

# MILITARY *Women's* BULLETIN



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## Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Inducts MilWomen Life Member Frona Liston

Story by Jennifer Baun

Frona Liston of North Canton, OH, was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, Class of 2017 on November 9th. The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame seeks to recognize Ohioans who have worn the uniform of this nation's armed forces, performed their military duties and then continued to contribute to community, state and nation in an exemplary manner. The program is administered by the Ohio Department of Veterans Services.

"These are individuals who have served and also contributed to their communities," said Sandra Puskarcik, Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame coordinator. "It can be in the area of professional achievements, civic or public service, volunteerism, veterans' advocacy or other significant achievements over the life of the nominee."

"These people are truly high achievers," Puskarcik said. "These are incredible people deserving the honor."



Left-Right: Ohio Department of Veterans Services Director Chip Tansill, Frona Liston and Ohio State Senator Frank LaRose



Frona, who is 92 years young, served in the U.S. Navy (pictured at left) during World War II at the then-Long Beach Naval Hospital in California. She transcribed doctors' notes into the patients' records. "The wounded men were out there," Frona recalled. "You were thinking you were going to see all these sad people, but they were keeping our spirits up."

After her military service, she spent the next 50+ years holding a variety of jobs in medical and clerical fields, but most of her life has been dedicated to the service of others. A life member of Military Women Across the Nation, Frona remains very active in Northeast Ohio Women Veterans Unit 21 having served as the unit's president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. Additionally, she served as the 2000 WAVES National Convention Co-Chair when Ohio hosted the convention.

She was nominated by current Unit 21 President Jennifer Baun who described Frona as someone who puts in a lot of work in a quiet manner. "But you get to see the successes of the things

she does," Baun added. "An individual like that has such an impact, needed to be nominated."

Frona worked with the Minerva (OH) school system and the village librarian to coordinate an adult literacy program helping adults learn to read. "I think it was the most rewarding thing I have ever done for other people," Frona said. "Then I came to North Canton. There I got involved in English as a second language."

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## Don't Forget!

**National Dues were PAST DUE as of 1 Apr**  
**Unit President Status Report DUE 1 Jun**  
**2017/2018 Volunteer Hours DUE 1 Jul**  
**State Director Status Report DUE 1 Jul**

**Details on all reports are in the Procedures Manual at**  
**[www.milwomen.org](http://www.milwomen.org)**

## Presidential Ponderings

by Patty Parks, National President

Denise Duke has volunteered to be our newsletter editor. Her contact information is on Page 10 of this issue. Please make certain any input for our newsletters is provided to Denise and me (preferably by e-mail) no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>, September 1<sup>st</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup>, January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> for the subsequent newsletter. Early submissions are welcome and appreciated.

Our deepest appreciation and thanks go to Judy Faries for her dedication and perseverance in compiling and developing our newsletter since December 2011. **BZ, Judy!**

## ExecSec Reminders

by Barb Turner, National Executive Secretary

National dues for 2018 were due January 1<sup>st</sup> and became delinquent as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. If your 2018 National dues are not paid by May 1<sup>st</sup>, this will be the last Military Women's Bulletin you receive. The Member-at-large renewal form is located at the bottom of Page 12 in this newsletter.

Attention Regional Representatives, State Directors/Organizers and Unit Treasurers: Respective membership databases will be mailed/emailed during May for verification. Please verify all contact information (phone, address & email) for each member and immediately notify me with any updates.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Advice

by Gloria Wix, National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

This year is flying by. Soon it will be time for our MWAN 2018 Convention. I am hopeful that we will have a "full house" this September in San Diego. If you have never attended one of our conventions you have missed a great time. Seeing old friends and meeting new ones is a treat. Our host city is one of the most beautiful in the United States. The weather is wonderful and mild most of the time (but sometimes cool at night). Although I am not involved with hosting this time, I did live in San Diego County for over ten years so I can honestly make all of the above claims.

