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Master Chief Zenaida Colon Retires – Serves USN for 30 Years



Master Chief Zenaida Colon retired, recently, after serving in the U.S. Navy for 30 years. Her road from Seaman to Master Chief was made more difficult as she is a native of Puerto Rico and did not speak any English.

In 1980, a commercial aired that caught the attention of a 24-year-old young woman. It was a Navy commercial that suggested the Navy was not just a job, but an

adventure. She had been looking for an opportunity to become more of an independent woman, so she took the Navy's offer and enlisted.

Before shipping off to boot camp, there was one problem. As a native of Puerto Rico, she could not speak English.

The language barrier did not stop her, she quickly learned how to speak English. Master Chief Aviation Support Equipment Technician (AW/SW) Zenaida Colon recalls what it was like enlisting as a female in the Navy.

“When I enlisted, it was a big deal on the news that they were letting females join the Navy because a lot of

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I hope to see many of you at the 18th biennial WAVES National convention here in Norfolk, VA, the end of this

The President's Message

month. As you have seen in the past issues of White Caps, the Tidewater Tidal WAVES, Unit 152, have a lot of great plans in the works for everyone's enjoyment. Unit 1, Arkansas Travelers, will be celebrating its 30th anniversary, and we hope to charter the newest unit at this time, as well.

Our membership continues to decline. We are down to approximately 2,750 members. We have lost more units due to the ever increasing average age of our members and difficulty finding new officers. We do have one unit who will be chartering soon, Salt River WAVES, in AZ. I know there are many units who are recycling their officers in order to stay afloat and I applaud you for the efforts you make to remain a viable unit.

Recruiting new members can be as simple as a unit adopting a USN or USMC Reserve Center in its respective town. With our Reserves being activated to support the efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq, they will need care packages while deployed. What a great opportunity to

recruit new members by letting them know that we exist and we care! Have you visited your local VFW, DAV, and/or American Legion Posts? They hold potential new WN members, as well. Check them out! I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for each of us to take responsibility for recruitment in order to ensure this organization continues for another 31 years!

We at the National level have not been idle, either. At the suggestion of Lynne Pine, southern California's State Director, we requested, and were granted, permission to have an information table at the Sea Services Leadership Association's Women's Leadership Symposium, 2-3 June, in Washington, D.C. Helen "Ski" Sadowski and Vicki

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Master Chief Colon Retires ...

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people didn't agree with it," said Colon. "Females could enlist, but could not work at sea."

Despite being allowed to serve only on shore duty, Colon left boot camp as an undesignated airman and arrived at her first command, Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD) Pensacola, where she became a plane captain for the Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron (VQ-4). She enjoyed her work and wanted to strike for aviation boatswain's mate (Handler), but at the time, the rate was closed.

Trying to stay in the same field, she passed the aviation support equipment technician (AS) correspondence course. After successfully completing the course, she took the AS advancement exam for E-4 and passed on her first try. She later passed the E-5 exam her first time.

When Colon reached the rank of first class petty officer, she received orders to the U.S. Customs Agency to help in the war on drugs. At the time, women were still not allowed to serve on ships.

In 1994, females began going to sea. With that, Colon joined the crew of USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). It was there that Colon was selected for chief petty officer.

"My biggest achievement in the Navy was the day I made chief," said Colon. "I became part of the Chiefs' Mess, and that is where we make things happen for the ship and the crew."

When she left Stennis, she reported to AIMD Norfolk and was selected for senior chief petty officer. After making senior chief petty officer, she received

orders to the USS Wasp (LHD 1) for two-and-a half years.

After Wasp, she attended the senior enlisted academy and was subsequently selected for master chief while assigned to Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR), Norfolk.

"You cannot get discouraged, you have to persevere," said Colon about her triumphs.

When she left SPAWAR, the only master chief billet open in her rate was at AIMD, Oceana. She served there for two and a half years and then transferred to the USS Bataan.

"I absolutely love my job of taking care of Sailors and being a role model," said Colon. "I have accomplished everything I have strived for, and if I can do it, all of the Sailors can."

In her role as a senior enlisted member and for her concern for the sailors under her charge, she became known as "Mama Z."

Aviation Support Equipment Technician 3rd Class Rebecca Ries worked with Colon on Bataan. "ASCM Colon is an inspiration to me because it gave me ambition to advance in my career as far as she did," said Ries. "We need more strong female role models like her in the Navy."

During a seven month deployment, Mama Z prepared for her retirement upon return to homeport in Norfolk, VA. Shortly after the ship's arrival in Norfolk, the earthquake shattered Haiti and the Bataan was deployed once again for humanitarian support. Master Chief, much against her wishes, was ordered ashore to complete her retirement plans. All of the support for her retirement soon

pulled anchor and set sail for Haiti. The Shore Commands and the Chiefs' Association came to her rescue, providing the support and decorum for Mama Z to set sail on her next cruise-retirement.

When asked what words of guidance she has for young sailors today, Mama Z responded, "Study for exams, learn from your mistakes, and most importantly, ask!"

Master Chief Colon earned the Enlisted Aviation and Surface Warfare Specialist qualifications, and the Master Training Specialist badge. Her personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal (six awards), the Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and numerous campaign and units awards.

We wish her Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Seaman Jessica Pounds, USS Bataan Public Affairs, contributed to this story.

VA Announces Changes to Co-Pay and Claim Form Policies

VA Co-pay Update

The VA announced, recently, that veterans who generally have higher income and no service-connected disabilities - referred to as Priority Groups 7 and 8 veterans - will now pay an additional \$1 for each 30-day supply of outpatient medications. Taking effect on July 1, the increase to \$9 from \$8 is the first change in VA medication co-pay since 1 Jan 06. Veterans in Priority groups 2-6 will have NO increase in their co-pay. When asked why this increase was necessary the VA replied that the CPI for medication was increasing at a higher rate than the rest of the economy and this increase was deemed necessary. The prices will hold steady for the next 18 months and will again be looked at in Jan 2012.

VA Claim Form

After years of complaints from veterans about having to fill out a 26-page-long benefits claims form for the Veterans Affairs Department, the Office of Management and Budget has approved VA's new six-page form. As the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have progressed, the 26-page application became particularly

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President's Message...

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Orem manned the table and talked to many of the ladies attending the symposium. Ski and Vicki kept a list of the women who requested additional information on our organization. Many expressed an interest in attending the convention. Hopefully, we will see some of them there. We hope to participate in the next symposium which is scheduled to be held in San Diego, next year.

