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WN Members Recount Service to Younger Sailors



These ladies served in the Navy when the women were called WAVES: (back row, l-r) Louise Manz, Ginny Hanson, Ruthie Severino, Gladys Felice, Helen "Ski" Sadowski, Gloria Wix and Corrine Robinson. Seated (l-r) Arlene Howard, Isabella Bryant, Ellen Diming, Gladys Martin, Marie Cush, Elizabeth Robinson and Dassa Carvey. The quilt in the back drop is the one raffled off during the 70th Anniversary Luncheon sponsored by the Navy Memorial.

WAVES National (WN) members were invited to participate in the Joint Women's Leadership Symposium (JWLS), 4-6 March, in National Harbor, MD.

This event, the 25th annual symposium sponsored by the Sea Service Leadership Association (SSLA), afforded 1,700 active duty women representing all five branches of service the opportunity to focus on their leadership development.

WN had a display inviting sea service women to join WAVES National and to "Sea What We Are All About," and we were able to recruit 22 new members, two of which are newly promoted admirals. We were also invited to attend a special 70th Anniversary WAVES Luncheon hosted by the Navy Memorial, SSLA and WN. More than 15 of our members attended the sold out luncheon and shared their stories with the younger sailors.

Two WW II WAVES from Richmond, VA, Ellen Diming and Isabella Bryant, were escorted to the luncheon by Navy recruiters who volunteered to drive them to the luncheon and ensure they returned safely home.

Chief Quartermaster Venetta Charles was quoted as saying, "The highlight of my day was interacting with the WAVES and

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The President's Message



Ladies,

Convention is getting close and I hope you have made your reservations. I visited the hotel and met with the Convention Committee recently and am impressed with all the arrangements being made. The hotel has been completely renovated and it now has an open and airy ambiance to welcome you!

The Call to Convention is available on our website for anyone who wishes to print additional copies. You won't want to miss the premier showing of the documentary Homefront Heroines: The WAVES of WW II. Some of our own ladies are featured in this film. I saw a clip of the film at the Joint Women's Leadership Symposium and I can't wait to see the whole documentary!

We have received more than half of the required amount for the WAVES plaque to be installed in the Navy Memorial, com-

memorating the 70th Anniversary of the establishment of the WAVES. Watch the August White Caps for a photo of the design. We still need donations and if you would like to contribute, please send a check to Monica O'Hara, with a note on the memo line that the donation is for the WAVES Plaque. Also, once we have a dedication date, an invitation will be issued for anyone wishing to attend.

We have only one person running for each office in the upcoming National elections. Therefore, it is not necessary to have a vote taken. If anyone desires to make a nomination from the floor during the convention, remember written approval from the nominee must accompany the nomination.

We will be voting at Convention on changing our name in order to attract younger members. In accordance with the Bylaws, this is an action that can only be voted on by the membership at the General Session during Convention. Barb

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WN Members Recount Service to Younger Sailors

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listening to some of their stories. To see how many military women have paved the way! I didn't realize what they had to go through. I've heard stories but to actually sit and speak to someone who lived it is awesome!"

Ellen and Isabella felt the same way about their younger counterparts. Isabella was struck by what all these women have accomplished. "With today's technology, they have so many fields open to them. Most have already graduated from Annapolis and are taking courses while they are serving on ships. We had the GI Bill, of course, but it wasn't the same. These ladies have so many doors open to them."

"They can have it all, now," said Ellen Diming, "career, husband and family life. It's wonderful."

Elizabeth Robinson, from Aston, PA, was another one of our members to attend the luncheon and share her sea stories. "When (President) Roosevelt declared that women would become part of the Navy, I was so happy," she said.

Gladys Hoffmire Martin, Media, PA, said her mother was thrilled when she left home. "She put a star in the window and she told me she was a suffragette."

Two other members, Arlene Howard and Marie Cush, filled jobs to assist the American war effort, including ones with high levels of security. "I can tell you, now, what I did, but I couldn't tell you (then), said Marie. "I was sworn to secrecy in the chapel... we worked with the code."



Arlene Howard shares her Memory Book with Symposium attendees.

Arlene served as a yeoman at a Navy Relief Office. "Even though we were women, we could do the job the men could do, and do it well."

The jobs didn't come without challenges for these ladies, now in their 80's and 90's. Elizabeth Robinson says she was once admonished for not wearing stockings. "I went back to my commander, who told me he would court martial me if I ever did it again." She went on to say, with a twinkle in her eye, she wasn't telling if she ever went without stocking again or not. At least, she was never caught, again!

The President's Message ... (Continued from page 1)

Sebring, Chairman of the Name Change Committee has an article in this issue.

The Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws 2010 amendments are in this issue as well and they will be voted on during our convention business meeting. Please bring this issue with you if you are attending the convention.

REPORTS! The deadlines for unit reports; election of unit, state and regional officers; and submission of volunteer hours are upon us. Don't forget to get those reports in ASAP if you have not already done so.

Denise Duke, WN Historian, is working hard assembling a slide show for the convention presentation. Be sure to get Denise

Joyce Stotler, from OK, donated a beautiful handmade quilt to be raffled off as a fund raiser for WN. The winning ticket went to YNC Alayna Mascia, who told me after the luncheon that her hometown is just a few miles from Joyce. When Chief Mascia is home on leave, she plans to visit with Joyce and personally thank her for her service and her generous donation.



Elizabeth Robinson and Petty Officer Grace Cabal were awarded the honors of Senior Sailor and Junior Sailor, respectively, at the 70th Anniversary WAVES Luncheon, 6 March.

We also recognized the most senior and junior sailors present. Elizabeth Robinson won the honors as the Senior Sailor, coming in at 91 years young. Petty Officer Pamela Grace Cabal, the Junior Sailor, at 21 years of age, escorted Elizabeth onto the stage. Elizabeth was presented a WAVES National watch and PO Cabal received a ceramic WW II WAVES cover.

Attendees were in awe of each other. The junior sailors are in awe of the senior ladies who took up the challenge to pave the way for women to become a more active part of the military. The senior sailors are amazed at the senior level of the women serving into today's Navy. When women entered the Navy during WW II, women were not allowed to be promoted to admiral, the highest rank being a Captain, and only one female captain was allowed at a time.

I think Gladys Martin said it best that day, "They say to me that they're proud I paved the way. I think to myself, 'They picked up the gauntlet and went to the top.'"

Thank-You.

Last month, I was diagnosed as having atrial fibrillation, a condition where the heart rate races far beyond safe limits of operation. With treatment and medication, my heart is functioning properly.

During my recuperation, I received much support from friends and family, especially from many members of WAVES National who sent emails and cards expressing best wishes and prayers; it made this ordeal a lot easier. I thank you all for your support with special appreciation to Dassa Carvey for getting the word out.

- Andy Wilson, White Caps graphic designer

your photos so she will have a good representation of units and MALs to show us. Don't forget to provide what the picture represents with names, dates and events listed. Denise's address is on the National Officers and Staff page.

The winning essay for our scholarship will be published in the August issue. Thanks go to Betty Hand, Scholarship Chairman, for spearheading this effort. We had a total of 10 applications and from what Betty has said the judges are having difficult time making a selection.

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

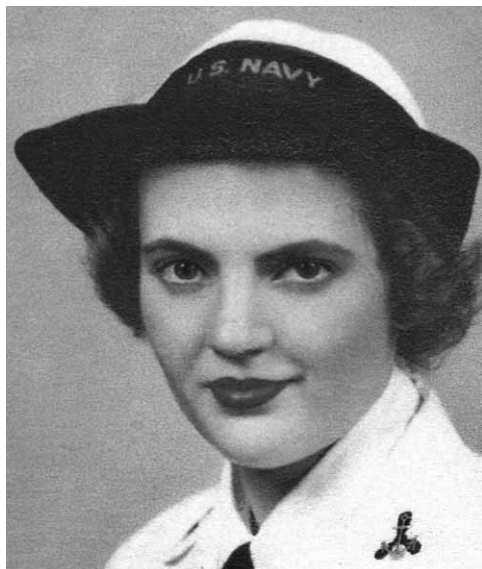
Always Navy,

Dassa

Were You in the First Class of WAVES Storekeepers?

A letter received from Beatrice (Parson) Hurley

Seventy years ago, I lived in Williams County, OH, which is in the northwest corner of the state. I was the very first woman to join the WAVES from that part of the Ohio. I served as a storekeeper from October 1942 to November 1945 and have been a charter member of WAVES National since 1986. Proudly, we will celebrate the 70th birthday of the beginning of the WAVES on 7/30/2012. In honor of that milestone, I am attaching a story for publication in White CAPS. I hope our WAVE friends enjoy reading it.



