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## Navy Promotes First African-American Female Three-Star Officer

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Vice Adm. Michelle Janine Howard's husband, Mr. Wayne Cowles, and her sister, Ms. Lisa Teitleman, replace shoulder boards during a promotion ceremony at Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads Aug. 24. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Rafael Martie/Released)

Michelle Janine Howard has been a trail blazer throughout her entire career. She was the first African-American woman to command a U.S. Navy warship, the first female graduate of the Naval Academy to achieve the rank of rear admiral, and the first African-American woman to command an Expeditionary Strike Group at sea.

On Friday, Aug. 24, Howard reached another milestone when she became the first African-American woman promoted to three-star rank in the U.S. armed forces with the assumption of her new job as Deputy Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces, headquartered, Norfolk, VA.

With a career highlighted by firsts, the path to Howard's current assignment as a Navy vice admiral initially began with an obstacle. It is an obstacle that taught her to embrace change, find

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## The President's Message



Greetings:

Well, our 19th Biennial Convention in Orlando, FL, is now over and if you didn't attend you missed a truly outstanding Convention. I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to Barbara J. McGuire, Chairman, and Cathy Gerolimatos, Co-Chairman, as well as the Convention Committee, comprised of the members from Region XII units. They did an outstanding job. More Convention details will be forthcoming in the December White Caps.

I, as First Vice President, made a donation to the Recruiting Contest, while also implementing guidelines for the member who recruited the most shipmates. However, since the applications submitted to the Treasurer neglected to annotate, in the majority of cases, recruiter's name on the application, the guidelines were changed. The Region recruiting the most members would win

the contest and the monies would be used towards their Regional Conference.

I wish to congratulate all our members for their recruiting efforts as we are now 198 new members strong, of which 44 members are still on Active Duty. We do seem to be getting our younger members interested. Even though we can't count our associate members in our goal, they are still very important members recruited for our units. The winners of the contest are as follows:

1st Place: \$300.00 to Region X, with 41 new members of which 14 are Active Duty;

2nd Place: \$200.00 to Region XII, with 32 new members of which 4 are Active Duty;

3rd Place: \$100.00 to Region I, with 26 new members of which 10 are Active Duty.

Two of the main topics for vote at Convention were the increase of national dues to \$25.00 and "Name Change of WN".

I do know that the Fund Raising Committee, chaired by Barbara Sebring, has

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## **Navy Promotes First African-American ...** *(Continued from page 1)*

strength in the challenges she faced, and to not be afraid to lean on others.

Howard says her Navy career began as a chance encounter while watching television. It was a documentary about one of the military service academies that opened Howard's eyes to a possible future career as an officer in the military. But as Howard learned, not all opportunities were available to women at that time.

Four years later the federal law concerning the acceptance of women into the nation's service academies changed. At 17, Howard applied and was accepted into the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.

Change is inevitable, and Howard rode a wave of it as she moved through her career. "In the 1980s when the Navy opened the logistics ships to women, it allowed a lot of opportunities for women to serve at sea. Then it was just a few years later that we were engaged in Operation Desert Storm. So even though women weren't serving on warships, women were still serving in a combat arena, and that started a national conversation. 'What is a woman's role in the military?' So coming out of that time frame the combat exclusion law was repealed and that meant that women were going to serve on combat ships and fly combat aircraft," said Howard.

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

done an excellent job and it will be a continued effort.

Become familiar with your new officers in this issue. Some are familiar faces but some are new: Betsy Waddell, 1st Vice President; Cheryl Adams, 2nd Vice President; Monica O'Hara, Treasurer; and, Gail Bonham, Recording Secretary. There is a listing of Regional Representatives in this issue and State Directors will appear in the December issue. I wish to thank all of our officers for their diligence and outstanding job for the past two years even though they may not be able to continue.

For the women who are following in her footsteps, Howard has this advice. "You have to keep your sense of humor. You have to develop stamina and you need to be adaptable. Finally, you need to stay connected to women. It's important to be able to share experiences and to be able to tap into those shared experiences."

Over her career, Howard has seen dramatic changes in the Navy and the nation, but there is one more change she'd like to witness. "I would like to see our nation appreciate the importance of the Navy. We are blessed to live in a time where the average citizen really appreciates their Sailors; when we walk anywhere in a uniform we get thanked. If I could change anything I'd like to have Americans understand who they are thanking and why. How do you convince a nation this big that they are a maritime nation? Our founding fathers got it; they understood the importance of international commerce and that is why they said maintain a Navy in the Constitution. And ironically enough, we are even more dependent on maintaining safe water ways now than they were then."

Howard may get her wish. As the newest vice admiral in the Navy and Deputy Commander of U.S. Fleet Forces she will have the opportunity to reach a much larger audience than ever before. As she has proven time and again, there is a first for everything.

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As your incoming National President, my mission for the next two years is to diligently work with the leaders of various National Veterans' Organizations and the Veterans Administration to play a pivotal role in promoting help to our women Veterans and their families and to work towards a goal of no Homeless Women Veterans.

