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2021 MWAN Scholarship awarded to Rhode Islander Brooke Hornung



This year's MWAN Scholarship recipient is Brooke K. Hornung, a sophomore business student at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Brook is pictured at left with her grandmother, Susanna Roberts, a former U.S. Naval Reserve Nurse.

A 2020 graduate of North Kingstown Senior High in Rhode Island, Brooke's ambition is to own and operate a contemporary women's clothing boutique.

Her diverse community service includes: currently serving at various events and fundraisers for Slimmer of Hope Foundation, a nonprofit which raises money to provide gifts and other items to children battling cancer; speaking before legislators in Washington, DC, as an advocate for continued funding of Creating Hope Act which funds research for child-based cancer treatments; helping raise more than \$50,000 in 2017 and 2019 for blood cancer research and patient care; organizing anti-bully activities at her high school in 2017 and 2019, as well as many other noteworthy efforts.

MWAN members wish Brooke success in all of her future endeavors.

Essays are printed as written and have not been edited by the MWB Editor.

Should Women Be Required to Register for the Draft? A Commitment to Serve, An essay by Brooke K. Hornung

Should women be required to register for the draft? I pondered this question and it made me think about gender inequality. As a female wanting to enter the world of business, I realize there are still many inequities between genders. Some might say that gender inequity is a thing of the past, that it no longer exists for my generation. However, when I walked into my college business courses for the first time this past August as a college freshman, this seemed far from the case. I saw 23 sets of eyes glancing up at me; only two of them female. In all my experiences, I had never seen this inequity first hand. I held a childish mindset. My belief that I could be anything was pure and untainted. I was enthusiastic about starting business classes but nothing had prepared me for the fact that my gender could play a significant role in my future success. You might be asking what does this have to do with whether or not women should be required to register for the draft? Restricting who is required to register for the draft is just another example of gender inequality facing our society. For generations, women have been fighting for equality. Although gender equality has come a long way, from what I witnessed in my business classes in my first semester in college, it still has a long way to go.

So, when asked if women should be required to register for the draft, my response would be yes. As long as men are required to, then so should women. However, this

debate is not something new. The fight for equality for women in the military has been a long battle. It was in 1948 when women reached their first major milestone in this process, when the Women's Armed Service Integration Act was passed and women were allowed to serve as regular members of the armed forces. However, this came with restrictions, including the fact that women could not enter into combat. (Blakemore, 2019) It was not until almost seventy years later, in 2015, when the Pentagon lifted all restrictions on women in the military. "Women achieved full status in the military when they were granted the right to serve in direct ground combat roles.

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December Bulletin Input DUE 1 Nov
Unit MUST File IRS 990-N DUE 1 Dec

The MWAN Procedures Manual is currently being revised.
Please contact your Regional Representative listed on
Page 10 of this bulletin, if you have questions.

Presidential Ponderings

by Patty Parks, National President

Your MWAN Board of Directors met for its midterm meeting on July 24th and 25th in Oklahoma City, OK. Since the 2020 National Convention had to be canceled, this was the first in-person BOD meeting since September 2019.

Some meeting highlights include:

- On a very disappointing note, current membership is at an all-time low of 1053 and only 19 units remain.
- The 2022 National Convention is set for mid- to late October in Phoenix, AZ, and will be hosted by Salt River Military Women Unit 155.
- To provide better support for our ever-increasing member-at-large population, a proto-type "Regional Unit" will be formed. Region 2 Representative Caren McCurdy has volunteered her region for the beta test, and will serve as the initial Unit President. The requisite minimum three meetings per year will be held in different areas of the region and/or via Zoom.
- To help increase membership, a limited-time promotion designed to attract active duty military women is under development. It will include a deeply-discounted dues structure, and military women on active duty in the regular, reserve or national guard armed forces will be eligible.
- Finally, to encourage more MWAN Scholarship applicants, the requirement to have a military woman relative has been removed. The application will be in the December Military Women's Bulletin with the 2022 theme, "How will Space Force affect opportunities for women?"

More details to follow!

Unit Upkeep

by GinaMarie Doherty, Vice President for Unit Liaison

Happy Fall Y'all. Hope and pray all is well with you and your families. I need some help PLEASE. All units are required to submit a copy of their most current Unit Officers Transmittal.