Beatrice as a young WAVE in 1942...



... and as she is today at her home in Anaheim, CA.

Attention, All! February 1, 1943, University of Indiana at Bloomington WAVES Boot Camp graduates! Attention all Storekeepers who lived at the Baum House in Lake Forest, IL. I hope you are still out there. My name is Beatrice Parson. I'm sharing this story with you and with all of our NAVY family to help you remember those "good old days". Close your eyes. Listen for the rustle of anxious ladies about to change their lives. Remember the first time you wore the Navy uniform.

My story begins 70 years ago on July 17, 1942. It was my 20th birthday. I was ready to join some kind of military service. I had seen my father cry after the news of Pearl Harbor. His experience in the Army ambulance corps in WW I, in France, told him we would become involved in another long and ugly war.

I had to wait for President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to sign the Declaration of the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) on July 30, 1942. At that time, I was living and working in Toledo, OH, at the company Surface Combustion. I lived with three other girls. One of them, Theresa

Pustay, and I decided we wanted to join the Navy.

Of course, since I was only twenty, I had to talk to my family. As young girls often do, Theresa and I threw caution to the wind and sent off for WAVES applications. After securing the necessary agreement of my parents, my mother, Neva Parson, drove me to Detroit, MI, to talk to the Navy recruiter. We stayed with an aunt and uncle so I could report early the next day at 0800, on 2 OCT 1942 for the induction test. The test lasted four hours.

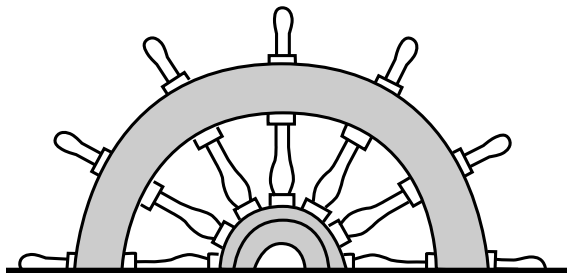
We were released for lunch and I rushed to the restroom. That turned out to be a big mistake because, after lunch, we had to report for a strip down physical which also included a request for a urine sample. Of course, I couldn't go! I passed every other part of the physical but I still couldn't "pee in the cup". I was nervous because I had to be sworn in by 1700 or I would have to return the next day. By 1630, I had become the laughing stock of the group. Finally, I was able to produce the required sample. I was sworn in. I had enlisted in the United States Navy!

I was instructed to meet the troop train in Montpelier, OH, on 8 OCT 1942. We traveled to Ft. Wayne, IN, where more women boarded the train. Eventually, we traveled by bus to Bloomington, IN, and arrived at Indiana University on 9 OCT to begin boot camp. I was one of six hundred women. We were the very First Class of Enlisted WAVES.

We were assigned to various Companies and Sections. I was in Storekeeper Company 4 Section 3. I remember the Yeoman School was in Stillwater, OK. The Radio School was at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. Again, six hundred women were in each school.

The next day, after arriving at Indiana University at Bloomington, we were bused to Indianapolis to be outfitted and receive our uniforms. We went to a huge retail store and they cleared the floor to accommodate us. We received skivvies, cotton hose, two Navy blue suits, four medium blue blouses with black scarves, a leather over the shoulder purse, black oxford shoes, a top coat with heavy lining (winter was coming), white

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FROM THE BRIDGE

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Jo Adamson



Greetings Shipmates. Our Convention is getting closer and closer. The Convention Committee has been meeting twice a month and, since I am from Florida, I get to be part of that committee. We want to ensure you have one great Convention. The Sheraton Resort is really looking forward to our attendance and the management has gone out of their way to make sure we enjoy ourselves. The "Call to Convention" has been mailed and you can jump to make a reservation. Hope to see you there.

Right now, recruiting is a top priority to me and I can honestly say it is going great. Our shipmates have been out with great enthusiasm and doing an outstanding job. I wish to thank RADM Patricia Wolfe, MAL; Helen Sadowski, Unit #52; Corrine Robinson, MAL; Gloria Wix, Unit #94; and, Jo-Anne Teel, April Maletz and Dassa Carvey, all from Unit #152, for their attendance at JWLS in Washington, D.C., and recruiting 22 new members. We have already heard from one of the new members, stationed in Hawaii, who would like to start a new unit there. And, we still have two other areas that are interested and very enthusiastic to start new units (Great Lakes and Montana). Great going, ladies. We appreciate your time and energy and all those volunteer hours.

Speaking of volunteer hours, Shipmates, it's that time again to report all the hours you great ladies are donating. Just remember all those times you're spending doing things for others whether they are veterans or not - please count.

I have changed my phone number again and transferred to a FL number. See the National Officers & Staff page for my new number.

GOD BLESS YOU ONE AND ALL
AND KEEP EVERYONE SAFE AND
IN GOOD HEALTH!

TREASURER

Monica O'Hara



I can't believe it's June already and time to make those reservations for the Convention!

We have had 77 new members over the past few months. Let's keep that momentum going!

Unit Treasurers are reminded to submit the annual "Letter of Authorization" form to me by 15 June. Please refer to pages 3 and 14 of the Procedures Manual. You may send it by email or regular mail, whichever is easier for you. This is an IRS requirement.

The following donations have been received for the General Fund: MALs: Betty Carter, Anne Ercolano, Virginia Jorgenson, Anita Lonzo, and Sister Camilla Morris. We also received 2 donations in memory of Thelma Starkey (MAL). Unit members Carol Goodwin-Couture (Pasco WAVES, #104), Stacy Ketsdever (Tidewater Tidal WAVES, #152) and Gloria Wix (Volunteer Unit, #94). Columbia River Ripples, #70, and Connecticut Yankees, #42, sent donations in memory of Diana Parkison. Donations for the Navy Memorial Plaque were received from June Kasahn (MAL); Helen Sadowski (MAL); Highlanders, #88; and Cascade Seafarers, #138. We also received another car donation through the Yellow Ribbon Registry Network. Please consider this network if you are disposing of a vehicle. You receive a charitable tax deduction and WN receives 50% of the proceeds. It's a Win-Win for everyone!

The Scholarship Fund received a donation from Irmgard LaForce (MAL) and a donation in memory of Nettie Kick (MAL) went to the Stained Glass Window Fund. Thank you all for your generous donations!

BYLAWS CHAIRMAN

Cathy Gerolimos



This month's White Caps contains proposed changes to WAVES National Bylaws. I ask each of you to carefully review each proposal. Furthermore, you are encouraged to compare these proposed changes with the current Bylaws, which were updated at the conclusion of the 2010 Convention. Discuss and debate these topics at your unit meeting, take notes, and bring them with you to the Convention.

Some of these proposed changes are driven by the current, albeit especially sad, trend of chartered units dissolving. This trend, in turn, shrinks the pool of individuals eligible to hold office as State Director, Regional Representative, or National Office. Many members of units are already very, very busy and it is often difficult to find someone willing to take on additional responsibilities.

As you can imagine, there are many very competent individuals who want to have a greater role in shaping the future of WAVES National, but cannot because current Bylaws qualifications is a barrier to these positions for members-at-large. As an organization of the 21st century, WAVES National is part of a very technological-savvy world. We, too, must embrace these changes, such as, but not limited to electronic gadgets, internet access, social media, teleconferencing, etc., and use these tools to efficiently and effectively conduct the day-to-day business of our organization. As such, the Bylaws that govern our organization must also embrace these changes and allow for the use of this technology.

I look forward to a lively discussion and welcome your input. See you at the Convention, September 19-23, at the Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Resort in Orlando, Florida. You're gonna love it!



Attend the WN 2012 Convention
SIGN UP TODAY!

SHIP'S STORE



Patty Jo Parks

One last call for VOLUNTEERS! Gals are needed to work at WAVES National Ship's Store during the 2012 National Convention in Orlando. Many "thanks" to those who have already called. PLEASE let ME know if you are interested. My contact info is on the Ship's Store order form.

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

Already packing for convention? How about a "timely" **FINE PRINT SPECIAL:**

- Get a WN Logo Travel Alarm Clock FREE with your paid order of \$31 or more (excluding shipping) received by August 1, 2012.



- Orders **MUST** 1) Include full payment; 2) Total at least \$31 BEFORE shipping is added; 3) Specify "Travel Alarm" on the order form; and 3) Be received by August 1, 2012.

- LIMIT 1 FREE Travel Alarm clock per customer

- Offer good while supplies last.

Sea Ya Soon!

