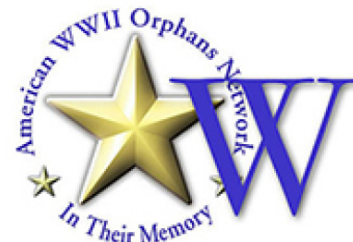




The Star



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AWON "Honor and Remember" National Conference REPORT

By AWON President Walt Linne



AWON President Walter Linne, son of SGT Walter John Linne, addresses the attendees of the recent "Honor and Remember" Conference at the Higgins Hotel in New Orleans, adjacent to the National WWII Museum.

What a wonderful time we had in New Orleans May 4-8, 2022, at AWON's 14th National Conference!

The "Honor and Remember" National conference was hosted by the beautiful Higgins Hotel, and featured as its center piece the National WWII Museum. The ambiance of both the museum and hotel made us feel like our Dads would be walking in at any time. And a big thanks to the staff of the museum and hotel for their professionalism and gracious support in honoring our Fathers. It made our conference truly one to remember!

There were 62 conferees present - 32 AWON members and 30 guests. To our great pleasure, our numbers included eight grandchildren and a surprise visit by Rosie-the-Riveter (Marge Harding, spouse of member Rolla Harding). Though the number of attendees was a little below our normal, no doubt due to the ongoing concerns over the pandemic and the sky-high cost of airline tickets, it produced an exceptional bonding experience for our orphan siblings who were in attendance.

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On Wednesday, the first day of the conference, most of the conferees checked in at the registration table in the main lobby of the Higgins Hotel. We had a packed house that evening at the informal welcome reception in the hospitality room, the Truman Suite.

Thursday morning began with continued conference registration in the main lobby. Once everyone had arrived, on Thursday afternoon we enjoyed the scheduled welcome presentations. Jeremy Collins, the museum's

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President's Message

by Walt Linne

How quickly the time has gone since our Spring issue of the STAR! It seems like being on a roller coaster on the downside of the run watching the events of the day, happy and sad, flashing by so quickly. Here I am 80 years old, already! What? Whoa! Wow! Happy birthday to me, 9/3/1942. (Ed. Note - Happy Birthday, Walt!) Now that I have caught my breath, I must bring you up to speed on what is happening with AWON...if I can remember!?

First off, I want to thank everyone who generously contributed to our Victory Paver dedicated during our recent Conference in New Orleans at the National WWII Museum. The cost of the Victory Paver was \$3,000.00; we raised \$3,930.00 and rolled \$930.00 over into the Wreath Fund. Good Job!!

I have received a letter from Stephen J. Watson, President, and CEO of the National WWII Museum in which he assures us that our sacrifice has been appropriately included in the new Liberation Pavilion at the National WWII Museum. I am anxious to visit the new pavilion at its opening to see this firsthand.

At the end of our national conference, AWON received a letter from The Joint Chief of Staff General Milley. In the letter (pg. 23) General Milley states: *it is my honor to give my thanks to the American World War II Orphan's Network (AWON). For more than 30 years, your organization has been dedicated to bridging the gap between our fallen World War II heroes and their sons and daughters.* What an honor! Many thanks to General Milley.

AWON First Founder/Secretary Lorin McCleary and I were interviewed by Indiana radio station WICR FM 88.7 *Hoosier History Live*, in regards to our losing our Fathers during WWII. If interested in listening to the podcast, there is a link to the program on pg. 20 along with some other AWON members in the media. You can email me at wlinne@iupui.edu for details on how to listen to the program.

Also, we need input about our next conference. See pg. 6.

And in closing, a bit of sad news - our dear sibling Patty Temte has gone on to see her Dad. Patty was a very active AWON member, and we are going to miss her. God bless her family.



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The Spirit of Rosie the Riveter was on display at AWON's 2022 "Honor and Remember" Conference! Above Left: Ginger Rutledge Gregory struts her stuff alongside Rosie! Above Right: Marge Harding, spouse of AWON member Rolla Harding, goes Full Rosie! You Go, Girls!!



