

# MILITARY Women's BULLETIN



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## 2024 Scholarship awarded to Floridian Paul Dyer

*This year's MWAN Scholarship recipient is Paul M. Dyer of Plant City, FL, pictured at right with his mom Eva Dyer, a retired Navy Senior Chief. Paul attends Florida Gulf Coast University, and is seeking a degree in Marine Science. MWAN members wish Paul success in all of his future endeavors.*

**Essays are printed as written and have not been edited by the Bulletin Editor.**

### “Military Women in Command”

by Paul M. Dyer

Hello, my name is Paul Dyer. To start my Military Women Across the Nation scholarship essay, I will be discussing the history of the organization. Then I will talk about my mother, Retired Navy Senior Chief Eva Dyer, discussing being raised by a former military woman in command. Finishing with an interview with retired Lieutenant Denise Duke, a friend and former shipmate of my mother (and one of her favorite former bosses).

To start, in 1978 the Navy Women National Association (NUNA) was created. Its founding members were women who had served in the Navy during World War II who wanted to continue the camaraderie and support they had experienced while serving. The initial goal was to provide a network for former Navy women to connect and support each other. Over time, the objective expanded to include advocacy for women's issues within the military, such as equality, healthcare, and recognition of women's contributions to military service. According to the Military Women Across the Nation web page, “... in August 2014, members voted to expand the membership to include women who have honorably served or are serving in all facets of the United States Military. The name was also changed to reflect the new demographic: MILITARY WOMEN ACROSS THE NATION.” The organization has supported and lobbied for legislation that benefits women veterans. Such as bills addressing sexual harassment and assault in the military, equal opportunities for women in combat roles, and better veterans' benefits. Along with that, the organization holds national conventions and regional meetings. Providing opportunities for camaraderie and sharing experiences with fellow female veterans. Most importantly the organization provides resources and support for women transitioning from military to civilian life like career counseling and networking opportunities. Likewise, the organization provides mutual support and community through peer support programs where



members can connect with other women who have faced similar challenges. Overall, Military Women Across the Nation has made significant contributions to improving the lives of women who have served in the military. By advocating for their rights and providing communal support and opportunities, Military Women Across the Nation has continued to be a successful organization.

Furthermore, my mother, Eva Dyer, was a military woman in command. She enlisted in the Navy at 18 years old and retired 20 years later as a Senior Chief (1986-2006). With the Navy being such a big part of her life, many disciplines were carried over into her daily life as a single mother. My mother is a small lady standing at 5 foot 3 but that doesn't stop her from being a fierce, vocal, and disciplined leader.

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*Please contact your Regional Representative listed on Page 10 of this bulletin, if you have questions.*

## Presidential Ponderings

by GinaMarie Doherty, National President

THANK YOU to all who submitted votes in our MILWOMEN National Election. There are many duties that your national officers and staff work very hard to fulfill. If you see a staff position vacant and you are interested in applying, please reach out to me at your earliest opportunity. If you're a member-at-large (MAL) please reach out to your respective regional representative. Tell her what you like and what you think could use improvement in our organization. If you're a unit officer, please reach out to your respective regional representative. Your representatives are eager to work with you. Maybe you could help them plan a regional conference. I would like to visit as many regions as possible. Please invite ALL MILWOMEN.

By this time our 2024 MWAN National Convention is history. Bravo and Thank you to our convention committee Lynne Pine, Monica O'Hara, and Patty Parks. These three sisters were working from coast to coast and around the clock to ensure we met to conduct our business and have fun in Rhode Island. Thank you, Sisters! Your talents are amazing, your time and efforts... very much appreciated! Thank you to our security detail, our minutes committee, and all the hospitality room and registration table volunteers. Congratulations to us for 45 years of sisterhood.

## Fiscal Findings

by Maura Mooney, Vice President for Finance

One more reminder: Each unit is responsible for filing their IRS 990N Postcard **No Later Than December 15<sup>th</sup>** each year. Why not go ahead and file it now so you won't be late.