The time to start planning for your trip is now (even 6 months ahead). Start saving some money so it will not be a burden on your wallet. Check out the airlines and routes to take if driving or going by rail. Soon the "Call to Convention" will be arriving in the mail. It will tell you everything you need to know to have a great time. Dates, times, things to do, places to go and things to see. They have the best Zoo in the country. There is great shopping. There are old sailing ships in the harbor. The airport is one of the best and is right next to the harbor with free shuttles to the hotels and car rentals.

I was living in Tennessee the first time I attended a convention. It was 2008 and it happened to be in San Diego. We had a cruise in the harbor, great food, double-decker bus sightseeing tours, and raffles. We ended with a banquet. I met a fantastic group of women. Even a few I had known during my time in the Navy.

I have attended and been a part of several conventions since then. Each one has a distinct flavor to it. Different things to see and do. But the one thing they all have in common is the camaraderie you feel. It is even better now that MWAN includes women of all the Services. As more women join us we learn about their experiences during their time in service. It's fun to compare notes.

# Officers' Call

I hope that each unit that can will help a few members to defray some of the cost and enable them to attend the 2018 Convention in September. It is a rewarding experience. They will return to their units with renewed enthusiasm and fun stories to share.

## From the Heart

by Jeanne Hooper, Heartspring Project Chair

Heartspring contributions are down somewhat recently, possibly because we are now only reporting annually, but an impressive amount of Boxtops was still collected and sent to Heartspring School in Kansas this past year. In keeping with the season, the Oscar for most Boxtops contributed goes to: Sea Breezes Unit 52, with a total of 248 Boxtops, plus 35 Bonus Boxtops! Following closely behind was Unit 152, Military Women of Tidewater, with 243 Boxtops. Supporting role awards go to Units 94 and 56. The Award for Best MAL Contributor goes to Anna Crider with 74 Boxtops. She was supported by Beverly Merz, Betty Patrick and Helen Baj. Additionally, many of you also sent Campbell's soup labels which I still contribute to Byrneville Elementary School here in NW Florida.

Thank you all! I appreciate the effort to trim and separate in groups of 50 as I asked you to do last year. It helps tremendously when sorting out 100s of Boxtops!

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Roberta Kolterman, the former Heartspring Chairman for WAVES National. She took pride in the job and remained a faithful contributor throughout the years, always sending a cheery note with her Boxtops. I will miss her, as I'm sure Unit 9 does.

Happy Spring and may you have a happy and healthy 2018!

**National Officer & Staff contact Info on Page 10.**

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





# Officers' Call

## Volunteer Viewpoints

by Diane Turcotte Culleton, National Representative for Veterans Administration Voluntary Service (VAVS)

I will be representing Military Women at the 72<sup>nd</sup> NAC VAVS National Conference April 11-13, 2018, in Tampa, Florida. It is an honor for me to represent you as one of 20 organizations on the Executive Board. I will also present MWAN's \$200 donation to the James H. Parke Memorial Fund during the Parke Scholarship Awards Program.

April has arrived which is when all VAVS Representatives and Deputy Representatives are required to receive their Annual Joint Reviews. Please contact your Chief of Voluntary Services to schedule your appointment to fulfill this requirement. It is a great opportunity for you to discuss the previous years' involvement and plans for the upcoming year.

Congratulations to Sandra Jolly our new Representative at the West Palm Beach VA in Florida and to Deanna Allman as the new Representative along with Jane Boulton as the new Deputy Representative at the Nashville VA Medical Center in Tennessee. Thank you for volunteering to help our Veterans and representing MWAN.

We still have not reached our goal of having Representatives in 25 facilities to remain a voting organization. Please consider becoming a part of your VA Volunteers and represent MWAN at the Quarterly Committee Meetings. For more information please contact me at [diane.turcotte30@gmail.com](mailto:diane.turcotte30@gmail.com) or 207-399-1696.

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**"Hall of Fame"** (continued from page 1)

Frona is an adult literacy tutor with the Sebring Area Literacy Council, a volunteer at the North Canton Heritage Society where she serves to preserve, protect and share history of North Canton, OH, and she tutors children and adults in English as a Second Language. In leadership and committee roles, Frona has mentored many young adults by encouraging high standards and promoting the ideals of responsibility and dedication. She also initiated a published history collection of Unit 21 members, a copy of which is housed at the Library of Congress.

