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My Career as an Adjustable Wrench

by April Reid, MK1, USCG

January marks my 12th year of active duty in the United States Coast Guard. My career has been full of challenges and opportunities.

I enlisted in the winter of 1998 with the expectation of four years of service. In the spring, after training, I attended Machinery Technician (MK) "A" School at TRACEN, Yorktown, VA, where I found myself the only female in my class. I was the only female in the whole school of six classes!

While women have been actively participating in every Coast Guard rating



since the 1974-76 full integration, the MK rating has attracted only a small number.

A Coast Guard MK is a "Jack of All Trades" and is responsible for the operation and maintenance of gasoline and diesel engines, air conditioning and hydraulic systems and many other types of equipment. The MK keeps the cutters, boats and necessary equipment operational and mission ready.

I graduated from "A" School as a brand new FNMK with orders to the Coast Guard Cutter Pea Island (WPB-1347) homeport, Mayport, FL. I was

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Ladies,

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. We weathered the 2010 Blizzard and the snow and ice finally melted.

I hope the New Year brings all good things to our members and WN. With this

The President's Message

in mind, I encourage everyone to get their dues in so as not to delay receiving even one issue of their White Caps. If you have not paid your 2011 dues, please do so ASAP. You will be in arrears if you are not paid by April 1st and you will not receive THE White Caps after the April issue unless you are paid.

National dues are \$15 per year, and unit dues vary by unit. The Life Membership table is on the back page for your information and is updated for the revised fee for those 90 years of age or older.

The membership application, with the revised LM schedule, was also published in the December issue. Make as many copies of it as you want or need.

Unit treasurers and MALs are reminded to send dues to Monica O'Hara. Do NOT send them to the Executive Secretary as she must send them on to Monica. This not only causes a delay in new memberships and renewals, but also increases cost to WAVES National. Also, please send all donations and first class postage payments to Monica. Her address is on the Staff page at the back of each issue of WC.

Our scholarship was announced in the last issue of White Caps and appears again

this issue. Please take the time to request that the information be posted in your local paper, community and church bulletins – anywhere where we can get publicity. The application is also on line at our website.

The fund raising committee has been diligently at work coming up with ideas for various fund raisers. Look for more details in upcoming issues.

Publication of ads in WC got off to a good start last issue, but has dwindled over the holidays. Please pass the word that we now offer advertising for a nominal fee. Maybe some of you have a business you would like to promote, i.e., embroidery, or other crafts, books you have authored, or know of someone who would benefit from placing an ad in our newsletter. Contact me with any questions.

Take the time to review the Financial Report from the 2010 National Convention. The Tidewater Tidal WAVES, Unit #152, did a fantastic job covering expenses and ensuring a profit that was shared with WAVES National. BZ, ladies!

Please keep our troops in your prayers.

Always Navy,

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My Career as an Adjustable Wrench ...

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met at the airport by an MK2 who drove me to the barracks. As he dropped me off, he told me that we were getting underway at 0700 Monday morning. I distinctly remember the fear/panic I felt at this point. I wondered what I was getting into. I soon learned to cope, adjust and adapt. I met the challenges, overcame the obstacles. I became the "ADJUSTABLE WRENCH."

A year and a half later, I transferred as an MK2 to CGC MELLON (WHEC-717), homeport Seattle, WA. For two and a half years I served on the MELLON in the Main Propulsion Division.

While assigned to the MELLON, I was working with a Chief MK. We were tasked to remove engine parts for the next day's engine rebuild. He huffed and puffed struggling to break one part free from the engine. He handed me the breaker bar and told me to get the other 23 pieces free. The next morning when the Chief returned all the pieces had been removed.

For a minute, I let him think that I was able to muscle the parts off when he had such a hard time. Soon, however, I told him that I had rigged a chain fall and wrench to the overhead and used leverage to do the hard work for me. He said

that working with women MKs was an education. Following my tour on the MELLON, I returned to TRACEN Yorktown, VA, for several "C" Schools, and then on to my third Cutter, USCG ABBIE BURGESS (WLM-553) homeport Rockland, ME.

During my 12 years in the Coast Guard, 7 of which have been at sea, I've seen many ratings open up for women and so has sea duty. Whenever I return to Yorktown for training, I am amazed at the increased number of women attending the schools. What a difference a few years can make!

However, there are places in the world where women are very much restricted by the history and the culture.

Currently, I am assigned to Patrol Forces South West Asia (PATFOR SWA) in the Kingdom of Bahrain. We are here in support of what was Operation Iraqi Freedom and is now known as Operation New Dawn. I am assigned to the Engineering Division, which supports our Patrol Boats.

Many of the workers in the shipyards, stores, or even work crews on the street are not native to Bahrain. Many are transplanted here, looking for work. I have experienced first hand that women in this world do not turn wrenches.

I was elbow deep, working on removing a part from an engine when a dockworker walked up to me and slapped my forearm for attention. As soon as I removed my arms from the engine, he jumped in to assist. I did not speak his language, but received the "shoo" with the back of his hand pointing me away. In his country, women do not turn wrenches; they stay at home with their families.

I stood back and let him try to help, but his efforts made the job progress a lot slower due to the communication barriers.

I took this opportunity to return to the shop to obtain another tool. When I left the area, the dockworker also departed. I brought the tool back to the jobsite and completed the task!

A toolbox will always have an assortment of wrenches to do a job and probably an adjustable wrench in the drawer as well. We all can get the job done, but we don't always look or work the same way. I may not be able to crack a bolt with one turn on a breaker bar, but I can find a tool that will get the job done.

During our Christmas dinner, here, my Master Chief joked that the first wrench I got to turn in this country was an adjustable wrench. How appropriate. I'm the "ADJUSTABLE WRENCH."

REGIONAL CONFERENCES



Region I Representative Jeannie Dicks, Region II Representative Margaret Thorngate, and Region III Representative Linda Fulkerson have teamed up to present the Western Regional Conference 2011 aboard the Holland America ship ms OOSTERDAM out of San Diego, CA, 8-15 October 2011.

This 7-night luxury Mexican Riviera cruise will both leave from and return to San Diego, and we will stop in Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta, and Bahia Magdalena.