VAVS REPRESENTATIVE



Harriet Howard

To ALL the Representatives on the VAVS Committees representing WAVES National... "You have missed the Boat, AGAIN"!

The month of APRIL has COME and GONE! APRIL is the MONTH that each WN Representative on the VA Medical Center Voluntary Service Committee is to meet with the "VA Voluntary Service Program Manager" and complete your "AJR" (Annual Joint Review). This is Your Report on the HOURS, Activities, and \$\$ that YOU have completed for FY11 for the veterans and WAVES National.

Your Accounting Number is 319!

I have received only TWO AJR's to date! And, if you are not these TWO... then... you must make an appointment with THE PROGRAM MANAGER and complete YOUR AJR for FY11 ASAP.

In Navy Spirit, as soon as you read this article, I ask you to go to your telephone and make your appointment to complete YOUR

AJR for FY11. And by the way... these reports are compiled by every Voluntary Service Office and are sent to the Central Office so they may make a report that will keep every Organization an IRS "TAX Free Entity". *Thank you!*

VA MEDICAL/HEALTH



Ruth Storck

Many people are unaware that gout is a medical problem that can affect both men and women. Gout is a form of arthritis generally affecting women who have had menopause. It's a hereditary medical problem.

Most people believe that gout is found only in the big toe. This is the most common place for excessive uric acid to crystallize; but, gout can be found in all joints and the soft tissues surrounding those joints. Gout, when not controlled, causes excruciating pain. Uric acid is a by-product of our body's dead cells. The acid builds in the blood and forms needle like crystals that lodge in the joints and tissues and cause inflammation.

It has been found that with medication and a diet change, you can reduce the number of flare-ups and the severity of the pain.

Foods high in purines (a byproduct for metabolism in all living organisms) should be avoided or eaten in moderation.

Alcohol, especially beer, is the worst purine for gout flares. It lowers the bloods acid/ base levels and dehydrates our system. People with gout need to increase their fluids. Twelve to sixteen cups per day are needed to flush their systems of uric acid.

Organ meats, anchovies, sardines and bacon are all high in purine. Scallops, tuna, salmon and herring should also be avoided during flares of gout. For those of us on the shore - you will be happy to know that shrimp, crab, lobster and eel are low purines and great substitutes.

Red meat, wild game poultry such as duck, turkey and goose are high in purine, while white meat chicken is a better choice. High fructose corn syrups found in sodas and fruity drinks should be avoided. These sweet drinks actually stimulate the production of uric acid.

All the tea, coffee and citrus fruit drinkers will be happy that those are good fluids for gout sufferers. Water, of course, is the best fluid to flush our systems. Veggies are good for our diet, but mushrooms, asparagus, spinach and cauliflower should be avoided if the pain of gout is flaring inside. And lastly - yeast products, high

fiber breads, meat gravies and meat product broths are not good for gout.

Now you are wondering just what is left. All the foods above that are high in purine can be eaten occasionally, especially the veggies. Veggie rich diets mixed with low fat dairy, low fat ice cream, one percent milk, nuts, peanut butter, fruits, pastas, rice, white meats, Jell-O, and lots of water and fluids will help flush uric acid from our system and avoid extremely painful flares.

Gout is extremely painful and can be debilitating if left untreated. Talk with your doctor and have him establish a diet plan that will assist in the flushing of purines and uric acid. You will find that diets for gout can assist with weight loss, are heart friendly and good for diabetes control.

VOLUNTEER HOURS



Dulcie Davis

VOLUNTEER REPORTS - By the time you receive this, your reports should be ready to be sent to me, or they are in the mail. Any questions refer to your April 2012 and August 2011 issues of WC. You can get them on line.

Remember, Unit Volunteer Hours Chairmen, you need to send your report to me and a copy to your State Director and Regional Representative. This will let them know which Units they need to follow up with if they do not receive a report. Get your reports in EARLY please. No reports will be accepted after June 15th. Remember this is what keeps our organization non-profit.

See you at Convention!

Dulcie

HISTORIAN



Denise Duke

Nothing like waiting until the last minute... just a short note, but, I need to remind everyone I need pictures...

Happy Spring, everyone! I'm sifting through boxes of pictures and organizing items to bring to the convention. Are you excited yet? I am! I get more excited as I look through all the pictures and articles that have been sent to me over the years. Pictures, pictures, pictures... yes, I want pictures. I want pictures of your unit activities. I also need pictures from the Regional Conferences and Mid-Term, last year. I have some, but I know more of you have pictures that you are dying to share. If you've never been to convention, the hospitality room is one of the favorite places

to reminisce - remembering those you served with while on active duty or just chatting about past conventions and the new friends you've made in WAVES National. It's wonderful! Help me to make this our best convention, yet!

I hope to see you all in Orlando!
Always Navy, Denise

PUBLIC RELATIONS



Barb Sebring

I want to thank all of you that have sent in your money for the Virtual Raffle. If you have not done so please take the time to send Linda Fulker-son your check.

As you know, this is our third fundraiser and the last one before we meet in Orlando. This time, we will have ONE winner and that person will get a \$100 preloaded gift card just in time to offset expenses at the convention. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 ea or 3 for \$10.00, 4 for \$15 and 7 for \$20.00. You can send your checks to Linda at 45 E. Ninth Pl., Unit 44, Mesa, AZ 85201-4337.

Make the checks out to WAVES National. The deadline is **FRIDAY, 17 Aug.** So don't put this on your "To Do" list. Instead, make the check out today. I

wish you luck in the drawing and all on the fundraising committee send a big thank you for your support.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Barb Turner

Membership rosters were mailed out in May to each Regional Representative and each Unit Treasurer. I ask that the rosters be verified and returned to me no later than 15 June. Changes can be submitted via snail mail or e-mail.

If you are a Life Member (LM) and have not received your LM membership card, please bear with me as it can take about four weeks after I request them from the manufacturer to get them back and mailed out. I mail all unit LM cards to the unit treasurer so that she knows that the LM cards have been taken care of. I mail the member-at-large (MALs) LM cards directly to them.

If you have misplaced your membership card, whether life or regular and don't know what your membership number is, please look on the label on this White Caps. Printed above your name are three items: the first is the dues year (which should be 12) or LM indicating that you have paid

your current dues or are a life member; the next number is your unit number or MAL followed by your five digit membership number. You must be a current member to attend the WN Convention and this will be checked when you register.

I hope to see you in Orlando in September. Enjoy your summer.

WHITE CAPS EDITOR



Judy Faries

I have been getting so many good articles and I really appreciate them all. I am sorry if yours does not get included right away. With so much going on with the convention, elections, and proposed Bylaw amendments, I have not been able to include everything in this issue. We are trying to include as many as we can in each issue. I am saving some for later issues when there is more room. There are some really great articles that have been submitted and I am sure everyone will enjoy each and every one. Please keep them coming.

I hope to see everyone at the convention in Orlando.

Judy

Did You Serve... (Continued on page 2)

neck scarf, white gloves, one roller hat with Navy blue brim (it had a white snap on top for dress and a Navy snap on top for work), a Havelock for over the hat, rain gear and goulashes. We looked Navy and we were in for the duration!

We went back to Indiana University for more physicals and shots. We were schooled in typing, bookkeeping and business machines. Navy boot camp consisted of calisthenics and discipline training. We hit the deck early each morning and got dressed. We marched in line to the mess hall for breakfast. Classes began immediately. We had a break at noon and then classes all afternoon. We had supper and some relaxation time. During this "relaxation time" we got our clothes ready for the next day and then we took our showers. "Lights out" was at 2100. We had "free time" on the weekends. I remember walking around Bloomington with my friends.

We were scheduled to graduate from Boot Camp on 1 FEB 1943.

Unfortunately, just prior to graduation, I contracted three day measles and was in Sick Bay for a week. I had to take a special test before I could graduate. I passed the test and graduated with my class.

Ten or twelve women were sent to Coast Guard Boot Camp. The rest of us were sent to various Naval Stations. Eleven women and I were sent to Great Lakes, Ninth Naval District, out of Chicago, IL, which is near Waukegan, IL.

The Navy was not ready to house the first enlisted WAVES. Consequently, they leased the Baum Estate, at Lake Forest, IL, a large mansion. It housed twelve storekeepers and twelve yeomen. The mansion was about ten minutes away from the Great Lakes Naval Station. We rode the elevated train back and forth. As soon as more women arrived, we were moved to Barracks "B" for duty at Great Lakes Naval Station. We proudly took over the duties of male storekeepers so they could be sent to active sea duty. We served in the WAVES until the end of World War II.