The 2010 scholarship winners and their essays are published inside this issue. Michelle Kinzer, granddaughter of Ritamae Hinchliffe, WW II YN1, wrote on "Women at Sea - What It Takes to

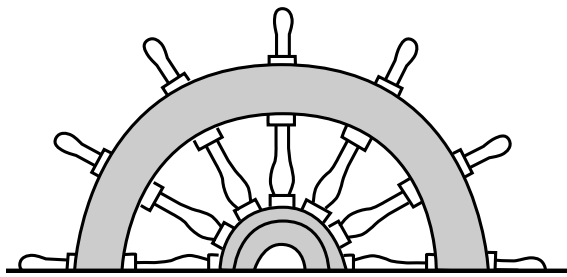
Succeed." Michelle will be attending Virginia Tech, in Blacksburg, VA. Nathan Mattice, grandson of Betty Mattice, WN member, Unit 101, SEM WAVES, wrote on "The Role of Female Corpsmen in the Sea Services." Nathan will attend the University of FL, Gainesville, FL.

Thanks go to Diane Turcotte for assuming the role of Scholarship Chairman on short notice and making arrangements for the judges and selection of the winning essays.

I look forward to seeing many of you at convention.

Always Navy,

Dassa



FROM THE BRIDGE

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



Gloria Galati

Dear WN members:

It is hard to believe that it's been 12 years since I wrote my first article for the "White Caps". As for right now, on behalf of my family, I would like to thank WAVES National and all its members for a wonderful experience serving on the board of directors and writing for the newsletter for all these years! WAVES National has given me so many opportunities and life experiences that I will take with me forever. Most of all, it is the life changing relationships with the many women veterans I have met over the years. Navy women are the greatest! We serve with grace, class, humbleness, dedication to duty, loyalty, and, if I might say so myself, we had the most beautiful military uniform around! I hope to be serving again for WAVES National in the future and will be active for the state of Ohio in assisting women veterans. I wish for all members much good health, happiness and prosperity today and in the future. For the time being, I sign off as always, Anchors Away!

Gloria

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT



Jo Adamson

Greetings Shipmates:

It has been such a wonderful last two months for me. I not only went to the WAVES National Stained Glass Window dedication but I went to my mother's 90th birthday reunion in Oregon. Then, I went to my oldest grandson's wedding in Los Vegas. It took me six weeks and over 6,000 miles. Yup! I drove all the way. Diana Parkison was a great companion helping me drive from Illinois to Oregon.

I'm sorry to say that I have received the charter from Unit 22 "Heart of Dixie", from Birmingham, AL. We will

miss them as a unit. I'm glad to say, though, that we will be chartering a new unit "Salt River WAVES" from Phoenix, AZ, at the convention this year. I want to welcome them all to WAVES National. Several of the members had already joined WN, but a welcome goes out to all.

I wish to express my sincere sympathy to all our shipmates who lost friends and family members this past year. They will be long remembered. Remember to keep our ladies and all our military members safe and out of harm's way. Keep them all in your prayers. God bless one and all.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Barb Turner

First and foremost I humbly apologize to Nannette Bateau, Buffalo Area WAVES, Unit 143 President, for listing her in Silver Taps in June! I am so very sorry, Nannette and thank you for having a "sense of humor" about it. Nannette is "alive and well" according to her e-mail on May 28, 2010. Please forgive this horrible mistake!

The WN Treasurer and I are seeing an increase in requests for replacement membership cards, both life and regular members. To stem the flow of the cash outlay, all future requests for a duplicate membership card will cost \$3.00. This price includes \$2.50 to pay for the card and \$0.44 for postage. Remember if you don't know your membership number, all you have to do is look on the label that is on this and every White Caps. Your 5 digit number appears above your name on the mailing label.

Thank you unit treasurers and presidents for verifying the membership rosters that were mailed out the end of May. I appreciate you getting them back to me so quickly. Those of you who paid your 2010 dues, but did not receive a June White Caps should have received a late June issue.

We have less than 3,000 members on our rolls now and more and more units are turning in their Charters. I thank those members for continuing their WN membership as MALs.

I received a half dozen or so official ballots in June and July. I didn't know why I was receiving them and quickly wrote a letter to each WN member who sent it to me along with a postage paid envelope to Don Overstreet, the official counter of the ballots, and returned same to the member so that she could mail her ballot to the correct place. According to Coastal Printing, the publisher for the White Caps, there was a problem with some White Caps not containing the envelopes. *Ah ha!*

As a reminder, I have no way of knowing if you receive the WC or not. What I can do is verify that you have paid your dues and that your address on file is correct. Other than that, I cannot help you. Please discuss why you have not received your WC with your local Post Office.

I hope to see you soon at our WAVES National Convention in Norfolk, VA.

HEARTSPRING PROJECT



Jeanne Hooper

By the time you read this, we will be only weeks away from Convention in Norfolk. I will be attending this year and hope to have a chance to meet some of the wonderful ladies who regularly contribute box tops for Heartspring. Contributions have slowed lately, hopefully because everyone is having a wonderful, relaxing summer. Nevertheless, 1,000 box tops were mailed to Heartspring in the last couple of months. Box tops have arrived from Maine (Unit 41), Gulf Coast WAVES (Unit 27), NWFL WAVES (Unit 52), North Coast WAVES (Unit 21) and Gateway WAVES (Unit 5). Thank you, one and all!

STAINED GLASS WINDOW CHAIR

Barbara J. McGuire



Now that WAVES National has successfully installed and dedicated its eighth stained glass window at the Recruit Memorial Chapel, Great Lakes, we must now begin fund raising efforts for the next window. Each stained glass window has been made possible strictly by the donations of WN members. I ask unit treasurers to set out a donation jar at each meeting and encourage your members to help WAVES National finance their ninth window. I ask each State Director and Regional Representative to do the same at your respective State and Regional conferences. With your help, we can begin planning for stained glass window number nine. I promise you, I will have a donation jar at the National Convention in Norfolk. See you there.

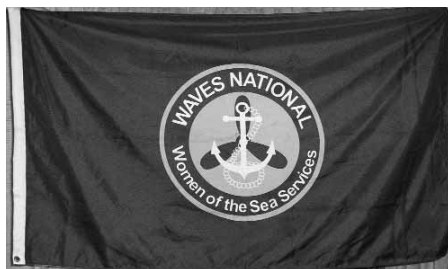
SHIP'S STORE

Patty Jo Parks



I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Convention! Don't forget, there will be TWO store locations: One for the Convention Store and one for WAVES National Ship's Store. Make certain you visit both as there will be exclusive items in each store!

Are you looking for a WAVES National Logo Flag? We have just the thing! These 3' x 5', all-weather banners are double-thickness and have the 3-color WN logo screened on front & back! Only \$80 each plus shipping! They are NOT listed on the order form yet, so just write in "WN Logo Flag" and order away!



A *SPECIAL THANKS* to all the gals who have volunteered to help out at Ship's Store during the convention. YOU make our store possible!

Still reading? Excellent! Here's yet

another FINE PRINT SPECIAL:

- With the purchase of ANY JEWELRY ITEM, get a Small Anchor Lapel Pin FREE! (Limit of TWO FREE small anchor lapel pins per customer).

