

# MILITARY Women's BULLETIN



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## Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Norma!

by Jill Blakeney



Yeoman Senior Chief Norma Elaine Schrader, U.S. Navy (retired) and life member of Military Women Across the Nation and Triangle Women Veterans Unit #144 celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 14<sup>th</sup> with 60 of her closest friends.

In addition to musical entertainment and dancing from the WWII era, Norma was recognized during the event by North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Secretary Larry Hall. On behalf of

North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper, Secretary Hall presented a letter which stated in part, *"Your service from 1944-1946 sets you apart as an historical trailblazer and illuminating example to servicewomen to this day. Furthermore, through your duty during WWII and the Korean War, you have earned your place and legacy among the greatest generation of Americans and left the world and our nation a better place."*

Norma also received recognition as a "Women in Military Service for America Memorial Living Legend". Her certificate reads in part, *"We are proud of the service you gave to your country in the Navy WAVES during WWII and through subsequent decades of peace and war. Your service helped create the pathway that military women today are following. To us you are a living legend and it is our honor to ensure your story of service continues to be remembered long into the future."*

Senior Chief Schrader's military service includes being a member of the Navy WAVES from December 1944 to August 1946 and drilling in the Naval Reserve from September 1946 to December 1950. She was recalled to active duty for the Korean War from May 1951 to September 1953 then returned to reserve status until her Navy retirement in 1965. Her awards include the American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and Korean Service Medal.

Before enlisting in the Navy, Norma served in the National Security Women's Corps (part of the civil defense for the

United States) from 1942 to 1944. She also retired from the civil service at Naval Station Charleston in South Carolina.

When asked for a memory of her Navy service, Norma provided this story:

"Well, remember, this is WWII. I am a Yankee (born in Brooklyn, NY) and stationed in Charleston, SC. WAVES were not assigned outside CONUS (continental United States)! My stories don't have battle experiences as

the underlying theme. They have more down to earth themes. And being in charge of two WAVES barracks and a mess hall, I, personally, didn't run into sexual harassment!

"It was coming up on Thanksgiving in 1945. As a Yankee, Mince Pie was always on the table in my house and I wasn't the only Yankee eating in my WAVES mess hall! Fortunately, I had a Yankee baker who knew how to make real mincemeat. The recipe called for real meat and REAL whiskey, but Charleston was a dry city in a dry state!

"We found a pint of whiskey somewhere and Voila: We had mincemeat! The crock {of meat and whiskey} was in the reefer doing what it was supposed to be doing when we got news of an inspection of the mess hall and galley! When the (inspecting) officer opened the door to the refrigerator, all anyone could smell was mincemeat! Bottom line? We had more people to feed on Thanksgiving than you could shake a stick at, and we ran out of mince pie!"

Continued on Page 2, "Norma"



→→ Don't Forget! ←←

2020 National Dues are PAST DUE  
April Bulletin Input DUE 1 Mar

All report & letter details are in the MWAN  
Procedures Manual available at [www.milwomen.org](http://www.milwomen.org)

## Presidential Ponderings

by Patty Parks, National President

Did you know MWAN has some 50 members who are 100 years of age or older? And, we have about 40 more members who will achieve the century milestone this year.

When these gals were born, women in the United States did NOT have the right to vote nationally. After nearly a hundred years of fighting, our foremothers finally won that right on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 1920. More details about this monumental event will be provided throughout this year.

For now, make certain you are properly registered to vote and exercise that right at every election: local, state and national.

The 2020 MWAN National Scholarship Application is on Pages 3 and 4 of this bulletin and on our web page. Please share the details with everyone in your family as well as high schools and colleges in your local area and state.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Update

by Gloria Wix, National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and is enjoying a great beginning to 2020.

Listed below are several ways you might entice military women you meet to join MWAN. You just have to show how it could benefit them and how much we want to stay in touch with our military sisters.

- Always wear something that shows military (a T-shirt, a pin, a cap, etc)
- Attend meetings with other service organizations (American Legion, VFW, Vietnam Veterans of America, etc.)
- Attend and participate in job fairs, conventions, meetings, etc.
- When you go to the VA wear something showing you are a woman veteran. Talk to everyone about your military service and they will tell you about theirs. If your new friend is not a woman veteran, he or she may know one who may be interested.
- Advertise your service on your vehicle with magnets, stickers, a license plate frame, etc.
- When you meet a sister veteran talk about MWAN: Invite her to a unit meeting: Go out for coffee: Talk about her service and yours. Share what you have in common.
- Always have a business card or something with your contact information on it. Get her phone number and address if possible. Follow up with her by phone or email within a reasonable period (a week or two). If you cannot do the follow-up pass the info on to someone who can.

