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## Coast Guard Lady Still Writing After 40 Years

*U.S. Coast Guard by Officer 2nd Class Bill Colclough*



Forty-thousand letters; 40,000 members.

For 40 consecutive years Lois Bouton has written letters to Coast Guard men and women, earning her the nickname the Coast Guard Lady.

"I write well over a 1,000 Coast Guard Day cards a year," said Bouton.

Bouton, a native of Lake County, Ill., and current resident of Rogers, Ark., reported to boot camp Sept. 3, 1943 at the Biltmore

Hotel in Palm Springs, Fla. After a month of basic training, she then spent five months in radioman school in Atlantic City, N.J., where she learned to translate Morse code.

"It wasn't as ritzy as it sounds," Bouton recalled. "When I heard the sound of the transmitter, it reminded to poke with my finger," Bouton said. When I used a pencil it took a little longer. By the time I was ready to write it down, they were two or three letters ahead."

While in radioman school, she met her husband, who served in the Army, on the Boardwalk. After World War II, she taught first grade at a school north of Chicago in Lake County, while her husband was a barber at a veterans hospital near Naval Station Great Lakes Training Center. In her spare time, she wrote to family and friends and visited patients at the hospital who were in the Vietnam War.

In 1974 she and her husband moved to the northwest corner of Arkansas. It was here that Bouton became the Coast Guard Lady. Missing the contact with veterans at the hospital, she wrote to Coast Guard units in Alaska and asked them for addresses of isolated stations and lighthouses.

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## The President's Message

Greeting Shipmates:



I have to admit that I LOVE computers and guess that they love me as I got hacked again and they wiped out all of my correspondence list. I hope none of my friends answered any of the messages requesting money. **Please make a note of my new e-mail address: [navadamson7@gmail.com](mailto:navadamson7@gmail.com). Any previous e-mail addresses that you may have for me are incorrect.**

Well, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving is over and here's hoping yours was very rewarding. We are now going into the Christmas holiday season so I'm sure you are all busy decorating and will have an exceptionally happy and merry season with your loved ones.

As you may have heard, this year WN have lost many of our shipmates. I

will miss Dulcie Davis our former Volunteer Chairman.

Betsy Waddell (WN 1st Vice) and I were just at a Military Women's Luncheon in Melbourne, FL where there were over 75 women present. It was a very nice and rewarding luncheon however, one of our own shipmates Elizabeth (Betty) Yaroch had just passed away and we joined Space Coast WAVES, Unit 75, with the commemoration service. May God Bless and keep all of our shipmates and their families safe for the years to come.

Barb Sebring and her fund raising committee have come up with another great fund raiser. If you love candles, you'll love "Yankee Candles"! The information is included in this issue on page 6 and explains how to order and help WAVES National reap the 40% of sales for each order. It's so easy to order

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### **The President's Message** (Continued from page 1)

online and they make great Christmas presents; and, WN receives 40% of the profits!

I just made my reservation for the Convention and I am hoping we will have an abundance of our shipmates along for the ride. The "Cactus WAVES" have worked very diligently to make sure we will have a great time.

It is now time to be thinking about our next National Officers. I am encouraging you to please step up and contact one of the Nominating Committee and help to keep our organization together. WE NEED YOU. As you have probably heard by now we need to restructure WN and that is why the 2014 Convention will be very important. **The nomination committee is listed on page 12 along with the nomination form to run for a national office. The deadline is 1 January 2014, so time is of the essence! If you are considering running for a national**

**office, please get in touch with one of the nominating committee members now!**

I wish all my shipmates a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

AND REMEMBER! RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT!

**MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (MALs) There is an envelope in this issue for you to mail in your DUES renewal. Please take a minute right now and get out your check book and write a check for \$25 made out to WAVES National for your annual DUES. All you have to do is put your check in the envelope (don't forget to sign it), put your return address in the upper left hand corner and stick a first class stamp on it, and then get it mailed! Thank you for your renewal in advance.**

### **Coast Guard Lady Still Writing ...** (Continued from page 1)

On Coast Guard Day, Aug. 4, 1974, Bouton sent cards and letters to friends stationed with her during the war. To this day, she stays in contact with those shipmates.

Her days of writing then began each day as they do now. First, she reads the newspaper, works a crossword puzzle and a couple cryptoquotes. Then, she writes letters. In the afternoon, she either reads or writes more letters. Come evening, when the television is on, she solves a jigsaw puzzle.

After four decades of writing letters to countless Coast Guardsmen across the country, Bouton has just one wish: A legible signature.

"I can read most of the letters, but I can't read their signature; they don't put it on the envelope, so I don't know who I'm writing to," said Bouton.

Just about everyone in the Coast Guard knows who she is. Of all the letters and cards she receives from both active and reserve members, it's the people who are out of the Coast Guard who write back to her the most.

"It's quite satisfying. They thank me for opening the way for women – for all of the things they are able to do now," said Bouton.

In 2009 shortly before Bouton turned 90, she requested a birthday card in return from her addressees. She received 600 birthday

cards, and, of course, she wrote back to every one of them, noting that she had been sending them cards forever.

"After my 90th birthday, I felt like I had been to my own memorial service," said Bouton.

She still hand-writes most of the letters. A few years ago her daughter gave her a computer, except Bouton only uses it to print letters when there are too many to reply to. Otherwise, she personally signs and designs each with great care. She inscribes the human touch. If she held an open house, visitors could tour a Coast Guard history museum with the very lighthouse replicas on the cover of their letters.

"I am always ready to write to the Coast Guard," said Bouton.

