Wales. It wasn't long before the 16<sup>th</sup> General Hospital relocated to southern England to begin its journey across the English Channel heading for Utah Beach at Normandy, France, where it was disembarked weeks after D-Day.

Soon after, the Morse Surgical Team moved inland via an ammunition train to support the Battle of Brest, in northwest France. This surgical team worked 12- to 16-hour shifts in a three-table operating room during the battle. The surgical team was relocated to another field hospital temporarily and

Story "Hope" continued on Page 8.

# Meet Your National Staff!

This feature will be presented as bulletin space is available. The mini biographies (presented in random order) were written by each staff member. If you see where your military or travel path may have crossed with one of these gals, don't hesitate to reach out and get to know each other!

Also, keep in mind these are not "career" positions. Please consider stepping up to one of the jobs in the future. Finally, ALL MWAN positions are volunteer, with some travel reimbursement available for elected officers who are expected to attend annual board meetings. No one is paid for the job she does.

## Jouay Koppari is Region 6 Representative and lives in Florida.

I joined the Navy in September 1969 and attended basic training in Bainbridge, Maryland. After bootcamp and an additional year in Bainbridge, I transferred to San Diego for Data Processing (DP) 'A' school, and then on to Hawaii for three years.

After Hawaii I returned to San Diego for Information Technology (IT) school and on to my first tour as a Company Commander at Recruit Training Command in Orlando, Florida. From there I went to London, England, for three years and then returned to recruit training in Orlando until 1987. I was stationed in Panama from 1987-1989 and then transferred to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa where I retired in 1992 after 22 years of service.

I joined WAVES National (now MWAN) in 1992. I became president of Unit 55 in 2015 and then Region 6 Representative in 2016.

I am kept company by three extremely cute Italian Greyhounds; Signore Truman (15), Faun (8), and Coltrane (8).



## Lynne Pine is MWAN Webmaster and lives in California.

I am a retired U.S. Navy Mustang Lieutenant Commander and former Yeoman Senior Chief Petty Officer, I joined the Navy in 1980 from Klamath Falls, Oregon, and served in various duty stations in the U.S. as well as overseas and aboard an aircraft carrier. From Washington, DC, to Europe and at sea, I've served in various capacities including enlisted flag writer up to Executive Officer ashore.

Upon retiring in 2007, I was the Operations Director at Serco, NA in Arlington, Virginia, and then joined the Federal Service as the Director, Administrative and Personnel Services at the National/Naval Ice Center. I moved to Sunnyvale, CA as the Resource Management Department Head for the PMO (SSP) Fleet Ballistic Missile Program.

I left civil service and moved to San Diego, where I became a Defense Contractor for the Commander, U.S. Naval Air Forces Administrative Support Program Manager with ProLog, Inc.

I have an MBA in Global Business Management and several bachelor's degrees. I also have certifications as a Senior Professional Human Resources, Comptrollership Management, Corporate Governance, Diversity Management, and Lean Six Sigma. I am actively engaged with my civilian and military community serving as the Driver Education Instructor and teaching an AARP Driver Safety Course, MILWOMEN National Webmaster, MILWOMEN Stars & Stripes Unit Secretary, and Secretary for Rotary International's Fellowship for Cruising Rotarians.



## Karen Warren is the MWAN Volunteer Hours Chair and lives in Florida.



I retired from the U.S. Navy. I'm a Vietnam Era Veteran and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America where I serve as a board member at my local chapter; a life member of DAV, and a member of the American Legion.

I'm married to an Army retiree with one daughter and one son who are both happily married. I have four grandchildren and one grand Great Dane.

I also retired from the Federal Civil Service where I was a contracting officer. I hold a B.S. in Management, a MPA with concentration in Public Management, and a PhD in Christian Counseling. I'm a CPR Instructor, active with my church and sorority, a habitual volunteer and in my spare time am learning how to crochet.

## Hope (continued from Page 7)

then traveled via ambulance convoy to Paris following its liberation from the Germans.

Having reunited with the 16th General Hospital, the surgical team was moved to Liege, Belgium. It wasn't long before the Battle of the Bulge began which resulted in several attacks on the hospital. As the front line got closer, evacuation was impossible due to the bridge to Liege being destroyed. During this 40- to 45-day period, the hospital was bombed and strafed several times.

Hope, who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 11<sup>th</sup> last year, is the recipient of the World War II Victory Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon with three battle stars and the French Legion of Merit.





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## 2020-2022 Regional Representatives

REGION I: California, Hawaii, Nevada

Representative: **Donna Lee**, 702-595-1879/NV  
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REGION II: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington

Representative: **Caren McCurdy**, 503-679-7429/WA  
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REGION III: Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah

Representative: **Martha Alderman**, 623-810-9328/AZ  
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REGION V: Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin

Representative: **\*VACANT\*** (Contact VP for Membership)  
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REGION VI: Florida

Representative: **Jouay Koppari**, 813-684-1668/FL  
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Representative: **Hortense Toliaferro**, 215-327-7384/NJ  
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REGION XIII: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New  
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Representative: **Michele Diamond**, 401-824-6786/RI  
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## MWAN Regional Map



Contact information for each Regional Representative is provided in the chart to the right.

