

# MILITARY Women's BULLETIN



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## Annual Dues, National Election & Proposed Bylaws

As we continue to learn every day, the extraordinary circumstances swirling around our COVID-19 experience persist in altering even the most well-intentioned plans. In an effort to keep our organization operational and healthy, your representatives on the Military Women Across the Nation (MWAN) Board of Directors (BOD) have opted to proceed with necessary, albeit modified, business activities.

### National Dues

MWAN national dues are due and payable January 1<sup>st</sup> each year. According to MWAN Bylaws, membership (unit and/or MAL) will be forfeited if annual dues are not received by our National Treasurer by April 1<sup>st</sup>. This year, the MWAN BOD has extended the membership forfeiture date to July 1<sup>st</sup> to accommodate units which have been unable to hold unit meetings due to COVID-19 restrictions as well as in support of members impacted by unemployment. Please keep in mind your dues MUST be current for you to be eligible to vote in the MWAN National Election.

### National Election

In even-numbered years MWAN holds an election for the national offices of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. Photographs and biographies for all 2020 candidates are printed in this issue of Military Women's Bulletin (the bulletin) on pages 2-4.

The election of national officers will proceed as it has in the past. The Official Mail-In Ballot is located on page 17 with page 18 serving as a self-envelope to submit the completed ballot. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO AFFIX 1<sup>st</sup> CLASS POSTAGE** after properly folding and taping the self-envelope.

While the election will proceed as usual, the MWAN 2020 National Convention has been cancelled due to COVID-19, so the election results will be announced September 1<sup>st</sup> on our website ([milwomen.org](http://milwomen.org)) and on our closed-group Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/MILWOMEN/>). The results will also be printed in the October 2020 bulletin.

Per MWAN Bylaws, ballots will be counted by an outside firm which will be provided with a member list including the MWAN identification numbers of all members who are in good standing. To be in "good standing" a member must be a life member or her dues must have been received by the National Treasurer by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

### Proposed 2020 Bylaws

At the MWAN 2018 National Convention membership approved a complete rewrite of the 2018 MWAN Bylaws. Using all available methods of communication and two full days of face-to-face discussion during the MWAN 2019 BOD Midterm meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, the BOD has developed a Proposed 2020 MWAN Bylaws Rewrite.

This proposed rewrite is printed in its entirety on pages 5-14 of this bulletin. Rather than wait two years to discuss the proposed rewrite at a convention, the BOD has decided to ask membership to either Approve or Disapprove the proposed rewrite as presented. The proposed bylaws vote option follows the list of candidates on the Official Mail-In Ballot on page 17.

If membership Approves the proposed rewrite, the BOD will be enabled to move forward implementing changes during the next two years. If the proposed rewrite is Disapproved by membership, the 2018 MWAN Bylaws will remain in effect until the MWAN 2022 National Convention convenes.

Please read the Proposed MWAN Bylaws Rewrite carefully and compare it with the 2018 MWAN Bylaws which are currently in effect. To assist in your review, a narrative discussing significant changes between the 2018 MWAN Bylaws and the Proposed 2020 MWAN Bylaws Rewrite is located on page 16 of this bulletin.

If you do not have a copy of the current bylaws, you may obtain a copy in one of the following ways:

1. Download a copy from the MWAN website: [milwomen.org](http://milwomen.org). The 2018 MWAN Bylaws are located on the home page under the tab marked "Governing Docs & Forms".
2. Request a paper or emailed copy from your Unit Treasurer or Regional Representative. Contact information for Regional Representatives as well as the states each represents are listed on page 4 of this bulletin.
3. Request a paper copy from MWAN National Bylaws Chair Vicki Orem by calling (910) 363-5019.



# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## ★ Nominee for President ★

My name is **Patricia “Patty Jo” Parks** and I am currently serving my second term as your National President. The MWAN Board of Directors has approved my bylaws waiver request allowing me to run for a third term.



I have spent my first two terms promoting the growth of MWAN and determining what our members expect. If elected to a third term as your National President, I pledge to encourage the advancement of our organization in a manner consistent with supporting all members and developing an efficient, cost-effective structure calculated to promote MWAN's future expansion and sustainability.

MWAN/WN Experience: 2016-Present/National President; 2015-Present/Unit #157 Treasurer; 2015/Coordinated & Chartered MWAN Unit #157; 2010-2016/Tennessee State Director; 2010-2013/Unit #149 Secretary; 2006-2012/WAVES National (WN) Ship's Store Officer; 2006-2010/Unit #149 President; 2003-2006/Unit #149 Secretary; 2002-2010/National Board of Directors; 2002-2010/Regional Representative XI; 2002-2006/Tennessee State Director; 2002-2004/WN National Executive Committee; 2001-2003/Unit #151 Secretary; 2001/Coordinated & Chartered WN Unit #151 and WN Unit #149; 1989-2001/WN Member at Large

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

**Elisabeth Lewandowski:** I have been a member of the Salt River Military Women Unit #155 (Arizona) for almost two years and attended my first national convention in San Diego in 2018. I bring lunch from Starbucks to the monthly MWAN meeting in Phoenix and I try to attend most women's military events in the Phoenix area.



I am currently serving as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserve as a Unit Supply Specialist responsible for receiving and inspecting inventory, loading/unloading stores and issuing and delivery of supplies and equipment. I maintain the Automated Supply System for accounting of organizational and installation supplies and equipment. I issue and receive small arms and secure and control weapons and ammunition in security areas. I have about 10 more years before I can retire. I've worked with civil affairs,

signals, and went on tour with Army Entertainment in the U.S. Army Soldier Show.

I have a non-profit organization called “Veteran’s Hands in Action” and have been the Donation & Program Advisor since January 2014. I advertise and collect items for fundraisers and events and set up trips for volunteers to Balboa Naval Hospital and an orphanage in Haiti. We take part in feeding different local communities, which include after school programs, volunteers at the VA Phoenix Hospital, School of the Blind, low-income families, and many more military groups and events. I hold a License from the California Medical School, San Diego, CA (2017) and a Bachelors’ Degree in International Studies from the Central College, Pella, IA (1999). I provide CNA & In-Home Health Care (since March 2017) which includes private home care encompassing feeding, changing and activities inside and outside the location.

