

MILITARY Women's BULLETIN



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Vietnam Veterans Recognition

Unit #55 details provided by Cathy Gerolimatos

Over the years, beginning with Massachusetts in 1979, 46 states and Puerto Rico have enacted legislation to recognize a Vietnam Veterans Day typically on March 29 or March 30. The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act, signed into law on March 28, 2017, designates March 29 of each year as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

Vietnam Veterans Day commemorates the sacrifices of Vietnam veterans and their families and is part of a national effort to recognize the men and women who were denied a proper welcome upon returning home more than 40 years ago.

Since 2013 the Veterans Council of Hillsborough County (Florida) has recognized those who came home and honored those who were lost during the Vietnam War in a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park in Hillsborough County.

This year, the event was held March 24th and Jouay Koppari, Military Women of Tampa Bay Unit #55 President, MilWomen Florida Director and MilWomen Region VI Representative, was among the various speakers, and read the biography of Medal of Honor recipient Sergeant Major Gary Littrell, U.S. Army.

During the program Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 787 provided each Vietnam veteran with a commemorative lapel pin.



MWNTB55 unit members shared information about Military Women Across the Nation at the event. Those pictured (from left) are Jouay Koppari, Pattie Duvall standing behind her Grandcutie "Soldier Girl", Cathy Gerolimatos holding Cookie, Connie White & Mary Atzert.



March 29th was viewed as an appropriate date because on that day in 1973, the last combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam and the last prisoners of war held in North Vietnam arrived on American soil. It is also the date then-President Nixon chose for the first Vietnam Veterans Day in 1974.

The U.S. Vietnam War Commemoration also continues to provide recognition to military members who served during the Vietnam War. The commemoration – marking 50 years since the war - began with an inaugural event at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, DC, on Memorial Day, May 28, 2012, and will conclude on Veterans Day, November 11, 2025.

The Commemoration honors all U.S. veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time between November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975, regardless of location. The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates there are some seven million living Vietnam veterans and nine million families of those who served in this time frame. No distinction is made between veterans who served in-country, in-theater or who were stationed elsewhere during the Vietnam War period.

For more information about the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration, joining the Commemorative Partner Program or receiving a commemorative lapel pin for your personal service during the Vietnam War, visit the website at www.vietnamwar50th.com, send an email to whs.vnwar50th@mail.mil or call 877-387-9951.



Don't Forget!

Regional Representative Report DUE 1 Aug
Unit Annual Financial Report DUE 1 Sep
Unit Letter of Authorization DUE 1 Sep
Input for October Bulletin DUE 1 Sep

Details on all reports are in the Procedures Manual at www.milwomen.org

Presidential Ponderings

by Patty Parks, National President

Next month at our 2018 National Convention, many national office holders – elected and appointed – will change. Several of the national staff positions will become vacant. While some of these positions have prospective fills, four of them do not. They are: Bylaws Chair, Parliamentarian, Scholarship Chair and Historian.

Details of the duties associated with each of these positions are listed in this bulletin at the bottom of Page 8. Please review the duties and consider stepping up to assume one of these offices.

Operating a nationwide, all-volunteer organization is a monumental task. For us to succeed and grow, we need your help. As we all know, “*Many hands make light work.*”

I look forward to seeing all of you at convention!

ExecSec Reminiscences

by Barb Turner, National Executive Secretary

This is my last year as a member of the Board of Directors and I shall miss that very much. When I attended my first WAVES National (WN) Convention in Hawaii in 1998, I had just been appointed by then WN President Dorothy Budacki as the WN Public Relations Chairman, and as such had a seat at the table. During these last twenty years I have held various other national positions as: Region XII Representative, WAVES National President, White Caps Editor and finally Executive Secretary.

In 1998 there were 9,000+ members in 71 units including the Members-At-Large (MALs). Today we have a little more than 1,500 members in 28 units, including MALs. I leave you in good hands with GinaMarie Doherty as the new Executive Secretary. Please send any and all e-mail, snail mail regarding Executive Secretary business directly to GinaMarie (*contact info on Page 10 of this bulletin*).

