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Homefront Heroines Brings Navy WAVE TO USS Missouri

By Kathleen Ryan

HONOLULU, HI - Wednesday July 27th was a picture-perfect day. Not too humid, even though it was the middle of summer in Hawaii, and slightly breezy.

We arrived at the War in the Pacific National Historical Park about two hours before our shoot. Our contacts at the USS Missouri had arranged for tickets to the USS Arizona Memorial. After a film and a ferry ride, and a salute to the men who lost their lives during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, we were ready to meet our contact and head onto the naval base for our shoot.

By 3:30 in the afternoon most of the tourists had left for the day. The monument was scheduled to close just an hour later. We got prepared for our shoot. Margaret Thorngate boarded the ship. She was going to show us where on the

USS Missouri she signed the ship "for luck." It would be the final scene of the film Homefront Heroines: The WAVES of World War II.

Thorngate's experience with the Toastmaster's served her well. She showed us the spot (right where the peace treaty was signed) and met some current Army men and women who were touring the ship, just as she toured it more than 65 years ago.

Homefront Heroines tells the story of the women who served in the Navy during World War II as WAVES. It features not only the story of Thorngate, but also of eight other women. Eileen Horner Blakely trained at Cedar Falls in the same Yeoman's class as Thorngate and became a member of the "flying squadron" in Washington, DC. Frances

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Ladies,
Since I last wrote, I have attended two conferences and the Mid-Term Board of Directors (BOD) meeting and have lots to report to you.

The President's Message

First, the Regions X & XI Conference in Chattanooga was a grand affair, with lots of discussion on proposed changes for WAVES National, from the proposed name change to marketing WN and ways to reduce expenditures. This is the type of dialogue that is necessary and requires membership participation. Having the Regional Conferences in spring or early summer, prior to the National Mid-Term, provides important input from members and allows the Regional Reps to express the interests of the members in their region during Mid-Term. I can't thank Pam Devine and Betty Kelly enough for the arrangements and successful meeting. Pam also does a mean Bar-B-Q!

I also attended Region IX Conference in Buffalo, NY. Kayann Taylor did a great job in putting on this conference, especially in light of the impending arrival of Hurricane Irene. One of the attendees arrived by rail and was stranded in Buffalo as commercial transportation was shut down until the effects of Irene were known. She was able to hitch

a ride home with other members and arrived safely.

Even though attendance was minimal at this conference, enthusiasm was not lacking. Carol Griffith, from the Buffalo VA, was guest speaker and provided an abundance of information valuable to veterans, especially the female population. I, for one, was not aware that a Certificate of Service can be issued by St. Louis if a Veteran's discharge papers can not be located or were destroyed in the fire several years ago. Also, every VAMC is now required to have a Women Veterans' Coordinator and Women Veterans' Advisory Committee. Carol also passed out Veterans' benefits Handbooks and applications to attendees.

In between these two conferences, I attended the BOD's Mid-Term meeting in Madison, WI. Cheryl Adams, Region VI Rep and her husband, John, were outstanding hosts, making all the arrangements for our meeting and dining, as well as providing local lore and history. Thank you, Cheryl and John. I know the members of the BOD enjoyed themselves while getting

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Homefront Heroines ...

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Prindle Taft was a member of the first officer class at Smith College; she shared five reels of never-before-seen color film of the WAVES in action with the project. Janette Shaffer Alpaugh and Susan Ahn Cuddy both enlisted during 1942 and later became WAVE officers. Dorothy Turnbull Stewart was a recruiter based in Beaumont during the war. Jean Clark trained pilots as a Link instructor; Jean Byrd Stewart was one of the few African American WAVES who joined in 1945. The film also features the authors Josette Dermody Wingo (Mother Was a Gunner's Mate) and Helen Edgar Gilbert (Okay Girls, Man Your Bunks).

The film uses the archival audio oral histories with Mildred McAfee Horton, the commander of the WAVES during World War II, former Yeomanette and WAVE officer Joy Bright Hancock, and Louise "Billye" Wilde who handled Navy publicity during the war. It will also feature film shot by the Navy about the WAVES, and thousands of photographs from the Naval archives.

The filmmakers would like to thank the members of WAVES National who helped to make this project a reality, either by sharing their stories or by contributing to the Kick-starter campaign that helped us bring Thorngate to the USS

Missouri. You can find out more about Homefront Heroines at www.homefrontheroines.com, www.hingesofhistory.com or <http://tinyurl.com/3moazua>. The film is scheduled to premier in 2012, and will be shown at the 2012 WAVES National Convention in Orlando.



Margaret Thorngate met Army Soldiers during her return visit to the USS Missouri.

The President's Message ...

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a lot of business accomplished. Now, to provide you with information resulting from this meeting:

Stained Glass Windows: As funds increase in the account, we are looking for a place to install the next window. Since we have a window at several Naval facilities and a Coast Guard facility, it is deemed appropriate to try to have one installed in a Marine Corps facility. The Stained Glass Window Committee will be pursuing a location.

WN Membership: We need to actively recruit new members. To this end, Jo Adamson has made a donation to the membership contest to increase the prize levels for the contest. Cash awards will go to the individual who recruits the most new members, with points being awarded for the era of service. The person with the highest number of points will be awarded \$300; 2nd place, \$200; and 3rd place, \$100.

Scholarship: The annual WAVES National Scholarship topic is "How My Service Changed My Life." Applicants will interview a woman Veteran, active duty or reservist for the scholarship. We will be

adding a note to the announcement for the applicants to contact one of their Veterans' organizations for someone to interview if they do not have a contact already.

Name Change: The Name Change Committee submitted several proposed names and the BOD selected "Women of the Sea Services" as the most appropriate and all encompassing to incorporate all the sea services. After much discussion, it was agreed to include the vote for the proposed name change on the ballot for the election of National Officers next summer, along with a photo of the proposed logo.

Ship's Store: Patty Jo Parks, after serving as the Ship's Store Officer for nearly 6 years, has decided to pursue other endeavors and needs to relinquish these duties. She has done an exemplary job, putting the SS back on an even keel and once again making it a profitable endeavor. I am actively seeking her replacement. If you would like to take on this important position, or know of someone who may be interested, please contact me. Patty Jo has offered to provide an extensive pass down and will be available for questions.

