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Adventures of a Storekeeper

by Joan Ruff Dingman



Joan Ruff Dingman gets ready for inspection.

When the Pearl Harbor bombing by the Japanese occurred, I was a 19 year old sophomore in college. I went home and told my father I was going to leave school

and join the Army. Being an ex-Navy man in WW I, he promptly told me it would be the Navy!

At this time, the Navy was getting ready for women to release men for more active duty. We checked out all of the requirements and I took the required tests and was accepted into the program in February 1943.

In March 1943, I was sent to the University of Indiana, in Bloomington, for training. I was in the second division of WAVES to be sent there. Our days were filled with marching wherever we went: Marching for shots, marching to classes,

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The President's Message

Happy Holidays! I can't believe the holiday season is upon us. I hope everyone has the best holiday season ever.

I misstated the Mission Statement in the last issue. The correct Mission Statement adopted at convention is "To keep all sea service women connected while preserving our common history, and sharing our collective military experiences."

Our Fund Raising Committee has been very active as you will see by the article in this issue. We are also up and running with our ad campaign and, as you will notice, have three ads in this issue. Thank you, ladies, for your support. Pass the word regarding our carrying ads and have anyone interested contact me.

Also, Barb Sebring, committee chairwoman, has submitted an update on the name change campaign. Please make this a topic at your next unit meeting or Regional Conference and submit your ideas to Barb Sebring for her committee's consideration. Remember, this is your organization.

Note the new 2011 membership application in this issue. Please use this one when recruiting new members. It is also located on our website to download.

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SACRIFICE

By Phyllis Lightfoot,
Tidewater Tidal WAVES

It's time for sleigh bells
and glitter
Snow and colored lights
on trees!

Shoppers rushing about
the busy streets
Purchasing the right gifts,
to please!

Kindness and smiles are
all around,

It's a very Special time
of year,

Opening gifts, and sharing
a meal,
Giving thanks, all the family
is here!

Sadly, not everyone gets
to be home.

Past and Present Sea
Service Women know
That sacrifices are to be made
and When duty calls,
we have to go!

It has always been hard
to be away,

When Christmas time is here,
Missing the tenderness of home
Away from Loved ones,
so Dear!

It's even harder now, with Moms
going to sea,
Serving their Country, with
so much pride!

Yet, leaving their Husband,
and Children, behind
They must be serving the Holiday -
teary-eyed!

Our Savior came to Earth,
From Heaven, - Peaceful and Pure!
Just to live among us,
A Sacrifice! - for sure!

But, Sacrifice
can bring Hope!
Peace! Being the ultimate goal!
Jesus Sacrificed His Life
for us,

Not to Save our life,
but our Soul!

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and just marching in formation! We spent two months in training and I met many friends with whom I still keep in touch.

During one of our "free" times, we went to the book store on campus to see Hogie Carmichael entertain us on the piano, playing "Stardust" among other popular songs.

Sadly, my father passed away before I could get home on leave for him to see me in my uniform, but I know he was proud.

After a short leave at home, I was sent to Norfolk Air Station in the Supply Department. A few of us there worked in the office with civilians. I learned to drive a truck so I could deliver supplies to the aircraft that departed from the base.

When we arrived at the air station, WAVES were billeted in the men's barracks. That in itself was a trip! The barracks were equipped with bunks, three high, and no curtains on the windows. It helped us to be cautious.

After approximately three months, a WAVES' barracks was built. We had cubicles with six girls in each and a large recreation room where guests could visit. Our only problem was the mice! They insisted

on building nests in our clothes in the lockers. All of us girls were very friendly and each kept very busy. There was no arguing about clothes because we were always in uniform, never civilian clothes, both on and off the base. In fact, one of our greatest pleasures was to see if we could get off base without stockings. We would draw a line down the back of our legs. We never failed to get caught! The guards would make us return for stockings. Too bad panty hose hadn't been invented, yet!

Like everything else during those times, there were good times and bad times. The worst disaster happened on base in September 1943. A blast killed 17 personnel. Twenty-four depth charges came off the train, causing an explosion and fire. The first WAVE casualty of WW II was among those killed. It was felt miles away and on base, the windows were blown out of the WAVES' barracks.

We enjoyed beach parties, playing softball and other sports. We also had a lot of entertainers come in to see us – Red Skeleton, who was stationed nearby; Bob Hope; Danny Kaye, and Danny Thomas. Also, we were entertained on the piano by Jose Iturbe and Victor Borge. They could really tickle the ivory!

The Navy was preparing to send WAVES overseas around this time. We had a choice of Hawaii or Alaska (neither was a State, yet). I wanted, and signed up, to go to Alaska, but was approved and ready to go to Hawaii. As it happened, it never materialized as the war ended before we departed. The war ended in January 1946.

So, I was off to New York for my discharge on January 17, 1946. I had met my future husband in college. He was a CPM in the Navy. He had been on two aircraft carriers that had been sunk. He remained in the Navy for a while after we were married February 9, 1946. We had four children after we went back to school to get our degrees. My husband is gone now and so are three of my children. I stayed in Florida for 15 years before moving to Maryland to be with my daughter.



Joan Ruff Dingman today.

President's Message...

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We are also seeking a new webmaster and have a volunteer. Let me know what you'd like to see on the web site and once we are up and running, we will let everyone know. Our current webmaster, Bob Maillert, undertook this as a labor of love for his Mom and has done a fantastic job. A growing family and other time constraints are taking a toll on Bob's time. Bob will be working with the new webmaster in the transition.

Applications for the 2011 WN Scholarship are being taken. Please encourage

anyone who meets eligibility to apply. Have the application published in your civic league newsletter, publish it in your church bulletin, post it at work, take it to your DAV or American Legion meetings, and drop a few off at your VA Medical Center in the Women's Clinic. We want to be inundated with applications this year, but we can only do it with your help. Get the word out!

The 2010 Bylaws have been mailed. There was an oversight in that the Articles of Incorporation were not included. Nothing on these two pages was changed, so if you have prior bylaws, you can remove the pages from a prior year or contact me and I will send you a printout. Also, on page 3 of the 2010 Bylaws, the heading incorrectly states these are the WAVES National Bylaws for 2008. Please make a pen and ink change to indicate these are 2010

Bylaws. All the approved amendments from convention have been incorporated.

