Still Something Special

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Hitching Her Way to Get Hitched

By Jimmie Thurmon *(Reprinted from Reminisce Magazine)*

It was 1945 and WW II was still raging. My fiancé had arrived in Bremerton, WA, by ship and we planned to get married in Seattle. I was in the Navy, a WAVES radio operator stationed in Corpus Christi, TX, and I had to make my way to Seattle.

Shortages of many items were common during the war, including parachutes, a necessity to "hitchhike" by military plane. So, I followed the advice of a locally stationed pilot: "Check out a 'chute locally, but do not turn it in at the next base. Keep it the whole trip."

I found a ride to Ft. Worth, TX, and Tarrant Field – not easy to do in the days of tire rationing – but there were about 25 servicemen and women waiting for rides ahead of me. A name would be called, and after a brief conversation, the serviceman or woman would return to his seat.

Soon, my name was called. After showing my leave papers, I was asked if I had a parachute. "Yes, of course!" I replied. I was immediately sent out to the flight line. Amid jeers of favoritism for being a woman, I explained, "I have my own 'chute."

The plane was a well-worn B-17 bomber. The pilot had purchased it as surplus property and was flying it to his home in CA. Did I mention that much of it was held together with baling wire?

On board were the pilot, co-pilot, a Marine and me. The little room just above the bomb bay was quite small, so I agreed to rest in the bombardier's location in the "bubble" in front of and below the pilot and co-pilot's cabin.

What a beautiful ride! The stars seemed ready to be plucked out of the sky! Flying over Albuquerque, NM, the lights of the city at night looked like so many jewels.

About 2 AM, we landed at Daggett Field, CA. The next morning I caught a "hop" to Oakland, where I stayed overnight in a WAC barrack. The next day, I was able to make connections for a flight out of Seattle on a C-46.

We were hardly airborne when the pilot announced his wife had just had their first baby and was in the hospital in Chico, CA. Would it be all right with us if

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The President's Message

Ladies, I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. As many of you know, I had hip replacement surgery the first part of January and am well on my way to a full recovery. I appreciate all the prayers, cards and emails I received for a speedy recovery.

Denise Duke and her Nomination Committee have worked hard trying to find members to run for five national positions up for elections. ***The future of WAVES National lies in your hands!*** The positions are not difficult and there are plenty of former national officers available who will gladly help with issues that may arise. I hope you have considered throwing your hat into the ring and have sent your nomination form into Denise.

Our scholarships were announced in the last issue of White Caps and appear again this issue. Please take the time to request that the information be posted in your local paper, community and church bulletins – anywhere where we can get publicity. I sent an announcement to my local newspaper and the article was published. I have had more than a dozen responses to date. The application is also on our website and can be filled out and printed off to facilitate the process.

Don't forget that your annual dues are now due, if you are not a Life Member. If you are a member of a unit, please ensure you pay through your unit treasurer. If you are a Member-At-Large (MAL), remit your dues to Lou Ann Huskisson, National Treasurer. You must be a member in good standing in order to attend the business meetings and enjoy the benefits of membership for the convention in Norfolk, VA, in August. Please take note of the revised membership application in this issue. It includes a place to designate if you are applying for membership through a unit or as a MAL. You may make as many copies of this as needed.

Don't forget, when sending in items for the White Caps, send to the Editor, Gale Wursthorn, with a copy to me. If you do not include a copy to me, I can-

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Department of Veterans Affairs will study Woman Veterans who served during the Vietnam War

Secretary Shinseki Announces Study of Vietnam-Era Women Veterans

Comprehensive Study Will Help VA Provide High-Quality Care

WASHINGTON - Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki announced the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is launching a comprehensive study of women Veterans who served in the military during the Vietnam War to explore the effects of their military service upon their mental and physical health.

"One of my top priorities is to meet the needs of women Veterans," said Secretary Shinseki. "Our Veterans have earned the very best care. VA realizes that women Veterans require specialized programs, and this study will help VA provide high-quality care for women Veterans of the Vietnam era."

The study, which begins in November and lasts more than four years, will contact approximately 10,000 women in a mailed survey, telephone interview and a review of their medical records.

As women Vietnam Veterans approach their mid-sixties, it is important to understand the impact of wartime deployment on health and mental outcomes nearly 40 years later. The study will assess the prevalence of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other mental and physical health conditions for women Vietnam Veterans, and explore the relationship between PTSD and other conditions.

VA will study women Vietnam Veterans who may have had direct exposure to traumatic events, and for the first time, study those who served in facilities near Vietnam. These women may have had similar, but less direct exposures. Both women Veterans who receive their health care from VA and those who receive health care from other providers will be contacted to determine the prevalence of a variety of health conditions

Convention Help Needed!

