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FIRST ALL-FEMALE HONOR FLIGHT GETS HERO'S WELCOME IN WASHINGTON

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WASHINGTON (Sept. 29, 2015) – Female veterans, trailblazers who served in the military decades ago, received a hero's welcome, Sept. 22, after arriving in the nation's capital on the first all-female honor flight.

"Best day of my life" is how retired Sgt. Maj. Sue Williams described the visit, which included stops at Arlington National Cemetery and the World War II Memorial.

Williams, who retired in 1995 after nearly three decades of service, helped lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. "I could have died and gone to heaven right then," she said.

The women, from wars including World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, traveled with Honor Flight Tri-State, which covers southern Ohio,



First all-female honor flight gets hero's welcome in Washington: Army Brig. Gen. Tammy Smith, deputy chief of staff, Army Reserve, poses with female veterans from the first all-female honor flight at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., Sept. 22, 2015.

northern Kentucky and southeast Indiana.

They arrived to a hero's welcome for the day-long trip, receiving applause, handshakes and greetings of "thank you

for your service" at all the sites they visited.

"It's a dream come true," said Sara Abrams, who served in the Army from 1963 to 1964. She said she never imagined a day like this would happen.

She was thrilled, she said, by the warm welcome from service members and the public. People were everywhere "cheering everybody on," she said. "It's really great. The people are just fabulous."

Cheryl Popp, the director of Honor Flight Tri-State, said she expects there to be more all-female honor flights. There were 250 applications for 140 seats on the airplane.

The veterans were from all the services, she said, and included younger female

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The President's Message



Ladies:

Season's greetings to all! Can you believe another year has flown by?

It's that time of year again when we need to pay our dues. Unit Treasurers, please get unit dues into Monica O'Hara, National Treasurer, as soon as you can. Contact those members who are slow to respond and gently remind them that dues are from January through December. MAL's – take this opportunity to submit your dues directly to Monica. I know what with all the activities and festivities at this time of year, it is easy to forget. Take a moment now and send your dues either to your unit treasurer or, if a MAL, to Monica.

Andrea Cardieux resigned as Region VI Representative and FL State Director.

Region members voted Jouay Koppari in her stead and Jouay has some great ideas and initiatives to recruit new members! Welcome aboard, Jouay!

Communication is so important, especially in an organization such as ours. As we grow and recruit new members, it is even more important. Regional Representatives – you are the main point of contact with members in your region whether they are State Directors, Unit Presidents, Members-at-Large – it makes no difference. You must be engaged in what is happening in your Region and pass information to them as well as the reverse. As an example, information on the Reverse Raffle was recently sent out to the Board of Directors and our National distribution list. Many of the Regional Representatives have not passed this on to members in their regions. Why not?

That brings me to another point of

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Officers

CALL

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



Barb Sebring

As our year comes to a close, we should all be looking forward to the New Year and a new attitude towards our organization. We need to be moving forward and not dwell on the past. It is imperative that we continue to think of our group as inclusive of all service women. I know that some members still feel that they will always be WAVES and that is a good thing; but, we all are proud of the barriers we have broken and now is the time to listen to our sisters in other branches; welcome them; work with them, and embrace them. We have a rich tradition to share with them.

It is also the time for giving, so let's all redouble our efforts and give back to MWAN. This is the year we will be choosing a new slate of officers. There is a lot of talent in our group and I hope each and every one of you will consider what you can do to help. Please consider running for office not only in your unit but on the National level as well. You will find that it is most rewarding.

I want to wish each of you a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT



Cheryl Adams

Whew! October was a busy month with Honor Flight on 10 October and Homeless Veterans Stand Down on the 24th. We hosted over 100 Veterans in need at the Stand Down. November was another busy month with Veterans Day ceremonies at the State Capitol and family Thanksgiving in Nashville.

With so many new members in our organization, I'd like to let everyone know what the duties of my position are. As Second Vice President, I:

- maintain files on each individual unit;
- assign unit number to any newly formed units and create the official charter;

- create official charter with new name for existing units changing to MWAN;
- encourage units to search for prospective new members;
- encourage any people who contact me to join a unit and provide them with contact information;
- report to National Board of Directors on status of units, with special summary reports at mid-term and convention;
- assist President and First Vice President as needed;
- maintain Starter Kit for new units starting an MWAN unit.

RECORDING SECRETARY



GinaMarie Doherty

As Your Recording Secretary, I am responsible for accurately documenting the proceedings of all meetings of MILWOMEN, the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, such as General Meetings at Conventions and Midterms. I maintain the permanent files and records of MILWOMEN.

I have a budget of \$500 and have agreed to run the Newsletter Contest on an annual basis. This position allows me to get to know the leaders of our organization and the ones who MAKE IT HAPPEN. I enjoy attending all the meetings and capturing our history in the minutes but would like to become a Regional Representative IF any one of YOU would run for Recording Secretary. So please contact me if you are considering this position and want to know more about what is involved.

Remember to keep your newsletters coming either via email or USPS. I am always open to feedback on how the Newsletter Contest has been running so please feel free to contact me. It is a very important media that keeps us all connected and I truly enjoy seeing the different innovative ways we gather together.

Rhode Island will be forming its second unit called New England Military Women Across the Nation and I wish to thank Patty Parks for her guidance and assistance. We

look forward to attending the Convention and meeting our Sisters.

My husband, Steve, and I wish you and your family a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Hanukkah with your family and friends. See you on Facebook and remember to call each other just to say "hello" and "how are you doing" because...**SISTERHOOD IS THE WAY!**

TREASURER



Monica O'Hara

This year is quickly coming to a close and now is the time for all those who are not Life Members to renew their membership for 2016. Not sure if you are a Life Member? Check your address label on the latest White Caps. Just above your name will be "LM" or "15". If "LM" or "16" is not there, dues need to be paid. Members at Large, please send dues to me using the renewal form on the back page of your White Caps. Unit members, please submit dues to your Unit Treasurer.

Donations were received for the General Fund from Debbie Binnall (Highlanders, Unit 88), Gayla Isaacson (MAL), and Geraldine Rivera (Military Women of Tidewater, Unit 152). Clairetta Brown (MAL) and Terry McGee (San Diego Stars & Stripes, Unit 36) sent donations in memory of Edith Thomas. Margaret Baskas, Sue Mager and Darlene Towne, friends of Edith Thomas, also donated in her memory.

Memphis Bells, Unit 151, sent in a donation in memory of Reid Dickinson for the Stained Glass Window Fund. Roberta Avelar (MAL) donated to the Scholarship Fund. Thank you all for your generous support to MWAN.

I wish you all a joyous holiday season!

BY-LAWS CHAIRMAN



Cathy Gerolimos

We are well into that time of the year with holiday and veteran-related events filling the calendar and keeping us very, very busy, not to mention the everyday things that still need to be done. Though it can be exhausting at times, it does bring joy and satisfaction.

The Bylaws Committee Chair is an appointed position. Each time a President is

elected, the Bylaws Committee Chair must be appointed and approved by the Board of Directors. The Bylaws Committee is a standing committee and its composition and duties can be found in Article XII Section 2B of MWAN Bylaws.

As your Bylaws Chair, I am responsible for providing assistance to the organization in matters relating to bylaws, both at the national and unit level. Most of you are already familiar with my role at each national convention as the presiding officer over the convention business meeting when it's time to review, update and amend the bylaws. Once bylaws amendments are decided upon at the Convention, changes are made and the bylaws are updated and distributed to National Officers, Regional Representatives, State Directors/Organizers and Unit Presidents. Bylaws are available by electronic mail to any member in good standing upon request.

