



# Call to Convention

Holiday Inn & Suites Phoenix  
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Phoenix, Arizona



1979 - 2022

Military Women Across the Nation

...Still Something Special!



**SALT RIVER MILITARY WOMEN UNIT 155**  
*of Military Women Across The Nation*

Hosted by the members of Salt River Military Women, Unit #155, of MWAN

National Convention Committee: Shirley Crawford-President, Martha Alderman-Vice President, Lizz Levy-Secretary, Georganne Bickle-Treasurer, Sundai Garrison-Chaplain, Terry Taylor-National Treasurer, Elisabeth Lewandowski-National Vice President for Membership, Gabe Forsberg, Deborah Ekstrom, Lea Seago, Gina Ruggerio, and Barbara Lee.

**1979 - 2022****Military Women Across the Nation****About Military Women Across the Nation (1979-2015)**

Three former WAVES met some 30 years ago to seek out other WAVES and assist them as they were transitioning from the military back into civilian life. From the tireless efforts of Jeannie Palermo (Dicks), Loda Mae Dobbins and Esther Govorchin, the WAVES National Corporation was founded.

In 1980 there were 3,000 names and addresses on file with 768 paid members from 47 states. The first WAVES National Convention was held in Sacramento, CA with over 250 attending. The theme was "Still Something Special." During that convention it was decided to issue a newsletter "White Caps" to be published six times a year in order to keep everyone informed of relevant events and issues as well as to remain connected to the organization.

In 1985 the IRS formally recognized WAVES National as a non-profit Veteran's Service Organization (VSO) under IRS Code 501(c) (19). From there the organization expanded across the nation and evolved from a social organization to service as a VSO.

Eleven U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officers from the WWII and Korean eras were initiated in Philadelphia in 2004, and we chartered the first-ever all-active duty unit stationed onboard a Navy ship ... the "Relentless WAVES of the USS

FORREST SHERMAN" Unit 154 in January 2006.

At the WAVES National convention held aboard the Royal Caribbean cruise ship ALLURE OF THE SEAS 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.

On 20 June 2015, 40 military women from Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama were the first to obtain formal charter under the Military Women Across the Nation as Unit #157, Tri-State Women Veterans.

We welcome aboard all military women!

***Message from the National President:***

It's been four, long years since our last convention, but the wait is nearly over! Salt River Military Women, Unit 155, has planned an amazing itinerary for our visit to gorgeous and historic Phoenix, Arizona.

Along with our formal Business meeting and usual agenda items, numerous guest speakers will be on hand to provide presentations on an assortment of interesting topics. Outside of the business meeting there are tours, excursions and shopping all with easy access.

And, as always, there will be plenty of time to reconnect with our service sisters, make new friends and tell a tale or two! We always have a great time when we get together and this gathering is long overdue!

Please don't put it off! Take time right now to complete and submit your reservation so you can join us for a fabulous time!

I hope to see you all this September in Arizona's Valley of the Sun!

***Patty Parks***

***National President***

***Military Women Across the Nation***

## Hotel Information

### Holiday Inn & Suites Phoenix Airport North

1515 N. 44th St., Phoenix, AZ 85008

(602) 244-8800 **(NO SMOKING CAMPUS)**

Located just over 2 miles from Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport with free Airport Shuttles; our modern design offers an array of amenities including spacious two room suites featuring free WI-FI, full service restaurant, bar, room service, and a lush courtyard with a newly renovated pool, whirlpool and gazebo.