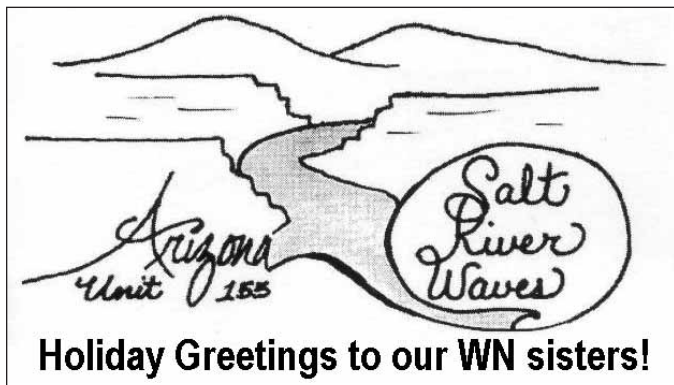
Have units sent in their Election Transmittals? I know I am missing quite a few. If you have not sent them in to the National Officers indicated on the form, please do so immediately. You may also submit the information by email, thereby saving postage. Any required reports and transmittals can be submitted by email for those of you who have access. State Directors also need to submit their election transmittals – even if you are remaining in the position, you need to let National know you will be continuing in the position for another two years.

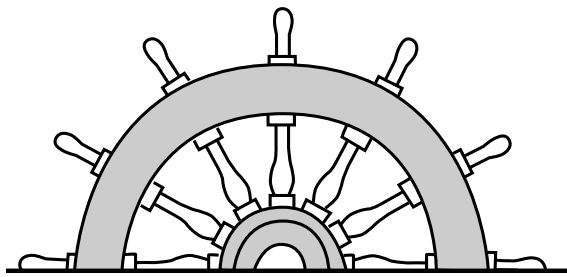
Regions are making plans for conferences in 2011. Watch your White Caps for information. The conference promise to be really good and any member of WN can attend.

Have a Happy Holiday and please continue to keep our troops in your prayers.

Always Navy,

Dassa





FROM THE BRIDGE

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Jo Adamson



Greeting Shipmates:

I'm sorry I didn't get an article in the last White Caps. However, when you live in the boonies, you have a terrible time with your internet. I have been without the internet for over a month, but, I guess I'm back in business as I have over 1,000 emails to answer.

I made a trip to Pensacola, FL, with 2nd VP Betsy Waddell, Region XII Representative BJ McGuire, and Bylaws Chairwoman Cathy Gerolimitos, to attend the Florida Chief Petty Officers' Association Reunion. We had a great luncheon and got together with the NW Florida WAVES, Unit #52. Approximately 15 members were present and it was great to see some of my shipmates, as I used to be one of their members. While on our travels, we were able to recruit a potential new member. I was so happy to see our members wearing a WN shirt as it is a great advertisement.

I am quite active in the VA as a Military Coordinator for the Women's Program, a member of a committee for Behavioral Medicine for military women. I attended three Stand Downs for homeless veterans and was able to obtain beds for two women at the Athena House in Tampa, FL.

I worked at a large VA Health Fair for Veterans' Day and the Marine Corps Birthday. I also work on a committee with the State of Southern Illinois Employment Director, trying to place women veterans in schooling or employment. Believe it or not, I am also recruiting for WAVES National at all of these functions. I guess what I'm saying is, even though we are losing some of our units, I am still recruiting new members wherever I go.

I was so happy we were able to charter a new unit at the Convention and I want to welcome all the members of

Salt River WAVES from the Phoenix, AZ, area.

My goal as your new 1st Vice President, and with the help of the 2nd Vice President, is to help each and every one of you with any recruiting and or any difficulties the Regional Representatives or State Directors may have. We have filled all the Regional Representative positions and have acquired many new State Directors. I want to thank each of you for taking on these duties. Call me or Betsy at any time and we will try to help with any problems or concerns.

I plan on visiting the unit in Louisville, KY, in December. Thank you, Bluegrass WAVES, for inviting me to attend your Christmas Party.

I can't believe it's the Christmas Holidays, again. I wish each and every one a great Holiday Season and God Bless and keep our troops safe.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Betsy Waddell



A fine Navy Morning to all!
Just a brief note to all - The holidays are coming!

To those who reside close to any military base, contact the senior enlisted female and get the names of some women and/or men to bring into your home for the Holidays. Remember how you felt when you were in the service and had to spend the holidays away from home and family. Find out about their careers, their hopes and fears. Become a friend and mentor to them. And, remember, it is not the military that you or I were in. Believe it or not, the services have evolved (and done quite well without us—darn the bad luck). Talk to and learn from these younger people.

It is by offering the hand of friendship to the service members of today's military that we will evolve and grow as an organization. We need to learn and grow. I feel that this is how we stay young.

Have a Great Navy Day, All!

TREASURER

Monica O'Hara



It's hard to believe that 2010 is almost over. I wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and New Year.

It's dues renewal time again. Unit members please pay your dues to your unit treasurer, and, MAL's, please send your dues to me.

We have received donations to the General Fund from Stars & Stripes (Unit #36), Badger (Unit #39), Judy Brunk (MAL), Irmgard LaForge (MAL), and Phyllis Lightfoot, Tidewater Tidal WAVES (Unit #152). We also received numerous donations to the scholarship fund in memory of Vera Arthur (Highlanders, Unit #88) from Unit #88, friends and family. Lee Lund, Gulf Coast WAVES (Unit #27), also made a donation to the scholarship fund. Thank you, all, for your generosity!

If you, or your unit, are looking for an organization to donate to, please consider WAVES National.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Barb Turner



What an absolutely beautiful fall we have had in Texas!

A reminder for those of you who wish to receive your White Caps (WC) via 1st class postage – please mail a check for \$7.50 made out to WAVES National (WN) for one year's subscription (six issues) and mail to Monica O'Hara, the WN Treasurer. Please do NOT send me the check for this. I will mail out postcards to you at least two months prior to the expiration month/year as a reminder. You will receive your WC no matter where you live, but please don't forget to send me a change of address if you move.

Snow birds – please send me a change of address each time you move.

If you have associate members in your unit, did you know that they are eligible to hold unit offices (except unit

president and vice president) and/or committee chairmanships? Check your Bylaws! And, if an associate member wishes to receive her very own White Caps, she can mail a check for \$12.00 made out to WN for one year to Monica O'Hara, WN Treasurer. Monica's address is in the back of each issue.

You should have received the 2010 WAVES National Bylaws by now with a copy going to each unit president, state director, regional representative and both the appointed and elected national officers. If you hold one of these offices and have NOT received your copy of the 2010 WN Bylaws, it may be because I didn't receive an update to your unit, state or national office. You may contact

Jan Roy, 2917 Porter Court SW, Grandville, MI 49418 to receive a paper copy of the 2010 WN Bylaws via snail mail or Dassa Carvey to receive a copy via e-mail or on a CD (her address is on the Officers & Staff page of this issue).