In addition, what you may not realize is that, behind the scenes, I am often asked to review MWAN Bylaws and interpret its application to a specific circumstance, or in the absence of clarity within the organization's bylaws, to dig into Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised. I often reach out to our organization's Parliamentarian to see if she's in agreement. Every now and then, I seek clarification from a professional Parliamentarian.

I am also tasked with reviewing the draft bylaws of a new unit. Preferably, I'd like to see the draft bylaws well before the newly formed unit "approves" their bylaws and application is submitted so we can eliminate conflicts with MWAN's Bylaws, the Starter Kit and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised. This way, when an application to stand up a new unit is made, the bylaws are "complete." I am also available to assist all units when they are reviewing their bylaws.

As you know, Military Women Across the Nation is in transition and, correspondingly, so are the units. As units are updating their bylaws to align with MWAN and incorporate their new names, a thorough review is made. Again, I recommend providing a draft for review. This is one of the steps necessary for a unit to apply for the reissuing of a unit's "charter."

Through this position, I've learned a great deal about bylaws and, dare I say, there's a great deal more to learn. This month, I want to remind all units that your bylaws, special rules of order and standing rules, together, are your unit's governing documents. In order for a review of your bylaws to be conducted, all those documents need to be provided. If you don't have standing rules, that's OK. You

do not need to create standing rules. As your Bylaws Chair, I need to see all your governing documents to ensure you are in compliance with MWAN.

As always, I am available via electronic mail and telephone. Do not hesitate to ask.

SUPPLY LOCKER



Linda Coffield

Our new name for the "Ship's Store" is now "MWAN Supply Locker".

The winning name was submitted by Barb Turner, a new MWAN T-Shirt is on its way to Texas.

Just in time for the cold weather, MWAN sweatshirts and MWAN jackets are now available to purchase, see the order form for sizes and prices, see photos. Jackets are white, snap close, light lining, MWAN logo embroidery on left hand side, just like the blue WN jackets.

Our ball caps and visors are available, only \$12 each.

Note: The POLO Shirts are running larger than the sizes indicate. If you are on the fence about sizes, I suggest you order a size smaller than usual.

If you have a suggestion on items to sell in our MWAN Supply Locker, please email me. I'm always looking for new ideas.

FINE PRINT SPECIAL: Get a free historical WN item, we are giving away a FREE WN lapel pin with each order of \$20.00 or more (excludes shipping). Limit one free WN lapel pin per customer. Orders MUST: 1) Total \$20 BEFORE shipping is added; 2) Specify "HO-HO-HO" on the December 2015 order form for your free WN lapel pin; & 3) MUST be received by 1 Feb 2016.

PLEASE NOTE: Use the **MOST RECENT White Caps order form**. Your order may be delayed if the correct payment and/or shipping are not included.



The sweatshirts are white, with a large MWAN logo screen printed on front, nice and comfortable. Here is the front of the sweatshirt.

VAVS NATIONAL REP



Diane Turcotte Culleton

Summer is behind us and the beautiful fall leaves here in Maine are upon us. As the seasons move forward the

VAVS volunteers also move forward. The next few months will keep Military Women Across the Nation's volunteers busy with Veterans Day and the Christmas Holiday. There will be many opportunities that will allow our volunteers to make a difference in the lives of our Veterans. I applaud all our volunteers for their continuous effort to serve and help the Veterans in need.

I am excited to report that I have certified (2) two new Representatives, **Crystal Lynn Sorge**, Unit 21, Northeast Ohio Women Veterans of MWAN who will volunteer at the Parma Outpatient Clinic in Ohio and **Jan Roy**, MAL, Alternate Region III Representative who volunteers at the Wyoming VA Health Care Center affiliated with the Battle Creek VA in Michigan. We welcome both to our VAVS team and thank you for participating in our efforts to support our Veterans.

Congratulations to MWAN Ocean State Unit 118 for receiving a **Recognition Plaque** for their Monetary Donation to the 2015 Summer Sport Clinic. Thanks for being a part of this very important clinic.

MWAN is definitely gaining on recruiting volunteers but we strive to reach out to as many facilities as we can to help our Veterans. As your VAVS NAC Representative and Certifying Officer it is my job to see that we serve the number of hospitals and clinics that are required to stay a Service Member with voting privileges of the National Advisory Committee. Being a "Service Member" gives us the opportunity to provide recommendations to the VA to help promote volunteer opportunities within VA facilities, and on issues relating to volunteerism and service to our Veterans.

I am reaching out to all our members including the MAL's to consider joining MWAN's VAVS team. To our **new members** who are just learning about our organization: This is a great opportunity to become an active part of our dedicated VAVS volunteers. Please feel free to contact me for more info at diane.turcotte30@gmail.com or call me at 207-474-2235 or 207-399-1696.

Happy Veterans Day and Happy Holidays!

VA MEDICAL/HEALTH



Ruth Storck

I have received three emails recently asking about Tricare benefits and Medicare part B. I would first say please check with them directly to assure you follow enrollment procedures correctly. I did find a Tricare update article in the Sept 2015 issue of *Military Officer Magazine*. I hope the following information will help you when you talk with them.

It states: Social Security's full retirement age is gradually increasing from age 65 to age 67. Retirees don't have to draw social security benefits before enrolling in Medicare part B - and beginning their Tricare for life benefits.

While you may defer social security benefits to a later date, you must enroll in Medicare part B to retain your Tricare eligibility. Failure to enroll in part B when first eligible results in a late enrollment penalty of 10% of the cost of Part B for every year you delay the enrollment. This becomes a cumulative lifetime penalty.

You may defer enrollment in Medicare part B after age 65 without penalty only if you are covered by your own or a spouse's employer - sponsored health plan. You will be ineligible for Tricare during this period of work after age 65, but your eligibility will be restored once you enroll in Medicare part B.

It is important to reiterate: Please check with the sources direct to assure when enrollment for your circumstances is required. I would also remind everyone - winter is creeping upon us and it's time for those flu and pneumonia shots. Contact your doctors to see if you need to be getting the vaccines.

VOLUNTEER HOURS



Andrea Cadieux

When it's time to report your volunteer hours in June please remember that as a non-profit organization, MWAN members contribute a great deal of time and energy to supporting their local communities. Volunteer service is a key aspect of our non-profit goals, and volunteer service hours are extremely important to track and collect for our organization.

There are three types of volunteer hours:

VETERAN SERVICE SUPPORT -

Veteran Service Support may include such activities as: visiting patients whether in a VA facility, in an area hospital or nursing home, or in their home; participating in Veteran's or Memorial Day parades; attending your MWAN meeting or other veterans' organizations. Any service that is performed in support of a veteran and not being counted by another organization can be reported in support of MWAN.

COMMUNITY SERVICE SUPPORT - Any community service, whether inside or outside the home, is valued and valuable: teaching Sunday School; helping a friend in need; volunteering at local pet or homeless shelters; participating in prayer chains; tutoring students; assisting with or participating in fund-raising events, quilting, crocheting or knitting blankets for the senior citizen's center; or virtually any service performed in support of your local community.

VAVS VOLUNTEER HOURS - Hours that you actually volunteer at a VA Hospital, facility or attend VAVS meetings.

All Unit Volunteer Hours Chairmen please encourage your unit members to record their volunteer hours. In my unit we collect them monthly. It seems people get more hours recorded if they do it monthly then if they wait to the end of the year to record them. I have a sheet I pass around every month with all members' names on it and a space for the three types of volunteer hours. I record them on my master sheet and I'm ready June 1st to quickly do my report.

I appreciate each and every member that takes the time to volunteer to help others. It's one of those things that keeps MWAN and America GREAT!!