WANTED - Cheerful, lively and reliable volunteers to work at WAVES National Ship's Store during the 2010 National Convention in Norfolk. Positions available include cashier, stock clerk and customer assistance. Assistance is needed from Tuesday, 24 August, through Saturday, 28 August. Each one-hour "shift" will have at least two people assigned. Volunteers are welcome and encouraged to sign up for more than one shift.

To support YOUR planning requirements, a schedule of shift assignments will be provided by mid-July.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Patty Jo to request an application.Contact information is on the Ship's Store order form in this WC issue.

CORRECTION

HONOR FLIGHT phone number in last issue was incorrect. The correct number is 937-521-2400. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Hitching Her Way to Get Hitched ...

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he stopped for a short visit to see her and the baby?

Of course, no one objected. In Chico, we waited and waited. The afternoon wore on. Finally, about dusk, our pilot returned and we buckled in for the flight.

With darkness closing in, we started to climb. And we continued to climb and climb. In the Navy, it's oxygen at 10,000 feet and heat at 20,000 feet. Pretty soon we were very cold and began to get headaches. Two sailors at the rear of the plane were playing cards – it was like trying to shuffle ice cubes. Still we kept climbing higher.

The pilot's cabin was the only part of the plane with heat and oxygen. So, the co-pilot came back and, one by one, took passengers to the cabin to warm up.

The co-pilot asked if any of us had ever jumped from an aircraft, then divided us into groups based on our answers. We wondered what would come next.

Shortly, the co-pilot returned and asked, "You're a sparky (radio operator), aren't you?"

"Yes," I replied.

"Then come up front – now!"

It was then the pilot informed me that we were lost! They had tried unsuccessfully to climb over the storm.

They asked me to find the radio beam out of Spokane, WA, which I quickly located. They calculated our position and discovered we were 200 miles out over the Pacific Ocean with just enough fuel to make it to Portland.

So, we landed in Portland, and that evening, the pilot and co-pilot treated me to a steak dinner – quite a treat during meat rationing. I called my fiancé and we made arrangements with a minister to marry us in a Portland chapel.

We honeymooned in Astoria, OR. All too soon, I had to return to my base in Corpus Christi and my husband to his new assignment. But that trip to Portland is one I'll always remember.

President's Message...

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not ensure your item is included. Gale's and my contact information is included on the page listing the National Officers and Staff.

You should have received your Call to Convention by this time. If you have not, please contact me and I will ensure you get a copy. Lots of effort is being extended by the Tidewater Tidal WAVES to ensure everyone has a great time and special incentives are being offered for early registration. Also, new this convention is the **Shipmate Assist Program,** whereby if a member wants to attend but is having difficulty meeting expenses, they need to contact the Convention Chairman. Shipmates wanting to enable the attendance of their sisters in need can donate to the program. Remember, any donations of a personal nature to WAVES National count as a tax deduction. The convention committee will assist as many as possible. See the Call to Convention for details.

Please keep our troops in your prayers.

Always Navy,

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FROM THE BRIDGE

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Gloria Galati

Hello WN members:

I hope everyone's holiday season was filled with joy and happiness. And I wish for every member a new year filled with health and prosperity.

I want to remind all members to keep up the good work and keep those new membership applications coming in for the membership contest. It is very important and urgent that each of us do our part and work on increasing WN membership numbers. It doesn't take much work to keep a couple of membership applications handy when you are out and about. When you meet a fellow sea service woman, hand her an application and encourage her to join. Follow up on the membership, get her name, address and phone number. Also, if anyone has any good ideas on ways we can increase our membership, please don't hesitate to send them to me. Next issue I will give everyone an update on the membership contest.

Until then, as always, Anchors Aweigh!

Gloria

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Jo Adamson

Greetings Shipmates:

Can you believe we are starting a New Year? I keep wondering where the last ten years went. It seems that they just flew by. This last year, we lost a lot of our WAVES and I want to wish all of our members who are ill my best and that God will watch over you and you get well soon. In addition to the loss of members, we have three units that have informed us of their disbanding: Old Ironsides, Unit 17; Golden West, Unit 31; and, Webfoot, Unit 46. If you have not sent me your disestablishment paperwork, please contact me.

I do have some good news, however, as it seems we will soon have a new unit called the Salt River WAVES, in Arizona, as soon as we get all the paperwork done. I wish to thank the other units from Arizona for helping this new unit get started.

