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SOCIAL SECURITY FOR VETERANS SPECIAL EXTRA EARNINGS FOR MILITARY SERVICE

From the Social Security Web Site www.ssa.gov/retire/military

Since 1957, if you had military service earnings for active duty (including active duty for training), you paid Social Security taxes on those earnings. Since 1988, inactive duty service in the Armed Forces reserves (such as week-end drills) has also been covered by Social Security.

Under certain circumstances, special extra earnings for your military service from 1957 through 2001 can be credited to your record for Social Security purposes. These extra earnings credits may help you qualify for Social Security or

increase the amount of your Social Security benefit. Special extra earnings credits are granted for periods of active duty or active duty for training. Special extra earnings credits are not granted for inactive duty training. If your active military service occurred:

- **From 1957 through 1967**, we will add the extra credits to your record when you apply for Social Security benefits.

- **From 1968 through 2001**, you do not need to do anything to receive these extra credits. The credits were automatically added to your record.

How You Get Credit For Special Extra Earnings

The information that follows applies only to active duty military service earnings from 1957 through 2001. Here's how the special **extra** earnings are credited on your record:

- **Service in 1957 through 1977** You are credited with \$300 in additional earnings for each calendar quarter in which you received active duty basic pay.

- **Service in 1978 through 2001** For every \$300 in active duty basic pay, you are credited with an additional \$100 in

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The President's Message



Thank you, Stars and Stripes, Unit 36, for hosting our 17th Biennial Convention in San Diego. What a fabulous time we had, meeting old friends and making new ones. It was

good to see some new faces and I hope you had as great a time as I did. It is always nice to visit San Diego and I wish I could have stayed longer.

At our banquet Saturday night, we entertained the arrival of a member of the Marine Corps Force Recon group, who surprised us with a gift of two bottles of wine, each sporting a special Marine Corps label. We could not allow the Marine Corps to get the upper hand, so I, along with some other members, reciprocated by giving Force Recon a miniature WAVES National flag (Special thanks go to Ginny Hanson, New England Regional Representative) and a plate of chocolate covered strawberries (compliments of the Holiday Inn). The delegation of WN members received a resounding "OOOH RAH!" from our Marine Corps brothers! Certainly, this was a highlight of the convention week!

Thank you all for supporting me as your National President. I didn't have

an opportunity to let the convention goers know of my plans and ideas for the future of WAVES National, so I will take this opportunity to tell everyone at the same time.

First, it is important to increase our membership. Even though we are steadily gaining new members, we also are losing about the same number. At the Memorial Service, we read approximately 300 names of members who have passed away in the last two years. Gaining new members is a joint effort and everyone can help. Enlist the support of family members, friends and neighbors to promote WAVES National. My husband talks about WAVES National and how much I enjoy getting together with all of you. He went to the divers' reunion recently and learned that one of his shipmates' wives is an active duty diver. I have her name and will be contacting her. I have found former sea service women, as well as active duty, at

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earnings up to a maximum of \$1,200 a year. If you enlisted after September 7, 1980, and didn't complete at least 24 months of active duty or your full tour, you may not be able to receive the additional earnings. Check with Social Security for details.

• **Note: Change in special military service credits.** In January 2002, Public Law 107-117, the Defense Appropriations Act, stopped the special extra earnings that have been credited to military service personnel. Military service in calendar year 2002 and future years no longer qualifies for these special extra earnings credits.

Please share this with anyone who's had active duty service prior to January 2002 and planning for retirement. In a nutshell it boils down to this: You qualify for a higher social security payment because of your military service, for active duty any time from 1957 through 2001 (the program was done away with in January 2002). Up to \$1,200 per year of earnings credit is credited at time of application - which can make a substantial difference in social security monthly payments upon your retirement.

You must bring your DD-214 to the Social Security Office - and you must ask for this benefit to receive it! Go to this Social Security website:

<http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>.

This is something to put in your files for when you apply for Social Security down the road. **It is NOT just for retirees, BUT anyone who has served on active duty prior to January 2002. FYI - this benefit is not automatic, you must ask for it!**

**Editor's Note: WAVES National realizes that the majority of our members are WW II and Korea era veterans. However, all other members need to check out the web site and make note of this information. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please call your local Social Security Office.*

President's Message...

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my hair salon, doctor's office, post office, and even Starbucks! You can find them also, just advertise a bit. Wear something that has WAVES National on it to generate interest. Patty Jo Parks, our Ships' Store Officer, was wearing a white blouse with the store keepers' insignia on the color when she had to go to Office Depot, in San Diego. The clerk at Office Depot saw the insignia and she and Patty Jo got to talking. Next thing you know, Patty Jo has a new WAVES National member!

I will also be sending out a letter, along with our recruiting poster, to all commanding officers of ships and shore stations, asking them to display our poster and to pass the word about WN. You can help by sending articles and notices to your local paper. Don't be discouraged if the first attempt fails - keep sending them articles for publication. You never know when the paper will need a filler and pick your article.

Secondly, my intention is to get WAVES National recognized by congress as a national women veterans' organization. This will give us more visibility, as well as a voice on the Hill. I will be appointing a committee to help me with this effort. Currently, Barb Turner is in contact with a senator from Florida for assistance in putting a bill

together to be presented to Congress. I have support from some of the Virginia congressional members, as well. Please talk to your congressmen and women and ask them to support our cause. Let me know who and when you spoke to them. This way, when I visit members of Congress, I can make reference to their constituents having talked to them previously. I will be keeping you informed of the progress being made towards this goal.

Last, but not least, is our need to publicize our scholarship and make them more widely known. You can help by asking your local paper to publish an article regarding the scholarships. Show them the article that will appear in the December and February White Caps. Have the information posted on bulletin boards at your place of work, your church, grocery store, hair salon. If you are active duty or civil service, ask your command to put in the Plan of the Day or Plan of the Week, whichever you have. Ask them to run the announcement for the duration of the competition. Ronda Walker, our current Scholarship Chairman, will be researching publication of the scholarship on various websites. In addition, any questions regarding the scholarships can be referred to her.

