

# MILITARY Women's BULLETIN



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## MWAN 2026 National Call to Convention

20-23 September, Harboring Connections, Put-In-Bay Ohio

The 2026 MWAN National Convention will be held at the Put-In-Bay Resort and Conference Center, located at 439 Loraine Avenue on South Bass Island on Lake Erie. It is situated approximately 85 miles west of Cleveland and 35 miles east of Toledo. This charming village is known for its vibrant summer tourism scene and is often referred to as the "Key West of the North".

### Travel and Hotel

The nearest airport is Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE), just a one-and-a-half-hour drive from the ferry landing to the island. The most economical and quickest travel would be to rent a car; however, there are some rideshare companies and shuttles that may be reserved.

As part of the convention fee, a round-trip ferry pass is provided. You are encouraged to use the free parking at Catawba as there is limited parking at the resort on island. A shuttle will meet you at the ferry to take you to the hotel.

Our convention room rate is \$139 (+ tax) per night. The room rate applies for one (1) to four (4) people per guest room, and may be used up to three days before, and/or after, the convention (*There is limited availability pre- and post-convention*).



To receive our conference rate, you **MUST** provide our **Group Code: MWAN26** when making your reservation. The code cannot be applied retroactively, so **DO NOT FORGET** to use **Group Code: MWAN26** when booking your room. Room availability at this rate is limited, so call



(888) 742-7829 to reserve your room as soon as possible, and remember to use our **Group Code: MWAN26** to get our \$139 (+tax) room rate.

Hotel check-in is 4 pm, and check-out is 11 am. There are no early check-ins or late check-outs. The hotel does have a secure luggage hold area for those arriving early. A deposit may be charged to hold the room and refunded as long as any cancellation occurs prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>. After September 1<sup>st</sup>, a \$50 cancellation fee may be applied, or full amount of deposit for same day cancellation or no show per resort policy.

Built in four phases over the past 10 years, the Put-in-Bay Resort Hotel & Conference Center is a flawless merging of Put-in-Bay ambiance and contemporary hotel luxury. The resort is located just one block from the main downtown strip, where you will find nightlife, shopping, and diverse restaurants. The hotel also provides continental breakfast and coffee the mornings where a breakfast buffet is not provided and for any guests not attending the Convention.

→→ Don't Forget! ←←

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Please contact your Regional Representative listed on Page 10, if you have questions.

## Convention Activities

Be sure to come early for the Unconventional Golf Tournament taking place on Sunday. It is open to MWAN members and their family and friends. Teams will be comprised of 4 people, two regular golfers and two putt-putt golfers, so everyone can participate! Get your teams together or sign up individually and you'll be assigned to a group.

Each day of the convention will be a nice mix of business, presentations by interesting speakers, socialization, and exploration of the island, including a visit to the International Peace Monument where attendees can obtain their free National Parks Pass for Veterans, an island scavenger hunt, and an optional private tour of the island.

We will cap everything off with the convention banquet, or President's Gala, giving attendees the opportunity to spend a last evening together in-style complete with a keynote speaker. It will be a momentous event with familiar functions and a few surprises! Units should send their banners with any attendees to be displayed at the resort, so the island knows Military Women Across the Nation have arrived!

## Other On-Your-Own Explorations!

The Island has so much to offer that a few days don't really do it justice. Visit the Put-in-Bay website to plan your stay: <https://putinbay.com/>

## Miller's Ferry Directions

Ohio Highway 53N ends in Catawba where the ferries depart for Put-In-Bay (See "★" on the enlarged portion of map at right). The GPS Address is: 5174 E Water St., Port Clinton, OH 43452.

Parking is free at Catawba. Be sure to take your luggage and anything else from your car as the roundtrip pass included in the registration packet is only good for ONE trip EACH DIRECTION.