Procedures Manual: I had made extensive updates to the Procedures Manual (PM). However, when it was being

reviewed, other recommendations were made which I deemed too invaluable to ignore. Therefore, I have appointed a committee to review and revise the PM. Once this is accomplished, it will be made available to all Board members, State Directors, and Unit Presidents, as well as being accessible on our website. The PM is to be used in conjunction with the Bylaws and provides more extensive guidance for the operations of WN.

Dues: The BOD proposed a dues increase of \$10, bringing the annual dues to \$25 per year, and brings us in line with other Veteran's organizations. This will be presented at convention as a proposed Bylaws change and will be voted on at that time. If approved by the general membership, the new rates will take effect 1 January 2013.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me. As a reminder, my email and phone number have changed. Be sure to use the current information when contacting me. Until next time, stay safe and please keep our troops in your prayers.

Always Navy,

Dassa

Navy Veteran Devotes Life To Aiding Homeless Female Vets

By Elaine Sanchez, American Forces Press Service

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., July 25, 2011 - When Barbara Marshall first set eyes on her new 5,000-square foot home here that would enable her to take in more homeless female veterans than ever before, a sense of relief washed over her and the word "astounding" came to mind. The home was living proof that help finally had arrived.

That help came in the form of more than 3,000 volunteers and the ABC reality show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition." Thanks to both, the Navy veteran's modest 1,500-square-foot home -- which serves as a shelter and information center for homeless female veterans -- received a massive overhaul last week.

Marshall received the keys to the new and improved "Steps-N-Stages Jubilee House" July 22. First Lady Michelle Obama was there to help unveil the two-story, cabin-style home, which features a large resource center, dining hall, common areas and a greenhouse.

"When I saw Mrs. Obama and the new home, all I could think of was 'Yay,'" she said. "I know that's not that profound,

but I said it in my heart and my mind and my spirit, and then I said, 'Astounding. Help is here -- tremendous help.'"

This help comes in the wake of years of selfless assistance to countless others. Marshall established the Jubilee House with her own funds in August to offer shelter and to pass on information and resources to homeless female veterans -- the same information she felt she could have used when she fell on some tough times of her own.

Marshall left the Navy in 2001, and, four years later entered a time of crisis, she said, with financial, health and personal issues taking their toll. "I was facing many of the issues that women who come to my door face," she said. Marshall reached out to the community for help and sought resources aimed at helping female veterans, but came up short.

"Some parts of it were just a bit uncertain," she said. "I saw a need to have a place where women veterans could actually get access to the types of resources and information they need."

Marshall eventually found her way through her own crises, and, with her own struggles in mind, turned her attention to helping others.

"It came from my own desire to see women make a successful transition," she said. "A homeless woman has children--brings with her homeless children. I think that our nation is not prepared for that kind of legacy. We need to leave a good, positive legacy for our women vets and for their children."

Marshall began to visit libraries and other areas frequented by homeless women and offered her help with everything from VA claims and transportation to food and shelter. "The top of my vehicle became my office," she said.

Marshall took women into her own home, offering them food and shelter while caring for her own two children. She eventually saved enough money to purchase a foreclosure on Langdon Street here last summer.

"We do an assessment and see what they're most in need of," she said of the

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Historic Marine Base Gets First-Ever Female General

By Susanne M. Schafer, Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — For the first time in its 96-year history, a female general is taking charge at the famed Marine Corps training depot at South Carolina's Parris Island.

BGen Loretta Reynolds, who is also known as the first female Marine to ever hold a command position in a battle zone, took charge 17 June at the installation south of Beaufort.

Parris Island graduates about 20,000 Marines annually and is the only site where female enlisted Marines are trained to enter the service.

Reynolds is a native of Baltimore and a 1986 graduate of the Naval Academy. She has worn the Marine Corps uniform for 25 years.

In her new position, Reynolds also will be in charge of the Marines' Eastern

Recruiting Region, which covers the 23 states east of the Mississippi River.

As a one-star general, Reynolds becomes the third female general officer in more than a 200,000-member Marine Corps. The service has two two-star female generals, one in the active duty ranks and another in the USMC Reserve.

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Wanted: WAVES National Ship's Store Officer

Do you like working with people? Can you tolerate user-friendly QuickBooks software? Are you able to use a tape gun without bodily injury? Then, here is the perfect opportunity for you!

After nearly six years, Patty Parks will relinquish the "oars" to WAVES National's Ship's Store, effective at the conclusion of the 2012 WAVES National Convention in Orlando, FL. Over the

next several months she will work with the prospective Ship's Store Officer (SSO), as well as provide support and training through the convention.

Basically, the SSO is responsible for managing an inventory of WN logo items, filling orders and shipping those items to members nationwide, while maintaining an accurate accounting of all funds received and disbursed.

If you are interested, contact Patty Jo Parks at pattyjoparks@yahoo.com or call 423-326-0839. You may also email Dassa Carvey at dassa_2@verison.net or call her at 757-363-3059 to discuss this opportunity and any questions or concerns you may have. I know we have many talented people out there who could continue the operation of the Ship's Store to meet the needs of our members.

PILLOWS FOR PATRIOTS

Barb Turner, WN Executive Secretary

Thank you WAVES National members for continuing to support the Pillows for Patriots project. The response from you has been overwhelming and you should be proud to know that literally hundreds of pillows have already been provided by our unit members and members-at-large! Keep 'em coming please as there is a flight out of DFW every Friday!



Joyce Stotler (OK-MAL)



Betty Hand (VA-Unit 152) works on pillows



Patriotic Pillows from VA



Army Major likes NASCAR

Soldiers waiting to go back to Iraq and Afghanistan - USO Dallas/Ft Worth (DFW) Airport



Cammo and Cowboys - DFW/USO



She loves the Red Hat Society pillow



Pillows from Flatwater WAVES Unit 98, Nebraska

COMMENTS FROM SOME OF THE TROOPS WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE PILLOWS

"Thank you so much for all you do for our men and women of the Armed Forces! The pillow was awesome and I even had a few Marines ask me where I got it at. I gave them the PillowsforPatriots.com address. Again, it was great meeting men and women of your stature. I will always remember my R&R homecoming and send off from this year. Keep up the good work and may God bless you and your families. Semper Fi."

- GYSGT KENRICK, JAMES L.

"WOW, what a great group of WAVES. It is amazing, I am overwhelmed with the amount of interest."