The **registration fee is \$25.00** for WAVES National members and includes the Joint Conference meeting at sea, a private cocktail party onboard the

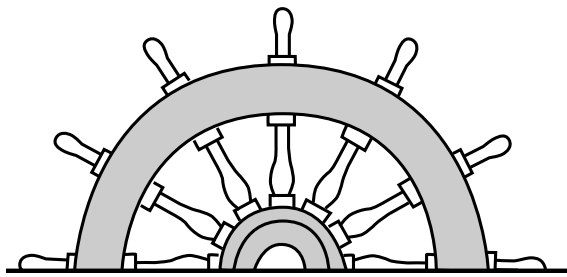
WAVES NATIONAL WESTERN REGIONS JOINT CONFERENCE AND MEXICAN RIVIERA CRUISE 2011

Lynne Pine, California State Director

ship, and a Cruise Goodie Bag with lots of surprises. Also, on 13 October, we will celebrate the Navy's 236th Birthday while at sea. Members must register for the conference with Cruise Director Lynne Pine and pay the registration fee in order to participate in the Western Regions Conference events.

All cruise reservations must be made through Cruise Specialists for us to receive the credits for our special amenities and events aboard ship. **Cruise costs** range from \$552 **each** for four sharing an inside cabin to \$1,069 **each** for two sharing a balcony cabin. Be sure to factor in \$74.82 per person for taxes and fees, and don't forget the additional gratuity costs. **This joint regional conference is open to all WAVES National members and their guests.**

For *conference registration*, call your Cruise Director Lynne Pine at (619) 947-6936 or e-mail Lynne.Pine@Yahoo.com to receive the registration form that you will need to fill out and submit to her. To make cruise reservations, request special arrangements for medical or dietary needs, or opt out of mailings, email Lynndee King of Cruise Specialists at LKing@CruiseSpecialists.com or call her at 1-800-544-2469. Travel to San Diego for the cruise is on your own, but Cruise Specialists can help with transportation. There is also a special San Diego hotel pricing for pre/post-cruise the night before and night after, as well as reduced price parking arrangements if you are driving to San Diego. Contact Lynne Pine for more information.



FROM THE BRIDGE

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Jo Adamson



Greetings Shipmates, One and All:

I am so happy to have the holidays over and a new year is beginning. I am sure this is going to be a great year. Just a few thoughts to consider as we travel through this New Year: Believe in yourself (others already do). Today is bound to bring a reason to be grateful. Look for good, and you will find it. Life has more UPS than DOWNS. Mistakes are just rehearsals for success. Open your heart...and love will fill it. These are just some of my philosophies of life which I will try to live by for the new year.

You can see I am still in the wonderful state of Illinois and trying desperately to get to Florida. Oh well! Maybe this year I will be successful. I am also looking for a great year for our membership in WAVES National with all the things that are coming up, i.e., the cruise for the three western regions and many other things we are trying to do. Just remember, it only takes one member to recruit a new member, and we will double our membership.

I would like for each of the Regional Representatives to contact me at their earliest convenience. I would also like to hear from past Region Reps, as well. I want to get an idea of what is being planned in your areas for the up coming year. Just remember: RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT! May 2011 bring love, health and blessing to you and your loved ones.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Betsy Waddell



Happy New Year to all.

Here's hoping that we are all thawed out, dried out, plowed out and have all our resolutions made and in place! I think that this is the year that we all need - no, **must** - resolve to reach out and get new members for our fantastic organization. We must change our way of thinking... it is not the Service that we once knew. It has grown and changed ever so much and we need to

grow and change to match so the women coming out or retiring from the service want to join us. We have such a rich tradition and memories to share and from which to learn. We need to reach out and BE that helping hand that we have all needed at one time or another. We need to use the resources at hand or that are available to us (through state or county) to help military women. We need to educate ourselves and become the POINT OF CONTACT for assistance to military women no matter their age or duty status.

Ladies, let's have a wonderful and productive New Year. Let's all work and reach out to new members and units...let's share of ourselves and grow. Your national officers are here to assist you in any way that we can. If you have any suggestions, contact one of us.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Diana Parkisson



At the WAVES National Convention 2010 in Norfolk this past August, I was appointed, along with four other members, to the NAME CHANGE COMMITTEE. It is an important and difficult task we have before us. Understandably, we face this task with mixed emotions.

In the early 1940's, when our country was in peril and the future uncertain, young women from cities, farms and small towns everywhere stepped up to answer their country's call. These young ladies were courageous and patriotic... they were WAVES, women of the Marine Corps and SPARS. We salute them and we thank them for laying the groundwork and opening the doors for all of us who came after them.

The name WAVES, Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service, really belongs to our Navy World War II members exclusively. They just let the rest of us use it until the end of the Vietnam War. In 1947 President Truman decommissioned the WAVES, but the Navy liked the name so well, and all that it represented, that it the name until 1973. For those who earned the name WAVES, and those who shared it, it means something special for

the Navy and our country's history, and to us. The name change for all of us, while necessary, is bittersweet.

Our membership numbers have been dwindling and recruiting efforts have been underwhelming. We must "market" our organization to younger women more successfully. To do this we need to come up with a name that is more inclusive and that today's "sea service women" can identify with. That is the challenge of the committee and of WAVES National members.

The Yeomanettes of World War I opened the doors for the WAVES of World War II, Korea and Vietnam, and today's sea service women are opening doors for future generations of young women.

Ladies, please keep an open mind and think of our future as an organization. Remember that as we move forward we will continue to fulfill our mission: **"To keep all sea service women connected while preserving our common history and sharing our collective military experiences."** Remembering that part of our mission is to preserve our history, the US Navy WAVES, women of the Marine Corps and SPARS will always be a very large and important part of our history.

SHIP'S STORE

Patty Jo Parks



Happy Healthy Heart Month to all my favorite females! This is a GREAT time for a Heart check up.

Inventory is over (WHEW!) and shelves are restocked so order now! "Quantity discounts" are STILL available for ANY COMBINATION of WN Coins, Medallions and/or Keyrings: 5 for \$45; 10 for \$80 or 20 for \$140.

PLEASE NOTE: Use the MOST RECENT White Caps order form. Your order may be delayed if the correct payment and/or shipping is not included.

Still with me? Excellent! Here's the first FINE PRINT SPECIAL for 2011 - With the purchase of a WN logo OR Anchor charm you will receive a second charm FREE. (Limit of one free charm per customer.) Please specify whether the

FREE charm should be a **WN Logo or Anchor**. Orders MUST: 1) Include payment for at least one charm; 2) Specify "Heart" on the order form; 3) Be received by April 1, 2011.