## Ferry Schedule

Depart Catawba (Mainland)		Depart Put-In-Bay (Island)
07:30	Daily	07:00
08:30	Daily	08:00
09:30	Daily	09:00
10:30	Daily	10:00
11:30	Daily	11:00
12:30	Daily	12:00
13:30	Daily	13:00
14:30	Daily	14:00
15:30	Daily	15:00
16:30	Daily	16:00
17:30	Daily	17:00
18:30	Daily	18:00
19:30	Saturday	19:00



## Attractions for Every interest!

Automobile & Historical Museums,  
Spelunking & Rock Climbing,  
Jet skis & Paddleboarding,  
Parasailing & Kayaking,  
Gemstone Mining & Golfing,  
Amusement Park Rides & Tour Train,  
Helicopter & Biplane Rides,  
Nature Preserves, Parks & The Butterfly House  
Winery Tours, Light House, A Ship House  
And Many MORE options!

Click here for details! <https://putinbay.com/>



# Convention Advertising

**Advertising DEADLINE is JUNE 30, 2026**

Please send "**Camera Ready**" ad, or trust the ingenuity of our printer. Sample dimensions shown below. You may e-mail your "**camera ready**" ad in any format, to [NEOWV21@gmail.com](mailto:NEOWV21@gmail.com), and send your ad payment payable to "NEOWV21", Attn: Delores Speed, MWAN Convention Treasurer, 3664 Brinkmore Road, Cleveland OH 44121-1340.

Upon receipt of **both** your payment, and your camera-ready ad, your advertisement will be included in the Convention Program.

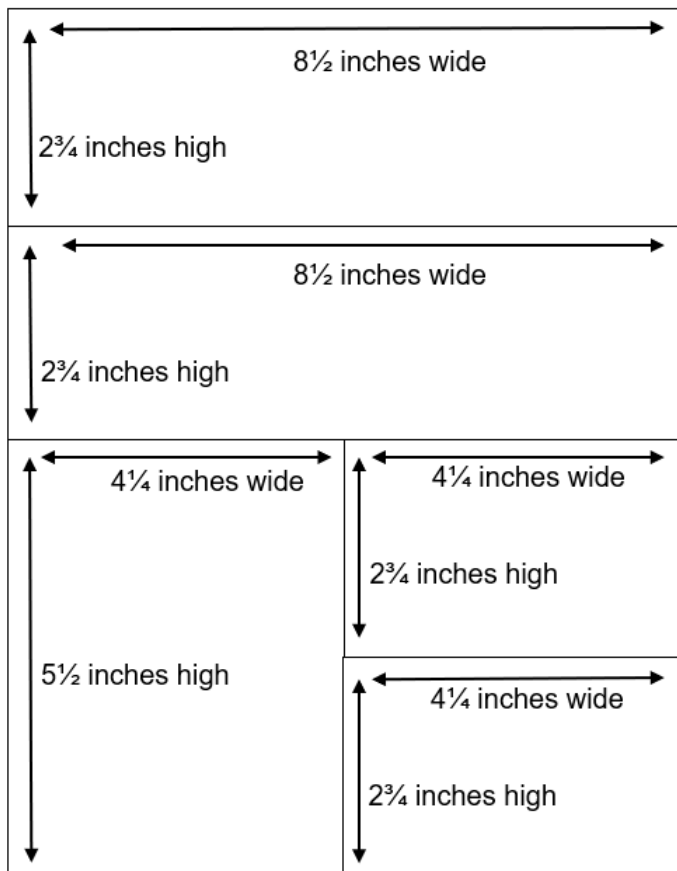
## Advertisement Sizes:

**Full Page**, 8½"x11" = **\$125**    **Half Page**, 8½"x5½" = **\$75**

**Quarter Page**, 8½"x2¾" \*OR\* **Quarter Page**, 4¼"x5½" = **\$45**

**Eighth Page**, 4¼"x2¾" = **\$25**

**Patron names** may be listed for **\$5** per name. Please **PRINT** names on a separate page.



## Supply Locker Convention Special!

Planning to attend Convention at Put-in-Bay? Here's a deal for you! NO shipping charge if you pick up your order, AND get 10% off the total cost of your Pre-Order!

How you ask? **PRE-ORDER** your items on this year's April, June, or August MWB Supply Locker Order Form, and your items will be brought to you at the Convention!

