



Still Something Special

WHITE CAPS

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The President's Message

Spring is here, or I should say the beginning of summer for Arizona; we warm up very fast here and the snow-birds have gone home for another year.

Hopefully ladies you are reviewing our current bylaws for possible changes. These changes should be looked at in ways we can encourage membership in our organization; keeping our units together, and the duties of our officers, whether local, state, regional, or national. So please check them out and look for positive ways to keep us growing stronger.

In February, I wrote up a recommendation for the next VAVS Volunteer of the Year and the BOD nominated Susan DeRosa, our current Deputy VAVS Representative to be considered for this special award at the upcoming VAVS conference in early May. Hopefully she will be awarded this special honor for all her volunteer hours over the past 15 years at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center and the Rochester, NY Outpatient Clinic. Note: When you have had the opportunity to work with volunteers, as I have over the past six years with the Police Department, you learn to appreciate everything they do in helping you succeed. So keep volunteering ladies it is a gift well received by everyone who opens a door and asks for volunteer assistance.

By the time you read this newsletter, I will have attended the Region 1 conference in San Diego, California at the end of March. San Diego is a beau-

tiful city, and I've been back and forth over the years to visit family and friends. The changes over the past 40 years since I was stationed at NAS North Island have been many. I took one of those trolley tours, before 9-11, and the base had changed quite a lot. I still love going on a military base; they are always kept up so beautifully. The Coronado Bay Bridge was almost finished when I got out of the Navy, but I guess no matter where you live, there have been changes. The California, Nevada, and Hawaii units will be in attendance. And I know we'll have a good time as we all do when we get together. Plans are starting to come together for our convention in 2008. As I learn more I'll keep all informed.

I will also attend Region III's conference on the weekend of April 13th through the 15th (my region) in Salt Lake City, Utah. Salt Lake City and the surrounding area is worth seeing, I look forward to visiting with the ladies of the Wasatch, Unit 93 as well as the other units within my region.

In my last article I did not mention our debt that is still outstanding from our Philadelphia 2004 Convention. After the raffles of the quilt and the honey baked ham campaign we still have a remaining balance due in the amount of \$7,402.73. Please consider making donations to close out this debt. It would be nice to report at our next convention that this debt has been paid in full.

News of interest: The newly appointed Naval Academy Comman-

dant is a woman ladies. CAPT Margaret D. Klein is the first woman appointed to the second highest post there (Superintendent VADM. Rodney Rempt is #1 and he made the announcement.) She previously served as Chief of Staff to the Commander of Carrier Strike Group 8 on the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower. CAPT Klein is a native of Massachusetts and graduated from the naval academy in 1981. Great news for us!

Received another note of interest recently that the U.S. Navy has named the next carrier to be built the "Gerald R. Ford." As most of you know, President Ford was able to get the academies to accept women in their ranks as cadet's and look at us now. The carrier will go out for bid next year and it should be commissioned sometime in 2015.

Until next time please keep our troops in your prayers. They need our support more then ever now.

Happy Easter to all; enjoy the Holiday.

In Sea Service Friendship,

Sharon

Quote of the Day

"There is a loftier ambition than merely to stand high in the world. It is to stoop down and lift mankind a little higher."

Henry Van Dyke

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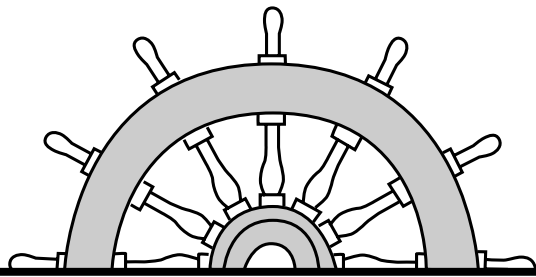
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2. WHITE CAPS is published six times a year: Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., and Dec. **Items for publication must be received by the 1st of the month before publication.**
3. **National Dues: \$15.00 for the calendar year - 1 January to 31 December, submitted to the National Treasurer. Unit members submit to Unit Treasurer; Members-at-Large, submit directly to the National Treasurer.**
4. **When dues have been paid by new members, membership cards will be issued to Unit Treasurers and individually to Members-at-Large. Current members who pay dues will not be issued another membership card. LIFE members will be issued a permanent LIFE membership card.**
5. **All changes of address must be forwarded to the Exec. Secretary promptly, as "Change Service Requested". Fee is 70 cents on each return. There will be no re-mailing of WHITE CAPS unless member forwards \$3.00 to Gloria Galati. **First Class postage is \$3.00 per year.****
6. You may submit your White Caps articles via e-mail to Barb Turner, turners_5@tx.rr.com and copy to Sharon Woods, sharonsnw1124@aol.com

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FROM THE BRIDGE

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



Dassa Carvey

I am looking forward to meeting many of you in the months to come, as I attend some of the Regional Conferences. First on my schedule is Region II (Northwest). Margaret Thorngate and her committee have been working diligently to execute an outstanding event. I look forward to attending the conference, April 26-28. I also plan on attending Regions VIII (New England), at Lake Morey, VT, and XI (Southeast), in Charleston, SC.

If you have any issues to be discussed or recommendations to make, please contact your State Director and/or your Regional Representative, or her alternate. I will be available to discuss your concerns and recommendations at the Regional Conferences, but these ladies are your chain of command and should be used first and foremost.

I have previously challenged each and every member to recruit one new member this year. Have you met the challenge? Some possible ways to recruit new members would be to post flyers in your local stores, library, churches, VA Hospital or Medical Center, and your local newspapers. Do you have a commissary where you can post a flyer? If you have any ideas, please let me hear from you and I will publish in my column so others can benefit!

How many of you access our website on a regular basis and look at the comments submitted by individuals searching for WAVES? Our PR Chairman Ronda Walker recently went into the site and found a comment by a lady in SC who is interested in joining and possibly starting a unit in her area! Ronda sent the information to the Regional Rep for the Southeast Region, Patty Jo Parks, and Patty Jo is currently

working with the lady to bring her into WAVES National and encourage her to start a unit. It only takes a few minutes a week to go in and look at the comments! I've personally found several members this way!

