

Washington Metropolitan Area Navy Nurse Corps Association

The Capital Zone**PRESIDENT'S
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former SMANNCA members and we anticipate continuing to offer hybrid events to allow for remote participation.

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As I assume the helm as the WMANNCA President, I would like to send a huge thank you to Maggie Balacki, our immediate past President for her four years of service. Maggie navigated the chapter through the planning of two NNCA Reunions. We were all glad the NNCA 2022 Reunion happened and was a success despite several last minute itinerary changes. Another thank you goes to fellow committee members, Boo Lahman, Maria Harbeson, Shelley Savage, Susan Jackson, Sue Miller, Cindy Sweeney, Ann Ross, Ana Stoehr and Rosie Perdue for making this yet another memorable NNCA reunion. (See Reunion article on page 6.)

The WMANNCA Board met on 25 June and made plans for coming year that include two luncheons, and several meet up activities. We also look forward to meeting and engaging with

My goals as the WMANNCA President are to increase our chapters engagement in veteran focused activities and to reach out to our members to hear and learn their stories. This newsletter includes information about greeting Honor Flights, veterans coming to Washington DC to see their memorials this fall. Currently, the NNCA/WMANNCA Oral History team of Maria Harbeson and Cindy Sweeney have identified several chapter members who they will be visiting to record oral histories over the summer. Consider taking time to share your story.



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REPORT***Ann Ross, Editor*

Welcome to another edition of the WMANNCA Newsletter with a tribute to our successful reunion complete with photos, as well as the usual committee reports. We also welcome

our new Chapter Officers. See p. 9.

Of course, we also need **your** stories. The deadline for the next newsletter is 31 August. Please send to: WMANNCAnews@gmail.com.

**FINANCE REPORT****1-31 May 2022***Shelley Savage*

Starting Balance:		\$25,401.47
Receipts (deposits)		
NNCA Dues/Donations	190.00	
WMANNA Dues	75.00	
Troop Support Donation	50.00	
Troop Support (RADM Ibach)	250.00	
Interest	.22	
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	Income	\$565.22
Disbursements		
Service Charge	2.50	
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	Expenses	\$2.50
Ending Balance:		\$25,964.19
Liabilities:		
Pending Checks		
#870 NNCA Dues	190.00	
Scholarship Fund	6,720.39	
History Fund	445.25	
Troop/Vet Support	3,908.16	
Rough Seas	70.00	
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		\$11,333.80
Working Balance:		\$14,630.39

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Sue Miller

WMANNCA currently has 127 members. At this time 85% of chapter members have renewed for the 2022-2023 NNCA/WMANNCA membership year. We have added five new members from the SMANNCA chapter, which was disbanded. We extend a warm welcome to **Katherine Christie, Rosalie Lewis, Karin Lundgren, Lucia Herndon and Gale Updike**. We hope that you will find a new Nurse Corps home with our chapter. We'd also like to welcome **Maureen Kusnierek** who moved to Fredericksburg, VA from Florida. Maureen is looking for friends who like to knit and crochet. Please contact her at mkusnierek@bellsouth.net.

On another note, the WMANNCA Board of Directors has approved two new membership policies for our chapter. **First** the chapter will follow the NNCA lead in offering the "free first year" to those joining NNCA and WMANNCA for the first time. Please share this news with your Navy Nurse colleagues who have not joined the Navy Nurse Corps Association yet. **Secondly**, WMANNCA will now pay the annual dues for NNCA and WMANNCA for those members in our chapter who are 90 years old or older. We hope that this will encourage our senior members to remain active and involved with our chapter, as many of them were our own leaders and mentors for so many years. For fur-

ther information about joining our chapter, please contact Sue Miller at millerses@gmail.com or 443-520-1573.



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Boo Lahman

WMANNCA has reopened our scholarship program for 2022 and is seeking applications for three \$1500 Graduate Navy Nurse Scholarships for Navy Nurses (active/non DUINS, reserve, former or retired). If you are currently enrolled or have been accepted to a Graduate Nursing Degree Program, please apply for one of our scholarships. Also spread the word to your Navy Nurse friends in graduate school that our four scholarships are available. You may download the guidelines and application form on the NNCA.org website. The deadline for applications for this year is 1 Sept 2022. We owe a big thanks to the Navy NC Career Planner and WMANNCA member, **CAPT Julie Darling**, who was key to ensuring this information was disseminated to all in our Area of Responsibility.