Failure to file the 990N can result in the forfeiture of your unit's non-profit status. Please reach out to me if you have any questions about filing this critical document.

## Volunteer Service Hours

by Karen Albert Warren, Volunteer Chair

The 2023-2024 Volunteer period has ended. Thank you to all units that submitted their volunteer hours. We had a total of 41,508.25 hours reported. If all units had submitted

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reports, we would have exceeded 45,000 hours. Those that were working produced some impressive numbers: Veteran Administration 28,473.75, VA Community Service 8,358.00, and Community Service 4,676.50. Some of the activities units were involved with included military ceremonies, MWAN unit and other military organization meetings, Vietnam veteran events, senior centers, scouts, Christmas visits, church work, VA facility baby showers, local veteran council meetings, providing transportation for veterans, NAACP, Rotary meetings, socks/underwear donations to local shelters, parades, caregiving, warrior 5K walks, veteran salutes, kidsPACK™ along with many more activities. Our ladies were busy and definitely made an impact in their communities.

We never stop serving. Keep up the good work! You are each making a tremendous difference in the world, one act at a time.

## Supply Locker

by Linda Coffield, Supply Locker Officer

Ever needed to bring a few of your pills with you for the day? The Supply Locker now has a patriotic pill box just for you!

Decorated with an American flag motif on top, this 2"-diameter, latching container has three separate, plastic-lined compartments.

The pill box will sell for \$8 each, but as a new-item special, you may purchase two pill boxes for \$14!



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## FIRST STATE MILITARY WOMEN WARRIORS

**Unit #10 (DE) – Editor's Note:** The following pictures were submitted with no event details or names. Most could not be enlarged due to low resolution of the originals submitted.

**PLEASE provide names, details & high-resolution photos!**



## REDWOOD EMPIRE MILITARY WOMEN

**Unit #77 (CA) –** We elected and installed our 2024-2026 officers on July 13<sup>th</sup>. They are President Maura Mooney, First Vice President Rose Nowak, and Secretary Kate O'Hare Palmer. Due to consistent low meeting turnout, no other positions were deemed necessary. Along with a pot-

luck lunch, the annual treasury audit was completed and approved.

Leslie Fuller, Maura Mooney and Rose Nowak attended the "Hello Girls" ceremony in Sonoma on August 23<sup>rd</sup> honoring Juliette Louise Courtial Smith (Pictured at right). Juliette was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on December 18, 1887, to French immigrant parents. Upon America's entry into WWI, General John "Blackjack" Pershing needed skilled women telephone operators to travel with him in order to maintain contact with troops via the signal corps. The Army needed them because they were faster than the men, and they needed the operators to be bilingual.



Juliette met the qualifications and departed on June 28, 1918 with 60 other Signal Corps Telephone Operators, Unit Number Four. They arrived in France and operated telephones for the American Expeditionary Forces in Paris, Chaumont and several other French locations. After the Great War, the "Hello Girls" were denied veteran status for 60 years until 1977 when only a handful were still alive.

After the war, Juliette returned to California, married William Frederick Smith and lived in San Francisco until 1940 when they moved to Sonoma. William died in 1956 and Juliette passed in 1958 at the age of 70. She was buried with her mother and William at Sonoma's Saint Francis Solano Catholic Cemetery in Sonoma, but never had a headstone. Juliette's newly installed headstone was adorned with wreaths during the ceremony, clearly honoring a remarkable woman.

Four members of our unit are looking forward to the convention in Providence and getting reacquainted with everyone.

## OCEAN STATE

**Unit #118 (RI) –** On July 17<sup>th</sup> our unit was honored by the Gulls Baseball Team in Newport. A good time was had by all.

