

MILITARY Women's BULLETIN



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MILWOMEN 2024 National Call to Convention

23-25 September, Crowne Plaza Providence Hotel, Warwick, Rhode Island

Welcome to Rhode Island! We have been waiting for you to join us on the beautiful east coast. Rhode Island is one of the original 13 United States, and is one of the six New England states. It is nicknamed the "Ocean State" because it has more than 400 miles of coastline.



Our convention team has been hard at work coordinating a variety of opportunities for you to have a great time as we complete the necessary business of our great organization. We will hear about Women's Health Initiatives, and have a chance to tour the smallest state in the union. Come join us! Renew old acquaintances, and make new ones, and enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie of your sisters in service.

Please take a few minutes to register right now so you can join us for an unforgettable National Convention.

GinaMarie Doherty, National President
Military Women Across the Nation



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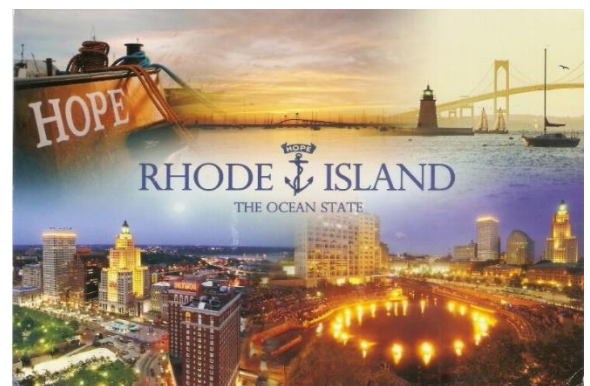


Show your support for MILWOMEN, and our convention, by sponsoring an advertisement in the program, and/or by ordering a convention logo shirt!

Ads (which are detailed on Page 3) come in several different sizes & prices, and, along with narratives, can include art, logos, or even photos! Also, ads can be purchased by anyone! Check with friends and family to ask if they are interested in supporting you as a military veteran, by purchasing an ad!

Another support option is to buy a custom, convention logo shirt! Our convention team has contracted with CustomInk, LLC, to offer four different styles of custom, convention logo shirts for sale on their website, beginning April 1st and available through April 30th.

The four styles offer various necklines and sleeve lengths, as well as a few different colors from which to choose BUT, the link (below) **will only be active** April 1st-30th, so mark your calendar NOW!
<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/MILWOMEN2024>



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

Call to Convention

Crowne Plaza Providence Hotel, 23-25 September, Warwick RI

The 2024 MWAN National Convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Providence Warwick Airport Hotel, located at 801 Greenwich Avenue in Warwick. The nearest airport is T.F. Green Providence (PVD). It is about 10 minutes from the hotel, and there is a courtesy hotel shuttle that runs from 4am to 1am daily.

Our convention room rate is \$159 (+ 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 (*Limited availability pre- & post-convention*).

To get our conference rate, you **MUST** provide our three-letter group code: **MWR**, when making your reservation. The code cannot be applied retroactively, so **DO NOT FORGET** to use **MWR** when booking your room.



Room availability at this rate is limited, so call (401) 681-4723 or go online to www.CrowneHotelWarick.com to reserve your room as soon as possible, and remember to use our group code: **MWR** to get our \$159 (+tax) room rate. Hotel check-in is 3pm, and check-out is 11am.

The hotel's Business Center is open 24 hours per day with computer, printer and copier access. The on-site, indoor pool is open from 7am to 11pm daily, and the Fitness Center is open from 5am to 11pm. For those who drive to convention, or choose to rent a car, there is plenty of free, on-site, parking.

If you arrive thirsty, or hungry, you'll find Crossings Bar & Restaurant right off the hotel lobby. While most meals are included with your registration, Crossings serves breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, and is open from 6am to 11pm Monday through Saturday, and from 10am to 5pm on Sunday.



Too tired to sit in the pub? Crossings provides room service, so you may sip a Bloody Monkey (*pictured at left*) or other specialty cocktail in the privacy of your own room.

And, the Crossings menu features fresh seafood, steaks, a variety of other tempting dishes, and desserts to make your mouth water.



Pictured above is the Claiborne Pell Suspension Bridge. Also known as the Newport Bridge, it spans the East Passage of Narragansett Bay.