There are several units that are "holding their own" but don't necessarily have any elected unit officers. Please let me know who to contact for unit business if this is the case.

As a reminder, you may submit election transmittals, obituaries, address changes, etc. via e-mail and save postage.

I hope that you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Please continue to support and pray for our troops

BYLAWS CHAIRMAN

Cathy Gerolimatatos



Can you believe it? It's time to review the bylaws. I know, the ink has barely dried on the revisions approved at the 2010 WAVES National convention in Norfolk, but time does not stand still and we must begin planning now. The proposed bylaw amendments must be reviewed during the midterm meeting, which means we have less than a year to submit changes for review. So, if you have a new amendment, a revision, or change, now is the time to start drafting your proposal allowing sufficient time for review and publishing.

Admittedly, I am not an expert in this area, but I hope to grow into this responsibility with your help. Between now and midterm, I have a few references to read, a set of bylaws to commit to memory, and I promise to call upon the assistance of WAVES National family regarding the background behind proposed changes. With that in mind, my long-term objective is to continue reviewing our bylaws to ensure they are both durable, flexible and practical for the ever-changing technological global community in which we live. I have a lot to learn and I look forward to the challenge.

I am honored to be your bylaws chairman. I promise to give you my best. And when I don't know, I'll admit to it. If I haven't learned anything during my 26 years in the Navy, from Bainbridge recruit to CWO4, I did learn one important thing: "The answer can be found somewhere." Together, we shall find the answer.

I hate to have to throw a deadline at you in my very first article in White Caps, but I must. Please submit your proposed bylaw amendments to me not later 15 July 2011.

I look forward to hearing from you. Just call me.

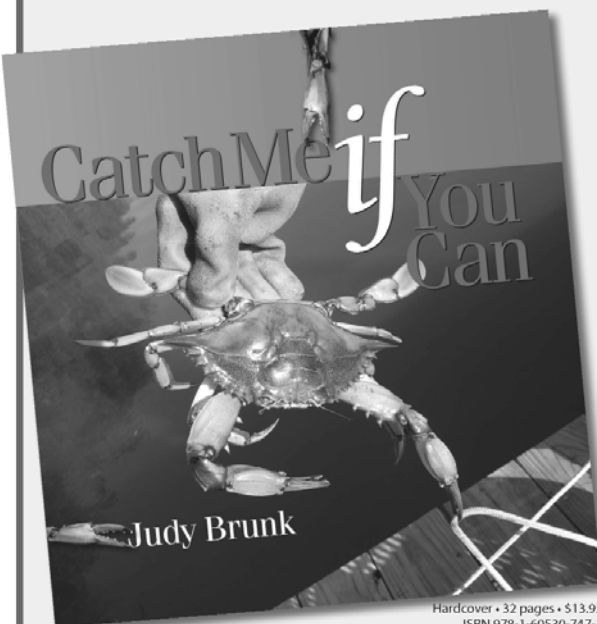
PUBLIC RELATIONS

Barb Sebring



October brought us Fleet Week in San Francisco. I just love seeing the Navy and Coast Guard ships come in under the Golden Gate Bridge

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and the Blue Angels flying over the Bay and the city. This year, we also had ships from the Canadian Navy. Fleet Week lets us remember the sacrifices and heroic acts demonstrated every day by the men and women in the military.

As I have mentioned in the past, the next few months are the perfect time to showcase our different services and recruit current and previous service members that may not know about our Veterans' Organization. As you participate in parades, luncheons, and memorial services, carry your business cards or membership applications. You just never know when you'll meet a potential new member.

I wish you all a healthy and safe Holiday Season.

SHIP'S STORE



Patty Jo Parks

Another year in the new millennium is rapidly coming to a close. I hope the past months have seen you prosperous, healthy and in good spirits.

While I wish you all holiday tidings, I must also share some less than pleasant news. I find it necessary to raise our shipping rates.

The increase is minimal, but it is an increase, nonetheless. The new rates are listed on this month's order form.

In an effort to take the "sting" out of the increase, I'm offering my traditional end-of-the-year FINE PRINT SPECIAL:

- FREE Shipping in December 2010!
- Write "Happy Holidays" on your order form and leave the shipping to me!
- Orders MUST specify "Happy Holidays AND MUST be received by Dec.31, 2010.

Happy Holidays!

VOLUNTEER HOURS CHAIRMAN



Dulcie Davis

I have reviewed the Volunteer Hours Report for last year given to me by Connie Kwecien. We had 44 units reporting and 37 not reporting. Even though we have lost 6 units this past year, our volunteer service hours were only down 1,080 hours from last year. A total of 99,324 hours was reported for 2009 and 98,243 hours, for 2010. This is a job WELL DONE!

I do believe we can improve our reporting even though we have fewer units. I suggest that everyone carry a small pocket calendar and write down who you took to the doctor, made cookies for, took grocery shopping, or when you took care of a neighbors pet, etc.

This doesn't have to be done just by you, but by anyone in your household. As long as these hours are not given to another organization, they can be used as donated hours to WN. This sure helps me. At times, I can't remember what I had for breakfast, or, if I even had breakfast. I definitely forget what I did three weeks ago. By having these hours written down, it makes it easier to fill out your report for the Volunteer Chairman at your next meeting. Members at Large, your hours are important, too. You may send me your report of volunteer hours at any time

How important is it to report your volunteer hours? Do you know? Your reporting these hours helps to keep our organization non-profit. If you have any questions on what should be reported, please feel free to email or call me.

Happy Holidays, everyone!
Always Navy, *Dulcie*

FUND RAISING UPDATE

The Fund Raising Committee has been hard at work and we have submitted our report to the Board of Directors. We are looking at several tried and true fund raisers, like selling a cook book, a puzzle of an appropriate poster, Sees candy, or even a raffle of gift cards or setting up a WAVES National Wine Club. We would like to see a multilevel approach... running different fund raisers at different times throughout the year. We also want to make the task of raising money a fun thing to do - Something to look forward to. Whatever the board approves we will need everyone's support. We also will be asking for individuals to take on the responsibility of heading up different projects.

Barb Sebring
Fund Raising Committee

NAME CHANGE REPORT

To the few ladies that have called, emailed and written to me, I really appreciate your input. Thank you for taking the time to get in touch with me. To date, we have several ideas that

range from no change to changing from just Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard to including the Army and Air Force in our organization.