I was discharged in November 1945 after the war was over. I went home to Ohio, married and raised a family of seven children. In 1963, we moved to Anaheim, CA. After my children were grown, I joined WAVES National as a charter member in 1986. Later, Golden West, Unit #31 of WAVES National was organized in Orange County. I am a Member-at-Large and belong to Fleet Reserve Association, #175. I also am a charter member of WIMSA (Women in Military Service for America). So, one could say the NAVY has always been a huge part of my life.

Those years in the Navy were some of the best times I can remember. There are so many memories not to be forgotten. If you are still out there and remember those NAVY days, I would like to hear from you. We were the members of the first class of enlisted Navy WAVES. Let's make some noise before we are forgotten.

*Beatrice (Parson) Hurley
Anaheim, CA*

Name Change Proposal

By Barb Sebring

The WN Board has approved the proposal of changing the name of WAVES National, Women of the Sea Services, to Women of the Sea Services. This proposal will be voted on at the Convention in Orlando in September.

Jeannie Dicks, co-founder, and member of the committee to change the name, has given her full support of this proposed change. The Board, including past presidents Jan Roy, Barb Turner and Sharon Woods, are in favor of the change. Name Change Committee members are Jan Roy, Past National President, Ida Duffy and me, Barb Sebring.

As all of you are aware our membership is in decline and we have less than 3,000 members. We must make ourselves more attractive to younger members. When I joined the Navy in 1962, we were known as WAVES, but women in the Navy have not been called that for almost 40 years. The only way we can continue to exist is to appeal to younger members of all sea services. Most women in the Navy, Coast Guard and Marines have never heard of WAVES and do not identify with the name. As an organization, we need to make these younger women feel welcome and part of an organization with which they can identify.

This proposal in no way means any disrespect for the name or members who were called WAVES. That name, and all the women that it refers too, will always have a very special meaning in our history. After all, these women were the trail blazers for the rest of us. With an updated name, we are attempting to put our ship on an even keel and more forward to increase our membership. It is absolutely necessary to do this in order to continue to exist.

Please have an open mind and consider this change. As it has been pointed out, the services are moving forward with many changes and we must join them on this journey.

Stained Glass Windows

By B. J. McGuire, SGW Chairman

The latest stained glass window was installed in April, 2010, at Great Lakes Recruit Training Center in Illinois. The window, created by hundreds of colored glass pieces, honors the women who have served in the Sea Services.

The Great Lakes window was created by Suzie O'Reilly and was installed in the wall of the reception area of Recruit Training Center Memorial Chapel. The dedication ceremony was attended by base officers and WAVES National officers. The entire cost for

the design, creation, and installation of the window was covered by donations from generous and dedicated individuals.

Other stain glass windows have been installed at the following locations: Washington Navy Yard Chapel; Naval Training Center San Diego North Chapel; Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, TX; Our Lady of Guadeloupe Catholic Chapel and Our Lady of Loreto Shrine; Lehman College Music/Art Building Entrance (formerly Hunter College); Naval Medical Center

Portsmouth, VA, Dining Facility; Recruit Training Center Coast Guard Station, Cape May, NJ; and Recruit Memorial Chapel Recruit Training Command. Great Lakes, IL.

Efforts to finance the next window have already begun. Look for the "Window Collection Box" at all meetings and conventions. Your pennies, dimes, and other spare change will make another "Tribute in Glass" to our military women a reality.

Procedures Manual Under Review!!!!

WAVES National Procedures Manual is currently being reviewed by Cathy Gerolimos, WAVES National Bylaws Chairman.

Cathy's goal is to organize the manual so that it is a user-friendly reference for everyone from WAVES National President down to local units and MALs. To accomplish this, Cathy needs to know what you think. What would you like to see changed, what is good and should not be touched, and what should be added?

You, the unit officers, past and present, State Directors and Regional Representatives, National Officers, both elected and appointed, past and present, have used this manual and you know best whether or

not it's been a useful reference as you carried out your duties. You know what's missing, what is redundant, and, above all, what is essential. Cathy is especially interested in talking to you.

WAVES National Convention 2012 has set aside Thursday and Friday, 20-21 September, for conducting WAVES National business. It is hoped that the official business will take only 1-1/2 days. You are invited to remain in the meeting room at the conclusion of the business meeting (presumably Friday afternoon) to share your thoughts, complaints and recommendations with Cathy. Discuss this with your unit members at your next

meeting. Please submit your ideas and recommendations to Cathy (Contact information is on the National Officers & Staff page) at your earliest opportunity. All suggestions will be compiled and made available to those attending the "workshop." You do not have to attend the Convention to have a recommendation.

Please, help us save some trees, and bring your copy of the Procedures Manual and Bylaws with you. These two documents are interdependent and we need them to complement each other. Cathy will have a few copies available, but will not be able to bring enough copies for all attendees.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES FOR WAVES NATIONAL CONVENTION 2012

PRESENT WORDING OF BYLAWS 2012	PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
<p><u>ARTICLE IV – DUES AND FINANCE</u></p> <p>Section 1. Dues. A. Annual dues shall be \$15.00 for regular members. Pro rata dues of \$7.50 shall be paid by new members joining after August 1.</p>	<p>Section 1. Dues. A. Annual dues shall be \$25.00 for regular members. Pro rata dues of \$12.50 shall be paid by new members joining after 1 August.</p> <p><u>Submitted by:</u> Catherine Gerolimatos, Bylaws Chair</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> (1) increase membership dues to meet increasing expenses and declining membership as proposed at Mid Term Conference; (2) use of military format for dates.</p>
<p><u>ARTICLE V – AFFILIATION WITH UNITS</u></p> <p>Section 6. State Director. There shall be one elected director from each State where a chartered unit is located. Each director shall be a regular member of WAVES National and of a locally chartered unit within the state in which she resided. (see ARTICLE VIII)</p>	<p>Section 6. State Director. There shall be one elected director from each State where a chartered unit is located. Each director shall be a regular member of WAVES National and of a locally chartered unit within the state in which she resided. (see ARTICLE VIII) a resident of that state. The exception would be that should a regular member be a member of a chartered unit of another state, yet within the same Region, that individual is eligible to be director of the state in which her unit is located.</p> <p><u>Submitted by:</u> Catherine Gerolimatos, Bylaws Chair</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> (1) delete remainder of sentence which eliminates the requirement that the State Director must be a member of a chartered unit; (2) insert residential requirement and allows for the exception addressed in Article VII Section 1.A.</p>
<p><u>ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS</u></p> <p>Section 1. Officers. B. The appointed officers shall be a Corresponding Secretary (optional), an Editor, a Historian, a Parliamentarian, a Ship’s Store Officer and an Executive Secretary appointed by the newly elected President with the approval of the newly elected officers.</p>	<p>Section 1. Officers. B. The appointed officers shall be a Corresponding Secretary (optional), an Editor, a Historian, a Parliamentarian, a Ship’s Store Officer and an Executive Secretary appointed by the newly elected Board of Directors.</p> <p><u>Submitted by:</u> Catherine Gerolimatos, Bylaws Chair</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> (1) To accurately reflect the approval authority for appointed officers within WN.</p>
<p><u>ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS</u></p> <p>Section 5. Duties of Officers. A. The President shall:</p> <p>4. Appoint a Corresponding Secretary, an Editor, a Historian and a Parliamentarian with the approval of the newly elected officers.</p>	<p>Section 5. Duties of Officers. A. The President shall:</p> <p>4. Appoint a Corresponding Secretary (optional), an Editor, a Historian, a Ship’s Store Officer, an Executive Secretary and a Parliamentarian with the approval of the newly elected Board of Directors.</p> <p><u>Submitted by:</u> Catherine Gerolimatos, Bylaws Chair</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> (1) add “(optional)” to reflect what is stated in Article VI Section 1.B.; (2) add Ship’s Store Officer and Executive Secretary as it now simply restates exactly what is stated in Article VI Section 1.B.; (3) to accurately reflect the approval authority for appointed officers within WN.</p>
<p><u>ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS</u></p> <p>Section 5. Duties of Officers. A. The President shall:</p> <p>5. Appoint standing and special committee chairmen, ship’s store officer-in-charge and such other appointments as she and the Executive Committee deem necessary, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Section 5. Duties of Officers. A. The President shall:</p> <p>5. Appoint standing and special committee chairmen, ship’s store officer in charge and such other appointments as she and the Executive Committee deem necessary, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.</p> <p><u>Submitted by:</u> Catherine Gerolimatos, Bylaws Chair</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> (1) delete ship’s store officer-in-charge as it belongs in Article VI Section 5.A.4 and is not a standing or special committee; (2) delete comma following chairmen as it is no longer needed.</p>