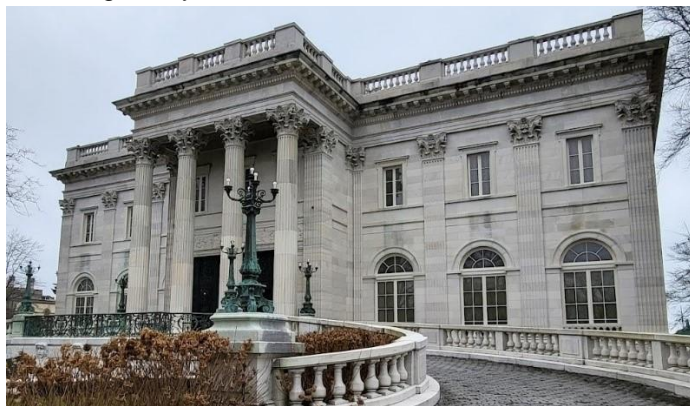
Newport: Spectacular City by the Sea

A fabulous add-on excursion.

You've traveled all this way, why not stay an extra day and see even more of New England's treasures! You'll journey via a small, private bus, with a local guide, across the "Newport Bridge" through early American history, and the stunning wealth of America's Gilded Age. (*The vehicle is walker/mobility accessible but not wheelchair accessible. If you require wheelchair access, please contact the Convention Chair.*)

The bus will visit Naval Station Newport, home to the US Naval War College and Museum, Naval Officer Training Command and Officer Candidate School.

Following a visit to the museum, and lunch at the historic Newport Officer's Club, the excursion will continue along breathtaking Ocean Drive, and Bellevue Avenue, where you'll see, and hear stories behind, the stunning summer homes of famous Americans, including the Kennedys, Vanderbilts, and modern-day celebrities such as Jay Leno and Judge Judy.



You'll explore the cobblestone streets of colonial America; enjoy the scenic inner harbor of the country's sailing capital, and take a tour of the dazzling Marble House Mansion (*pictured above*) which was the 39th birthday present from William Vanderbilt to his wife, Alva in 1892. Marble House set the pace for Newport's subsequent transformation to the legendary resort of opulent Gilded Age mansions, and is now a National Historic Landmark.

This post-convention tour (*limited to 20 people*) is 10:30am to 5pm on Wednesday, September 25th. The cost is \$88 per person and includes transportation, tours, lunch and admissions to the NWC Museum and the Marble House.

Convention Advertising

Advertising **DEADLINE is JUNE 30, 2024**

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 Lynne@MILWOMEN.org, and send your ad payment to Monica O'Hara, MWAN Convention Treasurer, 6383 Kimmy Court, San Diego, CA 92114-5631.

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

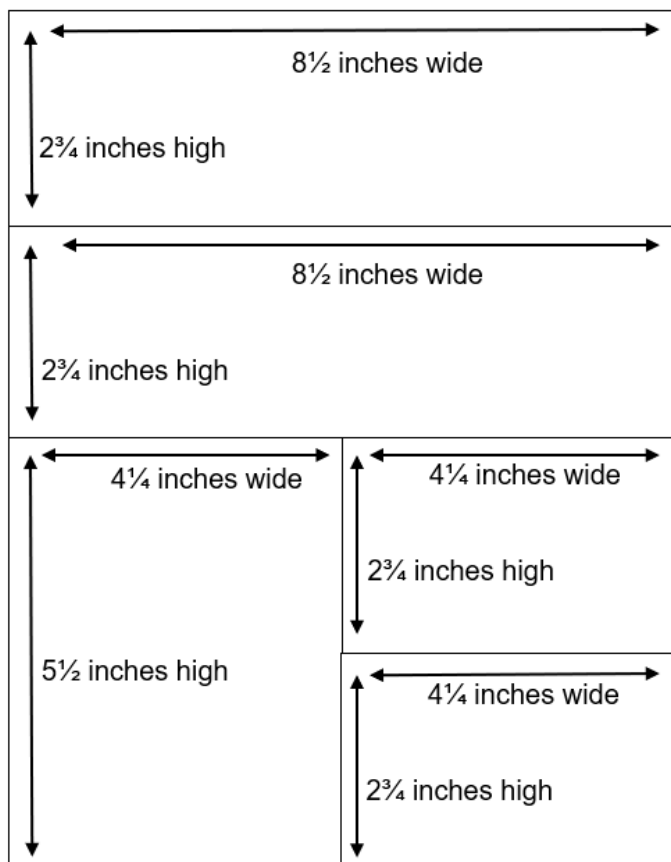
Advertisement Sizes:

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 in Rhode Island? 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 2024**," and, instead of a Shipping Charge, write in **FREE!** Pre-orders **must be received no later than September 5th, 2024 to be eligible.**

See you in Rhode Island!!