Some of the name change ideas are:

- Women in the Naval Services, or
 - Women in the Nautical Services-WINS;
 - Sisters in Military Service-SIMS;
 - Sea Service Sisters;
 - Women of Maritime Services;
 - Women of the Sea Services;
 - Maritime Active & Retired Services-MARS;
 - Sisters of the Sea-SOS;
 - US Navy WAVES;
 - Band of Service Sisters-BOSS,
- and
- Woman Veterans-Sea-Air-Land Services.

Please talk to your units and give us more ideas from which select an appropriate name.

Barb Sebring
Name Change Committee

CHALLENGE TO ALL MEMBERS

Dear Members:

As most of you know, we are in need of members to keep WAVES NATIONAL going.

Many are under the impression that you had to have been a former member of the WAVES. To become a member you only have had to serve or are presently serving, in any of the SEA SERVICES - membership is open to women who have served honorably, or are serving, in the U.S. NAVY, NAVY RESERVE, NAVY NURSE CORPS, MARINES CORPS, MARINE CORPS RESERVE, COAST GUARD, COAST GUARD RESERVE, or the MARITIME SERVICE.

So that an opportunity is not missed in enrolling a member, I encourage all members to have an application in their possession at all times. I also suggest if a member does NOT have an application in her possession at a unit meeting, the member be fined 50 cents or more.

At my suggestion, Tidewater Tidal WAVES, Unit #152, has already implemented this.

Dulcie Davis


SILVER TAPS


Please send all WN member Silver Taps information to Executive Secretary, Barb Turner (address on page 14)

WN MEMBERS

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| Barbara H. (Hillemeier) Goodenough USN Unit 5 (MO) | Joy S. (Smith) Budihas USN Unit 70 (OR) |
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| Jean M. (Johnson) Porter USN Unit 26 (NY) | Vera I. (Ince) Arthur USN Unit 88 (FL) |
| Lois H. (Holmes) Keaton USN Unit 27 (FL) | Lahoma M. (Moreland) Keck USN Unit 114 (AZ) |
| Jane V. (Vivian) Gefvert USN Unit 33(NH) | Alida E. (Zellner) Zappe USN Unit 120(PA) |
| Eleanor P. Kazmir USN Unit 36(CA) | Virginia D. (Bowers) Chambliss USN Unit 123 (FL) |
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| Mary (Hnat) Kent USN Unit 52 (FL) | Carolina C. (Carlson) Clark USN MAL (FL) |

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| Effie Asmundson USN MAL (WA) | Connie Johnson USN MAL |

Gone, but not forgotten!



Jane V. Gefvert, two-term past president of WN, passed away September 11, in Hillsborough, NH. Born in Duluth, MN, in 1923, she joined the WAVES in 1944, where she met her husband, Robert W. Gefvert. They were married 64 years. Jane represented WAVES National at the 1995 WIMSA groundbreaking cere-

mony at Arlington National Cemetery, and she returned for the 1997 dedication as well. "I admired her exceptionally effective leadership," said Brigadier Gen-

eral Wilma L. Vaught, USAF (Ret.), president of the WIMSA Foundation. "Her warm smile and cheerful manner helped pave the way through the tough spots." Jane was a passionate advocate for veterans, providing counsel on VA programs and benefits. She organized the first WAVES National unit in New England, Old Ironsides, Unit #17, and represented women veterans on the mini-MAC committee for the Veterans Affairs Medical Centers in New Hampshire and Vermont. She was active in the American Legion and was a frequent speaker and participant at many local Veterans' Day, Memorial Day and July 4th activities. Jane will be missed by many: her husband Bob, her family, friends, WAVES National, and as a lifelong fan, she will be missed by the Minnesota Twins.

Seeking Nominations for VAVS Volunteer of the Year

Do you have a member of your unit, or are you a Member at Large, who volunteers your time at a VA Medical Center?

Nominations are being accepted for the VA Voluntary Services (VAVS) of the Year Awards. One woman will be selected and the award will be presented during the 2011 VAVS National Advisory Committee (NAC) meeting.

I know we have some outstanding volunteers on our roles and I would like to be able to send in a nomination from WAVES National.

Nominees for the award **must** participate in established VAVS assignments, serve as a Regularly Scheduled volunteer and meet one of the following criteria:

1. Volunteer with hospitalized Veterans.
2. Volunteer with Veterans at Outpatient Clinics.
3. Volunteer with Veterans in Community Living Centers.
4. Volunteer with homeless Veterans.
5. Volunteer with Veterans and Veterans' groups in the community.
6. Host Veterans' functions in the Lodge, Post, Chapter, i.e., Memorial Day, July 4th and Veterans' Day observances, etc., that qualify as a VAVS assignment.

7. Host Veterans' functions outside the Lodge, Post, Chapter, i.e., fishing trips, day at the races, sporting events, etc., that qualify as a VAVS assignment.
8. Visit Veterans confined to their homes as a VAVS assignment.
9. Adopt-A-Veteran.

Those eligible for the award are: NAC member organizations (WAVES National is a member organization) with emphasis on VAVS Representatives, Deputy Representatives, members who visit the VA Medical Centers, Community Living Centers, etc., or work at Lodge, Post, Chapter, or veteran functions either within or outside the Lodge, Post, Chapter, etc.

The nomination needs to be in narrative format and describe the volunteer activities in the year of nomination, as well as in preceding years. Also, please identify the VA facility at which the nominee volunteers.

If you need assistance with the write up, please contact Harriett Howard, our National VAVS Representative, or myself, Dassa Carvey. Our contact information is on Officers and Staff page of the White Caps.

Submit nominations to me no later than 10 January 2010.

ADVERTISING RATES AND GUIDELINES FOR WHITE CAPS

Barb Turner, WAVES National Executive Secretary

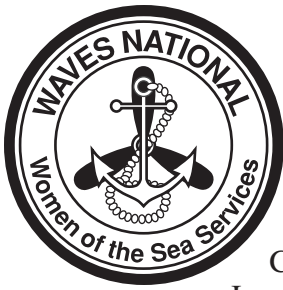
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ADVERTISING RATES AND GUIDELINES:

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WAVES NATIONAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

CS1 Regina R. Clark

This year's scholarship is named in honor of Navy Culinary Specialist 1st Class (CS1) Regina R.