- Orders **MUST** 1) Include full payment; 2) Specify "Anchors Aweigh" somewhere on the order form; and 3) **MUST** be received by October 1, 2010.

Sea Ya!

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Barbara Sebring



Greetings, Ladies,

I need all of you that receive the regular emails from me to contact me directly at bsebring62@msn.com if you do not want to receive them any more. I know that sometimes the amount of emails can become overwhelming. However, please do not report the emails from me as "JUNK". Recently, I logged on to send out a regular email and my account had been shut down by my server MSN. They told me that too many had reported my emails as junk. They have corrected the problem but if they get more reports they will permanently turn off my account. This would be a real hardship as I use my account for business as well as sending out WAVES National information to all of you. Please remember that I will only use your email to send out the information that our president, Dassa has requested. Thank you so much for your understanding and I look forward to seeing all of you at the convention.

In Navy Friendship, Barb Sebring

WHITE CAPS EDITOR

Gale Wursthorn



Ladies of the WAVES, we have a job to do. We are a special and unique group but the Navy women of today are not as lucky as we were. They are simply female sailors. Some wear the generic new uniforms and some wear the same crackerjack uniforms the men wear. But, regardless, they are still proud Navy women and we must include them and make them feel welcome. I have a proposal for you to consider as convention approaches. I know most of us do not want to change the name of WAVES National because it

represents who we were, and who we still are. But there is a way that we can have our cake and eat it too. Keeping the name WAVES National, we can simply register a second name like NAVY WOMEN, WOMEN OF THE NAVY, SEA SERVICE WOMEN (d.b.a.) doing business as WAVES National. Our logo can remain the same with only a slight alteration. Changing WAVES National across the top with whatever new name we choose. Then if we design a new recruiting brochure depicting all sea service women, from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and today, everyone will be included and feel welcome. C'mon, ladies, this is the 21st century. Look how many of us have computers, cell phones, iPods, MP3's, GPS' and Blackberries. We can do this. We must do this, if our organization is going to survive as a viable women veterans' organization well into the future. Our name, WAVES National, is hurting us. It makes the current female sea service vets and current active duty women feel excluded. Sea service women have always risen to the challenge at hand and I'm sure we will again. Convention 2010 is the time to meet this challenge. Let's get er done, ladies!

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troublesome for veterans dealing with traumatic brain injuries or post-traumatic stress disorder, both of which can cause short-term memory loss and other cognitive issues. "It's a good thing and we're pleased," said Paul Sullivan, executive director of Veterans for Common Sense. "In our view, the current form is burdensome. It's too long." VA spokesman, Steve Westerfeld, confirmed that VA had shortened VA Form 21-526, as well as creating a new "express claim" form, or 21-526EZ, which is six pages long and requires that the veteran provide his own medical and military records, rather than waiting for VA to gather them. The EZ form comes as a result of a pilot program mandated by the Veterans' Benefit Improvement Act of 2008. That pilot program will now be expanded to include everyone, according to VA's May Compensation & Pension Service Bulletin. Sullivan, along with other veterans' service groups and several members of Congress, has pushed for the shorter form.

2010 WAVES National Scholarship Recipients and Their Essays



Ritamae Hinchliffe



Michelle Kinzer

Michelle Kinzer, from Annandale, VA, is the granddaughter of Ritamae Theresa Hinchliffe, YN1. Michelle's grandmother served during WW II for nearly 5 years, having been stationed at USNTC Bronx, NY; US NTSCH Cedar Falls, IA, where she attended Yeoman School; and US Naval Barracks, Washington, DC.

Michelle will be attending Virginia Tech, in Blacksburg, VA, where her course of study will be political science or pre-law. She plans to eventually work for the government or become a politician. Michelle has many accomplishments of which to be proud: Girl Scouts highest award, Gold Award; letters of commendation from her high school, as well as from Senator Jim Webb, for the time she worked as a Page for him during the fall 2008 session of the 110th U.S. Congress.

Michelle counts among her interests and hobbies the theater, chorus (President of the Annandale Singers), dance, tennis and politics. *We wish Michelle much success in all future endeavors.*

Essays are printed as written and have not been edited by White Caps Editor.

Women at Sea – What It Takes to Succeed

By: Michelle Kinzer

“So the important thing in a military operation is victory, not persistence.” This famous quote was said by renowned military general and strategist, Sun Tzu. Although he was revered by many 20th century leaders who tried to emulate his tactics and adhere to his every word, I do not believe his declarative quite. I think that in the case of women in the military, the exact opposite is true of what Sun Tzu declared. By looking at the past and how far females in the service have come, it is clear that the “important thing” for a woman to succeed in the military is persistence.

Females have always been forced to face a variety of challenges. This is apparent throughout history. From not receiving equal pay to not having the ability to vote, women were denied basic human rights by law. The basic right to serve one's country was also withheld in the military until 1948 when President Truman signed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act which officially granted females professional military status. But the desire to serve drove some valiant women to join the military regardless of their “professional” status. One of these women was Loretta Walsh. In 1917

she enlisted as the first active duty woman in the United States Navy. Although being the first woman to enlist was an impressive task to accomplish, the date of her enlistment is extremely frustrating. The U.S. Navy has been active since 1775 and it was not until 142 years after its start that a woman was listed as an active duty Yeoman.

Just because Loretta Walsh was not recognized as an active duty Yeoman until 1917 did not mean that her predecessors were inactive in military service. There is documented evidence proving that during the Civil War, hundreds of women dressed in men's clothing and took on masculine names so that, under their disguises, they could fight for their beliefs. This is especially remarkable considering the time period. During the Victorian era in America, there were great amounts of pressure on women to comply with strict social norms and maintain high levels of elegance, poise, and femininity. Therefore dressing as a man and spending months in the rowdy, germ ridden military camps would have been controversial to say the least. But even under these social pressures, women shared the same urges to serve as men. They demonstrated their

innate determination by doing the unheard of and thereby proving that women were entirely capable of holding positions in the military.

It is clear, then, that will power is a necessary attribute for women to succeed in the Navy or any branch of the armed forces, but what happens when that will power is restricted by blatant laws? As America moved in to the 20th century and technology became a key tool in the organization of all military branches, sneaking in to the draft dressed as a man was not as plausible an option. The U.S. Army spent time requesting of the War Department that women be allowed to serve in administrative positions but due to strict enlisting rules, their requests were denied. As foreign conflict began to escalate though, the U.S. Navy chose to ignore these rules and began to recruit 13,000 women to serve in clerical positions. Additionally, women had opportunities to serve in all branches as nurses. Although this seemed to be a progressive step for women in the military at the time, it was fleeting. Toward the end of the war women were dismissed and excluded from the service once again. Their will to succeed was crushed by the limits of the law.

