FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

This is my first opportunity to say "hello" to all WNC members since taking office in July. I would like to apologize for the delay in this issue of WHITE CAPS. Being such a young organization and with our new officers scattered around the country, the transition is slow—but sure.

We hope all of you attending WNC's first convention went home with fond memories tucked away in your memory bank! As with any first-time event, there may have been some unavoidable mistakes and I am asking for feedback so that we can prevent a recurrence next year.

Speaking not as your president, but solely as a member of WNC, I would like to say "hats off and three cheers" for WNC's founders: Jeannine Palermo, Leda Mae Dobbins and Esther Govorhin. And added thanks go to John Govorhin for all his assistance. Their combined efforts really paid off!

The first major action to be taken in the beginning of our second year is to compile a membership roster (implementing Item One, Section Two of Article I, WNC by-laws). We hope all members are able to assist any member moving into their locality or any member encountering problems while traveling. Advice and moral support require no monetary expenditure, yet they can be invaluable. A report of such assistance can be included in WHITE CAPS (minus names and places if requested) to let everyone know our one main purpose is being fulfilled.

Also, if any member has a problem, WNC will assist whenever we can; therefore, any member who has expertise of some kind, please inform WNC so that we can include it in our files as resources. WNC is unable to give financial assistance, but hopefully as we grow, this will change.

The 1981 WNC Convention is scheduled for July 29 to August 2 in St. Louis, Missouri, my home area. We hope a midwest location will be accessible to even more than attended in Sacramento.

I welcome any and all suggestions from all you former WAVES. I can be reached by calling A/C 341: 391-8959 or at 104 Windcliffe Drive, Ballwin, Mo., 63011.

Sincerely,

Mary Jahn, President
WAVES National Corp.

October 1980
MARY JAHN ELECTED WNC PRESIDENT

Mary Jahn, Ballwin, Missouri was unanimously elected president of WAVES National Corp., during the unity ceremony in Sacramento. Executive president, Jeannie Palermo, lit the first candle during the impressive closing ceremonies of the convention, ending a very successful meeting attended by over 250 former WAVES and guests.

Other officers elected were: vice-president, Beulah Rupert of North Little Rock, AR; treasurer, Helen Taylor, Indianapolis, Ind.; and secretary, Mary Dahnke, Las Vegas, Nev. Executive advisor is Norma Batchelder, San Diego, CA.

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WHITE CAPS HAS NEW EDITOR

Marie Alsmeyer of Conway, AR, has been asked to edit the bi-monthly publication of WAVES National. Special appreciation goes to Esther Govorchin who brought "Issue 1, Aug., 1979" from a single page printing to a full fourteen page newsletter to 1,500 readers.

Marie has a journalism degree from the University of Texas and served as a PHM 2/c at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, Oakland, CA.

Any suggestions, requests or new ideas should be sent to her at 1901 Creekwood Dr., Conway, AR., 72032

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Arlene J. Magnussen, Johnson Creek, Wisc.: "I don't know where you found my name to send WHITE CAPS, but I'm glad you did. Keep' em coming!"

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN APPOINTED

Serving in key positions with Mary Jahn are the following committee chairmen: nominating, Myldred Stebbins; budget and finance, Helen Taylor; membership, Jeannie Palermo; and by-laws, Loda Mae Dobbins. Mary O'Conner is WNC historian.

Mary is now working on a roster to be used by the 1981 WNC Planning Committee for the convention in St. Louis. It is hoped this roster will be available for all former WAVES by December.

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VETERAN HOSPITAL CARE

If you have any questions regarding Veteran Hospital care, write to Velma Harris, 5100 Garfield, Apt. 83, Sacramento, CA., 95811, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope.

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE USS F.C. DAVIS?

From the Kenneth S. Wells Post 209 of the American Legion, Orfordville, Wisconsin, comes a request for information of known survivors of the USS Frederick C. Davis (DE 136), last American warship sunk in European theater, April, 1945.

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SILVER TAPS

The deaths of the following have been reported: LORETTA R ("Mickey McKern) BLANKENSHIP of Genesee, Idaho died in August 1980 at the Fairchild Air Force Base Hospital in Spokane. She enlisted in the navy and served during the Korean War. HELEN WEBER CARR of Houston, Texas died of a heart attack in June of 1979. ESTHER E. McLAUGHLIN of 143 Kendall Rd., Walnut Creek, CA, 94595, died in May, 1978.
A second printing of The Making of a WAVE will soon be available for $5.50 (plus $1.25 shipping and handling).

"After barely surviving a disastrous first printing filled with typing errors and up-side-down pages, we hope this new edition will bring back memories of Boot Camp at Hunter College in 1943-45 and your own experiences during WW II or later," says Marie Alsmeyer, author.

Jeannie Palermo reports that the new edition will be available by MARCH 15 and suggests that you not only buy a copy for yourself, but donate one to your local library as well. She has a special book-plate for each gift book for your name as donor. All you have to do is send her a check and the name and address of the library.

Delinda Helen (Ivons) Gagne of Fullerton, CA, writes: "I could relive my own experiences at boot camp again after reading just the first two chapters. How nostalgic!"

The Arkansas chapter of WAVES National was the first unit to become chartered and received a plaque during the convention. Beulah Rupert was unanimously elected president and the required number of meetings was held before the convention. She reports that 22 WAVES have paid dues but many more have shown interest in meeting together in Little Rock or area cities.