HISTORIAN



Sharon Woods

IT'S FALL, YOU ALL, and here in Kansas the trees are turning and harvest is winding down. Your Historian is still looking for some great pictures of what is happening in your unit. This includes you MALs, too.

For next year's convention, we need some more pictures to show those in attendance, what we have all been up to. I have last year's cruise pictures, charter of the new Tri State Unit, but need more. So send a CD or Thumb Drive with those special moments to share with all your sisters.

Have a great Holiday Season.

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN



Patricia Cerchio-Vieira

It is scholarship time again. The scholarship is a great way to help get the word out about Military Women Across the Nation and recruit new members. The scholarship is open to relatives, male or female or any woman who is serving in or has ever honorably served in any branch of the military, including their Guard and Reserve Components. While the military women who the entrants need to be related to don't have to be members of MWAN, it certainly would be wonderful if they are.

So, who do you know who is not only a woman veteran or currently serving on active duty or in a reserve or guard component, but also has a relative, male or female, in college or about to go to college? Most people have some family member who is attending or about to attend college. Why not give them the opportunity to get an extra \$1,000 to help pay for it.

Since the families of high school seniors are always looking for ways to help make college more affordable, be sure and let your local high schools know about this. They can find the scholarship application online at our new website www.milwomen.org. You can find it on the Documents Page. Don't forget to pass along this information to other veteran organizations in your local area to include the VFW and American Legion.

I will be sharing the scholarship information on venues such as Facebook and LinkedIn. If you have ideas for helping to get the word out, please contact me via the contact information in the back of the White Caps.

PUBLIC RELATIONS



Jennifer Baun

The Reverse Raffle finally got a reboot, and tickets were selling quickly. Hopefully, by the time of this publication we will be able to hold the draw down and get someone a nice holiday surprise! Once the raffle is held, the results will be published; however, we won't make the winners wait.

For the new year, I am proposing a new spark to help the organization. The trend I see most is communications from the same individuals, which means we

have members that are working to get the message out about the units and national organization. What would help the units and public relations is to get "the story" before and after events. Women are interested in what we do, and want to be involved. So, whether you are a unit that just hasn't had much press, or a member-at-large that is doing something that affects other women veterans, I can help get that message out. Let me know how I can help tell your story.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Barb Turner

The following information was included in my report to the Board of Directors during the 2014 MWAN Midterm meeting in August 2014. Since I was unable to attend the Midterm in person, I attended via Skype! That was fun and I processed 150 new members and 56 life members; 187 members did not renew their 2015 dues (27 of the 150 new members did not renew their 2015 dues; and, 19 of those 27 were active duty).

August 1, 2014

882 Unit Members
993 MALs
1,875 Members
46 Active Units

July 31, 2015

719 Unit Members
1,017 MALs
1,736 Members
35 Active Units

All unit members in a disbanded unit were changed to members-at-large (MALs) and there were 209 deceased members during this time period.

The company that processed all of our Life Members' membership cards went out of business on 30 June. I researched a few companies that could have made our membership cards but it would have been cost prohibitive in the long run. Since I make the regular new member cards anyway, and after discussion with the MWAN President, it was decided that I will now make the Life Member membership cards as well as the regular members.

The MWAN Treasurer and I work in consonance with each other with regard to the membership database. Once a month she sends the master membership database to me with her updates, which include paid dues, new and life members, address changes and obituaries. When I receive the database from her, I update it with any changes that I have received and then provide the mailing labels for the White Caps newsletter, when required.

Additionally, I can provide labels for mailings from Regions for a regional conference, for example and I provide unit, state and regional rosters twice a year to each Regional Representative so that she can update it with her members. The Executive Secretary is an appointed position and there is no term limit.

WHITE CAPS EDITOR



Judy Faries

The busy time of year is upon us! I know that I am a pest with all my requests for input into the White Caps

but I want to thank everyone for their quick and wonderful inputs. The job as editor is a very rewarding and time consuming job. I love getting everyone's input and putting it together in the proper format to send to the publishers. I know that I don't always send the reminders to the correct people but for a lot of units I do not have the correct point of contact for the unit. If you feel I do not have the correct contact for information from your units, please let me know.

The editor is responsible for taking all of the input provided by any of the members and getting them into the correct format and edit for any grammar or punctuation errors. I then submit the articles and write-ups to the President for review and approval for submission. We work together with the publishing personnel (We just suddenly lost Andy Wilson, who we had been working with for so long.) and they provide the layout to us for approval and any corrections or changes are submitted to them. Once it is final they submit it to the printers. It is a labor of love.

Many ladies are forgetting to copy Dassa Carvey, President, on their input. Please be sure to copy her. Also, please do not forget to identify your Unit Number, name and the State you are located in. This makes the work of putting the White Caps together so much easier.

Hope everyone has a great Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Remember that the next cut-off for input for the February 2016 will be 1 January 2016.

MILITARY WOMEN ACROSS THE NATION FUNDRAISING PROJECT

Barb Turner & Michele Batliner



We have a special fundraising promotion with a new MWAN member ~ Army Sgt Renee Berube, is donating 10% of sales (up to \$600), or 15% of sales (over \$600) during this *Pampered Chef* promotion to the MILWOMEN Pillows for Patriots Project. Funds raised through *Pampered Chef* will help offset the cost of the polyfil/fiber stuffing for this ongoing project. Your purchases from *Pampered Chef* will make lovely Christmas presents, or merely supplement your own kitchen.

It's easy to shop! Go online to www.PamperedChef.biz/ReneeBerube, navigate to the upper right-hand corner to click on "Find a Show," enter "**Monica O'Hara**" as your show host, and you will be connected to the "Fundraiser for MWAN" order (for orders prior to 30 November and again for the entire month of January 2016). Make sure to check the block that says "**SHIP ALL PRODUCTS IN MY ORDER TO A DIFFERENT ADDRESS**" so that you can enter your own shipping address for your items.

If you are unable or prefer not to shop online, you can pay \$2.00 (postage) and request a catalog from Renee to be mailed to your home. **Please make checks payable to: Renee Berube**, not MWAN if you order and pay by mail. Contact Renee with any questions: 325 Madison Court, Brick, NJ 08724 (phone 732-785-0449).



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS for MILITARY WOMEN ACROSS THE NATION OFFICERS TO SERVE 2016-2018

Please email or snail mail this signed consent form along with a 300 words or less bio to arrive not later than ***1 JANUARY 2016** to the Nominating Committee Chairman listed below. Your 300 word bio detailing your MWAN leadership, unit jobs held, collateral duties in your unit or volunteer hours will be included in the February 2016 and April 2016 White Caps along with your picture. Please include a recent picture (headshot-color or black and white; camera ready) of yourself that you would like to see beside your biography in the April 2016 issue. You can e-mail or snail mail the picture and it will be returned to you. Please contact any committee member listed below if you have any questions.

Elected positions are: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary.

CONSENT FORM: I hereby give my consent that my name be placed in nomination for the office of MWAN:

_____ for the term of 2016-2018.

Print Nominee Name

Signature of Nominee

Send completed form and resumé to Linda Fulkerson (**Nomination Committee Chairman)
to arrive not later than ***1 January 2016**.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS IS 1 January 2016. Normally submission would be 1 February 2016 but because our MWAN National Convention is being held in July 2016 and because we have to print the bio's at least 90 days prior to a convention (according to MWAN Bylaws) we have had to adjust the deadline for submission of the signed consent form and bio to 1 January 2016 (this is also the deadline for the submission of the articles for the February 2016 White Caps).



IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Book of Golden Deeds Award



April Maletz receives the Book of Golden Deeds Award. With April are Bob Moore (L), Awards Chairman, and Bill Trimble (R), President, both of National Exchange Club.

Volunteer efforts are very important to our society and should not go unnoticed. The National Exchange Club's longest running project, the Book of Golden Deeds Award, recognizes dedicated volunteers who give endless hours of their time and talents toward making their communities better places to live. Ever since the Exchange Club of Huntington, Ind., sponsored the first award in 1919, thousands of unsung heroes and heroines have been recognized.

Having said this, one of our own, April Maletz, was recently the recipient of this award. In recommending April for the award, she was cited for more than 1,000 volunteer hours in support of Honor Flight Historic Triangle Virginia (HFHTVA), the Military Women of Tidewater, the Chief Petty Officer Scholarship Fund, and the Hampton Roads Naval Museum. Her accomplishments and impact on our community are as follows:

April has been on the HFHTVA staff since 2010 and currently serves as the Assistant Director (Virginia Beach). Her tireless efforts have helped make it possible for over 1,000 local World War II and Korean War Veterans travel to Washington, D.C., and visit the monuments and memorials built to honor their sacrifice and service. She also helped raise more than \$58,000 in calendar year 2014 and has played a key role in organizing and hosting almost all of the HFHTVA post-mission ice cream socials.

She currently serves as the Vice President of the Military Women of Tidewater, a non-profit Veterans organization comprised of women from all branches of service from all military eras. She conducts seminars to military and civilian personnel about the history of women in the military and takes an active role in preserving that history with her collection of historical documents and military uniforms. April's leadership and

guidance also allows The Military Women of Tidewater to support various other programs to include the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery and the associated Horton Wreath Society, as well as various Joint Women's Symposiums.

April may be a retired USN Senior Chief Petty Officer, but her dedication to the USN enlisted corps is steadfast. Her work with the Chief Petty Officer Scholarship fund helps raise money to award scholarships to deserving CPO family members. Her efforts to help organize and coordinate five military challenge coin auctions helped raise more than \$50,000... and her personal military challenge coin collection is second to none! She also helped coordinate and volunteered during the CPO Scholarship Fund Hampton Roads 10th Annual Golf Tournament which raised over \$4,000 which will go directly to help provide educational opportunities for qualified CPO family members.

April's dedication to the USN enlisted corps is also evident when she volunteers to display her historic military documents and uniforms at the Hampton Roads Naval Museum in support of an annual training exhibition onboard the USS WISCONSIN for newly promoted Chief Petty Officers and other visiting CPOs.

Her commitment and compassion for our Nation's Veterans (young and old) is unmatched and her love for our Nation and her Navy is unwavering.

April's service and dedication are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of a Veteran and she is deserving of the honor of the Book of Golden Deeds Awards. Bravo Zulu, April!

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Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame



The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame seeks to recognize those 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. These contributions may, for example, be in the areas of professional, civic, veterans' advocacy, public service or significant contributions over the life of the nominee.

Northeast Ohio Women Veterans Unit 21 is proud to announce we have another member being inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Our President, Jennifer Baun, was inducted on 5 November 2015 at the Lincoln Theater in Columbus Ohio.

She has been the backbone of our unit and serves all women veterans in Ohio. She is a member and Vice Chair of the Ohio Department of Veteran Services,

Women's Advisory Committee. She worked many hours on the Ohio Women's Conference while holding down a full time job and traveling between Ohio and Alabama. She has been involved in the Summit County Stand Down for many years where our unit always has a women's table shared with the Women Marines OH-2 providing for female veterans. She has been instrumental in hosting a Women Veterans Tent at the Canfield Fair every year. Our unit logo was designed by Jennifer and I must say it is the best logo I have ever seen. Ohio will finally be getting women license plates thanks to her effort.

Jennifer takes care of her parents and always makes time for the veterans and anyone else who needs a ride or help.

I am proud to welcome her to the Ohio Veteran Hall of Fame.

— Elva Pounders, Class of 2008 and member of MWAN.

President's Message (continued from page 1)

communication: we would like to have an email distribution list for disseminating information to members. In order to do this, we need valid email addresses. Please ensure that Barb Turner and Jennifer Baun both have your current email address and if it changes, please notify them! Also, Unit Treasurers are requested to include email addresses when sending in dues renewals and address changes.

As we head into the new year, what resolution(s) are you going to make? Can you resolve to recruit one new member; stay in touch with other members; provide a suggestion to your Regional Representative that you would like to see implemented? I know you have some good ideas and are creative, as evidenced by the suggestions submitted for the renaming of columns in this newsletter, and articles I see published in your newsletters.

By the time you receive this issue, I hope to have attended the chartering of a new unit: New England Military Women Across the Nation. Stay tuned for developing news. This is where a valid email address is critical so we can get the word out and invite everyone to attend events we learn about on short notice or between issues of White Caps.

Barb Turner and Michele Batliner have organized a fund raiser. Renee Berube, one of our newest members and a

Pampered Chef Consultant, has offered to partner with us to raise funds. Barb and Michele have provided information on how to place an order for this event. Thank you, Renee, for coming forward with this idea.

In September, I attended the Ohio Women Veterans' Conference. Northeast Ohio Women Veterans, Unit #21, was instrumental in helping to organize the event. I met some wonderful women and learned a lot about what is happening in Ohio. It would be great if every state had a conference such as this.



I sign the Ohio Women Veterans Conference banner.

I also attended a reunion for those women who attended boot camp at RTC Bainbridge. Nearly 100 ladies attended this event and visited what remains of RTC Bainbridge. Many of our members were in attendance and I distributed membership applications and White Caps to potential members and even recruited one lady on the spot!

The Convention Committee is making tremendous progress in the plans for the upcoming convention in Tunica,

MS. Make your reservations now so that you won't miss any of the activities and will be assured of having a room at the exceptional rates they have arranged for the convention. Come to the convention and participate. This is where National business is transacted and changes to the organization are discussed and voted on by the membership.

With the convention in mind, it is time to solicit nominations for your elected officers: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary. I know we have many talented members who are eminently qualified to hold one of these positions. Please consider running for one of these positions. Linda Fulkerson, Nomination Chair, has her request for nominations in this issue.

Please pass the information on our annual scholarship to your church, your place of work, other veterans' organizations, etc. The wider the distribution, the more applications we receive and what young person wouldn't like to have an additional \$1,000 to help towards college expenses!

Until next time, please keep our troops in your prayers.

Always Navy~

Dassa

IN MEMORIAM



Andrew T. Wilson of Melrose MA passed away suddenly on September 20th, 2015 after a short illness.

Andy graduated from East Hartford High School in 1965 where he enjoyed playing baseball. He attended UCONN where he received his Bachelor's Degree in 1970. He went on to become a Graphic Artist, owning his own successful business for many years. He eventually settled down in Newburyport, MA, where he lived for many years working and enjoying the ocean and beaches. Andy lived his life as a free spirit. He was also an avid reader and was passionate about cooking, motorcycles, photography and animals. He will be interned with the ashes of his beloved dog, Daisy.

He had recently moved to Melrose, where he shared his time with his loving companion, Betsy Carman and his new Golden Retriever puppy, Molly. To keep busy, he also had taken a part time job at Whole Foods Market, which he enjoyed working at very much.

Editor's Note: Andy was a dear friend who performed miracles with layout on White Caps, as well as Call to Convention and Convention Program. I can't begin to count the number of times he came up with ideas that improved graphics and was able to make formatting an article seem so easy! He even designed the mermaid used as the logo for the 2010 National Convention! I had the pleasure of meeting Andy when my husband and I were on our way to Maine. Over the years we stopped and joined Andy for lunch or a cup of coffee. He will be missed.