I currently do NOT have a current, full officer listing for Units 006, 010, 026, 080. Please help me update OUR NATIONAL FILES.

Officers' Call

Your cooperation is very much appreciated. Thank you for emailing or mailing your current list of unit officers as soon as possible.

If there is anything your unit needs, please reach out to me. I am always happy to assist. Thank you, and remember: Sisterhood is the way!!

Volunteer Viewpoints

by Denise Duke, National Representative for VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (VACDCE)

(Formerly: Veterans Administration Voluntary Service (VAVS))

The Veteran Administration Voluntary Service (VAVS) is now the Veteran Administration Center for Development and Civic Engagement (VACDCE). The name change was to help identify the ever-expanding role of the individuals supporting the VA in a variety of ways. This name change will occur throughout the VA but you may continue to see VAVS used at many facilities because it better identifies their role within the organization.

It's only a name. The role of the volunteers within the VA couldn't be more important. With the increase of Veterans utilizing the VA for their medical care the volunteer role has become the backbone of quality care.

As I mentioned in the August Bulletin, MWAN is in danger of losing our seat on the National Advisory Committee (NAC) because we do NOT HAVE representatives at the minimum 15 VA medical facilities. The representative attends a quarterly meeting held at your local VA medical facility. That's it: Four meetings per year. The information you glean may then be shared with other sister veterans to help all of us have a better experience with the VA.

If you can find four hours per year to help our military sisters, please contact me at vavs@milwomen.org or 334-289-3142. Thanks to everyone for continuing to serve & support our military women community!

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Arizona Awaits

Members of Salt River Military Women, Unit 155, are hosting the 2022 MWAN National Convention in beautiful Phoenix, AZ. While we expect to have a “hot” time, we also hope to avoid the sweltering Arizona summer by holding the convention in mid to late October.

Start planning now to join in the fun and keep an eye out for more details coming soon!

We look forward to seeing you all out west next year!



Essay *(Continued from Page 1)*

“That milestone then raised the issue of whether women should, like men, be required to register for the draft.” (Blakemore, 2019) After a court ruling in *Rostker v. Goldberg* in 1981, the Supreme Court upheld the decision for a male only draft, saying it was “fully justified” as long as women were not allowed to enter combat. (Korte, 2019) Since then and the fact that women had now been granted full combat roles, in 2019, “a federal judge in Texas declared that an all-male military draft is unconstitutional, ruling that “the time has passed” for a debate on whether women belong in the military (Korte, 2019). However, even with rulings such as the one in 2019, there has been no change to the 1981 ruling and only men are still required to register for the draft.

By categorizing the draft as only eligible for men, we are discriminating against over 50% of the population. In an article online at military.com it states, “Defense Department officials have told Congress they support preserving the Selective Service System and welcome the inclusion of women. In a report to Congress in 2017, they argued that a future draft likely would focus on highly technical skills that are in short supply in general and, accordingly, ‘targeting a draft to only 50 percent of the available population would severely limit’ the department’s capabilities in a national emergency.” It’s no longer about women being drafted into the military solely for combat. We live in a highly technical age. If there ever were a need to use the draft, there is now more than ever a need for highly skilled professionals in all areas of the military.” (Kime, 2019) With the advancements in technology, we need highly educated individuals to be a part of our military. We need to be able to pull from a pool of all citizens that are able to serve their country, picking from the most capable, rather than narrowing that group down to only half its eligible citizens.

The world that children are growing up in today is very different from that of the past generations of our parents and grandparents. This is not only because of technology, but also because of the views that this generation has about the roles of individuals in society. It is no longer unusual for both parents to work, for a woman to make more than her husband or even for a man to stay home and take care of the kids while his wife works. More women are going to college and entering careers that used to be solely held by men. “Women bring a whole host of different perspectives, different experiences,” said Debra Wada, a former Assistant Secretary for the Army who served on the commission, noting that being drafted does not necessarily

mean serving in combat. In a time of national crisis, the government could draft people to a variety of positions, from clerical work to cybersecurity (Mervish, 2021). We can no longer make decisions as to whether a job is suitable for someone based on whether someone is a male or female. So, although gender inequality is not yet a thing of the past, requiring both men and women to have to register for the draft would be one more step forward in closing that gender gap. Registering for the draft should not be about being male or female, rather a commitment to serving your country in its time of need and that can be done regardless of your gender.