I am looking forward to the dedication of our Stain Glass Window at RTC Great Lakes, in April. Our Stained Glass Chairwoman Barbara McGuire has done an outstanding job and I enjoyed working with her on the project. Please note the dates for the dedication and try to attend if you can. We are looking for donations for our next Stained Glass Window and Scholarship Program. So if you are looking for a project, remember WAVES National.

Welcome aboard Gale Wursthorn, our new White Caps Editor.

Remember to send in your nominations if you plan on running for a WAVES National office and remember to RECRUIT just one member this year.

I am still waiting for units who have patches to send me one for our WAVES National tablecloth.

May God bless you all!

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Barb Turner

I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support of WAVES National. Our numbers may be declining, but we are still thriving!

Please try to remember to use the WN forms located in the WAVES National Procedures Manual when submitting dues transmittals, obituaries and reports, for example. If you don't have extra forms, send me a request for them or better yet, you can request that your unit secretary request them. I am happy to provide anything that I can – all you have to do is ask! You can also send any information via e-mail if you have access to a computer/internet. Lou Ann Huskisson (WN Treasurer) and I accept obituaries, address changes, elected officer transmittals, etc. via e-mail. Save a tree and postage!

Life Membership (LM) cards are outsourced and the average turnaround time is approximately four weeks. I have been mailing both the LM cards and new member cards along with a personal letter from our WN President to each member, as applicable. If the member(s) belongs to a unit, I mail the membership cards and letters to the unit treasurer; MALs receive the membership card and letter direct. I mail post card reminders to members who choose to pay first class postage for White Caps. Those who wish to renew or begin first class postage, please mail your check (made out to WN for $7.50 for one year) to Lou Ann Huskisson, WN Treasurer.

I will be mailing out the membership database to each Unit President, State Director and Regional Representative (in hard copy format) after April 1, 2010 for verification purposes just like I did in April 2009. I can send this database in an Excel file if you prefer. Please let me know. When you receive the list, please look at it very closely and make necessary changes and return to me so that I can update the master list. I will be asking for Associate Member information as well.

Finally, it has come to my attention that some members have received unsolicited e-mail and snail mail from Turner Publishing Company (TPC) – the company who produced our WN 2006 Calendar and, apparently this has been going on for some time. I have written to the President and CEO of Turner Publishing Company to inform him of this and requested that any further unsolicited correspondence be stopped immediately. If you receive any unsolicited correspondence from TPC, please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Diana Parkison

Ahoy Shipmates,

I hope this finds everyone well. After having shoulder surgery last year and the doctor not allowing me to go skiing this winter, my first thought was that 2009 was a really lousy year. And then I thought… I live in the best country in the world. I have friends and family to help me when I need them. I can get up out of bed every morning… And then I realize just how blessed I am. So I will quite my "whining" and get on with life.

I received a very interesting email from a unit member regarding the newsletter contest the other day. She wanted to make sure that her unit's newsletter was included in the *2010 WN Newsletter Contest.* She informed me that her unit newsletter was a wonderful publication and could she send me a copy of the one she received to make sure it was included in the contest. This made me realize that I have not been very informative to you on the contest. So let me tell you what you need to do to be included:

First and foremost: I need copies of your newsletters from July 2008 to April 2010. I need to receive them not later than May 15, 2010.

Also I need the following information:

• I need to know how you produce your newsletter. Is it "cut and paste" and produced on a copier? Is it done on a computer? Just how do you produce your newsletter?

• How often do you publish your newsletter?

• How many members in your Unit?

• Who is the editor of your newsletter, with the following information: name and address, email and phone number.

• Unit President's name with address, email and phone number.

As in 2008, these newsletters will be scored on a point system and be divided into four categories: Computer generated, Large unit; Computer generated, Small Unit; Cut and Paste, Large Unit; Cut and Paste, Small Unit.

Please keep the newsletters coming, I so enjoy reading them.

I would also like to remind all the Washington and Oregon ladies of the Oregon State Department of Veteran's Affairs, *Oregon Women Veterans Conference 2010.* It will be next month, March 26 & 27, 2010 at Seven Feathers Casino, Canyonville, OR. No cost to attend, free lunch, however reservations are required. If you would like to attend, please contact Loriann Sheridan, ODVA, 503-373-2264 or email loriann.seridan@state.or.us. Hope to see you there.

SHIP'S STORE

Patty Jo Parks

Ship's Store has been inventoried and restocked so now is the perfect time to place your order! You say National convention is seven months away and you have PLENTY of time? Ha! It will be here before you know it!