With the Second World War came the dawning of a new era for women in the United States military, specifically the Navy. August of 1942 is when Mildred McAfee became a Naval Reserve Lieutenant Commander and the first director of the “Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service” or the WAVES. The creation of this sector allowed for women to be formally enlisted in the Navy and permitted female Commissioned Officers to command them. After waiting long years with fluctuating status, women were finally able to enlist. Although the word “emergency” implied that this status would not be long lasting, the action of creating the organization was the step that led to even more resounding military women’s movements in the post war period.

The modern military woman finds herself in an entirely different boat than the women of the past. Females make up approximately 20 percent of the nation’s entire military forces and 15 percent of the Navy’s forces specifically. These statistics were made possible because of the evolution and changing of various laws to allow women more chances to serve their country. For example, October of 1994 saw the rescinding of “The Risk Rule.” This rule determined which certain military occupations were to be unavailable for women. After the termination of this law, 91 percent of military career fields were gender neutral. Although military opportunities are not entirely equal for both genders, women are able to play much more tremendous roles in defending our nation today than the women of the past.

After reviewing the progression of women’s roles in the United States military it is apparent that females have had to travel an arduous path to achieve the prominent statuses they hold today. But as mentioned before, equality in careers is not complete. Women are still formally banned from combat posts in the Army and many other areas in all branches of the service. It is clear, then, that the journey thus far has been successful but is far from being over. The best thing that women in the military can do today is perform to the best of their abilities in their current roles but still push for extended rights for the future generations. Military equality and the success of women are possible but only if the female soldiers of today continue to be persistent with their goals for progress.

ATTA - WAVE AWARDS



Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 298, Grand Rapids, MI, recently nominated, elected and swore in **Jan Roy** as Commander of the United Veterans Council of Kent County. She will lead and direct efforts of over 40 US and Canadian veteran’s organizations and represent more than 55,000 Kent County veterans. Shipmate Roy was also a nominee for Kent County Veteran of the Year. *A hardy congratulations to you, Jan.*

THE MINUTEWOMAN – A Tribute To America’s Woman Veteran

By Bonnie Selb



Dorothy (Dot) Dempsey, a WW II SPAR (Semper Paratus Always Ready), was one of the daring young women who walked through the door so many years ago and changed the fabric of the military forever. She was also instrumental in putting form to the design

of “Minutewoman” monument. She told me her story in a recent interview.

In June 1992, the “Minuteman” statue was awarded to two prominent women in recognition of their achievements for women veterans.

After the presentation, it was asked why a “Minutewoman” statue had never been made. It was answered by members of the New Jersey Advisory Committee for Women Veterans. A design was made after a great deal of research by the ladies of the committee. Committee member Dorothy Dempsey, a World War II U.S. Coast Guard SPAR and WAVES National

member of Spirit of Liberty, Unit #127 (NJ), sketched the figure.

The two components of the design (child and musket) represent the many challenges and demands on these valiant women pioneers who helped the young nation become the greatest democracy in the world while fulfilling the traditional role of caring for their families. The statue has been presented as an honorary award for women who have served other women veterans.

After 10 years of planning and fund raising, the New Jersey Committee for Women Veterans placed the monument of the “Minutewoman” in the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Military Cemetery in Arnetown, NJ. The monument was dedicated on June 6, 2003, the 59th anniversary of D-Day. The bronze statue sits atop an eight foot high black granite pentagonal pedestal. Each side represents a branch of the military. It is the highest monument in the cemetery. The slogan etched on the

base reads, “The spirit of the American Woman Veteran” designed by Ann Chase of Toms River, NJ, a former US Marine from the Korean War.

In relaying the story to me, Dot said, “The child represents family, and the gun represents the defense of country and home. What a wonderful tribute to the woman veteran and it gives full credit to the many contributions by women in the tradition of Molly Pitcher and other patriots during key moments throughout American history, up to and including the increasing active role of today’s woman in combat missions. The women who were part of the American dream of freedom voluntarily went on to change the course of history. They laid the foundation of today’s women who are serving all over the world today. Time has taken them from us, and all that remains are the memories and their names carved in stone. Without the memories, the past is lost. Without the past to remind us, the future is lost.”

2010 WAVES National Scholarship Recipients and Their Essays



Betty Mattice



Nathan Mattice

Nathan Mattice, from Vero Beach, FL, is the grandson of Betty Hart Mattice, SEM WAVES, Unit 101, and unit Vice President. Betty, serving two years, was a SK2 when she was discharged. Betty was assigned to US NTS, Bronx, NY; USNTS Storekeeper School, Bloomington, IN; USNR Midshipmen's School, Chicago, IL; USNPSC, St. Louis, MO; and USNPSC, Great Lakes, IL.

Nathan has enrolled in the University of Florida, and plans on pursuing a doctoral degree in mathematics and become a university professor. Nathan aspires to being a positive influence on the educational system and making reforms to ensure a place of prominence for mathematics in the United States.

Nathan has worked as soccer referee, babysitter, pet caretaker, interned at a professional advisory services firm, and been a math tutor. He is competitive in soccer, golf, racquetball and tennis and enjoys tutoring and problem solving. *We wish Nathan much success in his future endeavors.*

The Role of Female Corpsmen in The Sea Services

By: Nathan Mattice

My Grandmother served proudly as a Woman Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, or WAVE, during WW II. Thus, my essay begins with researching the history of the role of women in the sea services and follows their role to our current day females serving.

Early history includes the United States Navy Nurse Corps, comprised exclusively of females, that was established by law in May of 1908. They served at Naval Hospitals and on board both hospital and ambulance ships. The most prominent fact that I found in my research is that the role of the female corpsmen in the sea services has dramatically evolved over the years since then and even now is in a frequent state of flux. The role of females in the sea services is ever expanding and becoming highly technologically advanced.

Originally establishing the WAVES was no small effort, to be sure. Since the Naval Reserve legislation specifically limited service to men, it was imperative that new legislation be drawn up and passed, as the need for personnel was great during World War II. Although it initially met with resistance, creativity was employed to get an authorization through the Congress. President Roosevelt signed it into law on the date of July 30, 1942. Recruiting was then fervently undertaken

and within one year, the astounding number of 27,000 women proudly wore the WAVES uniform.

Their early housing arrangements were often in city hotels or apartment buildings outfitted with bunk beds. They bravely left behind their families and traditional female roles as homemakers to whole-heartedly serve their country. The Navy welcomed their enthusiastic and sometimes humorous approach to fulfilling their duties and new roles as members of the United States Navy.

While traditionally, females were assigned to fill mostly the secretarial and clerical jobs, thousands of WAVES performed previously atypical duties in the aviation community, Judge Advocate General Corps, medical professions, communications, intelligence, science and technology. The World War II Navy's demand for female corpsmen in service was extremely high as it fought on for years to defeat Hitler and Mussolini in Europe and the Japanese in the Pacific. By the end of the conflict, there were well over 8,000 female officers and some ten times that many enlisted WAVES. Their numbers made up about 2 ½ percent of the Navy's entire strength. In some places, WAVES maintained their service uniform, even after the war

officially ended, to help lead the United States Navy into, and through, the post-war era.