I recently had the opportunity to interview my grandmother, Susanna Roberts. She served in the United States Navy as a nurse at the US Naval Hospital in Oakland, CA, from 1965 to 1967, where she worked in an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and helped to start the Navy’s first Burn Unit. She married my grandfather, a Navy pilot, during that time, who retired from the Navy after 21 years of service. I asked her how her military experience made her feel, and she stated it made her proud of her country, made her feel equal as a female to males because her pay was the same as males which was unheard of outside the military during her time of service. It was simply based on rank. What were her most memorable moments? She was chosen by Admiral Chester Nimitz to be his private duty nurse, who was in charge of the Pacific fleet during World War II, working with amputees, and once she had the privilege of spending the evening with the Mercury astronauts, Deke Slayton, Gordon Cooper, Wally Schirra, Scott Carpenter, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, and Alan Shepard, by their request while they were on tour. But the military was not always glorious. When I asked her what were some struggles for her while in the military, she stated, “It was not easy to serve during the Vietnam War. Americans were not respectful of it because they did not believe we should be at war. You could not wear your uniform off base without being harassed or yelled at and no one said thank you for your service.”

Today, my grandmother still participates in many military veterans’ organizations including being the Treasurer of Military Women Across the Nation (Unit 118), Jewish War Veterans Senior Vice Commander Department of RI Post 23 United Veterans Council, and the American Legion. She was also selected for the first all-women’s Honor Flight in Rhode Island.

When asked if she thought women should be required to register for the draft, she responded, “Absolutely, if we want to be equal, we all need to follow the same rules!”

Sound Off!

MILITARY WOMEN OF TAMPA BAY

Unit #55 (FL) – Despite being on a summer break, unit members represented women veterans at two local events.

On August 6th, Cathy Gerolimos and Irene Raposa attended a small flag raising ceremony in observation of National Purple Heart Day at Veterans' Memorial Park. As part of the ceremony, Board of County Commissioner Stacy White's Purple Heart County Day Proclamation was read to those in attendance. Florida is a Purple Heart State; Hillsborough County is a Purple Heart County, and Tampa and Plant City are Purple Heart Cities.

Veterans' Memorial Park conducted its Annual 9/11 Remembrance which is coordinated by Hillsborough County Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services. Roberta Troxell represented MWTB55 at the meaningful tribute which included the raising of an American Flag by two hook & ladder trucks.



Finally, unit membership increased by three over the summer as we welcomed Linda Langdon, Roberta Troxell and Lorinda Roberts.

MWTB55 meets at 11 am on the 2nd Saturday of each month except July and August. You're invited to join us and can get more details by sending an email to militarywomentampabay@gmail.com.

Pictured at left is Lorinda Roberts. Below (Left to Right) are Roberta Troxell, Denise Finlay, Connie White.



GULF COAST

Unit #56 (FL) – Putting safety first, unit members helped celebrate World War II veteran Claire Moore's 100th birthday from a distance with cards and presents. Claire (*Pictured at the top of the next column*), is a 33-year member of MWAN/WN and was an active member of Unit 56 for many years, serving as Unit President in her "younger" days. Her daughter Joan, sent a video of Claire dancing at her birthday celebration in South Carolina!



Member at large, Claire Moore, 100 years young!



REDWOOD EMPIRE MILITARY WOMEN

Unit #77 (CA) - On August 21st, Kate O'Hare Palmer and Rose Nowak represented Unit 77 at the Pacific Coast Air Museum in Santa Rosa memorial dedication ceremony as part of the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary, "Decade of Remembrance." The reading of the names of 59 fallen soldiers from Sonoma County was followed by the unveiling of a permanent sign listing all the names. The sign is located next to a UH-Huey helicopter which was rededicated during the ceremony. Both women served during the Vietnam era.



Pictured (Left to Right) are unit members Kate O'Hare Palmer and Rose Nowak, and Vietnam War Huey pilot Frank Gallagher.

Several unit members participated in the Military Women's Memorial (formerly WIMSA) 9.11 Shadow Remembrance Relay. The relay is a tribute to the 174 military women who lost their lives between September 11, 2001 and August 11, 2021.