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

Still reading? Great! Here's is yet another FINE PRINT SPECIAL: Remember the really nice, 2006 Convention tote bags? Get one **FREE** with your paid order of $31 or more (excluding shipping) received by Apr 1, 2010. This offer is good while supplies last and I only have 15 left! This lined, nylon bag is bright blue with a zipper top and zippered front pocket. The WN logo is screened in white on front. It is 13" by 14" with a 5" gusset making it a PERFECT travel bag! NOTE: For FINE PRINT special:

- Order must be received by April 1, 2010

- Order must be paid and total at least $31 BEFORE shipping is added.

- Offer good while supplies last.

Happy Presidents' Day, Patty Jo

VAVS REPRESENTATIVE

Harriet Howard

To ALL *WAVES National's* SPECIAL PERSONS… our VAMC VAVS Committee Representatives and Deputy Representatives… YOU ARE INVITED to the 64th VAVS National Advisory Committee Meeting, April 7-9, at the Hyatt Regency, in Cincinnati, OH! Jean Kumler and I hope to see you there! We are the voting members of the NAC for *WAVES National.*

There are a variety of interesting topics and speakers again for this year.

As a Representative or Deputy Representative to a VA Medical Center VAVS Committee, you are eligible to attend and urged to attend these annual meetings. You learn so much about how volunteers help our hospitalized veterans and you get to meet other Volunteers and share IDEAS!

Registration Forms may be obtained from your local VAVS Office...give them a call!

Early Discount Registration Fee is $35.00 per person; postmarked after February 6, registration fee is $40.00 per person. So be an early registrant!

Hyatt Regency Cincinnati is located at 151 West 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202. For reservations call, toll free, 888-421-1442 or local, at 513-579-1234. Make reservation under Conference Title "Dept. of Veterans Affairs - VAVS National Advisory Committee Meeting"! Cut-off date for hotel reservations is March 15, 2010.

I also want to thank all of *WAVES National* Volunteers for the VA VAVS Committees who had 100% and 75% attendance for FY2009. I look forward to more of you being able to be one of these dedicated persons for FY2010 and being recognized in White Caps!

May PEACE be your BLESSING all year through!

HISTORIAN

Denise Duke

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I was fortunate enough to spend part of my holidays with Heart of Dixie, Unit 22, again this year in Birmingham, AL. This has become an annual event for this group. Towne Village recognizes all its female veterans during the luncheon. We had a wonderful time.

Convention is this year!!! I've received a few clippings and photos but know there is a LOT more going on out there. I love the notes in the WC regarding your activities. How about sending me a copy of the photo so we can include the information in

our history books? Thank you to those units who do make an effort to send articles and photos.

Denise Duke joins Unit 22 in celebrating the holidays. Front row: Nina Boyles, Dot Ryan, Millie Flemming, Fran Phelps, Katherine Earl; Second row: Martha Thompson and Denise Duke.

I really would like to do a slideshow for this year's convention of each of the units… MALs too - just like I've done in the past! So, start sending me those photos now. Some of you have already taken care of sending me a unit photo. Thank you.

The Nominating Committee has been very busy looking for members to run for WN elected officers. It's not too late to submit your nomination for an office! Send a photo and bios to my email address identified here in WC immediately if you are interested or have any questions regarding the duties of the various offices.

WE NEED YOU!

Always Navy, Denise

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Barbara Sebring

Greetings, Ladies,

I hope you all had a great Holiday Season. We are now into our rainy season here in Northern California. After several years of drought, we sure need every drop we can get. For all of you that have computers you should log onto Facebook and set up an account if you have not done so already. Facebook has become a great way to stay in touch with friends and family and now WAVES National has a presence on Facebook, as well. When you log on just type our name in the search area and our page will come up. The page was started by our new White Caps editor and we currently have 23 members. I urge you to log on and post your stories about your history in the service. As more and more ladies join, we will be able to get our stories out to potential new members and even find shipmates that we served with. Please remember that this is a public site. Another web site that you might check out is Together We Served. On this site you can list your duty stations, rank/rate, ribbons & medals as well as search for former shipmates. Let's get as much coverage as possible about WAVES National.

In Navy Friendship, Barb Sebring

STAINED GLASS WINDOW CHAIRWOMAN

Barbara J. McGuire

Hello Navy Ladies,

Here's hoping your holidays were filled with love, joy and happiness. May there be Peace in the New Year and beyond.