I love this organization and have had the pleasure of working with and getting to know many of you personally. Please keep in touch. Thank you for allowing me to have served you these last twenty years!

2nd Vice Advice

by Gloria Wix, National 2nd Vice President

One of the main duties of the 2nd Vice is to assist the units, regional reps and directors, and to help start new units. None of that is possible unless I know who to contact. That is why we have forms to list the unit officers when they are elected. That form is in the procedures manual, page 41. At the bottom of the page is a list of who needs a copy. I would appreciate it if each unit would ensure the form is sent to the people listed. This can be done by email or snail mail. For nearly two years as your 2nd Vice I have received very few of these forms from the units. I would like to get an update on the unit officers in order to provide a thorough turn-over to help the new 2nd Vice as she assumes the position.

Some MWAN officers will be changing as of the convention. When we change jobs or leave a job, we should do the best “turn-over” we can to help the person taking over the position. I would appreciate it if all units would ensure any changes to the officers are sent forward as needed. I

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want to be ready before Convention so the information is needed by 24 AUGUST. Thank you for your help.

The convention is only about a month away. I am very excited about it. We lived in San Diego County for over 10 years and have family and friends still there. I am happy to say that my daughter and grand-daughter and their boyfriends will be our guest at the banquet. Stop by the table and say hello. I would love to meet you.

VA Voluntary Service Update

Submitted by Cathy Gerolimos, Unit 55

The 72nd VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) National Advisory Committee (NAC) Meeting and Conference was held at the Hilton Hampton Downtown in Tampa, FL, April 10-13, 2018. MWAN National VAVS Representative, Diane Culleton, was among representatives from 20 Veteran organizations that were part of the 2018 VAVS NAC Executive Committee.

The conference was hosted by James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, Tampa, FL with assistance from the Bay Pines VA Healthcare Systems. Training of new VAVS Representatives/Deputy Representatives as well as new VAVS Staff was provided. In addition, there were educational workshops on: Sharing Your Accolades: Award Writing 101; Turning One Day into Many Days: The Value of Episodic Volunteers; Suicide Prevention Operation S.A.V.E. and Voluntary Service System: Keys to Organizational Reporting.

Attendees were introduced to a number of VA initiatives and partnerships such as the National Cemetery Administration Legacy Project; Measuring What Matters by the Bob Woodruff Foundation; Fischer House Update; Student Veterans of America (SVA) and Operation Song.

The most significant part of the conference included the presentation of the \$20,000 James H. Parke Memorial Scholarship to Leanna Edwards at the Parke Luncheon followed by organizational donations to the NAC Scholarship program to include Diane Culleton presenting a \$200.00 check on behalf of Military Women Across the Nation.

The NAC awards approximately \$37,000 in awards annually. The entire conference ended with a banquet on Friday night. Overall, the conference was a success. The 73rd Annual National Advisory Committee Meeting and Conference will be held in San Antonio, TX. If you're interested, set aside the month of May 2019; the specific dates have not been announced yet. Connie White and Cathy Gerolimos (VAVS Representative and Deputy VAVS Representative, James A. Haley VA, respectively) both members of Military Women of Tampa Bay Unit #55, were able to attend various meetings during the conference.

National Officer & Staff contact Info on Page 10.



2018 Military Women Across the Nation Scholarship Recipient & Essay

Our 2018 MWAN Scholarship recipient is Sofia C. Young, a 2018 graduate of St. Teresa's Academy in Kansas City, MO. While maintaining a 3.9 (4.0 scale) grade-point average, Sofia participated in numerous school groups including Future Business Leaders of America, Spirit Club, Care Club, Healthy Living Club, Recycling Committee and Visitation Church, as well as being a member of the school's cross-country, tennis and lacrosse teams.

