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First All-Female Arresting Gear Crew Supports OEF

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ARABIAN SEA (NNS) -- Seven female Sailors assigned to USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) Air Department formed the first all-female arresting gear crew in Navy history, Aug. 15.

Five Aviation Boatswain's Mates (Equipment) from George H.W. Bush and two temporarily assigned duty Sailors from USS Nimitz (CVN 68) and USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) worked in the seven positions necessary to operate and maintain the arresting gear wires on the flight deck.

"This is a deployment of many firsts," said Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) (AW/SW) Antonio A. Blanco, leading chief petty officer for George H.W. Bush Air Department V-2 Division's Arresting Gear workcenter. "We have the personnel to do it and we might as well be the first to have an all-female arresting gear crew."

Topside, Petty Officer Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 3rd Class (AW/SW) Beatrice A. Williamson was a leading force in making the all-female crew a reality after nearly four years aboard the ship.

The positions of the crew include the deck edge operator who retracts the arresting wire remotely; the hook runner who signals the operator; two push bar personnel who physically move the arresting wire away from starboard side of the flight deck; two deck checkers, one who inspects the wire and the other who acts as a spotter; and the topside petty officer who oversees the operation.

"I kept saying to myself that when I get topside, I am going to have an all-female crew before the end of deployment," Williamson said. "Chief Blanco made it happen by helping everyone to get qualified."

For Williamson, making history was just as important as showing the abilities of the female Sailors who wear the Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) green shirt. Air Department's V-2 Division has 161 male and 43 female Sailors. Only 10 female Sailors are assigned to the arresting gear work center.

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The President's Message



Ladies, Region XII, Florida Sunshine Region, co-hosted another successful conference with All Navy Women National Alliance the end of September. In spite of the afternoon showers and

80+ degree temperatures every day, everyone had a good time. We also had a presentation from the Sheraton staff to let us know about the renovations taking place and what the hotel will look like next year in time for the convention. Make note of the dates in the convention article in this issue and plan on attending.

While I was at the conference, Judy Faries volunteered to be White Caps editor and I have accepted her offer. I know she will enjoy working with you as much as I do. Send Judy your articles for the White Caps, and copy me. A big "thank you" goes out to Barb Turner who has been acting editor for the October and

December issues. Barb's participation has been a tremendous help and taken a big burden off my shoulders.

With the convention in mind, it's time to solicit nominations for your elected officers: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary. I know we have many talented members who are eminently qualified to hold a position in WN and keep our organization going strong. Please consider submitting your nomination, or heeding the encouragement of your friends and shipmates to volunteer. It's very rewarding to serve in any of the positions. Denise Duke, Nomination Chairman, has her request for nominations in this issue.

We are still looking for a Ship's Store Officer. If you are interested, take a look at the announcement in this issue. Contact either Patty Parks or me for additional information.

Have you ever heard of Senior Wish? Well, I hadn't either until I was contacted

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First All-Female Arresting Gear Crew ...

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"Nobody has ever done it and we wanted to be the first," she said. "It means a lot."

Shortly after 9 a.m. (local time), the seven Sailors helped recover their first aircraft of the day - an F/A-18E Super Hornet from Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 31. Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Airman Kapri D. Ragin, a temporarily



Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Airman Megan E. Walker, left, and Aviation Boatswain's Mate Airman Kapri D. Ragin move a length of arresting gear wire on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77). (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Brian Read Castillo/Released)

assigned duty Sailor from USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), discovered broken strands in the one of the three arresting wires during her post-landing inspection and rushed to fix it until a replacement could be installed.

Following the first round of successful landings, the arresting gear crew quickly replaced the affected wire in an operation that required all seven Sailors to work in unison to switch out the 125-pound arresting wire.

After a long 14-hour day, the all-female crew helped successfully recover 70 aircraft.

"They are a great group of young women and I have all the confidence in the world in them," said Blanco. "This is something memorable for them and they deserve it."

Additional members of the first all-female arresting gear crew were Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 3rd Class Alison R. Pint, Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Airman (AW) Aquia A. Lunsford, Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Airman Carissa M. Smith, and Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Airman Megan E. Walker, who is temporarily assigned duty from USS Nimitz (CVN 68).

George H.W. Bush is deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility on its first operational deployment conducting maritime security operations and support missions as part of Operations Enduring Freedom and New Dawn.

For more news from USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77), visit www.navy.mil/local/cvn77.

The President's Message ...

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by the foundation, which grants a wish of a lifetime to deserving seniors throughout the United States. The Jeremy Bloom's Wish of a Lifetime, as it is officially called, wanted to recognize Veterans this year by granting a wish to some of our WW II Veterans. One of the Veterans, Elizabeth Harness, contacted the foundation with the wish to be reconnected with some of the WAVES she served with during her service in San Diego during WW II.

The foundation did an internet search and contacted me. Through an email distribution data call, WN was able to put them in touch with some of the ladies Elizabeth had served with. I was invited to attend and present the gift to Elizabeth. In addition, the foundation is granting Elizabeth lifetime membership in WAVES National. At a later date, Elizabeth will be flown to San Diego to reconnect with her service days and visit the local unit, Stars and Stripes. I will provide more information in the February issue, so stayed tune for the rest of the story!

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

Always Navy,

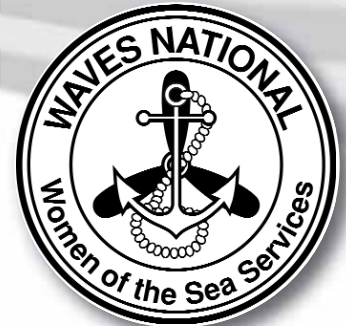
Dassa

As long as...

there are US troops in harms way, as long as
our women and men suffer from combat
wounds, as long as our military serves in lands
far from home and as long as our country serves
as a beacon of democracy for those
who crave freedom -

**there will always be a need for
WAVES National.**

**So ladies, please
recruit, recruit,
recruit! -
our country
needs us!**





WAVES National

WOMEN OF THE SEA SERVICES

2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Phone: _____
First Middle Maiden Last

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

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

Serial/Service Number: _____ Birthday: _____

State date of service time – From: _____ To: _____

Highest Rank/Rate Held: _____ Branch of Service: _____

OCS/Boot Camp: _____

Training schools: _____

Primary duty station: _____

Highest formal education and special talents: _____

(If more space needed use back of application)

WAVES National ID # _____ Referred by: _____
(Not to be filled in by applicant) (Recruiter)

ANNUAL DUES \$15.00 FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31

New members joining after August 1 shall pay \$7.50 as pro rata dues. Regular membership shall be limited to women who have served in the US Navy, US Naval Reserve, US Navy Nurse Corps, Yeoman (F), US Coast Guard, US Coast Guard Reserve, US Marine Corps, US Marine Corps Reserve or the Merchant Marines and can show proof of honorable service (i.e., copy of discharge papers) including dates.

New members joining through a local unit, make check for local and national dues payable to the local unit. Unit Treasurer will mail to the WAVES National Treasurer with proof of service and application form. **Members-at-Large make check payable to "WAVES National" and mail with this application and copy of proof of honorable service (i.e., copy of discharge papers) including dates to the WAVES National Treasurer:**

Monica O'Hara
6383 Kimmy Ct.
San Diego, CA 92114-5631

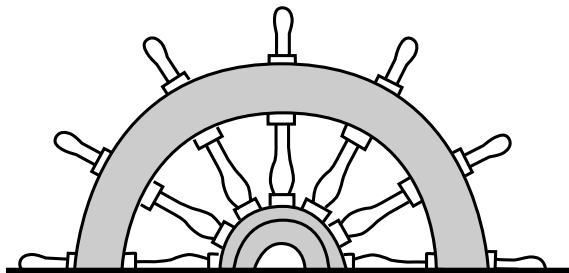
(Dues include subscription to the WHITE CAPS newsletter, published six times per year)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP TABLE

25/under years \$400	46 – 50 years \$270	71 – 75 years \$140
26 – 30 years \$375	51 – 55 years \$244	76 – 80 years \$114
31 – 35 years \$348	56 – 60 years \$218	81 – 85 years \$ 88
36 – 40 years \$322	61 – 65 years \$192	86 – 89 years \$ 60
41 – 45 years \$296	66 – 70 years \$166	90/over years \$ 30

Donations to WAVES National are tax deductible. A donation in the amount of \$ _____ is included in addition to dues.