- DIANNA TITEL, PILLOWS FOR PATRIOTS

WAVES National Second Fundraiser

Barb Sebring, Fundraising Committee Chairwoman
Lynne Pine, California State Director

Your **Fundraising Committee** led by Barb Sebring and with the helpful assistance of Jeannie Dicks, Lynne Pine, Teri Reese, Betsy Waddell and Linda Fulker-son, is pleased to announce our second “virtual” raffle. Based on the tremendous success of the first “virtual” raffle, the WAVES National NEC has voted to support additional fundraising raffles. Betsy Waddell has graciously agreed to be the “go to” person on this second one.

NATIONWIDE “VIRTUAL” FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

WIN a VISA Gift Card! These are spendable virtually anywhere, much like any other debit card. The First Place Winner receives a pre-loaded **\$50 gift card**, and Second and Third Place Winners receive a pre-loaded **\$25 gift card**.

HURRY NOW and buy your “virtual” raffle tickets! How does this work? Simple. Send your check or money order to Betsy Waddell, she will create the appropriate number of raffle tickets for your purchase, and these tickets will be entered into a closed bin specifically for

raffle purposes. Betsy will draw the three winning tickets at her unit’s meeting on 9 December. She then will mail out the three gift Cards and report on the winners in the next issue of White Caps.

C’mon folks... support your WAVES National coffer and get out your checkbook and **send Betsy a \$10.00 check**. You’ll have a dozen chances (that’s **12 chances**) to win a **\$50 or \$25 Gift Card!** (*Side Note: Okay, fine, so you can send a check for any amount you’d like, for any number of tickets you’d like, but doesn’t “ten” sound like the perfect number to write on your check? It’s easy to write and is a nice even number to subtract!*). The drawing for the three winners will be in the beginning of December just in time for your Christmas shopping. This means you **MUST MAIL YOUR CHECK NOW** to Betsy because the **deadline for her to receive checks is FRIDAY, 9 Dec 2011**. Sorry ladies, but *“The Check Is In The Mail”* absolutely will not do in this raffle... if Betsy does not have your check, she cannot create your virtual ticket entry for the

drawing and there’s nothing we can do about it (*well, we can cash your check anyway and consider it a “donation” to WN and very much appreciate your support, but that would be no fun for you because you will have had no chances to win a gift card!*).

Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each, or six for \$5.00. Make your check payable to **WAVES National** and mail to: Betsy Waddell, 421 Taseschee Dr., Sebring, FL 33870. Call Betsy at (863) 382-0419 or e-mail her at WAVENavy@hotmail.com for more information.

WAVES National 2012 Update



The Sheraton Hotel that we have our WAVES National Convention scheduled for is undergoing a total renovation. They are putting in a new pool and redesigning the entire courtyard. All rooms are being redone to reflect the move away from the safari theme.

Further, another ball room is being built—so there will be plenty of room in case we need to expand! In fact, we will be very happy that we have our room rates now “etched-in-stone” as they expect that, by the time we have our convention, the rate will be triple what we are paying!

Start planning now to make your reservations for 2012. The Call to Convention will be out in March or April 2012.

We will start putting more and more out about the Sheraton and the Orlando area very soon. Watch for more information as we get closer to the WAVES National Convention.

Help Wanted— White Caps Needs You!

Have you ever thought you would like to write? Do you have a good, working knowledge of the English language? Want to try your hand at being creative? Here’s your chance! WAVES National (WN) is looking for an editor for White Caps and you may just be the one we are looking for!

WN Bylaws state the duties of the Editor as:

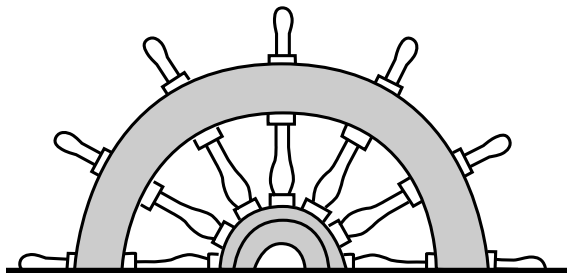
1. Compiling and editing information submitted by members or units of WN before forwarding to the President for final review and editing. The President shall then forward it to the publisher for printing and distribution to members;
2. Giving priority to official WN information received from the

President, officers, and committee chairmen over unofficial items.

The editor should be proficient with a computer, as most articles are submitted electronically as is the *DRAFT* copy submitted to the printer. White Caps is published six times a year with strict deadlines as stipulated in our contract with the printer.

This is a great opportunity to get to know other members of WN and learn of their “sea stories!” If you like to delve into the past and learn what’s happening in today’s sea services, this is the job for you. It is a challenge with its own rewards and a lot of self satisfaction.

Anyone interested please apply to WN President. See the National Officers & Staff page for contact information.



FROM THE BRIDGE

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Jo Adamson



Greetings, Shipmates!

I can't believe this weather in my area. It is so hot. First, it rains too much and then not at all. I have to say we accomplished so much at the mid-term meeting as will be reported to the general membership at the convention. The end of September, I attended the Region XII Conference in Orlando. I will fill you in on the outcome in the next White Caps.

I have been so busy these last two months traveling for WN and the American Legion and it seems I'm still going. September included the VA Stand Downs for homeless veterans. I helped set up tents for the Women's Program in Marion IL; one in Evansville, IN; one in Owensboro, KY, and one in Paducah, KY. Believe it or not, it will add up to almost 60 hours of volunteer time. This year will add up to many volunteer hours for me.

I mentioned in the last White Caps about the new membership contest. Please remember to let me know who the recruiters were so I can give them credit. We have close to 80 new members and I only know who the recruiters are for a quarter of them. If you joined since August of last year, please contact me either by phone or e-mail and tell me how you learned of WN.

Please remember to contact your State Director (SD) or Regional Representative (RR) if you have any questions about WN or need any assistance, either with your unit or personally.

