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Upcoming 2026 Convention at Put-in-Bay Promises Inspiration and Connection

By Jennifer Baun

2026 Convention Coordinator

As summer surrenders to the crisp embrace of early autumn, an island on Lake Erie will transform into a nexus of ideas and unforgettable camaraderie. From September 20th to 23rd, Put-in-Bay will be the setting for our next convention that promises an intimate setting to meet and a refreshing change of scenery. With its historic charm, natural beauty, and welcoming spirit, the island offers the perfect setting for an event designed to spark conversation, collaboration, and creativity.

Nestled off the northern coast of Ohio, Put-in-Bay is a destination that blends leisure and learning with a historic backdrop. This idyllic location was selected not just for its scenic allure but for its ability to foster meaningful connections away from the bustle of city life. Attendees will arrive by ferry, greeted by gentle lake breezes and the promise of a few days spent in a place where time seems to slow, and ideas have space to flourish.



The island is famous for its Victorian architecture, lively downtown, panoramic views and Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial.

Each day of the convention will be a nice mix of business, presentations, socialization, and exploration of the island designed to provoke and spark enthusiastic discussion. While the full schedule is still being finalized, early

confirmations hint at an interesting program.

Beyond the convention program, Put-in-Bay offers a wealth of opportunities to relax and recharge. Attendees can rent bicycles or golf carts to tour the island, try their hand at kayaking or paddleboarding, or simply unwind on sandy beaches with a book in hand. The island's restaurants and cafes serve fresh Lake Erie perch and homemade ice cream, perfect for impromptu lunches or evening treats. For those seeking adventure, Perry's Cave, the Aquatics Museum and Butterfly House promise exploration and wonder.

As anticipation builds for the 2026 Put-in-Bay Convention, organizers are working diligently to craft an experience that goes beyond the ordinary. Those who attend can expect more than an exchange of business and PowerPoint slides—you'll discover a community of curious minds, a landscape that inspires reflection, and memories that linger long after the final ferry departs.

So, mark your 2026 calendars for September 20th-23rd, and prepare to embark on a journey of discovery and connection. Whether you come for the knowledge, the networking, or the island's signature sunsets, the convention is poised to offer the best of all worlds—a celebration of learning, friendship, and the enduring magic of gathering together.

→→ **Don't Forget!** ←←

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Please refer to the current MWAN Procedures Manual or contact your Regional Representative listed on Page 10 of this bulletin, if you have questions.

Presidential Ponderings

by GinaMarie Doherty, National President

Super **Shout Out** to Maura Mooney and Redwood Empire Military Women Unit 77 in Region One for hosting the Midterm Convention in Petaluma, California. We had a wonderful time!

Some of our business included voting on the 2026 MILWOMEN Scholarship topic and approving the FY26 national budget.

We were delighted to have this year's Scholarship Winner join us for lunch and conversation. She is a great example of the advantage to using the world wide web as she found her military woman to interview by searching the web. Amazing! I believe Unit 77 embodies the MILWOMEN purpose and objective: To encourage patriotism, loyalty, and devotion to God, country and family, for each member to be of actual assistance; and to keep up each other's morale.

Thank you to all unit presidents, regional representatives, national elected officers and national staff members who turned in a report for the midterm conference. I believe these reports reflect MILWOMEN mission: To keep all military women, past and present, informed of current benefits associated with their military service. Keep female veterans connected while preserving our common history. Provide opportunities for women in tomorrow's armed forces through networking, socialization, and service with other female veterans.

As I approach my final year in office as your National President, I would like to thank ALL OF YOU for SISTERHOOD. The decisions required from this office call for extreme democracy and delicate conversation that can only be learned with guidance and support. I am grateful to all of you for your service and dedication to MILWOMEN.



Officers' Call

Finance Facts

by Maura Mooney, Vice President for Finance

We had an informative midterm meeting in Petaluma, CA, catching up on business and many other things.

A high point was meeting MWAN scholarship winner Stella Rae Koene who currently resides in Petaluma, but will be off to college in Wisconsin very soon.

Below is a summary of the Fiscal 2026 Budget approved at the MWAN BOD midterm meeting. If you have any questions about the budget, please contact me.