Clark, who died June 23, 2005, serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. A vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated near her convoy vehicle in Fal-lujah, Iraq, killing her and another female and wounding 13 others. Petty Officer Clark, 43, was deployed with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 18 out of Tacoma, WA. The terror group al-Qaida in Iraq claimed responsibility for the bombing.



One \$1,500 scholarship will be available to **relatives**, male or female, of a sea services woman. The essay topic for 2011 is:

“Today’s Sea Service Women at War”

PLEASE FOLLOW THE RULES.

In the past, several entrants have been disqualified because they did not follow the rules.

1. Eligibility is open to any female or male relative of a SEA SERVICE WOMAN who has served or is currently serving in the Navy, Coast Guard or Marine Corps or their reserve components. The relative may be by birth, legal adoption or marriage. Documented proof of eligibility of

the sea service woman’s honorable discharge OR her present status in the military must be included with the application. Documented Proof of Eligibility is a legible copy of her form DD214 discharge certificate or a copy of her current military ID card. Applications will not be considered if this PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY is not submitted.

2. The essay competitions are open to high school seniors or college students.
3. Each essay must be written on the 2011 topic and shall include documented evidence of research and an interview with a female who has served in Iraq or Afghanistan.
4. Each essay must be the applicant's own work and shall consist of 1,000 to 1,500 words.
5. Entries must be postmarked by **March 11, 2011**, with no exception.

Mail OR email your application along with required documents to:

Betty Hand
Scholarship Contest Chairperson
5128 Sammy Street
Virginia Beach, VA 23455
bettyhand@hotmail.com

You may download an application at
www.womenofthewaves.com

Attached documents via email will be accepted.

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Scholarship Contest Chairperson
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Virginia Beach, VA 23455
or
bettyhand@hotmail.com

(DEADLINE IS MARCH 11, 2011)

Visit our website: www.womenofthewaves.com

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BAY AREA WAVES

Unit #3 (CA) – Merry Christmas to all and a Happy and better New Year to you! We are still holding our own. We thank our telephone committee and our "Breeze" editor for keeping us on track and our shipmates for providing rides. We will be bagging goodies for the incoming gals from Iraq again this year. We give them to the Chaplain at the Palo Alto Hospital to hand out. This year, we donated Christmas Bears from Cypress Senior Center handicraft group to the children at Fisher House. **For meeting information, contact Gloria at GLORIA-ABAW@juno.com (San Jose, Cupertino, Sunnyvale and Santa Clara.)**

GATEWAY WAVES

Unit #5 (MO) – Happy holidays to all. Our October guest speaker was Ann Shadowens, Jefferson Barracks, National Guard Food Pantry. She thanked everyone for their many donations to the Food Pantry. Members were involved in Veterans activities in November. Navy/Coast Guard/Marines had an annual holiday party. Remember all our troops and their families, serving around the world and also our veterans who have died. **For meeting information, contact Shirley Walz at 314-822-4249 or at SJWALZ2002@yahoo.com**

KEYSTONE WAVES

Unit #6 (PA) – Thirteen members attended the Convention in Norfolk. Several members attended the WIMSA sponsored military women authors discussion and book signing. In October, we were invited to the 235th Navy Birthday Ball held at the Warrington Country Club where we celebrated the Willow Grove Naval Air Station. This facility will officially close in 2011. During Veterans' Week, we attended a luncheon honoring women veterans hosted by the VA Medical Center, Coatesville. Many of us marched or rode in convertibles in the Media Veterans' Day Parade. Quarterly meetings are held the second Saturday of March, June, September, and December at 1130, Coast Guard Station, Philadelphia. **For meeting information, contact Harriet Stulmaker, 215-957-6659.**

NORTH COAST WAVES

Unit #21 (OH) – Several members of the unit took the Honor Flight out of the Akron/Canton airport this fall. The friends, family and veterans who waited to welcome them home numbered approximately 300 people. There were flags, balloons, tears and handshakes. Every veteran coming off the plane was thanked over and over again for their service as he or she came down the aisle through the crowd. It was a heartwarming and emotional evening.



Jo Trotter greets Margaret Gula and her Guardian, Jan Ochs, as they get off the plane.

STARS AND STRIPES

Unit #36 (CA) – We welcomed three new members to our unit: Patricia Rutan, Liz Osborne and Betty Jo Hart. President Monica O'Hara presented Marie Foley with her Life Membership recently. We participated in the FEMVETS Stand Down at the Veterans' Museum; Beach Jumpers Reunion at Coronado Beach where our members were honored; the annual San Diego Veterans' Day Parade, and a Memorial Ceremony at the Veterans' Museum to install plaques honoring members who have passed away. We have volunteered our assistance to the Women's History Room in preparing the room for Women's History Month in March.



Stars & Stripes members at the Veterans' Museum (l-r) Peg Boyce, Cynthia Apuna, Evelyn Coy, Roxanne Jones, Donna Owens, Monica O'Hara and Marty Mehner.

BADGER

Unit #39 (WI) – Our unit took third place in the 2010 newsletter contest – four large units. Congratulations to Joan Hampton, our editor, for doing a great

job. Joan has been our editor for 20 years, gathering news and pictures to be included in our Becky Badger Log. We appreciate Joan's hard work and dedication. We continue to collect gently used clothing for women veterans returning from Iraq and donate them to Woods Veterans Hospital where they are distributed to needy female veterans. A decision was made to cancel our January 2011 meeting as Wisconsin's winter weather can be very harsh. **Next meeting is March 19, 2011, at New Berlin National Regency, 1030 hours. Contact Claire – peach@wi.rr.com.**

MAINE

Unit #41 (ME) - We held the Annual All Service Women's Luncheon and enjoyed meeting some new faces and reminiscing with members. Members participated in the ceremonies for the Women's Veterans Plaque which was hung in the State House Hall of Flags on 29 November. The guest speaker, MSG Susan G. Hewes, Maine National Guard, painted a picture of life at Kandahar. We have agreed to build a diaper bag full of goodies for the Togus VA to give to a new mother. Our VP, MK1 April Reid, U.S. Coast Guard, has transferred to Bahrain. She is currently attending training and we wish her all the best in her new assignment.