Most importantly: Start a Conversation. No matter where you are, that could be the beginning of a new friendship AND another MWAN sister.

I am hopeful many of you will be joining us for our national convention this September at Put-In-Bay, Ohio. I have talked to several people who have been there and they all rave about how really nice it is and what a great time they had. I am looking forward to it.

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## Volunteer Viewpoints

by Diane Culleton, National Representative for Veterans Administration Voluntary Service (VAVS)

Happy New Year! 2020 will continue finding our VAVS volunteers dedicating many hours to helping our brother

# Officers' Call

and sister veterans. Thank you to all of MWAN's VAVS volunteers for serving the needs of others this past year.

The definition of a volunteer is "a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertakes a task that benefits another person, organization or enterprise". This certainly describes our MWAN volunteers who give of their time and energy. I am sure they would say they receive more than they give.

We are always looking for more volunteers, so if you would like to make a difference in a veteran's life by becoming a part of our VAVS volunteer community and represent MWAN at local quarterly committee meetings please contact me at [diane.turcotte30@gmail.com](mailto:diane.turcotte30@gmail.com) or call me on my cell at 207-399-1696 as I will be wintering in Myrtle Beach.



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## Norma (Continued from Page 1)

As the Immediate Past President Norma is the "anchor" of Unit 144 and continues to be our lead recruiter. We have all learned from her mentorship and treasure her friendship. We wish her many more Happy Birthdays!



L-R: Mitzi Manning, Adina Lev, Carolyn Comfort, Christine Milam, Jill Blakeney, Norma Schrader, Robin Hamilton, Secretary Hall, Sandy Whitman, Betty Hand, Patricia Harris, Pat Childers



Left: Norma enjoying her friends & her party.

Below: Norma receiving her letter from Secretary Hall.





# Military Women Across the Nation College Scholarship Rules & Application



This \$1,000 scholarship is available to a relative - male or female - of a military woman.

The 2020 essay topic is “**Careers for Women in the U.S. Air Force.**”

**APPLICANTS WHO DO NOT ADHERE TO ALL INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

## **Applicant Eligibility**

1. May be female or male but must be a civilian relative of a Military Woman who has served or is serving honorably in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard or their Guard or Reserve components. The relationship may be by birth, legal adoption or marriage.
2. Must have a 3.2 or better Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.
3. Must be a high school senior or undergraduate college student.
4. Entries must be submitted by **6 April 2020: NO EXCEPTIONS.**
5. Military women and veterans may **NOT APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP.**

## **Application Package MUST INCLUDE the following:**

1. Completed Application.
2. Copy of all transcripts pertaining to current course of study to include academic standing.
3. **Documented Proof of the military woman relative's honorable military service.** Application packages without this proof **WILL NOT be considered.** **Documented Proof** is a legible copy of the military woman's Standard Form DD-214, discharge certificate **OR** a Statement of Service on letterhead from the military woman's current command.

**NOTE: To protect personal information applicants are directed to mark out all references to social security and/or service numbers on the DD-214 and high school or college transcripts.**

4. An essay of 1,000 to 1,500 words in length written on the above topic. The essay must be the applicant's own work; be submitted in .doc or .docx format, and include documented evidence of both research and an interview with at least one military woman. (The interviewee does not need to be the qualifying relative.) Applicants are encouraged to contact military women in recruiting offices, at military bases, reserve units, etc. to enhance the research.
5. The entire Application Package shall be submitted in one email to include **separate attachments** for the following:
  - (1) Completed Application
  - (2) Transcripts (must be legible)
  - (3) Military Woman Relative Proof of Eligibility
  - (4) Applicant's essay (in .doc or .docx format)

Each attached file must include the applicant's last name and first initial as part of the file name and ALL correspondence must include the applicant's name in the subject line.

6. Email the Application Package and/or any questions to the Scholarship Chair at:

**[MWANScholarship@milwomen.org](mailto:MWANScholarship@milwomen.org)**

**Application Package Submission DEADLINE is 6 April 2020.**

Applicants will be notified in June 2020 of the results.