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<p>ARTICLE VII – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS. A.</p> <p>Section 1. Nominating Committee. A. Election. A Nomination Committee of five members shall be elected by ballot at the biennial convention early in the business ... No name shall be placed in nomination without consent of the nominee. When the Election Committee is not unanimous as to how they should credit any ballot vote for the election of the Nominating Committee, they must report the fact to the Chair before the results of the vote is reported by the Chair, and the Assembly will decide all doubtful questions.</p>	<p>Section 1. Nominating Committee. A. Election. A Nomination Committee of five members shall be elected by ballot at the biennial convention early in the business ... No name shall be placed in nomination without consent of the nominee. When the Election Committee is not unanimous as to how they should credit any ballot vote for the election of the Nominating Committee, they must report the fact to the Chair before the results of the vote is reported by the Chair, and the Assembly will decide all doubtful questions.</p> <p><u>Submitted by:</u> Catherine Gerolimatos, Bylaws Chair</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> (1) delete the last two sentences of the paragraph as ballots are counted by an outside contracted firm.</p>
<p>ARTICLE VII – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS</p> <p>Section 1. Election of Officers. C. Upon completion of ballot counting, all ballots and final tabulated results will be sealed and forwarded by the firm counting the ballots to the Election Chairman at designated convention location, to be received no later than the date stipulated in the contract.</p>	<p>Section 1. Election of Officers. C. Upon completion of ballot counting, all ballots and final tabulated results will be sealed and forwarded by the firm counting the ballots to the Nominating Committee Chairman at the designated convention location, to be received no later than the date stipulated in the contract as directed by the National President.</p> <p><u>Submitted by:</u> Catherine Gerolimatos, Bylaws Chair</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> (1) delete “Election” and replace with “Nominating Committee” to correctly identify the appropriate recipient of the ballots and results..</p>
<p>ARTICLE VIII – STATE DIRECTORS AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES</p> <p>Section 1. Directors. B. When a new unit is formed in a state that previously had no units the election of a State Director should take place after the election of the permanent Unit officers. If there is no chartered unit in a state, the President may appoint a State Organizer.</p>	<p>Section 1. State Directors. B. When a new unit is formed in a state that previously had no units, the election of a State Director should take place after the election of the permanent Unit officers. If there is no chartered unit in a state, the President may appoint a State Organizer.</p> <p><u>Submitted by:</u> Catherine Gerolimatos, Bylaws Chair</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> (1) remove “bold” of “B.”; (2) insert a comma after “units” which is an introductory phrase; (3) delete the last sentence as it is restated as subparagraph C..</p>
<p>ARTICLE VIII – STATE DIRECTORS AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES</p> <p>Section 2. Election of State Directors. A. The regular members from a state’s chartered unit(s) shall elect a State Director. Prior to each biennial convention, every current State Director shall conduct an election for a State Director and Alternate State Director in the event the State Director is unable to fulfill all of her duties. The election shall be conducted as follows:</p>	<p>Section 2. Election of State Directors. A. The regular members from a state’s chartered unit(s) shall elect a State Director except as noted below. Prior to each biennial convention, every current State Director shall conduct an election for a State Director and Alternate State Director. in the event the State Director is unable to fulfill all of her duties. The election shall be conducted as follows:</p> <p><u>Submitted by:</u> Catherine Gerolimatos, Bylaws Chair</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> (1) provides for opportunity for alternative method of electing a State Director; (2) insert a period after “Alternate State Director” of sentence two; (3) delete this phrase as this appears to be a typographical error and is addressed in Section 4.B.</p>
<p>ARTICLE VIII – STATE DIRECTORS AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES</p> <p>Section 2. Election of State Directors. A. The regular members from a ... The election shall be conducted as follows:</p> <p>2. by mail conducted by current State Director with Election Committee composed of members from at least three units in the state. The ballot is prepared indicating the nominee for State Director and alternate or State Director/Regional Representative and one alternate for each office; or</p>	<p>Section 2. Election of State Directors. A. The regular members from a ... The election shall be conducted as follows:</p> <p>2. by mail conducted by current State Director with An Election Committee composed of members from at least three units individuals, in the state not of the same unit and/or from the members-at-large, shall be appointed by the State Director. The Election Committee Chair shall distribute a ballot is prepared by mail and/or electronic mail indicating the nominee for State Director and alternate. or State Director/Regional Representative and one alternate for each office. All ballots must be mailed to the Election Committee Chair who, with her committee members, will tally the votes and report the results to the current State Director; or</p>

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<p>ARTICLE VIII – STATE DIRECTORS AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES <i>...continued from page 9</i></p>	<p><u>Submitted by:</u> Catherine Gerolimatos, Bylaws Chair <u>Reason:</u> (1) delete introductory phrase and begin with guidelines for establishing an Election Committee; (2) insert a period after the word “Director” in the first sentence; (3) provides for an alternate method of distributing the ballot at the state level; (4) states procedure of collecting and tallying ballots independent of the State Director and Alternate; (6) delete Regional Representative as this section discusses State Directors and Regional Representatives are addressed in Article VIII Section 5.</p>
<p>ARTICLE VIII – STATE DIRECTORS AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES Section 2. Election of State Directors. The name of the new State Director shall be reported to the WN President without delay.</p>	<p>Section 2. Election of State Directors. 4. The name of the new State Director shall be reported to the WN President via the chain of command without delay. <u>Submitted by:</u> Catherine Gerolimatos, Bylaws Chair <u>Reason:</u> (1) insert “4.” as a continuation of previous subparagraphs; (2) specify importance of using the “chain of command” in reporting procedures.</p>
<p>ARTICLE VIII – STATE DIRECTORS AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES Section 4. Vacancy. B. When a State Director is fails to fulfill the duties of her office, the office will be declared vacant by a two-thirds vote of the unit members. When there is more than one unit in the state, a majority vote of unit presidents shall declare the office vacant. Replacement to complete the term shall be made in accordance with Section 2.A. above.</p>	<p>Section 4. Vacancy. B. When a State Director is unable to fulfill the duties of her office, she will notify the Regional Representative at her earliest opportunity, initially verbally, followed up with a written letter of resignation. In the event there is no Regional Representative, the State Director will notify WN President directly. C. When a State Director fails to fulfill the duties of her office, the office will be declared vacant by the Regional Representative or, in the case of a vacancy in the position of a Regional Representative, by the WN President. D. Replacement to complete the term shall be made in accordance with Section 2.A. above. <u>Submitted by:</u> Catherine Gerolimatos, Bylaws Chair <u>Reason:</u> (1) insert a procedure for circumstance when the State Director is unable to fulfill her duties; (2) use bullet format for clarity and ease of reading.</p>
<p>ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS Section 4. Cancellation. In the case of a national emergency, the Board of Directions may, by a two-thirds vote in a meeting or by mail, cancel a convention. All members shall be notified of the cancellation, and the Board shall provide for the election of officers by mail.</p>	<p>Section 4. Cancellation. In the case of a national emergency, the Board of Directors may, by a two thirds vote acquired during in a meeting or by mail via telephonic, electronic, or postal methods, cancel a convention. All members shall be notified of the cancellation via the most expeditious manner possible balancing cost and timeliness to include, but not limited to, use of the White Caps, or through the chain of command via mail, or electronic mail. and The Board shall continue to provide for the election of officers by mail according to Article VII Section 2. Results will be made known to candidates, to Regional Representatives, and State Directors immediately through available communications technology, and then published in the next White Caps. <u>Submitted by:</u> Catherine Gerolimatos, Bylaws Chair <u>Reason:</u> (1) correct “Directions” to read “Directors”; (2) delete unnecessary words; (3) provide for use of current technology to hold this meeting; (4) provide for use of current technology in notifying membership of this decision; (5) delete by mail as elections are currently conducted by mail anyway; (6) state how results will be made known when a convention is cancelled.</p>
<p>ARTICLE X – BOARD OF DIRECTORS Section 2. Duties. G. Determine amount of financial compensation for Ship’s Store Officer-in-Charge, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer, if one is needed.</p>	<p>Section 2. Duties. G. Determine amount of financial compensation for Ship’s Store Officer in Charge, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer, if one is needed. <u>Submitted by:</u> Catherine Gerolimatos, Bylaws Chair <u>Reason:</u> (1) delete “-in-Charge” as the position is more accurately Ship’s Store Officer; (2) delete “if one is needed” because, assuming this addresses the Assistant Treasurer as the only position that may or may not be needed and that was already addressed in paragraph Section 2.F. At this point, a determination is to be made as to whether or not that position will receive financial compensation.</p>