MWAN Fiscal 2026 Budget

Projected Income

Dues Renewal	8,000
Dues New Members	2,500
Donations	500
Charter Fees new units	25
Fundraising/Royalties	100

TOTAL Projected Income **\$11,125**

Projected Expenses

Midterm BOD Travel	1,500
VP for Finance Expenses	300
Secretary Expenses	100
Military Women's Bulletin printing/postage	6,000
James H. Parke Scholarship	200
MWAN Scholarship	1,000
California tax	35

TOTAL Projected Expenses **9,135**

NET CASH FLOW **1,990**

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FIRST STATE MILITARY WOMEN WARRIORS

Unit #10 (DE) – While there was no official unit input, Unit 10 member Ruth Storck submitted a request to *Go Digital* and included an update on her little corner of the world.

"I have been busy with family. I have 10 grands and 6 great grands! All except four live within 10 miles of me. They have been opting for family vacations. We took a cruise in March and were 107 strong! What a great turnout!

I am also doing a complete remodel of the inside of my house by converting bathrooms to be handicap accessible, reconfiguring rooms, adding a three-season room, as well as decks in the front and back.

We are fencing our entire property to protect our dogs from others which run loose. Animal control doesn't seem to have much control! I like the look of the 2026 convention location and might attend!"

NORTHEAST OHIO WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #21 (OH) – We had our annual informational tent at the Canfield Fair -- Ohio's Largest County Fair and the 3rd largest in the country -- that wraps up every Labor Day. Hundreds of people visited and two new members were signed on the spot.

Unit members attended a collaborative event with Medina County Women of the Military.

Attendees below (l-r) were Ellen Leidy, Sandra Conley & Freda Whaley.



Several members attended a special painting event hosted by Casey K's studio just for area veterans in June.



Painters above (l-r) were Freda Whaley, Host Casey Kurutz, Sandra Conley & Jennifer Baun.

In July, a new slate of unit officers was elected and installed.

New officers pictured below (l-r) are Vice President Jennifer Baun, Secretary Gloria Galati, President Sandra Conley, and Treasurer Delores Speed.



REDWOOD EMPIRE MILITARY WOMEN

Unit #77 (CA) – After a two-month "going dark" hiatus we are looking forward to a busy schedule for the upcoming quarter. Many thanks to Unit President Maura Mooney for hosting the Board of Directors Conference on August 15th-16th in Petaluma.



BOD members attending in person and guests (l-r) were Guest Stella Rae Koehne, Reg 10 Rep Patty Parks, Guest Rose Nowak, Guest Kate O'Hare Palmer, Finance VP Maura Mooney, President GinaMarie Doherty, Reg 2 Rep Patricia Hutchinson & Reg 5 Rep Monica O'Hara.

We were pleasantly surprised and impressed to receive news that a local graduate of Casa Grande High School, Stella Rae Koehne (pictured below at right), was the recipient of the 2025 MWAN Scholarship. She was honored at the BOD conference and was invited to speak with both zoom attendees and those present. National President GinaMarie Doherty (below at left) presented her with a certificate and congratulated her accomplishment.

Unit member and interviewee for Stella's essay, Rose Nowak, is pictured below center.



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REDWOOD EMPIRE MILITARY WOMEN #77 (continued)

Several attendees enjoyed dinner at a local restaurant. Regional representatives, Patricia Hutchinson, Monica O'Hara and Unit 77 President Rose Nowak all graduated from high school in Pembina, ND, and enjoyed a 'reunion' as they all still have ties to their hometown.

Unit members Emily Sousa, Maura Mooney and Rose Nowak are planning to attend the Region 1 Conference in San Diego October 20th followed by a four-day 'California Retreat' cruise aboard the Holland America Koningsdam. The ship departs and returns to San Diego with stops in Santa Barbara, Avalon, Santa Catalina Island and Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico.

November will be a busy month with upcoming Veterans Day activities and the annual Veterans Day Parade on November 11th.



OCEAN STATE

Unit #118 (RI) – Happy Fall to All. On August 16th, members attended a "Calling All Members" event hosted by RI Elder Info at the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park in North Kingston. The event offered veterans the opportunity to connect with fellow veterans and to meet with staff from the Veterans Benefit Administration who provided assistance enrolling in the VA Health Care System, support filing claims, and information regarding veteran benefits.