#### Business Services

Business Center is open 24 hours  
Staffed Business Center  
Printer, Copying, Scanner  
Office supplies available

#### Housekeeping & Laundry

Daily Housekeeping  
On-site Guest Self-Laundry  
Facilities  
Dry Cleaning Pickup/Laundry  
Valet

#### Entertainment & Recreation

Golf, Hiking, Racing all within 5 miles of hotel  
Outdoor Pool  
Cocktail Lounge

#### Internet Services

Wired Internet Available in Rooms, Suites and Business Center, Public Areas and Meeting Spaces  
Standard Wired Fee: 0 USD

#### Health & Fitness

Complimentary Fitness Center  
Center Equipment: Elliptical Machines, Free Weights, Stair Stepper, Stationary Bicycle, Treadmill

#### Added Value

Wake Up Calls  
Baggage Hold  
ATM/Cash Machine  
Ice Machine  
Safety Deposit Box Available

**YOU MUST:** Request the special room rate for Military Women Across the Nation when you make your reservation. You must make your reservations **before Tuesday, August 23rd** to receive the special rate.

**RESERVATIONS:** You can book online or call Reservations (888) HOLIDAY (888-465-4329). Regular check in begins at 1600. Check out by 1100. To Check In, there is a minimum age of 21. (Note: We have requested an early check-in beginning at 1300 for all attendees.)

We have rooms blocked from September 22nd through September 24th. The hotel has agreed to honor this room rate for 3 days before and 3 days after in case you want to take in our beautiful city and Arizona sightseeing.

**The Special Rate is \$129 per night.** All rooms are two room suites with a bedroom and living room area. The Standard Suites have a mini refrigerator and a desk area. We strongly encourage you to share rooms to reduce your costs. You can comfortably fit 3 to 4 women per room with no extra charges for up to 4 women. The hotel will not allow more than 4 to a room. **Please check out FB Convention page for updates.**

#### Parking:

Parking is free for registered guests. \$5 discount rate per day for non-registered guests.

#### Family:

Family members: kids ages 18 and under stay for free when sharing their parents room. Up to 2 kids ages 11 and under, eat free per adult ordering from the main menu in any Holiday Inn on-site restaurant.

## Convention Registration and Information



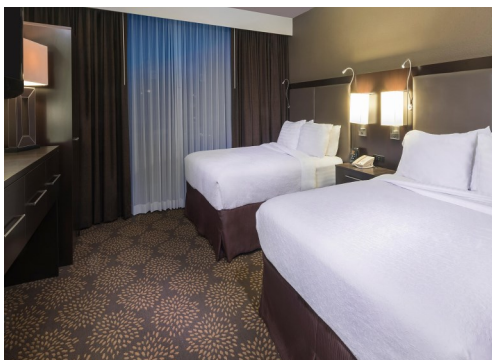
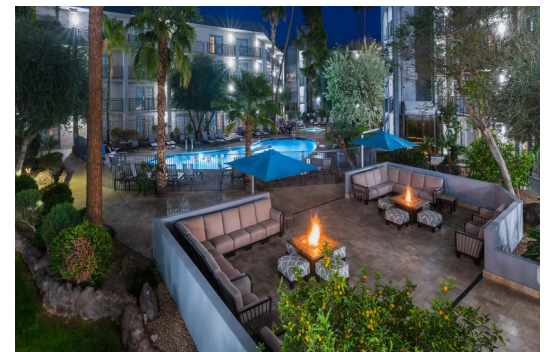
**Registration Fee.** Your registration fee is \$200 and includes the following: **Friday & Saturday Breakfast Buffets, Friday Lunch Buffet, Friday Break snacks & drinks, The President's Dinner at Rustler's Rooste - An Arizona Premier Steakhouse, Transportation to/from Rustler's Rooste, Hospitality Room with snacks & drinks, 3 free raffle tickets for items of your choice and the Registration Kit:** A superior tote bag with MWAN and convention logo, a copy of the program and MILWOMEN supporting convention documentation; commemorative lanyard and personalized name tag; commemorative pen; Arizona magnet memento, sunscreen, Prickly Pear Lip balm, a Saguaro Cactus Lollipop, and various other items.

**Hospitality Room.** Look for the MWAN Hospitality Room on the 4th Floor. Here you will find a variety of coffee, hot tea, bottled water, and a variety of snacks.

This is a great place to hang out and chat with your sisters during the convention.