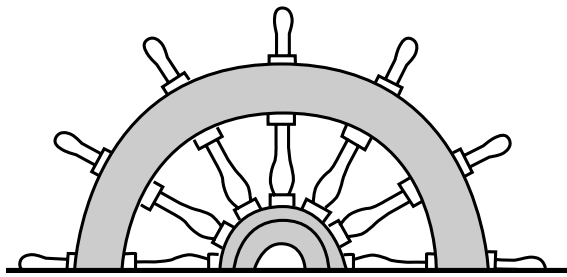
For those submitting articles for publication in White Caps, please note

that Lucille Greer is the new editor and articles and pictures need to be sent to her, with a copy to me. Check the page listing for National Officers and Staff for our addresses. I want to thank Barb Turner for all the hard work she has done in editing the White Caps for the past two years. Job well done, Barb, and I look forward to working with you as the Executive Secretary.

I will be attending some of the Regional Conferences in the coming year and hope to meet many more of our members. Whether it is myself or another national officer who attends your conference, please take this opportunity to introduce yourself to us and let us know of your concerns and recommendations. Please look over the listing for National Officers and Staff, as we have many new faces filling positions. Look for their articles in upcoming issues of White Caps. I welcome all the new appointees and thank all those who have done a great job in the past. Thank you to all those who have agreed to stay on for the next two years. I look forward to working with everyone.

If you are on line, please let Barb Sebring know what your email address is. She is your new Public Relations Chairman and will send you information pertaining only to WN and concerns of our members. I want to maintain a list of email addresses of as many members

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FROM THE BRIDGE

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



Gloria Galati

Dear WN Members:
The 2008 San Diego Convention was great and it was nice seeing friends and enjoying the time we had together. As they say, "Once a WAVE always a WAVE!"

Most of you know me from the last 11 years serving you as your Assistant National Treasurer, National Treasurer and National Executive Secretary. I thank everyone for those wonderful years. However, it is time to explore new growth and serve in another capacity!

Ladies, I know you have heard this before but we have an urgent issue to address—membership numbers in WAVES National. If membership strength does not increase, WAVES National will be no more! Everyone should take an active role in recruiting new members! If anyone has any creative ideas that we can use to increase membership I would like to hear them! No matter how small you may think they are, I would like your thoughts and ideas in ways we can increase membership! It is very important that we address this issue now!

The present membership contest has been a nice tool; however in gaining one or two hundred new members a year we have lost that many and more with the WW II ladies passing away in large numbers for the same period of time. We need to look at other options and ideas to fix the problem and to encourage women to join WAVES National. So, ladies, give me your ideas! Until next time, Anchors Aweigh!

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT



Jo Adamson

Well, Shipmates, this may very well be my last article as your 2nd Vice President; however, I want to state that it has been a wonderful two years.

We have had some challenging issues come up but, with the wonderful board of directors, we were able to overcome the negativity. I was able to attend four regional conferences: Utah, Wisconsin, Las Vegas and Florida. Each and everyone was different but very rewarding and I had such a sense of a most rewarding experience. I am attending the Convention in San Diego by AMTRAC. I haven't been on a train since I graduated from boot camp. By the time you receive this White Caps the Convention will be over and I know we will have had a wonderful time.

I realize we have lost several of our units this past two years. Units 95 and 99 out of Florida have disbanded since May. However, they stated they will still belong as MALS and meet monthly as a social group. I guess I don't understand as they could still meet as a unit and they only have three reports to do a year. Oh well! I wish you the best and still keep in touch.

Remember, I have extra copies of newsletters and will be more than happy to send them to whoever needs them. They are an excellent tool for recruiting.

I also want to wish all of the new officers and those taking the jobs again for the next two years good luck and be sure and ask if help is needed.

May God bless all those who are ill and here's hoping you get well soon.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Barb Turner

I have changed WAVES National hats again. I am no longer your WN White Caps Editor. While I did

enjoy putting the White Caps together for you these last two years, I decided to broaden my horizon by taking on the WN Executive Secretary position for newly elected WN President, Dassa Carvey. Lucille Greer, Maine Unit #41 is your newly appointed White Caps Editor. Please e-mail or snail mail your articles to Lucille from now on. Also please mail Lucille your unit newsletters and while I have enjoyed reading them, you can take me off of that mailing list. Lucille's contact information is listed on page 14.

My job description states that I shall: be responsible for performing general admin duties and other duties pertaining to the office as delegated by the President, Board of Directors and the WN Bylaws; receive from the WN Treasurer all membership applications and lists of paid-up members; maintain the permanent files and records of WN; provide mailing labels to the printer of White Caps; be responsible for keeping the membership files current and coordinating with the Treasurer and Publisher to ensure that White Caps mailing lists are as current as possible, including addresses of new members, resignations, reinstatements, deceased and dropped members; ensure membership lists and rosters are kept confidential for members' use only and be used for purposes advantageous to WN; attend meetings of the Board of Directors, and submit monthly itemized account of all office expenditures, with receipts, to the President for approval and reimbursement.

I met with outgoing WN Executive Secretary, Gloria Galati during our WN Convention in San Diego for a verbal passdown, and should have a complete turnover as you are reading this. **Please inform your unit/state and regional officers of this change ASAP!**

I can e-mail or snail mail unit rosters, state and/or regional rosters and the database for mailing labels. If you would like this information, please send me an



REMEMBER!
Submissions for the December edition of White Caps is November 1st.

e-mail or snail mail request, or give me a call and I'll send to you as soon as I can. If you need something quickly, make sure you tell me that it is urgent. Your priorities are not necessarily mine.

If you move, please allow six weeks for your White Caps to catch up and make sure to add me to your address changes.

I look forward to working with you. I remain, as Always Navy, Barb.

VA MEDICAL/HEALTH



Ruth Storck

We are a people who love our outdoor living, sports and adventures. In today's world we have to think healthy living all the time – even when we want to have fun.

Skin cancer (melanoma) is increasing becoming an issue. People with fair complexions can be at higher risk. Severe sunburns in our youth make us a high risk.