Unit members at "Calling All Veterans" event in Sea Bees Museum. Back: Ednor Larson, Carla (no last name provided), Jeannie Vachon & Betty Leach; Front: Gretchen Vierling-Cutlip & Pat Siegmund.

Two of our members, Pat O'Connor and Gretchen Vierling-Cutlip, received recognition from the North Kingston Rotary for their military service and service to veterans. They are both active in community events representing MWAN, and Pat volunteers at the TF Greene Airport military reception lounge. This recognition was

accompanied by a \$500 donation to Unit 118. **Thank you, Pat and Gretchen for all you do!!**

On August 23rd, Audrey MacLeod Pfeiffer accompanied her husband Chief Donald Pfeiffer to the Rhode Island Veterans' Home to play bingo with the residents. The game was sponsored by the American Legion Post 18 Portsmouth. About 20 residents attended. Those who won Bingo games were given cash prizes by Post 18.

For those traveling to Rhode Island who have an interest in military history, there are several museums you may find interesting. In Newport, there is the U S Naval War College Museum which is located on the navy base. It specializes in Marine and Naval history. In North Kingston, there is the Seabee Museum which is located just outside of Quonset Industrial Park which was formerly a military base. You can't miss it, as there is a large Seabee statue outside the building. Inside you will find the history of the Seabees and how essential they are to our fighting forces.

In Wakefield, there is the International Museum of WWII which has interesting artifacts and a display of women in the military. And, last but not least, in our neighboring state of Massachusetts, Hudson, MA, is home to the American Heritage Museum which covers our nation's military history from the Revolution to current times. The museum also has tanks and it is possible to arrange for a ride in one for a donation to the museum.

Before closing you are reminded that the military has changed Identification Card styles for all active, reserve and retired members which is done periodically for security reasons. You are advised to get a new one even if your current one states "Indefinite" as the new IDs will be required beginning in 2026.



Gretchen Vierling-Cutlip tried on a camouflaged helmet at the Seabee Museum, but it didn't work, because we could still see her!

MEMPHIS BELLES

Unit #151 (TN) – We were honored to have both the July and August Tipton County Veterans of the Month be chosen from our organization. Valarie Bennett was honored in July.



Unit sisters (l-r) Patricia Duncan-Harrison, Kathy Desjarlais, Alberta Shepard, Valarie Bennett, Linda Coffield, Sami Phillips, Anne Day, Jean Jungkans & Becky Dickinson. (John Abbot in the back.)

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MEMPHIS BELLES #151 *(continued)*

Valerie's reception included not only her sisters-in-arms but also numerous members of her church family. Her son and his family came from out of state to make the night even more special. Tennessee State Representative Debra Moody, District 81, (*pictured below left*) was on hand to present Valerie (*on right*) with a flag flown over the state capitol.



During Valerie's 20-year career as a Navy Photographer's Mate, she interviewed Chief of Naval Operations Mike Borda and worked events that included President George W. Bush. Her enthusiasm and innate lack of shyness were prime factors in her ability to connect with people and earn their trust.

Later in July Sami Phillips, Anne Day, Linda Coffield, and Alberta Shepard participated in the trivia contest at the Tipton County Museum. Once again, the fun came from being together and learning new things – in other words, they did not win!

Pictured below (l-r) standing are Sami Phillips, Anne Day & Linda Coffield with Alberta Shepard seated had fun, but didn't win any prizes!



We held our standard first month of the quarter bake sale at Kick'n Pony in August. We had our largest number of ladies participate so far and enjoyed a couple of hours of laughter and comradery.

Later In August it was Sami Phillips' turn to be honored for her 20 years of service. State Representative Moody was,

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again, on hand to present a flag flown over the state capitol.

Memphis Belles Unit sisters were there to honor her and grabbed the opportunity to show off our new unit shirts!



Above Sami Phillips (at right) receives congratulations and a special flag from Representative Moody.

Below, unit members (l-r) standing are Kathy Desjarlais, Jean Jungkans, Sami Phillips & Carolyn Hester; seated are Anne Day, Patricia Duncan-Harrison, Valarie Bennett & Becky Dickinson.