PLEASE MAKE COPIES FOR YOURSELF AND/OR YOUR UNIT



FROM THE BRIDGE

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Jo Adamson



Guess what? It's that time of year again and I don't know what happened to 2011. So much has happened this last year. I've traveled a great deal. I think at last I have sold my house and will be moving to Florida to, hopefully, spend Christmas in my new home.

The Southern Illinois VA Employment Council had their first Job Fair and had over 150 attendees. I was asked to counsel veterans on VA Benefits and to help with their transition back into the work force.

I have also participated in greeting WW II Veterans returning from Washington, DC, where they visited their monument.

Veterans Day found me helping with a Veterans' ceremony in the morning and then riding in a Veterans' Day Parade in the afternoon. I spoke at a Veterans' church service, as well. I think I'm wearing out my WAVES garrison hat and shirts!

I want to share a few thoughts as we travel through the New Year ahead of us!... Believe in yourself (others already do!)... Today is bound to bring a reason to be grateful... look for good, and you will find it!... life has more UPS than DOWNS, mistakes are just rehearsals for success....open your heart... and love will fill it! May 2012 bring love, health, and blessings to you and your family. **HAVE GREAT HOLIDAYS SEASON AND GOD BLESS-AND RECRUIT-RECRUIT!**

TREASURER

Monica O'Hara



I have just returned from the Regions I, II and III Joint Conference held aboard a cruise ship. It is always wonderful to meet and share ideas with other units, see old friends and make new ones. On the Navy's birthday, we were served cake for dessert and our group sang "Anchors Aweigh," with the whole dining room joining in. Then, the staff sang "Happy Birthday" to us. It sure made us feel special!

Dues renewals are beginning to trickle in. MAL's - please continue sending them directly to me. However, if you are

a unit member, please send them to your unit treasurer.

Donations for the General Fund have been received from the following: WAVES National Ship's Store; Arkansas Travelers, Unit 1 (in memory of Marie Alsmeyer); Michelle Busch (MAL); Catherine Carryl (MAL); Mary Ann O'Donnell (Tampa Bay WAVES, Unit 55); and, Gladys Voell (Stars and Stripes, Unit 36). We also received our first website donation and our first vehicle donation! Please pass on to friends and family these two unique donation opportunities.

Stained Glass Window Fund donors included Nelda Ashbaker (MAL) and Tidewater Tidal WAVES, Unit 152 (in memory of YNCM Anne Der-Vartanian and Ernestine Campbell).

Unfortunately, Nevada Gems, Unit 142, has disbanded. They generously donated to the General Fund. Thank you all for your generous donations. If you, or your unit, are looking for an organization to donate to, please consider WAVES National. I wish each of you a joyous holiday season!

BYLAWS CHAIRMAN

Cathy Gerolimatos



You may not realize that as the Bylaws Chair, I am also charged with assisting units with reviewing and updating bylaws. Over time, bylaws need to be reviewed with an eye toward the document's continued practicality, timelessness, and usefulness. We live in a rapidly changing world. I understand - the minute you finally learn how to use some new contraption, it's in its fifth generation already and being replaced by something entirely new. And, on top of that, WAVES National keeps changing the bylaws as well, so trying to keep yours up-to-date gets daunting.

Do you have bylaws that are "generally" flexed so much that it's there in name only? Then, it's time for a review. I am here to help you. I am more than happy to review what you are proposing as a change with an eye toward resolving any potential conflict with National Bylaws and ensuring you're embracing the intent and spirit of Robert's Rules of Order. You

may call, e-mail, or send me a copy. Let's keep it simple.

SHIP'S STORE

Patty Jo Parks



There's a chill in the air and a jingle on the breeze as another year slips into history. Don't forget, WN Coins, Medallions and Key rings

make lovely gifts and "quantity discounts" are STILL available for ANY COMBINATION: 5 for \$45; 10 for \$80 or 20 for \$140.

Alas! The post office has promised a rate increase in the coming months, so let's stick with our traditional end-of-the-year FINE PRINT SPECIAL:

- FREE Shipping in December 2011!
- Write "Happy Holidays" on your order form and leave the shipping to me!
- Orders MUST specify "Happy Holidays" AND MUST be received by Dec. 31, 2011.

Happy Holidays!

VAVS REPRESENTATIVE

Harriett Howard



WAVES National Report: Annual Joint Review (AJR). FY2011-It's the time of year for me to make my report on the Annual Joint Reviews that were completed for the period from April 2010 through March 2011. From the Report received at the April 2011 NAC Meeting in Cincinnati, OH, WAVES National had Volunteer Representatives /Deputy Representatives at 36 VA Medical Centers. I, to date, have received AJR's from only five VA Medical Centers. So, please make a date to meet and do your report with your Volunteer Program Manager. I will "thank you" for taking care of this obligation!

According to the VHA Handbook, which all of the Regular and Deputy Representatives appointed by me to the VAVS Committees have received, "The Annual Joint Review (AJR) is conducted to assess Organizations' participation in the VAVS Program during the preceding year and to develop goals for the next year. The AJR provides an opportunity for the Organization's Representatives and Deputy Representatives to meet with the Voluntary

Service Program Manager to develop plans that will ensure active participation by the Organization in Programs for the welfare of veteran patients." WAVES National's reporting month is APRIL of each year... April has passed for 2011... please check with the Volunteer Office to see that you have completed an AJR for your work... if not... please do so ASAP!

The Volunteer Hours of All Volunteers, Regular Schedule (RS) or Occasional Schedule (OCC) hours, are included in this VA Report. The organization's VAVS National Representative is to receive a copy of this Annual Report. I should have received 36 AJR's vice the 5 I did receive.

WN Members, who volunteer, have fallen down in seeing that your Annual Joint Review appointment is made and submitted by the Voluntary Service Program Manager to me.

Another area needing to be addressed are the quarterly meetings each VAVS Representatives and Deputy Representatives need to attend in order for WAVES National to retain its standing on the VA's National Advisory council (NAC). I have very few who have 100% attendance or 75% attendance... lets' ALL try to do a 100% for FY12! The Medical Center Staff disseminates important information pertaining to the healthcare that is provided for our male/female veterans at the quarterly meetings. The information pertaining to the female veterans should be taken back to your unit members. Remember, if you miss THREE CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS, you will be dropped as a member of the VAVS Committee. WAVES National does not need to lose any VAVS Committee Members.

I will be waiting to receive your AJR for FY2011. And I look forward to 100% attendance for FY2012!

HISTORIAN



Denise Duke

Happy Holidays to you all! I couldn't let the holiday season get by without wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Do you have a holiday party planned? How about a visit to the VA or to a local school?

Yes, you know what I'm leading up to... PICTURES! I've enjoyed seeing the photos submitted for the White Caps but wonder why no one is sending pictures to me? Then, it dawned on me that we have new members who may not know what the historian's duties are within WAVES National. I capture the activities and events

hosted, sponsored, or attended by WN members. Newspaper articles, articles from periodicals, photos from newsletters; whatever the event may be or wherever it was printed, I would like a copy.

Every two years, we have a convention. I have an album for each of the periods between conventions. The first page starts with the outgoing/incoming Executive Board and ends with the closing events. Any activities your unit may be involved in or any time your members are recognized for their community service, I want a copy. It's so important that we capture all of the activities of our membership to share with those that will follow in our footsteps. Just like the WAVES of yesterday did for our female sailors today. There will come a time when these younger Navy women will realize they served a greater purpose. They didn't just serve in the U.S. Navy, they are a part of the Navy Family, the family that we all treasure and strive to preserve. God Bless America, God Bless the U.S. Navy and God Bless WAVES National!