During the Persian Gulf War, more than 37,000 military women comprised approximately 6.8 percent of US forces. There were approximately, 3,700 Navy women deployed. Women served in nearly all of the numerous occupations that were open to them. As a matter of law and policy, there were a few specific exclusions that applied to women in certain combat military or occupational specialties.

The Persian Gulf War Navy women served on oiler, hospital, supply, and ammunition ships. They were subject to the same living conditions and responsibilities as their male Navy counterparts. While on shore, they served in fleet hospitals, construction battalions, and air reconnaissance squadrons, as well as in various other support roles. While the combat exclusion law prevented women from being assigned directly to combat units and on combatant ships, the lines of combat were frequently moved due to the unpredictable nature of the war and attacks such as the Scud Missiles. Women found themselves engaged in combat even though they were not officially with such units. The staffing needs sometimes resulted in women working in

areas or on missions in which they otherwise would not have been involved. The needs of the war led commanding officers and mission leaders to identify and assign the best qualified persons to carry out their orders and often these were female corpsmen.

The geographical location of the Persian Gulf War presented a unique set of cultural challenges for female corpsmen in the sea services. While on shore, they were allowed to drive service vehicles, although the local Saudi women were not allowed to drive. The female corpsman respected this cultural difference outside of their official duties and did not drive while off duty.

Whereas past service positions were limited and often restricted for females, today's Navy aggressively seeks out women to fill many highly technical and responsible roles. The Navy provides the training and many women find this expertise and responsibility empowering and valuable throughout their whole lives.

Modern day female corpsmen in the services are training for increasingly specialized and dangerous jobs. A partial list includes: Sonar Technician that conducts underwater surveillance, Electronics Technician using their skills in a nuclear propulsion power plant, Master-at-Arms security detail, guiding missile systems Gunners Mate, an Aviation

Warfare Specialist or Aviation Structural Mechanic, an Aviation Rescue Swimmer, rescue or salvage Diver, a Builder of anything from bridges to roadways or the highly risky position of the Explosive Ordnance Technician.

Currently statistics show that the Navy's 53,593 enlisted women make up 15.3% of the total naval force and the highest percentages of them serve in aviation (18.7%), operations (15.8%), and medical/dental (13.4%). Enlisted women also serve in the capacities of ammunition handlers, the construction battalions, chaplain assistants, corpsmen, cryptologists, linguists, mass communications specialists, recruiters, trainers, and translators.

The U.S. Coast Guard is one of five branches in the US Armed Forces and this branch employs many women in Sea Services. The Coast Guard is the nation's oldest continuous seagoing service. Originally, the U.S. Coast Guard restricted females to the capacity of lighthouse keepers. 1977 was the year that the first females in the Coast Guard were allowed to serve on seagoing vessels. Now responsibilities include Search and Rescue (SAR), Maritime Law Enforcement (MLE), Aids to Navigation (ATON), Ice Breaking, Environmental Protection, Port Security and Military Security, Aviation Survival Technician (AST),

Marine Science Technician (MST) and Intelligence Specialist.

Women have played a role in services since the 1800's, although limited at first. Presently, women are swelling the ranks in our sea services and are an increasingly invaluable asset as their roles continue to expand.

(VA Policy Changes... continued from page 4)

Several veterans said they couldn't fill out the lengthy form, and therefore never received any disability compensation. When told about the new six-page form, the veterans were absolutely pleased to hear it's on the horizon. By reducing the form from 26 pages to 6 pages, VA could kill about 20 million pages of paperwork, per the 1 million claims expected this year.

"Filing a 26-page disability claim is undoubtedly a daunting process for veterans, particularly those who have traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder," said Amy Fairweather, policy director for Swords to Plowshares, an organization that provides counseling, case management, and job training to veterans in San Francisco, and which has argued for a shorter form. "The change to a simpler six-page application will certainly break down barriers not only for veterans, but also for advocates and VA staff."

VA officials have not indicated form details or when it will be implemented.

WN at National Women's Leadership Symposium



Helen "Ski" Sadowski greets active duty sea service women at the Leadership Symposium, June 2-3, in Washington, DC.

The Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. was the site of the 23rd Annual Women's Leadership Symposium held June 2-3, 2010. The event hosted approximately 1,000 female Sailors, Marines and officers, the largest gathering of uniformed women this year. The symposium addressed everything from the future of global operations to work/life balance to uniform issues.

In the registration area, a very popular area during breaks, several organizations hosted tables with various topics of interest to the women - Walmart, USAA, and WAVES National, to name a few. Yes, our very own Helen "Ski" Sadowski and Vicki Orem manned a table trying to recruit "new blood" for WN. Many of the women not only had never heard of WN, they had not even heard of WAVES!! Brochures on WN were distributed and ten women signed up requesting future contact by WN. Several showed an interest in trying to attend our upcoming convention in Norfolk. It was a very interesting event and one we hope to maintain contact with in the future.

The next symposium will be held next year in San Diego, CA.


SILVER TAPS


Please send all WN member Silver Taps information to Executive Secretary, Barb Turner (address on page 14)

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Gone, but not forgotten!

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Hello all! Can you believe it? This is our last update before we all meet in Norfolk in August. I don't know about you, but I am certainly looking forward to meeting new people and connecting with old friends.

This issue also contains the long awaited information about the convention Memory Book. This year the book will be 8½ x 11, will be entirely in color, and will be spiral bound. The cover will be constructed of a dark navy card stock with the convention logo appearing through a cutout.

Photos will be taken at the convention and individuals may send photos to be considered for the book. I am sure by now, you are probably wondering how much this phenomenal product is going to cost you. Well, wonder no more. You can be the proud owner of the 2010 WAVES National Convention Memory Book for the low cost of \$20.00 each. Oh,

did I mention that the price also covers the cost of shipping it directly to your home? You can't ask for a better deal than that!

To place your pre-order, simply fill out the order form and return it to the address provided. I look forward to "seaing" all of you in August. Happy sailing until then.

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ARKANSAS TRAVELERS

Unit # 1 (AR) - We met at Maxine Biggers' home in June to celebrate our 30th anniversary. WAVES National's first charter was signed on July 30, 1980. Members present for the celebration were Toni Lazenby, unit president and Region IV representative; Merle Wilson, unit vice president; Dorothy Battle, unit secretary; Maxine Biggers, unit treasurer; incoming State Director; and Clara Oliver; outgoing State Director. We celebrated with cake and with the reading of a letter by Marie Alsmeyer called "a Navy WAVE Remembers." We also took time to remember. Unit #1 is down to only 17 members now. We all recalled how we joined WAVES National and also our Navy time. Unit #1 has four charter members still in our unit: Marie Alsmeyer, Maxine Biggers, Virginia Brissey and Dorothy Snyder. We also have four members are over 90 years young.