Although I have not yet held any unit, state or national MWAN office, I know that I can be an outstanding and open-minded 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for you. My goal is to help MWAN grow and to help provide speakers for future conventions and conferences! I hope that others will be encouraged to bring more of their skills to MWAN in the future. You can see that I have the leadership skills required to serve as your MWAN 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and I humbly ask for your vote.

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



My name is **Gloria Wix** and I was born and raised in Texas. I was in the U.S. Navy for almost four years during the Vietnam War (1963-1966) and went to boot camp at the Naval Training Center in Bainbridge, Maryland. After graduating I was stationed there for most of a year, then transferred to NAS Pensacola, Florida. My final duty station was NAVSTA Long Beach, California, the

Yeoman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class, processing Sailors and Marines for duty in Vietnam. I was honorably discharged in June 1966. I worked in the civilian sector in administrative and secretarial positions for several years, then in the civil service for 20 years in Iwakuni, Japan, Oceanside, California and Washington DC, until my 2004 retirement.

I have been a life member of WAVES National/Military Women Across the Nation since 2007 and have been fortunate to have held several positions in both organizations: Unit 94 President (4 years), National Chaplain (4 years), National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (2 years), and National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (2 years).

★★ Candidates continued on Page 3 ★★

# MEET THE CANDIDATES

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## **Gloria Wix continued:**

I am a life member of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1004 (7 years), a dual Auxiliary member (2 years), member American Legion Post #281 (7 years), a dual Auxiliary member (2 years), and Del Webb Veterans Club (7 years), where I live. I volunteer with all of these groups when called and make and take "goody bags" (toilet items) to the patients at the York VA Hospital in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, for most holidays. I also participate in parades, make speeches to groups, and assist in collecting donations for the above groups.

I will continue to support MWAN and help to grow our organization in any way I can be of service.

## **★ Nominee for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President ★**



**GinaMarie Doherty:** I served 26 years on active duty in the U.S. Navy from 1986 to 2012 culminating in my promotion to Senior Chief Petty Officer (E8). A few of my port visits and duty stations include Guantanamo Bay Cuba, Spain, Dubai, France, Washington, and Virginia. I served as ship's secretary, USS L.Y. SPEAR (AS 36); ship's office Senior Noncommissioned Officer,

USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72), pre-commissioning unit and USS OSCAR AUSTIN (DDG 79); Master Training Specialist, Surface Warfare Specialist, Security Manager, plank owner, and plane captain A6E Intruder.

As a veteran, I hold state level officer positions in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and it's auxiliary. I am a member of the Disabled American Veterans and American Legion where I advocate for veterans' benefits. Residing in Middletown, Rhode Island, my husband Stephen and I enjoy spending time with fellow veterans and their families through community outreach and volunteering in VA hospitals. I earned a master's degree in Management and am currently a full-time student studying Gerontology, with a goal of improving elder care in nursing homes.

I was elected National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President midyear through the 2018-2020 term and am running for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President again, in order to complete a full term. I am a charter member of Unit 158 and have served our organization as Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services Rhode Island and National Recording Secretary.

## **★ Nominee for Recording Secretary ★**



**Debbie Crutchfield:** I served in the Navy from Oct 16, 1969 to January 31, 1992. Retired as a Chief Personnelman (PNC) out of VP-92, NAS South Weymouth, Massachusetts, after serving a little over 22 years. I have been married for 44 years to a retired Navy Chief (AWC) who served from 1963-1992. We had a joint retirement ceremony onboard the USS

CONSTITUTION in Boston. We live in Lexington, South Carolina. We have one son and daughter-in-law who live in Greenville, South Carolina.

After retirement, I graduated from Columbus State University, Columbus, Georgia, with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education. I taught pre-kindergarten and kindergarten in Georgia public school for three years until my husband got a job transfer to South Carolina. I taught pre-kindergarten at my church for 11 years before retiring in 2015, I am currently a substitute teacher at my church preschool.

I joined WAVES National (now known as MWAN) in 1982 and became a life member in 1991. I was elected as National Recording Secretary at the 1992 convention and served for two years. During that time, I also took on the position of National Executive Secretary. I have been affiliated with several units in the different duty stations I served. I was a charter member of the Channel Islands Unit 2 in Oxnard, California; member of Bay Area WAVES Unit 3 in Cupertino, California, member of Cape Cod WAVES Unit 18 in the Boston area, and Heart of Dixie Unit 22 in Birmingham, Alabama. I was also a charter member of the Cherokee Rose Unit 139 in Atlanta, Georgia. I served that unit as secretary, treasurer, vice president and president before we had to disband. I also served as Georgia State Director during the time I lived there. I am currently a member of Triangle Military Women Unit 144 in North Carolina. As a member I am also in charge of the fundraising for our Bainbridge WAVES via the Ship's Store Facebook page.

I was elected as National Recording Secretary of MWAN in 2018 and would like to serve again as your National Recording Secretary in 2020.

★ ★ Candidates continued on Page 4 ★ ★

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★ Nominee for Treasurer ★



My name is **Terry Taylor** and I'm asking for your vote for treasurer. I served in the U.S. Navy from 1975-1979 as a Cryptologic Technician (R). My tours of duty included Naval Communications Station Rota, Spain, and Naval Security Group Activity Lajes, Azores. I was also in the Naval Reserve from 1982 through 1989. I went to college on the GI Bill and

graduated with a degree in accounting from Sonoma State University in 1984, becoming a Certified Public Accountant in 1987. (I'm now a retired CPA). My career included several government and nongovernment positions in the accounting field.

I am currently a member of Salt River Military Women, Unit #158, and have held the positions of unit treasurer and unit vice president. I have also served as the scholarship chairman for National and am a member of American Legion Post 58. Besides my position as National Treasurer of MWAN, I am involved in various volunteer activities including coaching computer classes at the local library and ushering for The Phoenix Theater and Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. I also volunteer with Pets on Wheels visiting assisted living facilities with my dog, Stella. My husband, Richard, and I live in Scottsdale, AZ where we enjoy traveling and hiking.