Participants signed on to walk a specific number of miles per day from September 5th through September 11th, commemorating the distance from Shanksville, PA, to the Military Women's Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery. We remembered the two women lost recently in Afghanistan as we completed our individual walks and cycling. Kate O'Hare Palmer spearheaded this event getting our registration completed, as well as walking.

We are in the process of updating our membership roster thanks to Ana Mohrman for volunteering to complete this task. A nomination committee has been formed for election of officers next year. Bethany La Rosa, Kate O'Hare Palmer and Emily Sousa have volunteered to conduct this process.

VOLUNTEER

Unit #94 (TN) - Representing all military women, unit member Gloria Wix served as Grand Marshall for the Mount Juliet 4th of July Parade.

Leading the parade in a fire-engine red convertible, Gloria said it was the most fun she'd ever had in a parade. And the best news is she met Mary, an Army veteran and potential unit member!

Gloria at right with Army Gal Mary (Left) & Gloria below with driver.



Sound Off!

We are looking forward to participating in the Virginia Beach Veterans' Day Parade again this year. At the invitation of the Aviation Museum, we will ride their double decker bus and wave to the crowd from the top deck!

Plans are in the works for our holiday party in January! It's never too early to start planning and all are looking forward to the event!

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

SALT RIVER MILITARY WOMEN

Unit #155 - A few unit members gathered on August 3rd to celebrate the WAVES 79th birthday, the 11th anniversary of Unit 155's chartering and the upcoming departure of unit "Plankowner" Kathy Laurier. (*"Plankowner" is a term applied to the original members of a newly commissioned U.S. Navy ship, unit, base or command, similar to being a "Charter member" of an organization.*)

Because of the heat, we typically hiatus in July and August, so we hadn't seen each other since our May meeting. We had a great time, as always.



Pictured are (Left to Right) Lori Elander, Gabe Forsberg, Martha Alderman, Diana Green, Marni Waldron, Kathy Laurier, and Beth Anne Whiting (seated).

MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

Unit #152 (VA) - Returning to a semblance of normalcy here, we met for the first time in more than a year to make neck pillows at our Stitch & Stuff event. More than a dozen unit members, potential members, and family members enjoyed an evening of camaraderie and laughter while continuing with our neck pillow project and eating pizza.

One member couldn't attend but sent patriotic fabric she'd procured at a closing fabric store, as well as some pillows she'd stitched. Our mission is to provide these pillows to veterans passing through the Norfolk International Airport, as well as the veterans participating in the next Honor Flight trip.



Cathy Schweitzer (Left) stitches and Suzanne Davis (Right) stuffs at our August Stitch & Stuff event



Sound Off!

TRISTATE WOMEN VETERANS

Unit #157 (TN) - Unit members hosted another “Red Shirt Luncheon” in July and welcomed three new unit members: Bobbie Taylor/USMC, Cecilia Desilets/USAF, and Wendy Wellington/USN!



Pictured above (Left to Right) Rita Waller, Cecillia Desilets and Beth Wingfield. Pictured below (Left to Right) are Teena Gravitt, Cathy Brown, Louise Jones, Diana Rand, Diane Howard and Michelle Brown.



MEMBER-AT-LARGE, FLORIDA

Happy 99th Birthday to Jessie Dunbar! Jessie served during World War II and has been an MWAN/WN member for 33 years. She is pictured in pink at her party with sister WWII veteran, Joy Casino. Many thanks to MWAN MAL Pat Faunt for submitting the news!



MEMBER-AT-LARGE, VIRGINIA

As told to Unit 144 member Jill Blakeney

Helen Leabough Bostick is an African American woman born and raised in Richmond. As a hardworking and driven young woman, she worked at Hoffman Homemade Lunches while finishing high school. After graduation, she attended a License Practical Nursing (LPN) School program at the Medical College of Virginia during which time she received a Navy recruitment letter. Yes, the Navy wanted her and she was ready for adventure! Helen began the enlistment process and after completing the LPN program and passing the Virginia state boards in October 1952, she headed for bootcamp!

Having been raised in the racially-segregated south, bootcamp at Bainbridge, MD, was Helen's first foray into a non-segregated living/working environment.

Successfully completing basic training in December, Helen went on leave to “home sweet home” until she reported to Great Lakes, IL, for Hospital Corps School in January. That's when she met “Hawk”, slang for cold weather! Helen was quick to point out she was not accustomed to cold and snowy winters.