TENTATIVE

National Convention Agenda

Sunday, Sep 22

1500-1700 Registration Check In (Foyer)
TBD Supply Locker Open
1600-1800 pre-BOD Meeting

Monday, Sep 23

0730-0830 Registration (Foyer)
0730-0845 Breakfast Buffet
0900-1700 MILWOMEN Business (includes lunch)
[Dinner on own to network/socialize]

Tuesday, Sep 24

0730-0845 Breakfast Buffet
0900 MILWOMEN Business (includes lunch)
1345-1545 General Business Women's Health
1545 Break
1600 Memorial Service
1800-2100 Banquet (Guest Speaker: Patty Parks)

Wednesday, Sep 25

0730-0845 Breakfast Buffet
0730-0845 Last-minute Supply Locker purchases
0900 post-BOD Meeting
1100 Check out Time for those not staying
1030-1700 Newport Add-on Tour/O'club lunch
(\$88 Pre-paid ONLY, limited to 20 people to ensure a small private tour)

Other On-Your-Own Tour Options!

- ◆ Check out other things to do, including local area trolley tours, boat tours, and historic Golden Age Mansion tours:
www.VisitRhodeIsland.com
- ◆ Plan a day trip to see everything you can, escorted by a professional tour guide:
<https://experienceri.com/tour/rhode-island-in-a-day/>
- ◆ Take a boat tour (<https://www.providenceriverboat.com/>) or a Gondola tour of Providence:
<https://www.gondolari.com/>
- ◆ Visit the Rhode Island "People's Museum and Planetarium"
<https://www.providenceri.gov/museum/>
- ◆ Want to see more mansions? Check out dozens of others, including the local John Brown House and Museum
<https://www.rihs.org/locations/the-john-brown-house-museum/>
- ◆ If you're a fan of the movie 'The Great Gatsby', HBO's 'Downtown Abbey' or 'The Gilded Age' (and even if you're not), venture over to Newport to immerse yourself in the Gilded Age summer homes and properties of families like Vanderbilt, Morgan, Ford, Carnegie, and Rockefeller
[\(https://www.newportmansions.org/\)](https://www.newportmansions.org/)

2024 Convention Registration Form, Providence RI (23-24 September 2024)

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

Need Assistance with Hotel Reservations, RoomMate, Sister-to-Sister, etc.? (Please fill in as appropriate) Type of Assistance requested: _____

Send an email to Lynne ~OR~ Give Lynne a call ~ **Contact information is listed on the bottom of this page.** ↓

MEAL Preferences: *NOTE: Registration fee includes buffet meals (3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, & banquet)*

Check here and list any dietary restriction(s): _____

Convention Registration MWAN Members ____ x \$200 = \$ _____
 Guest(s) ____ x \$200 = \$ _____
 Banquet-Only Guest(s) ____ x \$ 75 = \$ _____

Convention Registration SUBTOTAL = \$ _____ (A)

Add-on Naval Station Newport/O'Club Lunch/Mansion Tour (\$88/pp) = \$ _____ (B)

Advertisement in Convention Program

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

AD Attached: YES NO
 OR
 AD emailed: _____
DATE

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:
 Convention Chair
 Lynne Pine at
 507-400-9111
Lynne@MILWOMEN.org

Make Checks Payable to: "MWAN 2024 Convention"

Mail Completed Form & Payment to:

Monica O'Hara, MWAN Convention Treasurer
 6383 Kimmy Court, San Diego, CA 92114-5631

***** National Convention Registration will CLOSE 1 August 2024! *****

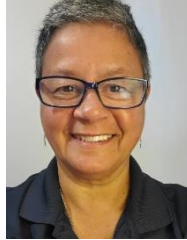
MWAN National/Regional Elections will be conducted by U.S. Postal Service using a ballot printed in the June 2024 issue of Military Women's Bulletin. Nominees and their respective offices follow.