GATEWAY WAVES

Unit #5 (MO) - In June, Delores Fiala coordinated a bingo game at St. Louis Veterans' Home. In July, we joined American Legion Service Women's Post 404 and traveled to Missouri Veterans Home in Mexico, MO, to visit World War II Navy WAVE Rita Bralowski. A very special thanks to all who routinely call, write notes and visit our members. Remember all our veterans. Hope everyone had a safe summer. **For meeting information contact Shirley Walz, 314-822-4249 or sjwalz2002@yahoo.com**

HEART OF AMERICA

Unit #9 (KS) - Our guest speaker for our June meeting gave us a delightful account of her life as a missionary nurse in India from 1958 to 1964 - a land of amazing contrasts where yesterday is often more visible than tomorrow. Next door to the ox cart and wooden plow lies a modern India with belching smoke by day and a glaring fire by night. Barbara Maxwell Joiner's book "Sweet Jalabies and other memories of India (2004)" tells of her experiences as a nurse in charge of the Mother/Baby Hospital in Dahr where she assisted in the delivery of babies and helped in the prevention of many diseases such as cholera, small

pox and tetanus. She also became fluent in the national language, Hindi. She later transferred to a small village hospital on the bank of the Narvada River. There she was responsible for the education and experience of fellow Christian nurses which make up 85% of India's nursing population. She revisited India in 1999 and rekindled friendships she had made with nurses and doctors with whom she had worked. Linda Richeson and Michelle Batliner are excited about attending the National Convention. Go Navy!

DESERT WAVES

Unit #13 (AZ) - Twenty members met for lunch in Green Valley in May. This was our last get together for the summer. Margaret Stephenson, president, and her friend Pauline Clendening went on the Rocky Mountain "Honor Flight" to Washington, DC, to see the World War II and other monuments. If anyone has the opportunity, be sure and take the trip. It is well worth it. Wheelchairs are available on every trip and there are plenty of people for assistance. Our unit is donating \$250 for a new wheelchair for the Veterans Hospital in Tucson

SUNCOAST WAVES

Unit #15 (FL) - Berenice George has been accepted in Cambridge Who's Who for Achievement, Honor and Recognition. She has qualified in the 2010 - 2011 Edition of the Cambridge Who's Who Registry of Executives, Professionals and Entrepreneurs. This award was issued by Mitchell S. Robbins, Chairman and CEO of the Cambridge Who's Who.

MICHIGAN

Unit #32 (MI) - The unit held its June meeting at Malarkey's in Grand Rapids where we had 25 members and guests present. Our speaker was Jane Doyle, a Grand Rapids resident, who was a member of the Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) trained at Avenger Field in Sweetwater. She graduated in May 1944, joining the first group of women sanctioned to fly American military aircraft. She earned her pilot's license while attending the University of Michigan. She was one of the female pilots who helped win World War II. She was awarded a Congressional bronze medal by the U.S. government for serv-

ing in this capacity. Some of their duties included flying noncombat missions in the U.S., pulling targets for gunnery practice, and testing new planes off the factory floor. This freed male pilots for combat duty. We also held an auction of items donated by members as a fund raiser and raised over \$125 for our treasury. There will be two of our members attending the convention, including our newest member.

BADGER

Unit #39 (WI) - Charter member Delores Schubilski traveled to Pascagoula, MS, for the christening of the Coast Guard Cutter Stratton. The ship was named for Capt. Dorothy C. Stratton, the first woman accepted into the Coast Guard Women's Reserve. She coined the name SPAR which is the acronym for the service's motto "Semper Paratus - translated, "Always Ready." Capt. Stratton passed away in 2006 at the age of 107. SPARS were invited to meet first lady Michelle Obama who sponsored the Coast Guard Cutter Stratton. Our unit wishes good luck and smooth sailing to Tidewater Tidal WAVES, Unit 152, for the 2010 convention. Our next meeting is Saturday, September 18, National Regency, New Berlin. **Contact Claire, peach@wi.rr.com**

CT YANKEES

Unit #42 (CT) - The unit mourns the loss of our member Martha Bronson, who passed away April 30. At our May meeting Marie Walsh and her American Warrior escort Eileen Hurst told everyone about their trip to see the monuments in Washington, DC. Memorial day weekend was a busy one for the members of the Unit 42 as we took part in local parades. We had members participating in Old Saybrook, Manchester, Wethersfield, and Berlin, CT, as well as Westfield, MA. The weather was lovely here so we all enjoyed ourselves. On Flag Day, Mary Ann Goodell, Shirley Noel and Barbara Crede joined other veterans at a ceremony and reception at the St. Bridget School in Cheshire, CT. It was quite a sight to see all the students waving flags and singing patriotic songs. A recent West Point graduate spoke to the students about her experiences. She was as interested in us as we were her. After a summer recess, the unit will meet again in September to hear all about the convention. Meetings

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are the first Saturday of the months of Sept.- Nov. and Mar. - June at the CTVA Facility in Rocky Hill Connecticut. December is our Christmas party. **Contact Marie Walsh, 860-647-7753, or Barbara Crede, 860-665-8082.**

NORTHWEST FL WAVES

Unit #52 (FL) - Our annual SALUTE! luncheon hosted 90 people as we honored 20 "Military Women of World War II." Each veteran received a rose and a special recognition letter from World War II veteran, former President H. W. Bush. By letter, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, herself a WW II British army (ATS) mechanic, conveyed her "warm, good wishes... for a most memorable and enjoyable event." Our luncheon speaker, Mrs. Hetty Krucke, was a World War II POW. The daughter of Dutch missionaries, she emotionally expressed deep appreciation for the U.S. military allowing her another chance at life. Adding to the day's tribute were background movies of World War II military women at work, WW II photos of our women veterans, music of the era, placemats depicting World War II posters and a WW II WAVES uniform. **For meeting info contact Linda at 850-476-6242 or nwflwavesunit52@cox.net.**

TAMPA BAY WAVES

Unit #55 (FL) - The Armed Forces Military Museum, Largo, FL, hosted a workshop for veterans, their families, and their professional care givers in May. Representatives from WAVES National attended the workshop.



Those attending were: (l-r) Shirley Dawley, Chaplain; Jouay Koppari, Secretary; Betsy Waddell, WAVES National Region XII Rep./FL State Director; Barbara J. McGuire, President; and Cathy Gerolimatatos, Treasurer (not pictured).