CONNECTICUT YANKEES

Unit #42 (CT) – November was a busy month for our unit with our fund raiser mystery auction meeting, the CT Veterans Day Parade (the largest in New England), and the Red, White, and Blue for military members past and present at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich. We have welcomed CT Mariners, Unit # 82, members to our meeting recently. Commissioner Linda Schwartz, of the CT VA, has formed a VET/NET program for the 15,000 servicewomen in Connecticut. We are looking to connect with some new members from this program. Members will be helping to "Haul out the Holly" at the Rocky Hill Veterans' Home to get the facility ready for the holidays. We send holiday greetings and wishes for good health to everyone in the coming New Year. **Our meetings are the first Saturday of the months of March, June and then September – December. Contact Marie Walsh at 860-647-7754 or Barbara Crede at 860-665-8082 or barbcrede@aol.com for further information.**

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FINGER LAKES

Unit #49 (NY) - The Chili (New York) Senior Center invited our unit for a Veterans' Day Program. We were very pleased to be honored.

We sponsored an escort to accompany a female veteran from the Canandaigua Veterans' Center on a two day "Honor Flight" visit to Washington, D.C. They visited the World War II Memorial along with the other Memorials honoring the military. The escort wrote thanking us and saying that it truly was an inspirational trip for everyone involved. We were very happy that we were able to donate her airfare. **Contact Helen Peck, willisipeck@aol.com for meeting information.**

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WAVES

Unit #52 (FL) - Sadly, Korean War Era Veteran Mary Kent passed away. For years, she contributed significantly to our unit.

We hosted WN officers Jo Adamson, Betsy Waddell and B. J. McGuire at a luncheon. See it! Go to YouTube, search for "Unit 52 at lunch with friends WAVES National". Scroll for "Women of the Sea Services- Go Navy!"

WW II member Shirley Anderson appreciated her Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

We toured the Santa Rosa County Veterans Memorial Plaza with Commissioner Salter. He and WN Executive Secretary Barb Turner were instrumental in its development.



Northwest Florida WAVES tour Veterans' Memorial Plaza with Commissioner Salter.

Irene Smith and Ann Whittaker "went home" to the new Armed Forces Retirement Home, Gulfport MS, five years after evacuating for Hurricane Katrina. At least one kissed her home ground on arrival.

For meeting info contact Linda at 850-

476-6242 or nwflwavesunit52@cox.net.

WAVES AGO

Unit #61 (TX) - November found members attending various Veterans' Week activities. Work continues on Christmas Comfort Kits for female Veterans at Overton Brooks VAMC, Shreveport, LA. **For meeting information, contact Vi Hammett, 903-753-0797.**

ORANGE BLOSSOM

Unit #69 (FL) - Orange Blossom members gathered to celebrate Tubby Evans' 90th birthday at a formal tea at Disney's Grand Floridian Hotel. Tubby Evans received the WAVES National life membership card at our next meeting hosted by Teresa Romonchuk. We wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



L-R: Susan Ghrist, Tubby Evans, Dolores Yurdock, Julie Zamarocy, Alice Hyson, Connie Kwiecien, Lucille Jung, Joan Hallinan and Ann Coliskey celebrate Tuddy's 90th birthday.

SPACE COAST WAVES

Unit #75 (FL) - Several members recently attended the annual All Women Veterans Luncheon that was hosted by the Air Force. What a fantastic luncheon. It was a wonderful setting, great food, raffles, door prizes, and great entertainment. The Air Force, Army, Marines, and, of course, the Navy and Coast Guard, were all in attendance, and most dressed in uniforms or group outfits. There were women there from most of the wars and campaigns, starting with WW II, and right up to the current Afghanistan campaign. A representative from the VA Outpatient Clinic provided a presentation on women veterans and the services that are available to women from the VA. Next year, the Army hosts the luncheon.

We attended the Massing of the Colors on Veterans Day, hosted by the local community college. JROTC members carried our Colors for us. **For meeting information, contact: Pamela McRoy at 321-626-4546, or fun4pj2002@yahoo.com.**

REDWOOD EMPIRE

Unit #77 (CA) - Four of our members returned from Norfolk with reports of a

great convention. Several unit members participated in the Veterans' Day Parade in Petaluma, some riding and some marching with our banner. This is our 17th year of participating in the parade. We are looking forward to our Christmas luncheon when we bring toys to donate to the Toys for Tots program. We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas season and a great New Year with a new name to identify us to more people. **For meeting information, contact Bettie Crandall, 707-838-4035.**

SALT CITY BLUES

Unit #80 (NY) - Two lucky ladies from our unit, both World War II veterans, got all dressed up and attended the Navy's 235th gala Birthday Ball at the Persian Terrace Hotel in Syracuse. LTJG Margaret Sweitzer, who served as a Navy nurse, and YN3 Arlene O. Lawless both thoroughly enjoyed the celebration. Margaret, who was the oldest in attendance, was chosen, along with a good-looking 20-year-old sailor, to cut the ceremonial cake with a Navy sword. It was a wonderful evening. Our group meets once a month for lunch at a local restaurant

FLATWATER WAVES

Unit #98 (NE) - We had our final meeting of 2010 on 9 October at Chances' R in York. Eleven members were in attendance, plus two guests for lunch. Our newest member, Jean Nichol of Tekamah, attended for the first time, and we all introduced ourselves and told of our Navy experiences. Jean was in the Navy during the 1970's, so she is one of our younger members.



Unit members attended October meeting at Chances' R (l-r, back row): Margaret Nehring, Jean Nichol, Linda Delgado, Joen Gruber, Mary Scamehorn and Pat Hunsche. Seated, (l-r): Ruby Hauptman, Mabel Stamler, Kathy Howe, Marj Neill and Helen Stauffer.

The unit voted to make a donation of \$100 to Support our Servicemen (SOS), an organization that buys various care package items and ships them to the servicemen and women overseas in November. Our donation helps pay the postage. Member Margaret Nehring

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helps the Scouts with this project each winter, and has also arranged for the Scouts to help rake the yards of several senior members in Lincoln. We do not meet in the winter due to weather conditions here in Nebraska. **For meeting information, contact Pat Hunsche, 402-426-2013, or phunsche@huntel.net.**

GREEN MOUNTAIN GIRLS

Unit #113 (VT) – Veronica Sujek, of Green Mt. Girls, Unit #113; Jane McCauley and Helen McCarthy, both of Green Mt. WAVES, Unit #109, represented VT at the convention. Our last meeting of the year (before the snow comes) was held at the home of Hazel, Morrisville. Veronica (Ronnie) reported on the many changes coming for WAVES National in this next term. All agreed that the convention was a wonderful experience and a big success.

CACTUS WAVES

Unit #114 (AZ) - Michelle Howard, guest speaker at our September meeting, invited members of Cactus WAVES to participate in developing a Military Women's Resources web site to include information such as veterans services and benefits.