I am completing my first term as National Treasurer of MWAN and I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving our organization as your treasurer and to help ensure our future success!



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**Alternate: VACANT**

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# **Proposed MWAN 2020 Bylaws Rewrite**

## **2020 BYLAWS OF MILITARY WOMEN ACROSS THE NATION**

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## MILITARY WOMEN ACROSS THE NATION BYLAWS 2020

### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be Military Women Across the Nation, hereinafter known as MWAN or MILWOMEN.

### ARTICLE II – ORGANIZATION, MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

**Section 1. Organization.** MWAN is organized as a non-profit, non-sectarian and non-partisan corporation of military service women who served or are serving honorably in the United States Armed Forces, both regular and reserve components, including the National Guard.

**Section 2. Objectives and Mission.**

Using patriotism and loyalty to God, country and family as guiding principles, the objectives and mission of MWAN shall be to:

- perpetuate the camaraderie and honorable history of women in the military services;
- strive to support morale and give assistance to all women veterans in need;
- seek opportunities for locating, communicating and associating with military service women;
- provide the establishment of local units and a medium of exchange between MWAN and the units;
- support other veteran organizations and active duty units (as appropriate) in community service.

### ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

**Section 1. Qualifications.** Membership shall be open to women who have served, or are serving, in the regular or reserve components of the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard, who can show proof of honorable service.

**Section 2. Classification.** There shall be two classes of membership:

- A. Unit members are members who are aligned to a specific chartered unit. Unit membership is limited to one unit.
- B. Members-at-Large (MALs) are not aligned with a unit but pay the same dues directly to the MWAN Vice President (VP) for Finance.

**Section 3. Admissions.** Application for membership shall be submitted to the VP for Finance accompanied by the annual dues.

**Section 4. Good Standing.** A member in good standing is one whose current dues are paid.

**Section 5. Reinstatement.** A former member who forfeited membership for non-payment of dues may be reinstated and given her previous membership number upon request. She shall complete an application, indicate she is a reinstated member, and mail to the officer indicated on the application, along with the current year's dues or payment for a life membership.

**Section 6. Removal.** The Board of Directors (BOD) may consider any member for removal from membership for misconduct.

#### **ARTICLE IV - DUES AND FINANCE**

**Section 1. Dues.**

A. New Members. Membership dues for first time applicants shall be determined by the membership. Dues paid by new members joining after 1 September shall be valid through the following calendar year.

B. Annual renewal dues shall be designated in the MWAN budget.

C. Life membership dues shall be established by the BOD.

**Section 2. Payable.**

A. Dues shall be due and payable on 1 January. Membership shall be forfeited if dues are not received by 1 March.

B. Life member dues shall be due and payable on 1 January or payable in two installments postmarked before 31 July of the same year.

C. Unit Treasurers and MALs shall send MWAN dues to the VP for Finance.

D. The membership year shall be from 1 January through 31 December.

**Section 3. Budget.** A proposed annual fiscal year budget shall be presented at the midterm and pre-convention BOD meetings for approval.

**Section 4. Financial Reports.** The financial records of MWAN shall be compiled biennially within thirty days of the end of the fiscal year by the VP for Finance. An audit shall be made by an internal audit committee whenever the VP for Finance's office is vacated or whenever deemed necessary by the BOD.

**Section 5. Bonding.** The following MWAN members shall be bonded by MWAN: President, VP for Membership, VP for Finance and Supply Locker Officer.

**Section 6. Restrictions on Benefits and Conflict of Interest.** No members shall profit or benefit from any part of the income or property of the corporation. No member shall use personal information or resources derived from MWAN activities for any unrelated personal or professional activity or business.

**Section 7. Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year shall be from 1 August through 31 July.

#### **ARTICLE V - AFFILIATION WITH UNITS**

**Section 1. Divisions.** The divisions of MWAN shall be:

A. Geographically by states and regions.

B. Regions of MWAN are:

- I. California, Hawaii, Nevada.
- II. Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington.
- III. Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah.
- IV. Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming.
- V. Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin.
- VI. Florida.
- VII. Oklahoma, Texas.
- VIII. Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi.
- IX. Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska.
- X. Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee.
- XI. Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia.

XII. Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, DC.

XIII. Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont.

C. Units are local groups with a minimum of five members of MWAN.

**Section 2. Local Units.**

A. Purpose. A unit of MWAN shall promote the purpose and objectives of MWAN on the local level.

B. Requirements. A unit of MWAN may be organized when the following requirements have been met:

1. At least seven members in good standing in MWAN are required to start a unit. Members of a new unit shall be known as charter members if they join the unit within one year of chartering. A unit must maintain a minimum of five members in order to retain its charter.

2. A unit may extend Associate Membership, for local membership only, to women veterans who shall not: pay MWAN dues, vote on MWAN issues, or be eligible for Unit office of President or Vice President. Associate members may be:

a. Women veterans of allied or coalition forces who are not eligible for MWAN membership, but who may attend MWAN Biennial Convention.

b. A member of another MWAN unit.

3. The unit shall adopt bylaws that are not in conflict with MWAN bylaws and be approved by the Bylaws Chair.

4. A unit shall elect at least three officers consisting of President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. (Has the option to elect as many other officers as desired)

5. The unit shall have at least three regular meetings per year.

C. Application for Charter.

1. Application for charter shall be completed and forwarded to the VP for Unit Liaison. The application should be completed in accordance with the Procedures Manual.

2. All members of a unit applying for a charter shall be required to be members of MWAN.

D. Charter Revocation and/or Dissolution.

1. A charter may be revoked by a two-thirds vote of the BOD.

2. Causes for revocation shall be failure to:

a. Maintain required minimum membership.

b. Hold regular meetings.

c. Comply with the principles and provisions established by MWAN Bylaws.

d. Bring unit bylaws into compliance with MWAN Bylaws.