In the community she has volunteered at St. Luke's Hospital, worked as a Red Cross Certified Life Guard and swim instructor and volunteered at Morning Glory Café, a local food kitchen. Her hobbies include working out, running, tennis, interior design and volunteer work. She plans to attend the University of Missouri at Columbia in pursuit of a four-year medical degree. MWAN members wish Elizabeth much success in all of her future endeavors.

Pictured at right, Sofia (left) was presented with her award certificate by her Aunt and MilWomen Sponsor, Michele Hassell Batliner who served in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Naval Reserve.



**Essays are printed as written and have not been edited
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Moms Serving in the Military: The Challenges They Face An essay by Sofia C. Young

Through research and interviews with my Aunt Michele Batliner, who served in the Navy, and Debra Anderson, who served in the Army, I have gained much knowledge about what life is like for women in the military, and specifically the unique set of challenges military moms encounter during their careers.

As long as I can remember, my Aunt Michele has spoken fondly about serving in the Navy. Michele frequently recounts her experiences in the Navy and the positive impact they've had on her life. The Navy gave Michele a sense of purpose and pride. She met people who became lifelong friends. Michele told about how she enjoyed her work as a Radio Operator. She enjoyed being part of something larger than herself for the greater good of the country.

It is obvious from interviewing Michele that she loved her life in the Navy. Michele served on Active Duty from 1972 to 1974. She was stationed at the Naval Air Station in Bermuda. She met and married a Marine, Randy Coleman, who was stationed there as a guard. When her husband was due to transfer they were unsure where he would be assigned on his next duty station. The military makes an effort to station married couples together, but because her husband was in a different branch they could be separated. Michele had also become pregnant with her first child. In 1974, women could resign from the service honorably due to pregnancy. Initially, when Michele learned she was pregnant she planned to return to her career in the Navy after maternity leave. However, with uncertainty about remaining stationed together due to her husband's transfer, Michele felt resigning honorably from the Navy was the best decision for her new family.

Today, the military does not grant discharges for pregnancy. According to Navy Personnel Command, "Officer and enlisted Service members may request separation due to pregnancy. Requests will normally be denied unless it is determined to be in the best interest of the Navy or if the Service member demonstrates overriding and compelling factors of personal need, which warrant separation."

With mixed emotions, Michele resigned from the Navy six months into her pregnancy. However, Michele eventually separated from Randy and moved back home to Kansas City with her two-year-old daughter. In 1977, Michele joined the Naval Reserves. She was excited to be back in the Navy and was assigned to a NATO station in Europe. This occurred twice, once in 1981 and again in 1983.

Although Michele loved serving in the Reserves, the separation from her daughter was difficult. Michele had the responsibility of ensuring her daughter was well cared for and received proper supervision for a toddler. She also had to console her child who was too young to comprehend why mommy was leaving.

When Michele re-enlisted she says she understood she needed to be prepared for a deployment at any time, "you go where you are ordered." While deployed to Portugal, Michele experienced live action exercises that meant she actually gave direct orders to our Navy to maneuver their ships in the Atlantic. Michele said this was during the Cold War and these exercises helped the Navy keep a very close eye on the Russian Navy to keep these adversaries in their place.

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Aunt Michele in Uniform

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Michele looked forward to her Reserve weekend drills once per month. But, that also meant being away from her daughter. It was challenging to coordinate child care every month. Michele recounts difficulties with logistics and managing the emotional stress. She says she often felt guilty that her daughter got passed around between family members. Eventually, a friend from church offered to help Michele with her Reserve weekends. Her friend had a son in the Army and understood these challenges. It was a huge relief to Michele to know she had a caring, consistent caregiver she could trust with her daughter. The consistency was good for her daughter, and gave Michele peace of mind.