Sami's family rounded out the standing-room-only crowd. From her start as a Gunner's Mate Seaman Recruit to her retirement as a Hospital Corpsman Chief Petty Officer, the twists and turns of her career were entertaining and enthralling.



Our Kick'n Pony turnout (l-r) Patricia Duncan-Harrison, Betsy Stahl, Valarie Bennett, Anne Day, Sami Phillips, Becky Dickinson, Jean Jungkans & Kathy Desjarlais. Not pictured is Stacy Harris.

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MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

Unit #152 (VA) – Over the summer, we took some well-deserved time off as a group, but that didn't stop a few of our dedicated members from continuing their efforts to give back. Several of our amazing ladies, Betty Hand, Jo Heimerl, and Alecia Thornton-White, came together to sew *Pillows for Patriots*, a special project close to their hearts. They were able to complete 36 pillows.

These neck pillows, lovingly handmade, are given to every veteran who travels on the Old Dominion Honor Flights. The Honor Flights is a powerful program that takes veterans to Washington, DC, to visit the memorials dedicated to their services and sacrifices. Thanks to the efforts of our Unit 152 volunteers, each veteran receives a neck pillow as a token of comfort and appreciation for their bravery.

While sewing, the ladies also enjoy fellowship and laughter, turning the work into a time of connection and camaraderie. And when there are extra pillows, they don't go to waste—those are donated to the USO, where they continue to support service members and their families.

We meet monthly, at VFW 4809, Norfolk, VA. For meeting information, contact Lesli Stidman-Carpenter, at Leslisue2010@yahoo.com or (904) 318-1055

Regional Rattle

Region 3 – Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, & Utah

Representative Martha Alderman ~ RR3@MilWomen.org

I recently had surgery to remove Squamous cell carcinoma from my shin. Squamous cell carcinoma and Basal cell carcinoma are the two most common types of skin cancer.

Skin cancer is very common amongst folks living in the Sonoran Desert, so I was not especially surprised as I had a lot of sun exposure in my childhood in the pre-sunscreen years. Now I am going to get a full body scan to check for other such growths.

If you were a sun worshipper or just spent time outdoors - doing yardwork, hanging up clothes, etc. - it would be a good idea to have a dermatologist check you for possibly malignant growths.

The VA website recommends patients advise their medical providers during annual exams about any changes on their skin. If you are prone to new moles and sunspots, they recommend you see a dermatologist annually.

Skin cancer can appear on any part of the body and may look harmless to you. Most growths are easy to treat and/or remove in their early stages, however, left untreated, skin cancer can spread and become deadly.

The [American Cancer Society](https://www.americancancer.org) provides more information on skin cancer and ways to prevent it.

Take time now to get checked!

Chaplain's Corner

by Patty Koppari, MWAN National Staff Chaplain

How do we honor our veterans?

If you attended the Rhode Island MWAN Conference in September 2024, you should have received a special coin in honor of your service to our country. This was made possible by Coin Room Supervisor Sunny Meyers and Vice President Vince Bohbot (*pictured below with me in the middle*) of the Highland Mint in Melbourne, FL. They donated these coins to me to present to MWAN women veterans.



On May 24, 2025, I attended the 28th Memorial Day Observance in Hillsborough County, FL with my husband John Koppari, PHC, U.S. Navy/Retired, and my sister-in-law Jouay Koppari, DPSC, U.S. Navy/Retired.



After the service I met Evelyn Brady, president of the Tampa Bay Chapter, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. She and her son Petty Officer 3rd Class MoHammed "MO" Haitham also served in the Navy. I presented her a Navy coin in honor of her and her son's service. What an honor to present a coin to a Gold Star Mother.

Two days later, I attended a Memorial Service at the Liberty Bell Museum in Melbourne, FL, and presented the guest speaker Colonel Shannon DaSilva, U.S. Space Force, (*pictured at right with me*) with a Space Force coin. She was very touched with the presentation of this very special coin.



