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All the Way with Miss Gray

By Diane Woodworth, Spectrum Generations

Ed Note: Marion lives in Rockland, Maine, and has been a member of WAVES National for 25 years. Many of you will remember Marion leading Sing-A-Longs at many of our conventions, even taking over the piano at the 2002 Convention on the River Dinner Cruise in Portland, OR! I don't know who had the most fun – WN members or the pianist whose piano she commandeered!



As we celebrate Independence Day on July 4, Spectrum Generations thanks all the men and women who have or are currently serving in the Armed Forces to protect our freedom and liberty.

On September 10, 1944, Marion Gray did what many other women were merely thinking – she enlisted in the WAVES. A rigorous process,

enlisting required the permission of one's parent(s), completing an application, an interview, and a full background check. Marion graduated from Framingham High School in Massachusetts and spent two years studying at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. A petite young woman, Marion was first disqualified for service due to her height. Later, her "papers" would be waived, and by December 1944, she was on her way to boot camp in the Bronx at Hunter College. "It was about patriotism," recalls Miss Gray. "This was evident in the lives of all men called to war. It also brought forth thousands of women who felt that same fervor."

Commissioned as a U.S. Naval Training Center in 1943, New York's Hunter College was the basic training site for more than 80,000 women until it closed in 1946. Approximately 2,000 recruits, such as Marion, arrived every 2 weeks to attend 6 weeks of boot camp. "What I remember most is the marching, wintry weather, inspections, and tight shoes," notes Marion. The restrictions of liberty were also drilled into the women.

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The President's Message



Ladies,

Convention is almost here! Are you getting excited? I am! I know it's going to be a fabulous convention with lots of business to discuss.

Don't forget to bring your June White Caps with you to convention

as we will be discussing and voting on the proposed bylaw amendments.

In order to save time during the business sessions at convention, Regional Representatives will not be presenting reports. Written reports will be available for attendees. Be sure to read these reports as you may obtain ideas for what other regions and units are doing to enhance recruitment, as well as learn about upcoming events you may want to participate in such as Regional Conferences. Remember, Regional Conferences are open to any member. We try to publish all schedules of the conferences in your newsletter and the Regional reports are just another means of acquiring the information.

Be sure to attend the training session provided by Jo Adamson and Betsy Waddell. Cathy Gerolimatos is also holding a brain storming session to revamp the Procedures Manual. Everyone is invited to attend and provide input to make this the best set of guidelines yet.

Dr. Patty Hayes, Chief Consultant, Women Veterans Health Strategic Health Care Group, at Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC, will be our guest speaker at opening ceremonies. You will want to be sure to hear what she has to say regarding women Veterans' health care today.

Guest speaker for the Banquet will be LtCol Gabrielle Hermès, USMC. LtCol Hermès promises to captivate you with her experiences in today's Marine Corps.

Come to convention and participate. This is YOUR organization and we need you. Marisa Harris, of Virginia Beach, is our scholarship winner this year. Marisa wrote an outstanding essay, based on an interview with her aunt, CDR Tina Erwin, USN (Ret.). Thank you, Betty Hand for all the dedication you have exhibited in

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They were not allowed near bars or taverns, which was often challenging in New York City. "I was scared to death to be near a bar," reminisces Miss Gray, "and had a devil's own time finding a good restaurant where there wasn't one!"

After successfully completing boot camp, most recruits went on to train in such areas as secretarial service, storekeeping (accounting/bookkeeping), or radio coding/transmission. Already skilled at shorthand and typing, Miss Gray was sent to Oklahoma A&M in Stillwater for 3 months of yeoman training. To get there, she and her fellow WAVES traveled covertly by train in what they called a "cattle car" up through Canada and then south to Oklahoma. The secrecy of the trip and its awkward route still remains a mystery to Miss Gray. Once at A&M, the WAVES endured more rigorous studying, tests, and marching.

By March 1945, now Yeoman Gray was back living at Hunter College and working at Eastern Sea Frontier in the highly specialized field of coding. Later, thanks to "two very special officers," as noted by Marion, she was transferred to provide clerical duties and present a service of music to meet the worshiping needs of personnel at Hunter College. It was there that she conducted choirs and performed on a 4-manual Alan Organ. Later, Yeoman Gray would transfer to the Naval Liaison Office on Entertainment where shows were organized and sent to various bases overseas.



While stationed in New York, Yeoman Gray experienced the excitement of VE Day (May 8, 1945) and VJ Day (August 14, 1945) in Times Square. She also stood proudly at attention during the ticker tape parade honoring then General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In May 1946, Yeoman 3rd Class Marion Gray mustered out of the WAVES. Through the GI Bill, she was able to attend Westminster Choir College. This led to an exciting and fulfilling career in music and teaching. Marion became Minister of Music at the Calvary Methodist Church in the Bronx. During that time, she was invited to live with a family, who came to love her as one of their own. Later, Miss Gray joined the Monroe-Woodbury School System where she taught for 22 years. In 1974, Miss Gray was named the school's first "Teacher of the Year." Following a brief retirement, she taught at Medomak Valley High School in Maine.

Although petite, Marion has commanded choirs (large and small), performing and conducting in New York City, Boston, Montreal, Washington, D.C., and throughout the state of Maine. She founded the Down East Singers of mid-coast Maine in 1979. It was there that one of the members coined the slogan, "All the Way with Miss Gray." Although Marion retired from the Down East Singers in 1991, this amazing Rockland tradition continues to this day.

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securing quality judges for the competition. I know it is not an easy job. Bravo Zulu to you and your team of judges! Where Marisa is local, Betty Hand awarded the check to her at our celebration of the WAVES 70th Anniversary on 28 July.

We have received two donations to the Yellow Ribbon Coalition, with a third donation pending. The donation has been made but formal notification and disbursements of funds have not been received. Please consider donating a vehicle (car, truck, boat, plane, etc.) to this very worthy organization. Please, also, make note of the new phone number: **855-215-4373**.

This is my last article as WAVES National (WN) President. I thank each and every one of you for your support and the hundreds of volunteer hours you provide your communities and Veterans Affairs.

Congratulations to all the outgoing officers at local, state and national level. Thank you for your untiring dedication. Welcome to incoming officers and I hope you receive a complete pass down from your predecessors. I have truly enjoyed my four years as your President. I know you will continue to show your support to the incoming officers and know that, together, we can accomplish many things.

Some of our accomplishments during my two terms include the dedication of a stained glass window at RTC Great Lakes; chartering a new unit, Salt River WAVES, in AZ; selected a new webmaster who is in the process of updating the website; formed several fund raising activities; implemented ads in White Caps; held two membership contests and two newsletter contests; represented WN at the Jeremy Bloom Senior Wish

Foundation for a special presentation to a WW II WAVE; sponsored a booth at the Joint Women's Leadership Symposium, raffling off a quilt at the 2012 event where we gained 23 new members. Without your support and encouragement, none of this could have happened.

Bad news/good news: Our membership numbers continue to decline. We have lost more units due to the ever increasing age of our members and difficulty finding new officers.