Two stacks of reply letters tower her writing table near the entrance like bookend statues. Right behind the table, more letters grace the walls. Monuments of meticulousness, warm and authentic, just like its author. A pen, pencil and paper, no email, are all the tools she needs. She would still use a manual typewriter if they made them, just because it's old fashioned like a sturdy, vintage rocking chair with sticky moonshine droplets on the armrests.

In an age of tweets limited to 140 characters, auto-signatures and sterile form letters, Bouton writes from her heart in the heartland of America.

Write on, Coast Guard lady. Write on.



### **In Memoriam to DULCIE DAVIS**

Dulcie Davis, past WN Volunteer Hours Chairman, passed away 24 October.

She was one of a kind! When Dulcie joined the Tidewater Tidal WAVES after she moved here from Milton, FL, we soon learned she was a force to be reckoned with, having a distinct way of verbalizing her thoughts and making her point. There was no question in knowing what she meant. She was neither hurtful nor mean, and you always knew where you stood with her.

She had a heart of gold and would do anything for you and when she took on a project, she gave it her all. This was evidenced when she became the Volunteer Hours Chairman. She would call units and members at large to ensure they submitted their hours each year. The total number of hours reported increased under her leadership and dedication, just by her calling members and getting them to submit their hours.

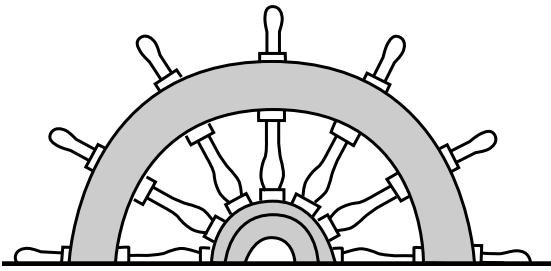
Dulcie was a true fun loving, patriotic WAVE. She served as a Hospital Corps WAVE from 1954 to 1956. She may not have served long enough to be "retired", but she continued to serve as a Navy wife and was active with WAVES National and helped all Veterans.

She loved the conventions she attended. The last one, in Orlando, she attended riding in her hot rod wheel chair. In the airport coming home, over the loud speaker came a voice that said, "The lady in the mobile wheelchair, please slow down!" You can guess who that was!

Dulcie was also an active member of the Legion of Mary at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church. This is a ministry performing spiritual works of mercy in the church and community. She also participated in another ministry for the church: "The Little Company of Mary." On Saturday nights, after mass, she would go with Pat (a Eucharistic minister) and another lady to give communion to the sick and home bound.

Dulcie will be missed by all who knew her, especially her close friends and Veterans.

Fair Winds and Following Seas, Dulcie! We know you and all our other ladies are watching over us!



## FROM THE BRIDGE

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### FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

*Betsy Waddell*

I had the pleasure of attending a luncheon at the end of October, which was hosted by Army and Marine Corps women veterans. Of course, this is not to say that the Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard women veterans were not there also! This luncheon is hosted by one or two of the service groups each year and is truly a pleasure to attend on the Space Coast. I wish to thank and compliment Francene Intille, currently serving as Unit President of Space Coast Unit 75 for a wonderful event.

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### SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

*Cheryl Adams*

It's been a very busy fall. I attended the mid-term in Grapevine, Texas in September. Barb Turner did a wonderful job hosting us and as you are probably aware, we discussed and voted on some big changes. I hope everyone understands that we need to change and move forward or end up like a ship with a broken rudder, adrift at sea. Upon returning home from Texas, I helped put out an Honor Flight and then my husband and I left for three weeks in Europe. It was the trip of a lifetime for us. Landed in Amsterdam, and spent one and a half weeks driving thru Germany and six days in Italy. It was a wonderful trip but it has been hard getting back into the swing of things.

We helped to send out another Honor Flight when we returned home and organized our state Veterans Day ceremony at the Capitol in Madison. I have also been busy with our local United Women Veterans group. Our state has three Veterans homes with some women veterans in residence at all of them. Our local veterans' organizations were honored at the latest meeting of the Madison Common Council (aldermen/women from the Madison districts). They passed a formal resolution, a rep from each organization was invited to speak briefly about their organization and each organization received a formal copy of the resolution. I represented WAVES and we

received a long standing ovation from the alder people and hope it opened their eyes to the fact that Madison has a very strong veterans community and we vote. Unfortunately, I feel that sometimes we are one of the best kept secrets in our fair city.

Wishing everyone a warm and fuzzy holiday season.

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### TREASURER

*Monica O'Hara*

This year is quickly coming to a close and now is also the time for all those who are not Life Members to renew their membership. Not sure if you are a Life Member? Check your address label on the latest White Caps. Just above your name will be "LM" or "14". If "LM" or "14" is not there (if "13" is there vice "14"), dues need to be paid. Member's-at-Large (MALs), please send dues to me using the renewal form on the back page of your White Caps and to me using the envelope you will find in this issue. This envelope is provided only for MALs, so regular unit members will not (or should not) have an envelope inserted in their White Caps. Unit members, please submit dues to your Unit Treasurer.

Donations were received for the General Fund from Lucille Broekemeier (MAL), Georgia Desjarlais (Memphis Belles, Unit 151), Margaret Putnam (MAL) and Redwood Empire WAVES (Unit 77). Dassa Carvey sent a donation in memory of Harriet Howard and Bonnie Selb. Sadly, another unit has disbanded. Michigan Unit 32 donated a substantial portion of their remaining monies to the General Fund.

North Coast WAVES, Unit 21, sent in a donation to the scholarship fund. Thank you all for your generous support to our organization.

I wish you all a joyous holiday season!