My unit participates in local events such as the Neptune Festival. We put up a booth and display and have plenty of membership applications available (these are available from your Unit officers, as well as being available in the Procedures Manual and on line at our website). Alternating years, we host a booth during the Air Show at the local Naval Air Station. We not only get to see the air show up close and personal, but we also get to meet a lot of the active duty men and women. We have a fantastic organization and, I, personally, have met some really great ladies! Let's get out there and let others know how great we all are!

TREASURER



Pat Childers

It continues to be a busy time with dues flooding the mailbox daily. Six units have completed the dues process and I want to thank their members and Unit Treasurers for completing this monumental task in a timely fashion.

I have mailed out letters to each Unit Treasurer along with the roster of their unit for them to review and up-date as necessary. If you have **completed** the dues process and mailed the necessary Unit Dues Transmittal in and have not received your letter and Unit Roster, please e-mail or call me so I can follow-up with you. I would like to ask the Unit Treasurers to assist me by highlighting any change of address or phone number. You can **bold** them if

you are using a computer, or underline them if you are typing on a conventional typewriter or hand writing your transmittal. This helps me to ensure that I make the necessary corrections; as you can imagine I am looking at many forms and I can use all of the help I can get!

The WAVES National Scholarship Fund has received generous donations from: Space Coast WAVES Unit #75, who mentioned that "they were proud of having had three scholarships awarded to deserving descendents of their members" and they wanted to continue to support this worthy cause. Volunteer Unit # 94 made a donation in memory of their long time associate member, June Buxkamper who served with the WAC's during WWII in the African-European Theaters during D-Day. Vincent and Carol Ann Paglino made a donation in memory of Cindy Holland Kohne. Bluegrass Unit # 129 made a donation in memory of A. Vivian Hinton, unfortunately their unit has lost 5 members this past year, and they have honored each of them with donations to the WN Scholarship Fund. Bay Area WAVES Unit #3 made donations in memory of two of their members; Dorothy Jones and Helen Hafner. Tidewater Tidal WAVES Unit #152 made a donation in memory of their shipmate Mindy Barber. It is sad to see so many donations *in memory* of our beloved members, but what better way to honor them than to invest in our future with the \$1,500 scholarship that WAVES National offers to our descendents each year? Western Reserve Unit #133 made a donation to the WN Scholarship Fund. Unfortunately their unit disbanded but their members have remained as MALs, and they wanted to support the scholarship fund with the remaining unit funds.

Many have asked about the Convention 2004 debt. A detailed report will be in an upcoming issue but just to let you know the remaining balance is currently \$7,204.73. I have not received any donations for this fund or for the Stained Glass Window Fund since the 2006 convention. Enjoy the coming spring. I am looking forward to attending the Region IV Conference in Little Rock, AR in April and Region XI in Charleston, SC in July. Hope to see some of you there!

BYLAWS CHAIRMAN PNP



Jan Roy

Just a reminder that the deadline to mail in your proposed bylaws amendments to the 2006 bylaws is July 1, 2007. Please mail them to me at my address on page 2 of this WC.

VAVS REPRESENTATIVE



Harriet Howard

Ahoy! As your VAVS NAC Representative and Certifying Officer for *WAVES National*, it is again time to recognize all of *WAVES National* members who have so faithfully attended their volunteer assignments as Representative or Deputy Representative on the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service (VAVS) Committees for FY2006.

In the February 2007 issue of *White Caps*, I gave you a brief history of the VAVS. Yes, YOU are the ladies that keep VAVS going and make it the vital tool that it is for all veterans who seek their healthcare within the VA's Healthcare System. YOU, ladies, are the glue...YOU are the liaison for all female veterans within our organization. YOU attend these quarterly meetings...YOU get apprised by the VAMC Staff Personnel as to what is or is not provided...YOU get the up-to-date happenings around the facility...YOU, during these meetings, have a personal invite to voice YOUR approval or disapproval of the care YOU see being provided. YOU may think the VAMC Staff does not hear YOUR voice, but let me assure

YOU that they take note of all of YOUR remarks, both good and bad. So, keep up YOUR good work, attend these meetings, and "pass the word"! Then, those of YOU who are Regular Scheduled (RS) Volunteers also get to see, hear, and feel the heartbeat of each facility as YOU go about YOUR volunteer assignments.

Now, it is my honor to say, "*WELL DONE THY GOOD AND FAITHFUL VOLUNTEERS*". YOU are to be COM-MENDED! I am proud to recognize the Representatives (Rep) and Deputy Representatives (DepRep) VAVS VOLUNTEERS for their 100% and 75% attendance at their respective VAVS Committees for FY2006:

Albuquerque, NM 75% Elizabeth (Betty) Hanson, Rep Ann Arbor, MI 100% Mary Lou Unterburger, DepRep Atlanta, GA 100% Frances Beales, Rep Augusta (Togus), ME 100% Mary Duquette, DepRep Bay Pines, FL 100% Beverly Mienhardt, DepRep 75% Mabel Southern, Rep Canandaigua, NY 100% Dewann Beatson, Rep 100% Susan DeRosa, DepRep & VAVS NAC Deputy Rep., WAVES National Gainesville, FL 75% Betty Hall, Rep Hampton, VA 75% Elizabeth (Libby) Morrison, Rep 100% Dassa Carvey, DepRep Las Vegas, NV 100% Billie D'Entrement, Rep 100% Barbara S. Sheehan, DepRep Memphis, TN 100% Mary H. Brown, DepRep Minneapolis, MN 75% Violet Strom-Kloth, Rep 100% Kate Woods, DepRep Murfreesboro, TN 100% Harriett L. Howard, Rep & VAVS NAC Rep & Certifying Officer, WN 100% Dorothy J. Carter, DepRep Nashville, TN 75% Ann Doyle, DepRep North Chicago, IL 100% Elaine Bogetz, Rep Northport, NY 75% Ruth E. Welch, DepRep Palo Alto, CA 100% Lea Folck, DepRep 75% Georgene Berglund, DepRep Providence, RI 75% Luisa White, Rep Sioux Falls, SD 100% Frances Vanderbush, Rep Spokane, WA 75% Alta Robeson, Rep Tampa, FL 75% Joanne Nesmith, Rep Wilmington, DE 100% Ruth Harden, Rep.