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<p>ARTICLE X – BOARD OF DIRECTORS Section 2. Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in the convention city immediately prior to and following the convention, and at other times and places as may be determined by the President and/or the Executive Committee, provided that one mid-term meeting shall be held. At least fifteen days prior notice of a meeting shall be given all members of the Board. The mid-term meeting may be conducted by mail or conference telephone when necessary. A report of any actions taken by mail or telephone shall be verified and made a part of the minutes at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Section 2. Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in the convention city immediately prior to and following the convention, and at other times and places as may be determined by the President and/or the Executive Committee, provided that one mid-term meeting shall be held. At least fifteen days prior notice of a meeting shall be given all members of the Board. The mid-term meeting may be conducted by mail or conference telephone or current electronic technology such as, but not limited to, video conferencing or skype, when necessary. A report of any actions taken by mail or telephone shall be verified and made a part of the minutes at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.</p> <p><u>Submitted by:</u> Catherine Gerolimatos, Bylaws Chair</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> (1) provides for use of technology yet flexible for future, heretofore unknown, methods of communication.</p>
<p>ARTICLE X – BOARD OF DIRECTORS Section 4. Voting. B. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in the convention city immediately prior to and following the convention, and at other times and places as may be determined by the President and/or the Executive Committee, provided that one mid-term meeting shall be held. At least fifteen days prior notice of a meeting shall be given all members of the Board. The mid-term meeting may be conducted by mail or conference telephone when necessary. A report of any actions taken by mail or telephone shall be verified and made a part of the minutes at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Section 4. Voting. B. A vote by postal or electronic mail is authorized when necessary, and proposals concerning change in WN policy or expenditures of funds not provided for in the adopted budget shall require a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the Board of Directors for adoption. A report of any action taken by postal or electronic mail shall be ratified and made part of the minutes at the next meeting of the Board.</p> <p><u>Submitted by:</u> Catherine Gerolimatos, Bylaws Chair</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> (1) insert “postal or electronic” before the word “mail” in order to authorize the use of technology to conduct business and vote.</p>
<p>ARTICLE XI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Section 2. Duties. K. Declare by a two-thirds vote a vacancy in any elected office for failure of an officer to perform required duties.</p>	<p>Section 2. Duties. K. Declare by a two-thirds vote a vacancy in any elected, appointed, or assigned office for failure of an officer to perform required duties.</p> <p><u>Submitted by:</u> Catherine Gerolimatos, Bylaws Chair</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> (1) addresses all positions, not just elected positions (appoint State Organizer and assign Regional Representative when granted a waiver by Executive Committee).</p>
<p>ARTICLE XI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Section 3. Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet on call of the President, or at request of three members of the Committee. At least fifteen days prior notice shall be given all members of the Committee, except for any meeting the President may call during a convention.</p>	<p>Section 3. Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet on call of the President or at request of three members of the Committee. At least fifteen days prior notice shall be given all members of the Committee, except for any meeting the President may call properly called/requested during a convention.</p> <p><u>Submitted by:</u> Catherine Gerolimatos, Bylaws Chair</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> (1) delete the comma following the word “President” and before the word “or” as it is not needed; (2) why is the President the only one who can call a meeting during a convention?</p>
<p>ARTICLE XI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Section 5. Business by Mail. The Executive Committee may conduct business by mail, electronic mail (e-mail), video tele-conference (VTC), or conference telephone when necessary. A report of any action taken by any of these methods shall be ratified and made a part of the minutes at the next meeting of the committee.</p>	<p>Section 5. Business by Mail. The Executive Committee may conduct business by mail, electronic mail (e-mail), video tele-conference (VTC), or conference telephone, or any current communication technology, when necessary. A report of any action taken by any of these methods shall be ratified and made a part of the minutes at the next meeting of the committee.</p> <p><u>Submitted by:</u> Catherine Gerolimatos, Bylaws Chair</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> (1) provides for greater flexibility in conducting the business of the Executive Committee.</p>

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PRESIDENT



MARJORIE JO ADAMSON – I entered the Navy in 1958 retiring in 1999. My last duty stations were NAS New Orleans as Command Master Chief of Pensacola Naval Hospital Medical Unit home based at Pensacola, FL. I transferred as the Command Master Chief of the IMSP Program to Pensacola Naval Hospital in 1997 and retired in 1999. I joined WAVES National Pensacola NW Florida Unit #52 in 1998, becoming the unit's 1st Vice President and then President for four years. I've served as WAVES National 2nd Vice President from 2006-2010 and 1st Vice President from 2010 until present.

During the last six years I have been the VAVS Representative for WAVES National and the military liaison of women's programs at the VA Medical Center Marion, IL. This last year, I actively worked with the Homeless Veterans VA Director to help with employment and sustaining living facilities for women Veterans. I coordinated the first "All

Women Veterans' Luncheon /Fashion Show" sponsored by the Marion, IL, VA.

I was nominated by Marion, IL, VA as National Volunteer of the year in 2010 & 2011. I served as the American Legion Regional Service Officer for 2012. Even though the next two years are going to be trying for WAVES National due to the loss of membership, I believe if we all work together diligently with the membership we have, we can still continue helping our women Veterans and continue recruiting new members to our organization whether it be in units or as MAL's. If elected as your president for 2012-2014, I will diligently work with other Veterans' organizations to see that as WAVES National we have a voice in trying to promote more and better benefits for our women Veterans and work with the National VA Director of women's programs in Washington, D.C., for a better health program for our returning women Veterans.



FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT



ELIZABETH (BETSY) WADDELL - I graduated in 1969 from Texas Women's University with a BS in Library Science and joined the Navy in 1971, retiring from active duty in 1992. During my time in the Navy, I also earned a BS in Health Care Administration from Southern Illinois University.

I am active in the Veterans' Council of Highlands County (current past President). I was appointed to the Veteran's Advi-

sory Board by Highlands County Commissioners (currently Vice President), and selected as Highlands County Veteran of the Year 2011.

I joined WAVES National, Highlanders, Unit #88, in 2004. I am currently the President of the unit. I was elected 2nd Vice President of WAVES National in 2010. I am looking to continue my role with WAVES National leadership as 1st Vice President.



SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT



CHERYL SEVERSON ADAMS - I was born and raised in Madison, WI and moved to a 100 acre farm near Belleville, WI in 1965, after driving my parents nuts, begging for a horse. After graduation in 1970, with nothing better to do, I enlisted in the Navy. My Dad and both brothers had served, so why not. I attended boot camp in Bainbridge, MD, and PN "A" school in San Diego, CA. I served at NAS Corpus Christi, TX and Great Lakes, IL. I was a PN3 when honorably discharged.

After my three year enlistment ended, I worked for awhile then went to the local tech college and graduated with a 2 year degree in Accounting. Eventually, I saw an opening for a Program Assistant at the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and was hired in 1991.

I met my husband there and we were married in 1995. We bought the old family farmhouse from my brother. Sort of did a "this old house" on a shoestring budget. I served as the first Women Veterans' Coordinator for WI from 1999 to 2006. My husband and I just retired from the VA in December and are enjoying every minute, except it hasn't really sunk in yet. We hope to have more time to devote to the many organizations we are involved in, including Honor Flight, Madison Vets Council, WAVES National, United Women Vets, Navy League, etc. I'll do the best I can if elected 2nd Vice President. I have really enjoyed all the people and being more involved at the National level as Regional Representative for Region VI.

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RECORDING SECRETARY



GAIL ANN BONHAM - I am a SC Navy Veteran who has spent the last twenty-one years serving Veterans as a member of the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). I not only work for the DVA, but get seen as a patient because I

believe in the work and care that it provides, even though I have insurance and can be seen anywhere.

I joined the U.S. Navy on Oct 27, 1986. I went through boot camp in Orlando, FL, and joined my ship, the USS Puget Sound (AD-38), stationed out of Norfolk, VA. As a seaman on the boat deck, I learned to paint, signal and operate cranes, coxswain single- and twin-screw boats, man lines during mooring and vertical replenishment movements. I stood look-out, hung over the side painting and a multitude of other boatswain mate duties as is befitting a farm girl from Illinois who likes hard work. I was moved to the Education Office for the Deck Department and I kept the records and minutes. After marrying, I was transferred to AFDL-6 the Dynamic –

a floating dry dock at Little Creek Amphibious Base. I learned to sand blast, spray paint and drive a fork lift. I was eventually moved into the CWO's office and assumed yeoman duties. I separated from the Navy on May 4, 1989 after a myriad of medical problems.