It's easy to be safe and still be outside. It's best to avoid prolonged mid-day sun. That said, it's mostly not practiced for outdoor workers, vacationers and kids wanting to play.

So, if going to be outside wear hats, sunglasses, cool long sleeved clothing and lots of sunscreen. Avoid sunburns; sit in shade and use an umbrella. People forget, or think they need sunscreen only in summer. Anytime you are going to have prolonged exposure, use sunscreen and protective wear and go out and have a great day.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES



Dewann Beatson

"Dear WAVES National members, our prayers are with those in harm's way of the hurricanes this season. I thank everyone who sent in their hours or MAL hours. I hope in future years that more units and MALS will participate.

I've enjoyed doing our yearly report and hearing remarks from members. Sorry, but I will not be doing it in the future".

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

The Volunteer Hours report was received in August from Dewann Beatson and we are down from what we reported in 2007. Total hours submitted for 2008 was 132,656.20, compared to last year's hours of 299,188.80, a decline of 166,532.60 hours. Last year's hours included a generous donation of hours from local businesses in the Unit 118 Ocean State WAVES area. This past year 52 units reported hours and 45 did not. Ten members-at-large (MALs) reported their hours. Total hours multiplied by the current minimum wage rate of \$6.55 per hour equates to \$868,898.11 that organizations saved by using volunteers. So, keep up the good work, ladies, and help where you can

Dewann, WN thanks you for your many years of service as the WAVES National Volunteer Hours Chairman. Bravo Zulu, job well done.

Ladies, remember to start collecting those volunteer hours now and record them monthly on a calendar, which, by the way, is the best way to keep track. Units, please remember to report those hours. We know everyone volunteers in one way or another. At your unit meetings, designate someone to collect the hours and have members report their hours at each meeting. Keeping a running tally keeps you ahead of the game.

HISTORIAN



Denise Duke

Ahoy shipmates! By the time you get this edition of WC the convention will be history (no pun intended). I hope everyone who attended had a great time and returned home safely. For those of you who didn't attend, start saving for 2010! Did you take a camera to convention? Of course you did. Make sure you send me photos of the various events you attended or the fun you had around the San Diego area. Please do not send me CDs full of photos. Send 2-6 photos of the event/activity and identify who or what is in the

photo. Modern technology is great but we can get a little crazy some times. November celebrates Veterans' Day. I have been invited back to Birmingham, Alabama for the oldest and largest celebration of Veterans' Day in the nation. Many of you will be getting involved in your local communities during the holiday. Make sure you send me articles or photos of the events. Thank you to everyone who does take the time to send photos or other items capturing the great work of our WAVES National membership! Always Navy, Denise

HEARTSPRING PROJECT



Jeanne Hooper

I continue to receive box tops from units around the country. Thank you, ladies! Last year, Heartspring received over \$1,780 from General Mills by collecting box tops. This money goes towards their Curriculum Needs fund. Heartspring is an organization that helps children with special needs, from autism to hearing disabilities.

They help children nationwide and increasingly, worldwide, regardless of a family's ability to pay. Pretty good return for a few seconds of clipping a coupon, I'd say!" **The first "send in" date is approaching on 15 October,** so if you have box tops saved, please get them to me now! Thank you!

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN



Ronda Walker

Ahoy ladies, as the incoming WAVES National College Scholarship Chairman 2008-2010, I'm giving you a 'heads up'! The scholarships are coming again! Spread the word within your communities and families.

Last year there were two \$1,500 scholarships available for high school seniors or college students who were lineal descendants or relatives (male or female) of women who served or are presently serving in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard or U.S. Marine Corps or reserve components. The application process included writing a 1,000-1,500 word essay on an assigned topic and providing proof of their relative's military service.

The application package, complete with rules and deadlines for 2008-2009, will appear in the December 2008 and February 2009 White Caps. We're hoping also to have the application available on our web site AND to be able to apply online! Keep your fingers crossed! Navy Always, Ronda Walker, JO3, USN, 1962-65, drwalk@twlakes.net

PUBLIC RELATIONS



Barbara Sebring

Hello to all and I hope everyone had a wonderful time in San Diego. I was stationed at the Naval Hospital there in the mid-60's, so it was a trip "home" for me. I was surprised to learn that the Chapel where my husband and I were married is now a museum.

I look forward to my term as your WAVES National Public Relations Chairman. I'm lucky to have the talent of Casandra Newell on my team. Casandra works for Jane's Fighting Ships, a British publication, writing for Jane's Weekly. She has been back in civilian life since last December and has a real working knowledge on what today's active duty personnel are looking for in an organization. Prior to her discharge from the Navy she was a Mass Communications Specialist, 3rd Class Petty Officer. Casandra followed a female sailor going through fire fighting school and had her article published in the All Hands magazine. Her email address is casandra_newell@yahoo.com.

Helen Nugent, my mentor and another talented lady, has also agreed to join the public relations team and assist wherever she can. Helen is in my unit and has been a real force in keeping unit

#77 growing. She is a WW II veteran who attended boot camp at Hunter College and then went on to the Naval Air Station at Lambert Field in St. Louis, MO. Because she was an executive secretary before she enlisted, she qualified as a yeoman right out of boot camp. She worked in the captain's office from July 1943 to November 1945. Her email address is hel nug@peoplepc.com. We all look forward to getting the word out about WAVES National and we welcome any ideas from you as we try to increase our membership.

Please send me copies of your unit newsletters and be sure to let one of us know what has been successful for your units in the way of recruitment. In addition, everyone should take the time to record her biography. If you have not done so, now is the time. It is very important that we have a written history of what we have accomplished as women who have served our country.

As always, thank you for all of your support.

SHIP'S STORE



Patty Jo Parks

Welcome to cooler weather! There are two NEW ITEMS on this month's order form:

1. The compact, lightweight Sewing Kit is only \$2 making it a practical AND economical gift for those special folks who support WAVES National.