3. Revocation of a charter shall not affect the existence, property, contract, debts, or liabilities of the unit as an autonomous entity, but shall immediately cease indication by its name or otherwise its affiliation to MWAN. The individual members of the former unit shall be entitled to continue as members of MWAN.

4. In case of dissolution by common consent of the unit members, the charter will be returned to the VP for Unit Liaison. Members of the dissolved unit shall be encouraged to remain in MWAN as MALs. If the unit wishes to reactivate, it may request that the same unit name and number.

**Section 3. Solicitation of Funds.** No member or group of MWAN members may solicit funds in the name of MWAN for other than MWAN programs, unless this action is approved by MWAN BOD. Units may establish a dues program or other projects to be used for the furtherance of providing funds for the unit, provided there is a clear understanding by the participants that the funds solicited are for local unit use.

**Section 4. Unit Emblem.** A local unit may use a unit emblem for identification as a local unit of MWAN with the approval of the BOD.



## ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

### **Section 1. Officers.**

- A. The elected officers of MWAN shall be President, VP for Membership, VP for Unit Liaison, VP for Finance and Regional Representatives.
- B. The appointed officers shall be Secretary, Editor, Historian, Bylaws Chair and Supply Locker Officer. These officers are appointed by the newly elected President with the approval of the newly elected BOD.
- C. Elected and appointed officers shall receive no compensation. All officers may be reimbursed for expenses in the performance of their duties as the budget allows.
- D. Elected officers of MWAN shall hold no other elected office concurrently at the National or Regional level.

### **Section 2. Qualifications.**

- A. A candidate for elective office shall be a member of MWAN, be familiar with the objectives and purposes of MWAN, have leadership experience, and have time to devote to the duties of the office.
- B. A candidate for the office of President shall have served on the BOD of MWAN. She shall understand the objectives and purposes of MWAN and have the leadership skills required of the position.

### **Section 3. Term of Office.**

- A. Officers shall be elected for a term of two years or until their successors are elected and assume office. No elected officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office, except the VP for Finance, who may serve an indefinite number of terms.
- B. The officers shall assume their duties at the close of the convention at which they are elected.

### **Section 4. Vacancy in Office.**

- A. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the VP for Membership. Any other vacancy shall be filled by the BOD within 30 days of such vacancy, or as soon thereafter as possible.
- B. When an elected officer fails to fulfill the duties of her office, the BOD shall decide by two-thirds vote what action will be taken.

### **Section 5. Duties of Officers.**

#### A. The President shall:

1. Be the chief executive officer and official representative of MWAN.
2. Preside at all meetings of the BOD and biennial convention.
3. Exercise the leadership necessary to assure the proper promotion of the policies and programs of MWAN.
4. Appoint a Secretary, Editor, Historian, Bylaws Chair, and Supply Locker Officer, and standing and special committee chairmen, as deemed necessary, with the approval of the newly appointed BOD.
5. Perform the duties that pertain to the office in compliance with Bylaws and Standing Rules adopted by the members in convention.
6. Be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.
7. Sign all contracts with outside firms with the VP for Finance.
8. Authorize payment for vouchers and invoices in accordance with the approved budget and submit to the VP for Finance for payment.
9. Be Editor-in-Chief of the Military Women's Bulletin.

#### B. The VP for Membership shall:

1. Assist the President in fulfilling her duties and responsibilities of MWAN.
2. Succeed to the office of President for the unexpired term in the event of a vacancy in that office.
3. Actively conduct annual membership drives using all available means.

4. In the absence of either the President or the VP for Finance, the VP for Membership shall have the authority to sign MWAN checks.

5. Obtain a list of all unit officers and members from the Secretary for recruiting purposes.

6. Provide an annual report of activities and accomplishments to the BOD.

C. The VP for Unit Liaison shall:

1. Provide resources for the expansion of current units.

2. Assist Regional Representatives in forming new units of MWAN.

D. The VP for Finance shall:

1. Be custodian of all funds.

2. Submit an annual financial report to the BOD. An itemized financial report will be submitted to the MWAN President quarterly.

3. Develop an annual budget for submission to the BOD.

4. Submit vouchers and invoices to the President in accordance with the budget for authorization to pay.

5. Receive all MWAN dues from Unit Treasurers and MALs and deposit monies into MWAN bank account.

6. Forward an updated database to the Secretary on a bi-monthly basis.

7. Co-sign with the President on all contracts with outside firms.

**Section 6. Duties of Appointed Officers.**

A. The Secretary shall:

1. Perform general administrative duties.

2. Forward an updated database to the VP for Finance on a bi-monthly basis.

3. Provide new members and new life members with a membership card upon verification of the membership.

Keep the membership database current and coordinate with the VP for Finance.

4. Provide a regional member list on a regular basis to Regional Representatives.

6. Attend BOD meetings.

7. Record proceedings of all meetings of MWAN and BOD. Within forty-five days, provide each member of the BOD with a copy of the minutes.

8. Maintain the permanent files and records of MWAN.

B. The Military Women's Bulletin Editor shall:

1. Compile, edit and format information submitted by members and forward to the President for final review and editing.

2. Forward the completed bulletin to members via email and to the publisher for further distribution.

C. The Historian shall maintain the history and prepare a narrative account of MWAN activities during her term of office.

D. The Supply Locker Officer shall:

1. Maintain inventory of MWAN items and process orders.

2. Prepare monthly reports indicating receipts and disbursements and forward to the President and VP for Finance.

3. Purchase new items for Supply Locker, with the approval of the President.

4. Update Supply Locker order form for each issue of Military Women's Bulletin.

**Section 7. Vacancy in Office.** Any vacancy occurring in an appointed office shall be filled by the President with the approval of the BOD.

**Section 8. Retiring from Office.** All officers upon retiring from office shall deliver all monies, accounts, records and other property belonging to MWAN to their successors in office within thirty days after leaving office.

**Section 9. Records.** All officers shall maintain MWAN records in accordance with the Documents Retention Policy contained in the Procedures Manual.

## **ARTICLE VII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Section 1. Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee is responsible for conducting the election of officers and Regional Representatives. The term of the committee is from the business meeting of the biennial convention through the election of officers and the subsequent biennial convention.