As fate would have it, enough women recruits arrived together that they were able to form an all-female class. Her opinion of Great Lakes changed with the arrival of spring as it was “BEAUTIFUL” there, she said.

In addition to good weather, the entire Hospital Corps School was treated to a surprise, live performance by Lena Horne (*American dancer, actress and Grammy-winning singer*). Helen said, “[Lena] sang her signature song ‘Stormy Weather’. Oh, boy! What a treat!”

Helen commented that instructors at Hospital Corps School were great. Laughing, Helen recalls one of the chiefs who considered himself “God's gift to women” but noted he was a “gentleman” and had a great sense of humor. She also fondly recalled her registered nurse instructor who “was like a mother to us all.”



Helen at Bootcamp in 1952.



Helen in 2021

After school, Helen was detailed to the Naval Hospital in Memphis, TN. She was stationed there from May through December 1953 before being sent to ECG and Basal Metabolism School in Portsmouth, where she studied from January to May 1954.

Upon class completion, she married her hometown sweetheart who had recently completed his enlistment in the Air Force.

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Sound Off!

MEMBER-AT-LARGE, VIRGINIA *(Continued)*

Helen's final duty station was the Naval Dispensary at Norfolk where she was honorably discharged in December 1954. She recalls those 2 years, 1 month and 24 days as some of the best, and wishes she had stayed in.

"I had a great time in the military. I loved the NAVY!"

Helen continued working in healthcare as a civilian LPN. She loved her career working with patients at the Medical College of Virginia. She has two daughters and one son, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She said she thoroughly enjoys being the favorite "Grandmom" and great-grandmother.

Where is YOUR discharge paperwork?

by Martha Alderman, Region 3 Representative

Remember when you separated/retired from Active Duty and were given your DD214 (*WD AGO or NAVPERS Document for WWII era servicemembers*)?

You were likely told "This is an important record: Safeguard it." Those very words appear at the top of each document! So... do you know where YOURS is?

If you ever choose to apply for benefits from the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) you will need that document. Unless you have previously applied for such benefits, the VA does NOT have a copy. Some states archive copies, but don't count on it.

If you do NOT have yours, there is some good news. The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC or "the archives") is again taking requests for service documents via its website: www.archives.gov.

Now, before it becomes critical, is a great time to submit a request as it may take several months to obtain the document. The archives, like most places, has been affected by COVID19 and now has a backlog of requests due to personnel cutbacks.*

If there is an urgent need - such as access to medical care, shelter for homeless veterans or burial - then the request may be expedited: Send the completed and signed SF180 via FAX to (314)801-0764.

You may have heard about a fire in 1973 which destroyed some 16 to 18 million files, and that is correct. It specifically affected about 80% of Army personnel discharged between November 1912 and January 1960, and Air Force personnel discharged between September 1947 and January 1964 with names alphabetically after "Hubbard".

However, NPRC has been able to reconstruct many records, so even if your record was affected, still submit your request. And when you receive your Document - **SAFEGUARD IT.**

**Due to the resurgence of COVID19, NPRC has again reduced staffing to 10%. They will still respond to urgent-need requests but routine requests will take a while.*

Call for Nominations of 2022 – 2024 MWAN National & Regional Officers

by GinaMarie Doherty, Nominating Committee Chair

National Officers and Regional Representatives nominations are now being accepted. The offices to be filled are President, Vice President for Finance, Vice President for Membership, Vice President for Unit Liaison, and all 13 Regional Representatives. Are you or someone you know a good fit for one of these positions?



Nominations **MUST BE SUBMITTED** by **DECEMBER 31st** to the Nominating Committee. The final list of candidates and their biographies will be published in the April 2022 Military Women's Bulletin and the election ballot will be in the June 2022 bulletin.

Winners will be announced and installed at the 2022 MWAN National Convention in Arizona. Details of each office and its respective duties and responsibilities can be found in the MWAN National Bylaws and in the MWAN Procedures Manual available at www.milwomen.org under the "Documents" tab.

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Terry Taylor, Arizona

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Wondering what to read next?

Here are a few ideas...



Military Fly Moms by Linda Maloney, 2012

A compilation of 28 true stories of women who shared the dreams of becoming a military aviator and being a mom.