I joined the DVA on August 27, 1990, and have progressed up the ladder in the years since then. Positions held include: Accounting Technician, Secretary (Social Work, Nursing, Surgery, and Medicine Services) Program Support Assistant (Research and Quality Management), Research Coordinator, Administrative Officer, Systems Redesign Coordinator, Privacy Officer and Health System Specialist.

Abilities to justify Recording Secretary:

- 20+ years of minute recording & documentation
- 120 words per minute typing
- Microsoft Word, Excel, and PPT capability



TREASURER



MONICA O'HARA - I enlisted in the Navy in 1972 and served on active duty for 27 years and 8 months, retiring in 1999 as a CWO4 (Ship's Clerk). I am a Life Member of WAVES National and have been a member of San Diego

Stars & Stripes, Unit #36, since 1997. I served as the Unit Treasurer for 10 years and am now the Unit President. I am a member of WIMSA, the American Legion and MOAA. After retirement from the Navy, I worked as the Literacy/Computer Center Director at the National City Public Library for 8 years and retired from there in 2008. Among other duties, I was responsible for federal, state, local and private agency grants in excess of \$1M annually.

I wrote proposals, quarterly and annual reports (both programmatic and budgetary), expended funds, and paid invoices. I was responsible for the staff and programming associated with these grants. Additionally, I have served as Finance Chairman for my church fall festival for 14 years, Co-Chair of the Finance Booth for a parochial school bazaar for 7 years, co-manager of a non-profit bingo for 7 years and treasurer for a Boy Scout Troop for 8 years. I have learned so much during this term as WAVES National Treasurer and feel that I am well qualified to serve another two years. I look forward to the opportunity to continue working with everyone in support of the WAVES National mission.

Unfortunately, Connie Kwiecien has withdrawn her nomination for 1st Vice President. With only one person running for each position, the BOD voted to dispense with formal elections.

Nominations can be made during the General Session as long as written authorization is received from the nominee that she is willing to be nominated.

FOAM OFF THE WAVES

HEART OF AMERICA

Unit #9 (KS) – Our April meeting was convened at Cascone's Restaurant. We had quite a few in attendance and it was so nice to see each other again. We were able to accomplish a lot of business and enjoy the fellowship. Members are spread out over the greater metropolitan area of Kansas City (both Kansas and Missouri), and we may be looking into finding a more convenient meeting place for all to ensuring a good attendance for our meetings.

We were so surprised to find out our unit was #1 in collecting box tops for the Heartspring Project. Hats are off to all our members who contributed to the Heartspring Project, especially our Heartspring Chairwoman, Roberta Kolterman. We had many more to give her at our April meeting. Keep them coming, ladies!

Our next meeting will be June 23rd. All you Sea Service women in the Kansas City area are invited to join us. **Call Michele Batliner at 816-315-9229 or email her at mbatliner@att.net for meeting information.**

BADGER

Unit #39 (WI) - At our March meeting, we elected new officers for the next two years. Our new president is Kris Gancarz; VP, Betty Smith; secretary, Marie Benz; treasurer, Claire Krolick. These new officers were sworn in at our May meeting.

A big thank you and much appreciation goes to Joan Hampton, editor of our Newsletter "Becky Badger". Joan has faithfully put together an informative and attractive newsletter for more than 20 years. Now, it's time for Joan to sit back and let her computer rest as Cheryl Adams will be taking over this duty. Thanks so much, Joan, for a job well done.

We do not meet during the summer months so the next meeting will be in Sept. **For more information concerning our unit, contact Claire: 262-782-6215 or peach@wi.rr.com.**

CT YANKEES

Unit #42 (CT) - We had a nice spring like day in April for our meeting. We decided to participate this year in the Newington, CT, Memorial Day parade on

Saturday, May 26th. It is always well attended. Our June meeting was at a local restaurant on the 6th.

We have chosen October 6 for our unit's 25th anniversary party. We will be at the Manchester Country Club again since we had such a good time there at Christmas. Several members have moved out of state and we wish them well.

Currently, our meetings are at the Rocky Hill Veterans Facility in Rocky Hill, CT, on the first Saturdays of March, June, September and December unless notified differently. **For information, contact Barbara Crede at 860-665-8082, or Marie Walsh at 860-647-7753.**

SAND DOLLAR WAVES

Unit #60 (FL) - Our meetings are held each month at the Bay Pines VA Medical Center. We have 15 members and 50% attendance. Cheryl Desmarais contributed a generous donation this session. Lucille Formanek (our only remaining charter member) donated, also. They are unable to attend but want to help with expenses.

We donated \$100.00 to the Bay Pines Volunteer Services and \$100.00 to WN National Convention in Orlando for preliminary expenses.

Vivian Cunningham made mini-East-er baskets to be distributed to the Bay Pines VA women patients. The baskets were delivered by Virginia Grosvenor and Betty Blair.

Our May meeting was a luncheon given by a local Assisted Living Facility to honor our service.

There are 3 members planning to attend the Orlando Convention and they look forward to seeing you there.

For meeting information, contact Betty Blair at 727-391-2362.

ORANGE BLOSSOM

Unit #69 (FL) - Greetings from the Sunshine State! Unit 69 is getting ready for the WAVES National Convention, here in Orlando. It will be here before we know it.

Volunteer hours have been collected and submitted. We are all Volunteers of the Year. We were proud to represent our Unit at Memorial Day Services. Afterwards, we enjoyed lunch.

Orange Blossom members are looking forward to seeing many of our fellow shipmates at the Convention in September. We meet the 2nd Saturday of the month. **For meeting information, contact**

Susan Ghrist, President, 407-333-2123. See you in Orlando!

SPACE COAST WAVES

Unit #75 (FL) - Each month, a group of members provide entertainment to the Consulate, which houses several veterans from World War II. In appreciation of their joyful contribution to the morale of the residents, an Appreciation Luncheon was held for the regular attendees.



Back left is our President, Francene Intille, front left, Wynne Sietz; front center, Betty Yaroch with Joyce Battis to the right; along with members of Consulate staff.

Betty plays the piano, and the group all sing songs to entertain the Veterans each month, providing lots of levity.

For meeting information, call Pamela McRoy at 321-626-4546.

REDWOOD EMPIRE WAVES

Unit #77 (CA) – On April, 13 members and a guest enjoyed a buffet lunch at a Pataluma restaurant.

A few members recently attended the commissioning of a new Coast Guard cutter named for Dorothy Stratton, the first director of the SPARS during World War II. Ruth Brown and Morella Staggs also were guests at the retirement party for Vice Admiral Brown at Alameda, April 27th.

Betty Crandal enjoyed a wonderful Honor Flight weekend in Washington, D.C., the only female Veteran with 33 World War II male Veterans, mostly from Humboldt County. On Saturday, they saw many memorials, including the World War II Memorial and the Women's Memorial at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. Computers were "down", so they couldn't look up registrations. But BGeneral Wilma Vaught, President of WIMSA, gave Betty a personal tour of that wonderful memorial. Gen Vaught is a very gracious lady. Honor Flight participants saw the piggy-back shuttle parked at Dulles Airport waiting to go to the Smithsonian. A fantastic weekend with flag-waving, cheers, and hugs wherever we went, many lovely memories. **For meeting information, call Bettie Crandal at 707-838-4035.**

FOAM OFF THE WAVES

FLATWATER WAVES

Unit #98 (NE) - Our first meeting of 2012 was held Saturday, April 14th, at the Wooden Windmill in Fremont. Eight members and three guests were present, including Chris Madsen who spoke on the Fremont Avenue of Flags Project. Chris is an Air Force Veteran and is in charge of the task of putting up the Casket Flags of local Veterans on Military Avenue on special holidays. Each flag has a story and Chris gave a few examples. Our unit has sent a donation to have our name embroidered on the Convention Quilt. The next meeting will be held following the program on the 9th of June in Lincoln at the Veteran Memorial Gardens program. The location is to be determined. **For meeting information, contact Pat Hunsche, at 402-426-2013 or phunsche@abbnebraska.com.**

CACTUS WAVES

Unit # 114 (AZ) - At our April meeting, the new officers were sworn in: Sharon Woods, President; Lou Ann Huskisson, Vice President; Barb Meegan, Secretary, and Terry Taylor, Treasurer. Sue Cunningham volunteered to be our Chaplain, and Linda Fulkerson took over Sergeant of Arms duties. We welcomed a new member, Jill Lopez, Navy, with 8 years of service as a welder, and Submarine maintenance. In May, several of us attended the annual Women's Military Luncheon in Phoenix. Our final meeting before summer was held on May 26th, and we celebrated and brought in Subway sandwiches with the works.