MEET THE 2024 CANDIDATES

★ Nominee for President ★

GinaMarie Doherty

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



I am employed full time with the Federal Government as a Personal Property Counselor on board Naval Station Newport. 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, Membership ★

Debbie Crutchfield

I served in the Navy from 1969-1992 retiring as a Chief Personnelman. After the Navy, I taught public school from 1997-2001, followed by 11 years of teaching Pre-K at my church where I still substitute teach. I joined WAVES National in 1982 and have served as National Recording Secretary (1992-1994 & 2018-2020), Executive Secretary (1994-1996), and VP for Membership (2022-2024).



I've been a member of six units in different states and am currently a member of Triangle Military Women #144 in North Carolina. I've also served as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President in several units. I also handle fundraising for a Bainbridge WAVES Reunion group. I've had plenty of experience in this organization and I would like to continue to serve as Membership Vice President.

★ Nominee for Vice President, Unit Liaison ★

Beth Wingfield

I joined MWAN in 2015 as a Charter Member of TriState Women Veterans Unit 157. I'm very active with The Forty and Eight, a veterans' organization committed to charitable and patriotic aims. I also serve with the Tennessee Valley Healthcare Service, and the Veterans Community Partnership panel as a resource to help women veterans in need. I am also active as a musician in Georgia, where I'm a member of the Dalton



Whitfield community Band and the Dalton First United Methodist Church Choir.

I joined the Army in 1980 and was honorably discharged in 1985 for a medical condition. I worked as a clarinetist and sound engineer in two Army bands; one at Fort Clayton, Panama, the other at Fort Bliss, TX. I currently serve as Region 10 Representative but I look forward to serving as the Vice President for Unit Liaison.

★ Nominee for Vice President, Finance ★

Maura Mooney

I'm originally from Virginia, and 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 Hospitalman Chief, SCW (*SeaBee Combat Warfare*). I served at various duty stations in the US as well as overseas. I earned my master's in Public Administration in 2007 from University of San Francisco.



Since retiring from the Navy, I've held several healthcare positions in Virginia and in Petaluma, CA until my 2022 retirement. I currently enjoy relaxing with my two cats, hiking and traveling. I'm a member of American Legion Post 28 and Women Veterans Coalition, and regularly served on the annual Veteran's Day Parade and Memorial Day Event committees. I currently serve as MWAN VP for Finance and look forward to continuing for another two years.

★ Nominee for Region 1 Representative ★

Lynne Pine

I'm a retired US Navy Mustang Lieutenant Commander, and former Yeoman Senior Chief Petty Officer. I joined the Navy in 1980 from Klamath Falls, Oregon, and served in various duty stations in the US as well as overseas, and aboard an aircraft carrier.



Upon retiring in 2007, I held numerous director positions in the civil service until I moved to California where I became a defense contractor. I have an MBA and several bachelor's degrees, as well as numerous professional certifications. I'm actively engaged with my civilian and military community, serving as an AARP Driver Education Instructor, MILWOMEN National Webmaster and Region 1 and 2 Representative, MILWOMEN Stars & Stripes Unit #36 Secretary/Treasurer, and as a Chula Vista City Commissioner for Veteran Affairs.

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

MEET THE **2024** CANDIDATES

(Continued)

★ 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 Cryptologic Technician A-School and C-school. My first duty station was NSGA Clark AFB, Philippines. I then transferred to NAVCAMS EASTPAC, Wahiawa, HI, where I joined my husband who was on sea duty. I was an E4 when discharged in 1978, one month before the oldest of my five children was born. Our Navy family was stationed in New Jersey, Florida, Virginia and North Dakota. I joined WAVES National (*now* MWAN) in 2012, and have lived in Puyallup, WA, for the past four years. I enjoy baking, reading and spending time with my family, especially my 17 grandchildren. I look forward to serving 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 now 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 fellow veterans, which is why I was a benefits counselor for 12 years, and now a volunteer American Legion Service Officer. We have a great Arizona Military Women's Luncheon annually, and I'm always part of the planning committee because I just love being with so many women veterans. I'm currently the Region 3 Representative and look forward to serving another term. My husband & I are "child free," but we have fur babies, and enjoy camping, kayaking, hiking, cooking & travel. I have a great life!