Good Night Captain Mama: Buenas Noches Capitan Mama

by Graciela Tiscareno-Sato, 2013

A children's book detailing the interaction between a young boy getting ready for bed and his Air Force mama, who's heading out to fly a night air refueling sortie.

Locked-in: A Soldier and Civilian's Struggle with Invisible Wounds by Carolyn Furdek, 2017

A memoir that takes the reader from the battlefields, through the military and civilian psychiatric systems, and finally to the fight that remains on the home front.

The Girls Who Stepped Out of Line: Untold Stories of the Women Who Changed the Course of World War II

by Mari K. Eder, 2021

A look inside the lives and experiences of 15 unknown military and civilian women heroes who served, fought, struggled, and made things happen during WWII.

Editor's Note: Books listed are NOT endorsed or supported in any way by Military Women Across the Nation.

Meet Your National Staff!

This feature will be presented as bulletin space is available. The mini biographies (presented in random order) were written by each staff member. If you see where your military or travel path may have crossed with one of these gals, don't hesitate to reach out and get to know each other!

Also, keep in mind these are not "career" positions. Please consider stepping up to one of the jobs in the future. Finally, ALL MWAN positions are volunteer, with some travel reimbursement available for elected officers who are expected to attend annual board meetings. No one is paid for the job she does.

Terry Taylor is MWAN Vice President for Finance and lives in Arizona.

I joined MWAN/WN in 2011 and attended my first National Convention in Orlando, FL, the following year. The highlight of the trip was when I ran into my Company Commander from bootcamp, Petty Officer Sunday, whom I hadn't seen since 1975 at RTC Orlando! (Nancy Sunday retired as a Chief, but she'll always be Petty Officer Sunday to me.)

Before my first term as National Treasurer, I served as unit treasurer, unit vice president, and scholarship chair. I was active-duty Navy for four years which included two years in Rota, Spain, and 15 months in the Azores. I was also in the Navy Reserve and was fortunate to spend my two weeks active duty in Misawa, Japan; Naples, Italy; NSA Fort Meade, MD, as well as other state-side duty stations. After a career as a Certified Public Accountant, I retired in 2007, though I continued to work part-time for several years.

My husband Richard (an Army vet) and I currently live in Scottsdale, AZ, where we enjoy volunteering with several organizations, hiking, and taking trips to the White Mountains.



Shirley Crawford is MWAN Public Affairs Chair and lives in Arizona.

The first MWAN position I held was Parliamentarian and as such was invited to attend Unit #155 Board of Directors meetings. Later, I was asked to be the vice president, and when the unit president resigned, I took the reigns as president. I was elected to the unit presidency in 2019.

At 18 I wanted to serve my country. My brother talked me out of it, saying it "wasn't for girls". Ten years later, I enlisted in the Air Force and enjoyed my military life and service. I should have reenlisted but did not, and still, today, am regretful.

My service in the Air Force allowed me to earn a master's degree in Social Work (MSW). Besides my 30-year MSW career, I have an otherwise diverse work career. My work careers, military and civilian, have given me great experiences which I take with me into this position

In July 2019 after being together for 26 years my wife Sue and I held a small intimate wedding. Sue was not in the service but enjoys my stories and supports me with my service as Unit 155 President. My adult son still calls her his "Suedad." Sue and I love to travel and when Covid is over, we will again.



Patty Parks is MWAN National President and lives in Tennessee.



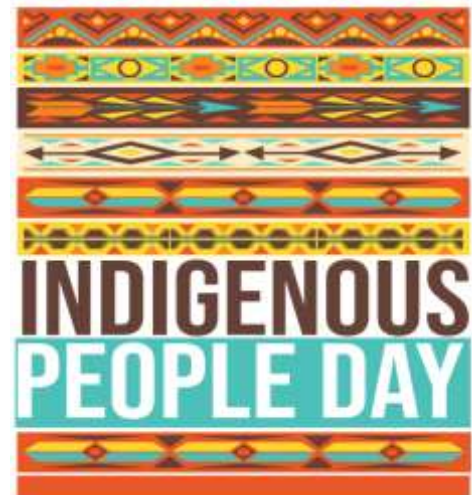
I retired from my 25-year Navy career in 2003 and settled with my husband Mark (a retired Navy chief) in Ooltewah, TN, where we volunteer with various veteran groups and local non-profits. When not busy with my precious sister and brother veterans, I enjoy traveling (especially by train & ship) or climbing my family tree. My best trips are when I'm digging up family secrets! I read historical

fiction & non-fiction with particular interest in biographical accounts of our foremothers.