A. Election. A Nominating Committee of five members from different geographical areas shall be selected at the biennial convention early in the business meeting. Nominations for the committee shall be made from the floor. A majority vote shall elect. If there are only five nominees the election shall be by voice vote. No name shall be placed in nomination without consent of the nominee. The five members will select a Chair from among themselves.

B. Duties of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall:

1. Actively solicit nominations for all nationally elected positions.
2. Verify the qualifications of all nominees.
3. Submit photos and biographies of all nominees for publication in the Military Women's Bulletin.

**Section 2. Election of Officers.**

A. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a ballot containing the names of candidates for each office. The ballot shall be submitted for publication in the Military Women's Bulletin of the convention year.

B. The outside firm contracted to count the ballots will receive all voted ballots.

C. Upon completion of ballot counting, all ballots and final tabulated results will be sealed and forwarded by the firm counting the ballots to the Nominating Committee Chair at the designated convention location as directed by the National President.

D. Results of the election shall be opened and read early in the convention business meeting.

E. A majority vote shall elect. A tie vote shall be determined by ballot vote of the members attending convention.

F. Upon conclusion of reading of election results, the ballot box is to be secured by the Nominating Committee Chair until the MWAN BOD, at their post-convention meeting, direct proper destruction of the ballots.

## **ARTICLE VIII – REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

**Section 1. Qualifications.** A Regional Representative and Alternate Regional Representative must meet the following qualifications:

- A. A member in good standing.
- B. A resident of the region she represents.

**Section 2. Duties of Regional Representatives.** The duties are:

- A. Appoint an Alternate Regional Representative to assist in performing regional duties.
- B. Represent members of the region on the MWAN BOD at convention and midterm meetings.
- C. Convene, as practicable, a biennial regional meeting/luncheon in odd years and serve as coordinator and chairperson.
- D. Contact all region MALs and units at least annually.
- E. Install unit officers and regional officers, if practicable.
- F. Liaise with other Regional Representatives.
- G. Provide required information to prospective new units.

**Section 3. Term of Office.**

A. The term of office shall coincide with the terms of the elected MWAN officers. The newly elected Regional Representatives will assume duties at the close of the Convention and will serve for the two years continuing through the next Convention or until successor is elected.

B. Regional Representatives shall be installed at the Convention and will attend the post-convention BOD meeting.

C. Incumbents shall serve no more than two consecutive terms unless a written request to waive term limits is submitted and approved by the BOD.

**Section 4. Vacancy.**

A. When the incumbent is unable to fulfill the duties of her office, she will notify MWAN President at her earliest opportunity, initially verbally, followed up with a written letter of resignation with a copy to the VP for Unit Liaison.

B. The Alternate shall assume the duties and complete the current term.

C. In the absence of an Alternate, the BOD shall appoint a replacement to complete the term.

**ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS**

**Section 1. Conventions.**

A. A convention of MWAN members shall be held biennially for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, amending bylaws, and other business as may properly come before it.

B. The time and place for the next convention will be decided by vote of the membership at the convention after the Time and Place Committee gives their report.

1. Composition. The Time and Place Committee shall be composed of a chairman and two members.

2. Duties. The committee will receive and review bids from units interested in hosting future conventions. Bids may be made two or more years in advance. Bids will be presented by the committee to the members at convention.

C. The official Call to Convention, giving time and place of the convention, shall be published at least 120 days prior to the convention.

D. The voting body shall be MWAN members in good standing.

E. No member shall be entitled to vote in more than one capacity, and there shall be no proxy voting.

**Section 2. Special Meetings.** A special meeting of MWAN shall be called upon a two-thirds vote of the BOD. Thirty days' notice shall be given for a special meeting.

**Section 3. Quorum.** A quorum for the transaction of business at any convention shall be a majority of the members who have registered with the Registration Committee.

**Section 4. Cancellation.** In the case of an emergency, the BOD may, by a two-thirds vote, cancel a convention. All members shall be notified of the cancellation via the most expeditious method possible. The Board shall provide for the election of officers according to Article VII Section 2.

**Section 5. Convention Coordinator and Committees.**

A. There shall be a Convention Coordinator appointed by the newly elected President whose duty shall be to plan and supervise the convention under the direction of the President.

B. Convention Committees shall include the following: Elections, Master-at-Arms Force, Minutes, Program, Registration, Resolutions, and Rules. (Duties of the committees are detailed in the MWAN Procedures Manual.)

**ARTICLE X - BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD)**

**Section 1. Composition.**

A. The BOD shall be the elected officers and Secretary.

**Section 2. Duties.** The BOD shall:

A. Conduct the business of MWAN between conventions and present to the members in convention recommendations for ratification of the action taken.

- B. Recommend Standing Rules as needed to carry on the business of MWAN.
- C. Submit proposed bylaws amendments to the Bylaws Chair.
- D. Consider the proposed budget at the midterm and pre-convention meetings and adopt an approved budget.
- E. Review requests for disbursements that exceed budgeted amounts and items not budgeted for as allowed by the budget.
- F. Determine the registration fee for Biennial Conventions at midterm BOD meeting based on the recommendation of the Convention Committee.
- G. Conduct an election of MWAN Nominating Committee if a convention is cancelled.
- H. Consider revocation of the charter of a unit.
- I. Submit all matters regarding amendments to the Articles of Agreement of MWAN for consideration and vote of members at the convention.

**Section 3. Meetings.** Meetings of the BOD shall be held immediately prior to and following the convention, and at other times and places as may be determined by the President, provided that one midterm meeting shall be held. At least fifteen days prior, notice of a meeting shall be given all members of the Board. The midterm meeting may be conducted by mail, conference telephone or current electronic technology. A report of any actions taken between meetings shall be made a part of the minutes at the next meeting of the BOD.

**Section 4. Voting.** Proposals concerning change in MWAN policy or expenditures of funds not provided for in the approved budget shall require a two-thirds vote of members.