Simply mark the order form across the top with, "**MWAN CONVENTION 2026**," and, instead of a Shipping Charge, write in **FREE!** Pre-orders **must be paid and received no later than September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to be eligible.**

## TENTATIVE

### National Convention Agenda

#### Sunday, Sep 20

1100-1300 Unconventional Golf Tournament  
1200-1700 Registration Check In (Foyer)  
1600-1800 Pre-BOD Meeting

#### Monday, Sep 21

0730-0830 Registration (Foyer)  
0730-0845 Breakfast Buffet  
0900-1400 MILWOMEN Business (includes lunch)  
1500-1800 Island Tour (optional)  
[Dinner on own to network/socialize]

#### Tuesday, Sep 22

0730-0845 Breakfast Buffet  
0900-1200 MILWOMEN Business (includes lunch)  
1300-1545 Informational Sessions/Activities  
1600 International Peace Monument and Memorial Service  
1800-2100 President's Gala [Keynote: Jas Boothe]

#### Wednesday, Sep 23

0730-0845 Hotel Breakfast / Supply Locker  
0900 Post-BOD Meeting  
1100 Check out Time for those not staying

## FREE National Parks Military Lifetime Pass

Veterans of the US Armed Forces are eligible for a Military Lifetime Pass to the National Parks. For purposes of this program, a veteran is identified as an individual who has served in the US Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves.

Veterans may pick up their passes in person for free at many national parks and federal recreation sites. To obtain the Military Lifetime Pass, veterans must present one of four valid forms of identification:

- ◆ Department of Defense Identification Card (DD Form 2, DD Form 2765, or Next Generation USID replacement)
- ◆ Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)
- ◆ Veteran ID Card (The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) only provides a digital version)
- ◆ Veteran designation on a state-issued US driver's license or identification card

Passes cover entrance fees and standard amenity (day-use) fees at lands managed by: National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service, and US Army Corps of Engineers

Military Passes do not cover or provide discounts on other fees such as camping, tours, special recreation permits, reservation fees, fees for organized groups, or concession-operated facilities or activities.

Military Passes admit the pass holder and up to three other people. The passes are nontransferable and are void if altered. Visit the following National Parks website for more specifics or to learn about all of the lifetime or annual passes available in the [America the Beautiful—the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass series](#)

# 2026 Convention Registration Form, Put-in-Bay, Ohio (20-23 September 2026)

Name (As you want to appear on your Nametag) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact** Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell#/Work#: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*\*MWAN ID Number **must** be provided for every MWAN member attending. New members may obtain their MWAN ID numbers from National Treasurer Maura Mooney (707) 547-7745 or Finance@MILWOMEN.org*

Guest(s) Name(s) for Nametags: \_\_\_\_\_

**Arrival Details** Airline/Mode: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight# \_\_\_\_\_ Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE TIME

**Departure Details** Airline/Mode: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight# \_\_\_\_\_ Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE TIME

**MEAL Preferences:** *NOTE: Registration fee includes buffet meals (2 breakfasts, 2 lunches & gala)*

Check here and list any dietary restriction(s):

**Convention Registration** . . . . . Unconventional Golf Tourney \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 I'm playing golf with: MWAN Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$175 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$175 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Banquet-Only Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Add-on Island Private Tour with guide and photo stops (\$20/pp) . . . . . = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (B)**

**Advertisement in Convention Program**

AD Attached: YES NO  
 OR  
 AD emailed: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

Patron Names \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Full Page \_\_\_\_\_ x \$125 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Half Page \_\_\_\_\_ x \$75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fourth Page \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Eighth Page \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Advertisement SUBTOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (C)**

**Please Consider a Donation** . . . . . Sister to Sister Helping Hand = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 MILWOMEN General Fund = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Donations SUBTOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (D)**

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

Questions??? Contact:  
 Jennifer Baun,  
 Convention Coordinator  
 at 205-504-4585 or  
[NEOWV21@gmail.com](mailto:NEOWV21@gmail.com)