Recruiting new members can be as simple as individual units adopting a USN or USMC Reserve Center in your respective area. With our Reserves being activated more and more, they need care packages while they are deployed. What a great opportunity to recruit new members by letting them know that we exist and that we care about them. Also, visit your local VFW and/or American Legion and DAV Posts. They all have potential new WN members. Check them out!

Lastly, I thank my husband, Jerry, for his continued support these past four years. He was a sounding board for many issues and encouraged me to be politically correct in my responses! He has never failed to provide assistance with any graphic and computer needs and has made suggestions for improvements I hadn't thought of. In addition, he makes the best ice cream ever for many WAVES' events! What a guy!

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR JUNE WHITE CAPS TO CONVENTION!

Until next time, stay safe and keep our troops in your prayers.

Always Navy,

Dassa

Convention Roommate Exchange

You want to go to the Convention but you're just not sure you can afford to pay for the hotel room on your own and no one from your unit is going? What to do!

Truth is... You're not alone. A few individuals have indicated on their registration form that they're looking for a roommate. Cathy Gerolimos, Convention Treasurer, has started a list of individuals who have mentioned they're looking for a roommate. Every effort will be made to match two individuals who are arriving and departing on the same dates so that the hotel cost can be evenly divided in half. The hotel is willing to split the bill at the time of check-out. Once a "match" is made, Cathy will provide each roommate with the other's telephone number so you can discuss details and get both names on the hotel reservation, before you actually get to Orlando.

So, this is what you need to give to Cathy:

Name,
E-mail address (not required),
Arrival/Departure dates
Best contact telephone number(s),
Hotel reservation already made (YES/NO).

The Convention has established a special email address just for the Roommate Exchange: wavesconvention@hotmail.com. Cathy can also be reached at 813-677-1495. Call or e-mail and she'll try to help. There are no guarantees; however, it is worth a try. I look forward to seeing you at the Convention.

Emergency Contact Information

As you complete your registration form, you will notice that we are asking you to provide us with an emergency contact number. We hope we never have to use this information, yet, when it's needed it is very important.

There is one other way you can help with this information and that is, put it in your cell phone. Many of today's cell phones actually have an "In Case of Emergency" feature where you can indicate who specifically you want contacted. If your cell phone does not have this feature, you can list on the contact line ICE-Name of the Individual and the telephone number. The cell phone is one of the first places emergency personnel look for contact information.

All the Way with Miss Gray ... *(Continued from page 2)*

A 2005 DownEast Magazine story featured a story about Marion at the Rockland Congregational Church conducting a volunteer choir in a sing-along that included Handel's Messiah. In the article, Miss Gray is quoted, "This is not a performance...we're doing it for the experience of just loving the music." Currently Marion is a Minister of Music at Ridge Baptist Church in Tenants Harbor (for over 20 years), and an organist at Finnish Congregational Church in South Thomaston since 2001.

As a Veteran and volunteer, Marion served as Commander and Adjutant of the American Legion, Post #34 and was active in WAVES National. She attended the groundbreaking for the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery and the World War II Veterans Memorial. A strong advocate for older adults and a Spectrum Generations volunteer, Miss Gray served as Chair of the Local Advisory

So, while you're reading this article, pull out your cell phone and update your "In Case of Emergency" (ICE) information right now. This way, home, work, and cell telephone numbers are all in one place for the person you want contacted first. Don't forget: Keep your cell phone charged and with you at all times while you're away from home.

Registration Help Needed

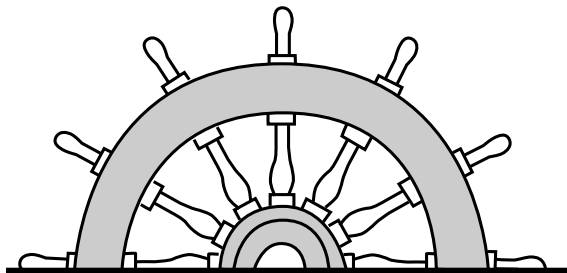
Going to the WN Convention? Got an hour or so to help? I'm looking for shipmates to work the Registration Tables. Registration will be opened on Wednesday, 19 September, from 1300 to 1800; and, Thursday, from 0700 to 0800 and, again, from 1700 to 1900. Friday's hours are from 0700 to 0800, and, again, from 1300 to 1700. Any time you can help would be greatly appreciated. Interested? Call Francene at 321-773-3967 or email her at mfitexas@aol.com.

2012 WN Proposed Budget

President	\$ 3,000.00
First Vice President	1,000.00
Second Vice President	1,000.00
Recording Secretary	700.00
Treasurer - Compensation	3,000.00
- Misc Expenses	675.00
Executive Secretary - Compensation	3,000.00
- Misc Expenses	2,000.00
Historian	300.00
Regional Reps	5,000.00
State Directors	1,800.00
Public Relations	800.00
White Caps	20,000.00
Miscellaneous Committee Chairs	1,000.00
James H. Parke Scholarship	200.00
Bylaws Chairman	700.00
White Caps Editor	500.00
Parliamentarian	500.00
WN Convention National Officer Reimbursement	6,000.00
CA Tax	35.00
SSLA Table	325.00
Scholarship (Funds transferred from Scholarship Account)	1,500.00
Totals	\$ 53,035.00

Council in Knox County and helped establish Spectrum Generations Knox Community Center in Rockland.

Fully retired now, Miss Gray remains modest about her accomplishments as a teacher, choir conductor, musician, and volunteer. Of her service, she notes, "When WAVES like me came into the picture, it started an already begun trend for an area in which women achieved extensively. I was PROUD then, and I am PROUD now that this experience opened up the great world beyond my hometown. Today, my WAVES Unit #41, and all the units with whom I come in contact, still feel that we were SOMETHING SPECIAL. In fact, it is the WAVE motto. The service bar I wear on my uniform for having served as a WAVE is very meaningful. I cherish that part of my life and will continue to sing of the patriotism, which helped make this country what is. I'm glad for all the things that helped to make me the person sitting here today."



FROM THE BRIDGE

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT



Betsy Waddell

Happy hot summer to all!! Ladies, I am so-o-o looking forward to seeing all of you at the Convention in Orlando this September. Please, let's all plan a great get together then. I know that Barbara McGuire and her committee have been busy and working towards a GREAT event.

This year, for those interested, there is a golf outing... and I promise no tales will be carried from the course unless they bespeak of outstanding ball hitting or putt making!

I know that all of the responsible people are getting their reports into the correct hands and both the first VP and I shall pass out both the good news (and some bad) BRIEFLY to all at the Convention.

Have a great summer and until we see each other in Orlando, chill, relax and get ready to have an outstanding time in September.

TREASURER



Monica O'Hara

I am on my annual trip to the Midwest visiting family. So far, the weather has been great (except for the humidity). As I travel, I am always in awe of the beauty of our country and its people.

It's hard to believe, but Unit Financial Reports are due by September 1st. Unit Treasurers, remember that the reporting year is August 1st to July 31st. Please refer to page 15 of the Procedures Manual for the report format. This is an IRS requirement. You may send the report by email or regular mail, whichever is easier for you.