2. Many gals have asked for a lightweight "uniform" shirt. Much lighter than the current military issue shirt, this short-sleeve blouse is similar to the one issued during the 1940's/50's. It is 60/40 Cotton/Polyester with bust and waist darts. It has a single left-breast pocket

and buttons to the neck. The top button may be left undone for a relaxed look or coupled with our Navy-issue "Neck-tab" to create a sharp, uniform appearance.

This was a SPECIAL PURCHASE so order soon! When these are gone there may not be a ready source for more!

As if these new items weren't enough, here is yet ANOTHER FINE PRINT SPECIAL:

Keep warm this winter with \$5 OFF any Jacket, Cardigan and/or Sweatshirt! NOTE: For FINE PRINT special:

- Write in "WINTER DISCOUNT" on your order form and subtract \$5 BEFORE adding the shipping charge.

- Orders must be received by Dec. 1, 2008. *Sea Ya! Patty Jo*

IMMEDIATE PAST WN PRESIDENT



Sharon Woods

Hello, ladies. I just wanted to say goodbye one last time. My thanks go out to some very dedicated ladies who worked very hard these past two years while I was your leader. Dassa Carvey, Jo Adamson, Diana Parkison, and Gloria Galati were and are excellent leaders for WAVES National. Ship's Store Officer, Patty Jo Parks (Ravenclaw), from your (Gryffindor) buddy: You are special. For all of the ladies who took on an appointed position, thanks for stepping up to the challenges that you faced, especially you Harriett and Susan. What an awesome job you both have done and I'm sure will continue to do.

The convention in San Diego was beautiful, and, for those of us who were lucky enough to be there, we had a great time. I'll still be around.

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as possible in order to better communicate with you.

I want to remind you, also, that White Caps is online at our website to read and to forward.

A Special Note: We voted at the convention to pay the 2004 Philadelphia Convention debt in FULL out of the general fund. If you remember, we paid

the hotel in Philadelphia after the convention by transferring money from the Book Fund to the general fund to cover the debt. We have now reimbursed the proper account and the books are finally closed on the Philly debt!

I look forward to working with each and every one of you. Thank you for putting your faith in me to lead this

wonderful organization for the next two years.

Start planning now for the 2010 Convention in Norfolk, VA.

Always Navy,

Dassa

FOAM OFF THE WAVES

ARKANSAS TRAVELERS

Unit #1 (AR) - We met in August at Maxine Biggers' home and we were saddened by the death of one of our members. Anna Lutjen passed away August 12th. A memorial service will be held for her at our October meeting. Anna loved animals so we donated money to the Humane Society in her memory. **Our October 27th meeting will be held at Maxine Biggers' home. Please call 501-227-8458 for more information.**

BAY AREA WAVES

Unit #3 (CA) – Gloria Farwell reported that 27 years ago (Aug. 2, 1981), "We received our Charter from WN. We all dressed up in formals and Jeannie Palermo "Dicks", was our installing WN representative at the old Chiefs Club at Moffett Field, CA. It seems impossible that time has passed by so quickly! Our motto, 'We are Still Something Special', has much more meaning today. Many of our WW II members have left our unit to retire out of state or have gone in to retirement homes. Some of us are still volunteering at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital and attending outside activities." **We meet the 4th Sunday of every other month at 1:30 PM at the Union Church of Cupertino, 20900 Info: Gloria Farwell, GloriaBAW@Juno.Com**

GATEWAY WAVES

Unit #5 (MO) – A special thanks to Alice M. Anderson, who has agreed to remain our Missouri State Director; she is also our Gateway Gazette Editor and Heart-spring representative. All of our officers have also agreed to remain in office: Dolores Fiala, Vice President; Dorothy Wood, Secretary; Dorothy Showman, Treasurer. These women continue to serve with pride and loyalty to WAVES National and Gateway WAVES. We also want to thank Bill and Mary Jahn, who continue to publish our award winning Gateway Gazette. Job Well Done. **Join us the 4th Saturday of every month at noon at Ms. Sheri's Cafeteria, 9967 Manchester Road, St. Louis. Contact Pres. Shirley Walz 314- 822-4249 sjwalz2002@yahoo.com**

HEART OF AMERICA

Unit #9 (KS/MO) – Our August unit meeting program was presented by retired Army Sergeant Ross Giacomo who was discharged after serving in the Vietnam conflict. He was a helicopter flight engineer and crew chief and earned eight medals during his time in the military; flew over 200 missions; served as the chauffeur to Presidents Reagan and Bush, and later served as the personal assistant to James Brady, a position he held until his retirement. A nominating committee was named and we'll present the slate of officers at our next meeting. 2,970 volunteer hours were turned in at our last meeting. **The next meeting will be on October 26 in Parkville at the Am Legion Post 318. Contact President Lucille Kemper at 913-649-4543.**

SUNCOAST WAVES

Unit #15 (FL) – Congressman Gus Bili-rakis sent a letter to Berenice George, inviting the WAVES once again to the second annual Veterans' Fair. Representative from units 15, 27, 55 and 60 were in attendance. There were kiosks around the building showing every veteran just what they are entitled too from the Department of Veterans Affairs. There must have been more than 2,500 veterans in attendance. The speakers and entertainment were excellent. Tony Orlando was the special hit of the afternoon. We hope everyone had a great time at the convention. GO NAVY! **The unit meets at Kally K's, Main Street, Dunedin on the 4th Saturday of the month except May, the 3rd Saturday, and December, the 2nd Saturday.**

NORTH COAST WAVES

Unit #21 (OH) - August board meeting was conducted by new president Janet Ochs. Current president and vice-president are Navy, secretary is Coast Guard and treasurer is Air Force. All are younger than the V.P. who is WW II. We are proud to report that the 5th member of our unit, Elva Pounders (Marines), will be inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2008 in November. **Meetings are at Sideliners in Brimfield at 11 a.m. 2nd Saturday of March, May, July, Sept, Nov. and Dec. Christmas Party. Contact Frona Liston (330) 499-1932.**