**Make Checks Payable to:** "NEOWV21"  
 - Add 2026 MWAN Convention in notes -

**Mail Completed Form & Payment to:**  
 Delores Speed, MWAN Convention Treasurer  
 3664 Brinkmore Road, Cleveland OH 44121

**\*\* National Convention Registration will CLOSE 15 August 2026! \*\***

**MWAN National/Regional Elections will be conducted by U.S. Postal Service using a ballot printed in the June 2026 issue of Military Women's Bulletin. Nominees and their respective offices follow.**

# MEET THE 2026 ★ CANDIDATES

## ★ Nominee for President ★

### Jennifer Baun

A veteran of the United States Navy, I served during the Cold War as an Ocean System Technician Analyst Second Class Petty Officer. I continue to be active in multiple veteran service organizations and was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in 2015 for my community and veteran advocacy work.



I'm the past President of Northeast Ohio Women Veterans Unit 21, Region 11 Representative and have held other positions for Military Women Across the Nation. I'm a lifetime member of AMVETS Post 44, member of the American Legion, the only woman to serve as Commander of the United Veterans Council of Greater Youngstown and its Environs, I serve on the Board of Trustees for Mahoning Veterans Memorial and ODVS Women Veterans Advisory Committee as an Emeritus Member and past chair.

I hope to utilize my business acumen and veteran advocacy to continue serving MWAN as national president.

## ★ Nominee for Vice President, Membership ★

### GinaMarie Doherty

Serving as a member of Military Women Across the Nation (MILWOMEN) since 2000, I have held the offices of National President, National Secretary, Alternate Regional Representative and National Vice President for Unit Liaison. Working with my sisters is what I enjoy the most. I'm a charter member and treasurer of New England Military Women Unit 158.



Now retired from federal government service, I serve as an officer with the DAV, American Legion, VFW, and VFW Auxiliary. I earned a Master's Degree in Management in 2012. I spend my spare time volunteering with veterans, servicemembers, and their families. My husband Stephen and I have two grandchildren, Brandon and Dylan.

## ★ Nominee for Vice President, Unit Liaison ★

### Kathleen VanMiddlesworth

I am a retired Navy Chief Legalman, having served from 1979 to 1999 in various US and overseas commands. as well as aboard the USS Yosemite (AD-19). During this tour, I served as the first Enlisted Legal Officer and Safety Observer of the first all-women gun crew of a 50-caliber machine gun and was baptized in the Jordan River. Following the Navy, I worked



as a workers' compensation paralegal until retiring in 2023. I am a wife, mother of five, grandmother of 11, and (very young) great-grandmother of three.

I am the president/founder and a charter member of Lakeland Royal Swans Unit #159 in central Florida. We were chartered in 2022 with 13 members. Today, we are 44 sister veterans strong and growing. I am also the current Region 6 Representative. I continue to look forward to sharing MWAN with others and lighting fires in the hearts of other women veterans to start more new units! Social media can be amazing!

## ★ Nominee for Vice President, Finance ★

### Maura Mooney

I am originally from Virginia. Prior to my enlistment, I worked as a Licensed Vocational Nurse including Operating Room positions. I served in the US Navy from 1981-2001, retiring as an HMC (SCW) SeaBee Combat Warfare designator. I served in various duty stations in the US as well as overseas. I received my Master's in Public Administration in 2007 from University of San Francisco.



Since retiring from the Navy, I held several healthcare positions in Virginia and Petaluma, CA, until my 2022 retirement. I currently enjoy retirement with my 2 cats, hiking and traveling. I am a member of the Patient Advisory Board at our local VA Clinic. I have served on the Veteran's Day Parade and Memorial Day Event Committees. I am currently serving as VP for Finance and look forward to continuing for another two years.

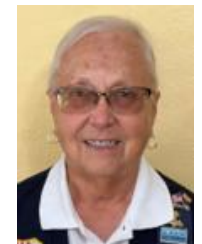
## ★ Nominee for Region 1 Representative ★

### Roxanne Jones

I am from Minnesota and have been residing in California for 55 years. I served in the active Navy from 1967 to 1970 and the Naval Reserve from 1974 to 1991, retiring as a YNC.