**Supply Locker Room.** Our official Military Women Across the Nation Supply Officer has submitted her resignation after many years of outstanding and faithful service. If you know of anyone wishing to volunteer for this position please contact our current Supply Officer Linda Coffield at [supplies@milwomen.org](mailto:supplies@milwomen.org) or 901-488-4153. There will be no store open at the convention. If this changes, we will post on FB. We would like to encourage all members to order items from page 11 of the latest Issue of the Military Women's Bulletin.



### **Sister-To-Sister Helping Hand (formerly Shipmate Assist Program).**

Help a Sister in need or donate to those who require financial assistance to help defray their convention attendance.

Beginning with the National Convention in Norfolk in 2010, this program was created to offset costs for our members who may require a bit of financial assistance or may otherwise be unable to attend the convention.

If you are willing to share your room to help another member attend the convention, contact Shirley Crawford at [proudvetusaf@cox.net](mailto:proudvetusaf@cox.net)

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**TENTATIVE AGENDA Military Women - Still Something Special !**

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**Day 1: Thursday, 22 September**

- 1400 - 1800 Convention Registration Table Open (Lobby)  
1700 Pre-Convention BOD Meeting, Breakout Room Atrium 4th Floor  
1730 - 1930 Dinner Clusters (see recommended list of Restaurants) Groups of 8+ must make reservations.  
2000 - 2200 Evening Swim and Chat in Outdoor Pool

**Day 2: Friday, 23 September**

- 0700 - 0745 Convention Registration Table Open (Lobby)  
0700 - 0745 Hospitality Room Open Atrium 4th Floor  
0700 - 0730 Vendor Check-in and Set-up, Ballroom C  
0630 - 0815 Breakfast Buffet, Ballroom  
0845 **MILWOMEN CONVENTION CONVENES**, Ballrooms A & B  
1130 **MILWOMEN CONVENTION RECESS**  
1200 - 1300 Lunch Buffet, Ballrooms A & B  
1330 **MILWOMEN CONVENTION RECONVENES**, Ballroom A & B  
1445 - 1500 Mid-Afternoon Break  
1700 **MILWOMEN CONVENTION ADJOURNES**  
1800 Vendors Breakdown & Leave, Ballroom C  
1730 - 1830 Post-Convention BOD Meeting - Atrium 4th Floor  
1715 - 1845 Dinner Clusters (see recommended list of Restaurants) Groups of 8+ must make reservations  
1900 - 1930 Cocktail Hour featuring Motivational Speaker/Comedian Silver Rose, Grand Ballroom  
1930 - 2045 Movie 6888, Grand Ballroom  
2100 - 2230 Movie Unsung Heroes, Grand Ballroom

**Day 3: Saturday, 24 September**

- 0700 - 0730 Vendor Check-in and Set-up, Ballroom C  
0700 - 0830 Breakfast Buffet, Ballrooms A & B  
0730 - 1600 Hospitality Room Open Atrium 4th Floor  
0900 - 0945 Guest Speaker & Book Signing - Navy Veteran Paula Pedene, Ballrooms A & B  
1000 - 1045 Memorial Service, Conducted by Scottish-American Military Society, Post 48, Ballrooms A & B  
1100 - 1200 Raffle Prizes & Silent Auction Winners announced, Ballrooms A & B  
1230 Vendors Breakdown & Leave, Ballroom C  
1230 - 1530 Old Town Scottsdale Shopping Tour  
1730 Board the Buses to the President's Dinner  
1800 - 2100 President's Dinner at Rustler's Rooste

**Day 4: Sunday, 25 September**

- 1030 Complete Hotel Check-out

## President's Dinner



### Rustler's Rooste Steakhouse

#### *Beef & Brew with a view!*

Rustler's Rooste was established in 1971. The legend goes that the original site, atop a butte in the foothills of South Mountain, was a hideout for cattle rustlers. Today, it is Arizona's Legendary Cowboy Steakhouse. Rustler's Rooste serves the finest steaks, ribs, chicken, and the freshest seafood. Appetizers are different and delicious. (Yup, we've got rattlesnake). Our desserts will tempt you. We have above standard liquors and wines, and, of course, a variety of your favorite beers. <http://rustlersrooste.com>

## Add-On Friday Evening Entertainment



### \$10 Join for a Fun and Entertaining Friday Evening

Our evening begins with a Cocktail Hour and an entertaining performance by Arizona's own Motivational Speaker/Comedienne Silver Rose, followed by the nationally acclaimed movies "Six Triple 8" and "Unsung Heroes".