Not much has happen since my return from Great Lakes in mid-October. I have sent emails to the PAO (Public Affairs Office) asking for assistance in procedural processing but have not received a reply. I understand the stress of the holidays and will be more diligent in the coming New Year in my pursuit of information. Also, I am still checking on the website of Military Reunions to Remember (MRTR.COM) to assist in the planning of the dedication. Please keep your calendars open for the **last week in April for visiting Great Lakes.** We have set 29 April 2010 (Thursday) for the dedication of the SGW, which will be in the chapel at 1400.

We are hoping to arrange attendance at the Recruit Training Graduation that Friday for those who would like to attend. I will keep you posted on those arrangements.

Navy Cheers, Barbara J. McGuire

WHITE CAPS EDITOR

Gale Wursthorn

I want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and I am looking forward to a great year with WAVES National. I'm too old to reenlist but this organization makes me feel like the Navy is still vary much a part of my life. From what I've seen in the articles submitted to White Caps and article in previous issues, there are some important people in our ranks, and some interesting stories to be told. Stories that need to be chronicled for our history as women veterans of the sea services. So for this New Year, 2010, I make two challenges. **ONE:** Bring in at least one new member to WAVES National this year, **TWO:** Give us an interesting story (yours or someone else's) about a WAVE's Navy experiences. I met a couple at a veteran breakfast one Saturday morning. He was a Navy vet and I assumed his wife was in the Post Auxiliary. To my surprise, his wife turned out to be a WWII WAVE. They met when they were stationed together as mess cooks. I hope to sign her up for WAVES National and I want to write their story It is up to us to increase our ranks and document our history. Let's start in 2010 to make a difference.

A brief *Post Script* to an article in the December issue in the ATTA-WAVE column. My aunt was one of the civilian instructors at the Navy's University of Wisconsin radio school. When my aunt died she left me her radio license, her copy of the Blue Jackets Manual and her collection of sailor figurines.

Thank you to Unit #21, North Coast WAVES for inviting me to their Christmas party. It was great fun. I enjoyed meeting the members and I got a good deal of my shopping done through the auction.

The perfect ending to a wonderful afternoon…Navy beat Army, AGAIN!

WAVES NATIONAL CONVENTION

NORFOLK,VA • AUGUST 23-29

Be there or be square.

WAVES National

WOMEN OF THE SEA SERVICES

2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Phone: _____
First Middle Maiden Last

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

E-Mail Address: _____

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 **(copy of discharge papers, or current ID card – both sides must be mailed with application)** 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 service to the WAVES National Treasurer:**

Lou Ann Huskisson
10410 W. Diana Ave.
Peoria, AZ 85345-7421

(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**	**FREE**

PLEASE MAKE COPIES FOR YOURSELF AND/OR YOUR UNIT

WAVES NATIONAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Two $1,500 scholarships are available to **relatives,** male or female, of a sea services woman. The names of the two scholarships and their topics for 2010 are:

1. The WAVES National Scholarship, **named for Pam Branum,** the essay topic is **"The Role of Female Corpsmen in the Sea Services",** and **2. The Anne Marie Bianchi-Gagnon Scholarship**, the essay topic is "**Women at Sea - What It Takes to Succeed.**"

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.

2. The essay competitions are open to high school seniors or college students. The student may enter one or both scholarship competitions.

3. Each essay must be written on the 2010 topic and shall include documented evidence of research.

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

5. Entries must be postmarked by **March 15, 2010,** with no exception.

Mail OR email your application along with required documents to:

Diane S. Turcotte
Scholarship Contest Chairperson
P.O. Box 152
Skowhegan, Maine 04976
diane.turcotte30@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: _____

YOUR ADDRESS: _____

_____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____
(Please include zip plus last four digits)

COUNTY: _____

COUNTRY: _____

PHONE (including area code): _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (if applicable): _____

YOUR AGE: _____

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

GENDER: FEMALE _____ MALE _____

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

(NOTE: To remove application from newsletter, grasp middle pages 7/8-9/10 and pull loose from staples in newsletter)

WAVES NATIONAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

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

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.

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

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WORK EXPERIENCE: List your volunteer or employment experience:_____

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

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WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER ASPIRATIONS? _____

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WAVES NATIONAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

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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:

Diane S. Turcotte
Scholarship Contest Chairperson
P.O. Box 152
Skowhegan, Maine 04976
or
diane.turcotte30@gmail.com

(DEADLINE IS MARCH 15, 2009)

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SILVER TAPS

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

WN MEMBERS

Dorothy (Kristof) Byrns
USN, Unit 15 (FL)
Lillian A. (Sikora) Johnson
USN, Unit 55 (FL)
Ruth M. (Alminde) Maier
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BREAKING THE "BRONZE CEILING"

On November 18, 2009, First Lady Michelle Obama and Blue Star Mother Dr. Jill Biden hosted a tea for military women and veterans from World War II through Afghanistan and Iraq in the East Room of the White House. In attendance were women from all branches and ranks of the US military, as well as members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, including Marine General James Cartwright, and senior enlisted advisors. Also present were Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.), Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues chairman, along with co-chair Rep Gwen Moore (D-Wis.) and Rep. Susan Davis (D-Calif.),co-chairwoman of the caucus' Women in the Military/Veterans Task Force.