STAINED GLASS WINDOW CHAIRMAN



Barbara J. McGuire

Greetings from the Florida west coast. I hope you had a great fall and are preparing for the holidays ahead... I continue to promote the Stained Glass Window project and ask for donations whenever I have the opportunity and hope you are doing the same. Pam Devine from NC, (Region IX Representative) was planning on being in Pensacola in November and visiting the Naval Aviation Museum, there. She offered to try to meet with someone about the museum's feelings on having a SGW. Pam will keep me posted on the results of her visit.

A note of interest: If you are traveling to the Great Lakes area and are thinking of visiting the chapel to see the SGW, you must make arrangements in advance by calling 847-688-4986 and requesting to talk with a chaplain. Also, to visit the Navy Museum, which is right outside the main gate to Recruit Training Center, you should call Therese Gonzalez at 847-688-3154, to check on the hours of operation. A member of my unit recently returned from the area and told me of the problems she encountered when trying to see the SGW and visit the Navy Museum. She was not able to see the SGW and the Navy Museum was closed, although she was there during the hours of operation posted on the door.

Please keep those cards and letters coming or should I say dollars and loose

change coming in to the Treasurer, Monica O'Hara. You can find her address on the Officer and Staff page. Thanks much. Holiday greetings to all.

B. J.

PUBLIC RELATIONS



Barb Sebring

October once again brought us Fleet Week in San Francisco. I missed the festivities this year because I went on the combined regional conference cruise. Members from Regions I, II & III, plus others from across the country all joined together to celebrate the Navy's Birthday aboard ship. We all enjoyed each other's company and I look forward to seeing many of my new friends at the 2012 Convention. If you have a chance, I urge you to attend these conferences and conventions. You meet so many ladies that have so much in common with you. You really have fun telling your "Sea Stories"!

I hope you are taking advantage of our fund raisers. My unit bought a case of wine and divided it up at one of our meetings. We plan on doing that on a regular basis. Remember that \$2 of every bottle sold goes directly to our treasury. I wish you all a healthy and safe holiday season.

In Navy Friendship,

Barb

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Barb Turner

I have noticed that several of our units who submit articles for White Caps *Foam Off the WAVES* normally include their next meeting date, location, etc. But I also noticed that not all units provide this information. I would like to request that even if you don't have an article for the White Caps that you provide your next two unit meeting dates and a point of contact with her name and phone number and/or e-mail address so that our snow birds and traveling members can see where there might be a meeting that she could attend on her travels. Thank you very much. The list of unit meetings will appear at the end of the *Foam Off the WAVES* articles. For those units who do not submit an article please let Judy Faries know when and where you plan to meet with a point of contact so that she can list your units as well. I want to mention, too, that several of our "northern" units do not meet in the winter due to inclement weather.

I have been helping Dassa put the White Caps together these last two issues

since Gale Wursthorn had to resign due to illness. I want to welcome aboard our new White Caps Editor, Judy Faries! I met Judy through a very dear friend and I can assure you that Judy will be a wonderful Editor. She recently moved to south Florida from Maryland and does travel quite a bit. Please submit your articles to Judy and Dassa from now on. You will find their contact information in this issue. It has been my pleasure to assist.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

WHITE CAPS EDITOR



Judy Faries

Please let me introduce myself to you all. My name is Judy Faries and I have volunteered to become the White Caps Editor.

I was in the Navy for 5 years (1970-1975) and then went to work as a civil servant. I retired after 30 years of working for the Department of the Navy as a Financial Manager at NAVAIR in Patuxent River, MD. I spent most of my career in the San Diego area. After retiring, we moved to Palmetto, FL, where we are enjoying the Sunshine Coast. My husband and I love to travel which is a good thing since our 5 kids, 18 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren live from one end of this wonderful land to the other. I have been able to use my love of crocheting to help crochet baby blankets for the Navy Relief in Patuxent River and have done several prayer shawls for family members and friends.

Throughout my life, I have been involved in many organizations and truly believe that if you are a part of an organization you should be contributing to that organization in some way. I have served in many capacities such as treasurer, vice-president, senior warden, and head of the ladies group at our church in MD, and, more recently, as Queen Mom in our local Red Hat Society Chapter. While at our small church in MD, I developed and prepared a Church Quarterly Newsletter. I currently prepare the monthly Red Hats Chapter article for our community newsletter. I look forward to working with everyone and meeting each of you in person.

WEB MASTER

Gaby Morrison



Happy holidays, shipmates!

Holidays are great in so many ways. My most favorite is that they encourage traditions and the spirit of giving!

The internet is a great research tool for the holidays. I personally use the internet during the holidays to research gifts, whether the electronics I am looking at are a great deal, have warranties, actually work as they state or if they are 'lemons'. Additionally, it is easier to price match your favorite stores for that great price online and my personal favorite is online shopping. You can shop in the privacy of your own home, no long lines, no waiting, plus there are coupons usually on the vendor's website to make it even more attractive.

Got some extra money and want to donate to a favorite charity? Use the internet to research charities to make ensure the majority of donations are going to the cause and not to running that favorite charity.

There were many holidays when my children were young that "Dad" was unexpectedly out to sea. Living in Virginia, we had no close family to visit. We were an active family year round with volunteerism, but especially around Thanksgiving and Christmas my children made it a point to find a local charity to contribute or volunteer.

Nothing warms the heart more than giving to others. Trust me, this beats getting a gift.

I challenge everyone to find a local food bank, go to a soup kitchen, help serve some meals, visit a senior living establishment. There are so many neglected senior citizens, veterans and children.

Look next door at your neighbor. Have they had a tough year? Kindness is contagious!

Some of the grocery stores have instant care packaged to purchase for Animal Shelters as well as Food Banks. So, take a moment and think of others less fortunate than yourself.

Happy holidays! Be safe and spread the kindness!

Gaby

HEARTSPRING PROJECT



Jeanne Hooper

I sure enjoyed the little ghosts and goblins at my door on Halloween! We always have a good time with Halloween! Seven hundred Box tops were sent on to Heartspring recently, and we are already more than halfway to another batch of 500. Outstanding, ladies! Thanks to all who contributed - individual recognition will follow next time. Hope you all have a warm and wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas Season!

VOLUNTEER HOURS CHAIRMAN

Dulcie Davis



Hello Shipmates,
I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and will have a very happy and a blessed Holiday Season.

I hope you are recording your volunteer hours. I see many Units reporting things they have done in the White Caps. I hope you are recording these hours on your Volunteer Hours Report. As you should know by now, the volunteer hours helps WAVES National maintain its non-profit status.

Some things the unit Volunteer Chairman needs to know about filling out reports:

- I do not need names of the unit members.
- I only need what the member did and the number of hours. Round your hours to the nearest hour or half hour.
- Identify if the hours are community service or VA related.
- I must receive the report by June 15th, 2012. Any reports received after the deadline **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** I know you want to brag about what your unit did and how many hours members contributed.
- Remember the hours counted must be from June 1, 2011 to May 30, 2012. Mail your hours to me and carbon copy your State Director and Regional Representative. The State Director and Regional Representative will follow up on the unit's not reporting.
- Call me if you have any questions. I suggest you get your reports done shortly after Memorial Day Services. You may either mail them or send by e-mail.
- Members-at-Large may send their hours to me at anytime but preferably in June by mail or by e-mail. I will need your membership number.

If you do not have a Volunteer Report Form, you may go to <http://womenofthewaves.com/wavesnational/index.htm> and then click on Volunteer Hours Report Form. Members that do not have access to a computer may call or write me and I will gladly send you a form.

Always Navy,
Dulcie

WAVES NATIONAL 2012 CONVENTION

Cathy Gerolimos

WAVES National's 19th Biennial Convention will be held in Orlando, FL, renowned for its attractions and theme parks, such as, but not limited to: Disney World (Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Animal Kingdom); Sea World and Discovery Cove; Universal Studios Florida; and the brand new (opened October 2011) Legoland Florida. Not only that, but Orlando is relatively close to such parks as Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, Fantasy of Flight, Kennedy Space Center, and Dinosaur World Plant City, if you want to venture out on your own.

For those who are not into roller coaster rides, or experience motion sickness at the thought of flying, or have seen all of Shamu's shows from the west coast to the east coast, or seen enough dinosaurs to last a lifetime, then you might be interested in visiting Orlando's Art Galleries and Museums such as the Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens in Winter Park, or the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art (the most comprehensive

collection of works by Tiffany), or the Mennello Museum of American Art.