There are several VAVS Volunteers who walk the "tight rope"...that is...those who manage to not miss three consecutive meetings! Good for YOU, this leaves YOU in the 50% category!

Then there are others who have missed too many. This is where WN is hurting! During the past two FY's we have lost representation due to non-attendance, deaths, moving, and resignations due to health at 17 Facilities: Birmingham, AL; Boise, ID; Buffalo, NY; Fayetteville, NC; Indianapolis, IN; Iowa City, IA; Leavenworth, KS; Lebanon, PA; Louisville, KY; Montgomery, AL; Philadelphia, PA; Portland, OR; St. Cloud, MN; St. Louis, MO; Tucson, AZ; West Palm Beach, FL; West Roxbury, MA. Then we lost 02...Biloxi, MS and New Orleans, LA...to "Katrina".

Now, I must ask that each member of *WAVES National* check this list of VA Medical Centers. If you live within 30 miles of one, please examine your present commitments and see if you are in a position to VOLUNTEER for one of these VAVS Committees? Thank YOU! WN needs YOU in order for WN to remain eligible to be a voting "Service Member", maintaining membership in 30 VA Facility VAVS Committees. I look forward to receiving calls and E-mails that YOU will VOLUNTEER!

If your name does not appear, and you had 75% or 100% attendance in FY2006, it is because of the failure of your VAVS Committee to send me your quarterly minutes!

VAVS DEP/REP



Susan DeRosa

National Veterans History Project - We have been getting a lot of publicity on volunteers who interview our veteran patients. This is all part of the National History Program from the Library of Congress. This is a great assignment if you would like to participate.

The stories are very interesting and the veterans on the whole enjoy telling how it was way back then. The publicity is helping us obtain more volunteers for this assignment, and more individuals who wish to have their story told.

Donations - There have been a large amount of checks coming in memory of veteran patients who were in our Hospice Unit and Adult Day Care Unit.

Arrangements are made with the funeral director and envelopes are provided with the VA address, etc. I did some checking today and we took in 51 donations amounting to \$2,205 ear marked for the Hospice Unit in memory of a single patient for the care the VA provided.

Welcome Home Vets Program (OIF/OEF Returning Veterans Account) - This is a new program at Canandaigua VA. to assist returning veterans and families of those who are still serving. This is a great program to volunteer in or make donations. Contact you local VA and see where you can help. The coordinator took many hats, mittens and scarves for family members among other items since he has been aboard. The coordinator and some organizations have come together to welcome home our service people at the airport.

Ladies, units and friends, there is a place for you at your VA medical center. Please take time and contact your Voluntary Service Office and see how you can help. Remember it is a gift from the heart. We need to keep the volunteering growing and donations coming in. It is important to not let our Vets down.

I hope you all sent your Valentines to the veterans at the VA facilities and/or the military personnel. LET US NOT FORGET !!!!!!!

VA/MEDICAL HEALTH



Ruth Storck

We are living longer today than ever before. Terminal and long term (chronic) illness has become common. The Veterans Administration realized this and began re-organizing health care in 2003. Today Veteran Medical Centers have palliative care consult teams consisting of a Doctor; nurse, social worker, chaplain and additional staff as needed to assure chronic pain and life threatening illness patients are given the best quality of life.

Palliative care is used to provide comfort and relief of pain without trying to cure the illness. It is meant to

give quality of life for chronically and terminally ill patients. Most often palliative care is used with hospice as part of pain relief and comfort treatment for the terminally ill.

The Veterans Administration also utilizes palliative care outside of the hospital in the Veterans home. This is normally available for chronic pain patients and patients with life threatening illness - not at the end of their life. This treatment is administered at home and the patient's family is encouraged to participate to assure a higher quality of life for the chronically or terminally ill veteran. Through this program when the time comes - the Palliative consult team will assist the family with bereavement care.

Hospice and Palliative care are covered benefits for all enrolled veterans and can be provided at home. If you are a veteran with chronic pain or a life threatening illness, you may want to utilize palliative care and hospice services. Your primary care Doctor can assist you in obtaining a consult as needed.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES



Dewann Beatson

Volunteer hours are due by June 15, 2007. These hours cover the period from June 1, 2006 to May 7, 2007. If you were not paid for your time or services it is considered as volunteer time. Unit Secretaries - you take minutes at meetings, transcribe and send to unit President. Treasurer: collect money and send out reports and pay bills. The Unit President presides at meetings. Did you plan events, collect books, work at a conference? Hours! Parades! I read about units marching in memorial or Veterans Day events - but no report! Thank you to all the units who do the reports. Please one report from each unit. It is very confusing when each member sends perhaps hers and two others and then someone else sends another few. This has happened more than once or twice from our units. MALS - please send in your reports too - your hours are also

needed. Thanks for the cards when I fell in January.

HISTORIAN



Denise Duke

Spring is upon us and it seems like the earth is awakening from her slumber. No I'm not on anything. I just love this time of year. I've been working on the 2006-2008 memory albums. I've received news articles and photos from a few members. They have all been terrific. Thank you for your inputs. I'm sorry to report I haven't received much from the cruise. I know I saw at least 100 cameras in the WN meeting room. Surely there are some extra photos floating around that you could send me to capture the fun we all shared that lovely week in September. Enough fluff, SEND ME PICTURES!