Sea Ya, *Patty Jo*

VOLUNTEER HOURS CHAIRMAN



Dulcie Davis

Hi, Shipmates:

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season and are ready for a great New Year. Once again, I want to remind everyone how important it is to keep track of, and report, your volunteer hours. Every hour you donate to the VA hospital, the USO, the ASPCA, or community organizations allows them to accomplish their charitable goals without paying for services. Every hour you donate to WAVES National helps all these non-profit organizations across the county. If you have a pocket calendar to keep track of your appointments, it's the perfect place to record your hours. You can get a form from your unit to put on your refrigerator. Then, turn your hours in to your unit at each meeting and get another report form. Unit chairmen, don't forget your VAVS hours must be reported separately.

Members-at-Large (MALs) can send me their hours every month. This will make it easier for you rather than trying to keep track of them for the entire year. If you need reporting forms, let me know and I will see that you get them. I look forward to reporting more volunteer hour this year than ever before. I know we can do this, ladies. Happy Valentine's Day! weebear2@cox.net

WHITE CAPS EDITOR



Gale Wursthorn

I hope your holidays were healthy and happy, and everyone is ready to face the challenges we have ahead of us. The biggest challenge is our name change.

I joined WAVES National because, as a female Navy veteran (Vietnam era WAVE), I wanted to stay connected with the Navy and other female Navy veterans. Our organization was founded by Navy women for Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard women, and as a Navy veteran I feel it should remain so.

As an organization of Sea Service women, I believe our name should contain the word Navy, as in Women of the Navy (WON) or Women of the Navy/Coast Guard/Marine Corps Women Sailors (That's what female Navy and Coast Guard personnel are now called.) or simply Navy Women (NW).

Some of the suggested names made me laugh and wonder if we were going to be selling tuna fish or Brillo Pads, if I needed to take up a brass instrument, be a waitress on a cruise ship, or a deck hand on an oil tanker.

Ladies, we are SEA SERVICE women and military veterans. Our name should be simple, concise and show our pride in having served in one of the Sea Services.

Other female service organization names are simple and straightforward: Women Marines, Women of the Air Force, Women of the Army. There is no question about who they were and what their role was in military history. And as a Navy veteran, I hope the name we finally settle on exhibits the same honor and respect for the women who served with pride and dedication in blue.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Barb Turner

DUES, DUES, DUES!!!!

April 1, 2011, is the deadline for 2011 dues. If you have not paid your 2011 dues when you are reading this article, please get out your check book and write a check to your local unit (to include WAVES National dues). If you are a member-at-large (MAL), write that check to WAVES National for \$15.00 and mail it to the WAVES National Treasurer, Monica O'Hara, today! If you have not paid your 2011 dues by April 1, 2011, you will be dropped and you will not receive the White Caps newsletter until you are reinstated/paid up to date. If you are a Life Member, you don't have to worry about anything except to remember to pay unit dues, if applicable.

I will be mailing out the membership roster (the latter part of April 2011) to each Unit Treasurer, State Director and Regional Representative (in hard copy format) for verification purposes. I can send this roster in an Excel file if you prefer, so please let me know and I will send the database to you via e-mail.

When you receive the roster, please look at it very closely and make any necessary changes and return it to me so that I can update the master database. I will be

asking for associate member information as well.

If you or your unit members have e-mail addresses please add that information to the roster that you will be sending back to me. If you are a MAL, please send me your e-mail address so that I can verify those as well. There will be a cover letter mailed with rosters which will provide the deadline to return them to me.

Did Punxsutawney Phil (the Groundhog) see his shadow on February 1st? Ya'll keep warm up North and don't forget to send your address change if you are snow birds heading south for the winter and back again.

Always Navy, *Barb*

PUBLIC RELATIONS



Barb Sebring

Greetings, ladies!

In November, my husband and I attended his "Beach Jumpers" reunion in San Diego, CA. For those of you who have never heard of Beach Jumpers, they were started in WW II by Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., to engage in psychological warfare. They had one team on the East Coast and one team on the West Coast. You can check them out at www.beachjumpers.com.

This year the group also chose to honor a former WAVE, Zilda DeCarlo Davis, PRC. Zilda joined the Navy in 1943 and became a Parachute Rigger. She had recently passed away and was an aunt of a friend of one of the officers in the Beach Jumpers Unit. The ceremony was held at the Amphibious Base on Coronado Island and included the WAVES from the local San Diego Unit, Stars & Stripes. Lynne Pine was the keynote speaker and entertained us all with a history of all the ladies that attended from her group. It was a very special day for me, to have both the WAVES and Beach Jumpers honored for their service to our country.

TREASURER



Monica O'Hara

Happy New Year to everyone!

San Diego has been unusually wet and cold the past few weeks. My mailbox has been full of dues renewals and some donations. Thank you for being so prompt! A reminder for those who have not paid 2011 dues: Unit members: please, pay your dues to your Unit Treasurer and MAL's please send them to me.

We received donations to the General Fund from the following:

MALs: Josephine Curtin, Mary Eshelman, Lucile Gransky, Donna Harnish, Gayla Isaacson, V. M. Johnson, Virginia Kellner, Catherine Landers, Sarah Post, and Adelle Zebrowski.

Units: Golden Gate WAVES (#8), Sand Dollar (#60), and Redwood Empire (#77).

We also received more donations to the scholarship fund in memory of Vera Arthur (Highlanders, Unit #88). Former Golden Gate WAVES (#8) and Jean Sharp (MAL) also donated to the scholarship fund. Donations for the Stained Glass Window Fund were received from former Golden Gate WAVES (#8) and Libby Morrison, Tidewater Tidal WAVES (Unit #152).

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

VA MEDICAL/HEALTH



Ruth Storck

An article in the COPD DIGEST - Fall 2010 - speaks of the Bill H.R. 5996 - cofounded by Rep. Stearns (R-FL) and Lewis (D-GA). It is aimed at helping veterans with COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease - long term respiratory problems). This bill is aimed at increasing the ability of the VA to diagnose, treat and manage COPD. It will also provide needed research to find the best treatments to reduce cost of care for these diseases.