Maybe you prefer a little history at the Hannibal Square Heritage Center, the Orange County Regional History Center, and the Winter Garden Heritage Museum. And you thought that Mickey Mouse was all there is? Fooled Ya! So, guaranteed, the five days planned for you at the convention will not be enough time to take in Orlando and its surrounding areas.

You need to know the details? Convention dates are Wednesday, September 19, 2012 through Sunday, September 23, 2012. Come early and stay later. This is your "heads up" to mark your calendar. Mark your calendar with the words: FUN! FUN! FUN! The hotel accommodations will be at the Sheraton Lake Buena Vista which is located at 12205 S. Apopka Vineland Road, Lake Buena Vista, FL. And, get this; a room with two queen-size beds is only \$85.00 per night plus applicable state and local taxes.

There's more to come as your team of Convention Planners finalize the Conven-

tion excursions. Keep an eye on the White Caps for updates and the "Call to Convention," which will be coming to you soon. We look forward to seeing you in Orlando and sharing the fun.

SUNSHINE REGION XII MEMBERS ATTEND ALL VETS LUNCHEON

Cathy Gerolimos

Despite the rain that pretty much covered all of central and southern Florida, on Saturday, October 29, the Women of Region XII/Florida State were well represented at the All Military Women Veterans' Luncheon held at The Tides, Patrick Air Force Base on Florida's Space Coast.

In attendance were representatives from, and hopefully I have not left anyone out, Florida's First Coast, Unit #38 (Jacksonville); Tampa Bay WAVES, Unit #55 (Tampa/Brandon); and Space Coast WAVES, Unit #75 (Melbourne). Navy women filled about 20% to 25% of the dining room. It was an outstanding turn out. The luncheon was hosted by the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association Space Coast Chapter #64. The food was delish! And plentiful - many took home enough for a second meal. The door prizes were bountiful, as everyone went home with something.

Hot Cocoa, a delightful women's quartet, entertained us with big band and jazz sounds of the 30s, 40s, and 50s. Best of all, there was a true sense of camaraderie among all regardless of service affiliation. Some made new friends, some became reacquainted with old friends, and all were embraced with fellowship.

SHIP'S STORE OFFICER NEEDED

Do you like working with people? Can you tolerate user-friendly QuickBooks software? Are you able to use a tape gun without bodily injury? Then, here is the perfect opportunity for you!

After nearly six years, Patty Parks will relinquish the "oars" to WAVES National's Ship's Store, effective at the conclusion of the 2012 WAVES National Convention in Orlando, FL. Over the next several months she will work with the prospective Ship's Store Officer (SSO), as well as provide support and training through the convention.

Basically, the SSO is responsible for managing an inventory of WN logo items, filling orders and shipping those items to members nationwide, while maintaining an accurate accounting of all funds received and disbursed.

If you are interested, contact Patty Parks at pattyjoparks@yahoo.com or 423-326-0839 or Dassa Carvey at 757-363-3059 or dassa_2@verizon.net to discuss this opportunity and any questions or concerns you may have. I know we have many talented people out there who could continue the operation of the Ship's Store to meet the needs of our members.

AIR FORCE VETERAN SEEKS YOUR HELP!

Leacey Brown, an AF Veteran attending St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, MN, and completing a thesis for her Master of Science Degree on Gerontology, is asking for our assistance.

"I am interested in female veterans and their experiences with services delivered by the VA. I am also interested in reasons why women veterans elect not to use the VA for their health care needs. The goal of my study is to take the data collected and make recommendations about how to better meet the mental health care needs of female veterans as they age. If you elect to participate in this study, your identity is confidential; meaning no information that can identify you will be released."

The survey is available in two formats. You can go to the web address below or contact the researcher directly to request a paper copy of the survey.

Web address for the survey: www.surveymonkey.com/s/WomenVeteransSurvey

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AFEES 1980s Knoxville, TN **AND**
Jacqueline E. Powers, St. Albans, VT or
Ridgewood, NY, CO 8, Bainbridge, MD
(1962), Naval Receiving Station,
Philadelphia, PA (1962-1965)

VA Creates Women Veterans Call Center

Major Outreach Effort Launched

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has embarked on a major initiative to reach out to women Veterans in order to solicit their input on ways to enhance the health care services VA provides to women Veterans.

“We are taking a proactive approach to enhancing VA health care for women Veterans,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “We are seeking the input of women Veterans so that VA can continue to provide high quality health care to the growing numbers of women Veterans.”

Representatives at VA’s Health Resource Center (HRC) are placing calls to women Veterans nationwide, asking them to share their experiences with VA and suggest potential enhancements that will further VA’s mission to provide the best care anywhere.

Women Veterans are one of the fastest growing segments of the Veteran population. Of the 22.7 million living Veterans, more than 1.8 million are women. They comprise nearly 8 percent of the total Veteran population and 6 percent of all Veterans who use VA health care services.

VA estimates by 2020 women Veterans will constitute 10 percent of the Veteran population and 9.5 percent of VA patients. The HRC, which started placing calls on June 1, is contacting women Veterans who have enrolled, but have not begun using VA services.

“Through this contact center, we are placing friendly, conversational calls to women Veterans,” said Patricia Hayes, chief consultant of the VA’s Women Veterans Health Strategic Health Care Group. “We want these Veterans and their caregivers to talk candidly about why they are not using VA, whether they are aware of the gender-specific services we offer, and what additional services they would like to see VA offer.”

The HRC representatives making the calls are also informing women Veterans about the services VA offers and quickly connecting them with appropriate departments if they are interested in trying VA health care. Veterans who have complaints about VA are connected to a patient advocate who helps resolve issues.

VA has trained professionals in all aspects of women’s health, including general primary care, osteoporosis management, heart disease, mental health care, menopausal services and obesity-related issues, such as diabetes. Preventive screenings for breast and cervical cancer are also areas in which VA excels. Soon, all VA facilities will offer comprehensive primary care for women from a single provider.

The Women Veterans Health Care program has made significant changes in the last few years to enhance the health care offered to eligible women Veterans. This progress includes:

- Adopting key policies to improve access and enhance services for women Veterans;
- Implementing comprehensive primary care for women Veterans;
- Conducting cutting-edge research on the effects of military service on women’s lives;
- Improving communication and outreach to women Veterans; and
- Providing mental health, homelessness and other services designed to meet the unique needs of women Veterans

For more information about VA programs and services for women Veterans, please visit: www.va.gov/womenvet and www.publichealth.va.gov/womenshealth.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Denise Duke

Are you a member of WAVES National? Have you held an office within your unit? Have you been a Regional Representative? Do you want to be more involved in the progress of WAVES National as an organization? Do you want WAVES National to continue being an organization?? That last one was a loaded question... OF COURSE WE DO! To continue our course as an organization, we need leadership.

There are five positions that are elected within our organization: President, 1VP, 2VP, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. We need nominations for each of these positions. If you or someone you know would like to run for office, please send me an email or write to me. We would like to have two nominees for each office.

Names submitted for consideration of the Nominating Committee shall be accompanied by a statement of qualifications, and needs to be **received by the Chairman by 15 January 2012**.

The applicants will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee and the chosen applicants will be published in the April White Caps. Happy Holidays!

Denise Duke, Nominating Committee Chairman, denise-duke@wildblue.net or 334-341-1072 (cell), 41121 AL Highway 69, Gallion, AL 36742;

April Maletz, april.maletz@yahoo.com or 757-581-4103 (cell), 665 Masefield Cr, Virginia Beach, VA 23452,

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Christine Gonzales, chrisbed@yahoo.com or 352-797-9717, 13063 County Line Rd., Lot 23, Spring Hill, FL 34609-6615.

WN CONVENTION INFORMATION REQUESTED

Betsy Waddell

Would 2012 WAVES National Convention attendees be interested in a golf tournament? Anyone that is interested in a scheduled golf outing, PLEASE contact Betsy Waddell at (863) 382-0419 or wavenavy@hotmail.com not later than 15 July 2012.