**GOD BLESS TO ALL MY SHIPMATES AND KEEP YOU SAFE AND IN GOOD HEALTH**

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## **VA Gulf War Vet Support**

### **Excerpts from VA News Release**

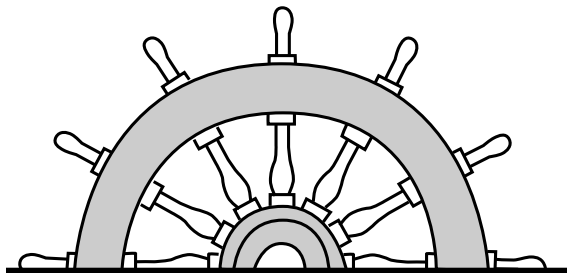
It has now been 22 years since the start of the 1990-1991 Gulf War which comprises the deployment and combat operations known as Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In support of care and services to the Veterans of the first Gulf War, VA has led efforts to better understand and characterize Gulf War Veterans' illnesses and to improve treatment. Research initiatives have included: (1) Funding an independent Institute of Medicine (IOM) review of scientific and medical research related to treatment of chronic multi-symptom illness among Gulf War Veterans; (2) Funding and encouraging a wide spectrum of research focused on identifying new treatments to help Gulf War Veterans, including studies on pain, muscle and bone disorders, autoimmune disease, neurodegenerative disease, sleep disorders, gastrointestinal disorders, respiratory problems, and other chronic diseases. Research is ongoing in other conditions, as well, that may affect Gulf War Veterans, such as brain cancer, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease, or ALS), and multiple sclerosis; (3) the third follow-up study of a national cohort of Gulf War and Gulf War Era Veterans; the

health surveys are done to understand possible health effects of service and guide health care delivery); and (4) continuing the clinical, research, and education activities of the War Related Illness and Injury Study Center program which focuses on post-deployment health.

VA is also improving care and services for Gulf War Veterans through initiatives outlined in the 2011 GWVI Task Force Report. These include the evaluation of a clinical care model specifically for Gulf War Veterans and of enhanced education for health care providers about Gulf War Veterans' concerns. Additionally, a VA Gulf War Research Strategic Plan has been developed to address effective treatment for the symptoms experienced by some Gulf War Veterans and to guide efforts toward improvements in diagnosis, the understanding of genetic and biologic factors related to Gulf War Veterans' illnesses, and the application of research findings in Veterans' health care. For more information on Gulf War Veterans' illnesses, see: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/>.







## FROM THE BRIDGE

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### FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



*Betsy Waddell*

Wasn't the convention wonderful? Did not Barbara McGuire and Cathy Gerolimos do a great job? They have eaten, dreamed and planned the convention more than a year.

Now that that is said... is everyone enthused and ready to go forward?? The Regional Rep's and State Directors have a big job to do. Please support these ladies and help where you can. Hint... hint... we NEED Regional Rep's for Regions VI and IX. These are North Central Region, which includes Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Wisconsin; and, Appalachian Region, which includes New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Help, you guys... !!

Now the secret is out... we have a BRAND NEW UNIT in Montana... The Big Sky Unit with its president Meridith Cox and she is also Regional Rep for Region II. She has really stepped up to the plate... joined... formed a unit in a state without a unit... (Unit was given its charter at Convention) and stepped forward as Regional Rep. HOW IS THAT FOR A VOLUNTEER?

Please stay in touch. My e-mail address is listed, as is my phone. Let us all work together to rebuild this organization.

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### SECOND VICE PRESIDENT



*Cheryl Adams*

Ahoy there, Shipmates! Cheryl Adams here, reporting in as your new 2nd Vice President. I hope I can fill Betsy's shoes, so wish me well.

I am very pleased with Unit 39's election of our new President, Kris Gancarz. She has coordinated Unit 39's adoption of an all-female Recruit Training Division at Great Lakes. Kris has new ideas and a fresh outlook that will do well for Unit 39.

I retired from the WI Dept. of Veterans' Affairs in December (21 years) and had visions of long lazy days wondering what to do with myself, but that hasn't happened.

My husband and I have been involved with several Veterans' Organizations in the past and have taken on a couple more that we wanted to try out. So, between our local Honor Flight, Madison Veterans' Council, WAVES National, United Women Veterans, Veterans' Museum, Navy League and now Dryhooch (local coffee house started by a Vietnam Combat Vet to help at risk Vets when they feel the VA has let them down), you can bet there are very few lazy days.

Family life also keeps me busy with all of our four-legged children: six pet goats, a new puppy, new kitten and three older cats.

Hope everyone had a good time at Convention.

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### TREASURER



*Monica O'Hara*

I had a wonderful time at the Convention in Orlando. Thanks to Barbara McGuire and the rest of the committee for all their work and superb hospitality!

Thanks to all the units who turned in their reports in a timely manner. It makes tax preparation much easier when I have all the information!

It's time to start thinking about annual dues again. If you are a unit member, please submit your dues to the Unit Treasurer; MAL's, please send them to me using the renewal form on the back page of your White Caps.

The latest Virtual Raffle was a huge success. Ticket sales totaled \$470. The expense for the gift card was \$105.95; the net profit was \$364.05.

The following units sent donations for the Navy Memorial plaque: Northwest Florida WAVES (#52), Columbia River Ripples (#70) and Triangle Seagals (#144). Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 1011 in Mesa, AZ, also sent a donation for the plaque (Thank you Sharon Woods for inspiring your VVA Chapter to donate!). Cherokee Rose, (#139) and Roberta Avelar (#139) sent donations to the General Fund in memory of Marie Lawrence. Thanks to all of you for your generosity!

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### SHIP'S STORE



*Linda Coffield*

Hello! I look forward to being your Ship's Store Officer as Patty leaves this position. I will never be able to fill Patty's shoes (my feet are MUCH smaller!) so please be patient as I learn the ropes of Ship's Store.