The VA is in full support of this bill. "The treatments and protocols will benefit many veterans including those with smoking addictions." The COPD Foundation, American Association for Respiratory Care, Alpha-1 Assoc., Thoracic Society and US Coalition have all joined the Veterans Administration in support of this bipartisan legislation. COPD is the fourth most common diagnosis among hospitalized veterans. Those that deem this to be beneficial may want to write their political state leaders.

Staying on the respiratory care issues, there are many new products coming available to make life better for those with respiratory problems. Many respiratory patients feel funny moving in public with tubes going to their nose, carrying tanks around - all to be able to breathe. I received info recently showing tubes going into the eyeglass frames. The tube runs from glass- es down the crease of the nose and is not all

across the cheeks as the old cannulas do. The new oxygen tanks are smaller and can go into back packs instead of pulling tanks on tripods or carrying heavy shoulder packs. New concentrators are battery packed and as light as 8 pounds and pull like a suitcase. These last 24/7 and never run out of oxygen. All this new equipment makes our lives more active and easier to get around, while allowing us a better quality of life. Also, the new tubing comes with valves, showing us we are getting the correct flow of oxygen.

If you are a respiratory patient, you know it's hard enough to breathe, much less breathe and carry all of the tanks around. Speak to your doctor and suppliers about the new lightweight machines, so 2011 will find all of us out and about with friends and family having the time of our lives. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WN NAME CHANGE

Jan Roy

As you have heard in White Caps, we are again contemplating the change of name of WAVES National to another name to be voted upon by our membership at the 2012 Convention, in Orlando.

While I was National President from 1998-2002, this topic also came up. We did a poll in White Caps, asking our membership for their opinions regarding doing this. We actually had a very limited response from our members. At our 2000 convention in Cleveland, the vote and discussion were called for under new business. As you will recall - those of you who attended this convention - there was a lot of discussion with pros and cons to changing our name, but when the vote was called for, it was defeated. Many of those who were opposed were some of the younger women who wanted to preserve the history of their predecessors.

When I first became involved with WN in 1987 as the Michigan State Organizer and founder of Michigan Unit 32, WN had up to 7,000 members. Now our membership numbers have plummeted to less than 3,000 members. Of course, a lot of the reason for this decline is the deaths of many of our WW II members. Also, we are not able to recruit replacements for these departed members with our present sea service women or those who have been on active duty during the past approximately 10 years.

You ask - why are we again visiting the possibility of changing our name? Well, when I joined the Navy in 1963, we (women) were still called WAVES. However, since that time - some almost 40 years - women in the Navy have been called WINS and are now called Sailors who serve in almost every capacity that men do.

The present women Sailors have no idea what a WAVE is, as is the case of women in the Marines and Coast Guard.

I have heard some comments from my friends older than me who say that (1) we should keep things the way they are now (including the name) and when they're gone, then we can make any changes we want to; and, (2) to keep the name WAVES to preserve our history.

In my humble opinion, we may not be able to wait that long before we are forced to terminate our wonderful organization due to lack of interest and numbers. The only way we have a chance to exist is by recruiting younger women. Some of the ways to do this is to be known by a name relating to ALL Sea Service women and making them feel welcome at our unit meetings, conferences and conventions by getting them involved as officers in the units and participating in our projects.

We have some outstanding officers in WN right now who will do everything possible to keep us alive, BUT we must think progressively, make our younger members welcome, listen to them and include them in conversations, be interested in what they have to say and be willing to make necessary changes.

If we don't, we won't be in existence once you're gone or maybe before you're gone. Please be open-minded and contribute ideas for a name change to Barb Sebring, chairman of the name change committee (of which I am also a member) and WN PR Chairman, as is one of our founders and Regional Representative, Jeannie Dicks among others. If you have responses to this missile, my friends, feel free to contact me. You know I've been around for a long time in our wonderful organization and have seen many changes made over the years.

DUES ARE DUE
April 1st, 2011


SILVER TAPS


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

WN MEMBERS

Stella C. Masemer (Kay) USN Unit 36 (DC)	Florence L. Abbot USN Unit 101 (OH)
Melvina K. Mounts (McDowell) USN Unit 36 (CA)	Jaunita Gosch USN Unit 103 (TX)
Barbara Caldon USN Unit 41 (ME)	Estelle T. Lally (May) USN Unit 136 (VA)
Kathryn M. Fiorilli (Wheeler) USN Unit 52 (FL)	Esther E. Harland (Everson) USN Unit 146 (NV)
Blanche A. Clauss USN Unit 55 (FL)	Kathleen V. Bailey USN Unit 153 (WI)
Charlotte Proshok USN Unit 55 (FL)	Mariann G. Mills (Crook) USN MAL (CA)
Virginia L. Stephan (Jensen) USN Unit 74 (FL)	

WN FORMER MEMBERS

Leonore M. Paladee USN Unit 36 (CA)	Mary Martinez USN Unit 74 (FL)
Gene H. Lockyer USN Unit 41 (ME)	Marilyn Harrell USN Unit 74 (FL)
Esther F. Harrell USN Unit 63 (IN)	Josie Musto (Oropallo) USN Unit 80 (NY)
Jacqueline L. Landwer (Sarazin) USN Unit 63 (IN)	Virginia Marie Deyo (Sandberg) USN MAL (TN)
Marjorie Brewster USN Unit 74 (FL)	

Gone, but not forgotten!

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ATTA-WAVE AWARDS



WOLFE AWARDED SECOND STAR

WAVES National member Rear Admiral Pattie Wolfe, Commander, Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group, was recently pinned with her second star by her husband, Robert Wolfe, at a ceremony at Yorktown Naval Weapons Station, Cheatham Annex, Williamsburg, VA. RADM Wolfe was guest speaker at the 2010 WAVES National Convention Banquet in August.

LEIDY SELECTED AS COMMANDANT

Ellen Leidy, member of North Coast WAVES, Unit #21, was selected as only the second female Commandant for the Department of Ohio, Marine Corps League. The last time a woman held that position was in 1958. At the same time she was selected Commandant, she was also presented with The Legion of Honor Award from The Chapel of the Four Chaplains.



DAWSON HONORED FOR RESEARCH

Helen Dawson, Montana native and WN Life Member-at-Large, was honored recently at the dedication of the new Fort Harrison Military Museum, Helena, MT.

Helen has made it her mission for over 20 years to register all the women veterans in the state of Montana to be included in the records of the Women In Military Service for America (WIMSA) Memorial. The mission was begun by Navy WAVE Doris Manners. She and Helen combed through the discharge records in every county courthouse in the state. When Doris died five years later, Helen carried on with the mission, researching and compiling the records of 6,500 women veterans in her state. Her work resulted in Montana having the most women registered.