THREE RIVERS

Unit 28 (PA) – Our Christmas in July picnic luncheon at the Southwestern Pennsylvania Veterans Center was enjoyed by 27 female residents and 30 unit members. There was excitement and good appetites (even by the dementia patients). Our very own Eleanor Berg led all of us in joyous Christmas songs and spirited military hymns. Some of the veteran male residents couldn't resist peeking in the door. **For meeting information please contact Lois Williams, President, 412-373-9348.**

MICHIGAN

Unit #32 (MI) - One of our members, Marian Van Haitsma, a WW II Coast Guard veteran and a Gold Star mother whose son was killed in Vietnam, was interviewed by a local television station reporter just prior to Memorial Day. Her story was seen by thousands of Michigan residents when the station honored area veterans. She also was the first American Legion woman commander in her all-male post way back in 1970. We are all very proud of her for representing us. The unit held its election of officers in June and has a new president and secretary. Our August meeting was held in Grandville and **we'll travel to Gaylord and the North Country on October 4 (B.J.'s Restaurant) to enjoy the fall foliage, and the first Saturday in December we'll meet on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing.**

10,000 LAKES

Unit #37 (MN) – Our unit has been very active over the past several months. On Memorial Day 2008, five of us marched in the parade at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis. July 3rd found four of our members riding in parade convertibles in Albert Lea, MN where WW II women veterans were the Grand Marshals. Three members were aboard the Honor Flight to Washington, DC, on September 13th to view the WW II Memorial, at no cost to our members. The recent WN convention in San Diego was attended by four unit members. **We meet the 2nd Saturday of every other month and would welcome new members. Contact Judy Ayers, Unit President, at (763) 537-3757.**

FOAM OFF THE WAVES

BECKY BADGER

Unit #39 (WI) – The first unit meeting of the 2008-09 year was held on September 20th. Marie Benz, our new president, is doing a great job of organization. We welcomed two new members: Barbara Rau and Emma Vitek, both having served in the Navy. Barbara was a Dental Tech and Emma was a Pharmacist's Mate. Welcome Aboard! Again this year, we are collecting school supplies for children in the inner city. The annual All Women Veterans Luncheon will be held in Madison at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Sat., Nov. 1st. This year's luncheon is being hosted by the United Women Veterans. **Next meeting, Sat. Nov. 15th, New Berlin Regency, 10:30 AM. Contact: Claire 262-782-6215, peach@wi.rr.com.**

CONNECTICUT YANKEES

Unit #42 (CT) – After a busy summer members were back for our annual picnic held Sept. 6th at the Madison Beach and Surf Club. Maggie Walsh of Rocky Hill and Jean Chittenden of Durham were WW II veterans honored by the Secretary of State. Members collected clothing and items for the annual Stand Down on Sept. 12 at the Rocky Hill Veterans Facility. Our unit treasurer and past State Director Mariann "Scotty" Tarbell has relocated to the Greensboro, NC, area. We will all miss her. **Our regular meetings will be on the first Saturday of October and November at 10 am at the Rocky Hill Veterans Facility. December Christmas meeting TBD. Contact: Barbara Crede, 860-665-8082 or Marie Walsh, VP 860-647-7753.**

FINGER LAKES

Unit #49 (NY) – The unit celebrated the WAVES birthday at a luncheon with 20 members attending. A wonderful time was had by all.

Another great celebration occurred when Jeannetta Hermans of our unit turned 90! Her family invited our group to add to the festivities at their home on Conesus Lake. Age is not stopping Jeannetta. She plays golf and still drives to our meetings.

Our meetings are usually the first Saturday of the month at the Elks Club, East Henrietta Road, Henrietta,

New York. For more information contact Helen M. Peck at (585) 334-2228 or Betty Dorety at (585) 527-0451.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WAVES

Unit #52 (FL) – We recently compiled a little booklet of thumbnail sketches of a significant memory of each member, to include her service branch, dates and home state. While we know each other pretty well, we were amazed to learn new aspects of each others' experiences. And we're excited that our unit collected 32 CDs/DVDs for our military in the war zone. We are appreciative to the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps in Alexandria, VA, which gathers such donations and, in turn, forwards them to our folks in harm's way. Also, thanks go to our outgoing President, June Walker, who is already enthusiastically volunteering to continue to assist the unit where needed! **Unit meets at the American Legion, the second Saturday of each month, except June – August. Contact Linda for more information at NWFLWAVESUNIT52@COX.NET**

SAND DOLLAR

Unit #60 (FL) – President Betty Blair and Secretary Rita Gaffney attended the 2nd annual Military Day and Veterans Resource Fair at Tarpon Springs, FL, promoted by FL Congressman Gus Bilirakis. There were 36 Veterans Organizations and Associations represented. VA hospital representatives gave information on benefits and services available to veterans. A very patriotic program, with a crowd pleasing performance, was given by Tony Orlando. **We meet the 3rd Sat. of every month, except June-Aug. at the Bay Pines VA Hospital located on the 4th floor, Ward A-Room 104. Contact Betty Blair, EBlair5043@aol.com**

WAVES AGO

Unit #61 (TX) - Time out for travel, family and catch-ups. Hoping to get in gear for September. **Unit will meet 4th Sat. of month at 11:00 am Elks Lodge Hwy 80 E. Longview, TX Contact Vi Hammett at Vmh21@cs.com**

ORANGE BLOSSOM

Unit #69 (FL) – Happy Fall!! This summer our unit did not take a summer break. Our focus has been on recruitment of new members and partnering

with the women of All Navy Women's Alliance. We are honored to have as one of our members the President of the "All Navy Women's Alliance", Sharon Breece. Sharon and Connie Kwiecien, the unit president, have been working together with the same passion of communication and recording of "All Military Women's History".

On July 30th our unit celebrated the WAVES 66th Anniversary. There were 20 women in attendance. Besides the women of our unit, we were honored with the presence of women from the Army, Air Force and the Marines. Our guest speaker was Rosemary Jeck, MACS, USN (Retired). Senior Chief Jeck joined the Navy on 3 October 1960 and attended boot camp at R.T.C. Bainbridge, Maryland. During her tour of duty she was stationed at 18 different bases. Senior Chief Jeck retired after 28 years, 8 months, and 15 days of service.