Dassa

FIRST ALL-FEMALE HONOR FLIGHT GETS HERO'S WELCOME IN WASHINGTON *(continued from page 1)*

veterans who were partnered up as a guardian for an elder veteran for the journey, she said.

"It's been historic. I think you can kind of feel it wherever you go," Popp said.

PROUD SERVICE

Air Force veteran Andrea Kovar posed at the World War II Memorial in front of the quote from the late Army Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, the first director of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, which later became the Women's Army Corps.

The quote etched into the stone - "Women who stepped up were measured as citizens of the nation, not as women ... This was a people's war and everyone was in it" - also graced the back of the shirts the honor flight veterans.

"I've never been here. This whole thing has been absolutely amazing and I wish I would have met Col. Hobby," stated Kovar, who served from 1963 to 1966.

When asked about her time with the honor flight, Kovar said it was an emotional experience. "I have been crying all day," she said, adding that she loved visiting Washington. "It's a beautiful city and I'm glad I'm here."

TRAILBLAZER GREETSS TRAILBLAZERS

Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught greeted the women at the Women In Military Service For America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery. She is the president of the board of directors at the women's memorial foundation.

It was a proud moment and very inspiring to see the female veterans, said Vaught, who retired in 1985. She was the first woman selected for promotion to brigadier general in the comptroller career field.

"Every job that I had that was my assigned job when I was in service, I was the first woman to ever hold that job," she said.

"This put pressure on me to be sure that I did it in such a way that another woman would have an opportunity to fill that job," she said. "To a degree, that situation in many instances still exists today."

She noted how two female Soldiers recently became the first women to pass the Army Ranger course. If they get an opportunity to serve as Rangers, Vaught said, they too will get the chance to "prove that women can do it."

A GRATEFUL NATION

The veterans are "simply inspiring," Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert McDonald said at the women's memorial during a luncheon program.

The nation honors them for their "fundamental sense of duty and courage," McDonald said.

"You didn't sign up to shatter glass ceilings; you came to serve and you served with distinction," he said. "But you knew the stakes were high, if you failed, it might make it much harder for those who followed you."

There is another part of being the first, he said, explaining the women were often considered outsiders or intruders. "Yet, you refused to quit," he said.

"Our nation is grateful. We're grateful for the challenges you've endured and overcame and the sacrifices you've made that men simply didn't have to make," he said. "The service you rendered to this nation is more valuable than you could ever have imagined."

Rory Brosius, the deputy director of the White House Joining Forces initiative, sent greetings from first lady Michelle Obama, and applauded the women for their service.

"During times when our country called upon you, you stood up, you raised your hand, and you served. Your contributions meant that our country was better equipped for missions all around the world," Brosius said.

"You are all trailblazers and your service has inspired many generations of women," she said.

Brosius read a letter from Mrs. Obama thanking them for their inspiring service and the important role they played in moving the country forward. Each veteran received their own copy of the official letter from the first lady.

SOUND OFF!

KEYSTONE WAVES

Unit #6 (PA) – Our unit had a busy summer participating in many different events. We attended patriotic concerts, parades and military funerals. Josie Larson hosted a luncheon at Ann's Choice Way to commemorate the WAVES anniversary. Ruthie Severino and Louise Manz attended a first time reunion of US Naval Training Center Bainbridge WAVES held at Doubletree Hotel in Lancaster, PA. Nearly 100 former WAVES recruits attended. We toured Port Deposit Museum and the grounds of the old recruit training center, and enjoyed sharing memories with "those who had been there".

We voted on name change at last meeting and it will be submitted for approval.

For meeting information please contact Ruthie Severino at 610- 356-8956.

HEART OF AMERICA OF MWAN

Unit #9 (KS) – At our October meeting, Heart of America Unit 9 officers were installed by Lucille Kemper, a past unit president.



Lucille Kemper installing Unit 9's new President. Pictured from left to right are: Lucille Kemper, Marilyn Bosley and Lois Hardeman (both seated) and Sharon Woods Unit 9 President.

Sharon Woods, our new president, presided over the meeting. We look forward to her guidance, knowing that her vast experience with our organization will be an asset to our group. Plans were discussed for our annual Christmas luncheon. We decided to have a catered party at Lois and Larry Hardeman's home on Saturday, December 12th. Gifts will be collected for the Kansas City Veterans Hospital.

Our next business meeting will be in April 2016. For more information please contact Michele Batliner at 816-315-9229 or email at mbatliner@att.net.

NORTHEAST OHIO WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #21 (OH) – NE Ohio Women Vets have had an exceptional few months. The unit has been involved in Ohio Women Vets Conference, stand down, Patriot Day



Jennifer Baun (r) helps Florence Pearl display her recognition certificate at Quaker Steak Patriot Day event.

and more. After a calmer October, November picked back up with Hall of Fame, Laying of Roses, and Veterans' Day programs. The unit is looking forward to celebrating all its achievements with the upcoming Christmas Party for the unit and their families.

For meeting information please contact Jennifer Baun at 314-803-8643 or email at Jennifer.baun@att.net.

SAN DIEGO STARS & STRIPES

Unit #36 (CA) – We met for lunch at Marie Callendar's on 3 October. We spent time stuffing pillows (at the 3,300+mark) and socializing before lunch. Several members traveled to Escondido to a Girl Scout Encampment on 7 November to show them how to make neck pillows, and work with the 50-60 girls on their community service project.

Our Charter was draped in honor of long time active member Hope Donnelly. She will be missed.

Monica O'Hara and Roxanne Jones shared events and information of the National Board of Directors meeting in Las Vegas. Monica brought everyone up to date on all the MWAN changes.

Our guest speaker was Richard "Sunny" Farrand, American Legion Dist. 22 Service Officer at the VA Hospital, who spoke about the kinds of services available for women veterans.

Many of the unit's members participated with our entry for the annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown San Diego.

Next meeting will be 5 December. For unit information contact, Roxanne Jones, at roxanne.jones@score.com or 619-545-6546.

SEA BREEZES

Unit #52 (FL) – After several discussions, nominations and a unit wide vote, Unit 52 is proud to announce that our new MWAN affiliate name is "Sea Breezes." The Sea Breezes are located in Pensacola, FL, with members from several surrounding areas, and we feel that the name reflects our beautiful Gulf Coast location. A hearty "Welcome Aboard!" (hey, I can't totally forget our Navy roots!) to new members Penny Blevins, USN, and Countess Guiles, USAF. And it is good to have two long-time affiliate members, Joan Walker and Marian Sharpless, both USAF, as regular members of the Sea Breezes!"

For meeting information please contact Jeanne Hooper at (850) 458-0440 or email JCHooper@cox.net

REDWOOD EMPIRE MILITARY WOMEN

Unit #77 (CA) – The Bay Area celebrated the 30th All Service Women Veteran's Lunch and two veterans arrived by bus from the Yountville Veterans Home as the guests of Unit 77.

Six of our long term members were honored at the local Veterans' Day parade for their service during World War II.

Our efforts to "get the word out" about MWAN have resulted in four new members with expectations of a good "membership" year to come.

For meeting information please contact Suzanne Seville, 707-829-3104, or sksaville@gmail.com.

FLATWATER WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #98 (NE) – Our final meeting of 2015 was held Saturday, 17 October, at the Egg and I restaurant in Bellevue, NE.



Attendees included the following ladies; Front Row: Marjorie Neill, Secretary; Linda Cady, President; and Michele Batliner, Regional Representative. Back Row: Pat Hunsche, Treasurer; Chief Leticia Quezada; Margaret Nehring, Vice President; Suzanne Gilsdorf, and Joen Gruber.