Now 91, Helen was praised by BGEN Wilma Vaught, guest speaker at the ceremonies, for her tireless research and dedication to the WIMSA project.



Ruby Gilliam



Margaret Gula



Marie Collins and Escort

AN HONOR FLIGHT TO REMEMBER

Submitted by Jan Ochs, President of North Coast WAVES, Unit #21

In the predawn hours, we gathered at the Canton Akron airport. The day had finally arrived for the North Coast WAVES' WWII veterans who could make the Honor Flight to Washington, DC to see the monument dedicated to WW II veterans and workers. Beth Brewer, Marie Collins, Ruby Gilliam, Margaret Gula, and Nan Reeveley eagerly checked through security, put their shoes back on, and boarded the plane.

As the plane arrived at the DC airport, firefighters at Reagan arched a spray of water across the plane as we were approaching the gate. Deplaning, we were greeted by a group of active duty personnel from all services. We then made our way into the building where we were met by a large crowd waving flags and banners and cheering. The first person I spotted was none other than WAVES National member Vicki Orem. Thank you, Vicki, for your part in making that day special.

At Reagan, we boarded four "team" buses and with motorcycles escorting us,

we proceeded to the WW II Memorial. For many of the veterans, this was the first time visiting the memorial honoring them. It is a beautiful memorial and was nearly overwhelming for some of us. Many people came up to the individual veterans and thanked them for their service and sacrifices. Wandering around the memorial, we mingled with Honor Flight groups from Dayton and Columbus, OH, and even one from the Rocky Mountains (CO). Honor Flights from WI, AR, FL, NC, and NY were also there.

We visited the Korean War, Viet Nam, and FDR Memorials before heading to the Iwo Jima Memorial. Each of our four teams gathered at the Marine Corps Memorial for group pictures. Then we boarded the buses and headed back to the airport for the flight back home.

Upon arrival at Akron Canton airport, we were welcomed by a HUGE crowd and it was difficult to find a dry eye. Flags and banners, red, white, and blue, were everywhere. What a reception!

Many of the veterans had never had a homecoming celebration. Most of them

simply came back after the war, were discharged, and went to work. A lot of them have held what they saw during those years hidden deep in their hearts and souls and never talked about their experiences. I hope that this day, honoring them, will help them heal some of the hurt and allow them to share their stories with others. They, as the Greatest Generation, have many stories to tell and I hope you have a chance to hear some of them.

On board CAK Honor Flight that day were 109 WW II veterans, 71 guardians, numerous oxygen tanks, and more than 50 wheel chairs. The J.M. Smucker Company sponsored the flight and provided 30 of the guardians. This flight had the oldest veteran to date on board at the age of 98, and the youngest guardian who was 14. It also had the greatest number of female veterans - nine. Seventeen of the veterans were over the age of 90.

The glow on the faces of our ladies when we arrived in Canton is something that will live in my heart forever. It was an amazing day, the weather was perfect, and the entire experience was enjoyed immensely by everyone involved. It was an HONOR for me to share the day with them as a guardian.

2010 WAVES National Convention Financial Report

INCOME

Convention Seed Money from WN	\$3,000.00
Convention Seed Money from TTW 152	\$4,486.64
Tote bags	\$150.00
Excursions/Tours	\$55.00
Memory Books	\$1,825.00
Advertising	\$1,820.00
Fundraising (Freedom Quilt/Live & Silent Auction)	\$3,460.00
Convention Store	\$4,736.00
\$25 Unit Donations for Cash Door Prizes	\$710.00
Shipmate Assist Program	\$800.00
Entertainment	\$1,665.00
Miscellaneous	\$27.00
Refund from MRTR for services rendered	\$5,062.21
Refund from MRTR for hotel room rebate	\$5,310.00
TOTAL	\$33,106.85

EXPENSES

Repayment of Seed Money to WN	\$3,000.00
Repayment of Seed Money to TTW 152	\$4,486.64
Convention Programs	\$2,012.45

EXPENSES continued...

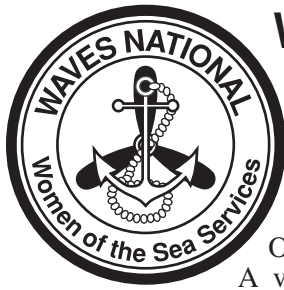
Tote bags	\$4,703.95
Prizes (50/50/Door prizes)	\$500.00
Entertainment	\$1,665.00
Office supplies/miscellaneous	\$340.79
Bank charges (checks)	\$12.35
Shipping	\$44.45
Convention Store items	\$5,387.45
Shipmate Assist	\$355.00
Memory Books	\$849.00
Guest Speaker Gift	\$25.00
Hospitality Room	\$286.51
TOTAL	\$23,668.59

PROFIT **\$8,993.26**

Division of Profit

WN (75%)	\$6,411.20
TTW 152 (25%)	\$2,137.06

Shipmate Assist proceeds for 2012 Convention \$445.00



WAVES NATIONAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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 Fallujah, 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:

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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.

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (attach additional sheets as is necessary)

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YOUR ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

(Please include zip plus last four digits)

COUNTY: _____ COUNTRY: _____

PHONE (including area code): _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (if applicable): _____

ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN?: YES _____ NO _____

GENDER: FEMALE _____ MALE _____

ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES?: YES _____ NO _____

SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING

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CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

COLLEGE TYPE YOU INTEND ON ATTENDING OR ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN:

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CURRENT GPA (4 point scale): _____ CLASS RANK (1% highest): _____

PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.

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WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER ASPIRATIONS? _____

COURSE OF STUDY: What courses do you plan to study in college? _____

WOMAN SEA SERVICE VETERAN OR ACTIVE DUTY WOMAN

FULL NAME (including maiden): _____

YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO HER: _____

(i.e. "Grandmother", "Great Aunt", etc.)