I retired in 2006 as a Yeoman Chief with 26 years of Navy service both on active duty and in reserve programs. I currently work on the Selection Board Support staff at Navy Personnel Command (formerly "BUPERS") in Millington, TN.

As a Charter Member of WAVES National Memphis Belles, Unit 151, since 2002, I have served as unit President, Vice President and am the current Secretary.

But enough about me, on to Ship's Store business and my **FIRST FINE PRINT SPECIAL**: Get a FREE WN Logo Bumper Sticker with any paid order received by December 1, 2012.

- Write in "FREE STICKER" on your order form.
- Orders must be received by December 1, 2012.
- Order must be for at least one paid item.
- Offer good while supplies last.

*Thanks for shopping!  
Linda*

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### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



*Barb Turner*

I attended the very successful WAVES National (WN) Convention in Orlando, FL, the third week of September and had a wonderful time. Having gone through boot camp at RTC Orlando in November 1974, I was saddened to realize that there is nothing left on what used to be a base there; all thanks to a BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure Commission).

I take this opportunity to thank the outgoing national officers and those of you who have held and are continuing to hold state and unit offices. You have worked very hard to keep your respective units afloat, no matter what and I appreciate it very much.

I know that some of the unit officers are in those same offices forever or indefinitely, whichever comes first. I also know that we have a few unit presidents who are holding the office of unit treasurer at the same time and, while that is a conflict of interest and against our bylaws, I realize that sometimes that is the only way to continue. So I caution you to be very careful if you are holding both positions and ask you to please try to find another member to take the office of treasurer. Did you know that associate members can hold unit offices except President and Vice President?

We are down to less than 2,500 members and 63 active units. We have chartered one new unit and I congratulate the Big Sky Women Veterans, Unit 156, out of Montana and Meridith Cox for your hard work and continued perseverance in getting this unit up and running prior to the 2012 WN convention.

I have had several inquiries about the asterisk \* beside names on the White Caps labels and in the database when I send labels, etc. The asterisk \* indicates that the member is a Charter member of WAVES National.

Thank you unit treasurers and regional reps for updating your rosters and getting them back to me as soon as you could. I certainly appreciate your time and effort in doing so because it helps me keep the database current. People move and forget to change their address and because the majority of our members receive the White Caps (WC) via bulk mail they won't receive their WC if their address is incorrect unless they pay for first class postage.

Speaking of address changes; when the Call to Convention (CtoC) was mailed out back in April, the words **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED** were printed underneath the return address (which is my address) on the back page. Those three little words meant that any CtoC that was undeliverable due to a bad address was returned to me and WN had to pay \$2.72 per returned Call to Convention! Most of those returned did have updated addresses and I used that information to update the database. A replacement CtoC was mailed out to the majority of those returned to me at the cost of first class postage, which was \$1.10 each. You do the math! WN cannot afford to continue to print and mail White Caps or any other publication to our members with incorrect addresses.

If you haven't received your White Caps for more than one missed issue, please contact me to find out why. Did you move and not change your address? Have you paid

your annual dues? Those are the first two questions that I ask when you call or write. Please be proactive and get those address changes in ASAP.

Thank you Barbara J. (B. J.) McGuire and the 2012 WAVES National Convention committee for a wonderful time and a job well done!

**BRAVO ZULU!**

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## PUBLIC RELATIONS



**Barb Sebring**

Greetings Ladies,

The last virtual raffle was headed by Linda Fulkerson and the winning raffle ticket was drawn by Marth Alderman, the VP of the Salt River WAVES Unit. Myrtle Reese of East Hartford, CT, was the winner of the \$100 gift card. We made a profit of \$364.05. Thanks to all of you that bought tickets.

I want to take this opportunity to say what a pleasure it has been to work with Dassa and her BOD. They all have put in many hours of work on our behalf. It really is a labor of love and I appreciate the dedication it takes as I know all of you do. I have agreed to stay on as PR Chair and look forward to an exciting next two years. Under the steady guidance of Jo Adamson and her board, I know the organization is in good hands.

*In Navy Friendship,  
Barb Sebring*

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## WHITE CAPS EDITOR



**Judy Faries**

What a wonderful convention and it was great getting to meet so many people there. Being a new National Board Member and helping out in the Ship's Store I got to meet so many people. This presented a great opportunity for me to get to know so many other members.

I have been getting so many wonderful articles/input for the White Caps but I have been receiving so many at the last minute. Please be sure to get the articles in before the 2nd of the month prior to the publish date. That way, I can be sure to include as much as possible.

Have a wonderful fall and believe it or not the holidays are right around the corner. This past year has just flown by.

*Always, Judy*

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## VA MEDICAL/HEALTH



**Ruth Storck**

It is very important as we age to maintain our independence and ability to do as we please. We must also in being independent take in the bigger picture of our health and welfare over our need for independence. We must also consider why those that care about us are questioning our decisions. We want to stay in our homes, yet they may not be suited for our current health issues.

For instance, you may have trouble doing steps - talk to the family about a stair/chair setup being placed in your home. Many grant programs are made to assist us with staying in the home. I recently saw a small article in the paper, saying the county has a grant program to assist elderly with special needs to stay in their homes. I was able to get a much needed wheelchair ramp for my house. It did not require being low income; just being in the need of a ramp. They also sent someone to place new smoke detectors in all the bedrooms. I found on line for my sister that she was eligible for free women's wellness checks because she has had cancer. This is a great help for her fixed income.