All of the RR were listed in a previous White Caps and the State Directors are listed as follows:

- Cheryl Adams (WI) 608-424-3854
- Jo Adamson (IL) 618-833-6496
- Martha Alderman (AZ) 623-810-9328
- Alice Anderson (MO) 314-351-7568
- Maxine Biggers (AR) 501-227-8458
- Brenda Brubaker (NC) 919-596-0555
- Mary Cox (NM) 505-823-2823
- Linda Delgado (NE) 402-438-8321
- Carrol Donahue (OR) 541-689-1463
- Lillian Eaton (NH) 978-388-1728
- Mary Freeman (VA) 757-471-2480
- Mary Ann Goodall (CT) 860-828-3302

- Lucille Greer (ME) 207-634-4243
- Virginia Hanson (RI) 401-846-6932
- Elaine Kirk (KS) 816-741-1802
- Jean Kumler (OH) 513-737-1436
- Marie Marvel (DE) 302-798-5202
- Betty Mattice (MI) 586-247-6782
- Lynne Pine (CA) 619-947-6936
- Mary Schultz (UT) 801-295-5909
- Bonaly Selb (NJ) 856-415-9037
- Jill Slocum (TX) 512-590-2119
- Edith Thomas (GA) 706-499-6963

All of the states are not listed which means we could use either a State Director or State Organizer for these states and I'm sure our RR could use the help.

God Bless and keep all our shipmates safe and in good health.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Betsy Waddell



By the time this is read we will have completed all of our regional conferences.

As we attended these conferences and looked around, we realized that we are seeing fewer and fewer of our older WAVES National members in attendance. This reminds us that we are at "needs must", we must go out and ACTIVELY recruit members from Navy and all sister sea services to join our organization. We must remember that to grow we must realize that the women of today's services are, in many respects, different than we were. We made some of the advances that gave these women their careers or career fields. NOW, it is up to us to advance with these women and be the organization that THEY want to be a part of. WE must change in order to GROW!

RECORDING SECRETARY

Diana Parkison



In the August White Caps, I let you know what I do as a volunteer for the American Red Cross, not

knowing then that Hurricane Irene would come along and slam the east coast. My only prayer is that all of you in the affected areas are doing okay today and are on your

way to recovery. I am sitting here thinking that, on August 29, 2005, we all sat and waited for Hurricane Katrina to slam the Gulf Coast. On August 25, 2011, I sat and waited for Hurricane Irene to slam into the east coast. Today, I am sitting here thinking and wondering, "What will I be doing in August 2017?" I hope I am just sitting here waiting and *watching Hurricane Georgia, going nowhere*. Remember: If you were affected by Irene, make sure you file a claim with FEMA, even if you have insurance to cover your damages. The amount of money that will go into your local community for long term recovery depends on the claims that are filed. But, hey, that is not what I want to write about today.

Today, I would like to remind all of you that the WAVES National biennial newsletter contest is accepting newsletters to be judged in May 2012 and announcing winners at the 2012 WAVES National Convention in Orlando FL. In Norfolk, we had one newsletter that received a perfect score. Let's see how many units can do that this time. As of today, I have received entries from 20 units. Some of the newsletters are several pages and some are only a couple of pages, but it doesn't matter because they are all good and worth the submission. So, please keep them coming. I do so enjoy reading what you all are doing.

I am in the process of getting judges on board to score your newsletters. How do we score them, you ask? Here is some insight to that... first the judges will award up to 100 points, using all of the newsletters submitted by a unit. One of the biggest items they look for should be on the front page or the second page - name of unit president, location of unit, meeting location, time, date and point of contact. If someone is reading your newsletter and wants to get involved, they will need to know how to contact you.

The judges will then look at the content of your newsletter. For example, do you have a feature article that is captivating? Does it reflect research? Does the writing hold the readers interest? Do you use photos, illustrations or clip art?

And, last, does your newsletter cover what your unit is doing, what your state or

region is doing? Then, the judges will look at the overall appearance of your newsletter.

Okay, so some of you are not journalists. Well, neither am I and it doesn't matter. Just do your best and remember the reason for doing a newsletter is to let everyone know just what it is we do as WAVES National members.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Barb Turner



I attended the WN mid-term board of directors meeting in Madison, WI, the end of July. The top priority topic was, as usual, recruiting members! We continue to decline in our number of members and we have discussed this subject again and again. We have less than 2,900 members and have lost more units since our last convention. Our Silver Taps list continues to grow longer and longer with each issue and unless we can recruit new members, and fast, I fear the worst for WAVES National as an organization.

Changing our name, our logo, our way of doing business won't work if we don't have members to support our objectives. It will soon be election time again for national officers and, if you want to help WAVES National remain as a sea service women's organization, you should think about running for an office yourself. **Don't sit back and let it happen, step up and make it happen!**

As a gentle reminder, please do NOT send me checks for any reason. I continue to receive checks for MAL membership renewal and donation checks as well. I do mail the checks that I receive directly to the WN Treasurer, Monica O'Hara.

Please check out the picture collage of the Pillows for Patriots on Page 4. Thank you all for your continued contributions towards that project. The troops love the pillows. Happy Fall y'all!

SHIP'S STORE

Patty Jo Parks



Ahoy!

Since name and logo changes may be coming in the near future, this will be the last NEW item for Ship's Store until after the 2012 Convention in Orlando, FL, but what a GREAT item! This embroidered patch features the original WAVES hat device: the anchor is Navy Blue, the prop is a medium Sky Blue and the chain is Silver Grey. All this is on a white twill background with a Navy Blue edge.

The patch's 4-1/2" diameter makes it perfect for ironing or sewing it on a tote bag or jacket. It would also look lovely mounted in a shadow box or on its own in a frame!



And, as a REAL treat, how about a FINE PRINT SPECIAL featuring our newest item?

- With any merchandise order totaling \$15 or more (excluding shipping) purchase a NEW Anchor Patch for just \$1! LIMIT 1 PATCH PER \$15 ORDER or 2 PATCHES PER \$30 ORDER, etc. (Regular price for this patch is \$5)!

- Orders **MUST** 1) Include full payment, 2) Total \$15 or more (\$30 for 2 patches, etc.) BEFORE shipping is added, 3) Be listed on the order form with the appropriate charge, 4) Be received by December 1, 2011.

Sea Ya, *Patty*

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Barb Sebring



Greetings Ladies,

I attended the Mid-Term Board of Directors (BOD) meeting in Madison, WI. The BOD spent two days working on WN official business. It was a joy working with the BOD in such a beautiful city. Cheryl Adams did a fantastic job putting it together.