Mark and I have two daughters: Renee (also a Navy retiree) who lives in Jacksonville, FL, with her three children (aka: my grandcuties): Sierra/20, Mason/18 and Mira/15; and Marcia who lives in East Ridge, TN, and was recently promoted from CAD Technician to Associate Designer with Mesa, a woman-owned, engineering firm."

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Read, Attend Local Events & Learn North American History



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Military Women Across the Nation (MWAN)

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____
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Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip

E-Mail Address: _____ Unit No. or MAL _____

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

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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. Membership includes an E-MAIL subscription to *Military Women's Bulletin* published six times per year.

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“I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements of MWAN and I can produce a copy of my military identification, DD214 or other honorable 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 Sep shall cover the remainder of the current year AND the full, following calendar year.

First Time, New Members will receive an MWAN Membership Card and MWAN T-Shirt:

Please select preferred Unisex T-Shirt size: **S** **M** **L** **XL** **2X** **3X**

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. The local unit treasurer will submit the payment and application to the MWAN Vice President for Finance.

New members-at-large make check payable to “MWAN” and mail with this completed and SIGNED application to:
Terry Taylor, MWAN Vice President for Finance
10105 E Via Linda, Ste 103-253, Scottsdale AZ 85258.

PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS APPLICATION FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR UNIT.

A tax-deductible donation to MWAN in the amount of \$ _____ is included in the attached check.

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MWAN Regional Map



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

MWAN Supply Locker

OCTOBER 2021

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 _____ = _____
- US Navy WAVES Veteran (circle) \$4 X _____ = _____
- Patches: Navy Flag or Services (USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY) \$4 X _____ = _____
- 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 _____ = _____
- MWAN Earrings \$12 X _____ = _____
- MWAN Coin Keychain \$12 X _____ = _____
- MWAN Mouse Pad \$6 X _____ = _____
- Original Hat Pin \$10 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)
- Little Lady WAVE w/Flag Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
- Vietnam Era Pins \$6 X _____ = _____
- Dogtag Pin (Women Proudly Served) \$5 X _____ = _____
- Freedom Forever Eagle Pin \$5 X _____ = _____
- US Flag & Service Flag Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
(USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)
- USN Hat Pin (Spread Eagle w/USN) \$8 X _____ = _____
- USN Crest Lapel Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
- US Navy Lapel Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
- USN Patriotic Ribbon Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
- POW/MIA Lapel Pin \$5 X _____ = _____
- Department of Navy Lapel Pin \$4 X _____ = _____
- Service Crest Lapel \$4 X _____ = _____
(USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY)
- Service Dogtag Pins \$5 X _____ = _____
(USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)
- US Vet Stars/Stripes Lapel Pin \$9 X _____ = _____
- **Honoring Women Veterans Pin \$6 X _____ = _____**

MWAN CLOTHING ITEMS

- 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
- 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

- American Veteran Bracelet \$5 X _____ = _____
- 2016 Convention Pin \$2 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 _____ = _____
- 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 (4 each) \$4 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 _____ = _____
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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**)

****Shipping Cost****

Up to \$40 = \$8; \$41-\$100 = \$15; \$101 & above = \$20
 Check/MO #: _____ **NO PHONE ORDERS**

Subtotal: \$ _____
ADD Shipping: \$ _____
TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Make checks/Money Orders payable to **MWAN SUPPLY LOCKER**
 Mail check with Order Form to: Linda Coffield, 95 Vernon Street, Atoka, TN 38004
 Questions? Call: (901)488-4153 or Email: LindyC1951@gmail.com

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NOTE: MWAN Ladies White Dress Shirt **RUN SMALL** (Ladies cut).
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MEMBER-AT-LARGE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

(Dues period 1 January to 31 December)

*Please type, print
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Name: _____ Member ID #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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: \$ _____

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Terry Taylor, VP for Finance, 10105 E Via Linda, Ste 103-253, Scottsdale AZ 85258-5362

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