I guess I am saying all this because, when we age, we think just because, since we have always made our own decisions, our families should not try to interfere on our behalf.

I have, in just the past two weeks, heard friends say they lost family because they could not get them to budge an inch to make their environment safer.

It does not always mean our families want us in a nursing home. They may want us to move to assisted living or to move in with them. They may want to help us find a single story home instead of a two story. They may want to find someone to do our yard maintenance instead of us having a heart attack pushing that mower. They may want to offer to have people come in to assist in cleaning, cooking, driving us safely around town. I have a cousin currently paying out of his pocket every time he lets his 96 year old Dad drive 4 blocks to church alone. Seems he hits parked cars and mail boxes on the way. My cousin kind of laughs it off as the price he pays to keep peace with his Dad. My question was what happens when a kid is standing by that mailbox? He is not speaking to me now - I am too gloomy.

It is fine to make our own decisions. If we have not changed our lifestyle to accommodate getting older; then we should consider it now. Speaking with family and asking for assistance is not losing our independence. It is making a sound decision that lets them know we are capable of being on our own. Many family members want to find better solutions for the struggles we are having. They are afraid we will be mad if they suggest changes. Families want to help make our lives safer and easier, so we are around for a long time.

Grandkids, nieces and nephews are driving and would love to be asked to drive

us places. They know we are good for sliding gas cash their way. They are just not always sure how to ask us first. Be independent - ask them first!

## HEARTSPRING PROJECT



*Jeanne Hooper*

Happy Fall to all of you! Down here in Florida we are looking forward to cooler temperatures.

Since last time, 1,200 Boxtops have been sent to Heartspring. I am behind on my thank you notes to all our wonderful

contributors, but I promise, you will receive them, soon!

**CORRECTION! CORRECTION!** – In the August issue of White Caps there was an error. On Page 12, under the photo for ALAMO WAVES, Unit # 103 the caption should have read: “Sue D'Ambrosio with CDR Cory Juedemann, XO (Executive Officer), Navy Recruiting Command, San Antonio.” Our sincerest apologies!!

# ADVERTISING RATES AND GUIDELINES FOR WHITE CAPS

*Barb Turner, WAVES National Executive Secretary*

With revenue down in the WAVES National (WN) coffer your board of directors voted to allow advertising in our White Caps, during the WAVES National 18th Biennial Convention held in Norfolk, VA in August. Perhaps you have written a book or own your own business, or have a friend or business associate that would like to “get the word out” about their business. If this is as successful as we believe it will be, perhaps a small percentage of the profit from the ad could be contributed right back to WAVES National for the general fund. Think about it!

### **ADVERTISING RATES AND GUIDELINES:**

Publication of advertisement does not imply endorsement of the product(s) and/or service(s) offered. Advertising deadline is the 1st of the month prior to publication of the White Caps. (See page 15 for publication dates). Any late or incomplete submissions may not be included in the next issue. All submissions for advertisement are subject to approval by the WAVES National Board of Directors. **Please follow the outlined size guidelines and submit all advertisements in 300 dpi, black and white, camera ready .jpg, .tif, or .pdf format. Submission of advertisements by e-mail is the preferred method.**

Size Length	Business Card (2" x 3.5")	1/4 Page (3.75" x 5.0")	1/2 Page (7.5" x 5.0")	Full Page (7.5" x 10")
1 Time	\$ 45.00	\$ 75.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
1 Year	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$600.00

WAVES National reserves the right to modify ads that do not adhere to these guidelines and is not responsible for any loss of integrity that results. For advertising inquiries, please contact the WAVES National President at: Jo Adamson, 618-833-6496 or [hmcadamson@yahoo.com](mailto:hmcadamson@yahoo.com)





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*Gone, but not forgotten!*

# The U.S. Navy Armed Guards

By Helen Glass

There is a branch of the Navy that never received much attention and they well deserve it. The U.S. Navy Armed Guard.

I had never heard of the Armed Guard until Charles A. Lloyd, Chairman and Secretary of the USNAG WW2 organization gave me the facts. So I wrote a poem in their honor, to tell their story in poetry form.

However, my hat's off to those WAVES who became an integral part of the Guard. These pioneer women overcame many barriers in the beginning. The Navy had doubts whether the WAVES could substitute for men at the Armed Guard Center. Operations there went round the clock seven days a week. So they felt it was impossible for women to carry out the night assignments, covering the fatigue and modesty.

But, after careful consideration, the assignment of WAVES started with 3 WAVE officers reporting aboard followed by 3 WAVE storekeepers. Then, in February 1944, 36 WAVES of many ratings came aboard followed by many more. They now numbered 418 WAVES in every department except lower deck which was out of bounds to them. And again after a survey of general efficiency by Department Heads, the consensus was that they lacked experience and the necessary physical strength in the Supply Department, that they were incapable of working under pressure. But statistics showed that of the 30 girls who volunteered to work the 1700-0100 shifts, only 3 requested

relief in a period of one year. These women who served in the Armed Guard showed them they could do it.

The motto of the Armed Guard is "We Aim to Serve" and they did it proudly. I've listed some of the names of WAVES who were in the USNAG. I hope some WAVES National members/White Caps readers will recognize someone and let me know. Ambrosius, Caroline; Anderson, D.L.; Bauer, Mary; Billings, Mabel; Borders, Dorothy; Carpenter, Emma Lee; Carmichael, Marjorie; Coffee, Florence; Farha, Mary; Finger, Nora Ward; Jones, Thelma Frazier; Gustafson, Ellie; Jones, Thelma; Parkinson, Dorothy; Sproles, Sarah; Stark, Virginia; Striffler, Barbara; Taylor, Joyce; VanDyke, Myrtle; Welch, W. Frances; Witzel, Ruby; Wingo, Josette.