**Section 5. Quorum.** A majority of the BOD shall constitute a quorum.

#### **ARTICLE XI - HEADQUARTERS**

**Section 1. Location.** The Headquarters shall be at a place decided by the BOD.

#### **ARTICLE XII - OFFICIAL PUBLICATION**

**Section 1. Name.** The official publication of MWAN shall be called Military Women's Bulletin.

**Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the Military Women's Bulletin shall be to:

- A. Promote the objectives of MWAN.
- B. Conduct official business requiring input from members between conventions.
- C. Inform the membership of work in progress and share news of units and members.
- D. Publish news of interest to the membership as a whole.

**Section 3. Issues.**

- A. The Military Women's Bulletin shall be published at least four times a year.
- B. A copy of each issue shall be sent to each member in good standing.
- C. All material shall be approved by the President before being published.

#### **ARTICLE XIII - DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution of this organization, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to a charitable, educational or research organization that is supportive of women in the military, and as selected by the BOD, who have qualified for exemption under Section 501(c) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code, and none of the assets will be distributed to any member, officer or trustee of MWAN.

#### **ARTICLE XIV- INDEMNIFICATION**

The elected and appointed officers shall be indemnified for any costs, expenses or liabilities arising out of alleged errors in judgment, breaches of duty, and wrongful acts related to their organizational activities.

**ARTICLE XV – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

**Section 1. Amendment Approval.**

A. The BOD is authorized to direct the Bylaws Chair to make administrative and housekeeping corrections to the Bylaws, such as, correcting article and section designations; cross references; misspelled words and punctuation that do not change the purpose or intent of the Bylaws.

B. Amendments to Bylaws may be made at convention if the following conditions have been met:

1. The proposed amendment shall have been published in the official publication, Military Women’s Bulletin, at least 90 days before biennial convention.
2. Approved by a 2/3 vote of members in attendance at the biennial convention.
3. By unanimous vote provided previous notice shall have been given at an earlier meeting of the same session.

**Section 2. Revision Approval.** These Bylaws may be revised upon authorization by 25% of membership or 2/3 majority vote at convention, whichever occurs first. The proposed revision shall be submitted to the membership in the Military Women’s Bulletin prior to the convention at which a vote on the revision will be taken.

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These Bylaws were adopted by WAVES National members at the convention held on August 2, 1981, at St. Louis, Missouri.

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| Amended: July 28, 1982 Seattle, WA        | Amended: July 29, 1983 Philadelphia, PA  |
| Amended: August 3, 1984 Washington, D.C.  | Amended: July 30, 1986 Albuquerque, NM   |
| Amended: July 29, 1988 Hershey, PA        | Amended: July 26, 1990 Clearwater, FL    |
| Amended: July 16, 1992 Anaheim, CA        | Amended: September 1, 1994 Milwaukee, WI |
| Amended: September 6, 1996 Boston, MA     | Amended: July 24, 1998 Honolulu, HI      |
| Amended: September 8, 2000 Cleveland, OH  | Amended: August 30, 2002 Portland, OR    |
| Amended: August 6, 2004 Philadelphia, PA  | Amended: Sep. 19, 2006 Carnival Conquest |
| Amended: September 12, 2008 San Diego, CA | Amended: August 27, 2010 Norfolk, VA     |
| Amended: September 21, 2012 Orlando, FL   |  |

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These Bylaws were adopted by Military Women Across the Nation members at the convention held on August 8, 2014 aboard the Allure of the Seas.

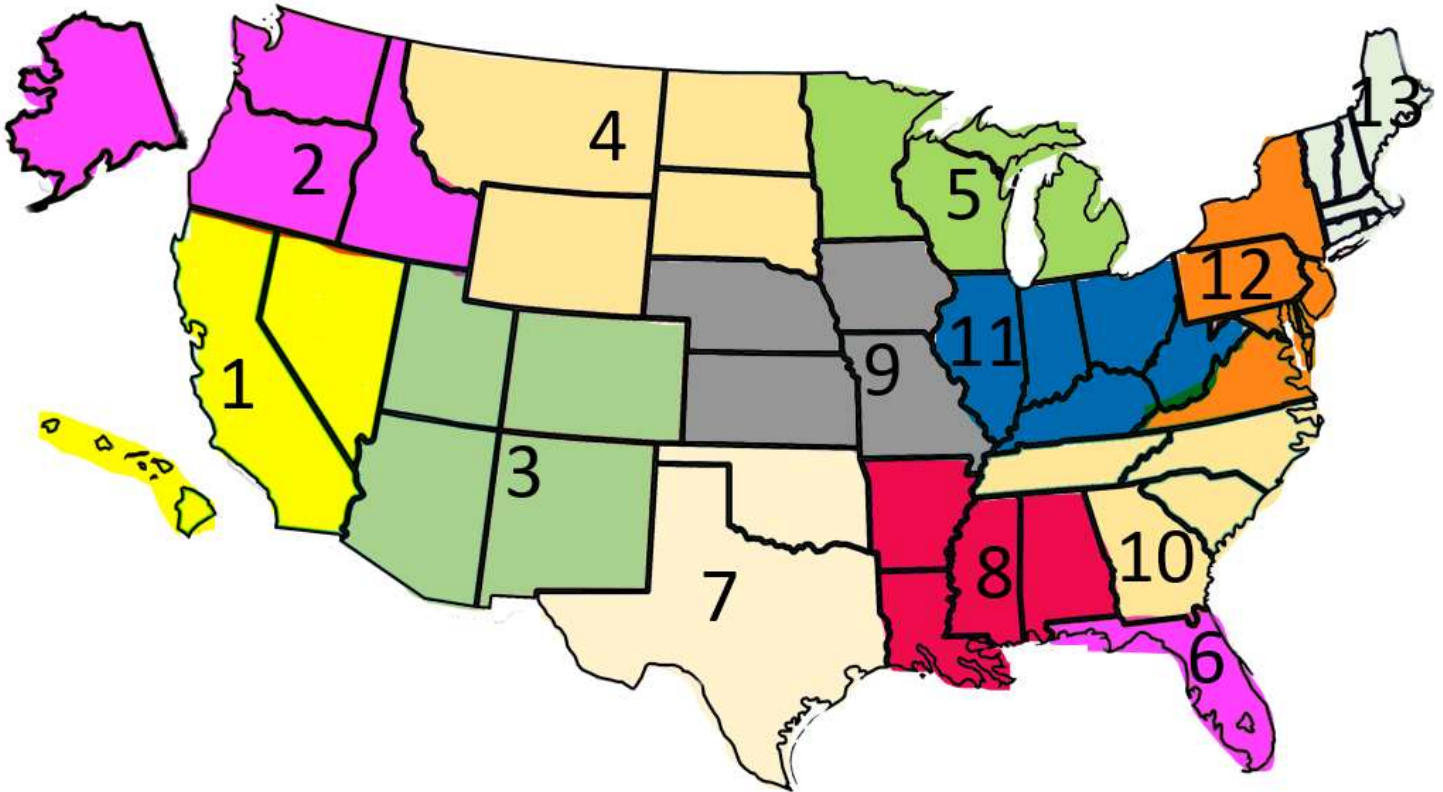
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**MILITARY WOMEN ACROSS THE NATION STANDING RULES**