Years later, Michele re-married and had another child. Having two young children made Active Duty even more challenging. Her husband, who was recovering from a motorcycle accident, was not pleased with Michele's Active Duty. This added to Michele's list of worries while she was deployed. A year later, when Michele became pregnant with her third child, her husband gave her an ultimatum, "Decide between me or your military career." So, with a heavy heart, Michele resigned. She had invested eight years in the Navy and laments, "I loved what I did. That was the worst decision of my life."

Today, Michele serves in the veteran community and is active with her local unit of Military Women Across the Nation. She also is Commander of American Legion Post 1107 (all female) in Kansas City. She serves at the VA Medical Center on the volunteer committee and is on the Leadership Committee for St. Michael's Veterans Center, which is a "forever home" for homeless veterans.

Life for military moms has improved since Michele was in the Navy but 45 years later, military moms still face harsh challenges. In her blog, *Mothers in the Military: Punishing Mothers Who Serve*, Army First Lieutenant, Jessica Scott, writes about challenges military moms face today, including discrimination in child custody cases. According to Scott's article for PBS Women In War series, it is estimated that in 2010 nearly 30,000 single mothers had deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. A growing number of military moms face court battles to retain or regain custody of their children upon redeployment. Scott writes of her surprise that the courts often look at a mother or father's military service as detrimental to the well-being of the child.

In addition to juggling work challenges, military moms must be ready to pack up and move anywhere, any time. They must be prepared to deploy and ensure the needs of the family will be met while away. According to Scott one of the most difficult challenges they face is dealing with the emotional aspect of preparing themselves and their children for the possibility that they might not return home from a deployment. Scott states that, "In addition to the gamut of emotions military moms must face, the harshest reality is that she must make all the final preparations in case she doesn't return home. For military mothers, this reality makes the struggles of reintegration and the heartbreak of deployment that much harder."

Military moms must make difficult choices between continuing to serve the country they love and fulfilling their sense of duty with their desire to see their children and be the one who raises them.

Debra Anderson, who has had a distinguished career in the Army, is also very familiar with the challenges military moms face. Debra served many years in the Army, leaving

in 1993 as a Major. Today, she is Quartermaster General of the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW).

Debra recounts the challenges she faced when she and her husband, also in the Army, got deployed at the same time to Desert Storm. Like thousands of military families, this meant the couple had to leave their 14 year-old son behind. Although they were comfortable with their family who would be caring for their son, challenges arose, especially for him. In addition to adjusting to his new home and missing his parents, he had trouble adjusting to a new school mid-year. Debra stated, "Many military moms find it very difficult emotionally because they are dedicated to their jobs, and to serving their country. Reconciling these emotions with leaving family behind is particularly challenging. Anderson points out that in addition to having a "Family Readiness Plan" military moms need to be able to adjust to things as they develop." Debra emphasized the importance for military moms to compartmentalize issues that arise and put them aside. She said this is one of the biggest reasons many women leave the military.

The military does provide a myriad of support resources to help military families with challenges of deployment. At Military.com, an article titled "How Deployment Stress Affects Families" information is available to help families cope with the range of emotions that can be expected before, during, and after deployment and other challenges they will experience due to deployment. The article explains that the "emotional cycle of deployment begins when news of deployment is released to the family and explains the range of feelings and experiences family members can expect to encounter along with references for organizations that provide assistance.

Even with all the difficulties Michele, Debra, and other women face as military moms, the consensus is most military moms would whole-heartedly do it again. Michele remarks that of all the veterans she speaks with, the majority would do it over again, in a second. In civilian life, Michele has never felt the sense of camaraderie, dedication to duty, and love of country. She is very grateful to have experienced this while serving in the Navy.

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MILITARY WOMEN OF TAMPA BAY

Unit #55 (FL) – Unit members participated in U.S. Congressman Gus Bilirakis' 12th Annual Veterans Resource Fair Saturday, June 23rd at the Verizon Event Center in New Port Richey. This event affords veterans opportunities to connect with resources to include healthcare, educational benefits, VA disability claims, job placement/employment services, housing and social services. In addition, MWTB55 uses this as an opportunity to meet and connect with women veterans and introduce them to Military Women Across the Nation.