I was honored, when in 1985, I received a letter from Josette Wingo from California. The newspaper in Los Angeles had a special edition of their newspaper honoring the 40th anniversary of the ending of WW II. They included my poem "A WAVES Lament", which tells the story of being a WAVE. Josette said I had done a lot to help make our invisibility known. Josette, a U.S. Navy Gunner's Mate, was the author of "My Mother Was a Gunner's Mate", I understand.

In my poem "She's In The Navy Now" I say "She didn't take the place of a man you see she made her own place in History" and this is true of the women in the U.S. Navy Armed Guard.

## OUR GUARDIAN ANGELS ON THE WAVES

In World War 1 and World War 2  
These gallant men were protecting you  
Little was known of these brave men in blue  
But they had an important job to do.  
Men of the U.S. Navy Armed Guard  
Helped defeat the enemy-hit them hard  
They maintained the guns and ammunition too  
Protected the ships' cargo and its crew  
Codes and messages, sent and received back then  
By highly skilled radio and signalmen  
American and Allied Merchant  
shipping was being attacked  
But guns were prohibited by the Neutrality Act.  
Many ships were damaged or sunk  
and many men's lives battered or lost  
The Act was unfair to all concerned  
Look what happened, look what it cost  
Then things changed for the better  
When in November 1941  
Armed Guards on merchant ships  
again "manned the gun."  
"If not for the Merchant Seamen, the war  
would have been lost by the Allies then"

"It was the U.S. Navy Armed Guard personnel  
The Maritime men and ships, brought victory again."  
"A loose lip sinks a ship"  
was the saying of the Armed Guard  
And they took this seriously  
whether on a vessel or in the ship yard.  
The U.S. Navy Armed Guard  
Was a dedicated crew of men at sea  
Loyal to their country, risking their lives  
Fighting for peace and freedom for you and me.  
No one group of fighting men  
can say "They did it alone" ever again.  
It takes love and devotion  
On every sea and ocean  
If there is ever to be  
Peace and victory.

*By Helen Anderson Rickard Glass  
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Region VI	No. Central	Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin
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Region IX	Appalachian	New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania
Region X	Mid-Atlantic	Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia
Region XI	Southeast	Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee
Region XII	Sunshine	Florida, Puerto Rico

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## KEYSTONE WAVES

**Unit #6 (PA)** - In July, one of our WAVES, Jeanne Lemasters, took a 21-day trip with her sister across England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland to reconnect with her roots. They also attended several events at the Olympic Games.

We celebrated the 70th anniversary of the WAVES with a pool/picnic party at the home of Gladys Martin.



Members of Keystone WAVES celebrate the WAVES 70th Anniversary (l-r) Jeanne Lamasters, Jo Pogue, Gladys Felice, Marie Cush, Luise Manz, Trudy Zahn, Ruthie Severino, Helen Shelton, Tina Crouding, and Gladys Martin.

A beautiful cake with an anchor and propeller decal was served along with a champagne toast.



Special guests in attendance at the celebration were American Legion Post #093 members, including the Post Commander, Bob Diamond, who presented our unit with a check for \$200.00. Seven members of our unit belong to this post.

Gladys Martin, Gladys Felice, and Ruthie Severino participated in a ceremony commemorating the Spirit of '45, the end of WW II. They laid a wreath at the foot of the Pennsylvania Railroad WW II Memorial in the main concourse of 30th Street Station, Philadelphia. This 39 ft. bronze sculpture, "Angel of the Resurrection", portrays Michael the Archangel raising up a fallen soldier out of the "Flames of War" and contains the names of the 1,307 Pennsylvania

Railroad employees who died in WW II.

Seven of our group attended WAVES National Convention 2012 in Orlando, FL.

**For meeting information, call Ruthie Severino, 610-356-8956.**

## HEART OF AMERICA

**Unit #9 (KS)** - We met on Saturday, August 25th, in Parkville. Visiting us were retired LCDR Orvis Fitts; Howard Kemper, an Air Force Veteran; and, John Slayman, an Army Veteran. Our guest speaker was member Lois Hardeman who gave us a wonderful travelogue of her family's three week cross country trip in a 29' RV camper. Some of the highlights included visiting the "Garden of the Gods" and friends in Colorado Springs, Lake Havasu in Arizona to see the London Bridge, San Diego, CA, and Camp Pendleton. But, the highlight for her three granddaughters was the Pacific Ocean. What a memorable trip.



Marilyn Bosley (left) receiving her lifetime membership from Joyce Campbell at her early 90th birthday celebration.

Member Marilyn Bosley celebrated an "early" 90th birthday along with nearly 60 family members and friends. Good friend and member Joyce Campbell presented her with a Lifetime Membership to WN, something Marilyn has talked about for some time. A big thanks goes out to all those at WAVES National for making that presentation possible on such short notice.

I was so glad to see "old friends" and to make some "new friends" at convention.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, October 27th, at the American Legion Post 370 in Overland Park, KS. **For information, contact Michele Batliner at [mbatliner@att.net](mailto:mbatliner@att.net) or call 816-315-9229.**

## NORTH COAST WAVES

**Unit #21 (OH)** - We had a busy and exciting summer. New officers were elected, including Jennifer Baun as President, Marlana Robertshaw as Vice President, Dalene Sherrod as Treasurer, and Lillian Hawley as Secretary.