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### BYLAWS CHAIRMAN

*Chathy Gerolimatos*

Let's get right to it! It seems that "Bylaws" has become as "offensive" as a "four-letter word," these days. Because

we meet once every two years and the world about us changes by the second, bylaws must be continuously reviewed to ensure its continued practicality, timelessness, and usefulness. I make no claim to having a corner on how WAVES National is affected or what the solution may be. Often, I rely on you. The April publication will contain the proposed bylaws changes that were discussed and approved by the Board of Directors to be put forth to the membership. The April publication meets the bylaws requirement to publish proposed changes at least 120 days prior to Convention. You can be assured, there was a lot of teeth-gnashing going on at the Mid-Term Conference. Without a doubt, a great deal of passion filled the room over WAVES National's future. Yes, it was proposed, yet again, to entertain a name change. Yes, yet again, this will be considered by the membership at the Convention. Remember, that whatever is put forth, at this point in time, it is only a proposal. The facts are that **membership is in steep decline and membership decline is greater than acquiring new members.** I encourage you to join us at the 2014 Convention and let your voice be heard.

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### SHIP'S STORE

*Linda Coffield*

There's a chill in the air and Christmas is just around the corner.

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 \$90 or 20 for \$180. Alas! The post office has promised a rate increase in the upcoming months, so let's stick with our traditional end-of-the year

FINE PRINT SPECIAL:

- FREE Shipping in December 2013!

- Write "Happy Holidays" on your DECEMBER 2013 order form and leave the shipping to me!

- Orders MUST specify "Happy Holidays" AND MUST be received by Dec 31, 2013.

Happy Holidays to you and your family!

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## VA MEDICAL/HEALTH



*Ruth Storck*

In October, the VA began to implement the new (PC3) - (patient centered community care). The program was awarded to 2 contractors - TriWest and Health Net. It will begin phasing in the services to these private sector medical services when the VA cannot provide timely treatment. They will begin with mental health services and specialty care services to veterans who would face long waits or trips to be seen thru the VA clinics. Both in/patient and out/patient services will be used. Medical care that will be provided needs to be found, licensing verified and standards to meet the VA standards for care. Also medical files will be generated by these purchased care providers and shared immediately with the VA to ensure continuity of care. This care will need to be monitored closely to assure no drop in care quality for all veterans referred to closer facilities or specialty procedure facilities. This program is being implemented to assist in the overflow of veterans need for specialty services. As the need is verified and services are made available - all veterans should be able to see providers more quickly and have appropriate care rendered closer to their home when needed. In the coming months we will hopefully begin to see shorter wait times. TriWest Healthcare Alliance of Phoenix, AZ and Healthnet Federal Services in Arlington, VA will each service 3 VA regions. As I can verify more information on new VA medical programs; I will pass on to you what I find.

This year has been an exceptionally hard year for me. I have had the loss of several family members and friends. Also many have experienced major medical issues and procedures. It has been comforting to read your emails, letters and talk with you on the phone. It has lightened the day, just to hear a cheery hello. Thanks to all of you for taking the time to cheer me up.

This year is winding down to the holiday season quickly. It is important to remember to enjoy life. It is also important to remember those around us. A simple wave or hello to a neighbor when you hit the mail box may be what they need to know others care. Take the few seconds and make their day. When my sister and I moved to Delaware from the Washington DC area; we were amazed at the friendliness of our small town neighbors. It felt so nice to just get a wave. Almost reminded me of living in base housing and everyone being friendly. Take the time and share a hello - it may make your day!!!!

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## PUBLIC RELATIONS



*Barb Sebring*

As you will see we have started a new fund raiser with Yankee Candle. Page 6 has all the details. Please be sure to check it out. Yankee Candles make wonderful Christmas presents and we will be earning money for WAVES National. It's a simple process and 40% of the price goes to WAVES National. **Check it out!**

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## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



*Barb Turner*

If you haven't signed up for our 2014 WAVES National (WN) Convention Cruise yet, you need to get busy and do so. I look forward to attending and seeing a lot of you there too.

What is the future of WAVES National? As you read in the October 2013 White Caps (WC) WN is in the process of making some substantial changes; like reorganization and the name change. While your WN Board of Directors (BOD) did approve these changes at the WN midterm conference in September; until they are voted on at the next convention, nothing is final. If you want to share your opinion on the name change, or the reorganization of regions please let your national officers know now.

Our membership numbers are getting lower every day, through natural causes and more importantly because we aren't recruiting. I know that I am beating a "dead

horse" but it is a fact - no members = no more WAVES National. As a reminder - **PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES!**

Enjoy the upcoming holidays; remember our troops that are in harm's way.

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## WHITE CAPS EDITOR



*Judy Faries*

I want to thank everyone for their great inputs. But I would like to ask that if you have a word document please do not send it in a pdf format unless it is a picture of course. I have found a program to convert but it would really make it easier to cut and paste from a word format. It is very difficult to cut and paste into the proper format. Sometimes I have to retype the entire article and that makes for human typo errors.

I attended a wonderful tribute dinner to all veterans in our church on the 9th of November. Navy was well represented. I was the only female but it was really great.

Before we know it the convention will be here. There is so many important issues we will be voting on; name change, open membership to all lady veterans, reorganization of the regions and the future of our organization. I really look forward to seeing everyone there.

**Don't forget that the cut-off date for the next issue of White Caps is 1 JANUARY 2014.** With all the holidays during this time period please keep this in mind and maybe get your articles in early. Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season.

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## Ohio Women's Veterans Conference



Keynote Speaker; Army PFC Jessica Lynch

The Ohio Women's Veterans Conference was held in Columbus, Ohio on

Saturday October 28th. During the Registration Period, veterans and guests had the opportunity to network with various organizations such as the VFW, the American Legion, employers, support agencies, and the VA.