A donation to the General Fund was received from Jane Hessler (MAL). Heart of America, Unit #9, sent a donation in memory of Dorothea Schlosser. Donations were also received in memory of Thelma Starkey and Anne Carroll. Donations for the Navy Memorial plaque were received from Desert WAVES, Unit #13; San Diego Stars & Stripes, Unit #36; Badger, Unit

#39; Connecticut Yankees, Unit #42; Orange Blossom, Unit #69; Cactus WAVES, Unit #114; and Tidewater Tidal WAVES of VA, Unit #152; Nelda Ashbaker (MAL); Rita Brengel (MAL); Dorothea Davidson (Unit #13); Jeannie Dicks (Unit #36); Marcia Green (MAL); and Margaret Thorngate (Cascade Seafarers, Unit #138). Thank you for your generous donations!

Hope to see many of you in Orlando!

SHIP'S STORE



Patty Jo Parks

It won't be long now! Convention is just around the corner and your Ship's Store will be on board in Orlando to supply your nautical needs.

"Quantity discounts" are STILL available for ANY COMBINATION of WN Coins, Medallions and/or Keyrings: 5 for \$45; 10 for \$80 or 20 for \$140.

REMEMBER: As you order "last minute" supplies before Convention:

1. Allow 4 weeks for name badges and outgoing officer badges.
2. Allow at LEAST 2 weeks for processing and shipping all other items.

3. AND, to help keep track of your luggage while you travel, here is ANOTHER FINE PRINT SPECIAL:

Get one FREE WN Logo luggage tag with any paid order received by October 1, 2012.

NOTE: For FINE PRINT special:
- Write in "FREE BAG TAG" on your order form

- Orders must be received by October 1, 2012

- Order must be for at least one paid item.

- Offer good while supplies last.

See you at Convention!

Patty

VA MEDICAL/HEALTH



Ruth Storck

As we age, our lifestyles and home living situations change. We find ourselves suddenly having to plan

healthy meals for only one or two people. It becomes very easy to pick up food at the drive thru fast food and use frozen meals instead of the balanced healthy meals we once fixed for our families. There are many cookbooks and online recipes geared to small meal preparation.

It does not have to be that hard to change lifestyles. We can still fix our favorite casseroles and pasta sauces. Just break them into smaller portions, date, and freeze.

When making casseroles and soups, leave out the pasta, noodles, potatoes and rice. Date and name your container and freeze. When you prepare, add the noodles, pasta, rice or potato and your casserole or soup will be fresh as just made and not have any mushy starch.

When buying meat or bags of frozen veggies, come home and break down the items to Zip Lock portion sizes and freeze. When needed, thaw and enjoy.

You could also invite a few friends over. Have each bring the ingredients for preparing a dish. As you make your meals, you'll have laughter and fun.

Once each meal is prepared, each person receives a portion for a later home meal. The hostess' meal can be used to entertain the cooks. This way, you have a social time and meals for the week

VOLUNTEER HOURS



Dulcie Davis

Hello, Shipmates:

I am HAPPY to report that we had 46 out of 64 units reporting their volunteer hours. This is a drastic improvement over last year and almost all sent reports in on time. I want to thank all Members at Large who submitted hours, also.

You made my job much easier. Thanks also to the Unit Volunteer Chairmen and the Regional Reps who helped.

See you at Convention!

Dulcie

**Attend the
WN 2012 Convention
SIGN UP TODAY!**

HISTORIAN



Denise Duke

Ahoy, ladies!

By the time you read this, we will be within major excitement range of our next convention. I can hardly wait.

I'm going to ask you all yet again... send me PICTURES, ARTICLES, NEWS CLIPPINGS, OR OTHER announcements of your unit activities.

MALs: Feel free to send me photos of yourselves. I'd love to include you in the slide show as well.

Spouses or significant others... I want pictures of those individuals that support our crazy scathingly brilliant ideas. Yes, you know who they are; those individuals that make reservations, carry boxes and do the grunt work for us. I would like to tell them all thank you with a slide in our slide show. Send me photos of those you'd like to acknowledge.

I discovered something interesting in talking to some of our members.

Some people think that the photos submitted to White Caps for publication are sent to me – THEY ARE NOT. So all those lovely photos that have been sent into the WC were captured in the newsletter but I don't have them for our albums.

Duplication? Not really. We don't have all the old White Caps out during convention. I do have all the albums out for people to enjoy and share memories of the events. You know I'm doing a slide show for convention.

I received an active unit list from Barb Turner and have created a slide for each unit.

It's up to you to make sure I have a picture of your unit or maybe an activity your unit participated in for the slide show. If I don't get any submission, I'll look for an older photo. If I can't find one... Well, I'll leave that to your imaginations!

MALs: send me a photo of when you were on active duty and now. That would be a simple perfect way to get in the convention fun.

Please do not send me email with a bunch of pictures attached. I live in the country. Even with modern technology our connectivity is limited. Send me a hard copy of the photo along with a description and list of the people in the picture. Do not write on the back of the photo, the ink bleeds through after aging.

I think I've covered it all. Call or email me if you have any questions.

See you all in Orlando!
Always Navy, Denise

HEARTSPRING PROJECT



Jeanne Hooper

Our members are doing a fabulous job of clipping and sending Boxtops! Just this quarter, 1,500 have already been mailed, and another 1,200 are on their way to Wichita right now. My dedicated "clippers" remain loyal, but it's also exciting that we have new contributors too. Thank you, ladies, one and all. And please, keep 'em coming!

PUBLIC RELATIONS



Barb Sebring

Greetings Ladies,

This has been a very busy month for me as I've been traveling for business. My husband and I went to PA for a sales meeting and to NY for training. While traveling, my husband and I always go out of our way to seek out not only active duty personnel but Veterans wearing a hat with any kind of military insignia on it. We make a point of shaking their hand and thanking them for their service. On this trip, we encountered several Viet Nam vets that seemed overwhelmed with the recognition. Most thanked US for caring.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the convention.

We are looking into having some wines from the Proud To Serve Winery there. Remember, they will donate \$2 to our treasury for every bottle sold. Also, summer is the perfect time to serve a bottle or two of their great wine. If you need information on them again please let me know. Let's all support this fund raiser. See you in Orlando and please travel safely.

In Navy Friendship,
Barb Sebring

WHITE CAPS EDITOR



Judy Faries

It's been a really busy summer already with my daughter's wedding in MD and then a family reunion in MI a week later. After almost 3 weeks on the road, I got home and busy with the August White Caps issue. I have received so many wonderful articles this time that I cannot fit them all in. So, if you do not see the article you submitted this time, rest assured I will make every effort to get them in the October Issue.

I want to thank all of the units who submitted articles for the Foam Off the

WAVES segment. Please remember to put the name of your unit, the unit number and the state your unit is in. This is a huge help!

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone at the convention in Orlando in September. Have a great summer and try to stay cool!

Always, Judy

WEBMASTER



Gaby Morrison

Being part of WAVES National and a member of our local unit, Tidewater Tidal WAVES, Unit 152, has really given me some interesting opportunities. In February, I volunteered with a few of the ladies to speak about our time in the Navy for Women's History Month Celebration at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital.