*Pictured below are (L-R): Gretchen Vierling-Cutlip, Pat O'Connor, Jeannie Vachon, Sylvia Harrington and Sharon Zabor*



Currently our unit is raising funds for our activities and community support initiatives thru grants. One of our members, Lynne Lavallee, has experience in these matters and is putting them to good use. With these grants, we will help women veterans transition to community housing by providing them financial assistance for purchasing items necessary for their housing needs. It will involve strict record keeping of grant expenditures but it is for a worthy cause. Thank you, Lynne, for all your effort.

***Ocean State #118 continued on Page 4.***



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## Ocean State #118 (continued)

Another venture we are investing in is the purchase of logo items that we can distribute to the public during our community activities. The unit agreed on pens and small drawing backpacks. When we host our veteran resource fair at the Schofield Armory in Cranston, we'll have these items to pass out. Results of the fair's events will be noted in the next MWB.

At our August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, Pat O'Connor reported on her volunteer experience at the T.F. Greene International Airport Veteran's Lounge. Overall, it is positive and she hopes to recruit some members to join her. The lounge is open to active, reserve and retired military personnel. That is it for now. Happy Fall to All.

## TRIANGLE WOMEN VETERANS

**Unit #144 (NC)** – We held a very upbeat meeting in June. In addition to regular business, the unit and members Kim Kochis (*Below left*) and Bernie Donato (*Below right*) received letters of appreciation from the Mustangs & Patriots Project owner Jill Blakeney (*Below center*) for their support of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women Veterans Morning with the Mustangs.



After the meeting, the members ate a catered lunch; shared some laughs; participated in a raffle and auction; and celebrated our growth to 43 members. Over \$1000 was raised from the auction and raffle!



*Pictured above (L-R) Back Row: Brenda Brubaker, Shelley Kirk, April Maggart, Yoneka Trent, Pearl Galloway, RaNae Kellum, Jean McMillan; Middle Row: Anne Lewis, Linnea Sommer-Worthington, Peggy Crofton, Patty Blackwell (black shirt), LaTrinda Williams, Audrey Weiss, Kathy Koch, Kim Kochis; Kneeling: Nelly Onate, Jennifer Griffith, Jill Blakeney, Adina Lev, Bernie & Orleans Donato*

Members Bernie Donato and Jennifer Griffith participated in the Durham VA Creative Arts Festival. Their "Her Valor" group project - which included veterans are Terri Dellapina, Phoebe Granderson, and Grace McFetters - won first place. In addition, Bernie's other three entries also won first place. They are headed to Nationals!



*Pictured at left: Jennifer (on left) & Bernie with the "Her Valor" group project. Other artists not pictured are Terri Dellapina, Phoebe Granderson & Grace McFetters*



*Pictured above: Bernie stands with her first-place piece, "Fractured Soul."*

After 26 years of service to the US Navy, our sister in arms Senior Chief Master-at-Arms Nelly Onate retired. In addition to her children - Victoria and Adan – and other family being present, many unit members attending the ceremony held in Greensboro.

*Nelly is pictured at right holding her retirement flag.*



*Pictured above are members & friends who attended Nelly's retirement ceremony (L-R) Peggy Crofton, Jennifer Griffith, RaNae Montgomery-Kellum, Linnea Sommer-Weddington, Jean McMillan, Bernie Donato, Nelly Onate, Patty Blackwell, Adina Lev, Robin Hamilton (good friend and veteran)*

## MEMPHIS BELLES

**Unit #151 (TN)** – We held our quarterly bake sale at the Kickin' Pony in August and cleared over \$100. We donated the leftover cookies to the Veteran of the Month reception at our local museum.

Some unit members participated in a trivia contest fundraiser for the museum which focused on all things Disney. We came in third place, but had a fun time and look forward to doing even better at the next trivia contest!

Unit members Sami Phillips and Linda Coffield also participated in a bingo fundraiser for a local animal rescue.



**Memphis Belles #151** (continued)



Bake sale volunteers pictured above are (L-R) Sami Phillips, Anne Day, Linda Coffield, Kathy Desjarlais & Patricia Duncan-Harrison.