Several Cactus WAVES enjoyed the US Navy 235th Birthday Ball in Phoenix. Carol Culbertson, president of Cactus WAVES, served as Co-Chair of the Navy Ball. Great autumn weather, great food, great dance music, and great shipmates!



Martha Alderman, Ginger Kennedy, Linda Fulker-son, Region III Representative, Sharon Woods, Past WAVES National President, and Marian Lever enjoy the U.S. Navy 235th Birthday Ball in Phoenix.

OCEAN STATE

Unit #118 (RI) – We recruited two new members: Jamie Goeden and Anne Mishley. The Volunteer Office is requesting donations of warm clothing for homeless Veterans to be given at the Christmas parties. We voted to have a guest speaker at our meetings twice a

year. Ginny Hanson arranged for Al Signarelli to speak at the October meeting. This topic was "Homeless Women Veterans," which was interesting.

Carol Rotkin and Jean Yarnall attended the swearing in ceremony for Ginny Hanson who was named as the first woman president of the Permanent House Advisory Council for House Veterans Affairs. Ginny was also selected by the Elks Lodge as Veteran of the Year. The unit will be laying a wreath at the Rhode Island Women's Veterans Memorial in December.

BLUEGRASS WAVES

Unit #129 (KY) - Alice Wesley was fortunate enough to go on the Honor Flight this fall. The group visited the World War II Memorial and other sights in D.C. When Alice returned, she shared her experiences and photos with the unit. The Honor Flight is a wonderful program for our veterans. Anyone who gets the chance to take this trip shouldn't miss it.



Alice Wesley participated in Honor Flight recently and visited the WW II Memorial.

We donated hand knit squares to an organization that sews them together into afghans and lap robes for hospitalized veterans at Christmas time. **For information contact Kathy Ruble, 502-664-0898 or katey8@aol.com.**

CASCADE SEAFARERS

Unit #138 (OR) – Nine members of our unit met one Saturday and made 13 lap robes for homeless veterans at the Veterans' Care Center in Roseburg. In addition, we purchased another 19 lap robes, for a total of 32 lap robes. We participated in the Albany Veterans' Day Parade, the largest Veterans' Day Parade west of the Mississippi River. Our van will be decorated in honor of Lois Fish, who we have elected as our Veteran of the Year.

For meeting information, contact Carol Donahue at 541-689-1463.

MISSISSIPPI MATES

Unit #150 (MS) - Eight Katrina surviving members of our unit met recently at a Gulfport deli, our temporary meeting venue while awaiting the opening of the new Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport. Sandy Skipper and Donna Cox reported on activities of the VAVS at the Biloxi Veterans Center. Our unit will continue to support their programs with monetary donations, as well as those to the Coast Women's Shelter, Fisher House at Keesler AFB, and a children's shelter.

Betty Lu Dennis, a former Armed Forces Retirement Home resident, brought us good news about the arrival of our shipmates from Washington, D.C. Our enthusiastic plans to welcome their arrival took shape when our members, bearing welcome signs and waving flags, greeted several unit members at the Gulfport-Biloxi Airport. They had been evacuated to D.C. after Katrina, and were as excited to be returning to their home here.



For meeting information, contact Gladys Hughes, 601-799-1714, or Gretchen Breeland, 228-861-3034.

MEMPHIS BELLES

Unit #151 (TN) – We held our annual cookout at Becky Dickinson's home. Our "Master Chef" did himself proud! Four of our members attended the National Convention and returned with a check and certificate for 4th place in the membership contest. Nicci Miller was welcomed as a guest at our October meeting. Marion Page, a former member, returned as a visitor. Our November meeting was a Thanksgiving potluck at Meribeth Patton's home. **For meeting information, phone Linda Coffield at 901-372-9028.**

TIDEWATER TIDAL WAVES

Unit #152 (VA) – Unit members were presented with a local TV station's "People Taking Action" Award for the unit's efforts

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Betty Hand, Unit President, accepted, on behalf of the unit, the "People Taking Action" Award, presented to the unit by Channel 3 TV.

Some of our members are deployed aboard various ships. This does not mean it is all work and no play. Armed Forces Entertainment, in association with Morale Entertainment and the USO, present various entertainers. A recent event, called "Legends of Aerospace II, The Apollo Heroes," gave the crew of the USS HARRY S. TRUMAN an opportunity to question some of the Nation's Space Heroes and hear of their experiences.



CMC Martha Kastler (2nd from left) had an opportunity to ask questions of Jim Lovell (Apollo 13), Neil Armstrong (first man to walk on the moon), Gene Cernan (last man to walk on the moon) recently aboard USS Harry S. TRUMAN.

The three astronauts and David Hartman, the former host of "Good Morning America," reported onboard USS HARRY S. TRUMAN for a visit. CMC Kastler said, "It was great to hear the stories and be able to ask questions of our heroes." For meeting information, contact Judy Perry 757-545-1988.

FOX CITIES

Unit 153 (WI) - We are planning our Christmas Party when we collect items for women Veterans residing at the King Home for Veterans, home for one of our members. We are missing two of our long-time members to illness and accident. We welcomed a member from Badger, Unit #39, Helen Burke, who moved up to Appleton, recently, and will attend our meetings. We also welcomed Florence Parker from Waupaca, who is considering joining our unit. Since this is the last issue of White Caps in 2010, we wish all of you the very best this holiday season, and may all experience peace,

health and happiness.

SALT RIVER WAVES

Unit #155 (AZ) - We had glowing reports of the convention from our attendees, Lori Elander and Diana Green. Our September meeting was a rousing Charter Party. Linda Fulkerson, Region III Representative, presented the unit with the newly designed charter and a surprise from WAVES National, framed personalized Plank Owner Certificates.



Linda Fulkerson presents Unit President Vida Flayter with the unit's charter.

Our December meeting was a baby shower to assist our Kathy Laurier and Barbara Shaw with their Veterans' Administration Military Women Maternity Program.

JEANNIE DICKS, WAVES NATIONAL CO-FOUNDER HONORED



Jeannie Dicks, Co-Founder of WN, receives proclamation from San Diego City Councilwoman Donna Frye making September 11, 2010 Jeannie Dicks Day.

Jeannie Dicks, one of three co-founders of WAVES National, was honored by the San Diego City Council. Councilwoman Donna Frye,

northern San Diego area, proclaimed 11 September 2010 as "Jeannie Dicks" day in San Diego.

It all started at an annual WAVES Convention in San Francisco in the 1970's. During the convention, it was suggested that they needed to formally organize. Jeannie said they had been trying to do just that for awhile. So, with volunteer help, Jeannie Dicks, Esther Govorchin and Loda Mae Dobbins were able to become chartered as "WAVES National."