I never expected the curiosity and appreciation for what most of us felt was just another day in military service. Additionally, the realization was made that our local units need to have more visibility on the internet.

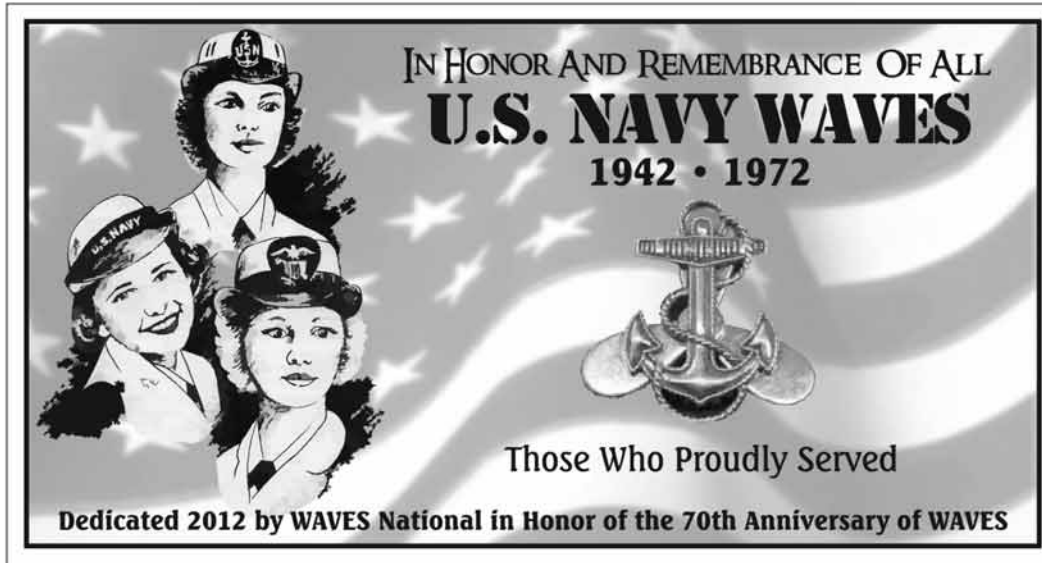
With that in mind, I would appreciate all the units sending me the links to your WAVES UNIT websites, if you have one. The few listed on the 'LINKS' page are rather outdated and there are not very many. If your unit has a Facebook page set up, please send me that url, (Website address starts with HTTP).

Please send your link to gabym@cox.net. Put your UNIT NAME AND NUMBER in the SUBJECT LINE, as I get tons of email. If your email is flagged on the subject line, I won't accidentally delete it.

I have made some minor changes to the website, more are coming. If enough url's are received for unit websites, I can create a separate page for them and add those websites to the units on the 'LOCATIONS' page. The goal is for any Woman in the SEA GOING branches of the Military to be able to find an active unit close by and be able to contact them. Have a great summer and stay safe!

CORRECTION TO JUNE WHITE CAPS NEWSLETTER – On page 1 the caption under the picture from WN Members Recount Service to Younger Sailors should have read “These ladies served in the Navy when the women were called WAVES:(back row, l-r) Jeanne M Lemasters vice Louise Manz!!! We apologize for the error.

Calling all U.S. NAVY WAVES Veterans, Family and Friends,



Greetings to all our Navy Wave Veterans! We have the opportunity to have our Navy Service recognized in a prominent place on the historic Commemorative Plaque Wall at the U.S. Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center on Pennsylvania Ave. in Washington, D.C. To date over 550 ships, squadrons, Navy veterans, Navy Organizations and Navy family plaques have been installed. They can all be viewed on the web site: www.navymemorial.org. Look for Commemorative Plaques icon. I urge each one of us to donate to this **tax deductible**, memorial plaque project. This is an outstanding way for us to be recognized for serving our great country. Please respond ASAP using the form below so that we might completely fund this project and hold a Dedication ceremony at the US Navy Memorial in Washington, DC.

Dassa Carvey - President of WAVES National, 948 Ewell Road. Virginia Beach, VA 23455-4802

Yes! I would like to make a tax deductible contribution towards the above plaque to
Honor the U.S. Navy WAVES

Name: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ ZIP: _____

Phone (____) _____ FAX: (____) _____ e-mail: _____

I would like to contribute \$ _____

Check enclosed (payable to USNMF) • All contributions are Tax Deductible

Mail check or FAX charge to: Paul T. Haley • Director of Planned Giving
U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation
701 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, #123
Washington, D.C. 20004-2608
1 (800) 821-8892 - Ext. 760 • FAX (202) 737-2308

VISA MC AME DISCOVER • 3 Digit Number on back of your card (CVC) _____

Card #: _____ Expiration date: _____ Signature _____
(Required)

Gladys Hughes to Compete as Ms. Veteran America Contestant



Gladys Hughes, member of Mississippi Mates, Unit #150, has been informed she will be one of 50 contestants in the Ms. Veteran America Pageant. She was the ONLY applicant with a perfect score of 10 for her interview and talent! Gladys said, "That's pretty good for an 88 year old Vet!"

The purpose of this event is to showcase "The Woman Beyond the Uniform". As a Female Veteran, some of our femininity becomes lost when we wear the uniform, because we have to blend in with the boys. Our grace, poise, beauty and talents become camouflaged during our military service.

The platform for the event is to help the 13,000 women Veterans who are homeless. It costs \$25 a day to help a homeless female Veteran. Anyone wanting to donate to assist these ladies can make a donation at www.msveteranamerica.org, or send a

check to Final Salute, Inc., P.O. Box 156, Haymarket, VA 20168—with a note for a credit to Gladys Hughes. The competition is 7 October, 1700-2100, at the Ritz Carlton, Pentagon City, Arlington, VA. Tickets to the event can be purchased on the Ms. Veteran America website.

Hopefully, WN members will be able to attend and support one of our own in this competition while helping our homeless female Veterans. Contestants will be judged on their interview, talent, military history, and evening gown.



Gladys' talent is a comedy routine you won't want to miss. Gladys said, "I know I will be competing with many, many young Vets—but, hey! What have I got to lose?!"

WWII Veterans Attend RTC Great Lakes Graduation

Saturday, June 8, 2012, is a day that will long be remembered by three members of WAVES National Badger Unit #39 of WI. Mary Buerger, Joan Hampton and Alice Wagner were among the first ladies to volunteer after President Roosevelt signed the proclamation allowing women to join the US Navy, on July 29, 1942.



Mary Buerger, Joan Hampton and Alice Wagner were treated like royalty when they attended RTC Graduation Ceremonies at Great Lakes, recently.

Members attended the graduation ceremonies, Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. Mary Buerger, Joan Hampton, and Alice Wagner were treated like royalty, their having been among the first women in the Naval Reserves. They were accompanied by Unit President Kris Gancarz and Pam Jacobsen. Both work at Great Lakes Naval Station and invited members of our unit to attend one of the Recruit Training Command Graduations.

Pam's daughter, Ensign Amanda Jacobsen, a recent graduate of Marquette University School of Nursing, also attended. Ensign Jacobsen is looking for-

ward to her first duty station in Portsmouth, VA.