1. Board of Directors will be reimbursed up to an amount to be determined by the board only for transportation and hotel expenses at conventions and mid-term meetings. (Adopted 9/9/17, Atlanta, GA)
2. Apportionment of convention net profits will be as follows: 50% - General Fund, and 50% - host unit. (Adopted 9/9/17, Atlanta, GA)
3. Mileage rate expenses for official MWAN travel will be reimbursed at the rate of 5 cents less than the business expense approved by the IRS. (Adopted 8/30/02, Portland, OR)
4. Anyone who is not a member of Military Women Across the Nation who desires to receive a copy of Military Women’s Bulletin will pay an annual fee of \$15.00. (Revised 9/14/19 St. Louis, MO)

## Proposed MWAN Regional Configuration *Included in the Proposed 2020 MWAN Bylaws Rewrite*



As part of the Proposed 2020 MWAN Bylaws Rewrite, the distribution of regions nationwide was reconfigured and the total number of regions was increased to 13.

Historically, regions were based primarily on the location of MWAN members and local units. Currently, there are fewer than 25 active units nationwide and 10 of those are concentrated in three states. Also, with nationwide membership at its lowest since 1981, our focus has been on finding our service sisters. The proposed region distribution was created with recruitment AND member support in the forefront.

Additionally, the number of regions was increased to reduce the size of most regions. Hopefully, the more manageable size of the 13 regions will encourage more members to take on regional duties.

The below chart was developed to better reflect the opportunities created by the proposed configuration:

Region	States Included	# MWAN Units	# MWAN Members	Woman Veteran Population, 2018 VA Estimates
I	California, Hawaii, Nevada	3	185	177,002
II	Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington	0	54	133,972
III	Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah	1	80	119,843
IV	Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming	0	11	25,046
V	Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin	1	76	95,600
VI	Florida	4	188	144,978
VII	Oklahoma, Texas	0	32	211,035
VIII	Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi	0	23	110,249
IX	Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska	2	61	81,800
X	Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee	4	196	307,064
XI	Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia	1	108	177,857
XII	DC, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia	6	229	313,482
XIII	Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont	2	116	62,447
<b>TOTALS</b>		24	1,359	1,960,375

# A Guide to Significant Differences

## Between the Current 2018 MWAN Bylaws & the Proposed 2020 MWAN Bylaws Rewrite

The Proposed 2020 MWAN Bylaws Rewrite reduced the number of pages in the current bylaws from 24 to 15. Much of the size reduction was the result of eliminating duplicated citations and removing detailed processes which will be included in the next revision of the MWAN Procedures Manual.



If you do not have a copy of the current 2018 MWAN Bylaws, you may obtain a copy in one of the following ways:

The below items are not designed to be an all-inclusive list of changes. They are provided as a guide to some of the significant differences between the current bylaws and the proposed rewrite you have been asked to vote on.

Please carefully read the Proposed MWAN Bylaws Rewrite printed in its entirety on pages 5-14, and compare it with the 2018 MWAN Bylaws which are currently in effect.

1. Download a copy from the MWAN website: [milwomen.org](http://milwomen.org). The 2018 MWAN Bylaws are located on the home page under the tab marked "Governing Docs & Forms".
2. Request a paper or emailed copy from your Unit Treasurer or Regional Representative. Contact information for Regional Representatives (along with the states each represents) is printed on page 4 of this bulletin.
3. If your unit officers or Regional Representative cannot assist you, then you may request a paper copy from MWAN National Bylaws Chair Vicki Orem by calling (910) 363-5019. Please use this option as a last resort.

### ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ Significant Differences Between Documents ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ (Including Article Citations to assist in locating differences)

◆ MWAN objectives have been modernized to include a clarifying mission. (*Article II in both 2018 Bylaws & Proposed 2020 Rewrite*)

◆ Honorary memberships have been eliminated. MWAN members or units desiring to honor an individual or organization for support are encouraged to do so locally with a letter, plaque or similar recognition. (*Article III in both 2018 Bylaws & Proposed 2020 Rewrite*)

◆ The actual dollar amount of MWAN National dues has been removed from the proposed rewrite. (*Article IV, Section 1 in both 2018 Bylaws & Proposed 2020 Rewrite*) This was taken out to align dues adjustments with budget development and its approval process. Removing specific amounts from the Bylaws eliminates the requirement to wait two years when a dues adjustment is warranted.

Other changes to this article include the elimination of pro-rata dues and an earlier dues deadline date. Dues paid by NEW members joining after 1 September will be valid through the following calendar year. National dues are still due to the National Treasurer by January 1<sup>st</sup> each year, but if dues are not received by March 1<sup>st</sup>, membership shall be forfeited.

◆ The number of regions has been expanded from six to 13 and the regions have been realigned to make each physically smaller. (*Article V, Section 1 in both 2018 Bylaws & Proposed 2020 Rewrite*) With fewer local units, Regional Representatives become the primary contact for the growing member-at-large community. Smaller regions will enable each representative to more easily manage her duties, stay in contact with membership and recruit new members. Additional details on this action are listed on page 15 of this bulletin.