The event had several great speakers and entertainers throughout the day. Dr. Betty Moseley Brown presented and delivered a lively and entertaining speech. Dr. Brown is the Associate Director of the Center for Women Veterans, a position she assumed on November 1, 2004. There was also a panel of veteran's representatives who discussed the benefits available for us and answered questions and issues those in attendance had. Another presenter was Major General

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# SPAR “parachutes” into Coast Guard, World War II on her, CG’s birthday

Posted by PAC Alan Haraf, Thursday, August 1, 2013  
(Exerts from the original article)



Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Dolores Denfeld, a parachute rigger during World War II

When Dolores (Denfeld) Schubilske enlisted in the Coast Guard, the United States was already into its third year of World War II. Bloody battles were being fought throughout Europe and the Pacific while hundreds of thousands of men were giving their lives in different parts of the world to combat the spread of tyranny.

Meanwhile, all across America, women were doing their part contributing to the war efforts by collecting rationed goods, selling war bonds, and working in factories building much-needed parts and equipment for the war.

Women were also enlisting in the armed services to fill roles here at home to allow more men to serve overseas.

Schubilske, born in 1924 in Wausau, Wis., grew up on her parents’ farm. After high school, she moved to Milwaukee, where she landed a job as a seamstress, sewing parachutes. She thought her hard work of repairing the material was for servicemen who jumped out of airplanes.

“It wasn’t until much later when I learned that the parachutes were used to slow the fall of the bombs while the aircraft safely escaped the blast areas,” Schubilske said.

While living and working in Milwaukee and seeing Coast Guard Station Milwaukee on occasion, Schubilske developed an interest in the Coast Guard. So much so that on Aug. 4, 1944, on her 20th birthday and on the 154th birthday of

the Coast Guard, she joined the Coast Guard’s Women’s Reserves – SPARs – created by Congress in November 1942.

Like everyone else who joined the service, Schubilske went off to boot camp. Not your traditional boot camp, though. She shipped off to Palm Beach, Fla., to the Biltmore Hotel, one of the most fashionable resorts in the country at that time. However, the War Department had taken over the Biltmore and other upscale hotels in Florida during the war and transformed them into training facilities and hospitals. The Biltmore was anything but a resort for Schubilske and 39 other women.

Straight from her training, she reported to “A” school in Lakehurst, N.J. where, because of her experience as a civilian with parachutes, she entered the parachute rigger rating. She was one of only six women among 200 members in her class.

After three months in “A” school, Schubilske, then a parachute rigger third class, landed at Air Station Elizabeth City, N.C., where she spent the next several months until the end of the war with about 15 other parachute riggers, all women, packing parachutes for jumpers and for air sea rescue packages that were dropped from the back of airplanes. There were only 18 women in the entire Coast Guard rated as parachute riggers.

World War II ended in 1945. The Women’s Reserve was originally established to augment the Coast Guard during the war and remain active for only six months afterward. Schubilske was

honorably discharged in Detroit on March 21, 1946.

Today, she remains active with other service personnel from the Navy, Coast Guard and Marines as a member of a local WAVES organization – Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service – the Navy’s reserve organization for women during the war.

She also volunteers at a local senior citizens’ house, enjoys a hobby of cutting stones and making them into jewelry, and at the age of 89 she still travels extensively with family and friends. In 2010, she traveled to Pascagoula, Miss., to attend the christening of the Coast Guard Cutter Stratton, named after Capt. Dorothy Stratton, the first woman to serve as a commissioned officer in the Coast Guard. Two years later, she was present in Alameda, Calif., for the cutter’s commissioning. Although inclement weather on Coast Guard Island during the commissioning caused the SPARs to remain on buses, it was an event and a moment to remember.

Earlier this year, Schubilske elected to ensure her legacy remains an important part of Coast Guard history by donating her uniform back to the Coast Guard, where it will soon be on display at the Coast Guard 9th District offices in Cleveland.

As a major milestone approaches next year, you can be sure Dolores Schubilske will continue to remain active with her family, friends and country, proudly sharing cherished memories as a parachute rigger in the U.S. Coast Guard.

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## Ohio Women’s Veterans Conference (Continued from page 4)

Deborah Ashenhurst, Adjutant General, Joint Force Headquarters, Ohio National Guard. She is a member of the Governor’s cabinet and is responsible for the command of the Ohio National Guard and the military readiness of the Ohio Militia totaling more than 17,000 personnel. The women were even entertained and sent out on a high note and still laughing at Sheila Van Dyke, comedian and U.S. Army Veteran.

The highlight and keynote speaker was former Army PFC Jessica Lynch. She gave a very powerful description of her

experience as a POW during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Her autobiography is told in the book: *I Am A Soldier Too: The Jessica Lynch Story*.

She was deployed with the 507th Maintenance Company (based at Ft. Bliss, Texas) when her convoy was ambushed after their Captain got them lost and they made a wrong turn into enemy territory, near Nasiriyah. They came under a barrage of small arms fire and RPGs. Jessica was knocked unconscious, badly wounded, and taken prison-

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To get started, simply go to [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com), In the **Start Shopping Box**, insert our group number (**990058439**). You will be on your way to supporting **WAVES National**. Start shopping and share this number with friends and family.

To send e-mails to "Friends and Family" go to [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com), In the Start Shopping Box, click Create Seller Login. Insert your special group code above under Sign Up to Be A Seller. Follow steps 1-3 to confirm your e-mail address.

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Let's all make an effort to buy at least one candle this Holiday season. Thank you for your continued support.