I also worked for 35 years for civil service as a secretary at NAS Alameda, Naval Post Graduate School Monterey and NAS North Island, retiring in 2020.

I have been a member of WAVES National and MWAN for 30 years, and am a member of San Diego Stars & Stripes Unit 36. I have been elected several times for Unit 36 President, Vice President and Secretary, as well as filling in wherever needed. I previously held the position of Region 1 Representative which covered Hawaii, Nevada and California.



**[Meet the 2024 Candidates continues on Page 6.](#)**

# MEET THE **2026** ★ CANDIDATES

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## ★ Nominee for Region 2 Representative ★

### Patricia Hutchinson

I joined the Navy in 1975 and attended boot camp in Orlando. I then went to Pensacola and attended CT A-school and C-school. My first duty station was NSGA Clark AFB, Philippines. I then transferred to NAVCAMS EASTPAC, Wahiawa, HI, to join my husband who was on sea duty. I was a CTR3 when I was discharged in 1978, one month before the oldest of my 5 children was born. Our Navy family was stationed in New Jersey, Florida, Virginia and North Dakota. I became a member of WAVES National (now MWAN) in 2012. I have lived in Puyallup, WA, for the past 4 years. I enjoy baking, reading and spending time with my family, especially my 19 grandchildren. I look forward to continuing to serve as Region 2 Representative.



## ★ Nominee for Region 3 Representative ★

### Martha Alderman

I've been a member of MWAN for 12+ years in Cactus WAVES #114 and then Salt River #155. I held all offices over the years. I retired from the Navy as a Chief Petty Officer in 1999 and still miss the unique challenges & opportunities. I'm always "up" for involvement with my veteran family, which is why I was a benefits counselor for 12 years and now a volunteer American Legion Service Officer. I am an affiliate member of the Saguaro Chapter of WACVA/Army Women United and serve on their Color Guard. Salt River 155 co-hosts with the Saguaro WACVA annual Baby Shower event to collect donations for the New Moms & Babies program at our VAMC. I do not have a big family or children BUT I have a LOT of "sisters" including a new group - West Valley Women Veterans. I lost my husband in 2024 so now have more "free" time for all my volunteer activities and they are a lifeline for me. I am currently the Region 3 Representative and look forward to serving another two years.



## ★ Nominee for Region 4 Representative ★

### Rosalie Cooper

I am a US Navy Veteran of 4½ years active duty and 7½ years active reserve from 1981-1994. I worked on TA-4J Aircraft as an Aviation Electronics Technician while serving on active duty. I am a 45-year life member of VFW Auxiliary of Department of New York. I've held many chairmanships and offices including Department President 2023 -2024. I relocated to Cheyenne, WY, from Buffalo, NY, in



December 2024 to be closer to my son and his family. My son is an Army Recruiter of 16 years and has two young boys. I have been a member of MWAN for three years. I look forward to continuing as region representative and meeting new female veterans. In my spare time I write poetry and just published a book called **Secret Trauma**.

## ★ Nominee for Region 5 Representative ★

### Monica O'Hara

I was born in northwestern Minnesota. I enlisted in the Navy in 1972 in Minneapolis, MN. I served in various duty stations in the U.S. as well as overseas and aboard the USS Acadia (AD-42). My second duty station was recruiting in North Dakota and Minnesota for five years. I was a Senior Chief Personnelman and commissioned in 1988.

I retired in 1999 as a CWO4 (Ship's Clerk). I then worked at the National City Public Library, retiring in 2008. I am a Life Member of MWAN and a member of San Diego Stars & Stripes Unit # 36 since 1997. I am also a member of the American Legion, Fleet Reserve Association and MOAA. I served as MWAN Treasurer 2010 – 2018. My husband and I live in San Diego part of the year and a small town in northwestern Minnesota the rest of the time. I am currently the Region 5 Representative and look forward to serving another two years.