In February 1945, the U.S. Army sent 855 black women from the Women's Army Corps (WACs) to England and France. They are known as the **6888**. This is their story.

**Unsung Heroes** is executive produced by Academy Award winning filmmaker Ron Howard. The powerful first-hand accounts of women who have lived the story. They include Admiral Michelle Howard and General Ann Dunwoody, the two highest ranking women in the history of the American military.

## Add-On Saturday Afternoon Tour



### \$20 Old Town Scottsdale. <https://oldtownscottsdaleaz.com/>

Downtown Scottsdale - more commonly known as Old Town Scottsdale - offers boutique shopping featuring souvenirs, jewelry and art with a Southwestern flair, or luxury shopping at one of the country's best malls. A density of bars, lounges, restaurants and clubs offer myriad dining and nightlife opportunities within short distance of each other. And art fans can peruse the galleries of Main Street and visit the district's contemporary and western museums.

## Tours on Your Own



**The Heard Museum \$20 Adults, \$17 Senior 65+, \$9 Child 6 –17, Child 5 & under free, American Indian free.**

The Heard Museum believes that nothing can fully replace an in-person visit to a museum, to see and experience art, other works of Indigenous creation, and exhibitions up close and personal. 602-252-8840. <https://heard.org/>

### Pueblo Grande Museum Archaeological Park

<https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/arts-culture-history/pueblo-grande>

Donated to the city in 1924. A museum was opened on the site in 1929. A visit today consists of a two-thirds of a mile interpretive trail which travels around the remains of the ballcourt and platform mound-constructed by the ancestral Sonoran Desert people, identified by archaeologists as the Hohokam culture.



**Superstition Narrow Gauge Railroad.** The Superstition Scenic Narrow Gauge Railroad's 36" gauge train consists of a Plymouth diesel pulling a passenger car and a caboose. A mile and a half of track circles the town, and the narrated journey lasts 20 minutes. The engineer tells of the history of Goldfield, the Superstition Mountains, and the desert southwest in general. The train departs every 35 minutes on a 20 minute journey.

**Goldfield Ghost Town also has: Mine Tour, Mystery Shack, Lu Lu's Bordello, Eagle Eye Shooting Gallery, Gold Panning, a Variety of shops, and an Old Western Style Saloon.**

### The Dolly Steamboat. <https://dollysteamboat.com>

Boating on Canyon Lake started in 1925 onboard the USS Geronimo. Today The Dolly Steamboat carries 142 passengers with a crew of three. 103 ft long with a beam of 20 feet and powered by twin 225 hp John Deere marine diesel engines.

You can choose from: Scenic Nature Cruise \$26+ - 1.5 hrs., Twilight Dinner Cruise \$79.95+ - 2.5 hrs., or an Astronomy Dinner Cruise \$87.95+ - 2.5hrs. Must check-in 30 minutes prior to departure for all cruises. 480-827-9144. Tortilla Flat, AZ.



## What **YOU** Need to **KNOW** !!!

The theme of the Convention is **The Arizona Old West** so make sure to bring your Western Wear, Cowboy Boots, and Cowboy Hats or Sun Hats.