From Left: Roberta Jordan, Pattie Duvall, Congressman Gus Bilirakis, Jouay Koppari, Cathy Gerolimatos



From Left: Roberta Jordan, Jouay Koppari, Pattie Duvall, Mary Atzert, Lee Martin



Unit member Cathy Gerolimatos was invited to participate in opening ceremonies to the National Hockey League Tampa Bay Lightning's game against the New Jersey Devils Saturday, April 14th, at Amalie Arena in Tampa. Pregame activities included an opportunity to ride the Zamboni around the ice rink with Tampa Bay Lightning's mascot Thunderbug (pictured at left). Once all the pregame fun came to an end, Cathy stood on

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the ice between Sonya, an Air Force veteran who sang the National Anthem, and the Color Guard. Tampa Bay Lightning won the game. Cathy invited her sister Mary Gerolimatos and MWTB55 Unit President Jouay Koppari to join her for the VIP treatment. The evening included lots of good food and beverages as well as promotional items such as beads, a drinking glass, a bracelet and a can cozy. Great fun for all.



Cathy Gerolimatos' 15 seconds of fame on the big screen

Unit President Jouay Koppari had the opportunity to meet World War II veteran Lieutenant Hope Rogers Kirkendall, Army Nurse Corps, at the annual Memorial Day Remembrance held in the Veterans Resource Center, Hillsborough County Veterans Memorial Park Sunday, May 27th.

(Below) Hope in 1947.
(Right) Hope with Jouay



Southeastern Guide Dogs (which sponsors the "Paws for Patriots Program") held its annual walkathon April 14th at Al Lopez Park in Tampa. Cathy Gerolimatos and her dog Cookie (pictured at left) participated in the 3K walk with Cookie making the entire walk on her own!

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COLUMBIA RIVER RIPPLES

Unit #70 (OR) - On April 21st two "Ripples" attended the Commissioning of the USS Portland (LPD-27) in Portland. The newest ship in the Pacific Fleet is the eleventh San Antonio class and the third to hold the name Portland, but it is the first to be named solely for the city of Portland in honor of its significant maritime history. An amphibious transport dock ship, the primary mission is to embark Marine forces while providing communications, connectivity and medical services.



Carol Fish (Left) and Marcia Leslie at USS Portland Commissioning.

The Portland is 684 feet long with a crew of 384 (76 are women) and her motto is "First Responders, Brave and Determined." The ship carries landing craft and aircraft, and can carry large construction vehicles to assist in humanitarian and/or relief efforts around the world. It can deliver 500-800 Marines wherever needed.

There is a small hospital on board with 24 beds, two operating rooms, two dental operating rooms, an intensive care unit, blood bank and x-ray facilities. Following the commissioning, unit members enjoyed a box lunch before touring the ship. During the hour-long tour, they were led from the fantail to the bridge, up and down ladders to see officer and crew mess and quarters, hospital areas, construction vehicles, landing craft and the Osprey that was aboard. It took a few days to recover from all the exercise, and gave them a greater appreciation for the work crew members do in performance of their duties.



Waiting to tour the USS Portland. Carol Fish at the USS Portland.

FLATWATER WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #98 (NE) – Seven unit members met Saturday, June 16th, at Jake's Restaurant in Blair. Pat Hunsche and Deb Wehrlie were hosting. The main discussion of our meeting was the English "Tea" we will host for the women residents at the Nebraska Veterans Home on September 8th.

Following the meeting and lunch we went to Acme Fabric in downtown Blair and several "quilters" found some items.



From left: (Seated) Marjorie Neill and Helen Stauffer, our World War II veterans (Standing) Suzanne Gilsdorf, Jeannie Bixby, Margaret Nehring, Pat Hunsche, and Deborah Wehrlie.