## ★ Nominee for Region 6 Representative ★

### Esther 'Libby' Cantrell

I am a retired US Navy Aviation Machinist's Mate First Class. My 20 years in the Navy allowed me to work alongside incredible sailors and be part of a community built on teamwork and service. After retiring from the Navy, I returned to school and am currently pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration while working on several small business ideas focused on food, agriculture, and community-centered experiences.

I live in Lakeland, FL, with my husband Joe. Our oldest, Luke, is 20 and attends college in San Diego. I homeschool our 17-year-old son Max, who plays football, and our 7-year-old daughter Linda, who keeps us busy with cheerleading. I look forward to continuing to serve alongside other women veterans and helping strengthen the MWAN community.



## ★ Nominee for Region 7 Representative ★

### VACANT

Oklahoma and Texas have no representation. If you have a couple hours each month to provide support to our sister members, please contact Nomination Committee Chair Monica O'Hara at [plainsman9@cox.net](mailto:plainsman9@cox.net) or (619)507-0572.

## ★ Nominee for Region 8 Representative ★

### Denise Duke

I entered as a Seaman Recruit and retired as an LDO Lieutenant. I have been actively involved with MWAN in a variety of roles. First serving as the WAVES National

Historian, where I kept track of organization events for eight years. I have been a VA Volunteer for 15 years at my local VA in Tuscaloosa, AL, and served as the MWAN VAVS Representative for two years.

I have served on numerous nominating committees through the years as well. This was my greatest challenge. I love the sisterhood our organization provides and I look forward to continuing to serve as a regional representative to help our sister veterans to stay in touch!



a TAPS Peer Mentor and member of NEOWV21. I look forward to serving Region 11!

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**★ Nominee for Region 12 Representative★**  
**Sheri Leslie**

I joined the US Navy in July 1976. After recruit training my first duty station was Adak, AK, followed by Naval Trident Refit Facility, Bangor, WA, and Naval Facility Lewes, DE. After leaving active duty, I joined the Naval Reserve while working full-time with the Defense Logistics Agency, attaining the rank of senior chief in 2002. I was recalled to active duty in Kuwait during the Iraqi War. I retired in January 2006.



I am a dual member of the VFW and VFW Auxiliary as well as the American Legion, AMVETS, and, of course, MWAN Unit #10 First State Military Women Warriors.

My husband Roger Leslie and I have been married for almost 45 years. I'm the proud mom of two daughters, Crystal and Jennifer, and grandmother to five handsome grandsons; Thomas, AJ, Jamieson Jr., Gavin and Colton.

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**★ Nominee for Region 9 Representative★**  
**VACANT**

Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska have no representation. If you have a couple hours each month to provide support to our sister members, please contact Nomination Committee Chair Monica O'Hara at [plainsman9@cox.net](mailto:plainsman9@cox.net) or (619)507-0572.

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**★ Nominee for Region 10 Representative★**  
**Patty Parks**

I have been a member of MWAN (formerly WAVES National) for some 37 years, and have served in many local, state, regional and national offices. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve you as Region 10 Representative, if you'll have me. My military service began in December 1974, and other than a few months of broken service, continued until my Navy retirement in December 2003 to Ooltewah, TN. I love traveling, especially when I have the opportunity to visit and support my service sisters. In addition to MWAN, I volunteer with Welcome Home (a hospice for the homeless); area senior centers, as well as numerous veteran, research, and historical preservation programs with my Daughters of the American Revolution chapter. My hobbies include studying US history, crochet, travel (especially by train) and family history research.



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**★ Nominee for Region 13 Representative★**  
**Sherri Carrington**

I joined the Army National Guard in 1976, attended basic training in the last class of the Women's Army Corps and completed officer Candidate School earning the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant and Medical Service Officer in 1978 as the only female cadet. She was assigned to a MASH (Mobile Army Support Hospital) being responsible for the hospital and ambulance units. She served 8 years in the Army National Guard attaining the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant.



Support for Veterans and their families as well as promoting benefits for female veterans are my utmost priorities. I feel being a part of Military Women Across the Nation and their dedication is where my assets and service will best support their goals. I am currently serving as Region 13 Representative.