Upon arrival at Great Lakes, the ladies were greeted by Recruit Training Command's Executive Officer, CDR Katherine Scott, and Public Affairs Officer, LTJG Swart. They showed us a video of the USS Traylor, a training ship designed to test the recruits to ensure they have the required skills to graduate from Boot Camp and move on to next phase of their training. Upon successful completion of the scenarios in the USS Traylor, the recruits are awarded the "Navy" ball cap at a special ceremony signifying they have earned the right to be called "SAILOR".

After the "Capping" ceremony, the ladies were seated in The Drill Hall for the Boot Camp graduation. There were presentations of each State Flag, Drum Corps, Drill Teams, Choir and Marching Band - all consisting of Sailors graduating that day. Presentations were made to Honor Recruits; a Flag Officer addressed the graduates and then reviewed the Divisions in a Pass in Review Ceremony.

CDR Scott escorted us around the base and to one of the recruits' barracks, the USS Grace Hopper (all barracks are named for ships). Admiral Hopper is the only female to be honored by having a destroyer named for her. She was instrumental in developing the computer in the late 1940's.

Kris Gancarz presented Commanding Officer, RTC, CAPT Steven Bethke and

CDR Scott with memorabilia from several members of our unit. They were thrilled to receive a WAVES' uniform and Havelock (rain hat) from Thelma Reimer. Claire Krolick donated her WAVES' uniform blouse with her "IBM" insignia, Bible, and a 1944 edition of Blue Jackets Manual, along with a picture of her Hunter College Boot School Graduating class of 1944.



Kris Gancarz and Pam Jacobsen present WAVES' memorabilia to CDR Scott and CAPT Bethke (partially hidden behind Pam).

Joan, who was one of the first three gals from WI to enlist, donated a picture appearing in the Milwaukee Journal, in October 1942. It showed Joan and two shipmates sitting on a bunk bed when they attended University of WI Radio School which was not only their Training School but also Boot Camp.

All donated items will be placed in display cases and displayed at the USS Hopper barracks.

As the ladies departed, CDR Scott gave each a red, white and blue medallion which said "Department of the Navy—United States of America" ... what a treasure!

2012 WAVES National Scholarship Recipient and Essay



Marisa Harris



CDR Tina Erwin, aunt

Marisa Harris, from Virginia Beach, VA, is the niece of CDR Tina Erwin, USN (Ret.). CDR Erwin, in her 20 years of Naval Service, had several accomplishments, not the least of which she was the first female officer to work for the Supervisor of Shipbuilding Conversion and Repair Electric Boat Division, Groton, CT. She was also the first female instructor at Submarine School, New London.

Marisa will be attending Virginia Wesleyan College, Virginia Beach, majoring in Business Administration, with a minor in Information Technology and computers. Marisa has many achievements, including being a National Honor Society Member of the Year, and Vice President of Future Business Leaders of America. She has received many awards and accumulated Community Service Hours, many of which were earned through her NJROTC projects.

WAVES National wishes Marisa much success in all her future endeavors.

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How My Service Changed my Life

By: Marisa Harris

I live in a time in history when large numbers of women working in the Navy are an accepted fact. Approximately 16% of today's Navy is currently made up of women officer and enlisted personnel. This was not so in 1972, when my aunt, Tina (Debs) Erwin decided to go to OCS (Officer Candidate School). At that time only about 2% of the Navy population was women. Today, women serve in all areas of Navy, with the exception of Navy SEALs. It used to be that women could not serve on submarines (both my father and my uncle are submariners), but as of 2011, women started going to sea on submarines. I would like to think that some of the things that my aunt did starting in 1973 and for 20 subsequent years, helped to make this fact a reality. Tina Erwin paved the way for other women officers by opening up job opportunities where none had previously existed. I believe that my aunt felt honored to join the ranks of other military women throughout history who each blazed trails for future generations of young, eager women in the Navy to follow.

I always thought that my mom and my aunt were very strong and self-assured women. I mean after all, they are

sisters and therefore would have similar life experiences that would make them strong. I would also like to think that I get some of my strength from them. They have been excellent role models for me, but when I thought about writing this essay for this scholarship, I really found out about the strength and fortitude of my aunt while she was in the Navy.

I had never really spoken to my aunt Tina about her Naval service, so when this opportunity presented itself, I jumped at the chance to find out more about her military experiences. I enjoyed interviewing her over the phone; Tina currently lives in San Diego, CA.

My aunt graduated in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Relations from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Apparently, her mom and dad had been 'hounding' her about what she was going to do to support herself when she graduated. My grandmother had told her to never be dependent on a man for income, so Tina had better get a job with a good income and future! But when UNC-CH held job fairs, Tina found that the companies did not want to talk with her; they only wanted to talk with men about working for

their respective companies. However, she discovered that Navy recruiters were very interested in what talents and skills she had to offer. Tina knew that jobs in the south did not pay well for women and most of them would be secretarial or receptionists positions. When she realistically analyzed her job options, she found out that Congress mandated that women had to be paid the same as men in the military. So in 1972, at the height of the Viet Nam war, she joined the Navy and went to Officer Candidate School in Rhode Island. This was not the politically correct thing to do at the time, but she knew that she wanted a job with a future, wanted to travel abroad, meet interesting people and she said she "...needed the experiences that the Navy would teach me."

So how did the sea service change Tina Erwin's life? After many hours interviewing her, I realized that it enabled her to facilitate change in herself. She says joining the Navy was a great job opportunity, and then once there, she knew that she could make a difference in the lives of all of the people that she would encounter. Ultimately, she became the first woman officer to hold

many jobs, thus enabling other women to have the opportunity for these duty stations in the future.

She also shared that the point of a military career and the point of how the sea service changed her is that the Navy is a very different life from what she knew growing up. She said that individuals going into the military have to learn how to move from duty station to duty station all over the world. Therefore you become very organized very quickly; you also have to constantly adjust to local and global situations. You adjust to being on call 24/7 for your entire military life. You learn the pleasure of building a military family where one did not previously exist. You look forward to meeting each other again and again around the world at different duty stations. You also realize that at the end of the day, what you are really building is your reputation for courage, strength of character, and dedication to the service of your fellow man, your family and your country.

In 1973, after graduating from OCS, Tina became the first female officer to work for the Supervisor of Shipbuilding Conversion and Repair Electric Boat Division, Groton, CT. She also met her husband of 39 years, Troy Erwin when she arrived in Groton. Then in 1974, she became the first female instructor at Submarine School in New London, CT. She taught the details of the classified material security system, the Sealed Authenticator System, and Personal and Manpower Information. She was also an Inspector for all Classified Material accounts for all submarines in New London. How did these two particular duty stations change her life, especially in light of the fact that she was the first woman to hold these two positions? These types of jobs and skills were certainly not covered in any classes at UNC-CH! They were not covered at OCS. So Tina, being a very quick study, learned to think and manage more like her male counterparts.