Barb Sebring  
PR Chair

# History of Women Veterans of Coastal North Carolina 2010 -2013

*Jerry Rita Brunton*

Jerry Rita Brunton attended the largest Veteran's Day Parade in Morehead City, NC that was held on Veterans Day 2009. She noticed there were no women veterans. Jerry Rita served in the WAVES during the Korean Conflict.

The following week she wrote a letter to the editor of the local newspaper and asked if there were any women in the area that were veterans. There were two World War II women Betty Peterson and Lorraine Maiden that contacted her and shared their interest in organizing a group. A notice was then placed in The News-Times that there would be an organizational meeting in January 2010.

Seven women attended that first meeting. Those in attendance agreed to the name of Women Veterans of Coastal North Carolina and our Mission Statement, Purpose, and Motto.

As I reflect on our mission statement, we have achieved many of them. Women Veterans of Coastal North Carolina members have been active participants in Memorial Day Ceremonies by placing a wreath honoring women and sharing in a ceremony honoring all veterans. We also have had an "all-female unit" in Morehead City's Veterans Day Parade since 2011.

We have shared our stories with local school children, local organizations Heritage Girls and Girl Scouts of America.

Our WWII women were honored guests at Cherry Points Blue Angels Air Show. We have six WWII women veterans; five of them went to Washington on the Honor Flight to see their WWII Memorial. They had tears in their eyes when they shared what it meant to them to finally be recognized for their service.

Two of our Charter Members have passed away. We now have a Memorial Service that we will provide to family members of any women that served her country.

We have assisted many members receive documentation of medals they have earned and determine eligibility for veteran's benefits.

Our membership includes several disabled veterans and a Purple Heart recipient.

One of our disabled veterans has taken advantage of veteran benefits. She developed a program for disabled veterans that are getting state and national recognition.

Our achievements are proudly displayed in our Women Veterans of Coastal North Carolina History Book.

Our new Auxiliary is chaired by a Gold Star Wife.

In 2012 our organization was honored by the North Carolina Senate by issuing a Senatorial Statement acknowledging our achievements.

We honor the women of WWII that stepped out and joined the military. **THEY** made it possible for each of us to follow our dreams to serve our country!

Women that honorably served or are actively serving are encouraged to join us.

You can visit us on Facebook and email; [womenveteran-sofnc1@gmail.com](mailto:womenveteran-sofnc1@gmail.com).

Jerry Rita Brunton, First President and Founder of Women Veterans of Coastal North Carolina

## WAVES National Convention Cruise

*Sharon Woods, Convention, Co-Chairman*

Have you signed up for the cruise yet? This is the perfect time. Christmas present to yourself? So, come join your fellow sisters on a fantastic cruise to the Eastern Caribbean. There are shore activities that look like a lot of fun. For example; dolphin encounters, butterfly farm, beach and snorkeling, island tours with lots of shopping opportunities to name a few. Go online to Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines and check out Shore Excursions, I am sure you'll find something you will like.

While at sea the "Allure of the Seas" has all kinds of entertainment for all ages. The ship has several pools, whirlpools, and two wave pools, even two rock climbing walls, HAHA, only wish I were young again and yes, the ship has a casino too.

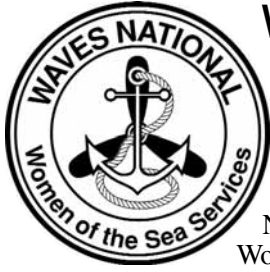
The cost of your cruise comes with several venues to enjoy. There is some great food at your assigned dining room "Adagio", and the "Windjammer Cafe" that has everything. There are also several other restaurants to enjoy like Chops Grill, Rita's Cantina, Giovanni's that charge a few extra dollars to eat there, and you do need to make reservations, but you can do this when you get on the ship. I have gone on several cruises and when I ate at one of these places, talk about spoiled, they were wonderful. There is also a Sorrento's

Pizza Parlor, Broadway Hot Dogs, Broadway Donuts, sandwich places, and for that sweet tooth, Cupcakes and an Ice Cream shop. Starbucks is also on the ship for those people who cannot live without that very strong coffee, yes you pay for your coffee here, just like at home.

We have all day Friday of the cruise for our **very important convention meeting**, starting at 8:30 AM. We have many important issues to discuss and vote on such as; the name change, reorganization of regions, and opening up membership to all services, etc. During the evening starting at 7:00 PM that same day, there will be breakout sessions on leadership, marketing, and media opportunities to help us grow to a better organization. All are welcome to these meetings and I recommend them to all unit officers who go on the cruise. We need to grow and these sessions may give you the tools to help you and your fellow military sisters across our nation.

So come on ladies, sign up and come have a good time with your fellow sisters. If you have any questions you can email me at: [sharonwds1124@q.com](mailto:sharonwds1124@q.com).

**Reminder from Lynndee King:** You can sign up and pay for insurance with your last payment, but you need to let Lynndee know **if you want** the insurance.



# WAVES NATIONAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



This year's scholarship is named for: **LtCol Nita Bob Warner, USMC (Ret)**, past National President of the Women Marine's Association (WMA), and a life member of WAVES National. Nita Bob passed away at 0430 on 4 December 2012. One \$1,500 scholarship will be available to a relative, male or female, of a sea service woman. The essay topic is: *"Bridging the Gap – The Role of Women Marines on the Front Lines"*.

### 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 U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard or U.S. 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 statement of service for Active Duty members. Applications will not be considered if this PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY is not submitted.

**2.** Applicants: **Completely obliterate or mark out all references to social security or service numbers** on DD214 and high school or college transcripts.