For unit information please contact Pat Hunsche at phunsche@abbnebraska.com or 402-426-2013.

OCEAN STATE

Unit #118 (RI) - In March Rhode Island Unit 118 celebrated Women History Month. Each year, our unit celebrates by having a Spring Tea at the Bristol Veterans Home with the lady veterans. Mother Nature this year had other plans! During the Spring Tea we had planned to recognize those women who served during the Korean War and received very little recognition for their service.



From Left: Unit President Ginny Hanson, Dorothy Collins, Virginia Beltz, Rhode Island Director Lori Ashness

In Ocean State Unit 118, we have three women who served during the Korean War. These lovely ladies were given their awards at our first meeting on April 7th. Those recognized were: Dorothy M. "Dot" Collins our unit historian; Virginia Beltz who has been with the unit for many years, and Estella O'Connell who could not join us at the meeting because of her travel on an Honor Flight!

At the meeting, Dorothy and Virginia were given state congressional recognition by Rhode Island Representatives Nicholas Mattiello, Speaker of the House and House Veterans Affairs Chairman, and Samuel Azzinaro. A special "Thank You" is extended to these ladies for paving the way for the next generation of women who volunteer to serve in the Armed Forces.

MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

Unit #152 (VA) - Unit members spent March and April enjoying the closeness of the Unit.

We had many new faces among us at our April meeting, as students from the Naval School of Music at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek joined us. Following the meeting, Jo Heimerl and Bobbi Waldren (pictured below) spent quality time welcoming the students and sharing their Navy experiences.



In support of Women's History Month, five members were able to share their military histories with several members of the community.

Our monthly stitch and stuff for Pillows for Patriots included new and returning Unit members, and a few young visitors.



Member Subrina Strauss (Right) enjoys a teaching moment with her daughter while stitching and stuffing Pillows for Patriots.

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In continued support of her Unit, Maggie Cobb joined a group of members at a glass painting luncheon, driving through fog for almost four hours.



Maggie Cobb designs a one-of-a-kind Coast Guard wine glass.

April Maletz, Betty Hand, and Martha Kastler were on deck for an early morning – late night Angel Flight to Washington, DC. Twenty-five WWII, Korean and Vietnam era veterans were treated to a very special day in their honor.



(Above left) April Maletz, VA Beach/Southside, Honor Flight Historic Triangle Virginia Assistant Director (Above right) Betty Hand (on left) & Martha Kastler, Honor Flight Guardian teamwork

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

TRISTATE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit 157 (TN) – Unit members have been very busy this summer from marching in parades and working with other veteran groups to several members participating in Operation Song (www.operationssong.org).

Our largest turnout by far was for the Armed Forces Day Parade. Chattanooga is one of very few cities which have celebrated Armed Forces Day with a parade every year since the event was established in 1949. The local parade is followed by a luncheon attended by local, state and national dignitaries, including high-ranking military members. More than 40 unit members and guests attended this year's parade and luncheon reminding all present that Women Proudly Serve!

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Chattanooga Armed Forces Day Parade participants include (From Left) Front Row: Unit President Cathy Brown, Ramona O'Keefe, Ada Moncrief, Kit Standifer, Judith Stringfield, Gloria Gray, Deborah James, Teena Gravitt, Joyce Campbell & Laura Comas Middle Row: Shelly Galloway, Alma Carter, Tracey Pruet, Phyllis Schelski, Michele Lorino, Bobbie Mallard & Patty Parks Back Row: Lorie Casto, Laura Holder & Renee Chisholm

Charter member Renee Chisholm was selected by unit members for the 2017 Lady Bug Spirit Award. The award is given annually to the non-officer unit member who has displayed the most support for her sister military women.



From Left: Unit President Cathy Brown, Award Recipient Renee Chisholm and award founder/sponsor Patty Parks.