★ Nominee for Region 4 Representative★

Annette Dunseth

I was transferred to MWAN from WAVE's National. The last conference I attended was the 2014 cruise from Galveston, TX, to Jamaica and Mexico. with my daughter, Beth and her three children. Jen, my youngest daughter has one child. I have 5 great grandchildren. I served as a Storekeeper in the Navy for almost 15 years. I then joined the Naval Reserve; transferred to the Army National Guard, and then to the Air National Guard. I retired from the Air Force Reserve. I've always loved dancing, reading, crochet, family history research, and travel: I have visited of all 50 United States! I currently serve as Region 4 Representative and look forward to another term.



★ 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 US 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.



★ Nominee for Region 6 Representative★

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. Following the Navy, I worked as a workers' compensation paralegal, until retiring in 2023. I'm also a wife, mother of five, grandmother of 11, and (*very young*) great-grandmother of three.

I joined MWAN Unit #55 in 2015, and initiated a few 'Meet & Greets' in the Lakeland, FL, area. By the fall of 2022, Lakeland Royal Swans Unit #159, was officially chartered. I look forward to sharing MWAN with others, and lighting some fires in the hearts of other women veterans to start new units throughout Florida: Social media can be amazing!



★ Nominee for Region 7 Representative★

Erika Westbrook

I serve as the Veteran Services Coordinator at Newport Mental Health, and am an avid veteran advocate and volunteer. I joined the VFW Auxiliary on the eligibility of my father, who served in Vietnam. I was elected as VFW Auxiliary Department President of Rhode Island in 2022; am a life member of VFW Post 916, and have served as Auxiliary President since 2019. I also served as Department Legislative Chair for the Auxiliary, and as executive director of The Curahee Project, whose mission is to bring awareness of the veterans and servicemembers suicide epidemic and lack of access to mental healthcare. I served in the Marine Corps at NAS Millington, TN, as an Aviation Ordnanceman. I earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology while working as a corrections officer, and facilitated a weekly group for incarcerated veterans. I enjoy wild game dinners and attending renaissance festivals in garb.



MEET THE **2024** CANDIDATES

★ Nominee for Region 8 Representative★

Denise Duke

I served in the Navy from 1978-2000. 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. I kept track of organization events for 8 years. I have been a VA Volunteer for 15 years at my local VA in Tuscaloosa, AL and representing MWAN. I served as the MWAN VAVS Rep for 2 years. I have served on many nominating committees over the years as well. This was my greatest challenge. I love the sisterhood our organization provides and I look forward to serving as a regional rep to help our sister veterans to stay in touch!



★ Nominee for Region 9 Representative★

Michele Batliner

I joined the Navy at 18 and attended boot camp in Orlando, FL. After Radioman training in Bainbridge, MD, I transferred to NAS Bermuda where I met and married a Marine. I resigned from the service, and followed my husband to California, where I began my federal employment. After we separated, my daughter and I moved to Kansas City, MO, and I resumed federal employment as the first woman carpenter in the region. I joined the Naval Reserve NATO unit (the best six years of my life!). I remarried, had two more children and now have 12 grandkids. After 36 years of government service, I retired as a journeyman electrician. I love my fellow veterans and spend many hours volunteering at American Legion Post 21 and the all-female American Legion Post 1107. I've been a member of MWAN since 2005 and a Regional Representative for many years. I love it!!!



★ Nominee for Region 10 Representative★

Patty Parks

I have been a member of MWAN (formerly WAVES National) for some 35 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.

★ Nominee for Region 11 Representative★

Jennifer Baun

I recently retired as a Director of Managed Care for the Albertsons Companies and have been involved with managed care for more than 27 years.

A Navy veteran, I attended bootcamp at RTC Orlando, FL, followed by Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare School in Norfolk, VA, and became an Ocean System Technician Analyst, serving as part of the Integrated Underwater Surveillance System. I'm currently president of Northeast Ohio Women Veterans Unit 21; a life member of AMVETS Post 44, a member of American Legion Post 301; a member and past commander of the United Veterans Council of Greater Youngstown; serve on the Ohio Department of Veterans Services Women Veterans Advisory Committee, and was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in 2015. I am currently serving as Region 5 and 11 Representative.