The scholarship will be paid jointly to the scholarship recipient AND his/her college.

The application is available for download at [www.milwomen.org](http://www.milwomen.org) (See documents page)

# Military Women Across the Nation College Scholarship Rules & Application

PRINT or TYPE ALL INFORMATION

## Applicant

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Maiden (if applicable)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City County State Zip Country

Phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA (4.0 scale): \_\_\_\_\_ Class Ranking: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Test Scores: SAT Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Math \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Comp \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City County State Zip Country

School Phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ School Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School you plan to attend (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City County State Zip Country

School Phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ School Website: \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of School you are attending/plan to attend (Select as appropriate)

\_\_\_ 4-Year/Undergraduate College or University      \_\_\_ Trade/Technical School  
\_\_\_ 2-Year/Undergraduate College or University      \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Civic Clubs:** List memberships and offices (if applicable). Include school, civic, community service, honorary and religious organizations for each active membership: \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Work/Employment:** List your volunteer and/or employment experience: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hobbies/Talents:** List your hobbies, talents and/or interests: \_\_\_\_\_

**Course of Study:** List your major or the field you plan to study: \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your career objective?** \_\_\_\_\_

(Continue answers on separate pages as necessary.)

## Qualifying Military Woman Relative

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Maiden (if applicable)

Relationship to applicant (Mother, Aunt, Cousin, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Service Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Military Status (Veteran, Retired, Active, Reserve, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Military Service Proof included (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_



**Application Package Submission DEADLINE is 6 April 2020.**

Questions? Contact Scholarship Chair at  
**MWANScholarship@milwomen.org**  
Or Call Patty Parks at 423-326-0839



# Sound Off!

## KEYSTONE WOMEN VETERANS

**Unit #6 (PA)** – We again rode in vintage convertibles in the Media Veterans Day Parade, the largest and most attended since it began. The theme was in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the American Legion which was commissioned in 1911. Texas Roadhouse was our destination for lunch afterward which was packed with veterans.



L-R A Korean Veteran with Gladys Martin & Ruthie Severino at the Veterans Day Parade.

Our December meeting was a special event with two women pledging new membership. Then two of our WWII women were honored by Chaplain Rex, USCG, from the Chapel of Four Chaplains who presented Gladys Martin and Dorothy Holland with the Legion of Honor certificate and plaque award in recognition of their military service and selfless devotion to their community and veteran outreach programs. They were cited as ordinary women who had contributed extraordinary service. Due to illness, Dorothy was unable to attend and her certificate and plaque were accepted by Unit President Ruthie Severino on her behalf.



L-R Gladys Martin and LT Rex, Chaplain Corps. U.S. Coast Guard.

The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote. Gladys spoke about her mother being a suffragette and marching to get the right. When Gladys joined the Navy, her proud mother put a blue star on the front door signifying someone in the service, and Gladys never forgets to vote.

These ladies join the ranks of other notable Legion of Honor Award recipients including Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Carter and Reagan.

We were saddened by the loss of long time WWII member Marian Bomher. Her memorial service will be at a later date.

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

## SAN DIEGO STARS & STRIPES

**Unit #36 (CA)** ~ Unit members celebrated at a holiday luncheon December 7<sup>th</sup> at Galley at the Marina. A veteran and her daughter (Alexandria and Adrienne) were hosted along with their Veterans Village San Diego case manager, Tamara Sherman. Alexandria told how she and her daughter came into the Welcome Home Program and answered questions posed by the members. In a gesture of goodwill, the "hat" was passed and the ladies were very generous ensuring the family had a nice Christmas. After a delicious meal, exchange of gifts and many thanks, we assembled near the fireplace and the tree for a unit holiday photo. There were 11 unit members and four guests.



L-R/Back: Liz Usborne, Carol Weiss, Monica O'Hara, Pandora Menegus, Susan Farnsworth (guest), Shirley Ferrill, Patricia Coates, Alexandria Robinson (guest), Tamara Sherman (guest). L-R/Middle: Terry McGee, Barbara Ellis, Kay Poindexter. L-R/Front: Adrienne Robinson (guest) and Roxanne Jones.