Maxine Biggers, Arkansas Unit secretary, represented the group at the Las Vegas Board of Directors meeting in September. Beulah also attended.

Work is now underway on the local by-laws.

Surely any WAVE dressed in navy blue rode a troop train through St. Louis during WW II! The train terminal there was one of the busiest crossroads in the country.

And plans are now underway for the WAVES National Corp. convention in that city July 29-August 2, 1981. WNC president Mary Jahn lives only a few miles from St. Louis and assures us that those Golden Arches will reach from coast to coast after the WAVES hit town!

When it comes to joining the armed forces, American women--like American men---prefer the navy!

In the first 3 months of 1979, the army failed to meet its recruiting goals by 40%. The marines also failed, aiming for 600 women but recruiting only 520. The navy and air force, however, easily filled their distaff personnel goals.

As of September 1978 (the latest figures available) there were 133,461 women in the armed forces---with 25,073 being in the navy.

You can tell by the assortment of news stories in WHITE CAPS that WAVES National Corp. "wears many hats." The primary purpose is to establish communication and to aid in locating "old buddies."

We are anxious to offer local units aid in getting established with an ample medium of exchange so that you might discover programs that can be utilized in bettering your function in your own community.

WAVES National Corp. DOES NOT replace the function of the five-year REUNION CONVENTION (Seattle, 1982).
There were 776 members of the first class of WAVES midshipmen who entered in October 1942 and two members of that group are trying to locate them. Dr. Dean F. Johnson of Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA., has contacted both Pacific Northwest WAVES and WAVES National Corp., for aid in locating this group.

Dean is a sociologist and is studying the effects of military service on later lives. She wants to assess whether military service has been a beneficial or detrimental effect on the lives of women.

"We are asking for the list of 776 WAVES for scholarly purposes, not commercial," writes Carol Wells who is assisting Dean. Carol is an archivist at Northwestern Louisiana University library.

"The navy has been no help in locating former WAVES and says it has no idea where they have all gone after the war. The women came when they were needed, then they went out, and that ended that for the navy," writes Carol.

WAVES National Corp. joins in the search -- not only for these 776 but ALL former WAVES.

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We Remember When?

Runaway inflation? Another recession? Cost of living going up?

Just remember back in 1943 when the pay scale was like this:

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BY-LAWS COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP!

Loda Mae Dobbins needs someone on the by-laws committee who is active in a parliamentary association. If you can assist her, or know of someone who can, please contact her at 4121 60th St., Sacramento, California, or call A/C 916: 452-2294 after 7 p.m. or on weekends.

Many hours of work have gone into the preparation of the by-laws, but there still are some 'kinks' that need to be smoothed out. Please help.

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WHITE CAPS STORY BRINGS RESULTS

A recent article in WHITE CAPS has resulted in many inquiries about books written by Anne Rensel, an ex-WAVE who now lives at Torrejon Air Base in Spain.

Ella Anne Marron Rensel has had three novels published, as well as many travel articles, and has at least five novels "plotted".

New Dreams for Old and Broken Tryst can probably be found in your local library, but the third, Fire and Ice, must be ordered direct. This book was published in Spain (in English) and is available from Beth Stiles, 5289-100 Way N., St. Petersburg, Florida, 33708. Price $3.50. Make check payable to Beth Stiles.

LOST AND FOUND:

Found in Woodlake Hospitality Room after the convention in Sacramento: a pink and white print short sleeved blouse. If it is yours, please contact Loda Mae Dobbins, 4121 60th St., Sacramento, CA.

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If you are trying to locate an old WAVES friend, write WHITE CAPS and we will help—he dates, hometown, maiden names and other information—next month!
MEMBERSHIP: $5.00, August 1, 1980 - July 31, 1981.

Make check payable to WAVES National Corporation
F.O. Box 2368
Sacramento, Calif., 95811

NAME: ______________________ Telephone A/C ______________________

ADDRESS: __________________ City __________________ State ________ Zip ________

Please include service number, brief information of rank/rate, and duty stations for our permanent files.

NEW FISCAL YEAR: PAY DUES NOW

July 31, 1980 ended the first year of activities for WAVES National. Dues for current year should be sent to WAVES National at the address above.

This money is used primarily for publication of WHITE CAPS, postage and to establish better communications between members. Membership now totals 1,188.

New membership cards will be mailed in November.

WAVES MEMORABILIA AVAILABLE

One of the busiest areas at the National Convention in Sacramento was the table filled with souvenir ceramic mugs, T-shirts, charms, bumper stickers, as well as tiles and books.

Still available are song books from the "good ole days," a well-prepared Short History of Women in the Navy by Esther Govorchin and The Making of a WAVE by Marie Alsmeyer.

Orders will be filled as quickly as possible.

MAIL ORDER FORM for souvenir items and books

Make check payable to WAVES National Corporation
F.O. Box 2368, Sacramento, Calif., 94811

NAME: ______________________ Telephone A/C ______________________

ADDRESS: __________________ City __________________ State ________ Zip ________

The Making of a WAVE by Marie Alsmeyer, 2nd printing .........$5.50 plus $1.25 postage
Short History of Women in the Navy by Esther Govorchin .........$4.00

WAVES Song Books .........$4.00

"Still Something Special" (bumper sticker) for 2 .........$1.00

WAVES Insignia Charms .........$3.00 not available

WAVES T-shirt (M,L, ) ......... $6.00

TOTAL ______________________