Also, I know the units have been active over the November to February months. You tell on yourselves in each White Caps edition. How about a photo and note about your activities? It doesn't have to be anything elaborate. A simple photo and write up about the activity is fine. I love looking through the albums to see how the activities and styles have changed over the years. What haven't changed are the fantastic women in the photos! Help me tell our story. HAPPY EASTER!!

HEARTSPRING PROJECT



Roberta Kolterman

Since 1934 Heartspring has been one of the nation's top facilities serving our *children with special needs*. During the past six months WAVES National units and MAL's have only contributed 432 Box Tops and 18 Tyson A+ labels. It only takes a moment to cut off the corner of the box ladies. We may be getting older, but I think we can still collect these very precious Box Tops and Tyson A+ labels for our children. The next deadline is October 15, 2007.

SHIP'S STORE



Patty Jo Parks

There's a new look for this issue's Ship's Store Order Form. The new design provides room to list more items and hopefully, will make the ordering process easier for you. In the future each item will have an "Item Number" and eventually we'll have pictures, too!

Occasionally new items become available between White Caps issues. When this happens, I notify members via e-mail. If you would like to receive this type of update, send an e-mail to waves.shipstore@yahoo.com and in the Subject line Type: "Add to Update List."

DON'T FORGET: Use the MOST RECENT White Caps order form.

Your order may be delayed if the correct payment and/or shipping is not included. Sea ya!

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Gloria Galati

It's beginning to look like spring on the north coast of Ohio. A welcomed sight I must say!

I hope this issue finds all members happy and healthy. This will be the last White Caps issue for those members

who have not paid their 2007 national dues. Please get your checks for your national dues to your unit treasurer if you are a unit member or mail directly to our National Treasurer, Pat Childers for members-at-large status. Paying your national dues in a timely manner will ensure that your White Caps subscription is not interrupted. In late spring I will issue current roster reports to all Regional Representatives for current paid WAVES National members in their respective regions. It is requested that in turn, they will send State Directors their reports to be distributed to local units in their respective states. I hope that every member has a great holiday and until next time, Anchors Aweigh!

WHITE CAPS EDITOR



Barb Turner

The 2007 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) application for WAVES National (while it did arrive at OPM on time) had some missing documents. I received an e-mail from CFC Operations telling me that they needed four more attachments.

The CPA who prepares WN's Audit did tell me that because WAVES National is a 501 (c) 19 and not a 501

(c) 3 that we may not be eligible and, that because our organization is a 501 (c) 19 we are not required to file a Schedule A. The Schedule A was one of the required attachments which I did not have.

I believe that if we set up our WN Scholarship Program as a Foundation we would then qualify to be listed in the CFC Brochure because Foundations are 501 (c) 3. I will look in to this further and hopefully we'll be ready for next year.

Watermark Printing Company prints and mails out our White Caps newsletters. There was a problem with the first class mailing for the February issue. The top line of the label which indicates the unit number, membership number and year paid was completely left off. Even though our members did receive their WC via first class mail, the missing line is very important because it reflects the year that dues have been paid for and is a great reminder to all who have not renewed their membership with WAVES National. To make things right, Watermark has offered to mail the April White Caps to our first class members at no charge to WAVES National.

Sailor, Sailor Don't Be Blue, Frankenstein Was Ugly, Too!

Patty Jo Parks

Face it - we sang a different song or cadence every day in boot camp. All we needed was a tune or a marching rhythm and the words magically appeared. So where are they now?

Whether you attended boot camp in Stillwell, Cedar Falls, the Bronx, Bainbridge, Orlando or beautiful downtown Great Lakes, you and your sisters of the sea services created a legacy of lilting lyrics and a cache of crazy cadence that need to be recorded for posterity.

Many years ago several WN members assembled "Songs WAVES Sing" followed by Fran Carey Harri-man's compilation "WAVE Songs from Bootcamp." Both of these true testaments to boot camp creativity are available through WN Ship's Store.

However, recent rumblings indicate these compilations are incomplete. Furthermore, the Orlando Booties and today's Great Lakes Gals have yet to be heard from! In an effort to correct this ghastly oversight, we

are seeking songs and cadence for a new anthology.

You may submit items to Patty Jo Parks, 6920 Sawtooth Drive, Ooltewah TN 37363. Please include your name and phone number along with the year and location you attended boot camp. You are also welcome to submit items via email to waves.shipstore@yahoo.com. Once compiled, Ship's Store will print and sell the book.

FOAM OFF THE WAVES

ROADRUNNER

Unit #4 (NM) - Members of the unit participated in Veterans Day at New Mexico State legislature in support of military and veteran issues. At the 22nd Annual Tribute to Women in the Military RRU members listened to U.S. Navy Captain Nori Ann Reed speak on the career accomplishments of military women and the opening of jobs previously closed to women. CAPT Reed is currently the Commanding Officer of the NROTC at the University of New Mexico. She has commanded three large ships. Roadrunners send Happy Spring greetings to all.

GATEWAY WAVES

Unit #5 (MO) - On February 15, 2007, Doris (Sisson) Latta passed away peacefully. U S Navy WAVE WWII 1942-1952 and US Army WAC Korean War Era 1952-1962. We will all miss her contagious enthusiasm as an active member of Gateway WAVES and many other veteran organizations. She donated her body to science. Members participated in her memorial service in March.

FIRST STATE WAVES

Unit #10 (DE) - Ruth Harden chaired the Vets Day Ceremony (sponsored by DE Commission of VA and WN) honoring military members of Delaware and New Jersey who so proudly serve. State Rep Marie Marvel attended the dedication of DE Vets Home, which will accommodate 150 residents. The unit contributed \$100 and a unit card to be inserted in the Capsule at the Home. Unit members hosted a BINGO party with refreshments at the Vets Hospital on Feb 12th and helped to "Salute Veteran Patients" during that same week in February.