Suzanne Gilsdorf hosted the meeting and introduced Navy Chief Personnel Specialist Leticia Quezada of the Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) sin

Omaha. Chief Quesada has been at NOSC since June, and prior to that she was at STRATCOM for three years. Chief Quazada told about the new uniform design, their physical therapy to keep fit and her Navy history. She enlisted in California in 1997, was promoted to Chief in 2012. She lives in the area with two young sons in school, one is wanting to go to college either at University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) or University of Nebraska at Lincoln (UNL) and likes Nebraska.

She was genuinely interested in a round robin where each of us gave an explanation of our military service. After the meeting she asked about joining MWAN and Unit 98 was happy to oblige her.

Michele Batliner, Regional Representative, also attended and assured us the Bylaws are not due until 2017, so we still have time to submit them.

For meeting information please contact Pat Hunsche, 402-426-2013, phunsche@abbnebraska.com

OCEAN STATE

Unit #118 (RI) – Our October meeting was held at a new location: Greenwich Farms, the retirement home of members Carol Rotkin and Evelyn Cohen. About fifteen members attended and enjoyed a meal of Chicken Marsala, asparagus, rice pilaf and desserts. We met in a dining room specifically dedicated to veterans. This beautiful room is a memorial to past, present and future service members and contains military artifacts and memorabilia from different eras. Thank you to our president, Carol Rotkin, and her daughter for arranging this special luncheon.

Following the meal, our monthly business meeting was held to plan upcoming events. By the time of this publication, we will have participated in several Veterans' Day commemorations, including our unit's annual wreath-laying at the Rhode Island Women Veterans Memorial. We now look forward to spreading good cheer through our Christmas visits in December.

For meeting information please contact Margaret Pedlow Smith at 504-756-4570 or email at mpedlowsmith@gmail.com.

MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

Unit #152 (VA) – Hampton VAMC is the beneficiary of the latest donations we have made to support veterans. We have donated \$500 to purchase items to be placed in Ditty Bags to be distributed to patients before the holidays. The Medical

Center also arranges a holiday retreat for the female patients and we donated another \$500 in support of this activity.

Members voted to donate \$1,500 to the Horton Wreath Society (HWS) to purchase live wreaths for placement on each gravesite at the A.G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery here. HWS purchased 7,000 wreaths this year.

Unit members participated in the Stand Down for Homeless Veterans held in Hampton, VA, and sponsored by the Hampton VAMC. We man the Depot, a room established to hand out clothing, hygiene products, blankets, sleeping bags, etc., to Veterans in need. This year, we were fortunate to receive a truckload of items from the Military Surplus, which helped furnish cots, sleeping bags, boots, etc., to 157 homeless or newly housed veterans. Several of the veterans were single parents, bringing their children with them to the Stand Down.

Members also participated in the Veterans' Day Parade, riding on the top deck of a double decker bus from the Aviation Museum.

We meet, monthly, at VFW 4809, Norfolk, VA. For meeting information, contact Dassa Carvey, at Dassa_2@verizon.net, or 757-363-3059.

SALT RIVER MILITARY WOMEN

Unit #155 (AZ) – Happy Birthday America from SRMW, Unit 155, of MWAN. We made a return trip to Munds Park, AZ, for their 4th of July Parade. On Friday afternoon we began decorating an open body trailer and then bright and early on Saturday morning, we completed the decorations.



Participating members were Martha Alderman, Secretary; Margaret Waldron, Vice-President; Georganne Bickle, President, with her service dog Silkie and her granddaughter Jianna; Kathy Laurier, Parade Chairman; Barbara Kleindinst, Director of Unit Committee; and Beth Anne Whiting, Treasurer.

Prominent was our brand new Salt River Military Women, Unit 155, of MWAN banner. The response of the parade watchers was even more gratifying for us. To see and hear the appreciation of our fellow Americans was heartfelt and joyous on all sides.

It is our hope that next year we will have even more members joining us.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I owe the ladies of SALT RIVER MILITARY WOMEN, Unit #155 a huge apology. I missed this article for the last issue of the White Caps. It was sent in plenty of time. I am so sorry.

TRISTATE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #157 (TN) – The Tennessee Fisher House at Alvin C. York VAMC in Murfreesboro, TN, is \$428 richer thanks to TriState Women Veterans Unit 157.



Joined by Unit 157 Secretary Gloria Gray (left) and Unit Vice President Cathy Brown (right), Unit President Rita Waller presents a \$428 donation to Tennessee Fisher House President Phil Barnett.

The funds were raised through the raffle of a Patriotic Quilt handmade by unit member Susan Lindsey. The lucky winner was Candy Pendergrass, niece of unit secretary Gloria Gray.

Fisher House is a network of comfort homes where families can stay at no cost while loved ones are receiving treatment at U.S. military or VA Medical Centers nationwide. Tennessee Fisher House is very dear to area MWAN members as local icon and life member Chief Petty Officer Harriett Howard, who passed away in 2013 two months before Tennessee Fisher House officially opened, was instrumental in raising funds



Winner Candy Pendergrass (left) shows off her new quilt with the help of her Aunt Gloria Gray. Candy's daughter, Cammie, is peeking from under the quilt.

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toward the home's construction. Her photograph and story are prominently displayed in the home.

For meeting information please contact Patty Parks, 423-326-0839, or pattyjoparks@yahoo.com.

STATE CORNER WISCONSIN –

Wisconsin's 2015 All Service Women's Veterans Luncheon was held on 31 October. The Milwaukee Women's Post 448 American Legion hosted this year and invited Denise Rohan to speak. Denise is a Wisconsin native and is running for first woman Commander of the National American Legion. Members from Badger, Unit #39, and Fox Cities,

Unit #153, participated. Color Guard was provided by the Marquette University ROTC, in Milwaukee.



Cheryl Adams, 2nd Vice President, and Col Marg Frittitta attend the Wisconsin's Annual All Women Veterans' Luncheon. Col Frittitta works at the Milwaukee VA Hospital.



*Happy
Holidays!*

Wouldn't it be nice to have some extra cash in your pocket for the holidays! We are getting closer to holding the drawing for the Reverse Raffle, but need to sell out all 250 tickets before holding the drawing.

The grand prize is \$1,000.00, with second prize of \$450.00. There are also some other prizes of gift cards mixed in. Be sure to get yours today! You cannot win, if you don't play.

This makes a great thank you gift, or chip in and get one for your unit. What unit couldn't use the extra money in their treasury?

BIG prizes to be given in a Reverse Raffle!

Here's your chance to win big, while helping out the organization. A reverse raffle will be held for Military Women Across the Nation to really get things rolling. We will be selling only 250 raffle tickets; the cost is \$10 each. Since it is a reverse raffle, the prizes are big with a \$1,000 grand prize and \$450 to the runner up. There will also be some other gift cards mixed in. The way you win is to be the last person standing, kind of like musical chairs. The draw down will be held once all 250 tickets are sold. In other words, we will draw numbers eliminating tickets after all the tickets are sold. So purchase yours individually and/or for your unit today! To get your tickets, please send the stub below and a check made out to MWAN/WN. Mail the stub and your check or money order to Jennifer Baun, MWAN Reverse Raffle, 4068 Lockwood Blvd., Youngstown, OH 44511. A virtual ticket will be e-mailed or sent to you with your raffle number. All winners' names will be published.