Disney Trivia know-it-alls pictured above are (L-R) Sami Phillips, Anne Day, Linda Coffield, and Kathy Desjarlais.

Our recent unit planning meeting was very well attended and we happily welcomed our newest member, Besty Stahl.



Planning meeting attendees pictured above are (L-R) Sami Phillips, Kathy Desjarlais, Linda Coffield, Jean Jungkans, Anne Day, Patricia Duncan-Harrison, Besty Stahl & Becky Dickinson.

**MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER**

**Unit #152 (VA)** – Our unit experiences a seasonal slowdown during the summer as members enjoy vacations with family and friends. Despite this, our nominating committee diligently sought out potential new officers. The volunteer members were nominated and accepted their appointment for their respective offices. We're pleased to

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announce that two new members have stepped into these roles and the officers were officially installed at the August meeting. They are now familiarizing themselves with their duties and ready to move forward.

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

**TRISTATE WOMEN VETERANS**

**Unit #157 (TN)** – Summer was way too hot to be outside, so we stayed indoors electing new unit officers, planning for fall events and going to Red Shirt lunches!

Our new slate of unit officers are President Beth Wingfield, Vice President Sheila Billings, Secretary Carla Bell, and Treasurer Patty Parks. Along with new leadership, we welcome our newest unit member, Army veteran Diane Regis.

Planned fall events included the 2024 National Convention, an indoor flea market fundraiser this month, participation in the Fort Oglethorpe, GA, Veterans' Day Parade in November, and December will find us covering the Chattanooga National Cemetery with wreaths as part of Wreaths Across America and collecting food to help stock the Chattanooga VetCenter's Christmas food pantry.

Of course we will gather to celebrate the season, and probably squeeze in another Red Shirt lunch, or two.



Another successful Red Shirt lunch was held recently at Oakwood Café in Dalton, GA. Attendees pictured above are (L-R) standing: Jennifer Palmer, Zaida Ringheimer, Sue Galloway, Danette Skyles, Jo Schendel, Donna Agee, Ruby Hardin, Janet Duncan & Gloria Gray. Seated in front are (L-R) Beth Wingfield, Penny Manna & Patty Parks.





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## NEW ENGLAND

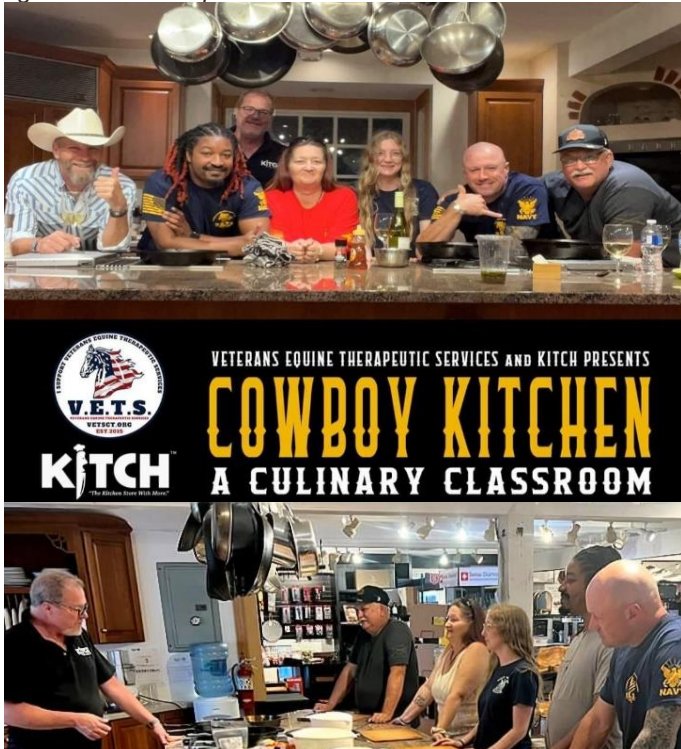
**Unit #158 (RI)** – In September, country singer Ricky Lee, presented the VAVS Bedford, MA, “Beacon Award: For Spreading the Word” to Unit 158 President Christine Tron (pictured below with Ricky Lee) for her volunteer work as the hospital’s MWAN VAVS representative.