★ Nominee for Region 13 Representative★

Alicia Rodriguez

Upon completion of Navy boot camp and electrician training, I was assigned to the USS Simon Lake (AS-33) in La Maddalena, Italy. While on active duty, I earned my bachelor's and master's degrees in Business Administration. I'm a military certified Small Arms Instructor, and obtained my Black Belt Six Sigma certification from Touro International University. I joined MWAN in 2015 and am a member of New England Military Women Unit 158, where I've served as their Volunteer Hours Chair. I am currently serving as Region 13 Representative. My son Steven is 14, and I am the proud daughter of Carlos Rodriguez and Leticia Desfassiaux.



★ Candidate Needed! ★ for Region 12 Representative

MWAN has 13 regions so no one representative will have too much territory to cover. We still need one more 2024-2026 representative to cover Region 12, which includes Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. If you live in one of these states, please consider stepping up to lead your sisters!

As a minimum, the position duties include reaching out to MWAN region members at large to let them know they are remembered. You also will have a vote on national MWAN issues. There's no limit to the activity you may choose to pursue as a region representative: Traveling to meet your constituents, establishing new units, soliciting the region for input on concerns and questions members may have, etc.

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



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



The 2024 essay topic is

“Military Women in Command”

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 2024: 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

Application Package Submission DEADLINE is 30 June 2024.

Applicants will be notified in July 2024 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 (See documents page)

If additional information is required,

Contact Scholarship Chair Barb Turner at

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 _____

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: _____

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

Volunteer Work/Employment: List your volunteer and/or employment experience: _____

Hobbies/Talents: List your hobbies, talents and/or interests: _____

Course of Study: List your major or the field you plan to study: _____

What is your career objective? _____

(Continue answers on separate pages as necessary.)



**Application Package Submission
DEADLINE is 30 June 2024.**



Questions?
Contact Scholarship Chair Barb Turner at
MWANScholarship@milwomen.org
Or Call (817) 733-7034 (Leave a voice mail.)

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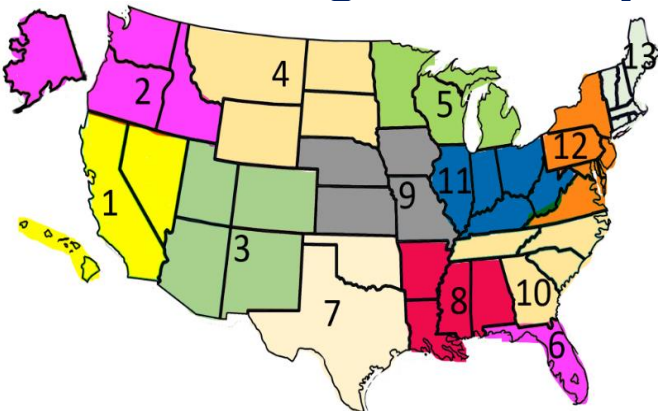
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MWAN Regional Map



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ONLY USE CURRENT ORDER FORM

MWAN Supply Locker

APRIL 2024

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 _____ = _____
- 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)
- Honor-Courage-Sacrifice Veterans Pin \$5 X _____ = _____
- Vietnam Era Pins \$6 X _____ = _____
- Veteran American Flag Pin \$5 X _____ = _____
- Freedom Forever Eagle Pin \$5 X _____ = _____
- US Flag & Service Flag Pin \$4 X _____ = _____ (USN, USAF, USMC)
- 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, USCG, VETERANS)
- US Vet Stars/Stripes Lapel Pin \$9 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 _____ = _____
- 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
- Patriotic Scarf (100% Polyester) \$4 X _____ = _____

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- American Veteran Bracelet \$5 X _____ = _____
- MWAN Playing Cards \$10 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 _____ = _____
- DD214 Alumni Decal \$6 X _____ = _____
- MWAN Flags (3'x5') \$80 X _____ = _____
- MWAN Table Coverings \$120 X _____ = _____
- MWAN PopSockets \$10 X _____ = _____
3 for \$20 X _____ = _____

NAME BADGE W/MWAN PUCK \$15 X _____ = _____

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

Merchandise SUBTOTAL . \$ _____

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

ADD Shipping Charge . . \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Check/MO #: _____

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

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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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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.	
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