ORAL HISTORY COMMITTEE

Maria Harbeson

The Reunion Cruise provided a great opportunity and inspiration for many navy nurses to give their oral histories.

WMANNCA Oral History team members Cindy Sweeney and Maria Harbeson performed oral histories on At-Sea days and in turn many more nurses signed up to do their interviews locally in person or by phone interview. The WMANNCA local area includes the MD/DC/VA/PA area as well as the Portsmouth, VA region.

There are many Navy nurses who may want a history done and live far from the local chapter meetings. Our Oral History Committee members will assist you in arranging a phone interview (Zoom or audio) so that your story may be recorded.

Please contact me at

mmhab5@gmail.com and complete your history today.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Christine Boltz

The WMANNCA Board agreed to stand up a Finance Committee to assist the treasurer with developing a budget for the coming year. In addition to Shelley and Ana Stoeher, **we need another chapter member volunteer** to support this activity.



SAVE THE DATE!!

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING AND LUNCHEON - 15 October 2022.

Place to be announced.



BIRTHDAY CORNER

JUNE

30 Nancy Lescavage
(left out last month)

JULY

1 Ana Stoehr
3 Cynthia Sweeney
4 David Mangler
10 Kristin McHarg
16 Ben Bocuzzi
19 Patricia A. (Watts) Kelley
21 Renee Stevens
22 Susan Searle Jackson
22 Whitney Thomas
23 Amy Garman
24 Karen Seitz
26 Carolyn Andreno
27 Alice Lech Laning
30 Barbara Connolly

AUGUST

2 Theresa Proto
11 Ann Ross
12 Patricia Gilbert
20 Kristi Brennan
24 Rosalie Lewis
31 Bobbie Hovis

SEPTEMBER

11 Annette Beadle
12 Christine Boltz
12 Virginia (Ginny) Smith
12 Amy Rosacker
14 Karin Lundgren
15 Alice Bornemeier
15 Joan Huber
17 Roberta J. Bobbie Grace
20 Dorothy (Dot) Michael
21 Krista Roberts
25 Carol Patterson
25 M. Jane Markley
26 Mary Anne Gardner





NNCA 2022 Reunion May 4-13 2022

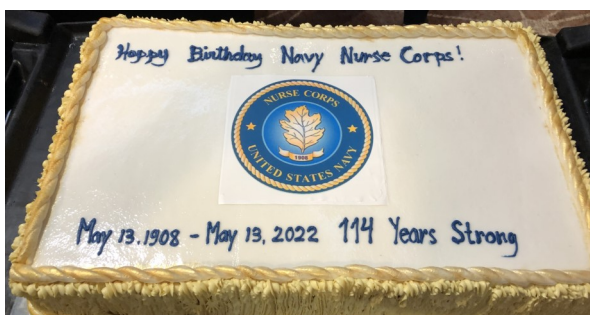
Christine Boltz and Ann Ross



Celebrity Summit

The Reunion Committee met on 6 June for its final report. Everyone agreed the reunion was a success despite last minute changes and COVID requirements. Although our numbers were down as compared to previous reunions, everyone who attended seemed to have had a great time. Again,

thanks to the committee and especially, **Maggie Balacki** for chairing this event.



Kay Bauer and Rosie Perdue cutting the cake

Maggie was also honored by receiving the 2022 **Louisa Power Volunteer of the Year Award** and **Christine Boltz** was honored to be the 2022 recipient of the **Mary G. Stewart Leadership Award**. Although unable to join us on the cruise, Chapter member **LCDR Chad Hagedorn** received the **RADM Alene Duerk Award** for his contribution to nursing and the Nurse Corps.

For those who want to watch the NNCA 2022 Memorial Service presentation, it is linked here, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-pIwflYz5DM> and on the NNCA Website.



Maggie & Becky Crichton



Donna Styles, Maria Harbeson, Lucia Hendon and Christine

MORE FROM THE REUNION !!