Our latest neck pillow donation tally as of December 7<sup>th</sup> was 8,963. We continue to receive many nice compliments from the recipients.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of unit member Orilla Tabbutt of Oceanside, and honorary member Carol Sjoka, who died on the way home from Arizona after spending Thanksgiving with her son.

**Our next unit meeting is set for February 8<sup>th</sup> at the the Amphib Base.**

## MILITARY WOMEN OF TAMPA BAY

**Unit #55 (FL)** – Unit members completed 2019 with a busy calendar. James A. Haley VA Hospital in Tampa held its annual Veterans' Day Parade November 9<sup>th</sup>.



L-R Cathy Gerolimatos, Dawn Marshall, Mary Atzert, Shirley Dawley, Soldier Girl, Pattie Duvall, Jouay Koppari, Connie White

## MILITARY WOMEN OF TAMPA BAY (Continued)

Many organizations participated, including King High School Navy JROTC unit; Weightman Middle School and Wharton High School Bands; Southeastern Guide Dogs; Fun 'N Sun Corvette Club; Vietnam Veterans of America and Santa Claus Drill Team among others.

Our next event was the Annual Veterans' Day Tribute November 11<sup>th</sup> at Veterans' Memorial Park of Hillsborough County. Jouay Koppari and Cathy Gerolimatos were invited by Brandon's Women's Club to present an overview of Veterans' Memorial Park and invite club members to the Wreaths Across America program.



L-R: Cathy Gerolimatos, Connie White, Shirley Dawley, Jouay Koppari

December began with MWTB55's annual Poinsettia distribution at the Tampa VA. This is an opportunity to add to the holiday decorations at locations throughout the hospital including the Spinal Cord Injury lobby; Women's Imaging Center; the main lobby Information Desk; Patients' Library; Urgent Care; USO Family Day Room and Women's Clinic Waiting Room.

The unit's final 2019 event was participation in the Wreaths Across America program at Veterans' Memorial Park followed by placement of wreaths at the 21 memorials located throughout the park.



Jouay Koppari (L) and Cathy Gerolimatos (R) with Dave Braun who initiated the Veterans Memorial Park Wreaths Across America program about 8 years ago.

For several days the forecast was 90% chance of thunderstorms which caused concern so an "inclement weather" plan was developed. However, we were thrilled Saturday morning when the rain held back. Approximately 250-300 donors, scouts, scout leaders, veterans and local residents were in attendance.

A few members of the Kappa Epsilon Psi Military Sorority took part as well. The Young Marines collected donations for Toys for Tots and placed wreaths at the Medal of Honor Memorial. Our success was due, in part, to the support of

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Vietnam Veterans of America, Tampa Bay Chief Petty Officers Association and SeaBees Island X-11 who served as sign-in and wreath distribution coordinators.

We're grateful to the scouting community, consisting of well over 100 boy and girl scouts; Progressive MILNET Group; Forester Financial Group; Daughters of the American Revolution and Mission BBQ for both their donations towards the purchase of wreaths and placing wreaths honoring the fallen of Hillsborough County.



Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Ricardo Lopez and his scout daughter Victoria were invited to place a wreath at the USAF pillar of the Freedom Memorial.

## REDWOOD EMPIRE

**Unit #77 (CA)** – Unit members had a busy November. We participated in the veterans program and lunch as guests of the Santa Rosa Rotary/Kiwanis at its annual Salute to Veterans at the Veterans Memorial Building.

On November 11<sup>th</sup> we rode in the Petaluma Veterans Parade and several unit members were guests at Liberty School where the students honored all veterans in attendance on November 12<sup>th</sup>.



L-R Margaret Enea Patrizi, Kitty Wilcott, Emily Sousa and Mary Lou Loustalot in front passenger seat at Veterans Parade..

Rose Nowak along with sister veteran, Lieutenant Colonel Esther Schau, U.S. Army, Retired, spoke to the Petaluma Women's Club. On November 14<sup>th</sup> Leanna Evans, Bethany LaRosa and Rose Nowak shared their experiences with the Sonoma County Status on The Commission of Women, of which our member, Trisha Almond, currently chairs. On November 19<sup>th</sup>, Emily Sousa and Mary Lou Loustalot we're interviewed by the Pacific

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## REDWOOD EMPIRE (Continued)

Coast Air Museum and their stories were recorded and will be preserved in the Library of Congress.