Some other exciting news that we want to share that has finally happened is that on August 10th our unit and the new State Director, Betsy Waddell and our new assistant State Director, Kathy Radka, attended the "All Navy Women's Alliance" meeting in Orlando. Betsy presented the idea of holding our next State Conference together and the vote was unanimous. We do have some sad news to share. We lost one of our members in July - Anna Walsh. She was a WW II veteran. **Our meetings are at 11:00 the second Saturday of every month. Contact person, Connie Kwiecien, 407-739-5687, navywave76@earthlink.net**

COLUMBIA RIVER RIPPLES

Unit #70 (OR) – Isn't it odd that many of our activities are associated with food? Our unit hosted, in June, our annual lunch meeting in Salem, OR, with other OR WAVE units. A member of the local Guide Dog Assn. gave an interesting talk on selecting and training guide dogs, and their placement. We donate to this organization. Our valuable president (several times over) Freddie McBride has retired. She has held every office in our unit (some repeated) besides several Oregon and National positions. Thank you, Freddie, for your time and leadership and now enjoy some leisure time. Freddie attended the WN convention and roomed with an old "shipmate" from years past. Our new president, Diane Parkison, recently returned from her vol-

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unteer duties with the Red Cross in the mid-west flooded areas.

REDWOOD EMPIRE WAVES

Unit #77 (CA) – Our adopted platoon of the 70th Engineer Battalion who served in Afghanistan is now safely back at Fort Riley, Kansas. Captain Morris sent a letter of gratitude for the Patriot Guard flag and personal items we sent while they were deployed. The unit has collected school supplies to send to children in Iraq. A new Ways and Means committee will be working on fundraising projects for the unit. During our August meeting, we welcomed a new member, former Marine Winifred Koppel. Seven members attended the national convention in San Diego. **Meetings are the 2nd Sat of the month at 11 a.m. at Veterans Building, Room B, 1094 Petaluma Blvd. South, Petaluma, CA. Contact Bettie Crandall, 8099 B Street, Windsor, CA 95492-9320, 707-838-4035.**

WAVES OF THE WASATCH

Unit #93 (UT) - . The unit had a birthday celebration on July 26 with an open house held at the DAV building. Refreshments were served. New officers were installed. Unfortunately, the new president could not be there. She was recuperating from a knee operation. Some of our members attended the convention in San Diego and reported a fun time. **We will have a planning meeting in December to decide on the agenda for the year.** Norma Day, President, is still recuperating, but is doing well.

VOLUNTEER

Unit #94 (TN) - The Popsicle Parties for the summer are over for another year. This was the second year some unit members volunteered once a week during July and August to provide and serve sugar-free fruit juice popsicles to thirty patients on Ward 8A, long-term care ward. These patients-men/women alike-really enjoy these parties and several ate two - three of these double popsicles. The ward staff members are also appreciative of these parties for their patients. The Patient Carnival at the Alvin C. York Campus was held on 23 September. Unit members manned the WAVES

National Women Veterans Booth and passed out goodies provided to all patients who played our game, "Toss the Hat on the Cactus". This is another way volunteers can help give in-patients a "good time". **Unit meets bi-monthly 2nd Saturday Jan., Mar., May, July, Sep., Nov. at 1100 at Piccadilly Cafeteria, Nashville, TN. Contact Dottie Carter, 615-355-0746.**

FLATWATER WAVES

Unit #98 (NE) – Members attended the Veterans' Memorial Park service in Lincoln in June with lunch following at the Old Country Buffet. Mary Scamehorn attended the 2008 WN Convention, and we are happy for her. We lost two active members: Zelpha "Johnnie" (Johnson) Hageman and Doris (Schlanker) Schmidt, in July. We met in Lincoln on August 9th where the program scheduled was Phyllis Schupbach, Lincoln, ex- WAVE, who had gone on the Honor Flight to Washington, DC; however, she did not feel well. The unit has been sending members' profiles in to WAVES National and the result has been interest in the Cryptologist in WW II. Our member, Lyla Guyer Woodworth, is writing her stories for Jay Browne in Florida, and Dick Carlson in Maine. **Contact Pat Hunsche 402-426-2013, phunsche@huntel.net**

ALAMO WAVES

Unit #103 (TX) – The unit has been out of touch for a while but still staying active. **We meet every other month at Ft. Sam Houston Golf Course. Contact Frances Brookshier, 400 W. Bitters Rd., #1205, San Antonio, TX 78216**

CACTUS WAVES

Unit #114 (AZ) - Several members were excited to attend our WAVES NATIONAL Convention in San Diego, the week of September 8th. Of course, for some, it was their first Convention experience. Unit officers planned a "Convention" atmosphere at the September 27th regular meeting with a panel of speakers/conventioners sharing their memorable experiences from the WN Convention in San Diego. **Contact Carol Culbertson (602) 943-7834 or carolculbertson@earthlink.net.**

OCEAN STATE

Unit #118 (RI) – The unit is pleased to announce its new slate of officers for

2008 – 2010: President – Luisa White; Vice-President – Shirley Hill; Secretary – Tina McNiell, and Treasurer – Pat Steinbrick. Arlene Chilson is the new State Director. Ginny Hanson has been appointed New England Regional Representative and she and Tina McNiell will co-chair the 11th New England Regional Conference at the Marriott Hotel in Newport, RI, September 24 – 27, 2009. Hope to see you all there. **The unit meets the 3rd Saturday of April, May, June, September, October and November at 1 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI at 1 p.m. unless otherwise noted.**

TIDEWATER TIDAL WAVES

Unit #152 (VA) – The unit celebrated the WAVES 66th Anniversary with a luncheon and program, 27 July. VADM Sharon Redpath, guest speaker, was piped aboard by guests and members of the unit. During the celebration, Jerry Carvey, husband of WAVES National President, was installed as an honorary WAVE. WW II unit members, Alice Wamsley and Maggie Lowrance, spoke to crew members of the PCU George H.W. Bush in honor of Women's Equality Day. Unit President Betty Hand and Maggie Lowrance spoke at a local DAR coffee during their meeting in Sept. The unit donated five lap afghans to the VA Medical Center. **Unit meets 3rd Monday of each month at Picadilly Cafeteria on Military Highway. Contact Dassa Carvey, 757-460-1021, for additional information.**