Lillian Hawley, Marlana Robertshaw and Jennifer Baun were recently elected as officers of NCW. Not pictured but also elected is Dalene Sherrod.

During the summer, members of the unit participated in parades, events in their communities, and the Cleveland Indians Salute to Women Veterans.



Claudia Westover, associate member, carries the POW-MIA flag during the Cleveland Indians Salute to Women Veterans.

Jennifer Baun even got to accompany her father on an Honor Flight from Cleveland, OH, as his Guardian taking a group of WWII and Korean War Veterans to Washington, D.C., on August 15th.

The unit has been planning and looking forward to other upcoming events. The Canfield Fair in Canfield, OH, is quickly becoming an annual event. Members volunteer to work in a booth to obtain visibility for WAVES National and the unit, to increase membership, and to get the message out about women Veterans. Many of our members have travelled some fairly significant distances to participate.

In September, we were also a part of the Summit County Stand Down event. This is an event that is anticipated every year. Over the summer, the unit has secured donations from American Pharmacy Cooperative and McKesson, as well as personal donations from members, to create care packages for the women veterans attending the event.

With so much activity having been completed and more in the future, the group looks forward to its next social event, which has returned to the 356th Fighter Group in Akron, OH.

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## MICHIGAN

**Unit #32 (MI)** - We have not reported for a while, but want to let you know that we're still meeting regularly at different locations in Michigan.

We had a couple of our members recognized for accomplishments and involvement in various Veteran-related activities. Past Unit Treasurer Brook Thompson (LCDR, USN, Ret.) was appointed chairwoman of the Michigan Women's Commission by Governor Rick Snyder on 5 July. (See Michigan Women's Commission Chair Page 13.)

Jan Roy, Unit President, Region VII Representative and Past National President, was selected as Kent County Veteran of the Year, the second woman to be selected in its history, the first selectee being former President Gerald R. Ford many years ago.

A more than 10-year effort by our members and others in beautiful Bay City has finally become a reality. The USS Edson traveled from Philadelphia to Bay City where it will be berthed permanently. It's anticipated the ship will be visited by many, bringing more visitors to Bay City and helping the local economy financially. Members Delores Maillette and Mary Kegley, who live in Bay City, were involved in making this happen.

Three of our members attended the WAVES National convention in Orlando, last month.

## STARS & STRIPES

**Unit #36 (CA)** - We celebrated the WAVES' 70th Birthday on 28 July. Guests included Bea Hurley; Winnie and Roger Hammerlink, from Anaheim; Judi Wells, a generous donor to our neck pillow program; Ruth Covalt and Mabel Stenstrom, our newest members; and, invitees Eleanor Kelley and Diane Maavich.



Lynne Pine and Laura Pantazoplus cut the cake celebrating the WAVES' 70th Anniversary.

Entertainment was provided by the California Note Catchers who sang medleys in Barbershop style. The birthday cake was cut by Laura Pantazoplus (97) and Lynne Pine (40+).

## BADGER

**Unit #39 (WI)** - Many of our members and their families attended the premiere of the documentary "Field of Honor: A Salute to the Greatest Generation" at Miller Park in Milwaukee on August 11th, which featured mostly WW II Veterans who had gone to D.C. on Stars and Stripes Honor Flights. All 33,000 tickets were sold for the event which set a record in Guinness' World Record Book for attendance at a feature-length premiere.

Our unit is sponsoring an all-female division of recruits at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes.



Marie Benz, Freddie Tharp, Claudia Bankes, Doris Zimmermann, Pam Jacobsen, and Kris Gancarz present Unit Flag to Division 317 at RTC Great Lakes.



Badger members pose with the RTC Division they are sponsoring.

Unit members, in support of this Division, will attend several events over the next few months at RTC. Some items are traditionally presented to recruits: a flag, organizational t-shirts and organizational coins. We are looking for any donations to help defray the cost of these items. Anyone wishing to help can contact Claire Krolick.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 17th, at Ally's Bistro Menomonee Falls. **Contact Claire Krolick, email: [peach@wi.rr.com](mailto:peach@wi.rr.com), or call 262-782-6215, for information.**

## CONNECTICUT YANKEES

**Unit #42 (CT)** - We will be enjoying our 25th anniversary party when this issue arrives. We met Sept 8th to finish planning the event. We have a smaller group

that gets out to our meetings now but we keep our shipmates informed with our unit newsletter.

The lunch meeting in June was fun for us and a good way to keep in touch. Because we have fewer members able to drive now we are getting together in areas closer to where our members live. Our Regional Representative Mary Ann Goodell will be back from the Convention to let us know about the events there.

For information about our meetings **(1st Saturday of Mar, Apr, May, June and Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec at the CTVA Facility in Rocky Hill, CT) contact Marie Walsh at 860-647-7753 or Barbara Crede at 860-665-8082.**

## SPACE COAST WAVES

**Unit #75 (FL)** - Members enjoyed the summer months with many traveling around the country to visit friends and family. We geared up for the convention by preparing boxes and gift items.



Unit members gathered at President Francene Intille's home to prepare boxes for the upcoming convention. Those helping to stuff boxes with candy were (l-r) Joyce Batti, Samantha McRoy, Betty Yaroch, Wynne Seitz, Francene Intille, Pamela McRoy, Doris Lindsay, and Stephanie McRoy.