L-R Bethany LaRosa, USCG, Rose Nowak & Leanna Evans, USCG, at Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women

On December 7<sup>th</sup> unit members Maura Mooney, Bethany LaRosa, Leslie Fuller and Rose Nowak visited our sisters at Yountville Veterans Home and distributed 40 gift bags, with gift cards. We plan to expand this in the upcoming year with plans to adopt a block of the residents.



Unit 77 Christmas Luncheon, photo courtesy of member Dana Riggs. No names were provided with the photo.

Our year closed with our Christmas Luncheon attended by 14 members and our guest, Joanna Kolosov. Our next meeting is January 11<sup>th</sup>. On March 1<sup>st</sup> our rescheduled Women Veterans Panel Discussion "HONORING THEIR SERVICE" Women Veterans Sharing Stories, will be presented at the Santa Rosa Library. Unit 77 wishes you and yours a Happy Healthy New Year!

## TRIANGLE WOMEN VETERANS

**Unit #144 (NC)** – Our Holiday Luncheon was held Dec 7<sup>th</sup> where our Guest Speaker Patricia Harris spoke about the non-profit Women Veterans Support Services ([www.wvss-nc.org](http://www.wvss-nc.org)) which provides crisis management, education and advocacy pertaining to women veterans issues and concerns throughout the state. Her remarks were timely for our "Day of Giving" Luncheon highlighting how we as a unit "Honor Our History by Continuing to Serve".

We happily welcomed four members and were delighted to have MWAN National ByLaws Chair Vicki Orem as our guest to conduct the Installation of Officers.



Names were not provided with the photo

We held a memorial service for our recently departed sister, Teresa Watkins, who was a founding member of this unit, and we observed the significance of December 7, 1941, "a date which will live in infamy..."

## MEMPHIS BELLES

**Unit #151 (TN)** – It has been an amazing year for our unit. On November 16<sup>th</sup>, 11 members gathered to share in fellowship with our newest member, Alice Bellafiore in her "She Shed". Alice provided a roasted turkey and we brought many delicious side dishes to share. We held our meeting and followed it up with fun trivia games.



L-R/Back Debra Burns, Kathy Desjarlais, Alice Bellafiore, Linda Coffield, Pat Ferguson, Deb Testa and Jean Jungkans. L-R/Front Becky Dickison and Barbara Booth.

This year the Memphis Belle's helped with the Tipton County Veteran's Council's breakfast fund raiser and ran a monthly cookie cart with the Memphis Veterans Hospital. We also participated with the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Operation Stand Down to assist with our homeless and indigent veterans and as part of the VA voluntary services, we collected almost \$100,000.00 in furniture donations for veterans moving into apartments through one of the VA homeless programs.

## MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER

**Unit #152 (VA)** - We welcomed the winter months with a variety of activities, continuing in the celebration and support of unit members and the veteran community.

Eight members gathered in November at the Sandler Center in Virginia Beach and thoroughly enjoyed the Virginia Arts Festival Veterans Day Weekend Concert *Fanfare to the Military & Democracy*.

On Veterans Day, our favorite Olive Garden was the place to dine and enjoy each other's company. Mid-month found Dassa Carvey, Venetta Charles, Angelina Gilliam, and Elaine Musick on board in their continuing support of the annual Stand Down for Homeless Veterans.

**MILITARY WOMEN OF TIDEWATER (Continued)**



L-R Celebrating their veteran sisterhood at Olive Garden: Serena Copley, Bobbie Waldren, Phyllis Lightfoot, Dassa Carvey, Geraldine Rivera, Betty Hand, Alesia Thorton-White, no name provided, Suzanne Davis, no name provided, Louise Jones, Angelina Gilliam, April Maletz, no name provided.

In December, members were busy with the annual wreath laying ceremony preparations. Assisting in the care of over 9500 wreaths, and the ceremonial placement at the Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery, found members hard at work while trying to stay warm.



L-R Becca Landick (HWS), Cathy Schweitzer, Rear Admiral Epps and Dassa Carvey celebrate a successful Wreath Ceremony.



L-R Dassa Carvey, Elaine Musick, and Louise Jones assist in the annual Ditty Bag Stuffing at the Hampton VAMC.