This Memorial Day was especially emotional for me, and I'm so thankful God put me in the lives of Evelyn Brady and Shannon DaSilva to honor them for their service. I challenge everyone to take the time to honor every veteran they meet. Take the time to talk with them and thank them for their service.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF 2026-2028 NATIONAL & REGIONAL OFFICERS

By Monica O'Hara, Officer Nomination Committee Chair

Our next national convention is less than a year away so now is the time to seek out our next slate of national and regional officers.

The offices to be filled by election are MWAN President, MWAN Vice President for Finance, MWAN Vice President for Membership, MWAN Vice President for Unit Liaison, and all 13 Regional Representatives.

The duties and responsibilities of each office can be found in the MWAN National Bylaws and in the MWAN Procedures Manual which are both available at www.milwomen.org under the "Documents" tab.

Are you or someone you know a good fit for one of these positions? If you want to know more information about serving as an elected officer, please get in touch with current or previous office holders.

Nominations **MUST BE SUBMITTED** to the Nominating Committee by **DECEMBER 31st**.

The final list of candidates and their biographies will be published in the April 2026 Military Women's Bulletin and the election ballot will be in the June 2026 bulletin. Election results will be announced, and officer installations will be conducted at the 2026 MWAN National Convention in Ohio.

Nominating committee members are:

Monica O'Hara, California 619-507-0572

Email: RR5@milwomen.org

Michele Batliner, Missouri 707-762-5151

Elizabeth Lewandowski, Arizona 760-201-6465

Rose Nowak, California 707-217-5111

You may reach out to any Nominating Committee member to make a nomination or ask questions about being an elected officer.



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Five things I learned as a veteran at an HR & Talent Acquisition Conference

By Requan C. Lott, 20 Aug 2025

Digital Media Specialist

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As a recently transitioned Veteran, I'm learning firsthand how complex and personal the journey from military to civilian life can be. I recently attended the Direct Employers Association Conference and I had the opportunity to hear directly from employers, advocates and fellow veterans who are shaping how organizations support that journey. Here are five key takeaways that stood out to me:

Veterans aren't a checkbox, we're a competitive advantage.

From the beginning, one thing was made clear: Hiring veterans is not just the right thing to do, it's the smart thing for employers. Veterans bring leadership, adaptability, and a mission-first mindset. As one employer put it, "Veterans are not a quota. They're people with purpose. If you give them community, mentorship and support, they will give you everything they've got."

Culture matters more than a job offer.

During my transition, I've realized that a supportive culture can make or break the experience. Another employer said it best: "You can't just hire veterans to meet a benchmark. If your culture is not welcoming, they will walk right back out." That resonates. I have learned to look beyond the offer letter and ask: Will I feel like I belong here? At the end of the day it's not just about finding employment, but asking, Will I be valued while being employed?

Mentorship is not just helpful, it's transformational.

American Corporate Partners (ACP) mentorship model has resulted in a retention rate of over 80% for the past 16 years. That stat stuck with me. "Mentorship works," the company rep said. "It's how you keep veterans around." I'm now actively seeking mentorship and peer networks as part of my own path forward.

Veterans must learn to translate skills.

Despite years of leadership and specialized training, I've found that explaining my military experience in civilian terms takes effort. It is important to bridge this gap and not just on the veteran side, but for employers, too. Better translation can mean better opportunities for both parties.

Purpose still drives us.

What many Veterans are looking for isn't just employment; it's impact. Programs that offer strong onboarding, "day in the life" transparency and peer support can help veterans find purpose in their next mission. And when that happens, everyone wins.

This conference showed me that veteran hiring isn't a pipeline issue, but that it is a culture opportunity. As someone who has recently transitioned, I'm not just looking for a paycheck. I'm looking for meaning, mentorship and a place to grow. The companies that understand that will be the ones where veterans don't just land, but they also thrive.

The above article was edited for space. The entire article is available at <https://news.va.gov/142105/five-things-i-learned-at-an-hr-and-talent-acquisition-conference-as-a-veteran-in-transition/>



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Military Women Across the Nation

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____
First Middle Maiden Last

Mailing Address: _____
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Birthday: Day _____ Month _____ Year _____ Branch of Service: _____

Dates of Service: From: _____ To: _____

Highest Rank/Rate: _____ Basic Training: _____

Training schools: _____

Primary/Last duty station: _____

College/special talents: _____ Referred by: _____

MEMBERSHIP shall be extended to military service women who served or are serving honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces, both regular and reserve components to include the National Guard and Maritime Services. Membership includes an E-MAIL subscription to *Military Women's Bulletin* published six times per year.