Let me know if you are interested in a “best ball” or just “best score” outing... or just a round of golf. If we have enough interest, I will schedule the outing at a near-by golf course. You can always have your clubs shipped via FedEx to the Hotel.

Western Regions Mexican Riviera Cruise

Sharon Woods, Regional Rep III



Pictured at left - Seated: Evelyn Coy, Marian Lever, Emily Phelps 1st Row: Fran Benson, Dee Sabin, Elizabeth Robinson, Mildred Piper, Helen Koon, Diana Parkison, Adele (Gladys) Voell, Jeannie Dicks, Mildred Harrison, Melba McClure, Yolanda Reddington. 2nd Row: Pat Dishaw, Mary Ann Fix, Deloris Anderson, Carol Donahue, Barbara Wright, Sidney Engberg, Lou Ann Huskisson, Linda Fulkerson, Lynn Sirotski, Ginger Daniels Staircase: Barb Sebring, Anne Brenneis, Sharon Woods, Roxanne Jones, Margaret Thorngate, Barbara Morgan

We all arrived in San Diego to board the MS Oosterdam on Saturday, October 8th. Several of us were allowed to board the ship early to set up registration. We were on the ship a couple of hours when we learned that our cruise ports of call had been changed due to two hurricanes that were threatening our port at Puerto Vallarta and the ship's Captain made the decision that we would not go there. A couple of our ladies were upset over this change and the fact that we were not notified when we boarded the ship, but the majority of us felt that our safety had to come first. So, our cruise itinerary was changed to a visit to Avalon, Catalina Island on Sunday, and two days at sea, a day in Pichilingue (La Paz), Mexico, a day in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and another day at sea and then back to San Diego.

On Sunday, we enjoyed our day in Avalon and some of us went on a bus tour of the island with shopping afterwards. Monday was a day to relax and enjoy what was offered on the ship. Lou Ann Huskisson, Barbara Sebring, Barbara Morgan (Coast Guard Captain) and I relaxed in the heated Jacuzzi for a couple of hours, giggling and just being sisters in the sea services. Monday night brought a cocktail party, sponsored by Cruise Specialists, and it was our first formal night in the Vista Dining Room.

Tuesday, we held our meeting in the afternoon. Jeannie Dicks, RR I and WN co-founder; Mildred Harrison (first WAVE at Stillwater, OK, in 1942); Margaret Thorngate, RR II; Linda Fulkerson, and Diana Parkison, WAVES National Recording Secretary, were our speakers. Comments came from Barb Sebring in regards to the raffles and Monica O'Hara also shared what was happening at the national level. Several of us encouraged more of our members to get involved in WAVES National. We talked about our having run for a national office and how much we enjoyed our time while doing those assigned duties. There were several door prizes awarded, too. We held a Memorial Service for those members who had passed in our regions since the 2010 Convention in Norfolk, VA.

We docked in Pichilingue (La Paz), Mexico, on Wednesday. Mexican music entertained us and buses were provided to take us into town to shop to our hearts delight. Some of us had real Mexican food (no cheese on anything). I like my taco's better! The area was real dry and mostly desert and it was

warm and humid, so it felt good to get back on the ship and into the air conditioning.

Thursday, we were in Cabo San Luis where there was more to choose from including, swimming with the dolphins, jeep tours, laying on the beach, and shopping, of course. Several of us went on a bus tour, with one point overlooking Cabo. Then, it was on to San Jose Del Cabo to visit a church, a cactus garden and two for the price of one Margaritas - heavenly. Our final stop was at a glass blowing factory and we watched artisans make a turtle holding a bottle of tequila in about five minutes, fascinating.

Our final day was at sea and we celebrated the U.S. Navy's birthday with cake and a champagne toast. We even met two new ladies and gave them our information to come join WAVES National, Women of the Sea Services.

There was a wide variety of meals on the ship from which to choose, whether you ate on the Lido deck with lots of things to eat or at the formal dinners in the Vista Dining Room. Desserts were lots of chocolate goodies. Our evenings were spent in the Vista Lounge enjoying the entertainment of singers and dancers and Joel Mason, who imitated Elton John. On our last formal night, we all gathered to have our group picture taken. Over all, I feel that we all had a pretty good time and I hope we can do this again in the near future.

2012 Joint Women's Leadership Symposium

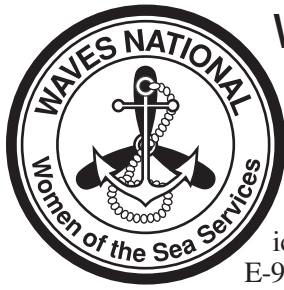
Last year more than 1,300 service women joined to participate in the Sea Service Leadership Association's (SSLA) Joint Women's Leadership Symposium in San Diego, CA - the largest gathering of women in uniform worldwide! We are excited to announce that the JWLS 25th Silver Anniversary conference will be held on 5-6 March 2012 at the Gaylord National Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The symposium, supporting Women's History Month, has become a crucial component in the professional growth and development of women in the service and has featured speakers from both industry and the military. The 2012 theme is "United in Service: Our Global Impact" and will focus on leadership and the role women are playing in promoting peace and security around the world.

Special WAVES Luncheon: SSLA wants to highlight the WAVES 70th Anniversary at this event, by collaborating with the United States Navy Memorial to host a special WAVES luncheon on 6 March 2012. The mentoring style luncheon will allow WAVES National members and event participants to interact with each other in a special forum.

Oil Paintings of Women Veterans: Artist Chris Demartest, in collaboration with the Women in the Military Service for America (WIMSA) Memorial, is accepting still photographs from the WWII through Vietnam Era to convert into oil paintings. These special paintings will be put on display at the JWLS in March. Please email your photos with a brief description directly to Mr. Demartest: chrisedemarest51@gmail.com.

To learn more about the upcoming JWLS please visit www.sealeader.org



WAVES NATIONAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This year's scholarship is named for YNCM Anna Der-Vartanian, the first female in any service to be promoted to E-9, the highest enlisted pay grade. Master Chief passed away 4 August 2011. One \$1,500 scholarship will be available to a relative, male or female, of a sea service woman. The essay topic is :



“How My Service Changed My Life”

PLEASE FOLLOW THE RULES.

In the past, several entrants have been disqualified because they did not follow the rules.

1. Eligibility is open to any female or male relative of a SEA SERVICE WOMAN who has served or is currently serving in the Navy, Coast Guard or Marine Corps or their reserve components. The relative may be by birth, legal adoption or marriage. Documented proof of eligibility of the sea service woman's honorable discharge OR her present status in the military must be included with the application. Documented Proof of Eligibility is a legible copy of her form DD214 discharge certificate or a copy of her current military ID card. Applications will not be considered if this PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY is not submitted.

- The essay competitions are open to high school seniors or college students.
- Each essay must be written on the 2012 topic and shall include documented evidence of research and an interview with a female who has served in Iraq or Afghanistan.
- The essay must be written on the 2012 topic and shall include documented evidence of research and an interview with a female veteran. Applicants may contact one of the veterans' organizations, i.e., DAV, VFW, AL, etc., to interview a woman veteran..
- Entries must be postmarked by **March 9, 2012**, with no exception.

Mail OR email your application along with required documents to:

Betty Hand
Scholarship Contest Chairperson
5128 Sammy Street
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

hand.craftylady@gmail.com

You may download an application at
www.womenofthewaves.com

Attached documents via email will be accepted.

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (attach additional sheets as is necessary)

YOUR NAME: _____ AGE: _____

YOUR ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

(Please include zip plus last four digits)

COUNTY: _____ COUNTRY: _____

PHONE (including area code): _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (if applicable): _____

ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN?: YES _____ NO _____

GENDER: FEMALE _____ MALE _____

ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES?: YES _____ NO _____

SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

COLLEGE TYPE YOU INTEND ON ATTENDING OR ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN:

____ 4-YEAR/GRADUATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ____ 2-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY
____ TRADE/TECHNICAL SCHOOL

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WAVES NATIONAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

HIGH SCHOOL TEST SCORES: SAT Verbal _____ SAT Math _____ ACT COMP _____

CURRENT GPA (4 point scale): _____ CLASS RANK (1% highest): _____

PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT. REMEMBER TO BLACKEN-OUT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS: List club memberships and/or offices held. Include school, civic, community service, honorary and religious organizations for each active membership: _____

WORK EXPERIENCE: List your volunteer or employment experience: _____

HOBBIES/TALENTS: List your hobbies, talents or interests: _____

WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER ASPIRATIONS? _____

COURSE OF STUDY: What courses do you plan to study in college? _____

WOMAN SEA SERVICE VETERAN OR ACTIVE DUTY WOMAN

FULL NAME (including maiden): _____

YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO HER: _____
(i.e. "Grandmother", "Great Aunt", etc.)