Tina was able to positively change the perceptions men had of working with women. For most of them, working with Tina was the first time they had ever worked with a woman officer in a non-traditional position. Tina also learned how to work with and respect the skills and the

abilities of all of her crewmembers. She learned that when you develop respect for those you serve with, that respect is returned to you.

Between 1976 and 1985, Tina held administrative and leadership positions that offered new learning experiences. Two of those jobs had previously been held by women. Tina greatly appreciated the trail blazing of other women before her.

In 1985, Tina became the first female officer to have the position of Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Physical Security, Anti-terrorism and Law Enforcement for the entire US Atlantic Fleet Submarine Force. This staggering task encompassed protecting 86 submarines, 9 submarine tenders, and 3 submarine bases from terrorist attack. What was it like to be the Submarine Force terrorist expert for an entire fleet of submarines, and how did this sea service job change Tina's life? I spent a long time talking with her about this particular job because it seemed such an important one! Tina had a husband, brother-in-law and many friends who were submariners. She had seen classified 'message traffic' that told her how serious the threat truly was. It was her job to protect this fleet: "...to protect all of these submarine assets." She stated "...that to have the weight of the protection of the entire Atlantic Submarine Force on your shoulders cannot be described." If she did her job well, they would be protected, if she failed, many deaths could occur. One way or

another, her actions would change lives. Tina was so successful in her duties that she received the Meritorious Service Medal from President Ronald Reagan in 1988. To this day, the devices that she put in place are still used by the Atlantic fleet Submarine Force: they are still protecting the 'Silent Service.'

Tina's last duty station was from 1988-1992 as the Executive Officer for the Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine Training Center, San Diego, CA. She was in charge of over 150 officers and enlisted instructors and personnel. She managed oversight for advanced submarine training in firefighting, sonar, navigation and command and control. Tina Erwin retired in 1992 as a Commander.

Today there are over 53,000 women officer and enlisted personnel serving in many traditional and non-traditional capacities. Aunt Tina stated to me that "...even though my jobs were often extremely hard, failure was not an option. I had to do well for myself and for the future of other women in the military." My aunt has shown me that stereotypes, i.e., that women cannot do the same type of work as men, can be overridden.

Leadership is proven by determination, competence, and devotion to duty. Tina Erwin joins the many women who blazed career trails for women in all of the armed services. She is one of many for whom, "...failure was not an option..." that is how the Navy changed her life.

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GATEWAY WAVES

Unit #5 (MO) – We hope all are enjoying a safe summer. Several members volunteered for The Veterans' National Golden Age Games, hosted by St. Louis Medical Centers. Others participated in various Veterans' activities in May. Come join us at our monthly luncheon meetings. **For meeting information contact Shirley Walz, sjwalz2002@yahoo.com or 314-822-4249**

KEYSTONE WAVES

Unit #6 (PA) - Six members attended the Joint Women' Leadership Symposium at the Gaylord Hotel in National Harbor, MD, and enjoyed a special 70th anniversary luncheon honoring the WAVES.

Gladys Martin, Gladys Felice, and Elizabeth Robinson attended the Honor Flight to WWII Memorial in April. Ruthie Severino and her husband, Sal, accompanied them as guardians. At WIMSA, the WWII WAVES and an Army nurse on the trip were presented flags for their service.

On May 24th, Jeanne Lemasters and Joanne Elliot were honored to attend the Change of Command ceremony at the U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Delaware Bay. This was especially meaningful as both commanding officers are females. CAPT Meredith Austin turned over her command of the base to CAPT Kathy Moore. Since its establishment in 1917, this is the first time that this Sector has been commanded by not one, but two female officers. This momentous occasion was followed by a luncheon.

Memorial Day services were well observed by our unit. Dorothy Holland and Jeanne Lemasters attended "Salute to our Veterans" in Bensalem Township, May 19. Marian Bomher, Marie Cush, Dorothy Holland, and Jeanne Lemasters participated in "Annual Memorial Day Remembrances" at St Mary's Manor Continuing Care Center, Lansdale, on May 23. Marie Cush attended Doylestown's Memorial Day Parade. Our chaplain, Gladys Martin, was honored to give the invocation following Media, PA's parade. Afterward, several members who had also participated in the parade enjoyed a picnic sponsored by Marine Corps League Association. Jeanne Lemasters participated in "Wreath Lay-

ing" ceremony at U.S. Coast Guard Base, Delaware Bay, which was sponsored by Fleet Reserve Association.



Jeanne Lemasters assists in Wreath Laying Ceremony at the CG Base, Delaware Bay.

Unit elections were held in June and our new officers are Ruthie Severino, President; Harriet Stulmaker, VP; Jeanne Lemasters, Secretary; and, Jane McCann, Treasurer. We are looking forward to seeing you in Orlando!!

Our next meeting will be Sept. 8th, at Coast Guard Station, Philadelphia, PA, 1130. **Contact Ruthie Severino, 610-356-8956, for meeting information.**

HEART OF AMERICA

Unit #9 (KS) - We met on Saturday, June 23rd, at the American Legion Post 370. It is always so nice to see everyone again. We had a picnic type lunch along with some desserts provided by the members.



Pictured from left to right are: Beverly Saxon-Ellis, Lucille Kemper, Barb Seney, Elaine Kirk, Joyce Campbell, Midge Halastik, Donna Gray, and Evelyn Slayman (VP). Not pictured is camerawoman Michele Battliner (Treas.)

We remember in our prayers those who are on "sick call": Evelyn Slayman and Marilyn Bosley. Also, those members who are no longer able to attend meetings, we wish you well and thank you for your past support of our unit. You are not forgotten! Our condolences go to the family of Dorothea Schlosser who passed away in April. She had been a very active member of our unit and well thought of. She will be missed.

Member Lois, and her family, are on vacation with their grandchildren visiting the base where Lois (Marine) and her husband Larry (also, Marine) met. We pray for their safe return.

For information regarding our upcoming meeting on August 25th,

please contact Michele Battliner at 816-315-9229 or email at mbattliner@att.net.

NORTH COAST WAVES

Unit #21 (OH) - We are pleased to have three of our newest and youngest members (Jennifer Baun, Marlana Robertson, Daylene Scott) sworn in as our new President, VP, and Treasurer, respectively. Lillian Hawley (Korean War) and Frona Liston (WWII) join the team as Secretary and Parliamentarian. On July 8th, the Cleveland Indians honored all women veterans in a pre-game ceremony and several of our members participated in marching around the field. Some of us are gearing up for the convention in Orlando. Some are making preparations for setting up a recruiting tent at the famous Canfield Fair. We are volunteering, volunteering, and volunteering! And, we are praying for the safety of our troops and all those affected by the wildfires, tornadoes, and floods. Hope to see everyone in September.

For meeting information: **Contact Jan Ochs at nenajo@bright.net or call 330-473-7271.**

FIRST COAST WAVES

Unit #38 (FL) - Jessie M. Dunbar and Joy Casino, charter members of our unit, flew to Washington, DC, May 19, as guests of Honor Flight Volusia Honor Air from Daytona Beach.



Jessie Dunbar and Joy Casino participated in Honor Flight in May.