We meet monthly, at VFW 4809 in Norfolk. **For meeting info, contact Dassa at [dassahsg@gmail.com](mailto:dassahsg@gmail.com) or (757) 363-3059.**

**TRISTATE WOMEN VETERANS**

**Unit #157 (TN)** – November and December found unit members participating in parades, memorial services and the Wreaths Across America program. We closed the year by by collecting donations for the Chattanooga Vet Center during our holiday social.

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Instead of a group photo, we took photos by service and made a very interesting discovery: Our unit now has more Army (21) members than Navy (17)! What a way to GROW!! Service diversity is definitely our strength!



**Army** L-R/Back: Dee Russo, Carla Bell, Nettie Hudson, Sheila Billings, Beth Wingfield, Sarah Hill, Mary Witherow, Bobbie Mallard, Shelly Galloway (in blue shirt), Lurline Person, Deborah Johnson, Renee Chisholm L-R/Front: Cathy Brown, Nancy Pollard, Deborah James, Sandra Hughes



**Air Force** L-R: Danette Skyles, Michele Lorino, Judith Stringfield, Gloria Gray, Richardon & Penny Front: John James (Deborah's Daddv)



**Marines** L-R: Daphne Richardson & Penny Manna



**Navy:** L-R: Patty Parks, Peg Trout, Laura Holder

Wishing all our service sisters a happy & healthy new year! **For info about our next unit function, please contact Patty at 423-326-0839 or [pattyjoparks@yahoo.com](mailto:pattyjoparks@yahoo.com).**

**NEW ENGLAND MWAN**

**Unit #158 (RI)** - We closed out the year with two wonderful events. On November 9<sup>th</sup> we gathered to sit and relax following our participation in the busy Veterans Day events.



L-R Sylvia Weber, new member Candace Thomas, Dottie Dilullo, Dora Vasquez-Hellner & Sharron Zapor (Alicia Rodrigue)



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## NEW ENGLAND MWAN (Continued)

It was a great night with plenty of laughs as we all shared a funny story from our military days. Unit members Gretchen Vierling-Cutlip and Michele Diamond-McDonnell are missing from the photo.

The second event on December 11<sup>th</sup> was the Rally for Women Warriors. The objective of the rally was to foster communications within our group of women veterans throughout Rhode Island. The event was held at the Providence VA medical center. Michele Diamond-McDonnell was the key component in coordinating with the VA.



Speakers were Director of Veterans Affairs Kasim Yarn, Representative Camille Vella-Wilkinson and Acting Director VA Med Center Clare Sears. Members in the group photo (Above) with all who served are Dottie Dilullo, Pat Kennedy, Michele Diamond-McDonnell, Dora Vasquez-Hellner and Gretchen Vierling-Cutlip. This was our first event of this nature and we hope to host a follow-up. The lone gentleman is Jerry Shanahan, Operations Director for the Salute to Military Golf Association (SMGA), New England-Rhode Island Chapter.

### 2018-2020 Regional Representatives

#### **Region I Rep: Martha Alderman, 623-810-9328**

Alaska, Hawaii, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico

#### **Region II Rep: Michele Batliner, 816-315-9229**

North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi

#### **Region III Rep: Jennifer Baun, 314-803-8643**

Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky

#### **Region IV Rep: Vacant (Contact National President)**

Maine, Vermont, New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland

#### **Region V Rep: Jill Blakeney, 919-932-9365**

District of Columbia, Alabama, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, West Virginia

#### **Region VI Rep: Christie Parker-Wheeler, 352-949-4675**

Florida



**MWAN Scholarship Deadline is  
6 April 2020**

**Submit your application (on pages 3 & 4) NOW!**

## ShopVCS.com

### For Veterans & their families

**Purchase proceeds go back to the veteran community**

The Veteran Administration's Veterans Canteen Service (VCS) is excited to announce a new benefit for Veterans and VA employees. Last November, VCS launched ShopVCS.com, an online shopping site exclusively available to veterans enrolled in VA, their families and VA employees.

This shopping experience offers thousands of products from hundreds of name brands with the ability to easily and securely shop from any device including desktop, smartphone or tablet.

ShopVCS.com features products ranging from sportswear, jewelry, home décor, appliances, electronics, military items, health and beauty, made-in-USA brands, veteran-owned brands, and much more.

ShopVCS.com serves as an expanded catalog of items not offered in patriot stores, the retail shops located in VA hospitals and clinics. Ticketing and travel services are also available which include deals for: hotels, theme parks, movie tickets, concert tickets and much more.