GULF COAST DOLPHINS

Unit #56 (FL) - Our unit has been active this winter and have plans to be just as

busy this summer, in spite of our being in the nation's hurricane capital. We continue to contribute to Athena House, a home for homeless female veterans, providing educational and employment resources for them. Southwest Honor Flight has given many of us the opportunity to go to Washington, DC, to see the World War II and other monuments. We were escorted to the Fort Myers airport by Korean and Vietnam veteran bikers. USCG SPARS were invited to the christening of the Coast Guard Cutter Stratton, named for the former Commandant and the first woman accepted into the Coast Guard, Capt. Dorothy Stratton. The event was sponsored by First Lady Michelle Obama. It gave us an opportunity to meet and recruit new members. As we install new officers, we wish to thank and convey our gratitude to Kathy Radka, Claire Moore, Andrea Cadieux, and Gerry Watson for their loyalty and dedicated service to our unit. **For meeting information, contact Kathy, 941-429-4968, or Andrea, 941-493-5565.**

ORANGE BLOSSOM

Unit #69 (FL) - Braving the heat, we joined other veteran organizations by attending Memorial Day Services at Glen Haven Memorial Park. The following week found members attending a Celebration of Freedom honoring past and present military with a special tribute to World War II veterans, hosted by Calvary Assembly. Those present also viewed "The Sanctuary of Heroes". The outings were enjoyed by all. The unit's camaraderie has been evident over these last few months as members have been keeping in touch with each other. Where would this article be without their photo submissions! We'll be in hibernation over the summer months and come out in time for the WAVES National Convention in August. See you there! **For meeting information contact Susan Ghrist, 407-333-2123.**

COLUMBIA RIVER RIPPLES

Unit #70 (OR) - Election of officers was the important business of our last meeting and it was done quickly and joyfully. We were fortunate to have all present officers renew their excellent leadership for another term. They are: Diana Parkinson, president, Merrily Hewett, secretary, Phyllis Koch, treasurer, with Adele Lieberfarb filling the vice president's spot, replacing our dear Penny Friday.

We sincerely appreciate their commitment. Other business included information on the convention, donations to the Dogs for the Blind organization and plans for our annual picnic in August.

SPACE COAST WAVES

Unit #75 (FL) - So many things happened in May this year. We held our Bell Memorial ceremony and remembered the six shipmates who are no longer with us. We also had our installation of new officers. Pam McRoy's two daughters, Samantha and Stephanie, attended and helped with registration and the Bell Ceremony. Their participation was greatly appreciated. Joyce Batti and Betty Yaroch attended the change of Leadership/Retirement for our member, Capt. Kathleen Contres, USN, at the DEOMI Auditorium at PAFB. She is a valued member of our unit and we are hoping that with her reduced commitments, she will be able to attend more meetings. On Memorial Day, Patty Koppari did an excellent job representing our unit at the Massing of the Flags held in Cocoa Waterfront Park. She chose two female cadets, SA Sarah Reguero, of Palm Bay, and LC1 Natalie Moticska, of Merritt Island, to carry the colors for our unit. Joyce Batti represented our unit at the memorial service held in Florida Memorial Gardens. Betty Yaroch attended a memorial service at the Traveling Vietnam Wall where her grandson, a member of the Young Marines, carried a flag and participated in the laying of a wreath. With so many Memorial Day functions happening on the same day, we were fortunate to have these ladies represent our unit. Good job! We will be having our transition meeting in late August. We already have some very interesting and informative programs planned for three of our meetings. We are looking forward to the Women Veterans annual luncheon hosted by the Air Force in October. On a sad note, we lost another shipmate in late May, Liz Owings. She was a loyal and long time member. Liz, along with the other six members who have left us this year, will be missed. **For information contact: Francene Intille at 321-773-3967, or mfiteexas@aol.com.**

REDWOOD EMPIRE WAVES

Unit #77 (CA) - Thirteen ladies of our unit turned in a total of 2,475 volunteer hours, which was reported to WAVES National by Margaret Ezea-Patrizi.

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Several members are looking forward to the August convention in Norfolk. Mary Culnane, one of our members, was in the Merchant Marines. As far as we can learn, she is the only Merchant Marine veteran in WAVES National. If anyone knows of another, please let us know. **For meeting information, contact Bettie Crandall, 707-838-4035.**

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY WAVES

Unit #86 (CA) – Our unit recently presented achievement and leadership awards to two young ladies in the ROTC program at Kennedy High School, Granada Hills. The cadets received not only the awards but also money and gifts.



Presenting the awards were Gloria Magliocco and Wynn van Citters.

At the luncheon, Wynn was honored with the "Plantree" Award from the Sepulveda, CA, VA for 1,000 hours of volunteer work with the veterans. She also received the Volunteer of the Quarter for her work in the VA clothing room which provides clothes for needy veterans. As vice president of membership for our unit, she has recruited five new members.

WAVES OF THE WASATCH

Unit #93 (UT) - Women veterans were honored at a Women Veterans' Summer Extravaganza Fair in Salt Lake City, June 30th. It was open to all women who have served or are still serving in the military. Speakers from each era were featured. Jo Neilan represented our unit, sharing her experiences in WW II. The event was sponsored by the Utah Department of Veterans Affairs in partnership with VASLCHCS Women's Clinic, VA Regional Office Women's Outreach and Utah Workforce Services. Our group celebrated the WAVES' birthday with a potluck luncheon. New officers were elected for the next term.

FLATWATER WAVES

Unit #98 (NE) - Members of the unit met in Lincoln at the Veterans Memorial Garden on Saturday, June 12, for the annual program. Tribute was made to the WASP (Women Air Force Service Pilots) of World War II, and their new monument was dedicated. Diane Bartels, a Lincoln historian, presented the Congressional Gold medal to Mary Williamson of Omaha, age 86, one of only four living WASPs with Nebraska ties. Following the ceremony, six members of our unit enjoyed lunch at Stauffers. On May 15, Adell Sudik of Wahoo, NE, life member, passed away, and three members were able to attend the funeral service. Meghan K. Winchell, Ph.D., assistant professor of history, was our guest speaker in July. Her topic was "The Story of USA Hostesses During World War II." **For meeting information, contact Pat Hunsche, 402-426-2013 or phunsche@huntel.net.**

SEM WAVES

Unit #101 (MI) - At our June meeting, we discussed the future of our unit. Nineteen members have paid their dues but only a few people do the things needed to keep the unit going. Nine members reported 518 military hours and 840 community service hours for a total of 1,358 volunteer hours for the unit.

GREEN MOUNTAIN GIRLS

Unit #113 (VT) - We will be hosting the annual "All Service Women's Luncheon" on Saturday, October 2, at the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee. This is the primary goal of the unit for the year. We lost two wonderful women this year, Edna Braun, of Randolph (our first unit president), and our Coast Guard member, Virginia Bunning, of Montpelier.