GARDEN STATE WAVES

Unit #16 (NJ) - The unit has undertaken a new project. A local Marine mom,

who runs a Military Support Group, realized that wounded military men and women would appreciate some old

fashioned comforts like hand made lap blankets to use in a hospital bed or a wheel chair. She has a contact in a Baghdad surgical unit and sends some to the hospitals in Germany, Walter Reed and Bethesda. We shall start sewing the polar fleece blankets and have a couple of our master crochet ladies who will start on the old stand by, the Granny Square. We mourn for those valiant young people who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

CHANNEL ISLAND

Unit #20 (CA) - The unit held its December meeting with a Christmas dinner and a very interesting speaker: Miss Lu Merritt, who had served in the Navy during Vietnam. She was an electronic metalsmith. In addition, members of the Unit contributed many toys for the TOYS for TOTS collection for the U.S. Marines.

NORTH COAST WAVES

Unit #21 (OH) - Collecting stamps for veterans has been added to our list of projects. Plans are taking shape for a visit to the women we help support at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, OH. Members will attend committee meetings for the Stand Down that we will participate in September 18th. We are also coordinating plans for a bus trip to attend the 10th Anniversary of WIMSA. We look forward to welcoming our newest member at the first regular meeting of the year March 10th.

MICHIGAN WAVES

Unit #32 (MI) - Plans are underway to host the November 10th All-Service Women's luncheon in Lansing. We hosted the first such gathering in November of 1987 at the same location and it seemed appropriate that we host this one 20 years later. Our speaker in Feb was a survivor of the USS Indianapolis which sank on July 30, 1945, after World War II was officially over.

Apparently the commander of the Japanese submarine who fired at them had not received the word that the war was over. Of the 1,197 men aboard, only 317 survived in the Pacific Ocean. Our unit members toured the National Cemetery in Holly after or April meeting.

PIEDMONT TAR HEELS

Unit #44 (NC) - In January our members gathered and sent 64 Valentines to Vets at the Salisbury, NC VA Hospital. Valentine visits were made to two of our own members who are in Senior Residences. We are getting in gear for our next project: our visits to four local high school NJROTC Awards Programs.

GULF COAST DOLPHINS

Unit #56 (FL) - In January, Andrea Cadieux brought the *Quilt of Valor* her friend made and talked about the project. The unit voted to give Andrea and her friend enough money to make two more quilts. A newspaper reporter wrote an article in the local newspaper resulting in another group donating enough money for another quilt. If you are interested in this project please go to www.govf.org. In February our newest member Donna Francisca and her friend Greta Coger, talked to us about making an oral history about our time in the military.

WAVES AGO

Unit #61 (TX) - The Valentine collection was made and sent to female veterans at Overton Brooks VA Hosp. and wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, DC. In February the group held a pancake breakfast and made plans for the March Women's History Month. Donated a set of WWII books to the East TX Museum at Gladewater, TX.

COLUMBIA RIVER RIPPLES

Unit #70 (OR) - Our Jan meeting was cancelled because of 1 - 2 inches of snow! In Feb we read several thank you notes from Family Coordinators for our many \$100 chits sent to 142nd

FOAM OFF THE WAVES

Fighting Wing, Portland Air National Guard, 41st Brigade Combat Team and 939th Air Force Refueling Wing for family support at Christmas. We discussed the upcoming Regional Conference scheduled for April 26 – 28 in Seaside, OR. We look forward to seeing our WN 1st VP, Dassa Carvey and taking tours to a Lighthouse and Astoria Maritime Museum.

SPACE COAST WAVES

Unit #75 (FL) - In January two new members were among those who enjoyed the timely program on identity theft. The program was presented by a representative from the Brevard Sheriff's Department. Author, Andy Beyers, held our interest at February's Sweetheart luncheon with a true account of espionage by his next-door neighbor as outlined in his book, "The IM-Perfect Spy"...a recommended read!

REDWOOD EMPIRE WAVES

Unit #77 (CA) – Four new members have recently joined the ranks of our unit. Our adopted Navy recruit, Nicole Heffel has earned her 3rd Class MAA (Master-at-Arms) Petty Officer stripe and is serving as a Gate Guard in Georgia. A donation was made to WIMSA in memory of Clara Stoner, who passed away in January. Members attended the annual AM Legion Post 21 women veterans March meeting and looked sharp in their WAVES National vests. Several members are recovering from illness and we all look forward to spring and our busy schedules in 2007.

VOLUNTEER

Unit #94 (TN) - Twenty members attended the unit Christmas party and plans were made to adopt the women's lounge located in Ward 8A at the Alvin C. York Campus of VA TN Valley Healthcare System. The committee went shopping and purchased

several items to make the lounge feel more like home. During National "Salute to Hospitalized Veterans" Week, unit members celebrated with the York Campus and visited female patients in 3 Wards and the Nursing Home. Each received a hand made bed coverlet (made by Associate Member), cuddly bear, heart shaped box of chocolates, and a personalized Valentine..."Thanking them for service to their country".

SEM WAVES

Unit # 101 (MI) - Small in numbers, BIG in heart! Our holiday events hosted by Betty Mattice were fun, delicious food and great meetings. Future events include: April 21st luncheon meeting at WAVES Restaurant, to be hosted by Shirley Lightle; Annual Picnic in July; Trips to museums and theater; WIMSA, Annual All Service Luncheon in Lansing, Michigan hosted by Unit 32; Continuous Fund Raising for Veterans Hospital and Holiday Funds for military personnel. We also honor the departed by military ritual at memorials or funerals.

GREEN MOUNTAIN WAVES

Unit 109 (VT) - Our Spring meeting was held April 4th at Bickfords in Brattleboro, Vermont. We are finalizing our NERC 07 details. New England charm and winding country roads are just a few weeks away. Safe travels.

BLUEGRASS

Unit #129 (KY) - Our first meeting of the year was held at the Salem United Church of Christ on a cold wintry Valentines Day. Sandwiches and valentine decorated cup cakes were enjoyed before the business meeting. Dorothy Zeillmann volunteered to become our VAVS representative. It was voted to send a contribution of \$100.00 to Operation Helmet. We discussed the possibility of getting some publicity by having our meetings listed in the neighborhood section of the *Courier Journal* each month.