# MWAN Supply Locker

JUNE 2021

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Why not use a return address label here!)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Did you circle the type/size and/or color on items?? **Double Check please!** \*\*Phone Number: (    )

Price per piece...X Number you want = total cost for item(s)

**PATCHES**

- MWAN 2½" (caps) \$ 3 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN 3" (shirts) \$ 4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN 8½" (vest) \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- US Navy WAVES Veteran (circle) \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Patches: Navy Flag or Services (USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY) \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- American Flag Patch (3½"x2") \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Proud to Serve (square) \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Women are Veterans, Too \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- WAVES Anchor (old style) \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Vietnam Era Eagle \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**JEWELRY & PINS**

- MWAN Coin \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Lapel pin \$ 4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Charm \$ 7 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Earrings \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Coin Keychain \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Mouse Pad \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Original Hat Pin \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Anchor & Prop Earrings \$14 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Anchor & Prop Charm \$ 7 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Anchor & Prop Lapel Pin \$ 4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Veteran Lapel Pins \$ 4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)
- Little Lady WAVE w/Flag Pin \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Vietnam Era Pins \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Dogtag Pin (Women Proudly Served) \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Freedom Forever Eagle Pin \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- US Flag & Service Flag Pin \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)
- USN Hat Pin (Spread Eagle w/USN) \$8 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- USN Crest Lapel Pin \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- US Navy Lapel Pin \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- USN Patriotic Ribbon Pin \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- POW/MIA Lapel Pin \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Department of Navy Lapel Pin \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Service Crest Lapel \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY)
- Service Dogtag Pins \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)
- US Vet Stars/Stripes Lapel Pin \$9 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**MWAN CLOTHING ITEMS**

- Neck Tabs, Black w/Velcro \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Garrison Caps (includes patch) \$23 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Sizes: 21, 22, 23, 24, 25
- MWAN Visor \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Ball Cap \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN T-Shirt \$15 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- MWAN Polo Shirt \$30 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
**Gray or White** Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- MWAN Jacket \$32 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
- MWAN Sweatshirt \$22 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- MWAN White Dress Shirt \$34 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL
- Patriotic Scarf (100% Polyester) \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- American Veteran Bracelet \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- 2016 Convention Pin \$2 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- 2016 National Convention Patch \$1 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Playing Cards \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Canvas Key Chain/Stars & Stripes \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- 2016 National Convention Coin \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- US Navy WAVES Veteran Magnet \$3 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Mini-Flags Set (MWAN & American) \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(flags are 6"x4" with weighted gold base)

**MWAN Window Decal\*\***

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

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

Double clutch back **OR** Magnet back (circle one)  
 Name on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nickname/Maiden: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unit or Other Info: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Years / From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

(\*\*Use back of form if you need more space\*\*)

**Subtotal:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**ADD Shipping:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL DUE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Up to \$40 = \$8; \$41-\$100 = \$15; \$101 & above = \$20  
 Check/MO #: \_\_\_\_\_ **NO PHONE ORDERS**

Make checks/Money Orders payable to **MWAN SUPPLY LOCKER**  
 Mail check with Order Form to: Linda Coffield, 95 Vernon Street, Atoka, TN 38004  
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**\*\*Special of the Month- Orders over \$25, get a free MWAN DECAL (\$3 offer)**

**NOTE:** MWAN Ladies White Dress Shirt **RUN SMALL** (Ladies cut).  
 POLO Shirts are unisex, sizes run larger; I suggest you order a size smaller.



# Silver Taps

## U.S. Navy

Louise E. (Gaylord) Cooke	26/NY
Marjorie M. (Sage) Neill	98/NE
Ida F. (Hertzberg) Breazeale	MAL/AZ
Barbara C. (Alden) Meza	MAL/CA
Billye B. (Grimwood) Grymwade	MAL/CA
Eleanor (Landgraf) Gustafson	MAL/CA
Louise (Moore) Hagenbuch	MAL/CA
Mary Louise (McDill) Schardein	MAL/CA
Katharine Dorothy (Schmidt) Whitney	MAL/CA
Doris (Krauss) Munzing	MAL/FL
Norma (Schroeder) Winheim	MAL/FL
Elizabeth C. (Jordan) Hickcox	MAL/GA
Evangeline C. (Sheda) Cook	MAL/HI
Ellen (Castleman) Looker	MAL/IA
Lois Euvonne (McCormick) Akins	MAL/IA
Margaret Lee (Patterson) Gladish	MAL/IA
Elizabeth A. (Nemmers) Riordan	MAL/IA
Norma (Romagnoli) Simone	MAL/MI



*Gone but never  
 forgotten*

Audrey Eleanor (Cousins) Myers *	MAL/MI
Mary A. (Welch) Brihn	MAL/MN
Agnes Marie (Markovic) Hollingsworth	MAL/NC
Lyla R. (Guyer) Woodworth	MAL/NE
Mary (Friedeck) Egolf	MAL/NJ
Juanita (Miller) Spector	MAL/NY
Muriel E. (Reinhardt) Thaw	MAL/NY
BettyJane L. Miller	MAL/OH
M. Emmeretta (Ramsay) McDonough	MAL/OH
Elizabeth (Browne) Huff	MAL/OH
Antoinette M. (Jermano) Marmar	MAL/OH
E. Eileen (Horner) Blakely	MAL/OR
Margaret "Gladys" (Hahn) Davis	MAL/TX
Katherine (Nolan) Burlin	MAL/VA
Madeline (Chase) Chaffee	MAL/VT
Martha E. Mee	MAL/WA

## U.S. Coast Guard

Betty (Spooner) Meyer	MAL/WA
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## Former Members of MWAN/WN

Catherine "Kit" (Vogel) Carryl	Navy/FL
Elizabeth "Dee" (Merriman) Barrett	Navy/FL

MAL = Member at large \* Denotes Charter Member of WAVES National  
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*Please type, print or use address label*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

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