FOX CITIES

Unit #153 (WI) - At our July meeting we enjoyed looking at the pictures in the coffee table book, "Making WAVES, Navy Women of WW II" by Evan Bachner. Cody Splitt brought the book which had been sent to her by a friend in Washington, D.C. Our president, Jane Smith, is the Assistant Executive Director at the EAA in Oshkosh, WI. She made arrangements for us to tour the EAA Museum on Aug.16. It was very interesting to see all the airplanes from the early Wright model to the space age. It was a lovely summer day, so after the tour we had lunch outside at Fratello's on the shores of the Fox River. **Our next meetings are Oct 18, and Nov 15. Call 920-733-7938 for more info. No meeting in December.**

VA ANNOUNCES ON-LINE CLAIMS APPLICATIONS

WASHINGTON (July 16, 2008) - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today that on-line applications are now accepted from veterans, survivors and other claimants filing initial applications for disability compensation, pension, education, and vocational rehabilitation and employment benefits without the additional requirement to submit a signed paper copy of the application.

Effective immediately, VA will now process applications received through its on-line application website (VONAPP) without the claimant's signature. The electronic application will be sufficient authentication of the claimant's application for benefits. Normal development procedures and rules of evidence will still apply to all VONAPP applications. VONAPP www.va.gov/onlineapps.htm is a Web-based system that benefits both internal and external users. Veterans, survivors and

other claimants seeking compensation, pension, education, or vocational rehabilitation benefits can apply electronically without the constraints of location, postage cost, and time delays in mail delivery.

VONAPP reduces the number of incomplete applications received by VA, decreasing the need for additional development by VA claims processors. The on-line application also provides a link to apply for VA health care benefits and much more.

Over 3.7 million veterans and beneficiaries receive compensation and pension benefits from VA and approximately 523,000 students receive education benefits. Approximately 90,000 disabled veterans participate in VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment program.

For more information about VA benefits, go to VA's website at www.va.gov or call our toll-free number at 1-800-827-1000.

2006 – 2008 MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Winners of the 2006-2008 Membership Contest were announced at the convention. Many units recruited new members, but four showed outstanding success.

Tidewater Tidal WAVES, Unit 152, of VA, took **First Place** again, with a total score of 54 points and 12 new members. Volunteer Unit 94, of TN, came in **Second Place**, with 27 points and 7 new members; **Third Place**, Unit 36, Stars and Stripes, of CA, with 23 points and 10 new members and, **Fourth Place**, Redwood Empire WAVES, Unit 77, with 21 points and 5 new members.

Remember, the year of enlistment into the applicable service determines the number of points assigned each new recruit. Unit 94 had fewer new members than Unit 36, but the enlistment dates of the recruits were more recent; thereby, earning more points. Other units would have been in contention for one of the prizes had they gotten 2007 newly recruited members to renew in 2008.

Keep up the good work on recruiting and see if you can beat the Tidewater Tidal WAVES at the convention in 2010! They have won the top prize the last four conventions, ever since they chartered in 2002!

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Region I – Pacific – March 2009

Park Plaza Hotel, Oakland, California
Points of Contact: Bay Area WAVES #3, Gloria Farwell, 408-248-4166, gloriabaw@juno.com, Golden Gate WAVES #8, Lee Williams, 925-628-6548, Jo Lawrence, 510-568-6076 - jal140@aol.com or Redwood Empire WAVES #77, Barb Sebring, 415-472-5666 bsebring62@msn.com

Details for the Region I Conference are in the planning stages and will be reported as soon as they are available.

Region VIII WAVES National Conference – New England 24-27 Sept 2009

The conference will be held at the "City by the Sea". Reservations 1-800-228-9290. \$299 per person per night/double occupancy, plus tax. We welcome all WN members, associates and guests to come to Newport, RI,

and experience its many pleasures with museums, historic sites and picturesque harbors - A tourist town with all of the stars, royalty and you. Have lunch with us at a mansion by the ocean, tour the Naval Station and War College Museum, dine with us at one of the best hotels on the waterfront. Everything is at your beck and call. If you are flying in, call 1-800-252-2660 – our official travel agency of the New England Conference. Or go online to srappoport@donovantravel.com.

Questions may be directed to Ginny Hanson 401-946-6932. Limited hotel reservations are set aside for WAVES National members and guests. Deadline for registration is 5 August 2009.

Region XII – Sunshine 24-27 Sept 2009

WAVES National Region XII has joined forces with the All Navy

Women's National Alliance in hosting the State Conference next year. We will be staying at the Lake Buena Vista Best Western with room rates at \$70.00 plus tax; there are both valet parking and free parking. The room rate for attendees will be available for three days prior and three days after the conference. On Friday night, Sharon Breece and Betsy Waddell will be hosting the Presidents Party for all attendees and it will be quite unique and a true 'mixer' for all. Further, the ANWNA will be setting up their museum for all to see and take trips down memory lane. Disney Downtown is just a stroll away and there are buses to take all to the various theme parks. Sea Service Women make your plans now! Come to Florida for an interesting and truly unique conference.

Reservations – please call 800-348-3765 and state that you are with WAVES National.



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

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Gone, but not forgotten!

***Please mail deceased member forms to Barb Turner so she can update the WN database and ensure that the deceased member's name appears in the Silver Taps. Also, be sure to send a copy to Dassa Carvey. Contact information for Barb and Dassa is on page 14.

ATTA-WAVE AWARDS



NORTH COAST WAVES Unit #21 (Ohio) - We are proud to report that the 5th member of our unit, Elva Pounders (Marine Corps), will be inducted in to the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2008 in November. **CONGRATULATIONS Elva**

2008 Newsletter Contest Results

Diana Parkison

And the winner is...

In the last 12 months, I have received newsletters from 22 WAVES National units.