## Stained Glass Program Discontinued

The Stained Glass Window (SGW) Program has been disestablished. The program was originally created after a group of WAVES National (WN) members visited England in 1984 and saw a stained glass window in a cathedral which honored the Women's Royal Navy Service.



The SGW Program solicited donations to have stained glass windows featuring the World War II W.A.V.E.S. prop and anchor emblem created and mounted in buildings at military installations holding significance to military women.

The beautiful windows were installed at ten locations: the Navy Chapel, Washington Navy Yard, DC; North Chapel at Navy Training Station (now located at Veterans Memorial Center) San Diego, CA; Our Lady of Guadeloupe Catholic Chapel and Our Lady of Loretto Shrine, both in Corpus Christi, TX; the Music Building of Lehman (formerly Hunter) College, Bronx, NY; Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA; Ida Mae Lewis Auditorium, Coast Guard Recruit Training Center, Cape May, NJ; (pictured above) the chapel at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL; 4th Recruit Training Battalion Headquarters, Parris Island, SC, and Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH.

The Board of Directors disestablished the program for a number of reasons, the most notable of which was logistics. Because of base realignments and closures, many of the buildings housing the current windows are no longer owned by the government or located on military bases.



# Nora Patella: British by birth, American at Heart!

By Jennifer Baun

Nora Patella, an associate member of Northeast Ohio Women Veterans Unit #21, is originally from Ingatestone, a village in Essex, England, about 20 miles northeast of London. A young, patriotic girl when Great Britain declared war on Germany in 1939, Nora's thoughts turned to serving her country.

At the time, women were not permitted in the Royal Army or Navy, but that did not stop her. In 1940, just shy of her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday, Nora joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS) and was almost immediately assigned to drive a "lorry" (a large truck) at a transportation division in Essex.

As an early ATS volunteer, she received no specific training or uniform to conduct her duties. Nora moved supplies, materials, wounded personnel and even the fallen. When she wasn't driving she dug trenches or tended to the wounded as a first responder or when medical personnel couldn't care for civilians affected by the war.

She was also assigned in London for months at a time during the Blitz – a massive German bombing offensive against Britain from 1940-1941. When there was nobody else to pick up a task, women like Nora did what was necessary for the British people to survive the war, including caring for and getting the children who were orphaned or left in the streets to a safe place.

Nora proudly served until June 1944 and was only separated at that time when it was discovered she was six months pregnant. Following the war, with her husband, one suitcase and an infant on her hip she moved to the United States where she has lived for the past 70+ years.

Nora has been as equally proud and patriotic of her new country as she is of her homeland. For this reason, Nora was honored at the 2017 Patriots' Day program,

Nora holding her shadow box and 2017 Patriot's Day Award.

sponsored by Ohio Marine Corps League Detachment 494 in Austintown, Ohio. Annually, Det 494 recognizes a service member from each war era. Nora was singled out for her service as part of the Allied Forces during World War II.

Because she left England so soon after the war, Nora was never issued any of the medals or citations she earned. Her Unit 21 sisters corrected that situation by recently presenting Nora with a shadow box containing the 1939–1945 Star, the Defense Medal, and the War Medal 1939–1945 she should have received.



Nora Patella circa 1940. Nora's husband carried this photo in his wallet from the time it was taken when Nora was 17 until his passing a couple years ago.



A recruiting poster for Auxiliary Territorial Service which became a branch of the Royal Women's Army Corps in 1949.



To encourage this activity, National Recording Secretary GinaMarie Doherty is once again coordinating a newsletter contest. Six (6) lucky winners each will be presented with

Several units, regional representatives and some members-at-large take time to create newsletters which complement our national bulletin by bringing news and details of local events to members.

## The Newsletter contest is on!

20% off discount coupons from the Supply Locker at our National Convention in San Diego this September.

There are categories for different newsletter styles. However, whether your newsletter is handwritten, typed or digital, you must send it to GinaMarie to compete!