Registration is free and veterans enrolled in VA, their family members and VA employees are eligible to register at ShopVCS.com as authorized customers.

Proceeds from your purchases are given back to the veteran community in support of VA programs such as: National Rehabilitation Adaptive Sports Games, Vets Crisis Suicide Prevention, Fisher House, Women Veteran Programs, National Disaster Relief, Homeless Veterans programs, and much more.

Veteran Canteen Service operates as a self-sustaining entity. Sales and income are used to sustain the operation with the goal of "giving back" to the VA community in support of programs or initiatives that serve to enhance the quality of life for veterans, their families and those who provide for their care.

Veterans, their families, and VA employees can sign up to shop at ShopVCS.com.

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# MWAN Supply Locker

FEBRUARY 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Why not use a return address label here!)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Did you circle the type/size and/or color on items?? **Double Check please!** \*\*Phone Number: (    )

**Price per piece...X Number you want = total cost for item(s)**

**PATCHES**

- MWAN 2½" (caps)                    \$ 3 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN 3" (shirts)                    \$ 4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN 8½" (vest)                    \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- US Navy WAVES Veteran (circle) \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Patches: Navy Flag or Services (USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY) \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- American Flag Patch (3½"x2") \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Proud to Serve (square)            \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Women are Veterans, Too            \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- WAVES Anchor (old style)            \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Vietnam Era Eagle                    \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**JEWELRY & PINS**

- MWAN Coin                            \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Lapel pin                    \$ 4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Charm                         \$ 7 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Earrings                    \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Coin Keychain               \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Mouse Pad                    \$ 6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Original Hat Pin                    \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Anchor & Prop Earrings \$14 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Anchor & Prop Charm               \$ 7 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Anchor & Prop Lapel Pin \$ 4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Veteran Lapel Pins                  \$ 4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)
- Little Lady WAVE w/Flag Pin        \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Vietnam Era Pins                    \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Dogtag Pin (Women Proudly Served) \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Freedom Forever Eagle Pin          \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- US Flag & Service Flag Pin         \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)
- USN Hat Pin (Spread Eagle w/USN) \$8 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- USN Crest Lapel Pin                 \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Sister Warrior Pin                  \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- US Navy Lapel Pin                    \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- USN Patriotic Ribbon Pin            \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- POW/MIA Lapel Pin                  \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Department of Navy Lapel Pin       \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Service Crest Lapel                  \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, ARMY)
- Service Dogtag Pins                 \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(USN, USAF, USMC, ARMY)

**MWAN CLOTHING ITEMS**

- Neck Tabs, Black w/Velcro          \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Garrison Caps (includes patch) \$23 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
    Sizes: 21, 22, 23, 24, 25
- MWAN Visor                            \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Ball Cap                        \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN T-Shirt                         \$15 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
    Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- MWAN Polo Shirt                    \$30 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
    **Gray or White**    Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- MWAN Jacket                         \$32 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
    Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- MWAN Sweatshirt                    \$22 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
    Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- MWAN White Dress Shirt            \$34 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
    Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL
- Patriotic Scarf (100% Polyester) \$4 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- Watch, USN WAVES                    \$30 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- American Veteran Bracelet          \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- 2016 National Convention Patch    \$1 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Playing Cards                 \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Canvas Key Chain/Stars & Stripes \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- 2016 National Convention Coin      \$6 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- US Navy WAVES Veteran Magnet    \$3 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- Mini-Flags Set (MWAN & American) \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
    (flags are 6"x4" with weighted gold base)
- MWAN Window Decal                 \$2 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Magnets                        \$2 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Car Magnet (8" Oval)         \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Pencils (2 each)               \$1 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Pens                            \$2 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- WAVES Key Chain, Rubber            \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Flags (3'x5')                   \$80 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN Table Coverings               \$120 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- MWAN PopSockets                    \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
    3 for \$20. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME BADGE W/MWAN PUCK \$15 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_**

Double clutch back **OR** Magnet back (circle one)  
 Name on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nickname/Maiden: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unit or Other Info: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Years / From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Shipping Cost\*\***

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**Happy Valentine's Day to all!**

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 POLO Shirts are unisex, sizes run larger; I suggest you order a size smaller.



# Silver Taps



*Gone but never forgotten*

**U.S. Navy**

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