From small beginnings in Sacramento, units sprang up all across the United States and Hawaii. In the beginning, it was mainly Navy women as the acronym WAVES is naval in origin and stands for Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service. Along the way, women in all sea service branches

were accepted into membership. WAVES National now has a sisterhood membership of women who served in WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, Gulf and OEF/IEF Wars, and includes many active duty women as well.

Jeannie remains the most active of the three original founders – attends meetings, Regional Conferences, National Conventions; participates in parades and visits units as often as possible. Esther Govorchin has not been able to participate due to the declining health of her husband but is very proud to have been a founder of WAVES National. Loda Mae Dobbins passed away in 2008.

Jeannie said her 15 minutes of fame amounted to "correcting the council on a couple of historical statements; saying, 'Thank you!' and, then receiving the proclamation".

THE UNSCHEDULED CHRISTMAS STOP

Non-Fiction by Judy Perry



I was a restless, naïve young lady from a small Ohio town. After high school graduation, I looked at the employment opportunities in my hometown and decided to enlist in the U.S. Navy.

This was not a popular career choice for young women in 1959, but I was determined to do something important with my life. As an excited and scared new recruit, I left my hometown of Blanchester, Ohio (population 2,000) and boarded an eastbound B&O railroad train headed to Bainbridge, MD, and “boot camp.”

The August heat was brutal and the training was much more difficult than I had anticipated. Up in the morning before daylight, marching to morning chow before the birds were up, hours in the laundry house with antique wringer washers and Argo powdered starch, polishing shoes until you could see yourself, and marching until you dropped.

With perseverance and determination, I made it through graduation. I was officially a United States Navy WAVE! My orders sent me to the staff of the Executive Officer, USNTC Bainbridge. That Christmas, I was told I could take five days holiday leave. I was so proud and excited. I was going home wearing my “Dress Blues.”

It was cold and had been snowing for hours by the time my cab arrived at the Baltimore train station. I wrestled my luggage out of the cab and stood wondering how I was going to get both bags through the pie shaped revolving door. I saw two sailors inside, and, looking as pitiful as I could, I hoped they would give me a hand. But, they didn't go for pitiful.

I picked up one bag and held it in front of me and dragged the other bag in beside me. As I started to move the door, someone came in behind me and pushed the door so hard that I was almost sent back outside into a snowdrift. As I made my stumbling, and somewhat undignified entrance, the two sailors jumped up and yelled “Atten-hut!” I thought some Admiral must be passing by, so with my bucket hat bumped crooked, I came to attention and stood frozen for several minutes. When I glanced sideways, the sailors were seated and laughing uproariously. Oh, no! I had fallen prey to their prank. I was embarrassed, felt like a fool and disgraced my new uniform.

I found a seat as far away from the sailors as I could. As luck would have it, they moved right beside me, flirting, saying things like –“wish you were on my ship, sailor.” “The Navy should issue a WAVE with every sea bag to keep us warm.” I was silent... burning.

I saw a Shore Patrolman watching us. I was sure he would rescue me. He walked over and asked if the sailors were bothering me. I quickly answered “Yes, Sir, they certainly are!” he smiled, leaned over and pinched my cheek and remarked, “I can't say as I blame them.” I blushed, my mouth fell open, and the sailors began to laugh, again. Well, I did what any self respecting WAVE would have done. I spent the next 45 minutes, sitting on my luggage in a busy ladies room.

Finally, it was time to board my train for home. Near dawn, I asked the conductor what time the train would stop at my home town of Blanchester. He said, “I'm sorry, Miss. That's not a scheduled stop. You will have to get off in Cincinnati.” This meant the train would pass my hometown and I would have to call somebody to pick me up.

The snow had been falling all night and the roads were treacherous. I didn't tell him I only had 15 cents to my name. I was praying for a miracle.

The conductor left for a few minutes. When he returned, he said he and the engineer had a plan. The train could not come to a full stop because it took too much time to get back up to speed. However, if I was willing, they could slow the train way down and I could jump off into a snow bank. Not giving much thought to the risk of life and limb, I said I would be most grateful.

He took me and my luggage to the last car. I don't think either of the men really realized that my travel uniform was a skirt and two inch high heeled shoes. The conductor said to wait and jump only when he told me. I got a little scared when he unlocked and opened the rear gate. I was holding my bucket hat and my shoulder bag when he began – “One, two, JUMP!”

I landed safely with my suitcases beside me. I waved and shouted “THANK YOU.” The conductor gave me a snappy salute and wished me “Merry Christmas.” I was very touched. I proudly returned the salute and called “MERRY CHRISTMAS!” to him. As the train pulled away, I trudged home with my bags, and my sleepy mother met me at the door. And wouldn't you know it. She scolded me for not wearing boots!

Every holiday season, I think of those two caring men who gave me a true Christmas Blessing and a wonderful adventure.

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From: Region IX Rep
To: All Units and MAL's in Region IX (Appalachian)

I want to introduce myself to everyone in the Region (New Jersey, New

York, and Pennsylvania). I am your recently installed Regional Representative (RR).

If I can help any of you, or if you have any questions, please let me know. My contact information is:

Kayann Taylor
9403 Hewitt Lane
Weedsport, NY 13166
Phone: 315-834-6269

I look forward to hearing from you.
Kayann

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Regional conferences are open to all WAVES National members, wherever they reside. These smaller versions of conventions make it possible to have more informal and friendly gatherings and to meet new people. We've had really outstanding conferences and Regional Representatives are planning more for

this coming year. If you have never attended a conference, and can, please consider attending one of the ones planned for this year. Right now, we have two scheduled conferences: Region IX, and a combined Regional Conference on the West Coast.

CALLING ALL USS HUNTER ALUMNI

I am a Research Associate at the New-York Historical Society and am working on an exhibition entitled V Was For Victory, slated to open in March 2013. Kenneth Jackson, Columbia University, is chair of the steering committee. The exhibition will explore how WW II affected New York City and how New York City, in turn, affected the war. I hope to devote a section of the exhibition to the WAVES at the U.S. Naval Training Station at Hunter College (Bronx, New York).

Currently, I am in the process of locating and securing objects for display and am hoping you can assist me in my search.

I would like to locate alumni of "U.S.S. Hunter" who may have memorabilia to loan to the exhibition. I would also love to hear about their personal experiences in the Bronx.

Anyone who would like to assist, please contact me at the below address:

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