**For meeting information, please contact Vice President Pamela McRoy, 321-626-4546.**

## REDWOOD EMPIRE WAVES

**Unit #77 (CA)** - I apologize for my booboo on the date mix-up in the August newsletter. We had no meeting in June and our installation was in July.



Pictured left to right; Rebecca Allen, treasurer, Helen Nugent, secretary, Debra Haggerty, 2nd VP, Margaret Petrizi, 1st VP, Barb Sebring, President, and MaryLou Loustalot, installing officer.

In August, about 18 members and guests celebrated the WAVES' 70th anniversary with a cake and a picnic at the Cheese Factory between Petaluma and the coast. There were shaded tables near a pretty pond, nice for lunch on a



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hot day. A large group of bicyclists had stopped there for lunch and seemed quite impressed with our active ladies.

**For meeting information please call Bettie Crandall at 707-838-4035**

## WAVES OF THE WASATCH

**Unit #93 (UT)** - We celebrated the WAVES' birthday with a luncheon provided by the Presidency and a really fun program. There was a piano presentation by a very talented child and then we performed the Bell Ceremony to honor our members who have passed away. Eula Kimber read the names, Irene Morris rang the bells and Jo Neilan played Taps on the bugle.

New officers were elected with Irene Morris as President; Lucile Watkins as Vice President; Jo Neilan as Secretary; Marge Campbell as Treasurer.



New officers (l-r) are: Irene Morris, President; Lucile Watkins, Vice President; Jo Neilan, Secretary; Marge Campbell, Treasurer.

Eula Kimber was named as our new State Director. Now, we are looking forward to the next year

## FLATWATER WAVES

**Unit #98 (NE)** - We met in June at Memorial Gardens in Lincoln, followed by lunch at Beacon Hills where the members became better acquainted with the newest member, Suzanne Gilsdorf.



Members attending our August meeting were (Back row, l-r) Marjorie Neill, Michele Batliner, Linda Delgado and Pat Hunsche; (front, l-r) Mable Stamler, Jeannie Bixby, Joen Gruber, and Kathy Howe.

We did not meet in July due to temperatures in excess of 90 degrees all

month. Our unit met August 18th, at the Barn Door Restaurant in Ceresco, and we were pleased to welcome Michele Batliner, of Kansas City, MO, Region V Rep, and her daughter, Colete Coleman, as our guests. We all shared our military experiences and Michele gave us some pointers on gaining new members.

Carol Applegate of Omaha reported that the Omaha Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Daughters of the War of 1812 celebrated the 200th anniversary of the start of the War of 1812 by "Ringing in the War of 1812" at noon on the 18th of June, at the USS Hazard (AM-240) in Omaha with Carol using the original ship's bell. Carol is the point of contact for fund raising for bringing the sail and rudder from the Los Angeles class submarine, USS Omaha (SSN-692), to Omaha as a Submarine Memorial.

**For meeting information, contact Pat Hunsche, 402-426-2013.**

## GREEN MOUNTAIN WAVES

**Unit #109 (VT)** - Seven members attended a delightful luncheon on July 11th at the Senior Center Meals-On-Wheels Café in Bennington, VT. The experience was enhanced by the special care the Center gave to our group by making us feel so welcomed by having prints of old period military "JOIN THE WAVES," as well as appropriate decorations, on the table.



Pictured are members of the Green Mountain Waves.

Jane McCauley shared her very positive experience of touring the Veterans' Home after delivering jewelry to the women staying at the Home that was collected and donated by our members. Members are encouraged to donate items to the Veterans' Home whenever possible.

Betty Roark reported that she donated and delivered a lift chair that was no longer needed by her family. The chair was most gratefully received. All attendees are looking forward to the next meeting at the Senior Center Café in October.

## BLUEGRASS

**Unit #129 (KY)** - In July, our unit lost long-time and beloved member Frances Hardt. She passed away after a brief illness. Fran was a World War II Veteran and member of the American Legion. Her survivors include her husband of 67 years, Ken Hardt, and her daughter, Maureen Mattingly. A moving memorial service was conducted by our unit president, assisted by our chaplain. All members of our unit who could attend were there to bid her farewell. It was an honor to have known this lovely lady and we will miss her greatly.

**For meeting information, please contact: Kathy Ruble at 502-661-1898 or e-mail: [kattev8@aol.com](mailto:kattev8@aol.com).**

## TIDEWATER TIDAL WAVES

**Unit #152 (VA)** - We celebrated the WAVES 70th Anniversary with a luncheon at Aberdeen Barn Steak House. The Color Guard from the USS Bataan presented Colors and CAPT Mary Jackson, the first female commanding officer of Norfolk Naval Station, was our guest speaker.



Dulcie Davis, Senior Sailor, Dame Mary Baracco, WW II Freedom Fighter, and IT3 Shonteka Durant, Junior Sailor, cut the WAVES birthday cake.

The 2012 WAVES National Scholarship winner, Marisa Harris, lives in the area and she and her family were also guests. The scholarship check was presented to Marisa during the birthday celebration.



Dassa Carvey (l) and Betty Hand (r) present Scholarship Award to Marisa Harris (c).

More than 400 years of service were represented at the luncheon. With the earnings from our auction, we were able to make several donations to the Hampton VAMC.

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Plans are being made to participate in the Veterans' Day Parade in November and the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the A.G. Horton, Jr., Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, in December.