RIVER CITY

Unit #130 (IA) – Unfortunately the unit has dissolved due to loss of membership. We only had five WW II members paying dues and all are over 80 years of age. Our unit was chartered in 1992 and our funds were divided between the Women's Homeless Shelter and the Women's Crisis Center of Mason City. Several former members are now Life Members! We are all very proud of our service to our country.

CHEROKEE ROSE

Unit #139 (GA) – Members helped celebrate Helen Berry's 90th birthday at a luncheon at the Stone Mountain Inn. Regional Representative Patty Jo Parks attended our Feb meeting and sold many Ships Store items and took orders for more. She discussed the South Carolina conference plans. We toasted member, Brenda Gourdin with sparkling grape on her completion of her Masters degree.

TIDEWATER TIDAL WAVES

Unit # 152 (VA) - The unit celebrated their 5th anniversary with dinner at a local restaurant with more than 25 members in attendance. Our continuous recruiting efforts have brought in 6 new members to our unit, including 3 women who are still on active duty. We also discussed attending the upcoming WIMSA 10th anniversary celebration. At a recent meeting at the Hampton VA Hospital, the need for a "wandering" garden was discussed. We forwarded that idea to local Boy Scout units and three Eagle Scouts expressed an interest in taking on the project.

FOX CITIES

Unit # 153 (WI) - In Feb. Nellie DeBaker led an Honor Guard of Girl Scouts at a reception for donors to the Juliet Gordon Lowe Foundation. On 6 March, several unit members attended the U.S. Navy Band concert at Lawrence University's Memorial Chapel. Our first meeting of 2007 was 31 March.

WAL-MART'S COMMITMENT TO LOWER HEALTHCARE COSTS - GENERIC DRUGS

(from the Wal-Mart web site)

In addition to the \$4 Generic Drug Program, the Pharmacy at Wal-Mart also carries a range of other generic drugs that are not eligible for the \$4 program but offer significant cost savings over their name brand equivalents. Veterans can purchase more than 300 different generic prescription drugs at most Wal-Mart stores nationwide. This is half the cost of filling 30-day prescriptions at VA pharmacies.

This program offers up to a 30-day supply of generic drugs on the current list of covered drugs at commonly prescribed dosages for \$4 for each prescription fill or refill. Your participation in certain prescription drug coverage plans may entitle you to pay even less than \$4 for certain of these generic drugs. If you are eligible, you will be charged the lowest applicable amount. Certain generic drugs are priced higher in CA, CO, HI, MN, MT, PA, TN, WI, and WY due to state

laws. (Program not available in North Dakota.) You can get these prescription drug savings whether or not you have any prescription drug coverage through your company, under Medicare or any other plan. The list of covered generic drugs is subject to change. Not all generic prescription drugs are covered by this program. Only prescriptions filled in person are eligible for the \$4 program. This price does not apply to prescriptions filled by mail order. Prescriptions refilled may be ordered online or by telephone, but must be picked up in person at a participating Wal-Mart pharmacy.

For more information, including a list of all qualifying drugs, visit on line www.walmart.com/pharmacy and access "Generic Drug Program" or talk to the Pharmacist at your local Wal-Mart.

VA Reaches Out To Veterans and SPOUSES "Aid and Attendance"

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is reaching out to inform wartime veterans and surviving spouses of deceased wartime veterans about an underused, special monthly pension benefit called Aid and Attendance. "Veterans have earned this benefit by their service to our nation," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson. "We want to ensure that every veteran or surviving spouse who qualifies has the chance to apply."

Although this is not a new program, not everyone is aware of his or her potential eligibility. The Aid and Attendance pension benefit may be available to wartime veterans and surviving spouses who have in-home care or who live in nursing-homes or assisted-living facilities.

Many elderly veterans and surviving spouses whose incomes are above the congressionally mandated legal limit for a VA pension may still be eligible for the special monthly Aid and Attendance benefit if they have large medical expenses, including nursing home expenses, for which they do not receive reimbursement.

To qualify, claimants must be incapable of self support and in need of regular personal assistance.

The basic criteria for the Aid and Attendance benefit include the inability to feed oneself, to dress and undress without assistance, or to take care of one's own bodily needs. People who are bedridden or need help to adjust special prosthetic or orthopedic devices may also be eligible, as well as those who have a physical or mental injury or illness that requires regular assistance to protect them from hazards or dangers in their daily environment.

For a wartime veteran or surviving spouse to qualify for this special monthly pension, the veteran must have served at least 90 days of active military service, one day of which was during a period of war, and be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Wartime veterans who entered active duty on or after September 8, 1980, (October 16, 1981, for officers) must have completed at least 24 continuous months of military service or the period for which they were ordered to active duty.

If all requirements are met, VA determines eligibility for the Aid and Attendance benefit by adjusting for un-reimbursed medical expenses from the veteran's or surviving spouse's total household income. If the remaining income amount falls below the annual income threshold for the Aid and Attendance benefit, VA pays the difference between the claimant's household income and the Aid and Attendance threshold.

The Aid and Attendance income threshold for a veteran without dependents is now \$18,234 annually. The threshold increases to \$21,615 if a veteran has one dependent, and by \$1,866 for each additional dependent. The annual Aid and Attendance threshold for a surviving spouse alone is \$11,715. This threshold increases to \$13,976 if there is one dependent child, and by \$1,866 for each additional child.

Additional information and assistance in applying for the Aid and Attendance benefit may be obtained by calling 1-800-827-1000. Information is also available on the Internet at www.va.gov or from any local veterans service organization.