◆ There have been several alterations to the MWAN Elected and Appointed Officers. (*Article VI in both 2018 Bylaws & Proposed 2020 Rewrite*) Along with some new titles for existing elected officers, the "Recording Secretary" and "Executive Secretary" have been combined into one, appointed "Secretary" position. The "Parliamentarian" position has been eliminated. The newly

revised appointed positions will be Secretary, Editor, Historian, Bylaws Chair and Supply Locker Officer. Qualifications and duties have also been updated.

◆ The election of Regional Representatives has been aligned with the MWAN National Election. Nominations will be managed by the Nominating Committee and the election will be conducted nationally. This action provides MWAN MALs a voice in selecting their representatives. (*Article VII in both 2018 Bylaws & Proposed 2020 Rewrite*)

◆ Qualifications and duties for Regional Representatives have been revised. (*Article VIII in both 2018 Bylaws & Proposed 2020 Rewrite*)

◆ Composition of the MWAN BOD has been substantially redesigned. (*Article X in both 2018 Bylaws & Proposed 2020 Rewrite*) The MWAN BOD shall consist of the four nationally elected officers, the 13 elected regional representatives and the appointed secretary for a total of 18 voting members. This BOD configuration featuring 95% elected members better reflects the needs and diversity of our membership.

◆ The MWAN Executive Committee has been eliminated. (*Article XI in 2018 Bylaws only*) Due to the reduced size of MWAN membership and access to new technologies, there is no longer a need for a sub-set of the BOD. All MWAN Executive Committee duties have been absorbed by the BOD.

◆ All MWAN Standing Committees have been eliminated. (*Article XII in 2018 Bylaws only*) It was determined most of the "Standing Committees" were non-existent. If committees are required in the future, the BOD will evaluate the need and make appointments as necessary.

◆ All references to Robert's Rules of Order have been eliminated. (*Article XVII in 2018 Bylaws only*) There is no requirement for a corporation to adopt language in its bylaws indicating the particular parliamentary procedure which will be utilized.



**OFFICIAL 2020 NATIONAL ELECTION INSTRUCTIONS**

PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

- Votes must be recorded on the MWAN Official 2020 National Mail-In Ballot. Members receiving the bulletin by e-mail are expected to print out the official ballot for submission.
- Place an "X" on the line in FRONT of the selections you make. Vote for 1 (one) candidate for each office and Vote ONCE on the Proposed MWAN 2020 Bylaws Rewrite: *Approve* **OR** *Disapprove*
- If you desire to write-in a candidate, write her name on the blank line to the RIGHT of the appropriate office. Votes for non-qualified, write-in candidates will be considered INVALID and will not be counted.
- Ballots with multiple votes for any one office will be considered INVALID for that office and the votes will not be counted. Ballots with both choices marked for the Bylaws will be considered INVALID and the Bylaws votes will not be counted.
- Any section which does not have a candidate or choice selected will NOT BE COUNTED.
- Write your MWAN ID number at the bottom of the Ballot **AND** in the Return Section of the envelope.
- Apply First Class USPS Postage (One Forever Stamp) to the envelope and mail your completed Ballot to:

**Penny Ogg, P.O. Box 3448, Sebring FL 33871-3448**

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**Obtaining your MWAN ID:**

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JUNE 2020

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

**PATCHES**

- MWAN 2½" (caps)                    \$ 3 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN 3" (shirts)                    \$ 4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN 8½" (vest)                    \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- US Navy WAVES Veteran (circle) \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Patches: Navy Flag or Services    \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY)
- American Flag Patch (3½"x2")    \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Proud to Serve (square)            \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Women are Veterans, Too            \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- WAVES Anchor (old style)          \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Vietnam Era Eagle                    \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**JEWELRY & PINS**

- MWAN Coin                            \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Lapel pin                    \$ 4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Charm                         \$ 7 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
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- MWAN Coin Keychain               \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
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- Neck Tabs, Black w/Velcro         \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Garrison Caps (includes patch) \$23 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Sizes: 21, 22, 23, 24, 25
- MWAN Visor                            \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Ball Cap                        \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN T-Shirt                         \$15 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- MWAN Polo Shirt                     \$30 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
**Gray or White**    Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- MWAN Jacket                         \$32 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- MWAN Sweatshirt                    \$22 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- MWAN White Dress Shirt            \$34 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL
- Patriotic Scarf (100% Polyester) \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- Watch, USN WAVES                    \$30 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- American Veteran Bracelet         \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- 2016 National Convention Patch    \$1 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Playing Cards                 \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Canvas Key Chain/Stars & Stripes \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- 2016 National Convention Coin     \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- US Navy WAVES Veteran Magnet    \$3 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Mini-Flags Set (MWAN & American) \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(flags are 6"x4" with weighted gold base)
- MWAN Window Decal                 \$3 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Magnets                        \$2 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Car Magnet (8" Oval)         \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Pencils (2 each)               \$1 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Pens                            \$2 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- WAVES Key Chain, Rubber            \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- \*\*DD214 Alumni Decal                \$6X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_**
- MWAN Flags (3'x5')                    \$80 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Table Coverings               \$120 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN PopSockets                     \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
3 for \$20. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME BADGE W/MWAN PUCK \$15 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_**

Double clutch back **OR** Magnet back (circle one)  
Name on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nickname/Maiden: \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit or Other Info: \_\_\_\_\_  
Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Years/ From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_  
(\*Use back of form if you need more space\*)

**Subtotal:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**ADD Shipping:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL DUE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# Silver Taps

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*Gone but never forgotten*

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<p><b>MEMBER-AT-LARGE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM</b>          (Dues period 1 January to 31 December)</p>	<p><i>Please type, print          or use address label</i></p>
Name: _____	Member ID #: _____
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<p><b>NOTE: Future newsletters will be sent via email. If you <u>Prefer A Printed Copy</u>, please check here <input type="checkbox"/></b></p>	
<p>Phone: _____ <b>Life Membership for those 90 years &amp; older is a one-time payment of \$30.</b></p>	
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