Jessie is our Unit Treasurer and Joy is our Vice-President. The flight was in recognition of Armed Forces Day. There were ceremonies held at the memorial sites including the WW II Memorial. Both ladies served in the Navy during WW II, Jessie was an aviation machinist mate and Joy, a storekeeper. Jessie's daughter also attended and was a guardian for the ladies.

BADGER

Unit #39 (WI) – The 25th Anniversary of our unit was celebrated in July with a luncheon at Alioto's Restaurant in Milwaukee. Several Charter Members were present as well as newer members.

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Good food and conversation were enjoyed by all.

Ella Wiberg was the first WI State Director and proceeded to recruit members. The first meeting was held March 15, 1987, where 45 prospective members showed up. Once the Charter was completed 97 had signed on, most being WWII veterans. From here our unit grew and grew. At present, many of our shipmates have passed on and our roster has declined; but, we still have a membership of 39 of which 17 are Charter members.

Becky Badger wishes success to Region XII for a wonderful 2012 Convention.

Next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 29th at Ally's Bistro in Menomonee Falls. **For more information contact: Claire 262-782-6215 or peach@ww.rr.com.**

CT YANKEES

Unit #42 (CT) - Nine members of the unit and three guests enjoyed a delightful lunch together for our June meeting. We had a lovely time chatting and enjoying each other's company. Several of the members also participated in the local Memorial Day Parades in Newington, Manchester, Old Saybrook and Durham.



Charlotte Hoppe, Barbara Crede, and Mary Ann Goodell wait for the Newington Memorial Day Parade to step off.

Since it is harder for some of our members to get out now we are trying to meet once in a while for a lunch near where we all live. Our fall meetings start again at the CTVA Facility in Rocky Hill, the first Saturday of the month of September and November. October is our 25th anniversary party. Notices will be sent to the members when we are meeting elsewhere.

For meeting and unit information, please contact Barbara Crede at 860-665-8082 barbcrede@aol.com or Marie Walsh at 860-647-7753 860-647-7753.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WAVES

Unit #52 (FL) - We are currently taking our summer break. Elections were held in May for the coming year. Congratulations to our new officers: Sherry Schultz, Vice President; Kathy Hall, Secretary; Sharyl Sheftz, Treasurer; and Jeanne Hooper, President. We recently changed our meeting location to Geno's Italian Restaurant, which was our original meeting place when the unit was first chartered. We also are going to meet every other month; still the 2nd Saturday at 0930. Our next meeting is on 8 September. If you are in the Pensacola Bay area, come join us. **For meeting information, contact Jeanne Hooper at JCHooper@cox.net or 850-458-0440.**

TAMPA BAY WAVES

Unit #55 (FL) - Honor Flight West Central Florida has flown two missions thus far this year out of St Petersburg-Clearwater Airport on Allegiant Air. Our unit was fortunate to have unit members on both flights. The first mission flight was April 3. Shirley Dawley and her husband, Irwin, were able to travel together and Cathy Gerolimatos, Unit Treasurer, served as one of their guardians. The weather was fantastic and the veterans were able to take in all the planned sites: US Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima), World War II Memorial, Korean War Veterans' Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial. It is believed that for the first time in the four years of Honor Flights in and out of Dulles International Airport, the mission was unable to return to St. Petersburg-Clearwater until the next day due to damage to the plane. Allegiant Air and the Honor Flight ground crew at Dulles Airport literally borrowed every shuttle, van or bus to transport all veterans, guardians, and support crew to several different hotels in the surrounding area for an overnight stay until the airworthiness of the aircraft was determined.



Shirley and Irwin Dawley at the US Marine Corps War Memorial Iwo Jima during their Honor Flight trip.



Phyllis Gallant & Millie Hussey on a rainy Honor Flight trip in June.

The second mission flight took place June 12. This flight included two unit members: Phyllis Gallant and Millie Hussey, both of whom received their training at Hunter College, Bronx, NY. Cathy served as a guardian for Phyllis and Millie's guardian was her daughter. Despite the rain, everyone had a great time and came away with memories that will be long lasting. This particular mission included added sites such as traveling around the Tidal Basin and the new Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial, plus a visit to the US Air Force Memorial near the old Navy Annex.

GULF COAST DOLPHINS

Unit #56 (FL) - We meet monthly (except August) and we have a good turnout. Through newspaper information, we gained several valuable and contributing women Veterans by opening up to other services, offering an associate membership.

Recently, Dottie Kurtz (CG) reported on her trip to California for the commissioning ceremony of the CG Cutter Dorothy Stratton. As an invited guest, she was treated royally, showered with gifts and publicity. Dottie was also invited and attended the recent Changing of Guard Ceremony, in Washington, DC.

Our unit participated, as we have done for several past years, in the Memorial Day program and placed flags at the local cemetery on Memorial Day.

And here is an item worth reporting: Claire Moore's grandson honored her on her 90th birthday with a generous gift to WAVES National! Our unit celebrated our 24th birthday at the July 18th meeting. We meet for lunch, third Wednesday of the month. **For meeting information, call Kathy Radka, 941-429-4968 or Andrea Cadieux, 941-564-6056.**

REDWOOD EMPIRE WAVES

Unit #77 (CA) - The unit had no meeting in July because of other obligations of our officers. At our August meeting, we will install officers for the next two years: President, Barb Sebring; 1st VP, Margaret Petrizi; 2nd VP, Debra Haggerty;

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Secretary, Helen Nugent; and Treasurer, Rebecca Allen. Two long-time members should be noted: Hattie Stone celebrated her 94th birthday while recuperating from pneumonia and Rena Suberg is having daily therapy as she recuperates from a broken hip. A few members are looking forward to attending the September Convention in Orlando. **For meeting information, contact Bettie Crandall at 707-838-4035.**

SALT CITY BLUES

Unit #80 (NY) – On June 2, we celebrated Jean Disinger's 90th birthday.



Pictured left to right: Yvonne Jackson, Eilie McAllister, Arlene Lawless, Kay Ann Taylor, Jeon Disinger, Cecile Bryant, Evelyn Dissinger (A/F), and Flora Johnson celebrate Jean's birthday.

For meeting information contact: Cecile Bryant, President, at 315-488-0475.

ALAMO WAVES

Unit #103 (TX) - We have been "Navy focused" in the Alamo City since March. The Regional Navy Recruiting District invited my husband Phil (HMCM (SS), (Ret.) and me to their headquarters to speak about the WAVES for National Women's History Month. (My old Blue Jacket's Manual is always a hit!). It finally hit us that it was 50 years ago when we enlisted. This, as we each cut special birthday cakes—one for the WAVES 70th and one for Navy Chiefs.

The following day, I joined the Stryker Base Submarine Veterans at the Frank Tejada Middle School History Faire and was privileged to tell the story of the Navy's and other Sea Service women's contributions during WWII. Girls of the "Young Historians Club" seemed interested in all women's war efforts.

In mid-April, we enjoyed San Antonio's Fiesta. We liked Navy Day at the Alamo and the Navy League Reception at Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. Every occasion is an opportunity to talk up WAVES National and extol the experiences of our own local Alamo WAVES

members of WWII and active duty member, PN1 Steele.