HER MILITARY SERVICE STATUS:

Veteran of _____ U.S. Navy _____ U.S. Marine Corps _____ U.S. Coast Guard

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Visit our website: www.womenofthewaves.com

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GATEWAY WAVES

Unit #5 (MO) – Our unit continues to collect food items for the National Guard Food Pantry at Jefferson Barracks. We also collect and donate various items to our two VA Medical Centers. We maintain phone contact with our members who are no longer able to attend monthly meetings. **For meeting information, contact Shirley Walz, 314-822-4249 or sjwalz2002@yahoo.com**

KEYSTONE WAVES

Unit #6 (PA) – Our Keynotes editor, Gladys Felice, was honored by Order Sons of Italy in America, Grand Lodge of PA for Distinguished Achievement Award, presented at a dinner/dance. A birthday celebration was held for Elizabeth Robinson on her 90th birthday. RADM Rose LeVitre and her husband traveled from VA to help her celebrate. We participated in a Pearl Harbor Survivors' Memorial Service at NAS Willow Grove Chapel. Twenty members attended our December meeting and we donated \$100 to the Salvation Army. We hosted a party at VANH and provided refreshments, entertainment, games and prizes to all residents. We presented poinsettias to women veteran residents. **For meeting information, contact Harriet Stulmaker, 215-957-6659.**

HEART OF AMERICA

Unit #9 (MO) – In November, several members of our unit attended the annual Women Veterans Luncheon at the VA Hospital. While we enjoyed a great meal, we were updated on the latest programs and services offered at the VA hospital for women veterans. In December, we held our Christmas party at Lois and Larry Hardeman's home. Both Lois and Larry served in the Marine Corps and have children in the military, as well. Everyone bought gifts for the women veterans at the VA, a project we support annually. We also swore in our new officers after the dinner. Our unit hopes 2011 will be joyous and prosperous for all of you. If you are visiting our area, please join us. **Call Michele Batliner, 816-241-7451, for meeting information.**

MICHIGAN UNIT

Unit #32 (MI) – The unit held its Christmas meeting at a lovely old restaurant, the Winter Inn in Greenville. We had 24 members and guests in attendance and enjoyed a delicious meal. The dining room was beautifully decorated and all the arrangements were made by Rosemary Posekany. We were pleased to have our first unit president, Shirley Croucher, join us. She is not often able to attend meetings due to transportation and distance issues. We discussed the possibility of holding our meetings at the American Legion post in Haslett and will meet there in March to determine if the facility is suitable. We had our Christmas veterans' donation of \$90 earmarked for the Friends of Michigan Veterans' Homes. Part of the money will go to the Grand Rapids Home for the new beauty/barber shop. The rest will go to the Jacobetti Veterans' Home in the Upper Peninsula.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WAVES

Unit #52 (FL) – We have another sad loss to report – Cold War Era veteran Kathryn Fioilli passed away. She had two years of active duty as a CTA3, changed her rate and retired as a YNC, USNR. Several members volunteered at the VA Homeless Veterans' Stand Down and participated in the Navy Flea Market, donating profits to the unit. Members took part in the Veterans' Day Parade. One member volunteered at the Extreme Makeover Home Edition (Christmas) Show. Because she was wearing a WAVES National T-shirt, she met a close friend of one of our recently deceased members. World War II members Dorothy Parker and Pat Gilbert were panelists for the University of West Florida's Military appreciation Day. Their photos and comments appeared in the campus newspaper. They did us proud! Our Christmas party saw great potluck food, and entertainment and generous gifts for Favor House and Toys for Tots. Dirty Santa left some folks saddened, but all was eventually forgiven as many retreated to a member's home to watch the successful end of the Army - Navy football game. **For meeting information, call Linda at 850-476-6242 or email her at nwflwavesunit52@cox.net.**

TAMPA BAY WAVES

Unit #55 (FL) – The guest speaker for our November meeting was Brian MacNeel of Crime Prevention Consultants. He discussed personal security, in-home security, security while traveling and identity theft. He told us of low-cost, easy fix ways to make our home safer. We had a guest for this meeting as well. The White Caps editor, Gale Wursthorn, was in Florida visiting friends and family and was able to join our meeting at St. Matthew's Anglican Church.



Phyllis Gallant, Jouay Koppari, Jeannette Green, Gale Wursthorn, Barbara J. McGuire, Lee Martin and the photographer, Cathy Gerolimatos enjoyed lunch at the Recipe Box following the meeting.

The unit participated in the first ever Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce Business Street Fair and Veterans' Day Celebration held in the Winthrop Shopping Center. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Emergency Care Help Organization (ECHO) and the MacDill Education Endowment Fund.



Thanks to Jouay Koppari, Barbara J. McGuire, Jeannette Green and Cathy Gerolimatos for manning the booth.

GULF COAST DOLPHINS

Unit #56 (FL) - Barbara J. (BJ) McGuire, Region XII Representative, and Betsy Waddell, WAVES National 2nd Vice President, attended our Christmas Luncheon hosted December 15th. Entertainment was provided by the North Port Kitchen Band which was composed of several senior citizens who played instruments ranging from a washboard to kazoos. In addition, BJ personally delivered the "Honorable Mention Award for Paste Up Newsletter Large Group" to Andrea Cadieux and Kathy Radka. It

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was a delightful lunch with friends, and was topped off with great entertainment.



Andrea Cadieux, Barbara J. McGuire, Betsy Waddell, Kathy Radka at our Christmas luncheon.

VIRGINIA BLUE RIDGE WAVES

Unit #57 (VA) – Our unit met for our annual holiday luncheon December 4th at the Colonades. Nine of our members were in attendance for our holiday event, which was a very good showing. Five of our eleven members are World War II veterans age 90 or older. We made a donation of \$25 to the Daily Progress Santa Fund. Our former unit president, Ellen Diming, has relocated to a retirement facility in the Richmond, VA, area but will remain a member of our unit. **For meeting information, contact our new president, Ellen MacCall, 434-978-2986.**

SAND DOLLAR WAVES

Unit #60 (FL) – December was the month for giving and for remembering veterans in the hospitals during the holiday season. Our unit donated and delivered Christmas cards with postage attached to the women patients at Bay Pines VA. Several members volunteered to help assemble gift bags for all patients at the Bay Pines facility. We had a huge array of items donated by local businesses, individuals, and the VA Volunteer Office. Our December meeting was a luncheon at Leverock's with a gift exchange. The camaraderie was enjoyed by everyone. Happy New Year to all. **For meeting information, contact Betty Blair at EBlair5043@aol.com.**

COLUMBIA RIVER RIPPLES

Unit #70 (OR) – Members of our unit were proud to participate in the 2010 Hollywood District Veterans' Day Parade in Portland, OR.