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

## SALT RIVER WAVES

**Unit #155 (AZ)** - We're having a productive summer here in the Golden West.

In June Carol Culbertson (Cactus WAVES) installed our officers for the coming year: President Vida Flayter; Vice President Martha Alderman; Secretary & Treasurer Margaret Waldron. A certificate of appreciation was given to our Founder, Louise Glende.

On July 28 we hosted a celebration of the WAVES 70th Birthday with about 70 guests attending. Rhoda Claytor (Cactus WAVES) won the longevity award for military women in attendance. At age 96, she doesn't need ambulatory help. We honored local people involved in improving life for women Veterans. We also told sea stories, sang service songs, had a yummy lunch and were entertained by a women's ensemble singing 4-part barbershop harmony. The day ended with lovely raffles and solemn TAPS.

Our unit's 2nd anniversary was celebrated in September. The same women who accepted our charter in Norfolk (Lori Elander and Diana Green) went to Orlando for the convention.

In October, Kathy Laurier from Salt River WAVES will be installed in Arizona State Veterans Hall of Fame along with Linda Fulkerson (Cactus WAVES). Both of our local units are proud of these

women who work tirelessly for their charities and special interest groups.

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

## MEMBERS AT LARGE

C O R N E R



Diane Culleton, National Parliamentarian, presented Dorothy Leighton a WN Lifetime Membership in recognition of Dorothy's service and the WAVES 70th Anniversary, in ceremonies in Machias, ME.

## Women of the Sea Services – Region I & III 2013 Cruise to Alaska

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## Michigan Women's Commission Chair



LCDR Anne K. Thompson, USN, Ret., of Haslett (Brook Thompson), was appointed chair of the Michigan Women's Commission by Governor Rick Snyder on July 5, 2012. The 15-member Michigan Women's Commission (MWC) was statutorily created in 1968 with the mission of improving the lives of Michigan women. Throughout its 44 year history, the MWC has worked on many issues, and its current priorities are women in business, women Veterans and human trafficking.

Chair Thompson is an administrative supervisor and program manager with Michigan State University's College of Education, Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education Department. She served in the Navy from the Vietnam and Desert Storm era. She has served on the Ingham County Veteran Affairs Committee, as treasurer of Michigan, Unit #32, and as Commander of NUWARINE Post 535 of the American Legion, the only all-female post in Michigan.



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<b>Anchor Lapel Pin \$4</b> Original Hat Pin Style, 1/2" with single pin clutch back	<b>Necktie \$8</b> Women's USN - Black w/Velcro closure-One Size	<b>Waist Bag \$10</b> "Fanny-style"; cotton canvas w/ Embroider logo; 2 zips; adj 30"/4	<b>Ballcap \$10</b> Navy w/Embroidered Logo Soft style - Adjustable
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<b>Small Patch \$4</b> <b>SPECIFY:</b> WN Logo <b>OR</b> Service (Navy, Marines; Coast Guard, Army, Air Force) Size vary 2 1/2"-3"	<b>Anchor Patch \$5</b> WAVES Anchor & Prop Embroidered in Blue & Grey on White background; 4 1/2" diameter	<b>Large Patch \$10</b> WN Logo; May be sewn or ironed on back of jacket or vest. Size 8 1/2" diameter	<b>Teddy Bear \$7</b> W/Service Patch on Belly <b>SPECIFY:</b> Which Service
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<b>"Original" Hat Pin \$10</b> WAVES w/Anchor & Prop	<b>USN Hat Pin \$4</b> Spread eagle w/USN	<b>WN Logo Charm \$7</b> Round, Enamel WN Logo (1/2")	<b>Anchor Charm \$7</b> Original Hat Pin Style (3/4")
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<b>Anchor Earrings \$14</b> Pierced, Original Hat Pin Style (3/4") (Clip-on Available on Request)	<b>WN Logo Earrings \$12</b> Pierced, 1/2" Round Enamel WN Logo (Clip-on Available on Request)	<b>Songbook \$8</b> <b>SPECIFY:</b> "Songs WAVES Sing" <b>OR</b> "Bainbridge Bootcamp Songs"	<b>Letterhead OR Notes \$5</b> <b>SPECIFY:</b> 20 Sheets WN Letterhead <b>OR</b> 10 Single-fold notes w/envelopes
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<b>Portfolio \$15</b> Soft Vinyl Black w/Silver Trim; Dark Blue WN Logo (on silver) 9 3/4" wide x 12 1/4"	<b>Pen \$2</b> Bright Blue color w/WN Logo & WEB address printed in white Blue Ink; Retractable; Nice Weight	<b>Sewing Kit \$2</b> Blue Case w/WN Logo & WEB address printed in white; 2"x3 1/4"x1/4" Needles/threader/scissors/pins, etc.	<b>WN Bumper Sticker \$1</b> Two-tone blue WN emblem and dark blue letters on white; glossy paper; Approx 3" x 10
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<b>Garrison Cap \$22</b> Ladies' Style, Dark Blue, lined w/WN Logo Patch on Left Front 55% Poly/45% Wool; DRY CLEAN ONLY Sizes 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25 (Measure Circumference of your head; Add 1 & ROUND UP for Size)	<b>Coin OR Medallion OR Keychain \$10</b> <b>Front:</b> WN logo in gold, silver & blue <b>Back:</b> three raised images; Coin has gold, diamond cut edge; Medallion (on blue ribbon) & Keychain w/ring have smooth silver edge ~ Approx 1 1/2" diameter <b>CALL for Quantity Discount Info</b>
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