HER MILITARY SERVICE STATUS:

Veteran of _____ U.S. Navy _____ U.S. Marine Corps _____ U.S. Coast Guard

Active Duty serving in _____ U.S. Navy _____ U.S. Marine Corps _____ U.S. Coast Guard

Mail or e-mail (scan) this completed Scholarship Application, Proof of Eligibility, one copy of your essay and any required research documentation to:

Betty Hand
Scholarship Contest Chairperson
5128 Sammy Street
Virginia Beach, VA 23455
or
hand.craftylady@gmail.com

(DEADLINE IS MARCH 9, 2012)

Visit our website: www.womenofthewaves.com

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GATEWAY WAVES

Unit #5 (MO) - Bill and Mary Jahn have published our award winning newsletter for Gateway WAVES for many years. Because of Mary's failing eyesight, Mary and Bill feel they can no longer publish our newsletter.

We want to thank them for their contributions to the Gazette and their continued support of WAVES National, and particularly, Gateway WAVES. Mary was the first WAVES National President. In addition, she and her husband were associate members of the Navy Chief's Association, keeping their membership records, issuing membership cards and certificates, even though they were both First Class Petty Officers. They remain active in Gateway WAVES.

KEYSTONE WAVES

Unit #6 (PA) - Our unit has had a great summer - going places and doing things. We tried a new Chinese Buffet for our October luncheon, located in Media, PA.

Four of us celebrated the 236th birthday of the Navy by attending the New Jersey Navy Ball, held at Caesars Casino/Hotel in Atlantic City. It was a grand affair with more than 900 military and guests attending. Jeanne Lemasters was the oldest veteran in uniform and helped cut the cake.

Elizabeth Robinson went on the Region I, II, & III Joint Regional Conference cruise, and Jeanne Lemasters and Marie Cush traveled to Connecticut for the New England conference.

Our president, Harriet Stulmaker, has had major back problems and treatments recently.

The next meeting will be on 10 Dec 11 at the Philadelphia Coast Guard Station. **For meeting information, please contact Harriet Stulmaker at 215-957-6659 or Ruth Severino at 610-356-8956.**

HEART OF AMERICA

Unit #9 (KS) - Our unit is in the process of collecting items for the two local Veterans Hospitals which will be delivered just before Christmas. Lois Hardeman has been busy making "Pillows for Patriots". Michele Batliner started volunteering at the Kansas City VA Hospital in

September and looks forward to handing out Christmas packages to the Veterans who are in the hospital during the upcoming holiday season.

Lois Hardeman and her husband, Larry, have graciously volunteered their home again this year for our Christmas party. Our members are anxiously awaiting the celebration and hope for a great turnout.

As we navigate into the holiday season, may we spread a little cheer and goodwill by remembering our troops, greeting people with a smile, and helping out where we can and are able. *Happy holidays!* **If interested in attending one of our meetings, please contact Michele Batliner at: mbatliner@att.net or call 816-241-7451.**

NORTH COAST WAVES

Unit #21 (OH) - Several members of our unit attended the Ohio Women Veterans Conference in October. We had a table set up and distributed WAVES National brochures and provided membership applications. To honor and remember our members we have lost this year, we had a Bell Ceremony at the November meeting. We celebrated the Marine Corps' birthday with the traditional sword-cutting of the cake by our sister Marines. A spokeswoman from Hospice performed a pinning ceremony for all veterans present at the meeting. We are looking forward to our annual Christmas party. Our meetings are still held at the 356th Fighter Squadron near the Canton-Akron Airport. **For meeting information contact Jan (nenajo@bright.net) 330-276-1503 or email Marlana at marlana.robertshaw@yahoo.com or call 330-788-5005.**

GULF COAST WAVES

Unit #27 (FL) -



Barbara McCarthy, President, Chris Gonzales, Treasurer, Lee Lund, Vice President, and Elsie King, Secretary, enjoyed events at the Region XII Conference.

Four members of our unit attended the Region XII Conference in September. The conference was informative and a fun time was enjoyed by all, especially at Treasure Tavern Nighttime Show and Dining Experience, which encompassed a lot of audience participation.

STARS AND STRIPES

Unit #36 (CA) - At our unit luncheon at 7 Seas in October, we draped our charter in remembrance of Marie Anderson. We also learned another member, Marty Mehner, passed away 24 October and we will honor her at the December meeting.

Neck pillows sewn by Barbara Ellis were displayed. We voted to donate \$100 to help cover the cost of stuffing. Word has been passed and other groups are now making the pillows as well.

Additionally, we voted to buy a quilt square with the unit's logo for the quilt to be raffled at convention.

Several members participated in the Veteran's Day Parade.

At the recent Women Veterans Luncheon at MCAS Miramar we made contact with four ladies who have decided to become members.

Seven members of the unit recently sailed on the Ms Oosterdam for the Mexican Riviera Regions I, II and II Conference. Everyone had a great time.

10,000 LAKES WAVES

Unit #37 (MN) - Unit members marched at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery on Memorial Day. Our unit had the largest number participating - we had seven. The main speakers were our own Governor, Mark Dayton, and several of our legislators.



Audrey Deppa (standing) escorted Georgine Knutson on a recent Honor Flight.

We have two new members and want to say "Welcome Aboard!" to Audrey

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Deppa, WW II Veteran, and Dianne Mallery, Vietnam Veteran. We are always looking for new members as statistics are grim. Four members passed away in 2010 and we have lost three so far this year.

We enjoyed a good turnout for our summer luncheon. The Marine Vets will host our Women Veterans of Minnesota Fall Luncheon.

BADGER

Unit #39 (WI) - Nine members attended the 30th Annual Women Veterans' Luncheon on 29 Oct., in Greendale. This year's luncheon was hosted by the American Legion Milwaukee Women's /Jane Delano Post 448. Nancy Kaczor, retired Air Force Colonel and Denise Rohan, American Legion Dept. Commander, were guest speakers.

A big "Welcome Aboard" to our newest member, Pamela Jacobsen. Pam retired from the Navy with 24 years of service. **Please contact: Claire Krolick at peach@wi.rr.com for meeting information.**

CONNECTICUT YANKEES

Unit #42 - Our 12th New England Regional Conference is now history and, from the feedback we have gotten, everyone had a great time. We had unit members and MAL's from all NE states and two ladies from the Philadelphia, PA, area. With guests, we totaled 51 attendees. It was nice to see our friends and we thank those who travelled any distance to join us. The one day meeting was just right for us although some ladies arrived the night before in order to spend more time with one another. We tried to give everyone a chance to socialize as much as possible as it is getting harder for many of our members to travel very far.

NE Regional Representative Mary Ann Goodell conducted the meeting and also told us about the Board of Directors meeting she recently attended. Diane Culleton represented WN President Dassa Carvey.

We received a Proclamation from the Mayor of Enfield for our Conference. A Memorial Service was held for our recently deceased members and Joyce

Harris played TAPS for us. We were delighted to have Linda Schwartz, the Commissioner of the CTVA, as guest speaker. She is a special friend of the Connecticut units and has done so much to help all the veterans in this state. All in all, it was an enjoyable day for everyone.