GinaMarie is **ONLY** looking for newsletters issued between **July 2016** and **July 2018**. The deadline for submission is 1 August 2018. You may email your newsletter to GinaMarie at [ginamarie.doherty@navy.mil](mailto:ginamarie.doherty@navy.mil) or send it via snail mail to GinaMarie Doherty, 10 Osage Drive, Middletown RI 02842. Submit your newsletter today!



# Military Women Across the Nation 2018-2020 National Elected Officer CANDIDATES

*There is only one nominee for each of the five national elected officer positions.*

## ★★★ President ★★★



My name is Patricia "Patty Jo" Parks and I am currently serving as your National President. I've spent the first year and a half of my term personally visiting unit members and groups of members-at-large nationwide.

My mission has been two-fold: 1) To encourage our members to FIND the more than 2 million military women who may need our support, and 2) To learn from our current membership what they expect from our organization. Having met with more than 200 of our members I look forward to taking the action necessary to pursue the needs they have reported. If elected to a second term as your National President I pledge to continue growing our organization in a manner designed to support all members.

I have been a member of WAVES National/Military Women Across the Nation since 1989 and have held several unit, state, regional and national offices. In addition to MWAN, I volunteer and hold various volunteer jobs with the Chattanooga Area Veterans' Council, Hospice of Chattanooga Vet-to-Vet program and other local veteran posts, chapters and councils.

## ★★★ 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President ★★★



My Name is Gloria Wix, YN3, USN, 1963-1966. When I ran for MWAN 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in 2016, I told you my story of growing up on the Gulf Coast of Texas as a shy girl. In the Navy I bloomed. I was made into a leader and a self-assured woman while going through 10 weeks of Navy boot camp. I was 2<sup>nd</sup> in command of my company and Recruit Regimental Commander for graduation. I worked on an Admirals staff in Pensacola, FL. As a Yeoman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class, at Naval Station, Long Beach, CA, my job was to get the men ready to go to Vietnam.

I worked many years in administrative positions in the private sector. I entered Federal Government Service when I became the Secretary/Registrar, DODDS High School, Iwakuni, Japan. At Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, CA I worked admin for the Army Veterinarians. In Washington, DC I worked admin at Headquarters Marine Corps. After twenty years of federal government service, I retired. (Continued on page 9)

## ★★★ 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President ★★★



Georganne Bickle is a veteran of the Arizona Air National Guard, US Air Force and US Navy with Honorable Discharges from all three branches. She enlisted when she was 17 years old and served just short of 7 years.

She is the author of "A Guide to Life's Challenges – Book I" (2017), "Dear Men, What I really wanted to say..." (2014), "AFFIRMATIONS: For Every Area of Life" (2013), "A Good Brain Washing" (2012) and "Dear Men: A True Story" (2008).

She is a Native Phoenician. Her heritage includes Italian, German, and Choctaw with current membership in the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. She graduated from Phoenix College with an Associate of Arts Degree in 2008 and Regent University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 2012. She is currently an active Licensed Arizona Realtor with designation as a Certified Military Residential Specialist. Her volunteer positions include President of the Salt River Military Women Unit 155, Arizona State Director of MWAN, and Secretary of the Arizona Choctaw Clan.

## ★★★ Recording Secretary ★★★



My name is Debbie Crutchfield. I served in the Navy from Oct 16, 1969 to January 31, 1992 and retired as a Chief Personnelman (PNC) out of VP-92, NAS South Weymouth, MA, after serving a little over 22 years. I have been married for 42 years to a retired Navy Chief (AWC) who served from 1963-1992. We had a joint retirement ceremony onboard the USS Constitution in Boston. We live in Lexington, SC, and have one son and daughter-in-law who live in Greenville, SC.

After retirement, I graduated from Columbus State University, Columbus, GA with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education. I taught Pre-K and Kindergarten in public school in Georgia for 3 years until my husband got a job transfer to South Carolina. I taught Pre-Kindergarten at my church for 11 years before retiring in 2015 to spend time with my Mom who had cancer. (Continued on page 9)

## ★★★ Treasurer ★★★



My name is Terry Taylor and I served in the Navy from 1975-1979. After "A" School in Pensacola, FL, I was stationed at Naval Communications Station Rota, Spain, and Naval Security Group Activity Lajes, Azores, as a Cryptologic Technician. Discharged in 1979, I later joined the Navy Reserve (1982-1989). I went to school on the GI Bill and graduated with a degree in accounting in 1984 and have been a Certified Public Accountant (Colorado) since 1987.