Ladies, our wine sales fund raiser is off to a slow start. I know it is pricey to ship wine but if your unit goes in together and orders a case or two, the shipping per bottle will be a little more reasonable. My unit has done just that and we will be enjoying a bottle of the Sauvignon Blanc at our September meeting. Please keep this fund raiser in mind as we approach the holiday season. Remember that \$2 of every bottle sold goes back to our treasury. Also, information on our second virtual raffle is in this issue. The first raffle was a huge success and we would like the second one to be as profitable. This one will be held in time for the winners to have a little extra spending

money for Christmas. Betsy Waddell has agreed to head this one. All the information is in the article. Send your check early to make sure you meet the deadline.

In Navy Friendship,
Barb Sebring

HEARTSPRING PROJECT

Jeanne Hooper



Happy Fall to all our WN ladies! Again our thoughts go out to those who have been cleaning up from even more storms! Fortunately, the only hurricane I've had to contend with so far was my family this summer, which is why I did not get an article sent in for August. I had 30 plus people descending on my house for a family reunion/anniversary celebration in July. Great fun!

Since I last wrote, we have sent in 900 Box tops to Heartspring, and we're well on the way to having another 500. Contributors are: Green Mountain Girls (Unit 113); Heart of America (Unit 9); Memphis Belles (Unit 151); Northwest FL WAVES (Unit 52) and MALs Doris McIlroy, Lucille Grassky, Edith Burnett, Betty Patrick and Johanne Walker. Thanks so much, ladies!

STAINED GLASS WINDOW CHAIRMAN

Barbara J. McGuire



Hello, Women of the Sea Services. Not much activity yet for a new window. However, the good news is we now have \$2,000 plus in the SGW Fund, when as of August 2010, we had less than \$100. The increase is due to your generous donations over the last year. Though not a small sum, I agree, we need more to have a new window in the future.

There are eight SGWs across the country, so we want to go for number nine. Ladies, let's keep those "cards and letters" and \$\$\$ coming in. Wishing you good health and safe journeys.

Navy Cheers, *BJ*

WEBMASTER

Gaby Morrison



Summertime is over and now the leaves are turning gold and red. I hope everyone had a lovely summer! October brings colder weather and we find ourselves on the computer more. I bet

the first thing you do when you log on is check your email! Guess what? Like telephone conversations and face-to-face communication, e-mail communication has certain implied rules of behavior. These rules are referred to as e-mail etiquette or netiquette (a combination of "internet" and "etiquette").

For effective communication, here are some suggested guidelines from Microsoft:

1: Be careful with humor and emotion. E-mail does not convey emotion well. The recipient might not understand your intended tone. Sarcastic humor is particularly risky because the recipient might interpret it literally and take offense. 2: Think before you send. Writing and sending an e-mail message is

fast and easy - sometimes too easy. Make sure you've thought out your message first, and avoid writing when you're angry. Once you send the message, you can't get it back. 3: Use a clear and concise subject line. Summarize the contents of the message in a few words. People who receive a large amount of e-mail can use the subject to prioritize the message. 4: Keep messages short. Although an e-mail message can be of any length, e-mail is designed for quick communication. Many people don't have the time or patience to read more than a few paragraphs. 5: Please avoid using ALL CAPITAL LETTERS. Many people perceive sentences written in all uppercase letters as "yelling" and find it annoying or offensive.

6: Be careful with sensitive or confidential information. Any recipient can forward your message to others either intentionally or accidentally.

7: In formal or business communication, avoid spelling and grammatical errors. Sloppy e-mail conveys an unprofessional image. Proofread your messages before you send them, and if your e-mail program has a spelling checker, please use it.

Practicing basic e-mail etiquette is a simple way for you to improve communication with colleagues, friends, and family. Trust me! They will appreciate it!

Smiles and Happy Autumn, *Gaby*

Barracco Fought with Belgian Resistance During WWII

By Libby Morrison, Tidewater Tidal WAVES Unit 152



The Tidewater Tidal WAVES (TTW), Unit 152, celebrated the 69th Anniversary of the WAVES at a luncheon held on Saturday, 30 July, at the Aberdeen Barn in Virginia Beach. Our guest speaker was Dame Mary Sigillo Barracco. She was born in 1923 and raised in Lawrence, MA. In 1931, she moved to Belgium (mother's country of origin).

In 1939, Germany invaded Poland and eventually Belgium. Dame Mary joined the Belgian Resistance as a "Freedom Fighter", serving from 1941 until the end of the war. During this period, she helped to free many prisoners, including allied servicemen, fellow partisans, Jewish citizens, and others being held by the Nazis in prisons and detention

camp. She was held captive by the Gestapo and over many months was interrogated, beaten, tortured and sterilized until she was finally released. Upon release, she rejoined the Resistance. In October 1943, the Nazis executed her fiancé and fellow partisan. Following the Normandy Invasion, Mary served as a Liaison Officer between advancing Allied Forces and the Belgian Resistance.

In 1946, Mary returned to her hometown of Lawrence, and her story became public knowledge. Thus began what would lead to a lifetime of public speaking engagements on the subject of freedom, and she is known nationally and internationally as a "Freedom Fighter". In December 2004, she was knighted in the Order of the Crown by proclamation of His Majesty King Albert II of Belgium, receiving the highest Royal Military medal and presented with the title of "Dame" Mary Barracco. Her work continues to this day, and her story of courage in the face of tyranny and oppression continues to inspire all who hear her. She currently resides in Virginia Beach, VA.

Dame Mary spoke before an overflow crowd. Her spirit is still strong, and when she implores you to fight our enemies, there is such sincerity in her voice and her demeanor that it made tears flow down many cheeks. A small college staged a play about her life. It was filmed, and Dame Mary donated a copy of the DVD to the auction that Unit 152 always has following the guest speaker. It brought in a nice chunk of change to the coffers of TTW. The winner later contacted Dame Mary who gave permission for TTW to make copies of the DVD for their membership. In all, the auction brought in \$1,967.00, most of which will be donated to various causes that the Tidewater Tidal WAVES have chosen to support.

Dame Mary said she would never sell the story of her life for a movie because she would have no control over what changes are made to her story. We are so blessed that this "Freedom Fighter" lives to fight another day and does it in Virginia Beach.



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!

Women's Bureau of The Department of Labor Sponsors VA Stand Down In San Antonio

Susan D'Ambrosio, President, Alamo WAVES Unit 103, San Antonio, TX

The Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor sponsored a "Stand Down" for women vets in the San Antonio area in August. Numerous businesses and contributors participated by helping with logistics, sack lunches, clothing for the style show, and speakers for the Aug. 27 event.