NW FLORIDA WAVES

Unit #52 (FL) - With great sadness, we attended the memorial service for member WWII Veteran (Aviation Machinist Mate Third Class) Irene (Morin) Smith. Irene had lived at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport, MS, before moving to Pensacola to be with her family the last several months. After living at the AFRH in Washington, D.C., for five years, she was thrilled to have been able to return to Gulfport after the rebuild. Member Ann Whittaker and others from the AFRH, Gulfport, attended the service as well. Irene, always positive and upbeat, was very proud of and loved her Navy service. A dozen members visited the new and impressive Independence for the Blind facility in Pensacola, where they received a tour of the building and the garden, as well as a briefing of the myriad of services available. Unit VP RADM Joan Engel has been an instrumental part of the the Independence for the Blind for many years. **For meeting information, contact Linda at 850-476-6242 or email NWFLWAVESUnit52@cox.net.**

TAMPA BAY WAVES

Unit #55 (FL) - We have been busy since returning from our summer hiatus. In fact, the September unit meeting was cancelled to allow members to attend the "Tampa Bay Stand Down Stand Up for Women Veterans 2011," sponsored by the Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor and hosted by Tampa Crossroads on September 10. This was the first of its kind in Tampa.



Attending the Stand Down Stand Up for Women Veterans were (Back row) Patty Koppari, (Space Coast Unit #75), Clo-Vella Vernatte, Mary Atzert, Lee martin, Jouay Koppari, and Phyllis Gallant; (Front row) Jeannette Green, Cathy Gerolimatos, and Betsy Waddell (Highlanders, Unit #88 and WN 2nd VP).

Ten days later, a representative of the unit joined one hundred citizens of the Tampa Bay area at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport to welcome home World War II Veterans as they returned from their Honor Flight to Washington, DC.

Members attended a workshop on Breast Cancer Awareness as part of the Pink Bag Lunch 'n Learn Series held at the Tampa VA Hospital.

Finally, the unit held a meeting in their new digs—St. Anne's Hall of St. Matthew's Anglican Church in Riverview. The meeting room is larger, brighter, and, by far, more comfortable. Everyone was excited about participating in the Veterans' Day Parade on the VA Hospital campus. **We meet at 1100, the 2nd Saturday of each month, except July and August.**

SPACE COAST

Unit #75 (FL) - We attended the All Military Women's Veterans Luncheon that was hosted this year by the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association. The Navy was very well represented at the function. Next year our unit is scheduled to host the event.



Fran Intille and Gloria Sullivan at the All Military Women's Veterans' Luncheon.

Our unit stays strong in local activities and will be participating in the local Massing of the Colors for Veterans Day.

Congratulations also go out to Joyce Batti, who was recently married! You go, girl! **For meeting information, contact: Pamela McRoy at 321-626-4546, or fun4pj2002@yahoo.com**

REDWOOD EMPIRE WAVES

Unit #77 (CA) - No regular unit meeting was held in October due to the Regional

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Conference, which was a combined Region I, II, & III Conference Cruise to the Mexican Riviera. Three members attended the 8-14 October events and reported a fun and informative time in spite of a storm that changed the itinerary a bit!

Several members participated in the Petaluma Veterans' Day Parade, as we have done for several years, a few marching with the unit flag and others seated on a flatbed trailer. We always get a lot of cheers. **For meeting information, contact Bettie Crandall, 707-838-4035.**

WAVES OF THE WASATCH

Unit #93 (UT) - The Women Veterans Administration's annual celebration in recognition of Veterans' Day honored the WAVES of the Wasatch this year at the Salt Lake Community College in Salt Lake City. The program included an award ceremony, refreshments, live entertainment and special gifts, and more! It was a great event and we really felt like "someone special" for a night. We had the opportunity to tell our "stories" and have our pictures taken. It brought back a lot of memories.

FLATWATER WAVES

Unit #98 (NE) - Our September meeting was held at the Blair American Legion Club, where the "Remembering Our Fallen" traveling wall was on display. Unit members are pictured in front of the display, which depicts 116 servicemen and women who have died while in the Service since 9-11, all from Nebraska and part of western Iowa while in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Several members are still making Pilgrimages for Patriots and we collected dues for 2012 at our October meeting in Fremont.



Flatwater WAVES honored the traveling wall at their September meeting: (Front row) WW II Veterans Kathy Howe, Mabel Stamler and Marj Neill; (Back row) Pat Hunsche, Margaret Nehring, Linda Delgado and Jeannie Bixby

CACTUS WAVES

Unit #114 (AZ) - Cactus WAVES members Barb Meegan, Sharon Woods, Marian Lever, Shirley Krabbe, Geri Nelson, Carol Culbertson, Ellie Brewer, to name a few, participated in the East Valley Veterans Parade on November 11 in downtown Mesa.

We visited the ladies in the AZ State Veteran's Home and hung little turkey decorations on their walls.

Cara Garcia, Women's Director at the VA Hospital, was our guest speaker at our November meeting. She spoke about what is happening there and our benefits.

We will be celebrating Christmas on Dec. 10th at the Dobson Ranch Inn, Mesa, and we are collecting baby clothes for the returning female veterans and spouses who will be having babies over the next couple of months. **For meeting information, contact Sharon Woods, 480-983-5082.**

BLUEGRASS

Unit #129 (KY) - Thanks to the Atria for hosting our September meeting and luncheon here in Louisville. Our featured speaker was E. Gail Chandler who spoke on how being a veteran changed her life. She served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam era, then went on to a career in corrections and became the first female warden in a male prison in Kentucky. Gail has had several writings published including a non-fiction book, Sunflowers on Market Street, and a book of poetry, Where the Red Road Meets the Sky.



Unit #129 member E. Gail Chandler signed her books at our meeting.

Member Fran Hardt received special recognition for being so faithful in sending out notes and cards to our members

and their families for many occasions. **For meeting information please contact: Kathy Ruble at 502-664-0898 or e-mail kattedv8@aol.com**

HIAWATHA SHORES WAVES

Unit #137 - (MI) - Alice Badgett, Shirley Bentgen, and Joy Sleeper, charter members of our unit, participated in the Inaugural Honor Flight from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to Washington, D.C., in September. After the WWII Memorial, the highlight of their trip was a visit to the Women's Memorial.



Alice Badgett, Shirley Bentgen and Joy Sleeper on the Inaugural Honor Flight.

CASCADE SEAFARERS

Unit #138 (OR) - We supported the Western Regions Cruise to Mexico. Jeannie Dicks, Reg I, Margaret Thorngate, Reg 2, and Sharon Woods, Reg 3, who was a great cruise director, headed the conference committee. Forty-three people attended, including WN members from fifteen different states from Hawaii to NY and DC. Three attendees were over 90 years of age and one was an active duty CG Captain. Whether World War II, retired or young active, it was a mix of camaraderie that cannot be beat when shipmates get together.

Due to a hurricane, the itinerary had to be changed from Puerto Vallarta to Catalina, LaPaz and Cabo San Lucas, safe havens that made for a special cruise. Alaska in 2013?

MEMPHIS BELLES

Unit #151 (TN) - Our new unit patch will soon be available and can be purchased from our unit treasurer. Becky and Reid Dickinson hosted the annual backyard BBQ. Food was outstanding and there was "enough for a whole army." All are enjoying the cooler weather. We've just been through one of the warmest summers on record. Everyone is looking forward to Thanksgiving

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dinner at Meribeth Patton's house. For meeting information, phone Becky Dickinson at 901-837-4630.

TIDEWATER TIDAL WAVES

Unit #152 (VA) – Unit President Betty Hand had the distinct honor of being a Guardian for Betty Allen, a WW II WAVE, on the October Honor Flight.



Betty Hand (l), Guardian, and Betty Allen, WW II WAVE, on Honor Flight to Washington, DC.

We participated in the Virginia Beach Veterans' Day Parade and the Stand Down for Homeless Veterans. Approxi-

mately 100 homeless female Veterans were assisted during this event.

Unit members are involved in Wreath Laying Ceremonies at the local Veterans' Cemetery, helping to raise funds to place more than 3,000 live wreaths on the gravesites on 10 December.

NOTES FROM OUR MALS

Gert Carney former newsletter editor.

Connecticut Yankees, Unit #42 and other Connecticut units hosted a fine regional conference on October 1st which was attended by many MALS including three from former Pioneer Valley Unit #81. Past President Carolyn Prunier, Jean Bates and Gert Carney along with our former secretary, Kris Couture, who is now an active member of unit 42.