My career included several positions in the accounting field. After retiring from civil service in 2007, I continued working part-time for a local CPA firm. I began volunteering in my community with the U.S.O., coaching at the local senior center computer lab, ushering for Phoenix Theater and - with my dog, Stella visiting assisted living facilities through Pets on Wheels.

I've been a member of MWAN since 2011. I previously held the position of unit treasurer and am currently the vice president/newsletter editor for Salt River Military Women Unit 155 in Phoenix, AZ, as well as the National Scholarship Chair. I am also a member of American Legion Post 58. I look forward to the opportunity to serve our organization as your next treasurer and to help ensure our future success!

# Sound Off!

## KEYSTONE WOMEN VETERANS

**Unit #6 (PA)** - Josie Larson was honored at the Army-Navy game as a special Navy Veteran. She and a male veteran from Anne's Choice Way were picked up by a limousine and driven to the stadium in Philadelphia. There they were treated like royalty and recognized for their military service with box seat tickets (enclosed & snug from heavy snow during the game) and refreshments. What a glorious honor.

Sadly, we have lost one of our longtime WWII members. Pictured at right, Elizabeth Robinson, 97, passed away on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Her memorial at Reformation Lutheran Church was led by American Legion Post 93 and Keystone Women Veterans. She was very active at Pennsylvania Veterans Museum and attended all military parades in Media, PA.

She was an active unit member for more than 30 years, serving in various jobs and attending almost every WAVES convention as well as many workshops and symposiums. Six of our members rendered her a final farewell salute, followed by Taps. Her ashes will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

For unit information contact Ruthie Severino at 610-356-8956.



## NORTHEAST OHIO WOMEN VETERANS

**Unit #21 (OH)** - Our Unit has been absent from Sound Off, but busy doing a lot of work. The unit finished the year with a stand down event, awards programs, Veterans Day programs, a secret Santa holiday party at the Ohio Veterans Home and unit Christmas party. As a result, we were ready for our brief unit hibernation.



Claudia Westover (left) and Ellen Leidy (right) working at the Stand Down.

The Laura Dunlop Memorial stand down was successful and unit member, Ellen Leidy, chaired the event. The unit teamed up with Women Marines Association Chapter OH-2 to purchase and collect donated personal care items for women veterans. We assembled bags, set up tables, and worked throughout the event. This year we saw to the needs of about 350 veterans, more than 20 of whom were women.

Jan Brown and Jennifer Baun participated in a private visit by U.S. President Donald Trump (pictured at right with Jan) for area veterans. In addition to Jan's membership in Unit 21, she is also AMVETS National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander and Commander of AMVETS Ohio Post 44.



The unit also was recognized by the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation with the Eagle Award for its contribution.



(Left-Right) Seated: Frona Liston and Ruby Gilliam Standing: Claudia Westover, Elva Pounders, Ellen Leidy, Kay Raga, Sharon Nicholson and Jennifer Baun

The women of the Ohio Veterans Home had a special holiday this year. We teamed up with the home to get letters to Santa from each resident and fulfill those wishes. Members from the unit joined the residents for a holiday party and made sure everyone received their gifts.

Finally, the unit's annual Christmas party featured a buffet, games, gift exchange and entertainment by International country recording artist, Jill Jordan Burke and two potential members!



(Left-Right) Kneeling/seated in Front Row: Ellen Leidy, Frona Liston, Sandy Conley, Karen Kish and Jenn Baun Middle Row: Claudia Westover, Barbara Speed, Brooke Harless, Vicki Wallis, Nora Patella, Freda Whaley, Gloria Galati, Ruby Gilliam Back Row: Delores Speed, Rosalie Bland, Evelyn Eyster, Donna Sheldon



## SEA BREEZES

**Unit #52 (FL)** - A small group of ladies gathered on a recent, beautiful (we are in Florida!) Saturday to visit the Trader Jon's display at Pensacola's T.T. Wentworth Museum. If you were Naval Aviation, or ever stationed in Pensacola 20 or more years ago, chances are you visited Trader Jon's famous watering hole, a veritable museum of Navy and Blue Angel artifacts. Trader Jon was a local character who loved the military and the military loved him right back! We had a great time remembering Trader, and of course, telling sea stories! Afterward, we enjoyed a delicious lunch on the patio of a local downtown restaurant. Our quarterly meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of March, June, September and December. Happy Spring!