Unit member Erika Westbrook joined other veterans and active duty servicemembers to share experiences and gain new skills in a program launched by Veterans Equine Therapeutic in partnership with Kitch Mystic.

“Cowboy Kitchen” offers an opportunity to learn cowboy-inspired cooking and kitchen wisdom including secrets to cooking with cast iron pots and pans.

Ericka is pictured in red in the top photo below & fourth from the right in the bottom photo below.



## LAKELAND ROYAL SWANS

**Unit #159 (FL)** – Greetings from beautiful, sunny, hot and humid Lakeland! We held our 2024 – 2026 Installation of Officers at our July meeting with catering for the event by our local Mission BBQ.



Pictured above are (L-R) in the front row: Karen Warren, Gwen Pipkin, Irene Rapoza, Kathleen VanMiddlesworth & Region 6 Representative Jouay Koppari. In the second row are: Pat Watson, Kay Shelby, Kathryn Gates-Skipper, AJ Burr & Linda Osborn. In the third row are: Mary Grubb, Charlene Broome, Jessyca Carpenter, Connie White & Grace Tate.

Unit members (pictured below L-R) Grace Tate, Karen Warren, Kathleen VanMiddlesworth, Linda Osborn and Gwen Pipkin attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the much-needed new James A. Haley VA community-based outpatient clinic located right here in Lakeland.



Kathleen VanMiddlesworth attended a coffee social for women veteran’s hosted by a local American Legion post. She met several other local women veterans, two of whom are now prospective members of our unit!



Lakeland Royal Swans #159 (continued)



Kathleen VanMiddlesworth (above left) pictured with seven other women veterans from the Lakeland area at a coffee social.

Featured on Page 1 of this bulletin, MWAN National Scholarship recipient Paul Dyer lives in nearby Plant City. We were able to officially present him with a Certificate of Scholarship at our Lakeland Veterans Memorial Park.

Paul is the nephew of our Unit President, Kathleen VanMiddlesworth. Paul's mother, Eva Dyer, is a retired Navy Senior Chief and is planning on joining our unit later this month.



Unit 159 President Kathleen VanMiddlesworth presents Paul Dyer with a Certificate of Scholarship as his mom, Eva Dyer, looks on.

Finally, we recently welcomed two new members to our Unit, TJ Weiss (Below left) and Esther Cantrell (Below right). Welcome Aboard, Sisters!



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Upcoming events include Lakeland Royal Swans Second Annual Cards for the Troops Crafting Event and Lakeland's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Warrior Walk. See you in November!!!

Lakeland is located between Tampa and Orlando. Meetings are held at 11 am on the fourth Saturday of the month at American Legion Post 4, 1375 Ariana Street, Lakeland. If you know any sister veterans in the central Florida area who may be interested in joining our unit, please have them contact Kathleen VanMiddlesworth at (863) 450-5008 (please leave a message), or by email at MilitaryWomenLakeland@gmail.com. We can also be found on Facebook at facebook.com/LRSofMWAN/.



## Make your voice heard!

The women's suffrage movement was a decades-long fight to win the right to vote for women in the United States. It took activists and reformers nearly 100 years to win that right, and the campaign was not easy.



Disagreements over strategy threatened to cripple the movement more than once. But on August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was finally ratified, enfranchising all American women and declaring for the first time that they, like men, deserve all the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Exercise the rights our foremothers fought for.