FR: Peggy Williams, Becky Crichton, Arlene Southerland, Marty Sherrard

BR: Linda Dahn, Barb Beebe, Mary Mahony



Kay Bauer, Sue Miller, Ann Ross



Rose DiMascio, Rosie Perdue, Sue Miller, Maria Harbeson, Cindy and Bob Sweeney.



Rose DiMascio, Rosie Perdue, Maggie, Dot O'Very in Charleston.



HONOR FLIGHT VOLUNTEERS

Christine Boltz

The mission of Honor Flights is to celebrate America's veterans by inviting them to share in a day of honor at our nation's memorials. It is a national network of independent hubs working together to provide our nation's veterans with an all expense paid trip to the memorials in Washington, D.C., a trip many of our veterans may not otherwise be able to take. Participation in an Honor Flight trip gives veterans the chance to share this momentous trip with other veterans, to remember friends and comrades lost, and share their stories and experiences with each other.

For the last 13 years, I have greeted Honor Flights at Reagan National Airport (DCA). Although honor Flights arrive at all DC area airports, I volunteer at DCA. I am now part of the ground support volunteer team, helping the veterans navigate through the airport to the bus. Many flights from east of the Mississippi River fly in and out the same day and others from further west may stay over one or two nights. After a COVID-19 outbreak in 2020 and 2021, I returned to supporting arrivals of specific groups this past spring. Please consider being an Honor Flight Volunteer and joining me at Reagan National Airport (DCA) to greet an Honor Flight this fall.

To join us go to the web site

<https://honorflightdca.com/2022-schedule> and sign up for a gate pass to greet the arrival inside security. We also support group departures too. Sign up about a week or so before the flight arrival.

Below are the specific flight arrival date and times, where I and another Navy Veteran are the lead support team. All arrivals are at Terminal 2 South Security Checkpoint.

09/21/22 Wednesday

- 29 Veterans from Honor Flight of Central Oregon, Bend OR (SEA)
- ARRIVAL: 4:50PM on Alaska AS0004

09/22/22 Thursday

- 25 Veterans from Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation, San Jose, CA (SFO)
- ARRIVAL: 4:06PM on Alaska 1001

09/29/22 Thursday

- 25 Veterans from Honor Flight of Oregon, Grants Pass, OR (PDX)
- ARRIVAL: 5:38PM on Alaska 764

09/30/22 Friday

- 60 Veterans from South Willamette Valley Honor Flight, Corvallis, OR (PDX)
- ARRIVAL: 5:55PM on Alaska 764

10/20/22 Thursday

- 25 Veterans from Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation, San Jose, CA (SFO)
- ARRIVAL: 4:06PM on Alaska 1001



Seated in front L to R: CAPT Darling, LT Davis, LT Bess, CDR Crane.

WMANNCA members standing behind them.

SPRING LUNCHEON AND CHAPTER MEETING

We had a good turnout for our 2022 Spring Luncheon and Chapter Meeting held on March 26th at the Fort Belvoir Golf Club. Over thirty-five members and guests attended the buffet and program. The program featured RADM (Ret) Rebecca McCormick-Boyle, (Catholic Health, Western New York), CAPT (Ret) Deirdre Smith (Walter Reed National Military Medical Center) and Ms. Joan Loepker-Duncan (Walter Reed National Military Medical Center) sharing their experiences while providing care during the COVID-19 crisis.

CONGRATULATIONS!

NEW WMANNCA OFFICERS!

The WMANNCA Board of Directors met on 25 June 2022 and elected officers for the 2022-23 Board. The new officers are: **Christine Boltz**, President; **Ana Stoer**, Vice-President, and **Boo Lahman**, Secretary. **Shelley Savage** is continuing as Treasurer.



IN MEMORIAM

CAPT Paul Mitchell Blose, Jr. NC, USNR
(Ret.)
7 June 1949 -28 September 2020

Local NNCA member Paul Blose, Jr. was born in Lawton OK on June 7, 1949 and was raised in Punxsutawney, PA. He attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania and joined the Navy in May 1979. He served for 30 years before retiring in 2009. He also worked for 20 years in the Washington DC VA Medical Center as a nurse and in computer security until he retired from Federal Service in 2015. He is survived by his wife, CAPT Virginia Torsch, MSC, USNR (Ret.). He died on September 28, 2020 from complications caused by a stroke.