OCEAN STATE

Unit #118 (RI) - Correction, please. My apologies to Donna deWildt for reporting in the June White Caps that she was 100 years old in February. She actually turned 90 and became eligible for Life Membership in WAVES National at no extra charge. Actually, it is Helen Rider who will be celebrating her 100th birthday August 16th, and we will be honoring her, then. Our tripleheader meeting in June was a huge success. Our RI Military Woman of the Year 2010 is HMCS Lynne Marie Rheaume, who is stationed at New England Naval Health Clinic in

Newport. Last year's MWOY 2009, HMCS Kimberly Ripoli, read Lynne's biography after which she was presented with gifts from the unit. Her parents and many members of her family were present. Next, Cpl. Holly Charette, USMC, who served from March 2002 until she was killed in action June 23, 2005, was awarded membership in Unit #118, posthumously. Her parents, Ed and Regina Roberts were presented with her membership card. Last, but not least, State Director Arlene Chilson installed the officers for the next two years: President Shirley Hill, Vice Pres. Carol Rotkin, Secretary Luisa White, and Treasurer Jean Yarnall.

BLUEGRASS WAVES

Unit #129 (KY) - At our spring meeting, Carolyn Beisler, Master of Science in Social Work (MSSW) from the Veterans Center, in Louisville, spoke about veterans benefits. Ms. Beisler shared a wealth of information, answered questions and explained procedures. On Memorial Day, members of our unit visited the Eastern Cemetery in Louisville and placed flags on veterans graves. In June, through the efforts of the Missing in America Project, the remains of 32 veterans were recovered and interred with full military honors at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery near Radcliff. Representatives from our unit attended the burial service, showing our respect, support and gratitude.

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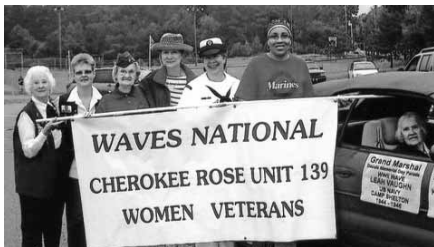
Unit #139 (GA) - On April 24, we had the unique opportunity to attend the induction of Patricia Malone, a deceased member of our unit, into the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame.



She began her life-long aviation career when she enlisted in the Navy in 1944. Her job was to train aircraft carrier-based pilots on instrument flight procedures. Her love for aviation and the desire to reach new heights was carried out

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through her 15 years in the aviation community touching lives of pilots, aviation professionals, military personnel and civilians. Thank you to Pat's family for including the WAVES as part of this glorious event. Additionally, Delta Airlines will be christening their newest aircraft a "Pat Malone". Delta made this announcement during the evening's festivities. Thanks, Pat, for all of the lives you have touched and enriched, fair winds and following seas be with you always. On Memorial day, we participated in a small parade.



Marie Lawrence, Mary Ann Behr, Kathleen Edison, Brenda Gourdin, Donna Shope, Dee Duncan participate in the Memorial Day Parade. Marie, Kathleen and Leah were Grand Marshals.

TRIANGLE SEAGALS

Unit #144 (NC) – At our regular meeting President Norma Schrader welcomed members and guest, Pam Rich, Teresa Watkins' daughter. Chris Hudson, from the American Association of Wartime Veterans, was our guest speaker. Mr. Hudson explained how the AAWV assists veterans in accessing financial assistance from the VA and some of the requirements for eligibility. On May 30, Katherine Hare, Dottie Bradley and Jo Flack participated in the Memorial Day Services at the Raleigh National Cemetery. The Raleigh Concert Band provided music and there were speeches. Twenty organizations provided wreaths and we provided a beautiful spray of a dozen red carnations.

MEMPHIS BELLES

Unit #151 (TN) - Caroletta Mitchell was honored at the VA Volunteer Luncheon in April for having completed over 1,800 volunteer hours at the hospital. The mid-south was inundated with 14 inches of rain, May 1. The Millington Navy Base was evacuated and many in the surrounding area were left homeless. Renovations continue at this time. We had a yard sale

fundraiser on May 22, and treated ourselves to a day of games at the Ellison Recreation Center at the Millington Navy Base on June 19. Our unit will be represented at the National Convention. Four members are making plans to attend. **For meeting information, phone Linda Coffield at 901-372-9028.**

TIDEWATER TIDAL WAVES

Unit #152 (VA) – Members participated in Memorial Day services in Virginia Beach.



Tidewater Tidal WAVES participated in Memorial Day Services in Virginia Beach with Chief Lewis West (third from left), a Pearl Harbor survivor.

In July, we had an opportunity to promote WAVES National when Sheila Jessen served as a judge for the Miss Teen Norfolk Pageant 2010 "Pageantry with Purpose," sponsored by Nationals Inc. The pageant goal is "to empower and encourage young ladies to succeed by enhancing their self-confidence and self-esteem"... proof positive competition. A panel of judges scored contestants in three distinct categories over a two-day period: personal interviews, casual wear competition and formal wear competition. This event was an excellent opportunity to raise the level of exposure about WAVES National by reaching a different and unique target audience. Members also voted to make donations to VAMC for the Junior Volunteers, Women's Program, and the Christmas Ditty Bag funds.

FOX CITIES

Unit #153 (WI) - Our unit has been rather busy this spring. We were honored to have Jack Voight, State Treasurer and Viet Nam War veteran, speak at our February meeting. We had representation at the impressive Stained Glass Window dedication at Great Lakes. Three of our members, Valerie Flanagan, Kay Bailey, and Grace Gebhardt, went on the Honor Flight to Washington, DC. Cody Splitt, Grace Gebhardt, Valerie Flanagan and other women veterans were honored at a

meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion Post #38. Maureen Radtke and Carleen Smith, along with Nancy Sheridan, went to the annual "End of Vietnam War" event at Lambau Field, home of the Green Bay Packers. It was a moving ceremony, welcoming home the Vietnam veterans and a solemn tribute to those who didn't come home. Empty chairs were placed on the field signifying the KIA's, MIA's and POW's.

SALT RIVER WAVES

Unit #155 (almost) (AZ) – We will receive our charter at the convention in Norfolk. We couldn't wait to celebrate, so we had a "Ducks-in-a-Row" party. The centerpieces were rows of rubber duckies in military uniforms. We drank a toast from souvenir commemorative ceramic cups, had a raffle, passed out goodie bags with rubber duckies appliquéd on the front and ice cream cake with yellow ducks in a row on top. The cake was out so long for photo op that the chef had to put it in his freezer for a while. Several of our members will be in Norfolk to receive our charter. Be assured that we will have a real charter party at our September meeting! We appreciate the fellowship of nearby Cactus WAVES, Unit 114. We learn from them, share some projects and, occasionally, party together.

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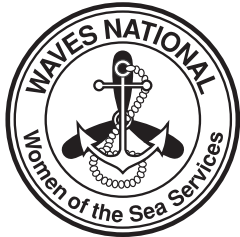
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