**3.** The WN College Scholarship Competition is open to high school seniors or college students.

**4.** Applicants must have a 3.2 or better Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale to be eligible.

**5.** The essay must be written on the 2014 topic and shall include documented evidence of research. Applicants are encouraged to contact Marine Recruiters, Marine active or reserve components, etc. to enhance their research.

**6.** Each essay must be the applicant's own work and shall consist of 1,000 to 1,500 words.

**7.** Entries must be postmarked by **March 7, 2014**, with no exception.

**8.** All applicants will be notified in June 2014 of their results. Scholarship will be paid jointly to the scholarship recipient AND their college. Mail OR email your application and accompanying documents to:

**Betty Hand**  
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901-568-0521

**Request an application by email to:**  
**WNScholarship2014@gmail.com**

WN Scholarship application and all required documents may be submitted via mail or email.

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# FOAM OFF THE WAVES

## GATEWAY WAVES

**Unit #5 (PA)** - We were honored to have LCDR Elaine Bianchi Hicks, NC, USN (Ret), Vietnam Combat Nurse, who served on USS Repose, attend our Sept meeting. (Elaine is a lifelong friend who I met at Portsmouth NH, 1963). Members attended many veterans' events in November. Annual Navy/Coast Guard/Marines Holiday party is December 14, 2013. Wishing all a Happy Holiday Season. **For meeting information please contact Shirley Walz, 314-822-4249, sjwalz59@gmail.com.**

## KEYSTONE WAVES

**Unit #6 (PA)** - Jeanne Lemasters and Ruthie Severino attended the retirement ceremony for RADM Patricia Wolfe, USN in VA and they also attended funeral services for Bonnie Selb at a Veterans National Cemetery in New Jersey, where Bonnie was buried with military honors.

Our unit was chartered June 21, 1983, and we celebrated our 30th anniversary with a luncheon. Five members were honored and received pins as charter members and then spoke about their service and the honor flight. Special guests included RADM Rose Levitre and CDR Lars Hanson, Arthur Burn from American Legion, and Barbara Weston, president of Buxmont Women Veterans.

Betty Byron was installed as Commander of AmVets Post 118, with Ruthie Severino as guest speaker.



Pictured Betty Byron and Ruthie Severino at the AmVets change of command.

**For meeting information please contact Ruthie Severino @ 610-356-8956**

## HEART OF AMERICA

**Unit #9 (MO)** - We were privileged to have a noted author as our guest speaker in August. Edna Bell-Pearson has written three books and is working on her

fourth. During our October meeting we discussed some of the issues that were presented at Midterm in Dallas. Many agreed that changes are needed for our organization to move forward and we just need to keep an open mind. Happy holidays to all of our fellow women vets. Our next meeting will be December 7th. **For meeting information please contact Michele Batliner at 816-315-9229 or mbatliner@att.net**

## THREE RIVERS UNIT

**Unit #28 (PA)** - Unit members met at a Pittsburgh Historical Landmark; The Soldiers and Sailors Hall, for our fall meeting. Our "Getting to Know You" speaker was member Ruth D'Herte, a WWII Wave. Ruth was a radio operator during the war and told a very sobering story of intercepting the radio message from the Nazi high command to German U-boat commanders, ordering them to surrender at the end of the war.

On November 11th, members of the unit marched in the Pittsburgh Veteran's Day parade. Plans are underway for a mid-December holiday party at the home of one of our members.

## MICHIGAN UNIT

**Unit #32 (MI)** - As former president of Michigan Unit 32, I am sorry to report that the members voted to turn in our charter and disband as a unit. Back in the late 80's, I worked hard to form this unit, and we had a long run and accomplished many things. The latest triumph we shared in was to bring the USS Edson, a decommissioned destroyer, to the east side of the state - Bay City.

At our fall meeting, several of our members stayed after the meeting and enjoyed a guided tour. We always had a good attendance at the meetings, and it was different than most units in WN in that we had members scattered throughout the Lower Peninsula. Because of that, we had opportunities to see many different cities and shared the duty of planning the meeting site. Jan Roy, Past WN President and Unit 32 President.

## SAN DIEGO STARS & STRIPES

**Unit #36 (CA)** - Due to the government furloughs we moved the meeting/luncheon to a favorite Italian Restaurant. We had a draping of the Charter for long time member Laura Pantazopoulos (98). Laura will be deeply missed. Main topics of discussion were the upcoming events of December - parades, Veteran functions, and our annual luncheon, Invitee/dona-

tion for one female Veteran in transition at the Veterans Village San Diego.

**Next meeting will be Saturday, 7 Dec 2013. For meeting information please call Roxanne Jones at (619)274-1606 cell, (619)545-6546 work or email rjones@score.com.**

## CONNECTICUT YANKEES

**Unit #42 (CT)** - We look forward to our December meeting/Christmas Party--it's our final get-together before winter break. We meet again in March at the CT Veterans Home & Hospital in Rocky Hill. We wish for all Happy Holidays and a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year. **For information please contact Mary Ann Goodell at (860)828-3302 or maryann-goodell@att.net.**

## ORANGE BLOSSOM

**Unit #69 (FL)** - October found unit members heading for St. Cloud to meet and have lunch with Terry Romonchuk who is a resident of the Savannah Court Assisted Living Facility there.



Standing (L to R): Terry Romonchuk, Lucile Jung, Alice Hyson, Thelma Anderson, and Susan Ghrist. Sitting (L to R): Sharon Breece, Connie Kwiecien, and Joan Hallinan.

In addition to a very lively, productive meeting, we were treated to a wonderful lunch provided by Savannah Court. Our activities for the day also included a celebration of Terry's birthday, and an early celebration of Halloween with lots of "Trick or Treats" provided by Unit President Susan Ghrist and Unit Vice President Connie Kwiecien.