ATTA - WAVES AWARDS

OLD IRONSIDES UNIT #17 – Angela Fontaine, a long time VAVS volunteer at two of the four VA facilities in Massachusetts has herself been the recipient of the Good Care at the VA Spinal Cord unit of the West Roxbury VA Hospital. Angela was completely paralyzed as the result of a fall and spent many years in therapy at that Hospital. Angela was recently contacted by the Director of Social Services at the VA in West Roxbury asking her to become

a mentor to a young woman veteran in the Spinal Cord Unit. The young woman feared that she would never walk again. The young woman found great inspiration in Angela's ability to walk again and this gave her courage to carry on and continue the arduous therapy. Through the years Angela has received numerous commendations from the VA for her valuable contributions.

CONGRATULATIONS!

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Region II – Northwest – April 26 – 28, 2007

For a brochure of the three days and hotels in the area, please contact Margaret Thorngate at (541) 997-9011 or email margate@oregonfast.net. (*Note: There has been a change in the hotel arrangements.)

Region III – Utah – April 13 – 14, 2007

Salt Lake City - University Guest House and Conference Center on the grounds of the University of Utah. It is within walking distance of the Historic Fort Douglas which operated as a military base from the 1800's until recently and was refurbished as part of the Olympic Village during the 2002 games.

Rooms are \$69.00 a night (double occupancy) plus tax; please ask for reservations under WAVES National. Call toll free 1-877-412-8159.

POC: WAVES of the Wasatch Unit 93 President, Bettina Black (801) 463-1667.

Region IV – South Central - April 20-22, 2007

Holiday Inn Presidential, 600 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR 72202, (866) 900-7625 Please notify the reservation desk at the hotel when you call, that you are with the WAVES National Conference.

Rooms are \$86.00 for a double per night, plus tax. Registration fee for WN members \$40 and non-members \$25. Deadline for registration is March 20, 2007.

POC: Toni Lazenby at tonliz@comcast.net

Region VIII – New England - May 31 – June 3, 2007

The Vermont Units of WAVES National are hosting the 10th New England Regional Conference at the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee.

Guest speakers to include BGEN Wilma Vaught, President of WIMSA and Award winning author Chris Bohjalian.

Room prices: \$119.00 double and \$154.00 single (plus tax and gratuity). All meals and snacks are included in the price.

For more information contact: Veronica Sujek, 802-476-3392, vsujek@msn.com or Ann Crider, 802-426-3410

Region XI Conference – Southeast - July 7, 2007

Hawthorn Suites in Charleston, South Carolina.

Contact Regional Representative Patty Jo Parks at (423) 326-0839 or pattyjoparks@yahoo.com for additional info.

Region XII Conference – Sunshine - Saturday, May 5, 2007

Hosted by Sarasota Navy Women Unit 123, Holiday Inn at Lakewood Ranch in Sarasota. If interested please e-mail or call contacts, and a Regional Meeting Package will be mailed.

POC: Lelia Taylor, Pres. sfcltaylor@aol.com 941-360-0827/941-266-3206 or Sandra Gander, Sec. gander2@verizon.net 941-758-7187

USNS Mary Sears, Search Team Return From Successful Mission In Indonesia

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Devin Dorney,
Commander, Logistics Group, Western Pacific Public Affairs



Photo courtesy of Military Sealift Command

SINGAPORE (NNS) -- USNS Mary Sears moored in Singapore on Jan. 29 after successfully locating a missing airliner which disappeared off the coast of West Sulawesi, Indonesia, on Jan. 1.

Mary Sears joined the search for Adam Air Flight KI 574 in mid-January in response to a request from the Indonesian government, bringing with it search capabilities such as multi-beam, wide angle precision sonar systems that make possible a continued charting of broad strips of ocean floor, helping to locate objects and provide hydrographic data for those areas.

In addition to efforts of the Mary Sears and crew, a six-member U.S. accident investigation team led by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) worked with the Indonesian Search and Rescue (SAR) Command

Center to provide technical support to Indonesian authorities.

The search team on board located the pinger signal from the aircraft's black box Jan. 21, during towed pinger locator (TPL) operations. The signal was detected in the search area NTSB recommended, approximately 42 nautical miles off the coast of Sulawesi. The pinger lay at a depth of between 1,500 and 1,900 meters.

"We were very anxious before detecting the pingers," said Lt. Cmdr. Charles Ehnes, Logistics Group Western Pacific's dive officer. "There was concern that if we didn't find the pingers quickly their batteries would run out and then it would be almost impossible to find the wreckage."

This is one of the many considerations a team must make when trying to find a downed aircraft, explained Rick

Thiel, salvage project manager with U.S. Navy Supervisor Salvage, part of Naval Sea Systems Command.

"If they were at 50 percent capacity when they went into the water, they would have already expired around the 15th of the month, leaving us unable to use the pinger locator, and only the side scan sonar (SSS)," said Thiel. "It could have made the search take significantly longer, making it much more a game of chance. You could find the debris after your first three passes with SSS, or on your 50th pass. The pinger locator abbreviates the entire process."

Another consideration for a search team are the dangers presented by underwater terrain, according to Thiel.

"One thing we have to pay attention to is the likelihood of the fish [either a side scan sonar or towed pinger locator unit] being dragged into an underwater mountain or cliff," said Thiel. "We have to do a bottom contour survey before we put the fish in the water, otherwise we don't know what we're going to drag them into."

This is another task which can occupy valuable time when racing against the clock. Thiel attributes the crew of Mary Sears with his team's ability to hit the search area running. Since the ship was on station before the survey team, they were in a position to get this kind of work done during the wait.

Once the aircraft's debris field was located, the search team transitioned to mapping the field with high resolution passes of the SSS unit. When the mission was finished, Mary Sears and the

(UNSN Mary Sears continued...)

search team had mapped three square nautical miles of ocean floor. This is no small task according to Thiel.

"It [mapping] will take several days for an area that big," he said. "For our three nautical mile-long area, this process took about six hours for every pass across the grid including the turn we had to make to line up for our next pass. To cover our selected search area, Mary Sears had to make 18 passes across the area at approximately 3 knots."