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**★ Nominee for Region 11 Representative★**  
**Peggy Whitcomb**

My life has been deeply intertwined with the military, beginning with my birth at Bethesda Naval Hospital and upbringing as the daughter of a Navy Senior Chief. After graduating from Lake Braddock Secondary School and attending Northern Virginia Community College, I enlisted in the US Naval Reserve in 1986, serving until 1994 with attachments to the Chief of Chaplains Office and Naval Reserve Centers in Anacostia and Wilmington. My husband, Ron is a Marine, and two of our children are Ohio National Guard members. I am currently Human Resources Specialist and Military Families Coordinator for the Cuyahoga Fall City School District, as well as doing extensive volunteer and leadership work with organizations supporting veterans and military families—including serving as National Vice Chair-Leadership Training for the DAR, President of "She Still Serves," and



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**★ Candidates Needed! ★**

We still need representatives to cover Region 7 (Oklahoma and Texas), and Region 9 (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska).

Please consider stepping up to lead your sisters! The region representative duties include reaching out to region members at large to let them know they're not forgotten. Each regional representative also a member of the MWAN Board of Directors. There's no limit to the activity you may choose to pursue as a region representative!

If you have a couple hours each month to support our sister members, please contact Nomination Committee Chair Monica O'Hara at (619)507-0572 or [plainsman9@cox.net](mailto:plainsman9@cox.net).



# Military Women Across the Nation \$1,000 College Scholarship Rules & Application



The 2026 essay topic is

## “FIGHTING FOR COUNTRY: TODAY’S MILITARY WOMAN”

**APPLICANTS WHO DO NOT ADHERE TO ALL INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

### **Applicant Eligibility**

1. Must have a 3.2 or better Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.
2. Must be a high school senior or undergraduate college student.
3. Entries must be submitted by **30 June 2026: NO EXCEPTIONS**.
4. Military personnel and veterans **MAY NOT APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP**.

### **Application Package MUST INCLUDE the following:**

1. Completed Application.
2. Copy of all transcripts pertaining to current course of study to include academic standing.

***NOTE: To protect personal information applicants are directed to mark out all references to social security numbers on high school or college transcripts.***

3. An essay of 1,000 to 1,500 words in length written on the above topic. The essay must be the applicant’s own work; be submitted in .doc or .docx format, and include documented evidence (including a bibliography) of both research and an interview with at least one military woman. Applicants are encouraged to contact military women in recruiting offices, at military bases, reserve units, etc. to enhance the research.

4. The entire Application Package shall be submitted in one email to include **separate attachments** for the following:

- (1) Completed Application
- (2) Transcripts (must be legible)
- (3) Applicant’s essay (in .doc or .docx format)

Each attached file must include the applicant’s last name and first initial as part of the file name and ALL correspondence must include the applicant’s name in the subject line.

5. Email the Application Package and/or any questions to the Scholarship Chair at:

**[MWANScholarship@milwomen.org](mailto:MWANScholarship@milwomen.org)**

**Application Package Submission DEADLINE is 30 June 2026.**

Applicants will be notified in July 2026 of the results.

The scholarship will be paid jointly to the scholarship recipient AND his/her college.

The application is available for download at [www.milwomen.org](http://www.milwomen.org) (See *documents page*)

If additional information is required,  
Contact Scholarship Chair Barb Turner at  
**[MWANScholarship@milwomen.org](mailto:MWANScholarship@milwomen.org)**  
Or Call (817) 733-7034 (*Leave a voice mail.*)

**Military Women Across the Nation  
College Scholarship Rules & Application**  
PRINT or TYPE ALL INFORMATION

**Applicant**

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Maiden (if applicable)

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City County State Zip Country

**Phone #:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Current GPA (4.0 scale):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class Ranking:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Test Scores:** SAT Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Math \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Comp \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of School Currently Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City County State Zip Country

**School Phone #:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **School Website:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of School you plan to attend (if different):** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City County State Zip Country

**School Phone #:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **School Website:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of School you are attending/plan to attend (Select as appropriate)**

\_\_\_ 4-Year/Undergraduate College or University      \_\_\_ Trade/Technical School  
\_\_\_ 2-Year/Undergraduate College or University      \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Civic Clubs:** List memberships and offices (if applicable). Include school, civic, community service, honorary and religious organizations for each active membership: \_\_\_\_\_

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**What is your career objective?** \_\_\_\_\_

(Continue answers on separate pages as necessary.)