## SPACE COAST WAVES

**Unit #75 (FL)** - Unit members participated in the Women Veterans Annual Luncheon in October hosted by the Army and Air Force groups. With the Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Navy, and Marine women veterans all attending, we had quite an enjoyable time. We had a strong representation of WAVES National officers in attendance, with the WN President, WN 1st Vice President and our Regional Rep along with several other WN members as well.

# FOAM OFF THE WAVES



The Happy WAVES table

Each group gave a brief presentation about their unit and their service. We were sad to hear the Marine unit gave up their charter this year, with only 5 members remaining in the area. For meeting information please contact **Pamela McRoy** at [fun4pj2002@yahoo.com](mailto:fun4pj2002@yahoo.com) or 321-626-4546.

## REDWOOD EMPIRE WAVES

**Unit #77 (CA)** – For various reasons, mostly illness, surgeries, travels or falls, we've had very low attendance at our recent meetings. We are hopeful that more people will be showing up for our annual Christmas party, this year at Giorgio's in Healdsburg. For meeting information please contact **Bettie Crandall** at (707) 838-4035.

## FLATWATER WAVES

**Unit #98 (NE)** – Unit members had their final meeting of 2013 at a Buffet in Fremont, NE. Marjorie Neill, Linda Delgado, Suzanne Gilsdorf, Kathy Howe, Jeannie Bixby and Pat Hunsche attended. Dues were collected, and our spring meeting will be April 12th, 2014 at Ceresco. We

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discussed the tour of the USS Hazard, and will try to add more tours in 2014, as everyone enjoyed the tour of the ship. The Unit donated funds to the Hazard, which was appreciated by the Volunteer workers. For meeting information please contact **Pat Hunsche**, (402) 426-2013 or [phunsche@abbnebraska.com](mailto:phunsche@abbnebraska.com).

## GREEN MOUNTAIN WAVES

**Unit #109 (VT)** – Seven unit members joined our Regional Representative for coffee and donuts before the October meeting. Chaplain Joan Smith gave the invocation and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

During the business meeting it was discussed that postcards be used to notify members of events and meetings as a means to cut postal costs. Everyone is looking forward to recruiting new members under the new Military Women agenda. New ideas, energy, and camaraderie were mentioned as reasons to make possible new members feel most welcome.

## CACTUS WAVES

**Unit #114 (AZ)** - A couple of our members visited the women veterans at the Arizona State Veterans Home in October.



Pictured left to right; Terry Taylor, Carol Culbertson, Shirley Krabbe, Helen Coyte, Marian Lever, Sharon Woods, Barbara Carton, Lynn Engles, Barbara Meegan, Michelle Howard, and Chris Hanley sitting.

Unit members participated in the East Valley Veterans Parade on November 9th, 2013 in downtown Mesa, AZ.

We also look forward to our annual Christmas Dinner at Pier D Orleans on December 6, 2013. For the third time we will be collecting baby items to give to the VA Hospital maternity ward. For meeting information please contact **Sharon Woods**, @ 480-202-0984.

## TIDEWATER TIDAL WAVES

**Unit #152 (VA)** – We celebrated the WAVES Anniversary with a luncheon and guest speaker, RDM Ann Phillips. Norma Schrader, Kathy Hare and her husband attended from NC and helped us celebrate.

Dassa Carvey attended the WN Midterm meeting in Grapevine, TX,

where she was sworn in as Region X Representative.

Unit members participated in the Veteran's Day parade at the Oceanfront in Virginia Beach.

We participated in the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the A.G. Horton, Jr., Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Suffolk, on Dec 14th. Unit members were instrumental in helping to raise funds to place 5,200 wreaths on grave sites at the Veterans cemetery this year.



Arlene Rios presented a unit coin to Isabell Staver, a WW II Navy Nurse who participated in the Honor Flight on October 19th, and attended our October meeting.

For meeting information, email **Judy Perry** at [Perrywave@aol.com](mailto:Perrywave@aol.com) or call 757-545-1988.

## SALT RIVER WAVES

**Unit #155 (AZ)** – Unit members are as busy as bees with several projects under way. A charity of special interest is Mary Ellen's Place for homeless women veterans, established by Veterans First organization. They have 10 residents, with five in trade school. The unit will honor each as they graduate to encourage others to follow suit. We will provide each resident with a Christmas goodie bag which sure beats a gift exchange among ourselves.

In January we are planning a membership event to entice growth for our unit (inspired by North Coast WAVES of Ohio). The contacts in prep work are already getting results.

For meeting information please contact **Vee Flayter**, President at 623-362-9040.

\*NOTE – To those units who provided articles for this issue of White Caps, I "thank you." As previously stated, it is imperative that you edit down your own articles. I will continue to do so, however. Please keep your articles to 75 words or less. Judy Faries, WC Editor



# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS for WAVES NATIONAL OFFICERS TO SERVE 2014-2016

Please e-mail or snail mail this signed consent form along with a 300 words or less bio to arrive not later than **\*1 January 2014** to the Nominating Committee Chairman listed below. Your 300 word bio detailing your WAVES National leadership, unit jobs held, collateral duties in your unit or volunteer hours will be included in the February 2014 and April 2014 White Caps along with your picture. Please include a recent picture (headshot – color or black and white; camera ready) of yourself that you would like to see beside your biography in the April 2014 issue. You can e-mail or snail mail the picture and it will be returned to you. Please contact any committee member listed below if you have any questions.