## MILITARY WOMEN OF TAMPA BAY

**Unit #55 (FL)** - Governor Rick Scott signed State of Florida Executive Order #14-88 March 13, 2014 creating the Governor's Veterans' Service Award (pictured at right). Since then, as the Governor travels throughout the state, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs schedules opportunities for the Governor to meet veterans and personally issue each veteran the Veterans' Service Award.



On January 23, 2018, Governor Scott visited Sun City Center, FL, an over-55 community which is home to a large military veteran population. Florida reports there are 1.5 million veterans residing in the state, 98,000 of which are residing in Hillsborough County. Military Women of Tampa Bay Unit #55 proudly attended and were pleased to meet the Governor. The Governor spoke to each veteran individually and when asked, participated in group photographs. It was a full house with some 300 people in attendance. Afterward, we lunched at German Castle, a small Bavarian-style restaurant nearby.



(Left-Right): Rhonda Crawford, Mary Atzert, Florida Governor Rick Scott, Shirley Dawley, Jouay Koppari, Cathy Gerolimatos, Pattie Duvall

## REDWOOD EMPIRE MILITARY WOMEN

**Unit #77 (CA)** - The new year is moving along quickly and Unit 77 has had a busy first quarter. On February 10th we bid a final farewell to our departed sister, Breese Baker, with over 125 in attendance at her memorial. March being Women's History Month, was most appropriate for our group. Twelve of us gathered with our Coast Guard sisters and brothers at Two Rock Coast Guard Station in Petaluma where they honored us with their company and a delicious

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# Sound Off!

lunch. We have been their guests for several years and hope to continue this tradition in the future.

Welcome to our new members: Ana Mohrman (Navy), Shelby Scott (Air Force) and Marilyn Tolenen (Navy). We will be forming a nominating committee at our April meeting for selection of candidates for the upcoming election of officers. This year for the first time Unit 77 will be a participant in the Memorial Day Program held at the Avenue of the Flags in Petaluma. This will give us an opportunity to be a presence in the community as a solely women veterans organization, although several of us belong to local American Legion, Vietnam Veterans and VFW posts and have participated in the program with them in the past.

In March Unit President Rose Nowak was invited to speak at the local Rotary regarding our organization. She left information in the hope of reaching other military women in our community.

**For meeting information please contact Rose Nowak at 707-762-5151 or email [xcena@sonic.net](mailto:xcena@sonic.net).**

## TRIANGLE WOMEN VETERANS

**Unit #144 (NC)** - We kicked off the year with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Picnic held at a local horse ranch owned by Unit Secretary Jill Blakeney and her husband.



Having recently obtained federal approval as a non-profit, the Blakeney's are working in conjunction with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to develop an outreach program for veterans.

Unit members, their families, guest and a couple of potential members spent the morning playing with and riding Mustang horses (pictured above). After lunch and our meeting, we enjoyed a hayride and exploring the 20-acre farm. Thank you mustangs and Patriots Project, Inc., for hosting us again!



Attendees at the 2017 Family Picnic enjoy a hayride.

**For Unit #144 meeting information contact Norma Schrader at [mabelsmith1920@nc.rr.com](mailto:mabelsmith1920@nc.rr.com) or Pat Childers at [patc0227@aol.com](mailto:patc0227@aol.com).**

# Sound Off!

## MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

**Unit #152 (VA)** - Martha and Kirk Kastler opened their home to unit members in January, and an afternoon was spent enjoying each other's company, celebrating the work of 2017 and planning for the New Year. The annual ornament exchange and auction made for a lively and hilarious afternoon.