NEW ENGLAND MILITARY WOMEN

Unit #158 (RI) – Unit members marched and rode in this year's Independence Day Parade. Pictured above, Dora Vasquez-Hellner (Left) and Unit Vice President Maria Helena Peixoto lead the way as, pictured below Unit Secretary/Treasurer GinaMarie Doherty chauffeurs Unit President Dorothy Dilullo. One-five-eight is great!



Overview of Available National Staff Positions

Responsibilities, Duties & Requirements for each position are detailed in the MilWomen Procedures Manual

Bylaws Chair - Applicant must understand national bylaws and be familiar with Robert's Rules of Order. The ability to communicate via email is also necessary. Some duties include: maintenance of current bylaws; reviewing and assisting units in the development/maintenance of unit bylaws; coordinating proposed amendments for review at Midterm and presentation at convention, and distribution of updated bylaws following any changes. The Bylaws Chair currently has one vote on the MilWomen Board of Directors.

Parliamentarian - Applicant must understand national bylaws and be familiar with Robert's Rules of Order. Some duties include: Provide correct and accurate advice on matters of parliamentary procedure to the national president, units, members and committees. The Parliamentarian is currently a non-voting member of the MilWomen Board of Directors.

Scholarship Chair – Applicant needs the ability to communicate via email. Some duties include: Submit essay topic recommendations; Update the scholarship application each year for publication; Seek alternate avenues of publicity; Locate three people to judge essays; Coordinate the receipt and distribution of essays.

Historian – Applicant needs the ability to receive, send and access digital files. Primary duty is to maintain a documented history of MilWomen through the collection of photos, newspaper clippings and significant documents.



Quilts of Valor
Quilting to Honor & Comfort



World War II veterans Marjorie Neill (Left) and Helen Stauffer (Above) were each recently presented with a Quilt of Valor. Both gals are long-time members of Nebraska's Flatwater Women Veterans Unit #98 and were thrilled with their quilts.

Established in 2004, Quilts of Valor Foundation (QOVF) volunteer members have made and presented nearly 200,000 quilts to military men and women which exemplifies the foundation's mission "to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor."

The Foundation does not provide quilts to organizations for permanent public display according to its webpage, QOVF.org. Additionally, the webpage further states Quilts of Valor cannot be awarded posthumously as its mission is to cover living service members and veterans.

Completed Quilts of Valor may be awarded locally to awardees known by the quilt maker or in the quilt maker's community. Alternatively, individuals and groups may ask the Foundation to select destinations for completed quilts. Quilts of Valor are generally patriotic in color and design, and large enough to cover an average-sized adult.

QOVF is a 501(C)(3) not for profit foundation. For more information about requesting a Quilt of Valor or becoming a member of the foundation, please visit www.QOVF.org or write to Quilts of Valor Foundation, P.O. Box 191, Winterset, Iowa 50273-0191.



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PLEASE PRINT!

OLD Address: _____

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MWAN Supply Locker

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

Address: _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Did you circle the type/size and/or color on items?? **Double Check please!** **Phone Number: () _____

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

PATCHES

- MWAN 2 1/2" (caps) \$3. X _____ = _____
- MWAN 3" (shirts) \$4. X _____ = _____
- MWAN 8 1/2" (vest) \$10. X _____ = _____
- US Navy WAVES Veteran (circle) \$4. X _____ = _____
- Patches, Navy Flag or Services (USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY) \$4. X _____ = _____
- Women Vets Patch (arch) \$5. X _____ = _____
- Proud to Serve (square) \$5. X _____ = _____
- Women are Veterans Too \$5. X _____ = _____
- WAVES anchor patch (old style) \$4. X _____ = _____
- Vietnam Era Eagle Patch \$6. X _____ = _____
- American Flag Patch (3.5"x2") \$4 X _____ = _____