### **YOU MUST STAY HYDRATED BY DRINKING WATER!**

Arizona is a very dry climate. Each Year we have visitors and tourists make unnecessary trips to the Emergency Rooms for Dehydration and Heat Stroke. To enjoy your stay, you must **drink 3 to 4 bottles of water everyday**. This is no joke. The heat can take effect without you even realizing it, even if you are only outside for as little as an hour. The best practice is to plan ahead. If you know you are going to be outside walking around, drink plenty of water the day before, along with drinking water during your time outdoors. Yes, you may feel like a water faucet and make many trips to the bathroom, but isn't it worth a little inconvenience to stay healthy and happy while enjoying your stay?



### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**HOSPITALITY ROOM.** We would like to see at least one person in the Hospitality Room at all times to greet anyone coming in. If you are able to help by sitting in the Hospitality Room for anytime during the convention contact Martha Alderman at [mmkrokum@gmail.com](mailto:mmkrokum@gmail.com)

**OTHER.** If you would like to volunteer to help out with any other areas to ensure everyone has a great time and enjoys the convention, contact Georganne Bickle at [gpbickle@gmail.com](mailto:gpbickle@gmail.com)

### **SISTER-TO-SISTER HELPING HAND REQUESTS**

If you need to apply for financial assistance to attend the Convention and need to share the cost of a room, contact Sundai Garrison at [sundainight@gmail.com](mailto:sundainight@gmail.com). Actual support will vary based on requirements and be limited to funds on hand. All requests will remain confidential and will be determined by a three-member board. Requests will be considered based on available funds, and number of requests. Approved requests will be provided via discounted registration cost versus cash reimbursement.



### **MWAN NATIONAL CONVENTION 2022 FACEBOOK PAGE**

<https://www.facebook.com/MWAN2022>

Check our FB page for updates on Convention, Tour, and Restaurant information. Be sure to click the Follow button to receive notifications of new posts. Feel free to post messages to other members planning on attending. Post messages about sharing rooms, discounted airlines tickets, carpools, and any other information you feel would be important to your sisters.

**Please limit your posts to Convention or Visit related info or anything mentioned above. Personal posts unrelated to above will be deleted.**





## 2022 Convention Registration Form

Check here if EARLY registration by 1 June to be included in ticket drawing for Upscale Dinner for 2

Name: (As you want to appear on Name Tag) \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

MWAN ID# \_\_\_\_\_  Member at Large  OR Member of Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

*MWAN ID number must be provided for every MWAN member attending. New members may obtain their MWAN ID numbers from the National Treasurer by contacting Terry Taylor at terryinaz@hotmail.com or 480-577-5163.*

Guest(s) Name(s) for Nametags (add separate page if needed): \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you need help getting a room? Yes or No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you made your reservation with the Holiday Inn? Yes or No \_\_\_\_\_ Rooming With? \_\_\_\_\_

Convention Registration	MWAN Members	\$ _____	x	\$ 200	=	\$ _____
<b>Note: <i>There are 2 Breakfast Buffets, include guest(s) price(s) for 1 or both buffets</i></b>	Guest(s)	\$ _____	x	\$ 200	=	\$ _____
	Add-On Friday Evening Entertainment	\$ _____	X	\$ 10	=	\$ _____
	Add-On Tour - Old Town Scottsdale	\$ _____	X	\$ 20	=	\$ _____
	Breakfast Buffet Only Guest(s)	\$ _____	x	\$ 23	=	\$ _____
	Lunch Buffet Only Guest	\$ _____	x	\$ 34	=	\$ _____
	President's Dinner Only Guest(s)	\$ _____	x	\$ 75	=	\$ _____
	Late Fee after 1 August	\$ _____	X	\$ 25	=	\$ _____

**Lunch Buffet:**

(Choose 1 for each person)