(Left-Right) Back to Front: April Maletz, Elaine Musick, Bobbi Waldren, Jo Heimerl, Kathy Montgomery, Betty Hand, Maggie Cobb, Chairty Haney, Molly Bergeron-Conway, Alesia Thorton-White, Martha Kastler, Geraldine Rivera, Pat Brown, Dassa Carvey, Phyllis Lightfoot, Sheila Jessen, Cathy Schweitzer, Serena Copley, Heather Hastings, Halima Royster, Marie Bliss, (Hidden: Helen Jakubik)

In February, Tanya Canty, Dassa Carvey, and Kathy Montgomery had the privilege of participating in a special ceremony at the Hampton VAMC, where awards were presented to each and every veteran as they transition through Palliative Care. February's ceremony honored the service of six veterans in hospice care. Of particular note, an award for a female Marine was presented by Gunnery Sergeant Shannon Farquhar, from the School of Music.

It was noted that while two of the hospice residents appeared oblivious to the program, when the order for a "Hand Salute" was given, those two veterans clearly tried to render salutes.

March is lining up to be a very busy Women's History Month for the unit, as we have had the honor of several invitations to speak or do presentations.

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

## SALT RIVER MILITARY WOMEN

**Unit #155 (AZ)** - Kathy Pearce, founder of Arizona Heroes to Hometowns, was the speaker at our January meeting. Her presentation was both moving and informative. Arizona Heroes to Hometowns helps injured troops/veterans in the transition back to their community.

Also in January, the American Legion Auxiliary Post 27 held their annual luncheon for women veterans. Four SRMW members - Martha Alderman, Terry Taylor, Diana

Green, and Kitty Bickle - attended the luncheon and enjoyed interacting with other women veterans in the community.

In February we had our first "Just Lunch Bunch." The outing was organized by Erlinda Varela-Schweller and had a healthy turnout of nine members from all parts of the Phoenix metro area! The ladies met at Charleston's Restaurant in Chandler and enjoyed a wonderful lunch. Maria Gastelum volunteered to organize the March "Just Lunch."



(Left-Right) Front: Kitty Bickle, Lori Elander, Lula Vomhof Back: Diana Green, Lenore Katz, Martha Alderman, Cecilia Clint-Echeveste, Beth Anne Whiting, Erlinda Varela-Schweller

The Women's Expo meeting and luncheon in February was attended by Georganne Bickle, Martha Alderman, and Kitty Bickle. Retired Air Force Colonel Wanda Wright presented information on medical health services available to military women. As one of the vendors, we received a lot of attention from women interested in joining our unit.

**For meeting information, contact Georganne Bickle at 480-785-6806 or [gbickle@kw.com](mailto:gbickle@kw.com).**

## TRISTATE WOMEN VETERANS

**Unit #157 (TN)** - Unit members launched 2018 with a new project: Hearts for Heroes. Several gals spent January 6th creating 100 handmade cards. The cards, along with



(Left-Right) Standing: Michele Lorino, Danette Skyles and Judith Stringfield; Seated: Sheila Billings, Renee Chisholm and Cathy Brown; Kneeling in front: Patty Parks and Susan Lindsay



## TRISTATE WOMEN VETERANS (continued)

envelopes were shipped to a couple of deployed units in Afghanistan so they would have cards to send to their loved ones on Valentine's Day.

Our regular unit brunch in February was spent making plans for the rest of the year to include parades, theatre outings and several members attending the National Convention in San Diego. Hope to see everyone there!



Above Left: Unit Secretary Michele Lorino (Left) with Unit Chaplain Sheila Billings.

Above Right: Unit Charter member Sandy Hughes (Left) with new member Tracey Pruett.

Right: Unit Storekeeper Judith Stringfield (Left) with Unit Historian Penny Manna.



# Sound Off!

## NEW ENGLAND MILITARY WOMEN

**Unit #158 (RI)** – Unit Officers begin the year by reviewing unit bylaws. Pictured below from left are Historian Connie Rix, President Dorothy Dilullo and Vice President Maria Helena Peixoto.



## ★ Candidates, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (continued from page 5)

I joined WAVES National in 2007 and was Nashville Volunteer Unit #94 president in 2008 for a four-year term. I became a Life Member in 2009 and in 2010 was appointed as National Chaplain for a four-year term.