On Armed Forces Day, 19 May, Phil and I were honored guests on the Navy Recruiters float in the city's 1st Annual Armed Forces Military River Parade. I was so busy waving I forgot to take photographs. Our barge's arrival at the Riverwalk Landing was the highlight for me. As we turned a bend in the river, there were young men and women from the Army, USAF, CG, USMC and NAVY, all assembled in formations, smartly saluting as each barge passed. They filled my heart with pride and my eyes with tears.



Susan D'Ambrosio and CDR Lori Frank at the unit's May meeting.

Finally, on 21 May, Commander Lori Frank came to our unit meeting. She was curious about WAVES and WN and will "spread the word." Lori shared some of her background, and told us that among the trainees at the Medical Education and Training Campus (METC), there are about 3,000 Navy students and 5,000 Navy staff members contributing to San Antonio's Navy presence.

CDR Frank caused me to think that perhaps our WAVES National title is something to retain, cherish, and build on! Imagine, for 70 years, sea service women have given their best, and for 33 years WN has been the place to come home to. Perhaps we have a good thing going and need energetic PR. We're like the mothers and grandmothers in Navy military service. Since March of this year, "Pioneer" is a word no fewer than seven active duty women have called us when they learn about WAVES.

For meeting information, contact Susan D'Ambrosio at 210-650-5470 or email sdambrosio@satx.rr.com

OCEAN STATE

Unit #118 (RI) – On 24 May, six members of our unit assembled at the Rhode Island Women Veterans' Memorial Monument in the RI Veterans' Cemetery in Exeter, to observe the 10th anniversary of the monument.

New unit officers were installed at the 16 June meeting at Greenwood Inn: Shirley Hill, President; Carol Rotkin, Vice President; Lusia White, Secretary; Lynn Rheume, Treasurer; and Ginny Hanson, State Director. At that time, we also honored the 2012 RI Military Woman of the Year, LT Christie Lynn View.

Ginny Hanson had been to the Veterans Home helping to renovate the gardens, patios and courtyards there along with many other volunteers. Those areas are being made accessible to the residents in wheelchairs. The membership voted to donate \$500 toward renovations.

Ginny and Frank Hanson have graciously offered to again host a pot-luck picnic at their home on Thursday, 16 August. Come prepared to play several of Ginny's games, including bocce.

TIDEWATER TIDAL WAVES

Unit #152 (VA) – Members attended the Honor Shroud Dedication at the Hampton VAMC. Veteran and VAMC employee Ross Mejias designed and implemented a shroud that pays respect to Veterans who pass at the VAMC. The shroud was blessed and officially presented to the VAMC for use.



Attending the Honor Shroud Dedication are (L-R) Judy Perry, Kathryn Lambert, Pat Brown, Mary Freeman, Libby Morrison, Jo Teel, Gail Bonham, Ross Mejias (Designer and Project Manager), and President Dassa Carvey.

We have made donations to the WAVES plaque and the VAMC for Para-Olympic Training Camp, Volunteer Youth Program, and Homeless Veterans Program for bus tickets to ensure homeless Veterans have transportation to their appointments.

WAVES 70th Anniversary celebration was held at Aberdeen Barn with a special birthday cake and our infamous fund raising auction. Guest speaker was CAPT Mary Jackson, the first female CO of Naval Station Norfolk.

For meeting information, contact Judy Perry at perrywave@aol.com or call 757-545-1988.

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FOX CITIES

Unit #153 (WI) - Our unit was entered in the Memorial Day Parade, held on Monday, May 28th. A service was held after the parade, at Riverside Cemetery. Our entry consisted of 3 decorated cars, preceded by our beautiful banner proclaiming "WAVES National Unit #153, Women of the Sea", and carried by 2 Girl Scouts. A great crowd greeted and saluted us along the parade route. Twelve members and friends participated.

NEW UNIT



Jan Roy (back row, center), Region VII Representative, recently attended the third meeting of the new unit being organized at Great Lakes. The meeting took place at the Navy Museum just outside Gate 1, RTC. Officers are in place, but not installed, with Tanisha Prins (standing, far right.) filling the position as the President. They are all active duty. One is an Army Veteran who joined the unit as an associate member.

MEMBERS AT LARGE C O R N E R

I want to thank all the ladies who have contacted me after reading my article in the June 2012 White Caps.

If anyone is visiting in Anaheim, CA, you can call me and maybe some of us can go to lunch. We do get together every 2 or 3 months for camaraderie.

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Female Sailors Now Get Their Hair Cut Aboard the Iwo Jima

Ship's barbershop gets new addition that caters to women

By Kate Wiltrout, *The Virginian-Pilot*



Ensign Jessica Powell shampoos the hair of Petty Officer 2nd Class Maryam Gaskin in early June during the grand opening of the beauty salon aboard the Iwo Jima. Rank and branch of service don't matter in the salon. SEAMAN JONATHAN L. CORREA | U.S. NAVY

The 2,900 sailors and Marines aboard the amphibious assault ship Iwo Jima have precious few creature comforts. They've been away from their families for almost three months. Daytime temperatures in the Gulf of Aden regularly top 110 degrees. And so-called "Navy showers" – where you turn on water only for the beginning and end of the bathing process – don't offer much respite.

So it's no wonder female crew members have welcomed the latest addition to the ship's barbershop: a single-seat beauty salon.

The idea came from CAPT Grady Banister, the ship's commanding officer, who acknowledges "borrowing" it from a San Diego-based sister ship. Plans were made before the Iwo Jima left Norfolk in March, but supplies didn't arrive until the vessel was plying the waters of the Arabian Sea.

In recent weeks, hull technicians installed a shampoo bowl and salon chair in the barbershop, which lost one station. Storekeepers made beauty products, such as chemical relaxers, available for sale. And more than a half-dozen women who hold professional or apprentice cosmetology licenses stepped forward to volunteer their services.

In a phone interview, Banister said he's glad that an "underserved population" – the women who make up 20 percent of his crew – now have a place to get a haircut during deployments. Men have long had access to free haircuts at sea, provided by servicemen with training as barbers. Women, who have been assigned to warships for almost 20 years, are typically on their own.

"For years, they had zero," Banister said. "It was just a matter of rearranging more than anything else. For very little input, we get a whole lot out of this."

The salon is open three days a week for five or six hours at a time. It offers cuts and trims, braiding, extensions, wash-and-sets and eyebrow shaping. But its biggest service is a general boost in morale.

"Morale is extremely important when you're serving away from home," said CDR Jeffery Davis, the ship's supply officer. "A happy sailor is a productive sailor."

ENS Jessica Powell's regular duties include managing almost two dozen hull technicians and machinery repairmen, standing watches and learning how to drive the massive ship.

Over the last two weeks, she's happily added stints at the salon to her schedule.

Rank and branch of service don't matter in the salon, which is located in one of the ship's most frequented areas – next to the chapel and the ship's store.

Powell shampoos and cuts the locks of officers and enlisted sailors and Marines. She enjoys the break from her normal responsibilities and likes contributing to her fellow sailors' well-being.

"If you look better, you feel better," she said.

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