In her remarks Mrs. Obama said "we have a room full of ***firsts and onlys***… Ann Dunwoody, the first four star general; Anna Der-Vartanian, the first woman in the Navy to be promoted to Master Chief; the first woman in the Army Reserve to be promoted to the general officer rank, the first woman in the Army to receive the Expert Field Medical badge, the first African American woman to serve as Chief Nurse at Walter Reed Hospital. And, so many more firsts and only… you women have broken the ***Bronze Ceiling*** through your hard work, your courage and your determination."

Mrs. Obama concluded by saying, "Your legacy is more than just your own service… it will be measured in the service of every woman who follows in the trails that you have blazed.

Military Firsts. Army Gen. Ann Dunwoody and Navy YNMC Anna Der-Vartanian

Two of our WN members, Arline Wertz and Anna Der-Vartanian, received the coveted White House invitations and they were thrilled. Unfortunately, Arline was unable to attend but Anna was there and she was thrilled. Anna said she has been to the White House several times before but she was not going to turn down the chance to go to this event. White House invitations don't seem to get old or lack their luster. Congratulations ladies for being so honored.

2010 WAVES National Convention

Can you believe that we are only eight months away from convention? That's right we are getting really close to some very exciting times!

Be sure to bring your comfortable shoes because there are lots of things to see and do within walking distance of the hotel. There is Nauticus, MacArthur Mall, and you will be literally right across the street from Waterside Park with many interesting displays. One of the displays in the park is the "Armed Forces Memorial" which displays letters written by military members and sent to their loved ones, sometimes days before they died in action. One such letter is displayed on the cover of the "Call to Convention".

Speaking of the "Call to Convention", you should have received your copy by now. If not, don't hesitate to contact the Convention Chairman, Betty Hand, at 5128 Sammy St., VA Beach, VA 23455, or call 1-901-568-0521. Be sure to take advantage of the deals for early registration! We're looking forward to seeing you in August.

WHITE GLOVES

This poem was written by Florence Morkus' niece, Mary. Florence is a member of CT Yankees, Unit 42.

Florence Morkus' granddaughter, Jessica, stands Honor Guard. Seeing Jessica in her white gloves brought back special memories for Florence and inspired the poem White Gloves.

Youthful, hopeful, anticipating hands open a box holding a pair of white gloves.

Before God with a heart and spirit of purpose, commitment, and promise, the white gloves find a snug, arm, comfortable place on my hands.

To wear with pride for service, duty, honor. In a time of war, a world war, a second world war.

I stand straight, at attention, saluting with respect, and devotion, and justice for the cause.

...I remember ...I remember those white gloves as I see my Granddaughter wearing her white gloves.

With justice for the cause, devotion, respect, she salutes, at attention, standing straight.

In a time of war, global war, a war on terror. With honor, duty, service with pride, she wears them.

On her hands, comfortable, warm, and snug, placed there with promise, commitment, purpose of spirit and heart before God.

White gloves, held in a box, opened by her hands,

Anticipating,
Hopeful,
Youthful.

FOAM OFF THE WAVES

GATEWAY WAVES

Unit #5 (MO) - Ethel Miriam, Audrey Purdy and Joan Pavlovic were among the 2009 Honor Flight Recipients that went to Washington, D.C., to enjoy the WW II Memorial. All had a memorable experience. Thanks to Dolores Fiala for again coordinating our holiday party. Happy New Year to all. **For meeting information, contact Shirley Walz, 314-822-4249, or sjwalz2002@yahoo.com.**

HEART OF AMERICA

Unit #9 (KS) - On the first Saturday in December, 19 members met for their holiday meeting. There were luncheon guests at the Atriums, a retirement facility where a member lives. The private room was beautifully decorated and a delicious luncheon served. More than 100 unwrapped gifts for women veterans at the Kansas City, MO, VA Hospital were brought to the meeting and were delivered. The fourth member of our unit has recently returned from an Honor Flight to Washington, DC. The group she was with received a standing ovation from greeters at the Baltimore airport. A final military salute was given to Olga Schley, president of our unit from 1992-1994, who passed away Oct 8.

