

Military Women Across the Nation  
2022 National Convention  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Phoenix, Arizona  
23 September 2022

1. Convention convened at 0915 by President Patty Jo Parks, Unit 157.
2. Introduction of Head Table – President Patty Jo Parks, Unit 157; Vice President for Unit Liaison GinaMarie Doherty, Unit 158; Vice President for Finance Terry Taylor, Unit 155; and Secretary Ginger Daniels, MAL. Other Officers and Staff present: VP for Membership Elisabeth Lewandowski, Bylaws Chair Vicki Orem, VACDCE Rep Denise Duke, Scholarship Chair Barbara Turner (via zoom), PR Chair Shirley Crawford, Chaplain/Time & Place Chair Patty Koppari, Reg 1 Rep Lynne Pine (via zoom), Reg 3 Rep Martha Alderman, Regs 5/8/9 Rep Michele Batliner, Reg 6 Rep Jouay Koppari, Reg 7 Rep Sue Gunnell, Reg 10 Rep Beth Wingfield. Note: Renee Chisholm present via zoom.
3. General Announcements were made by Georganne Bickle, Unit 155.
4. Colors posted by Luke Air Force Base Color Guard.
5. President Patty Jo Parks, Unit 157 led membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.
6. Motion made by Monica O’Hara, Unit 36 to accept the convention program. Motion was seconded by Patty Koppari, Unit 55. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of the members present.
7. Motion made by Elizabeth Levy, Unit 155 to approve the 2023 budget. Motion seconded by Rose Nowak, Unit 77. Motion passed by unanimous vote of members present.
8. Introduction of the Minutes Committee. Members are Martha Alderman, Unit 155; Michele Batliner, MAL; and Ginger Daniels, MAL
9. Standing rules were read by Yvonne Lyles, Unit 155.
10. Introduction of 2022 Nominating Committee. Members are Debbie Crutchfield, Unit 144; Ginger Daniels, MAL; GinaMarie Doherty, Unit 158; Terry Taylor, Unit 155; Beth Wingfield, Unit 157. GinaMarie Doherty is the Chair.

11. Request was made for volunteers for next election Nominating Committee. Volunteers for the 2022-2024 Nominating Committee are Georganne Bickle, Unit 155; Ginger Daniels, MAL; Denise Duke, Unit 21; Yvonne Lyles, Unit 155; Monica O'Hara, Unit 36; Beth Wingfield, Unit 15. Monica O'Hara is the Chair.

12. Election results listed below:

- a. President – GinaMarie Doherty, Unit 158
- b. Vice President for Unit Liaison – Renee Chisholm, Unit 157
- c. Vice President for Membership – Debbie Crutchfield, Unit 144
- d. Vice President for Finance – Sherry Hill, Unit 155

13. National Officers Reports

a. Secretary – Ginger Daniels, MAL reminded members to contact her with any address or email changes. Also, if you know of any deceased members who have not been listed in “Silver Taps”, please notify her so that the names can be included.

b. Vice President for Finance – Terry Taylor, Unit 155 commented that the organization is solvent and that there is over \$25,000 in the General Fund. The amount spent on printing the “Military Women’s Bulletin” is \$6,000. Members are encouraged to receive the “Military Women’s Bulletin” electronically. There is \$4,680 in the Life Membership Fund and \$10,000 in the Scholarship Fund. There are 17 active units and two new units forming. Current membership is 909 with 535 members at large and 374 members in units. Terry reminded units to submit IRS form 990. She mentioned previous problems units had had with the IRS form 990.

c. Vice President for Membership – Elizabeth Lewandowski, Unit 155 encouraged members to invite military women to unit meetings and to distribute flyers around the community.

d. Vice President for Unit Liaison – GinaMarie Doherty, Unit 158 proposed that when a member recruits three new members the recruiting member will receive a t-shirt from her. GinaMarie reminded unit members that when new officers are elected, the information should be forwarded to the Vice President for Unit Liaison.

14. The new chair was introduced for VACDCE (previously VAVS). It is Louise “Mickey” Kibler, MAL. VACDCE is VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement.

15. President's Report – Patty Jo Parks, Unit 157 spoke about membership and how hard it is to run a national organization when there are less than a thousand members nationwide. (For a unit to be active, it must have three meeting with minutes a year). Patty Jo made it a point during her presidency to visit every unit and to visit with members at large.

16. Meeting stopped for a break at 1045. Meeting reconvened at 1115.

17. Report on attendance at the convention by units is as follows:

- a. Unit 21 - 2
- b. Unit 26 – 1
- c. Unit 36 – 6
- d. Unit 55 -2
- e. Unit 77 – 5
- f. Unit 144 – 1
- g. Unit 152 – 1
- h. Unit 155 – 5
- i. Unit 157 – 4
- j. Unit 158 – 1
- k. MALS - 28

18. Report on attendance at the convention by age is as follows:

- a. 90 or older – 2
- b. 80 to 89 – 14
- c. 70 – 79 – 14
- d. 60 – 69 – 17
- e. 50 – 59 – 3
- f. 40 – 49 – 40 (some ladies raised their arms more than once)

19. Report on attendance at the convention by service branch is as follows:

- a. United States Air Force – 6
- b. United States Army -8
- c. United States Coast Guard – 1
- d. United States Navy – 36

20. New Business: Vicki Orem, Unit 21, By-Laws Chair, proposed this change to Article 6, Section 1, item D to read: "elected officers of Military Women Across the Nation (MWAN) shall hold no other MWAN elected office." Motion was made by Rose Nowak, Unit 77 to make this change. Motion was seconded by Monica O'Hara, Unit 36. It passed unanimously.

21. Unfinished Business: a new Supply Locker manager is urgently needed. Individual must have storage space and record keeping skills.

22. Newly elected regional representatives (Lynne Pine, Region 1; Martha Alderman, Region 2; Jouay Koppari, Region 6; Ginger Daniels, Region 7; Michele Batliner, Region 9; Beth Wingfield, Region 10; were installed.

23. The Time and Place Chairman, Patty Koppari, Unit 55, will encourage the new unit forming in Florida to host the 2024 convention.

24. GinaMarie Doherty, Unit 158 recognized Patty Jo Parks, Unit 157 for her outstanding tenure as President of Military Women Across the Nation.

25. Newly elected national officers Vice President for Finance, Sherry Hill and Vice President for Membership, Debbie Crutchfield were installed by President Patty Jo Parks. President-elect GinaMarie Doherty is set to be installed at the President's Dinner on Saturday evening, and Vice President for Unit Liaison, Renee Chisholm will be installed at a later date.

26. Motion to adjourn was made by Denise Duke, Unit 21. It was seconded by Vicki Orem, Unit 21. Motion passed unanimously.

27. The 2022 Military Women Across the Nation National Convention adjourned at 1200.

Submitted by: Ginger Daniels  
National Secretary

Approved: GinaMarie Doherty  
National President