JEWELRY & PINS

- MWAN Coin \$10. X _____ = _____
- MWAN Lapel pin \$4. X _____ = _____
- MWAN Charm \$7. X _____ = _____
- American Veteran Wrist Bracelet \$5. X _____ = _____
- MWAN Earrings \$12. X _____ = _____
- MWAN Coin Keychain \$12 X _____ = _____
- Watch, USN WAVES \$30. X _____ = _____
- Original Hat Pin \$10. X _____ = _____
- Anchor&Prop Earring \$14. X _____ = _____
- Anchor&Prop Charm \$7. X _____ = _____
- Anchor&Prop Lapel Pin \$4. X _____ = _____
- Veteran Lapel Pins \$4. X _____ = _____
(USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)
- Little Lady WAVE w/Flag Pin \$4. X _____ = _____
- Dog Tag (Women Proudly Served) Pin \$5 X _____ = _____
- Freedom Forever Eagle Pin \$5. X _____ = _____
- US Flag & Service Flag Pin \$4. X _____ = _____
(USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)
- USN Hat Pin (Spread Eagle w/USN) \$8. X _____ = _____
- USN Crest Lapel Pin \$4. X _____ = _____
- Sister Warrior Pin \$5. X _____ = _____
- US Navy Lapel Pin \$4. X _____ = _____
- USN Patriotic Ribbon Pin \$4. X _____ = _____
- POW/MIA Lapel Pin \$5. X _____ = _____
- Vietnam Era Eagle Pin \$6. X _____ = _____
- DON Lapel Pin \$4. X _____ = _____
- Service Crest Lapel \$4. X _____ = _____
(USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY)
- Service Dog Tags \$5. X _____ = _____
(USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)

****Shipping Cost****

Up to \$45 = \$7; \$46-\$100 = \$14; \$101 & above = \$20

Check/MO # _____

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- Neck Tabs, Black w/Velcro \$12. X _____ = _____
- Garrison Caps (patch is supplied) \$23. X _____ = _____
Sizes: 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26
- MWAN Visor \$12. X _____ = _____
- MWAN Ball Cap \$12. X _____ = _____
- MWAN T-Shirt \$15. X _____ = _____
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- MWAN Polo Shirt \$30. X _____ = _____
(Gray or White) - Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- MWAN Jacket \$32. X _____ = _____
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
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Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
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Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL

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- 2016 National Convention Patch \$1. X _____ = _____
- MWAN Playing Cards \$10. X _____ = _____
- Canvas Key Chains (star or stripes) \$6. X _____ = _____
- 2016 National Convention Coin \$6. X _____ = _____
- US Navy WAVES Veteran Magnet \$3. X _____ = _____
- 10 Single-Fold Notes w/envelopes \$10. X _____ = _____
(MWAN logo or Military Hat (circle one))
- MWAN Window Decal \$2. X _____ = _____
- MWAN Magnets \$2. X _____ = _____
- MWAN Car Magnet (Oval-8") \$5. X _____ = _____
- MWAN Pencils 2/\$1. X _____ = _____
- MWAN Pens \$2. X _____ = _____
- WAVES Key Chain, Rubber \$5 X _____ = _____
- MWAN Flags (3'x5') \$80. X _____ = _____
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- MWAN PopSockets \$10. X _____ = _____
3 for \$25. X _____ = _____

NAME BADGES W/MWAN PUCK: \$15 X _____ = _____

Double clutch back or Magnet back (circle one)

Name on Badge: _____

Nickname/Maiden/Other Info _____

Branch _____ Years/From: _____ To: _____

MWAN Unit Name & Number _____

(**Use back of form if you need more space**)

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Subtotal: \$ _____

ADD Shipping \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____

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



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Gone but not forgotten

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Mona C. (Bailey) Russey	021/OH
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Evelyn L. (Pfetzing) Coy	036/CA
Violet A. (Schultz) Ragland	036/CA
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Mildred J. (Harrington) Hussey	055/FL
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U.S. Marine Corps

Margaret "Peg" (Bruce) Rood	113/VT
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(Dues period 1 January to 31 December)

Please type, print or use address label

Name: _____ Member ID #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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