It was a happy occasion to again be able to visit with Claire Norton of Old Ironsides, Diane Turcotte from Maine and Myrtle the Turtle, also from CT. It was an ideal venue, the food was good, the gift bags generous and thoughtful. Again we were reminded of the imperative of filling out volunteer hours records. We sang the Navy Hymn and the National Anthem with the usual WAVES spirit.

Surveying Women Veterans As They Grow Older

Women have served valiantly in various capacities during America's wars and conflicts since the Revolutionary War. The addition of a nursing auxiliary to the Army during the Spanish-American War marked the first formal establishment of women in the military, with women's roles growing ever since. World War II (WW II) was the first era in which women served in relatively large numbers as part of the Women's Army Corps (WAC), the Navy's WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service), the Marine Corps Women's Reserve, the Coast Guard Women's Reserve (known as SPARS, Semper Paratus-Always Ready) and the WASPs (Women Airforce Service Pilots). As of 2006, there were an estimated 149,000 living women veterans of WW II. Since WW II, women have continued to serve, in the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War, and increasingly in combat-related duties since the 1990s. Only recently, however, has research begun to examine the wartime experiences of women Veterans.

The Stress, Health, and Aging Research Project (SHARP) at the VA Boston Healthcare System is seeking female Veterans age 55 and older for a study examining the thoughts and feelings of aging Veterans related to their wartime experiences. Through this research, we are hoping to gain a better understanding of Veterans as they age and to be able to educate healthcare workers to provide the best possible care for our older Veterans. Participation includes a 20-minute telephone interview and a mail survey (about 70-80 minutes total). To date, over 150 Veterans have participated in the study. Any female Veteran aged 55 or older who is interested in participating may call our Project Coordinator, Anica Pless Kaiser, at 1-800-865-3384 ext. 45309.



2010 WAVES National Bylaws - PEN & INK CHANGE – Please add the following Standing Rule #4 to your copy of the 2010 National Bylaws.

Standing Rule 4: Anyone who is not a member of WAVES National who desires to receive a copy of White Caps will pay an annual fee of \$12. If expedited copy is desired, an additional fee will be charged to cover 1st Class postage. (Adopted 27 August 2011, Norfolk VA)

Women Veterans Honored in Maine Governor's Mansion

Augusta, ME - Female veterans from World War II through current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have been honored at the Maine governor's mansion.

One hundred female veterans were given personal letters and silver commemorative coins during the recent ceremony. Maine's First Lady Ann Le Page and State Representative Linda Valentino led the event. The coins bear the image of a bronze plaque honoring Maine's female veterans that hangs in the State House Hall of Flags.

There are ten thousand Maine women veterans but no recorded list. State Representative Linda Valentino says it's an effort to ensure that no veteran is left behind. "Things are different I think today with the women and this was a way to reach back also to let women know we appreciate them and we value their service for what they did in past wars"

While they each represent a different time in our country's history, these women are forever bonded by a sisterhood few can understand.



Navy veteran Tina Richards, General John William Libby, Adjutant General, Commissioner of Defense, Veteran & Emergency Management of the State of Maine and Diane Turcotte Culleton, WN Parliamentarian and member of Maine Unit #41.

Maine's First Lady Ann Le Page said, "A veteran is a veteran, is a veteran and you hear a lot about male veterans, so it's nice to put female veterans in the fore front."

Region XII Conference in September



Attendees at the Region XII Conference included (Standing) Elsie King, Unit #27, Barbara McCarthy, Dassa Carvey (WN President), Jo Adamson, (WN 1st VP), Lee Lund, Unit #27; and (Seated) Chris Gonzales, Unit #27.

The second combined 2011 Sunshine Region XII/Florida State Conference and All Navy Women's National Alliance (ANWNA) Convention was held September 22-25, 2011 at the Sheraton Safari Hotel and Suites in Lake Buena Vista, FL. Every room received a complimentary white chocolate square imprinted with a photograph of the USS GRACE HOPPER (DDG-70), aka Amazing Grace, and two bottles of water with the a photograph of the ship and RADM Grace Hopper. Right next to registration, Region XII's souvenirs and WAVES National Stained Glass Window fundraising bucket was co-located with ANWNA's Ship's Store and museum.

Thirty-two WAVES National members from Florida were present at the Region XII business meeting. Probably the most significant was the news made known by Dassa Carvey, President, WAVES National, that was a "preview" of some of the proposed changes that were announced in the October White Caps and will be presented to the membership at the 2012 National Convention for voting. Jo Adamson, 1st Vice President, discussed the recruiting contest. Make sure you write your name on the application as the recruiter before handing it to a prospective member. If you are among the top three recruiters, you'll have some money coming your way. Oh, yeah! The top three recruiters will be announced at the 2012 Convention.

The four-day conference was fun-packed with a day of golfing, dinner theater at the Treasure Tavern, seminars, and banquet. The Treasure Tavern is a variety show featuring entertainment from around the world, such as a silent magician/mime artist, quick change act from Russia, acrobats from Eastern Europe, and some cabaret-style dancers who performed while we enjoyed dinner.

The Saturday morning breakfast seminar included information presented by Humana Health Care; Mike Dixon, Orange County Veteran Service Officer; Dr. Clintron, on Osteoporosis; Dr. Zayas, on PTSD in our servicewomen; and Another Idea for Exercise with Charles Mella. The highlight of the morning was watching everyone actually getting down on the floor and trying out some of Mr. Mella's exercise ideas. This was truly a "Laugh Out Loud" moment.

Among the guests at Saturday night's Presidents' Banquet were six women from the Navy Operational Support Center, Orlando. We were extremely pleased that they were able to join us and they, definitely, had a great time and wanted to know more about WAVES National. They were fixed up with applications and introduced to the President of the Orange Blossom Unit in Orlando.

In addition, an invitation was extended to the Athena House, a homeless women veterans shelter located in Tampa. Two of the residents were able to join us for both the Saturday night banquet and Sunday morning breakfast. Transportation, overnight accommodations, and meals were provided for both. One resident was a Navy Veteran and the other was an Army Veteran. Both thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were excited to have the opportunity to see women veteran organizations at work. ANWNA Ship's Store donated clothing to the Athena House for their residents.

We were fortunate to have Chaplain Barbara Nollie of James A. Haley Tampa VA Hospital say the invocation at the banquet and be the guest speaker for Sunday morning breakfast. Chaplain Nollie's personal story was inspirational. It was a great four days, and a good time was had by all. Now, to get to work on making the 2012 WAVES National Convention as great an event—even better.


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!

Region VIII New England Regional Held

By Mary Ann Goodell



CT Yankee, Unit 42, hosted the Region VIII Conference: (l-r) Marie Walsh, Marie Flaherty, Helen Geiger, Annie Jensen, Grace Hanlon, Mary Anne Goodell, Kristine Couture, Barbara Crede, Myrtle Reese, and Barbara Hawley, kneeling.



Dr. Linda Schwartz was guest speaker at the conference.

A very successful New England regional conference was held on October 1st as a one-day event, which was originally proposed to keep costs down with 55 WAVES National members and their guests attending.

A Color Guard from a Naval Reserve Center in Plainville, CT, posted the Colors. The Memorial Bell Service followed, in which members read the names of their unit members and members-at-large (MALs) who have gone on to serve our Supreme Commander during the last two years.

Diane Turcotte Culleton, WN Parliamentarian from Maine, represented the WN President Dassa Carvey and addressed issues covered by the WAVES National Mid-Term board of directors meeting in Madison, WI.

Dr. Linda Schwartz, CT Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, was the guest speaker. Linda is an Air Force veteran and was recently re-appointed to her position by the new governor of CT. Dr. Schwartz has done absolute wonders improving and updating the Rocky Hill CT State Veterans Home & Hospital, as well as establishing the CT VetNet – a network for the approximately 15,000 CT women Veterans.

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3. **National Dues: \$15.00 for the calendar year - 1 January to 31 December, submitted to the National Treasurer. Unit members submit to Unit Treasurer; Members-at-Large, submit directly to the National Treasurer.**
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