I must tell you all how much I enjoyed reading them and learning what other units are doing. You are all to be

commended for the wonderful work you have done on each and every newsletter. I had a panel of 3 judges read and evaluate each and every issue that was sent to me. I received newsletters from some units every month and only one newsletter from a few units, but it did not matter, they were all judged.

After the judges scored the newsletters I then divided them into 4 categories: Computer, Large or Small; Cut and Paste, Large or Small. Some of you may

remember my phones calls to you asking about your newsletters and unit size.

During the convention we awarded ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Plus each unit that did not place received an Honorable Mention ribbon. It was important to me to make sure each unit that participated receive a ribbon to recognize the effort that they put into a unit newsletter. So with that said the results are as follows:

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Region IX and X does not have a Regional Representative and are not listed above.

*NOTE: If corrections to the above are required, please submit the appropriate elected officer transmittal (which may be found in the WAVES National Procedures Manual) with changes and submit to those listed on the bottom of the form.

ANNUAL VETERANS AFFAIRS VOLUNTEER SERVICES (VAVS) REPORT

Harriett Howard

Ahoy! It's that time of year again to report on the status of WAVES National and our representation on the National Advisory Committee (NAC) and Representative/-Deputy Representative (Rep/Dep,Rep). Also, the Annual Joint Review (AJR) of our Regular (RS) Volunteers and Occasional Volunteers.

For the past year Susan DeRosa, of the Canandaigua, NY and I, of the Murfreesboro, TN VA Medical Centers have been your Deputy Representative and Representative on the National Advisory Committee (NAC).

To maintain our Service Member

Status, we must have Rep/Dep representation at 30 VA Facilities. For FY 08 we were just over the wire...had representation in 31 VA Facilities.

For FY 08, National VAVS reported that WN had Volunteers at 46 Facilities. Had 121 RS Volunteers; their total RS hours was 9,670 hours; their total Occasional hours was 2,392 hours; or total of 12,062 hours. WN "Thanks" these faithful RS and Occasional Volunteers "WELL DONE"!

Now, for the report on the work of our Representatives and Deputy Representatives on our VAVS Committees at

the 31 Facilities: Our Representatives on the VAVS Committees are required to meet in APRIL with the Voluntary Service Program Manager and complete their Annual Joint Review (AJR). This year of the 31 Committees that had WN Reps/Deps, I received only 09 AJRs. Ladies, what happened to the other 22 Representatives who did not meet and make your support report? Shame on you! I will look for 31 AJR reports in April 2009.

I commend the work/support of our Representatives who did meet and make a report:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>#RS Vols.</u>	<u>#RS Vol Hrs.</u>	<u>#OCC Hrs.</u>	<u>Total Hrs.</u>	<u>Total Cash Donations</u>	<u>Total Value Non-Cash</u>
Ann Arbor, MI	02	20	00	20	\$ 350.00	\$ 740.00
Canandaigua, NY	06	794	29	823	90.00	2,906.00
Hampton, VA	02	244	191	435	440.00	50.00
W. Roxbury (Boston)	03	13	02	15	20.00	0.00
Memphis, TN	02	64	0	64	0.00	52.00
Minneapolis, MN	02	25	0	25	50.00	0.00
Murfreesboro, TN	03	1,228	04	1,232	1,565.15	2,860.00
Palo Alto, CA	19	4,282	0	4,282	0.00	0.00
Tampa, FL	04	361	0	361	100.00	400.00
Totals =	43	7,031	226	7,257	\$2,615.25	\$7,008.00

To all of WN Membership, I again challenge you to look for a VA Medical Facility within a thirty mile radius of your home, and check it out. Go to the Volunteer Office and volunteer to use your expertise in any capacity...clerical, feed patients, visit patients, read to patients, escort patients to their appointments, help mail out appointment letters, sew for patients, or serve coffee. There are many more areas that need help.

Also, WN needs more members to be a representative or deputy representative on the Medical Center VAVS Committee. Remember, this committee only meets quarterly. This committee is the "heart/soul" of the Hospital...you learn what the Hospital is doing or not doing for the veteran patients. Surely you can find two hours, one day, of one quarter to become a liaison for your Unit with a VA Medical Facility. JUST do it! You

will be glad you did. I am glad I did! Lydia Wyatt is glad she did! Susan DeRosa is glad she did. Dewann Beatson is glad she did. Elizabeth Morrison is glad she did. Dassa Carvey is glad she did! Angela Fontaine is glad she did! Marion Page is glad she did! Violet Kloth is glad she did! Dorothy Carter is glad she did! Betty Merritt is glad she did! Gladys Bemis is glad she did and so is Phyllis Gallant.

2008 Newsletter Contest Results...

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Computer – Large Unit:

1st Place – Michigan Unit #32; **2nd Place** – Badger Unit #39; **3rd Place** – Space Coast WAVES Unit #75; **Honorable Mention** – Heart Of America Unit #9; Old Ironsides Unit #17; Stars & Stripes Unit #36

Computer – Small Unit:

1st Place – Redwood Empire WAVES Unit #77; **2nd Place** – (SEM) WAVES Unit #101; **3rd Place** – Triangle

Seagals Unit #144; **Honorable Mention** – Volunteer Unit #94; Ocean State Unit #118; Sarasota Navy Women Unit #123; Bay Area WAVES Unit #3

Cut and Paste – Large Unit:

1st Place – North Coast WAVES Unit #21; **2nd Place** – NW Florida WAVES Unit #52; **3rd Place** – Connecticut Yankees Unit #42; **Honorable Mention** – Columbia River Ripples Unit #70

Cut and Paste – Small Unit:

1st Place – Fore & Aft Unit #72; **2nd Place** – Gulf Coast Dolphins Unit #56;

3rd Place – Flatwater WAVES Unit #98; **Honorable Mention** – Lake Erie WAVES Unit #128; Five Season WAVES Unit #53.



Ladies, it does not matter where you placed, you all did a "yeoman's job". I hope that in the next two years more units will participate and make it "bigger and better". Bravo Zulu to each and every one of you.

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