NAME:

E-mail:

Address:

City, State, Zip

Unit # or MAL:

ID #



SILVER TAPS



Please send all WN member Silver Taps information to Executive Secretary, Barb Turner (address on page 14)

<u>FIRST</u>	<u>LAST</u>	<u>MAIDEN</u>	<u>SERV</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>LAST</u>	<u>MAIDEN</u>	<u>SERV</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
Hope	Donnelly	(Adams)	USN	036/CA	Dorothy P.	Leighton		USN	MAL/ME
Phyllis W.	McDonnell	(White-Dickinson)	USN	074/FL	Catherine	Moulton	(Schmidt)	USN	MAL/ME
Helen M.	Coyte	(Melesinsky)	USN	114/AZ	Mary A.	Stoddard	(Wellman)	USN	MAL/ME
Mollie C.	Decker	(Cooley)	USN	118/RI	Marion E.	Dunstan	(Fisher)	USN	MAL/MI
Elizabeth J	Evans	(Warner)	USN	128/OH	Helen W.	Gibiser	(Wiessner)	USN	MAL/MI
Pearl E.	McCormick	(Erickson)	USN	144/NC	Winifred C.	Haylett		USN	MAL/MI
Velma R.	Lake	(Lantrip)	USN	151/TN	Constance S.	Hertz		USNR	MAL/MI
Esta	Maltz		USA	155/AZ	Mariann T.	Sielawa	(Host)	USN	MAL/MI
Marie H.	Pinter	(Hiegel)	USN	MAL/AR	Marie Anna	Smith	(Lucke)	USN	MAL/MI
Betty M.	Hart	(Beck)	USN	MAL/AZ	Ruth E.	Smith	(Safford)	USN	MAL/MI
Regina R.	Keegan	(McCarthy)	USN	MAL/AZ	Melba J.	Stampohar	(Jacobsen)	USN	MAL/MI
Georgene G.	Berglund	(Hendrickson)	USN	MAL/CA	Elizabeth W.	Swartz	(Weckmueller)	USCG	MAL/MI
Olga Rose	Chanda	(Venhuda)	USN	MAL/CA	Patricia B.	Cromell	(Gatiss)	USN	MAL/MN
Mildred "Toni" Friedenberg *			USN	MAL/CA	Elizabeth "BJ" Gersey		(Hughes)	USN	MAL/MN
Ann H.	Johnson	(Harrison)	USN	MAL/CA	Leona B.	Leonard	(Buggert)	USN	MAL/MN
Florence H.	Mast	(Haug)	USN	MAL/CA	Yvonne M.	McDougall	(Welch)	USN	MAL/MN
Miliza M.	Milo	(Milosevich)	USN	MAL/CA	Mary M.	Pepple	(McTarnaghan)	USN	MAL/MN
Jean A.	Parker		USN	MAL/CA	Phyllis M.	Preisen	(Travis)	USN	MAL/MN
Miriam L.	White	(Levine)	USN	MAL/CA	Iris E.	Castles	(Bryant)	USN	MAL/MS
Anne E.	Dawson	(Graham)	USN	MAL/CT	Gladys L.	Norris		USN	MAL/MS
Patricia	Donovan	(Sandmoen)	USN	MAL/CT	Sherron K.	Hampton	(Elliott)	USN	MAL/NC
Winifred G.	Forsberg	(Klinksieck)	USN	MAL/FL	Eleanor F.	Gale	(Baxter)	USN	MAL/NH
B. Marie	O'Hanlon	(Williams)	USN	MAL/FL	Katherine M.	Winn	(Montague)	USN	MAL/NH
Anna V.	Smith	(Grebe)	USN	MAL/FL	Harriet K.	Deverman	(Kopera)	USN	MAL/NJ
Gertrude A.	Stewart	(Parascandola)	USN	MAL/FL	Betty	Williams	(Gole)	USN	MAL/NJ
Mary	Warcola	(Maksymyk)	USN	MAL/FL	Verona V.	Ging *	(Thomas)	USN	MAL/NV
Jane H.	Case	(Hipwell)	USN	MAL/FL	Catherine	Chakiry	(Pantagis)	USN	MAL/NY
Ann P.	McNally	(Pontus)	USN	MAL/GA	Edith S.	Straley	(Schleich)	USN	MAL/OH
Edith	Thomas		USN	MAL/GA	Lois J.	Terzis	(Pettis)	USN	MAL/OH
Bernice C.	Boyum	(Larson)	USN	MAL/IA	Ellaphare J.	Larkins	(Reeder)	USN	MAL/OR
June L.	Hauge		USN	MAL/IA	Gurie H.	O'Connor	(Halvorson)	USN	MAL/OR
Margaret A.	Voss		USN	MAL/IA	Nancy J.	Welborn	(Monno)	USN	MAL/OR
Mary M.	MacDonald *	(Quinn)	USN	MAL/ID	Ann P.	Butcher	(Laukin)	USN	MAL/PA
Martha E.	Callahan	(Eitzenhoefer)	USN	MAL/IL	Claribel S.	Gingrich	(Fry)	USN	MAL/PA
Milnore O.	Hall	(Hoel)	USCG	MAL/IL	Maxine M.	Mlinarcik	(Musser)	USN	MAL/PA
Margaret R.	Nash	(Von Eute)	USN	MAL/IN	Mabel W.	Clark	(Warnecke)	USN	MAL/VA
Blanche A.	Duffy	(Helton)	USN	MAL/KY	Helen E.	Poole	(Swanberg)	USN	MAL/VA
June	Haggerty	(Elliott)	USN	MAL/LA	Marion K.	Chadwick	(Kerr)	USNR	MAL/WA
Barbara W.	Casey	(Wells)	USN	MAL/MA	Doris M.	Leichliter *	(Mansfield)	USN	MAL/WA
Virginia F.	Cleak	(Foster)	USN	MAL/MA	Valeria S.	Stewart *	(Stubinski)	USN	MAL/WI
Margaret	Driscoll *		USN	MAL/MA	FORMER WN MEMBERS				
Phyllis P.	Highman	(Gilmore)	USN	MAL/MA	Romegene	Sutton	(Bodenhemier)	USN	028/PA
Florence I.	Johnson	(Ineson)	USN	MAL/MA	Bettye J.	Johnson	(Pyle)	USN	075/FL
Harriett D.	Nelson	(Osburn)	USN	MAL/MA	Genevieve J.	Roman	(Romansik)	USN	132/CA
Evelyn M.	Pursley	(Silveira)	USN	MAL/MA	Shirley L.	Bentgen	(Walker)	USN	137/MI
Gladys L.	Ruggles		USN	MAL/MA	Amy F.	Feluk	(Foster)	USN	MAL/MI
Ruth L.	Tehan	(Quirke)	USN	MAL/MA	Frances L.				
Lucile R.	Gransky	(Roach)	USN	MAL/MD	(Peggy)	Hurt	(Lewis)	USN	MAL/VA
Margaret	Long	(Gibson)	USN	MAL/MD	*WAVES National Charter Member				

Gone...but not forgotten!

MILITARY WOMEN ACROSS THE NATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

One \$1,000 scholarship will be available to a relative, male or female, of a military woman. The essay topic is: ***"Military Women: Then and Now"***. It is suggested that applicants pick a particular segment or service such as Army Medical or Naval Aviation and a previous time period such as WWII or Desert Storm and compare it to present day.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE RULES

In the past, several entrants have been disqualified because they did not follow the rules.

1. Eligibility is open to any female or male relative of a MILITARY WOMAN who has served or is serving in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard or their Guard or Reserve components. The relative may be by birth, legal adoption or marriage. Documented proof of eligibility of the military woman's honorable discharge OR her present status in the military must be included with the application. Documented Proof of Eligibility is a legible copy of her Form DD-214 discharge certificate or a statement of service for actively serving members. Applications will not be considered if this PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY is not submitted. Scholarship not intended for military women or veterans, only relatives.