"I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements of MWAN and I can produce a copy of my military identification, DD214 or other honorable service/discharge document upon request."

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

First Time, NEW Member Dues are \$35 for the period of 1 Jan through 31 Dec

Initial Annual Dues for **First Time, NEW Members** joining **after 1 Aug** shall cover the remainder of the current year AND the full, following calendar year.

Annual Renewal & Reinstatement Dues are \$25 for the period of 1 Jan through 31 Dec

LIFE MEMBERSHIP IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS 90 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER for \$30.00.

New members joining through a **LOCAL UNIT**, make check payable to the local unit, and submit this completed and signed application to the **Local Unit Treasurer**, who will submit the payment and application to the MWAN Vice President for Finance.

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Maura Mooney, MWAN Vice President
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PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS APPLICATION FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR UNIT.

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Military Women Across the Nation

PROMOTIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Valid 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2027

ONLY FOR MILITARY WOMEN SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY

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Mailing Address: _____
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Personal E-Mail Address: _____ Unit # or MAL _____

Birthday: Day _____ Month _____ Year _____ Branch of Service: _____

Date Entered Service: _____ Current Rank/Rate: _____

Basic & Training Schools: _____

Current Duty Station: _____

College/special talents: _____ Referred by: _____

This **MEMBERSHIP** application is for women who are **CURRENTLY SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY** in the U.S. Armed Forces, both regular and reserve components to include the National Guard. Membership includes an E-MAIL subscription to *Military Women's Bulletin* published six times per year.

"I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements of MWAN and I can produce a copy of my Active-duty military identification, orders or other military service documentation upon request."

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

***\$20 for one (1) year OR *\$50 for five (5) years**

This is a Promotional Offer for NEW MEMBERS CURRENTLY SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY.

The offer is valid from 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2027

*** Current and former MWAN or WAVES National members are NOT ELIGIBLE for this promotion.**

New members joining through a **LOCAL UNIT**, make check payable to the local unit. The **Local Unit Treasurer** will submit the payment and application to the MWAN Vice President for Finance.

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REGION 11: Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia

Representative: **Jennifer Baun (OH)**

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Representative: **Terri Cook (VA)**

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REGION 13: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New

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Representative: **Sheri Carrington (CT)**

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MWAN Regional Map



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

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October 2025

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 \$4 X _____ = _____
 (USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY)
 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 \$4 X _____ = _____
 (USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)
 Honor-Courage-Sacrifice Veteran Pin \$5 X _____ = _____
 Vietnam Era Pins \$6 X _____ = _____
 Freedom Forever Eagle Pin \$5 X _____ = _____
 US Flag & Service Flag Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
 (USN, USAF, USMC)
 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 \$5 X _____ = _____
 (USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY, Nat Guard)
 Service Dogtag Pins \$5 X _____ = _____
 (USN, USA, USAF, USMC, USCG, VETERANS)
 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 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**)

Merchandise SUBTOTAL . \$ _____

Up to \$40 = \$9; \$41-\$100 = \$17; \$101 & above = \$20

ADD Shipping Charge . . \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

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MWAN SUPPLY LOCKER

Mail check with Order Form to:

Linda Coffield, 95 Vernon Street, Atoka, TN 38004-7771

Questions? Call: (901) 488-4153 or Email: LindyC1951@gmail.com

NOTE: MWAN Ladies White Dress Shirt **RUN SMALL** (Ladies cut). POLO Shirts are unisex, sizes run larger; I suggest you order a size smaller.

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Name: _____ Member ID #: _____

Address: _____

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Email Address: _____

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Phone: _____ Life Membership for those 90 years & older is a one-time payment of \$30.

National Dues for 1 year are **\$25.00** + Tax Deductible Donation \$ _____ = Total Amount: \$ _____

Please enclose a check or money order made payable to "MWAN", and submit with this form to:

Maura Mooney, MWAN VP, P.O. Box 750841, Petaluma CA 94975-0841

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