Nearly fifty government and volunteer organizations were ready to provide not just brochures and information on a range of issues, but also to provide blood pressure checks and counsel on health issues. They were prepared to set up appointments to help find housing, employment, finances, or address family issues such as childcare and family violence. We were introduced to the "Train A Dog - Save a Warrior Project," whereby therapy dogs that help those with "invisible injuries" such as PTSD, MST, and/or TBI. We heard first-hand about local government and state resources helping vets. State Senator Leticia Van dePutte awarded each veteran with a challenge coin.

A panel of six women, representing their branch of service in different conflicts, shared their experiences. The panelists concluded with some recommendations for the women in the

audience. 1) Take advantage of all of your VA and education benefits and seize other education opportunities. 2) Volunteer to gain experience and expand your network. 3) Be conscientious in your work; earn respect of superiors. 4) Learn to translate your military skills in a way that helps civilian employers recognize your value. 5) Ask for help when you need it. And 6) Sharpen your personal money management skills. Women veterans appreciate another's advice and encouragement.

I also learned that:

- Women vets make up 8% of the veteran population.
- Since WWII, 1,840,280 women have served.
- 230,000 women served in Operations Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Of the OEF and OIF women only 16% are employed.
- The three top diagnostic categories among all women vets are PTSD, hypertension, and depression and the list goes on.

For more information, go to: www.dol.gov and click on the Women's Bureau for more information, including what your state offers.

I want to thank the WAVES National President, Dassa Carvey, for suggesting that I participate on the panel and represent Navy WAVES in San Antonio.

Paydays for Military Retirees

Paydays for military retirees and those who receive portions of retired pay are changing for September and December, as the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) changes its pay schedule to comply with the 2011 National Defense Authorization Act.

The 2011 NDAA requires military retiree pay to be processed on the first day of the month. When that day falls on a weekend or national holiday, the pay date is moved to the previous business day.

This year payments normally scheduled for Oct. 3, 2011 will be issued on Sept. 30, 2011 and payments normally scheduled for Jan. 3, 2012, will be issued on Dec. 30, 2011. For the calendar year 2011, this means military retirees will receive 13 rather than the normal 12 payments.

Customers should speak with a tax advisor, the Internal Revenue Service or their state tax authority to determine if their tax withholding will satisfy federal and state income taxes when they file returns next year. For more information, go to www.dfas.mil.

FOAM OFF THE WAVES

ARKANSAS TRAVELERS

Unit #1 (AR) - Our unit met August 22 at the home of Maxine Biggers. We held a memorial service for Marie Alsmeyer and voted to donate \$25.00 to WAVES National in her memory. We still have 17 members who are going strong. Our meetings are held on the fourth Monday of every other month. Our next meeting will be held October 24th at Maxine Biggers' house. We meet at 1100. **For more information, please call the unit president, Toni Lazenby, at 501-821-2147.**

GATEWAY WAVES

Unit #5 (MO) - WAVES National and Gateway WAVES remembered a long time active member Carol "Bulger" Adams, a WW II WAVE, who died in July. We all remember her pleasant smile and positive attitude. We look forward to many veteran activities in November and our holiday party in December.

KEYSTONE WAVES

Unit #6 (PA) - We celebrated the WAVES 69th birthday with a military themed pool party in July. In August, a group of us attended a reenactment of the Signing of Surrender aboard USS New Jersey. We witnessed this historical event by a direct invitation from Ed Buffman, who, as a young sailor, was present at the original signing of Surrender Treaty aboard the USS Missouri. Several attended a trip to St. Michaels Village in Eastern Shore, MD. They visited the historical seaport and took a boat trip on Miles River, known for its famous location, and traversed during both Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Dorothy Holland, a WW II veteran, has been busy working for Habitat for Humanity, making two trips in recent months to work in far-away places. **For meeting information, please contact Harriet Stulmaker, 215-957-6659.**

HEART OF AMERICA WAVES

Unit #9 (KS/MO) - The guest speaker at our August meeting was Jeri Grimes, Director of Volunteer Services at St. Joseph Hospital in Kansas City. She oversees 800 volunteers, with almost 125 volunteers daily. In her program, she stated that some of the first volun-

teers at hospitals were called "Gray Ladies".

Today, the opportunities to volunteer are almost innumerable. Hospitals, zoos, veterinary hospitals, and libraries are just a few examples. This experience provides just as much satisfaction to the volunteer as to the recipient.

One of our members, Evelyn Slayman, has volunteered at St. Joseph for 14 years. Marilyn Bosley and Joyce Campbell volunteer 3 days a week at the VA. Marilyn also hosts a Blind support group that meets once a month at the VA. These are just a few of our ladies who do volunteer work.

Our unit is also participating in "Pillows for Patriots." Thanks to Barb Turner for sending us the info. Our next meeting will be October 22. **For more information contact Michele Batliner at 816-241-7451 or email at mbatliner@att.net.**

STARS & STRIPES WAVES

Unit #36 (CA) - Pictured below are Laura Pantazoplus (96) and Lynne Pine (49) cutting the unit birthday cake after their luncheon on July 31st.



You look amazing Laura!

BADGER

Unit #39 (WI) - Our Unit celebrated the WAVES 69th Anniversary with a luncheon at Alioto's Restaurant in Milwaukee. After a delicious lunch, each member was asked to tell of an experience they had while serving our country. They told of why they enlisted, duty stations and

duties performed. Some told of experiences they incurred, some funny, some serious. Since most members are of the WW II era, it was great reminiscing of our days as Navy WAVES. **Contact: Claire - peach@wi.rr.com**

GULF COAST DOLPHINS

Unit #56 (FL) - Our twenty-third birthday was celebrated in grand style on 20 July with approximately 25 members and guests, one of whom was heard to say, "I didn't know there was an organization of ex-Navy women!" A reporter from the local paper was in attendance and interviewed members, took photographs, and gave us a full-page spread. We expect to gain a few new members from this event. Our party entertainment was a costumed dancer explaining and dancing the Hawaiian Hula with member participation.