NORTH COAST WAVES

Unit #21 (OH) - This fall, members toured the Ohio Military Museum in Massillon, attended the annual Ohio Hall of Fame inductions and a special Veterans Day luncheon at a member's independent living residence in the Akron area. Several members were involved in Veterans Day events in their communities. Also, in November, a speaker from *Rolling Thunder* educated us on their activities. A "pound party" auction, drawing of the winning raffle ticket for a pair of patriotic directors chairs, and some lively musical entertainment made for a successful Christmas party. Even more special was having guest Gale Wursthorn, of Cleveland, the new WHITE CAPS editor, attend. A current MAL, we hope she will soon become a member of our unit. **For meeting information, contact Frona Liston, 330-499-1932.**

GULF COAST WAVES

Unit #27 (FL) - Lee Lund was one of the guests of honor, in November, during a Salute to the Military, from WW II to present, performed by Hernando Harmonizers, a cappella men's chorus. Members attended the Veterans' Fair in Tarpon Springs and had their photo taken with Tony Orlando, who autographed a photo with "What an Honor, Tony Orlando." Members also attended the Veterans' Day Service held at a local school and the Christmas Party for the women veterans at the Baldomero Veterans' Home in Land O'Lakes, held in December. Sheets, blankets, and other necessities were donated by members for homeless female veterans at the Athena Residence in Tampa.

BADGER

Unit #39 (WI) - Our January meeting was cancelled due to unpredictable weather. Plans are being made for a Valentine's Day Luncheon at a local restaurant. At our November meeting, we decided to make a donation to Milwaukee Women's Post 448 American Legion to help support the February Stand Down. This is such a worthwhile event as it provides food and other needs to homeless and needy veterans. **For meeting information, contact: J. Claire Krolick, 262-782-6215, or email: peach@wi.rr.com.**

CT YANKEES

Unit #42 (CT) - At our November fund raiser, we were honored to have Elaine Robinson, National Chaplain, along with her sister and friends, join us. On Saturday, December 12, Member Barbara Crede, along with her DAR chapter and American Legion Post 117, participated in a Wreaths Across America ceremony at the West Meadow Cemetery in Newington.

CT Yankees Celebrate Christmas

Twenty-six members and guests attended our annual Christmas luncheon at the Gallery in Glastonbury. We were entertained by member Charlotte Hoppe, who, with her friend Jerry regaled us with their violins, playing contemporary, military and Christmas music. We will now go our separate ways until our next meeting in March. We send greetings to all our shipmates for a healthy Happy New Year. We will meet again at the CTVA facility in Rocky Hill, CT, the first Saturday in March. **For meeting information, contact Marie Walsh at 860-647-7753 or Barbara Crede at 860-665-8082.**

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WAVES

Unit #52 (FL) - During this, the normally joyous Christmas season, our hearts are heavy with the passing on 21 Dec of dear member Elaine King, a WWII Radio Technician 2nd Class. We continue to grieve with the death on 31 Dec of sweet member Berma Albright, a WWII Hospital Apprentice 1st Class, our Sunshine Committee and former longtime Unit Chaplain. Local officials cancelled our Veterans Day parade due to questionable weather. We donated to Wreaths Across America to purchase four wreaths; supported the USMC Toys for Tots Christmas drive; and, presented lovely items to Favor House, a shelter for abused women. **For meeting information, contact Linda Balink-White at 850-476-6242 or nwflwavesunit52@cox.net.**

SAND DOLLAR WAVES

Unit #60 (FL) - Happy New Year to all. We are looking forward to the 2010 Convention in Norfolk, VA. Our unit finished the year with a Christmas luncheon hosted by our Treasurer, Vivian Cunningham. Four members participated in preparing Christmas gift bags donated by the VA Medical Hospital Bay Pines, FL, for the patients. We also prepared and delivered gift bags to the women patients of the Bay Pines facility. The first meeting of 2010 was Saturday, January 16, at the Bay Pines Hospital. **For meeting information contact Betty Blair, 727-391-2362 or EBlair5043@aol.com.**

WAVES AGO

Unit #61 (TX) - As we recover from the holidays and medical problems, we are

looking forward to renewal. January was Valentines for Vets, followed in February with a Pancake Breakfast. **For meeting information, contact Vi Hammett, 903-753-0797.**

SALT CITY BLUES

Unit #80 (NY) – We celebrated our 20th anniversary in November. Twenty-one members and friends participated in the festivities, as well as four members of Leather Stocking, Unit #26.