**Application Package Submission  
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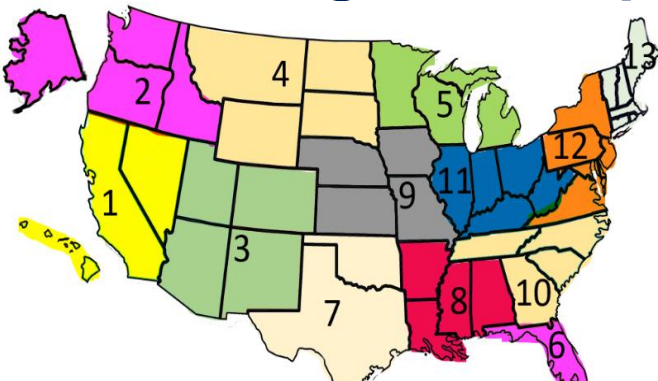
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## MWAN Regional Map



Contact information for each Regional Representative is provided in the chart to the right.

**ONLY USE CURRENT ORDER FORM**

**MWAN Supply Locker**

**April 2026**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Why not use a return address label 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 2½" (caps) \$3 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN 3" (shirts) \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN 8½" (vest) \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 USN Women Veteran \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Patches: Navy Flag or Services (USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY) \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 American Flag Patch (3½"x2") \$4 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 \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN Earrings \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original WAVES Hat Pin \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 American Veteran Bracelet \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Anchor & Prop Earrings \$14 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Anchor & Prop Charm \$7 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Anchor & Prop Lapel Pin \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Veteran Lapel Pins (USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY) \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Honor-Courage-Sacrifice Veteran Pin \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vietnam Era Pins \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Freedom Forever Eagle Pin \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 US Flag & Service Flag Pin (USN, USAF, USMC) \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 US Navy Lapel Pin \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 USN Patriotic Ribbon Pin \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 POW/MIA Lapel Pin \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Flag Peace Sign Pin \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Service Crest Lapel (USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY, Nat Guard) \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Service Dogtag Pins (USN, USA, USAF, USMC, USCG, VETERANS) \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Veterans Flag Lapel Pin \$7 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Honoring Women Veterans Pin \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Poppy Flower Lapel Pin \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**MWAN CLOTHING ITEMS**

Neck Tabs, Black w/Velcro \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN Visor \$15 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN Ball Cap \$15 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 American Flag Ball Cap \$15 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN T-Shirt \$18 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL  
 MWAN Polo Shirt \$36 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
**Gray OR White** Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL  
 MWAN Jacket \$36 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL  
 MWAN Sweatshirt \$28 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL  
 MWAN White Dress Shirt \$34 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

MWAN Mouse Pad \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN Playing Cards \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN Coin Keychain \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Canvas Key Chain/Stars & Stripes \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN Window Decal \$3 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN Magnets \$2 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN Car Magnet (8" Oval) \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN Pencils (2 each) \$1 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN Pens (4 each) \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 WAVES Key Chain, Rubber \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN Flags (3'x5') \$120 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN Table Coverings (6') \$120 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 MWAN PopSockets \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Flag Pill Box (3 compartments) \$8 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME BADGE**

W/MWAN Emblem \$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\*\*)

**Merchandise SUBTOTAL . \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
 Up to \$40 = \$9; \$41-\$100 = \$17; \$101 & above = \$20

**ADD Shipping Charge . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
**TOTAL DUE . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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Make checks/Money Orders payable to:  
**MWAN SUPPLY LOCKER**

Mail check with Order Form to:  
**Linda Coffield, 95 Vernon Street,  
 Atoka, TN 38004-7771**

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