## Register & Vote in every public election!

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I know to stay out of trouble because if I don't, I know what's waiting for me at home. Along with that she has pushed me to become a better person. Always supporting me through the toughest of times. I love my mother more than words can express, she has always been the best example of discipline, work ethic, and perseverance. According to her, she had two favorite tours in the Navy. The first one was when she was selected for special programs and served for a year in Antarctica as part of Operation Deep Freeze, supporting the National Science Foundation from 1994-95. Her second favorite tour was when she served as Chief in Charge of Communications onboard the Navy Destroyer USS Hayler. She deployed on the USS Hayler one month after 9/11/2001 as a part of Operation Enduring Freedom, and supervised a crew of 10 Radiomen / Information System Technicians.

Lastly, an interview with retired Lieutenant (O3E) Denise Duke (*Pictured below in uniform*). I chose LT Duke to interview after my mother described her as one of her favorite leaders. My mother looked up to her because LT Duke had worked her way up from being enlisted to being an officer, was excellent at her job but the best part of all was, she was excellent with people. My mother said she always treated everyone with respect, kept a great sense of humor, and made people feel good about being in the Navy. After a phone call with LT Duke, I sent some questions to her pertaining to her career and military women in command. The following is a paraphrased version of her responses.



**What were the biggest challenges of your career?** I joined the Navy in 1978. Women were just being assigned to ships. The first ships to get women were support ships, not fighting ships. Many of the senior leadership were not happy about women being assigned to ships. I found myself having to be hard and rough to compete with my fellow sailors. I begged to go to a ship but ended up on shore duty in Hawaii. It was a good assignment. Luckily, I got to work with some awesome officers (prior enlisted) who "trained" me in the way of life in the Navy. I learned to know my job. Know it better than anyone else. Work hard. Play hard. Never give up. Never back down. Pick your battles. At every assignment I made it my mission to prove, man or woman, I was the best and most knowledgeable communicator at the command.

**What are some of the most rewarding parts of your career?** Working with some of the best people on earth. As a senior enlisted, I began to do more administrative tasks. I made the rank of Chief Petty Officer in 10 years. At that point I had to think about my future for the next 10 years of my naval career. I decided to apply for the Limited Duty Officer (LDO) program. I didn't need any college education to apply so it was the program for me. To my surprise, I was selected. At my 12-year mark I was commissioned as a Naval Officer, Surface Communications. It was rewarding helping the individuals assigned to my command or department succeed. Seeing young sailors achieve their goals was the best reward.

**What was it like being stationed with my mom at Naval Communications and Area Master Station (NCTAMS) Med in Naples, Italy?** Your mom worked on a watch crew

with me providing communications throughout the Mediterranean Sea. I worked in the Fleet Telecommunications Operations Center and your mom worked in Technical Control. Our department oversaw the overall communications coordination between the shore stations, ships, submarines, and aircraft. Technical Control linked all the communications systems that provided that ability to conduct operations. I was a watch officer and Eva was a petty officer. I looked to her to make sure all our shore-based systems were functioning properly. That's the business of our jobs. I respected your mom and the knowledge she had regarding Navy communications. Eva was always so easy-going. She never got ruffled or upset when things went crazy. She was just chill. Sometimes I would stomp into Tech Control only to face that smiling face who proceeded to tell me she had everything fixed. That's the work part of our relationship. The other part of our relationship was that of friendship. The command had lots of fun activities. Most of them were to encourage teamwork and comradery. It was more like a family.

**In your opinion, what should people know about military women in command?** Being in command can be a lonely place. Man or woman, you must set the example. I don't think a woman should be treated any differently than any other individual in command. When you are selected for command, it is a detailed process. You have prerequisites that must be met. Many times, there are interviews or discussions before the final selection of command is determined. Male or female, if you are qualified, it should be accepted that you are the best qualified for the job. If you look at the bios for some of the senior leadership in the Navy, it's obvious these women have worked hard during their careers to be promoted and be assigned to challenging positions.