We are happy to report we have gained back two former members and of the 30-plus charter members, nine are still with us, either active or members-at-large. **For meeting information, call Kathy at 941-429-4968 or Andrea, 941-564-6056.**

REDWOOD EMPIRE WAVES

Unit #77 (CA) - Our unit heartily welcomes new member Suzanne Saville, a Captain in the Coast Guard, who is currently serving in Alameda, CA. In June, several members took a picnic lunch to Petaluma State Historical Park, which was the headquarters of General Vallejo's huge Rancheria in the mid-1800's. We had a pleasant day and a good history lesson. On July 8, eleven members enjoyed a seafood buffet lunch at the Coast Guard Training School near Petaluma. Among other skills, some trainees learn cooking, and the food is excellent! **For meeting information, contact Bettie Crandall, 707-838-4035.**



Redwood Empire WAVES Unit #77 Members pictured above are - Top Row: Barb Sebring, Margaret Patrizi, Joan Nixon, Becky Allen. Front Row: Betty Sojka, Helen Nugent, Bettie Crandall, Georgia Todd, Lois Hawk (seated), Marylou Loustalot. Not pictured: Capt. Barbara Schoen Morgan (just married), who arranged for the luncheon and new member Suzanne Saville.

FOAM OFF THE WAVES

GREEN MT. GIRLS

Unit #113 (VT) – We celebrated our 20th anniversary on 20 August at the Vergennes American Legion. Bobbie Surott Kimberly, Women Veterans' Program Manager at the VA, in White River Junction, was our guest speaker. She spoke about healthcare for women veterans, as well as the new facility being built for only women veterans.

CACTUS WAVES

Unit #114 (AZ) – The unit celebrated their 20th anniversary on September 24th. There are six charter members remaining and a few were in attendance. We enjoyed Subway sandwiches and cake to celebrate our birthday. Earlier in the month several members visited our veteran ladies in the AZ Veterans home.

There will be four of the Cactus WAVES going on the Western Regional Mexican Riviera Cruise in October, out of San Diego, CA. We are looking forward to a good time.

MEMPHIS BELLES

Unit #151 (TN) - Those who went to the Grapevine Tea Room enjoyed good food and drink – so much so that everyone had dessert! Four of our members attended the Regional Conference in Chattanooga, July 22-23. All had a great time and all three units from Tennessee were represented. The ladies went for a six mile ride on the "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" and saw how a huge train engine/coal car turns around, and then rode back to the station. Everyone enjoyed seeing "old" friends and meeting new ones. Volunteer hours are up at the VA Hospital. Membership is up! We are collecting items for the Christmas goodie bags at the VA hospital. **For meeting information, phone Becky Dickinson at 901-837-4630.**

TIDEWATER TIDAL WAVES

Unit #152 (VA) - Maggie Cobb was interviewed by LCDR Kent Sieg for the Coast Guard's Historical Office. Maggie's service spanned 30 years and witnessed the full integration of women into the Coast Guard. The record of her service as amplified in this oral history will be added to USCG archives, thus preserving USCG heritage.



Pictured are Maggie Cobb and LCDR Kent Sieg.

We will donate blankets for the Stand Down for Homeless Veterans in November. We also made donations to the local Food Bank, the VA Medical Center for the Youth Volunteer Program and for the Suicide Prevention Program. We are also working with local TV stations to publicize the wreath laying ceremony at the local Veterans' cemetery. **For meeting information, contact Judy Perry, 757-545-1988.**

FOX CITIES WAVES

Unit #153 (WI) - The picture below was taken at the 95th birthday party given for Frances Burstein, an active unit member. Frances celebrated her birthday two days early, as it fell on the date of our August 20th meeting. She was unable to attend because of a family matter. Several other members were unable to attend. A good time was had by all.



Pictured with Frances, center, are Grace Gabhart, Pam Pamperin, Maureen Radtke and Cody Splitt



Unit members Maureen Radtke, Grace Gebhart, Florence (Mickey) Parker, Carleen Smith, and Helen Burke display the banner.

We had the banner (shown below) made to be used in parades and at other public appearances. Our banner was used in the Memorial Day Parade in Appleton, WI, for its first public appearance. All members pictured were very proud to have it used to represent our unit.

SALT RIVER WAVES

Unit #155 (AZ) – Our first year as a chartered unit was celebrated with flair at our August meeting. The chef prepared a special lunch and we received goodie bags, drank a toast to the occasion, played a challenging game, honored six special members who were outstanding in their work for the WAVES 69th birthday. There was singing and storytelling as we launched the exciting proposals of the year ahead. The students from the local high school who are involved in Veterans Heritage Project (VHP) volunteered as registrars, ushers, and handicap helpers during the celebration luncheon and stayed for all the clean-up. The students told about themselves and their involvement in the VHP. As the result of their interviewing veterans, all three of this year's speakers have chosen a military career. **For meeting information, contact Vee Flayter, 623-362-9040.**



Pictured are Kathy Laurier, Margaret Waldron, student, Lori Flander, student, Betty Blake (WASP and Congressional Gold Medalist), Diana Green, Barbara Klinedinst, student, Vee Flayter.

NOTES FROM OUR MALS

On 20 August, seven former members of Pioneer Valley, Unit #81, gathered for a festive luncheon at Tavern on the Hill. Carolyn Prunier, our most recent president, and Kris Couture, former secretary and current member of CT Yankees, Unit #42, attended along with former Unit #81 members Jean Bates, Helen Bay, Irene Livingston-Mann, Vola Pennington, Gert Carney and Ed Coulson, Irene's brother and a former sailor. Along with cheerful conversation, and enjoying our final remembrance book, we were reminded of the importance of submitting community service hours.

Historic Marine Base ...

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(AP Photo/US Marine Corps)

This image provided by the U.S. Marine Corps shows then Col. Loretta Reynolds, taken March 10, 2011. For the first time in its 96-year history, a female general is taking charge at the famed Marine Corps training depot at South Carolina's Parris Island.

Overall, there are 12,339 enlisted females in the Marines, 108 warrant officers and 1,224 officers, according to Marine Corps figures. On its Parris Island website, the service said training for men and women is identical, and that roughly 2,400 female recruits go through it every year.

Reynolds trained as a communications officer and commanded Marines from platoon to battalion levels in her more than 20 years in uniform. She has been posted in Okinawa, Japan; Quantico, VA; Iraq and Afghanistan, and was in command of the Marine Recruiting Station in Harrisburg, PA.

She also worked at the headquarters of the Marine Corps in its communications and computer division in Washington, DC.

Reynolds' last posting was in charge of the Headquarters Group for the 1st

Marine Expeditionary Force based at Camp Pendleton, CA.