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## — CONSENT FORM —

I hereby give my consent that my name be placed in nomination for the office of WAVES National for the term of 2014 – 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print nominee name

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Nominee signature

Send completed form and resume to Jennifer Baun (\*\*Nom Committee Chairman) to arrive not later than **\*1 January 2014**.

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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS IS 1 JANUARY 2014.** Normally submission would be 1 February 2014, but because our WAVES National Convention is being held in August 2014 and, because we have to print the bio's at least 90 days prior to a convention (according to the WN Bylaws) we have had to adjust the deadline for submission of the signed consent form and bio to 1 January 2014 (this is also the deadline for the submission of articles for the February 2014 White Caps).

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# Regional Reps Notes

## Region III Rep, Sharon Woods

Ladies your board of directors met in September and we discussed our special organization and the fact that if we do not open our doors to other services we will stop growing and fade away. I love this organization and I've been a member for over 22 years and you are all my sisters who served our country when we were needed. We voted on opening our doors to our fellow sisters of the Army and Air Force to hopefully start growing again. We also voted on a new name change and after a lot of discussion we came up with the name of "Military Women Across the Nation". The new name will include all the services past and present, the reserve units and the National Guard units. So ladies think about these changes. If you want a vote on these issues, then sign up for the convention cruise and make your vote known.

NOTE: Did you know that the first military organization for the United States of America was the National Guard? Back in the 1600's long before the Army, Navy, or Marine Corp.

## Region VII Rep, Jan Roy, (and Past National President)

As discussed at the mid-term Board meeting in Dallas, the Board voted to propose the name change of "Military

Women Across the Nation" for a vote at our 2014 convention. The reason that it has become necessary to include Army and Air Force military women as members is quite obvious. Our membership numbers are declining due to age, death, illness, finances, etc. If we are able to recruit women from these other two services, it will hopefully prolong our life, provide additional income to our coffers and have new ideas for the future of WAVES National (even though under a different name). The new members could provide leadership, new ideas, financial aid, etc. Please try to have at least one member of your units at the convention, so that we may have meaningful discussion before the vote. Also, keep an open mind and help our wonderful organization to survive for many more years.

## Region X Rep, Dassa Carvey

When I first heard about WAVES National in 2000, I immediately signed up to attend the convention in Cleveland, OH. I enjoyed the camaraderie and everything about the organization so much I returned home and started a unit in the Tidewater area!

My enthusiasm for the organization has not wavered since then and I remain as committed as ever to having this organiza-

tion remain viable in the future. To this end, we need each and every member's support. We have tried recruiting contests over the past years and even with these efforts our numbers have steadily declined.

What to do?

We need to open our ranks up to women in other services. This will mean a name change. I know this will not be greeted favorably by some of our members, but if we do not do this we are in jeopardy of folding. We need to recruit women in all services to generate new ideas and leadership. Without an influx of new members we will die and I know all of you do not want this to happen!

At the convention in Norfolk, Jeannie Dicks, a co-founder of WAVES National, stood up before the convention and told how the name of our beloved organization was decided and that it was to be a temporary name only, in order to establish the organization. Our purpose will not change – to keep service women informed of current benefits and to keep them connected while preserving our common history and to promote opportunities for women in the military service.

Attend the convention and vote for opening our doors to other service women.

## Region XI Rep, Pam DeVine

Waves National is in the same position as many other veteran based organizations, member numbers are sharply down. It would seem that many service veterans are just not "joiners" as readily as in the past. With our ranks limited to sea service women veterans the recruiting pool is quite limited and the time has come to reach out to all women veterans to hopefully renew the strength that WN has known in the past. Reaching out to the current crop of veterans, no matter what branch of service, will also require a different "brand" that they can relate to. As unfortunate as it is, they do not identify themselves with the current name, Waves National.

I do not support the name change or the change of membership qualification simply for "change" itself but if we are to continue, grow and prosper as a viable group, then it is most certainly inevitable.

Thank you.

## Ohio Women's Veterans Conference (Continued from page 13)

er. She presented a slide that demonstrated the injuries she sustained. Among them, she suffered a severe head laceration, a broken leg, a broken arm, cracked ribs, and a dislocated ankle. For nine days as a POW, she received no food, water, or pain medication. The Iraqi "doctors" decided to replace her broken femur with an unsterilized circa 1940's metal rod. Infection set in and she could tell by their demeanor they were discussing amputation. After nine days of being shuffled around from place to place, starved, dehydrated, in pain, and left to die, she was finally rescued by Special Forces.

The recurring theme throughout her speech was **perseverance**, which enabled her to survive such a horrendous ordeal. Her mantra: 'Never give up, persevere, conquer your fears.'

The event was an overwhelming success hosting approximately 750 female veterans. The women spanned generations, from WWII to the present. The oldest was a 91 year-old from WWII, the youngest a 23 year-old who served in Afghanistan. Photos were taken of all attending and were classed by their branch of service. Two WAVES units proudly represented their groups: North Coast WAVES Unit 21, which also sponsored the event and had a table during the networking, and the Lake Erie Unit 128.



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<b>Portfolio</b> <b>\$15</b> Soft Vinyl Black w/Silver Trim; Dark Blue WN Logo (on silver) 9 3/4" wide x 12 1/4"	<b>Pen</b> <b>\$2</b> Bright Blue color w/WN Logo & WEB address printed in white Blue Ink; Retractable; Nice Weight	<b>Sewing Kit</b> <b>\$2</b> Blue Case w/WN Logo & WEB address printed in white; 2"x3 1/4"x4" Needles/threader/scissors/pins, etc.	<b>WN Bumper Sticker</b> <b>\$1</b> Two-tone blue WN emblem and dark blue letters on white; glossy paper; Approx 3" x 10
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