Over the years, I've attended several women's summits, and all but one of our conventions. I've represented our organization on numerous occasions including the WIMSA 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in DC where I distributed WAVES National information. More recently I've given speeches to women's groups about MWAN. I always share my business card with any woman veteran I meet. Even at other veteran's service organizations meetings and conventions, I find a way to talk to women members and tell them about MWAN. In addition to my duties as MWAN 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, I am active with the American Legion, Del Webb Vets, Vietnam Veterans of America (LM) and am a Charter Member of WIMSA. Part of the job of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President is to chair the MWAN Membership Committee and conduct membership drives. I can do that. I will continue to support the MWAN mission and help to grow our organization.

## ★ Candidates, Recording Secretary (continued from page 5)

I joined WAVES National in 1982 and became a life member in 1991. I was elected as National Recording Secretary at the 1992 convention and served for 2 years. During that time I also took on the position of Executive Secretary. I've been affiliated with several units at different duty stations. I was a charter member of the Channel Islands Unit 2, Oxnard, CA; a member of Bay Area WAVES Unit 3, Cupertino, CA; a member of Cape Cod WAVES Unit 18, Boston MA, and Heart of Dixie Unit 22, Birmingham, AL. I was also a charter member of Cherokee Rose Unit 139, Atlanta, GA. I served the unit as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President. I also served as Georgia Director. I recently joined the Triangle Women Veterans Unit 144 in North Carolina because I've missed attending meetings. I'm also in charge of fundraising for our Bainbridge WAVES Reunion Facebook page. This is my second year of doing the fundraising for the reunions we have. We will be having our 4<sup>th</sup> reunion in Branson, MO this year. I served on the Minutes Committee for the MWAN 2016 Convention in Tunica, MS. I've had plenty of experience and would like to serve again as your National Recording Secretary.

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# MWAN Supply Locker

April 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (why not use a return address labels here!)

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

## PATCHES

MWAN 2 1/2" (caps) \$3. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN 3" (shirts) \$4. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN 8 1/2" (vest) \$10. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 US Navy WAVES Veteran (circle) \$4. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Patches, Navy Flag or Services (USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY) \$4. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Women Vets Patch (arch) \$5. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Proud to Serve (square) \$5. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Women are Veterans Too \$5. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 WAVES anchor patch (old style) \$4. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vietnam Era Eagle Patch \$6. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 American Flag Patch (3.5"x2") \$4 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 \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 WAVES Anchor Keychain \$7 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original Hat Pin \$10. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Anchor&Prop Earring \$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 \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dog Tag (Women Proudly Served) Pin \$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 \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sister Warrior Pin \$5. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 US Navy Lapel Pin \$4. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Vietnam Era Eagle Pin \$6. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 DON Lapel Pin \$4. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Service Crest Lapel \$4. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 (USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY)  
 Service Dog Tags \$5. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 (USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)

\*\*\***Shipping Cost**\*\*\* **Check/MO #** \_\_\_\_\_

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Neck Tabs, Black w/Velcro \$12. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Garrison Caps (patch is supplied) \$23. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sizes: 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26  
 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, 4XL  
 MWAN Sweatshirts \$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

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

MWAN Mouse Pad \$6. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 American Veteran Wrist Bracelet \$5. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 2016 National Convention Patch \$1 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN Playing Cards \$10. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Canvas Key Chains (star or stripes) \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Song Book (Bainbridge or WAVES Sing) \$8 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 US Navy WAVES Veteran Magnet \$3. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 10 Single-Fold Notes w/envelopes \$10. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 (MWAN logo or Military Hat (circle one))  
 MWAN Window Decal \$2. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN Magnets \$2. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN Car Magnet (Oval-8") \$5. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN Pencils 2/\$1. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN Pens \$2. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
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 MWAN Flags (3'x5') \$80. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
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Double clutch back or Magnet back (circle one)  
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 MWAN Unit Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
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**MWAN Ladies White Dress Shirt (run small-ladies cut)**

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*Gone but not forgotten*

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