While serving a yearlong tour of duty in Afghanistan, she oversaw five Marine battalions and military company from Bahrain. While there, she took a base that had "fed, housed and equipped more than 10,000 Marines and expanded the base to handle an additional 10,000 Marines and sailors," the website for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force said. The site added that the command slot position meant she was "recognized as the first female Marine to command battle space."

Before her time at Camp Pendleton, Reynolds was a division chief with the Joint Staff at the Pentagon.

Reynolds also has attended the Marine Corps University in Quantico, VA, the Naval War College in Newport, RI, and the Army War College in Carlisle, PA.

Navy Veteran Devotes Life ...

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veterans, "what services we can assist with directly and indirectly. At all costs we stay in touch with that women veteran until her life and her children's lives are stabilized."

The Jubilee House has assisted female veterans from all eras and conflicts, with a recent, and disturbing, onslaught of veterans from recent wars, she noted. "A lot of these women veterans are coming back with post-traumatic stress, with family changes and situations that are uncertain, and many are ending up homeless," she said.

The small, 1,500-square-foot home housed up to five veterans and their families, but Marshall struggled to meet the demand as word spread of her services. The Veterans Affairs Department basically had her on their speed dial, she said, and frequently referred women to her.

As the Jubilee House's popularity grew, Marshall found herself in a tough spot – having to turn homeless veterans away.

Meanwhile, word of her dedication to veterans had spread. Producers from "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" heard of Marshall's work and came knocking on her door two weeks ago with some good news. She would be the recipient of a new and improved Jubilee House.

Marshall accepted the new home July 21 with several of the home's residents at her side, including Judy Hilburn.

Hilburn was left homeless several years ago after her husband's death and an illness that left her without a job and with massive medical and personal bills to pay. For two years, Hilburn, a six-year Army veteran, lived in her truck. "Just when you think everything is going so great, you get sideswiped," she said. With no end to her troubles in sight, Hilburn resigned herself to a difficult fate – that is, she said, until she found her miracle: the Jubilee House.

Hilburn met Marshall at a center that provides meals to the homeless, and she moved into the Jubilee House the next morning. "It's been a miracle for me," she said. "Barbara helped me get my VA disability approved; my first check is in my purse." "If I'd known I was eligible for VA benefits then, I

wouldn't have gone broke paying doctor bills," she added. "That's what this place is all about: knowledge."

The first lady expressed her admiration for Marshall and the work she's doing to aid veterans during her visit here last week. "She is a strong, courageous woman," Obama said of Marshall. "It's a powerful story of how veterans are continuing to serve this country even when they are no longer in uniform," she added. "The fact that this woman has opened her home – which she didn't have much – to other women who are struggling, is just a powerful statement of the courage and the strength that our veterans show."

Marshall's new Hollywood connection hasn't altered the course of her local mission in aiding female veterans. But the new home will allow for a few major improvements. "I will not have to turn women veterans away, ever, as I've done this past week, this past month, and even at the beginning of this year," she said.

Marshall said she won't rest until female veteran homelessness is eradicated.

"My daughter is active-duty Army," she said. "What's happening to these women could happen to my daughter. We need to join forces as a community – as agencies, the various five [service] branches, veteran service organizations, faith groups – we need to join hands and make a difference in the lives of homeless veterans."

"I see this organization, this agency, being part of this fight all the way to the end," she added. The episode of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" featuring Marshall is scheduled to air 21 October 2011.



Barbara Marshall talks to members of a local veterans service organization in front of her new home July 22, 2011, in Fayetteville, N.C. Marshall created the Jubilee House to provide shelter and resources to homeless female veterans.

DOD photo by Elaine Sanchez

Navy's First Female Master Chief Passes Away at Age 90

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Abraham Essenmacher,
Office of the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The U.S. Navy's first female master chief died Aug. 4 at the age of 90 while residing at Vinson Hall Retirement Community, in McLean, VA.

Master Chief Yeoman (Ret.) Anna Der-Vartanian began her military career in 1943 when she enlisted in the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service program, or WAVES. In 1946, she transitioned to the Navy and 13 years later she became the first woman in any of the armed services to advance to E-9, the highest enlisted paygrade.

During her Navy career, Der-Vartanian was stationed in Washington, San Francisco, Boston, Pearl Harbor, and Paris. After retirement she went to work for the CIA as a junior analyst after retiring from the Navy in 1963, and later worked as a counterintelligence specialist.

"We are saddened by the loss of Master Chief Anna Der-Vartanian," said Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/SW) Rick D. West. "She was an inspirational pioneer in our

Navy, and a role model for courage and commitment to every Sailor in uniform during the last 50 years. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family."

West spoke at length on the impact Der-Vartanian had on the Navy and the chief petty officer community.

"Her life was dedicated to selflessly serving the nation in any way she could, a tireless aspiration that went far beyond the Navy and left a profound impact wherever she was involved," he said. "Anna's contributions as a Sailor, as a citizen, and as a master chief petty officer will long burn as one of the brightest lights in our proud Navy heritage."

"The Navy chief petty officer community will miss Anna's wit, her energy and the deep satisfaction she took in helping others," West continued. "She led people from the front by personal example, a virtue we strive to instill in every chief who wears anchors today. Anyone fortunate enough to spend time with Anna could not help but be impressed by her humility and strength of character. We were privileged to have

her at several CPO events in recent years and she captured the undivided attention of everyone in the room when she was there. We won't forget her."

Der-Vartanian is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. She was awarded the National Defense Medal and various other decorations for her service.

For more news from Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, visit www.navy.mil/local/mcpon.



Pictured are, left to right: PSCS (SW) Betty Hand, USN (Ret); ITCS (SW/AW) Suzanne Davis, USN; YNCM Anna Der-Vartanian, USN (Ret), and ITCS (SW/AW) Brice Gibson, USN. Photo was taken during the August 2010 WAVES National Convention in Norfolk, VA.



The funeral will be held on 29 November at 0845 in the Fort Myer Old Post Chapel – next to the Arlington Cemetery. Attendees need to be at the Ft. Myer gate by

0815 for the ceremony. She will receive full military honors and be buried in Arlington National Cemetery following the ceremony at Ft. Myer. A reception will

follow at WIMSA. Navy uniform will be Dress Blues. More details to follow as date gets closer.



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