We will be celebrating the 70th WAVES birthday on July 28, 2012, with the Salt River WAVES and Tucson Desert WAVES. Next Cactus WAVES meeting will be October 27th. Have a great summer. **For meeting information, contact Sharon Woods, 480-202-0984.**

BLUEGRASS

Unit #129 (KY) - Our spring meeting was held at Oxmoor Lodge, Louisville, where we were treated to a delicious lunch. A representative from the American Association for Wartime Veterans, Anthony Roberts, gave an informative talk on pension entitlement for wartime veterans.

On a sad note, some of our members attended the memorial service for Janet Bickel who passed away, recently. Janet

was a WW II WAVE veteran. May she rest in peace.

An election of officers was held in April.



Our newly elected officers are (L-R): Lillian Staub, Treasurer; Kathy Ruble, President; Julie Ashbaugh, VA Liaison; Marilou Fowler, Vice President; and Ann Sharp, Secretary.

For meeting information, contact: Kathy Ruble at 502-664-1898 or e-mail kattev8@aol.com.

CASCADE SEAFARERS

Unit #138 (OR) - The Seafarers have been on the go, making two important trips out of the area. The first was to Florence on the Oregon Coast to join the Coastal Women Veterans for a tour and lunch at the Siuslaw River Coast Guard Station. They also joined in wishing "Smooth Sailing" to Navy Reserve Chief Wendy Farley who has been deployed to Afghanistan.

On May 5, they made their annual trip to Salem for a joint luncheon meeting with members of the Portland unit, Columbia River Ripples, Unit #70. This was also a State Meeting as these are the only two WN units left in the state, in fact Region II.

World War II SPARS Barbara Wright and Marge House were special guests at a four day celebration and dedication in Oakland, CA, of the new Coast Guard ship named for the founder of the SPARS during WWII, the Dorothy Stratton. The women said they were treated royally and received ovations when they performed their WWII CG songs with the same enthusiasm as when they were in their 20s.

While Unit #138 is becoming smaller by attrition, most of the older members still have plenty of enthusiasm.

MEMPHIS BELLES

Unit #151, (TN) - The Women's History Month Luncheon was our big event in March. Ms. Cynthia Blevins, Director, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Finance Center was the guest speaker. We did well at our April yard sale. Honor Flight selectees packed their bags for a May trip to Hawaii. Charlotte Larson is a

WWII veteran. Linda Coffield will be her escort. Others are going to a Redbirds baseball game in Memphis. We have new unit officers: Barbara Booth, President; Donna Childre, Vice President; Linda Coffield, Secretary; and Marie Bates, Treasurer.

For meeting information, phone Barbara Booth at 901-218-3991.

TIDEWATER TIDAL WAVES

Unit #152 (VA) - Honor Flight Historic Triangle VA (HFHTVA) was honored to take 83 WW II Veterans to DC to see THEIR Memorial. TTW was lucky to have three of our members as Guardians, and a WN member, Ellen Diming, was escorted by IT3 Heather Edbauer, a future member of WN.

We provided cookies to patients at the Hampton VA Medical Center during the annual Country Fair. On Memorial Day, we attended ceremonies at the Albert G. Horton, Jr., Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Several members are anticipating attending the convention in Orlando, FL, in September.



TTW member Amy Lockhart was a Guardian for WW II Veteran Benjamin Covington during the recent Honor Flight.

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

SALT RIVER WAVES

Unit 155 - (AZ) Plan now to vacation in Phoenix, on July 28. It's the WAVES 70th birthday and Salt River WAVES is having a Big Splash.

There will be 3 local leaders with displays and brief messages of their work involving Veterans. We will be telling sea stories, and singing service songs. After a festive lunch, a women's ensemble will entertain, singing acapella, 4-part harmony, barbershop style; plus there will be raffles and door prizes. Interested? **Contact Vee Flayter, President, at hapn-vee@q.com or 623-362-9040.**

Homefront Heroines: The WAVES of World War II

Homefront Heroines: The WAVES of World War II Documentary is one of the main features of WAVES Convention 2012. Come one and come all and have popcorn with the premiere showing of the documentary directed by Dr. Ryan. You just might know someone in the film. Come join us in this very special showing of WWII WAVES. What an appropriate tribute to the 70th Anniversary of the WAVES.

Through oral histories and recently uncovered archival footage, Homefront Heroines: The WAVES of World War II, reveals a hidden history about the "greatest generation" of women who changed the course of American life. The WAVES, or Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, served in a variety of jobs, from yeomen and storekeepers to forecasting weather and sending/translating coded military messages from both the Allies and the enemy. WAVES also trained men in some of the key skills in the Navy: flying the newest aircraft and artillery training. They may not have realized it at the time,



WWII WAVES—Photo courtesy of the website: www.homefromtheroines.com

but the WAVES were riding the wave of the future; as one WAVE said, they were the "hinges of history." Their work mattered. The women who served as WAVES would later break the mold of the stereotypical 1950s housewife trapped by the "feminine mystique." Their experiences laid the groundwork for the social upheavals of the 1960s and '70s.

Homefront Heroines takes an innovative multi-platform approach to story-

telling. At its heart is a feature documentary produced for public television, following 12 of these quirky, individualistic and determined women, both officers and enlisted. One of our own, Margaret Thorngate, is in the film. Margaret is but one of the women whose story is told in Homefront Heroines; stories which are largely forgotten by mainstream history. Viewers/users will also meet Jean Clark, Jean Byrd Stewart and others who were interviewed for the film.

The film illustrates the drama of the day-to-day. The viewer sees WAVES marching in formation, WAVES getting their first uniforms, WAVES guiding planes from the air traffic control tower, WAVES flirting with sailors, WAVES bonding with their sisters in service. They joined the WAVES as young girls and returned home as independent young women.

Okay, do I have your attention? Are you curious? Come join us at the 2012 Convention and enjoy the camaraderie of meeting old friends and making new ones.

Coast Guard Cutter Dorothy Stratton



On Saturday, March 31st at 10:00 AM PT, as part of her Joining Forces initiative to honor, recognize and serve military families, First Lady Michelle Obama traveled to

Coast Guard Island in Alameda, California, to participate in the commissioning ceremony of the Coast Guard Cutter Stratton, placing it in active service to perform homeland security and national defense duties.

The Coast Guard ship is named after Captain Dorothy Stratton, the first director of the Coast Guard Women's Reserve during World War II where she oversaw 10,000 enlisted women and 1,000 commissioned officers. Mrs. Obama also visited with a group of World War II Coast Guard women veterans who served with Captain Dorothy Stratton.

Mrs. Obama, a sponsor of the Cutter Stratton, helped christen the ship in Pascagoula, MS, in 2010 by breaking a champagne bottle over the bow. This tradition dates back hundreds of years and marks the formal naming of a ship. Following the christening, Cutter Stratton underwent extensive tests and sea trials. The commissioning ceremony in Alameda signifies Cutter Stratton's formal introduction into the active Coast Guard fleet. As the ship's sponsor, the First Lady ceremonially gave the order to bring the ship to life, at which time the crew boarded the Stratton with much fanfare.

Golf at the Convention

For those who wish to hit a few balls around, there will be golf this year at our convention. Please get ready to play and relax!!!! This is for fun and we will never reveal scores. There will be lunch after and a good time will be had by all (remember no one is to tell of bad shots). Please spread the word – rental clubs (2 top brands of clubs) will be available. For more information please contact Betsy Waddell, wavenavy@hotmail.com, or 863-382-0419.

Please send all WN member Silver Taps information to Executive Secretary, Barb Turner (address on page 18)

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Heroes Remembered

Paying Tribute to our Korean War Veterans

The Korean War Commemoration Committee will launch "The Year of the Korean War Veteran" on 25 June. In recognition to all those who served in the Military between the start of the war and the armistice; June 25, 1950 and July 27, 1953, they will receive the Department of Defense Certificate of Appreciation. Even if they were not stationed overseas in Korea, women were critical in supporting the war effort. You can apply for the certificate, signed by Secretary of Defense, online at <http://koreanwar.defense.gov/recognition.html> or through regular mail; just send name, branch of service, rank/rate (optional) and return mailing address to:

DoD 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee
 2530 Crystal Drive
 Suite 1400
 Arlington, VA 22202

Also, the Commission is hosting a large event with the Secretary of Defense honoring all Vets of the Korean War on



A dramatic scene from the Korean War Memorial

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July 27, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Arlington National Cemetery. If you can attend, RSVP to (703) 545-0011.

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