Charter members of Salt City Blues Kitty Bryant, Kayanna Taylor, Ellie McAllister, Yvonne Jackson, Barbara Helmer, Peg Switzer and Arlene Lawless helped celebrate the unit's 20th Anniversary.

PASCO WAVES

Unit #104 (FL) - The 2009 Hurricane Season is OVER and we didn't have much of a problem--thank you, Lord! Our November luncheon meeting was held at Jakob's Cabin, an extremely family-oriented throwback to the restaurants of the early 1950's in the South. We celebrated Christmas with a special Christmas Party at the Red Lobster where we shared stories of our Navy lives, and family life after service–the camaraderie was exhilarating. Our back-to-business luncheon meeting in January was held at the Country Pizza Inn at 6205 US19 North in New Port Richey. We are still actively pursuing expanded health care and transportation benefits for our Pasco County veterans. We know that we're going to finally get our own VA Medical Facility, but we still do not know its location. **For meeting information, call us at 727-863-1928, 727-943-0265 or 727-846-9238.**

TRIANGLE SEAGALS

Unit #144 (NC) – Six members of our unit were recognized at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Women Veterans Historical Project, in November. Each year, the project hosts a luncheon to recognize all women veterans in North Carolina.

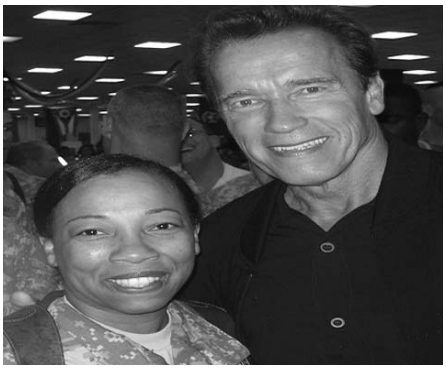
(L-R) Norma Schrader, Christine Milam, Pearl McCormick and Janet Null (Not shown are Scottie Hudson and Brenda Brubaker.)

MEMPHIS BELLES

Unit #151 (TN) - Members met at Linda Coffield's house for our annual Thanksgiving dinner. Meribeth Patton's turkey and dressing were just great as were casseroles brought by others. We're convinced we have some of the best cooks in the Mid-South! Our Christmas party was at the Ellison Recreation Center at the navy base, on December 12. Everyone took a gift for the Dirty Santa game. We had cookies galore and leftovers were saved for the Christmas party at the VA Hospital. Gift bags for hospital patients were assembled at our party. Arline Wertz received an invitation to a White House Tea honoring Women in the Military, on November 18. Health problems prevented her from attending. She wishes she could have met First Lady Michelle Obama and Second Lady Jill Biden, as well as this group of 130 invitees with their many outstanding achievements. Arline was honored to have been invited.

TIDEWATER TIDAL WAVES

Unit #152 (VA)



Suzanne Davis visits with CA Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. The Governor toured bases in Iraq to promote health and fitness.

Unit members participated in the presentation of an American flag to the Sunrise Senior Living Facility, where a past member resides. A red, white and blue afghan was presented to the past member. Dassa Carvey and Libby Morrison helped the Hampton VAMC voluntary services stuff Christmas Ditty Bags for patients at the VA Hospital. Members participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Albert G. Horton, Jr., Memorial Veterans' Cemetery in Suffolk, by helping to raise funds to place 2,400 wreaths and baking cookies for the refreshments. Member Suzanne Davis, having returned from deployment to Iraq the day before, honored us by presenting the invocation. Our 8th anniversary party was celebrated at Martha Kastler's home and enjoyed by all. **For meeting information, call Judy Perry at 757-545-1988.**

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Airport Welcome

Ronda Walker hasn't let any grass grow under her feet since moving to San Diego. Ronda has become a USO Troop Greeter, helping to greet service men and women as they transition at the San Diego Airport.

SICK CALL

Dassa Carvey, National President, had hip replacement surgery in January and is home recuperating. We wish her well and a speedy recovery

Margarate Thorngate, Regional II Representative, slipped on wet moss and broke her ankle. She spent Christmas Eve in the hospital getting the ankle set. No Christmas stocking for Margaret—just a heavy boot that she had to wear for 6-8 weeks. Hope you are now able to get around, Margaret.

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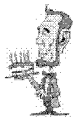

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25/under yrs. - $400	36-40 years - $322	51-55 years - $244	66-70 years - $166	81-85 years - $88
26-30 years - $375	41-45 years - $296	56-60 years - $218	71-75 years - $140	86-89 years - $60
31-35 years - $348	46-50 years - $270	61-65 years - $192	76-80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