2. Applicants: **Mark out** all references to **social security or service numbers** on the DD-214 and high school or college transcripts.

3. Competition is open to high school seniors or college students. The scholarship may only be used for undergraduate work.

4. Applicants must have a 3.2 or better Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale to be eligible.

5. The essay must be written on the 2016 topic and shall include documented evidence of both research and an interview with at least one military woman. The military woman need not be the relative who makes them eligible for the scholarship. Applicants are encouraged to contact Military Recruiters, Military active or reserve components, etc. to enhance their research. Each essay must be the applicants own work and shall consist of 1,000 to 1,500 words.

6. Entries must be submitted by **March 4, 2016**, with no exceptions.

7. **Applicants will be notified in June of the results. Scholarship will be paid jointly to the scholarship recipient AND their college.**

e-mail your questions, application and accompanying documents to:

Scholarship Contest Chairperson
MWANScholarship@gmail.com

(DEADLINE IS MARCH 6, 2015)
You may download an application at
www.milwomen.org

Attached documents via email will be accepted.

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP + 4: _____

COUNTY: _____ COUNTRY: _____

PHONE: (including area code) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS : _____

YOUR AGE: _____

ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN

YES _____ NO _____

GENDER:

FEMALE _____ MALE _____

ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES?

YES _____ NO _____

SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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MILITARY WOMEN ACROSS THE NATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

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Ohio Women Veterans Conference

Submitted by Jennifer Baun



Women Veterans Advisory Committee and NEOW Unit 21 members
Front row, L-R, 2nd seat – Elva Pounders, 5th seat – Karen Kish Back row, L-R, 1st – Ellen Leidy, 2nd – Delores Speed, 11th – Jennifer Baun

More than 500 women attended the Ohio Women Veterans Conference on 12 September, at the Easton Hilton in Columbus, OH. They come from all different backgrounds and generations, but on this day they are alike, they are all veterans.

As one of the largest women's veterans conferences in the country, the event brings women vets together from all over the state of Ohio and country from as far away as Hawaii. MWAN President, Dassa Carvey, from VA, also attended.

The event provides information on benefits, resources and employment, entertainment and networking opportunities for attendees. The women have an opportunity to talk to vendors at the booths set up along the walls, as well as each other. Voices and laughter filled the hallways as strangers are introduced and old friends are reunited.

The event included an all-female color guard from the Ohio Army National Guard and several keynote speakers including Amanda Wirtz, Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught, Lt. Col. Ann-Maria Coghlin, commander of the Ohio Air National Guard's 178th Mission Support Group, and Dr. Betty Moseley Brown, associate director of the VA's Center for Women Veterans.

The Ohio Department of Veterans Services (DVS) Advisory Committee on Women Veterans hosted the event with the support of the Ohio National Guard and the Chalmers P. Wylie Veterans Affairs Ambulatory Care Center.

"A lot of female veterans, just like male veterans, are unaware of what benefits and resources are available to them, and we want to get the word out and let them know we appreciate their service," said Karen Kish, the women veterans program coordinator for the Ohio DVS. This is especially important in a state like Ohio, which has a population of more than 67,000 female veterans, and is home to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, near Dayton, one of the largest Air Force installations in the country, she said.

Women from all eras and services who

attended the event gained not only information about benefits and opportunities available to them, but were also recognized for their service and the sacrifices they've made for their nation. Depending on the era these women served, this conference may mark the first time that some have even considered themselves veterans, Kish said.

The conference updated legislative policy, which included the announcement of a new female veteran license plate that would be available for purchase from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles sometime later this year. While attendees gained important information regarding their benefits, many veterans feel they gained something even more valuable from the conference. One vet in attendance, who suffered from PTSD after her deployment to Afghanistan said, "I felt so isolated, I didn't have any female support, none of my friends were veterans, and my Reserve unit was in Illinois. I had no one to share my experiences with or talk to." She added with a smile, "It's a big step for me being around this many people, but being around all these female vets has definitely been worth it."

It is for those moments, that the Ohio Women Veterans Conference is held and so successful.

Military Women Across the Nation Region VI Conference

Submitted by Jouay Koppari

Region VI held their Conference with All Navy Women's National Alliance (ANWNA) in Orlando, FL, on 24-27 September.

The conference started with a trip to Al Capone Dinner and Show. The following day, attendees participated in the Jo Stubb's Golf Scramble and President/Director's Party. Saturday came with a series of Seminars with talks from Orange County Service Officers and Veterans Affairs, Your Health Concerns – Preven-

tative Maintenance, Women and Money-Your Other Significant Relationship, Women of the US Army by COL Judy Roberson, and Wounded Warriors Project.

The banquet guest speaker was CAPT (Sel) LaDonn Allen, USCG, stationed in Jacksonville, FL. She gave us an overview on how she entered the Coast Guard as well as what they do and their area of operation. Many prizes were given out or purchased for raffle.



CAPT (Sel) Allen (C) and her daughter, donated the TV she won to Marjorie Macvillia and Junia Williams, of the Athena House, for the Athena House.

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COL Roberson presented a scholarship check to Anna Moreira and CAPT (Sel) Allen presented the second one to Whitney Shaw.

CAPT (Sel) Allen won one of the raffle prizes which was a 32" flat screen TV and presented it to the members of the Athena House who were present.

We also gave out the first Jo Stubbs Scholarship award to two members of the Wounded Warriors Program. CAPT (Sel) Allen and COL Judy Roberson presented the awards.

Everyone had a great time and took home a lot of good information. We're looking forward to the next conference in two years and, of course, the Biennial MWAN Convention at the Gold Strike Casino Resort in Tunica, MS.

2016 National Convention is just around the corner!

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And the 2016 National Convention will get here just as quickly so make your reservation NOW!

Our first Convention as Military Women Across the Nation is set for 19-21 July 2016 at the Gold Strike Casino Resort in Tunica, Mississippi.

Great food & entertainment are there as well as a brand new Tanger Outlet Mall in nearby Southaven. Other nearby attractions include Elvis Presley's Graceland, Sun-Studios, National Civil Rights Museum, Mud Island and the Pink Palace Museum just to name a few.



Rooms are currently available and have been blocked from Monday, July 18, 2016 through Thursday, July 21, 2016 at the rate of \$69.00 plus tax per night. Tunica County Room Tax is currently ten percent (10%) and could be subject to change. A \$10.00 per-night surcharge (subject to change) will apply to each third and fourth person occupying the same room. Guestrooms may have a maximum of four occupants. Also, regular guest rooms do NOT have a refrigerator. There are a few compact refrigerators available for a fee of \$25 per stay so plan and reserve accordingly.

To make reservations call the Gold Strike Casino Resort Reservation Department directly at (888) 245-7829 and identify your affiliation with Military Women Across the Nation/WAVES National (MWAN/WN). Rates cannot be changed at check-in or check-out for guests who do not identify their affiliation at the time the reservation is made. Gold Strike Casino Resort does require the first night's room and tax deposit accompany the reservation (a major credit card number may be used to guarantee a room in lieu of a deposit). The deposit is non-refundable if cancellation occurs within 48 hours of arrival.

Transportation from and to Memphis International Airport will be available for a nominal fee. Those details along with excursions to a few of the local attractions will be in the Call to Convention. There are nearby RV parks for those who live life on the road!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Gold Strike for this historic convention. Points of contact for questions about the convention are Marie Porter, 469-855-0237 or Barbara Booth, 901-218-3991.

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