Merrily Hewett, World War II veteran, carried the American Flag, and Carol Fish, Vietnam veteran, carried the WN flag, while four WW II members followed in a WAVES National decorated car.

REDWOOD EMPIRE WAVES

Unit #77 (CA) – Our unit's Christmas party, held at Giorgio's in Healdsburg, was a great success. Approximately 30 members and guests were in attendance. We had a wonderful meal and great fellowship. Hattie Stone, our 92 year old member, told us about her three-day trip to Washington, DC, on the Honor Flight. It is a free trip for WW II veterans, and a great experience. It has been a good year for our unit and we look forward to 2011. **For meeting information, contact Bettie Crandall, 707-838-4035.**

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY WAVES

Unit #86 (CA) – Unit members attended a DAR sponsored luncheon honoring women veterans.



Wynn Van Citters made the unit a new banner.



BZ to Wynn for a super job!

HIGHLANDERS

Unit #88 (FL) – Once again our unit partnered up with the Sebring, Florida, D.A.R. group to gather toys and children's clothing so the children of the homeless and near homeless veterans of Operation OIF/OEF could play Santa for their children. The "loot" was taken to West Palm Beach VA Hospital in late December. We also ensured that there

were toys and items for the children staying at the hospital's Fisher House. Our meeting in January saw us starting to get ready for the State/Regional Conference in September and Sebring's annual Military Ball.

ALAMO WAVES

Unit #103 (TX) – As we placed our WAVES wreath at the Veterans' Day celebration at Fort Sam Houston VA National Cemetery on November 11, our thoughts were of our friend, Jaunita (Mang) Cochran Gosch, LT, Nurse Corps (1/26/44 – 6/13/46). Jaunita, who passed away November 5th, served in San Diego, Sampson, NY and Norfolk, VA. Our unit honored Jaunita with a memorial donation to WIMSA, and organization dear to her heart. Our members also made a \$1,100 donation to WIMSA in time for the Navy's birthday. We were also pleased to share a few minutes with some of the women golfers from the "Ruptured Ducks," who had gathered to play at Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. We continue to reach out to potential new members. **For meeting information, contact Susan D'Ambrosio, at sdambrosio@satx.IT.com or call 210-650-5470.**

BLUEGRASS WAVES

Unit #129 (KY) – More than 15 years ago Alice Wesley founded our Bluegrass unit. To celebrate her 90th birthday, our December meeting was a very special event. We were hosted by the Atria Springdale Senior Living Group and treated to a lovely luncheon. Alice was presented with a beautiful plaque by our president, Kathy Ruble, expressing our appreciation for all she has done for us. In honor of all of her accomplishments and service, the Mayor of Louisville, the honorable Jerry Abramson, proclaimed December 8, 2010, as Alice Wesley Day. Congratulations to Alice! It was a very exciting day for all of us.



Alice Wesley is presented plaque by unit president Kathy Ruble.

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BUFFALO AREA WAVES

Unit #143 (NY) – We lost two members this year, Gloria Blackmore and Mary Stack. Both ladies were charter members of our unit. Our unit took its annual boat ride around the Buffalo Harbor to celebrate the WAVES birthday. We also went to the Wilson Boat House for lunch, where all ladies and guests had a great time. There were parades and ceremonies for the veterans on Veterans' Day. In November, Grace Harmon was honored by the Buffalo VA Hospital at a program honoring female veterans from WW I through present conflicts. Our yearly contributions included donations to the Buffalo Area Food Bank and the Buffalo VA Hospital. Member Shirley Crooks continues to make caps for "Operation Beanies." These beanies are used by the military hospitals treating patients with amputated limbs. Our meetings will resume in April 2011.

TRIANGLE SEAGALS

Unit #144 (NC) – During the fall and early winter months, two of our members went on the Honor Flights for WW II veterans. In each case, women were in the definite minority. On the first flight, there were two WAVES; on the second, two WAVES and a WAC. More WW II women veterans need to step up to the plate if the Women's Memorial is ever to become part of the itinerary. If you are in a wheelchair, that is no problem. You will have a "Guardian" to help you throughout the trip. Our unit participated in two local Wreaths Across America programs on December 11th. We presented our six remaining charter members with Plank Owner certificates and lapel pins to recognize their continuing dedication and service to our unit. We celebrated the holiday season by welcoming a new member for 2011 and repeating our annual financial contributions to the VA Hospital in Durham and to the local USO at the Raleigh/Durham airport. At our holiday meeting we enjoyed good food and the exchange of "tall stories" of members' active service days. We look forward to finding more women veterans in the area and enticing them to join WAVES National.

NEVADA GEMS

Unit #146 (NV) – To promote Breast Cancer awareness, we donated pink rubber bracelets to all female veterans who had a mammogram in the month of October. Members volunteered to help setup the New Mother's Outreach at the VA Rancho Clinic in November. We accepted donations of new baby clothes and monetary donations to provide gifts to new and expectant mothers. Members in attendance were: Carol Watson, Billie D'Entremont, Barbara Sheehan, Mitzi Tracey, Linda Lopez and Betty Bryant. Linda Lopez had the pleasure of attending a Veterans' Day event in Mesquite, NV, on November 11th. A group of women veterans from Las Vegas participated in an early morning ceremony at the Veterans' Park and, afterward, they rode on a float in the annual Mesquite Veterans' Day Parade. I hope all of you had a great Veterans' Day because... "Women are Veterans Too." Come visit us if you're in Las Vegas. **For meeting information, contact Linda Lopez, lmlopez56@aol.com or call 702-241-2918**

MISSISSIPPI MATES

Unit #150 (MS) – With the opening of the new Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport, membership in Mississippi Mates more than doubled at our November meeting. Eighteen very happy members, old and new, are resuming our bi-monthly meeting schedule, with big plans for future events. First on the agenda was a get reacquainted, post-holiday potluck luncheon meeting in January at the Armed Forces Retirement Home Chapel Community Room. Gretchen Breeland is producing an issue of "Scuttlebutt" which will update news of our members and activities. We are expecting to grow even more when word gets out to local military members and veterans, as well as other AFRH residents.