Though the search team had the equipment and the knowledge to use it, the search for Adam Air Flight KI 574 was a success through close coordination with Indonesia's government, the National Transportation Safety Board, Naval Sea Systems Command, and other partners. Information from multiple sources was used to locate the aircraft, and, according to Thiel, teamwork was a strong factor in operations at sea.

"My hat's off to the Mary Sears, both the ship's crew as well as the

NAVO [Naval Oceanographic Office] detachment on board. They were very professional," said Thiel. "The Indonesian Navy was also very helpful with local ship traffic communication, and with communications between us and SAR headquarters for coordination of ship movement through Indonesian waters."

For related news, visit the Commander Task Force 73 Navy News-
Stand page at:

www.news.navy.mil/local/clwp/.

WIMSA 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION UPDATE

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Initial planning announcements for the Memorial's 10th Anniversary Celebration indicated that we expected to hold the celebration on Oct. 18-20, 2007. Identifying a facility large enough to hold the Thursday night Gala Dinner and the Friday Reunion on those dates has been very difficult. As a result we've had to explore the possibility of holding the celebration on either Oct. 11-13 or 25-27. If there is anyway possible, be assured we will stay with the original dates.

Definitive dates will be announced in the very near future. We are very sorry for any inconvenience to you. We hope to make it up to our loyal members and friends by hosting a fabulous three-day celebration.

Thanks so much for your patience! It's important, now more than ever, that you let us know if you are even thinking about attending. Please e-mail 10anniv@womensmemorial.org or call 703-522-1155 or 800-222-2294 to let us know and please include your name.

As plans unfold, the Foundation will publish information in "the e-Register" and on the Web site. As always, for the most up-to-date information about anniversary events and visitor information, check our Web site: www.womensmemorial.org.



CANCELLED STAMPS

by Dassa Carvey

UPDATE: In the October 2006 issue, I wrote about the cancelled stamp program run by the Lions Club. One of our members remembered that the VA Medical Center, Tucson, AZ, used to collect the stamps and contacted them to see if they still had the stamp club for the patients. She learned that they still operate the program and provided the following address to mail the stamps to:

Maurice Storck, VA Medical Center, Veterans Stamp & Coin Club, 3601 S. Sixth Ave., Tucson, AZ 85723 or call 520/792-1450 x5003 for more information.



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New members joining through a local unit, make check for local and national dues payable to the local unit. Unit Treasurer will mail to the WAVES National Treasurer with proof of service and application form. Members-at-Large make check payable to “WAVES National” and mail with this application and copy of proof of service to the WAVES National Treasurer:

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31 – 35 years	\$250	66 – 70 years	\$120
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41 – 45 years	\$220	76 – 80 years	\$ 80
46 – 50 years	\$200	81 – 85 years	\$ 65
51 – 55 years	\$185	86 and older	\$ 60

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Please send all WN member Silver Taps information to Executive Secretary, Gloria Galati (address on page 2)

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Gone, but not forgotten!



Letters to the Editor

(a.k.a. ED) Barb Turner

"WHERE CAN I FIND MINUTES FROM BOARD MEETINGS?" (Columbia River Ripples Member)

Dear Editor: "Do you ever have anything in the White Caps as to when and where the Executive Board meets? Do you ever print the minutes from the board meetings in the White Caps?"

Dear RIPPLES: The White Caps Presidents message (on page 1) notifies WN members when the National Executive Board (NEC) meets. There is only one time each year that the NEC and full Board of Directors (BOD) meet, and that is during the convention (pre and post) in the even years and at the mid-term meeting during the off convention or odd year.

The NEC minutes are never published, but a copy is mailed to each of the NEC members. The NEC is comprised of the National President, National 1st VP,

National 2nd VP, National Treasurer, National Recording Secretary, National Parliamentarian (adviser to the President) and two elected (by the Board of Directors) Regional Representatives. Those two Regional Reps are listed on page 2 of the White Caps.

The NEC meets pre-convention and post-convention prior to the pre-BOD and post-BOD meetings. Recommendations from the NEC are presented to the BOD for final approval and/or discussion. The Board of Directors (both pre and post) minutes are never published either. However, the action items that come out of the BOD meetings are presented during the general business session during the convention.

The convention general business meeting minutes are mailed out to the entire Board of Directors, which includes all Regional Representatives. The RRs should disseminate the information down to the State Directors, Unit Presidents, etc. Action items passed during the convention are published in the President's message in the White Caps and are included in other officer articles in "From the Bridge". For instance, the Budget was in the Treasurers article in the February White Caps. If you look back in the October and December 2006 issues you will see that Sharon has included the convention business meeting information in her columns. More convention information was published in the Feb White Caps.

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WAVES National Ship's Store

April 2007

Women of the Sea Services ~ Still Something Special

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MEMBERS: If you are going to be traveling from time to time, why not send **Pat** \$3.00 to have your WHITE CAPS sent first class mail. This way, you will never have to miss an issue.

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MEMBER-AT-LARGE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

(Dues period 1 January to 31 December)

Please type, print, or use address label Date _____

Name _____ Member ID # _____

Address _____ (Find on WHITE CAPS address label)

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number () _____ (Check here if unlisted)

Check # _____ Dues for 1 year are **\$15.00** Check Amount: _____

Please enclose a check or money order for **\$15.00** for dues for one year, made payable to WAVES National, and submit with this form to the **National Treasurer, Pat Childers, PO Box 53201, Fayetteville, NC 28305**

New members use WN membership application only.

The Life Membership rates are as follows:

17-25 years - \$315	36-40 years - \$235	51-55 years - \$185	66-70 years - \$120	81-85 years - \$65
26-30 years - \$300	41-45 years - \$220	56-60 years - \$165	71-75 years - \$100	86 and older - \$60
31-35 years - \$250	46-50 years - \$200	61-65 years - \$145	76-80 years - \$80	

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