To wrap up my Military Women Across the Nation scholarship essay, we explored the history of the organization, discussed what its like being raised by a former military woman in command, and finished with an interview with Retired Lieutenant (O3E) Denise Duke. Mrs. Duke shared her experiences as a woman in command including her biggest challenges, most rewarding times, being stationed with my mother, and what people should know about military women in command.

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## NEW MilWomen Procedures Manual is available online.

The newly updated Military Women Across the Nation Procedures Manual is available on our webpage ([milwomen.org](http://milwomen.org)) under the "Governing Docs & Forms" tab. It may be downloaded for routine digital access, or printed out if a hard copy is preferred.

The manual has been completely rewritten, and includes new, current forms/formats as well as sample guides and templates.

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# Military Women Across the Nation

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**MEMBERSHIP** shall be extended to military service women who served or are serving honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces, both regular and reserve components to include the National Guard and Maritime Services. Membership includes an E-MAIL subscription to *Military Women's Bulletin* published six times per year.

"I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements of MWAN and I can produce a copy of my military identification, DD214 or other honorable service/discharge document upon request."

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**First Time, NEW Member Dues are \$35 for the period of 1 Jan through 31 Dec**

Initial Annual Dues for **First Time, NEW Members** joining after 1 Aug shall cover the remainder of the current year AND the full, following calendar year.

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Representative: **Erika Westbrook (RI)**

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Representative: **Alicia Rodriguez (RI)**

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## MWAN Regional Map



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



**ONLY USE CURRENT ORDER FORM**

**MWAN Supply Locker**

**OCTOBER 2024**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- USN Women Veteran \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Patches: Navy Flag or Services \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY)
- American Flag Patch (3½"x2") \$4 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)
- Honor-Courage-Sacrifice Veterans Pin \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Vietnam Era Pins \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Freedom Forever Eagle Pin \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- US Flag & Service Flag Pin \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(USN, USAF, USMC)
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Flag Peace Sign Pin \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Service Crest Lapel \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY, Nat Guard)
- Service Dogtag Pins \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(USN, USAF, USMC, VETERANS)
- Veterans Flag Lapel Pin \$7 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Honoring Women Veterans Pin \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Poppy Flower Lapel Pin \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**MWAN CLOTHING ITEMS**

- Neck Tabs, Black w/Velcro \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Visor \$15 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Ball Cap \$15 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN T-Shirt \$18 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- MWAN Polo Shirt \$36 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
**Gray OR White** Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- MWAN Jacket \$36 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
- MWAN Sweatshirt \$28 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 \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Playing Cards \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Canvas Key Chain/Stars & Stripes \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Window Decal \$3 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Magnets \$2 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Car Magnet (8" Oval) \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Pencils (2 each) \$1 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Pens (4 each) \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- WAVES Key Chain, Rubber \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Table Coverings \$120 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN PopSockets \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
3 for \$20 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Flag Pill Box (3 compartments) \$8 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\*\*)

**Merchandise SUBTOTAL . \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Shipping Costs\*\***  
 Up to \$40 = \$9; \$41-\$100 = \$17; \$101 & above = \$20

**ADD Shipping Charge . . \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE . . . . \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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 38004-7771

Questions? Call: (901) 488-4153 or Email: LindyC1951@gmail.com

**NEW ITEM! See picture & SPECIAL OFFER on Page 2 of this bulletin.**

**NOTE:** MWAN Ladies White Dress Shirt **RUN SMALL** (Ladies cut).

POLO Shirts are unisex, sizes run larger; I suggest you order a size smaller.





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# Silver Taps

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but never forgotten*

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(Dues period 1 January to 31 December)

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ **Life Membership for those 90 years & older is a one-time payment of \$30.**

National Dues for 1 year are **\$25.00** + Tax Deductible Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a check or money order made payable to "MWAN", and submit with this form to:

**Maura Mooney, VP for Finance, 228 Goldman Lane, Petaluma CA 94952-3682**

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