**Salad:** \_\_ Tossed \_\_ Caesar; **Side:** \_\_ Potatoes \_\_ Rice \_\_ Pasta;

**Veg:** \_\_ Seasonal \_\_ Green Beans \_\_ Squash & Zucc

**Entrée:** \_\_ Ck Marsala \_\_ Ck Breast \_\_ Grilled Salmon \_\_ Grilled Sirloin \_\_ Pork \_\_ 3 Cheese Tortellini

**Dessert:** \_\_ Cheesecake \_\_ Apple Pie \_\_ Crème Brulee \_\_ Carrot Ck

**PRESIDENT'S DINNER:** Each dinner includes Top Sirloin, BBQ Chicken, BBQ Pork Ribs, Pie A la Mode, and a drink.

Convention Registration SUBTOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (A)

Advertisement in Convention Program	Patron Names _____ x \$ 5 = \$ _____
Ad Attached: Yes or No _____	Full Page _____ x \$125 = \$ _____
Date Ad Emailed _____	Half Page _____ x \$ 75 = \$ _____
	Fourth Page _____ x \$ 45 = \$ _____
	Eighth Page _____ x \$ 25 = \$ _____

Advertisement SUBTOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (B)

**Donations:** Sister-to-Sister Helping Hand = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ MWAN General Fund = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ SUBTOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (C)

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED (Sum of Subtotals A, B, & C) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form & Payment to:

MWAN Convention 2022, c/o Martha Alderman, 6343 W. Cochise Dr., Glendale, AZ 85302

Or register online at <http://srmw.org/mwan2022>

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## Restaurants & Other information

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### Restaurants Nearby

#### Manuel's Mexican Restaurant & Cantina

602-957-7540 <http://www.manuelsaz.com/>

2820 E Indian School Rd. Phx 85016

#### Chelsea's Kitchen 602-957-2555

<http://chelseaskitchenaz.com>

5040 N 40th St, Phx 85018

#### CAVA - Mediterranean 623-887-0695

<http://www.cava.com>

4355 E Indian School Rd, Phx 85018

#### Postino Arcadia - Italian 602-852-3939

<http://www.postinowinecafe.com>

3939 E Campbell Ave, Phx 85018

#### The Macintosh - Southern 602-368-8766

<http://www.themacintoshaz.com>

2119 E Camelback Rd, #A21, Phx, 85016

#### Applebee's Grill & Bar 602-952-0033

<https://restaurants.applebees.com/>

2547 N 44th St, Phx, 85008

#### IHOP 602-808-9380

<https://restaurants.ihop.com/>

2501 N 44th St, Phx, 85008

#### The Cheesecake Factory 602-778-6501

<https://locations.thecheesecakefactory.com/>

2402 E Camelback Rd, #101, Phx 85016

#### Sushi Brokers Arcadia 480-515-5000

<https://sushibrokers.com/>

4419 E Indian School Rd, Phx, 85018

*If you would like Food delivered to your hotel room you can download the apps for **DoorDash** or **Uber Eats** if your preferred restaurant does not deliver.*

### Transportation & Tour Companies

*You can download the app for **Lyft** or **Uber** to your phone.*

#### Yellow Cab Arizona 480-888-8888

<https://yellowcabaz.com/>

#### VIP Taxi 602-300-3000

<https://viptaxi.com/#/booking/>

Family owned and operated

#### Alamo Rent A Car 844-370-9817

<https://www.alamo.com/>

#### Budget Car Rental 602-261-5950

<https://www.budget.com/>

#### Enterprise Car Rentals 844-816-4387

<https://www.enterprise.com/>

#### Adventure West Tours 602-282-3802

<https://adventurewest.tours/>

#### Across Arizona Tours 888-533-1813

<https://www.acrossarizonatours.com/>

#### Arizona Scenic Tours 480-459-7144

<https://arizonascenictours.com/>

#### Pink Jeep Tours 800-873-3662

<https://www.pinkadventuretours.com/>

#### Transportation, Inc. 480-820-0230

<https://transincaz.com/>

#### Western Destinations 623-374-5245

<https://westerndestinations.com/>

### Don't forget....

#### Your Hotel Concierge is there to help...

Whether you need a restaurant suggestion, need to rent any equipment, rent a bicycle, or anything else during your stay, contact your Hotel Concierge by calling the Front Desk.

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