MEMPHIS BELLES

Unit #151 (TN) – We were saddened by the recent passing of Virginia Deyo, a charter member of our unit and a WW II veteran. We met for our annual Christmas party at the Ellison Recreation Center at the Millington Navy Base, December 11. The Dirty Santa gift and cookie exchange are always fun and everyone leaves with a gift and an assortment of cookies. Items were

assembled for the VA Hospital goody bags. The many items donated made this a very successful project. **For meeting information, phone Linda Coffield, 901-372-9028.**

TIDEWATER TIDAL WAVES

Unit #152 (VA) – Member Maggie Cobb launched Operation Baby Wipes and challenged her co-workers at Customs and Border Protection to see how many baby wipes they could amass to send to our troops serving in Afghanistan. They collected more than 10,000 baby wipes, which were sent prior to the holidays. Maggie lives in the DC area but remains a member of our unit.



Customs & Border Protection employees helped TTW member Maggie Cobb collect baby wipes to send to our troops.

We continue to provide clothing for homeless veterans through donations to the VAMC. Members helped to stuff more than 300 Ditty Bags at Christmas to pass out to patients at the VAMC. We have also made a donation to the Missing in America Project. At the auction during our annual holiday party in January, we raised funds to help support our charitable endeavors. **For meeting information, contact Judy Perry, 757-545-1988.**

FOX CITIES

Unit #153 (WI) – At our Christmas luncheon, we collected numerous articles for the women veterans at Kings Veterans Home, King, Wisconsin. We are hoping for the return of our members who have been out with illness, and asked that you remember them in your prayers as we remember your members who are ill. We are making a longevity check. Is our member, Frances Burnstein (94), the oldest active member of WAVES National? We are interested in hearing. **For information, call 920-731-7435 or mradke8@new.IT.com**

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MEMBERS AT LARGE C O R N E R

PIONEER VALLEY WAVES (CT)

We have disbanded as a WAVES National unit. However, the friendships we've made are important and lasting and we are going to continue our December Holiday Party and our annual cookout in July. During the holiday party, the revelers called former unit member Doris Mansur, who moved to California after her husband died, so she could join in the festivities. Members in attendance at this year's party were: Carolyn Prier, Kris Coutre, June Whitney, Agnes Dion, Carolyn Zawacki, Marion Desjarlais, Ginny Kellner, Mim Silverman, Viola Pennington, and Irene Livingstone-Mann. The staff at Patsy's in East Longmeadow did an outstanding job in helping the remaining members of Unit #81 have a wonderful holiday party.

INLAND NORTHWEST (WA)

While this unit is no longer active, the members are. Three of these active women went on the Honor Flight in November.



Delores Walk, Clarkston, Patricia Kingsbury, Spokane, and Betty Meyer, Spokane Valley, went on an Honor Flight to Washington, DC.



Patricia Kingsbury and her daughter, Mary Helen Mueller, visited the Women's Memorial in DC while participating in the Honor Flight.

Annual Women's Leadership Symposium

The Sea Service Leadership Association (SSLA) has opened registration for its 24th Annual Women's Leadership Symposium, the largest gathering of women in uniform nationwide. Themed "Connect. Empower. Succeed," this year's symposium will offer women from all service branches an opportunity to focus on their leadership development. The symposium will take place March 15-16, 2011, at the Sheraton Hotel and Marina in San Diego, CA. Attendees can register at www.sealeader.org until March 7, 2011.

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Barb Turner, WAVES National Executive Secretary

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

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- 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.**
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- All changes of address must be forwarded to the Exec. Secretary sixty days before moving, if possible. There will be no re-mailing of WHITE CAPS unless the member forwards \$7.50 to Monica O'Hara, Treasurer.
- You may submit your White Caps articles via e-mail to Gale Wursthorn, navygj@sbcglobal.net and a copy to Dassa Carvey, Dassa@att.net

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N WN Logo Flag \$80 E 3'x5'; All Weather Nylon; Double-thick W 3-Color Logo screened Front & Back See Photo on Page 4 of August Whitecaps	N Travel Alarm Clock \$6 E Pop-Open, Digital w/lighted W face & WN logo on Blue Case 2 1/4" x 2 3/4" x 1" Closed	Wrist Watch \$25 2-tone (gold & silver) w/second hand White face w/WN logo & 12 numbers; Black leather band (7 7/8"); Gold gift box	Anchor Lapel Pin \$4 Original Hat Pin Style, 1/2" with single pin clutch back
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Golf Shirt \$25 Navy or White w/WN Logo SM-MED-LG-XL-2X-3X-4X	Sweatshirt \$20 Navy w/WN Logo SM, MED, LG, XL	Cardigan \$25 Navy button-up w/WN Logo (Sweatshirt fabric-One size)	T-Shirt \$10 Navy w/White screened Logo SM-MED-LG-XL-2X-3X
Jacket \$25 Navy Blue w/WN Logo SM, MED, LG, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X	Apron \$10 Bib-style, Navy w/White Logo Adjustable neck-One Size	Necktie \$8 Women's USN - Black w/Velcro closure-One Size	Ballcap \$10 Navy w/Embroidered Logo Soft style - Adjustable
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WN Logo Lapel Pin \$4 Round, Enamel WN Logo	Service Logo Lapel Pin \$4 SPECIFY: Navy, USMC, USCG, ARMY, AF	Magnet \$1 Flat, 2 1/2" Circle; White w/WN Logo	Luggage Tag \$2 Blue plastic w/WN Logo
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Portfolio \$15 Soft Vinyl Black w/Silver Trim; Dark Blue WN Logo (on silver) 9 3/4" wide x 12 1/4"	Pen \$2 Bright Blue color w/WN Logo & WEB address printed in white Blue Ink; Retractable; Nice Weight	Sewing Kit \$2 Blue Case w/WN Logo & WEB address printed in white; 2"x3 1/4"x1 1/4" Needles/threader/scissors/pins, etc.	WN Bumper Sticker \$1 Two-tone blue WN emblem and dark blue letters on white; glossy paper; Approx 3" x 10"
Garrison Cap \$22 Ladies' Style, Dark Blue, lined w/WN Logo Patch on Left Front 55% Poly/45% Wool; DRY CLEAN ONLY Sizes 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25 (Measure Circumference of your head; Round up to next even inch for Size)	Coin OR Medallion OR Keychain \$10 Front: WN logo in gold, silver & blue Back: three raised images; Coin has gold, diamond cut edge; Medallion (on blue ribbon) & Keychain w/ring have smooth silver edge ~ Approx 1 1/2" diameter CALL for Quantity Discount Info		

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