Barry Barr-Finch shows off his 2022 Forgy Award. Barry was one of three deserving recipients of the Forgy, along with Gloria Layne and Rik Peirson! Congrats and thanks for all you guys do for AWON!

Director of Conferences and Symposia, provided an informative overview of the museum. Our next presenter was Kerry Ward from the Library of Congress. Kerry introduced us to the Library's Veteran's History Project and invited us to share our stories. Several of our orphans scheduled interviews for this project.

Next, we heard from two young Gold Star wives and mothers. Tabitha Farmer lost her husband Jonathan, who was KIA in Syria 16 January 2019. Seana Arrechaga, lost her husband Ofren, who was KIA 29 March 2011, in Afghanistan. Both of these young, upbeat Gold Star wives contacted VP Gloria Layne and invited themselves to the conference! Their intent was to mingle with us and learn how we broke the "Cone of Silence" to become a close-knit organization of WWII orphans. They had no such group but wanted to reach out to more young Gold Star wives and form a group similar to AWON.

Our final Thursday afternoon presenter was orphan author and member Janice Crandall Powers. Her book, *Pieces of Us*, touched many of us who have retraced the footsteps of our fathers. For those who haven't had the pleasure, Janice's book is available in the AWON Bookstore.

After the presentations, we had our Sharing Circles in the Higgins Hotel's Casablanca Room. Thursday evening concluded with the formal reception in the Patriot Room with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. What a wonderful day!

For Friday's activities, we met up in the lobby of the Higgins Hotel and marched over to the US Freedom Pavilion in the National WWII Museum for our Memorial Service.

The Memorial Service was led by Mistress of Ceremonies Bonnie Hellums with the assistance of AWON grandkids, Chris Fabri, Avelina Fenstermacher, William Fenstermacher, Jim Anthony, Kristen Curtis, Stephanie Kaila, Matthew Thomas and Rick Wisner reading the names of our Dads. The beautiful and meaningful Taps concluded the Memorial Service!

Following the service, we had the dedication of AWON's Victory Paver, in the heart of the National WWII Museum's campus, on the Parade Ground and Founders Plaza.

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Another Year of Remembering, Honoring, and Teaching!

AWON is partnering with Wreaths Across America Again in 2022!

By Sandra Walker

Their hopes buoyed after seeing the Allies triumphant in several horrific battles, by September 1944 American journalists started writing that troops could be home for Christmas. Soldiers and families were hopeful, not about just "being home for Christmas, if 🎵 only in dreams 🎵" but actually celebrating the holiday together.

Alongside the exciting headlines, reality existed: many Gold Star families endured an empty place at the dinner table. Into November 1944, the war in the Pacific and in Europe grew even more horrendous. During the Battle of the Bulge, Christmas Day was white.

Rather than any "dreaming", a hideous nightmare ran for hours as fighting raged through bitterly cold, cruel conditions. The season brought remembrances, especially for grieving children, wives, mothers, brothers and sisters. From both theaters of war, more telegrams were delivered well into the summer of 1945.

Today, remembrances from that profoundly sad, silent era will be beautifully expressed. This December 17, Wreaths Across America will orchestrate the placement of tens of thousands of wreaths across Arlington National Cemetery, and in 2,100 additional locations. WAA's iconic fresh evergreen wreath with a bright red bow placed against a snowy-white background spreads a heartfelt expression honoring selfless service to the United States and to the world.

Wreaths Across America (WAA) began in 1992 because of Mr. Morrill Worcester in Harrington, Maine. As a 12-year-old boy Worcester had visited Washington D.C. and the Arlington National Cemetery for the first time. The indelible impression of the vast cemetery stayed in his soul. When Mr. Worcester retired, he created a way to honor soldiers, especially ones who made the ultimate sacrifice.

From those humble beginnings at Arlington National Cemetery, today WAA reaches across the nation and even to our international American cemeteries.

While we at AWON observe the date of our Father's death, we also respect our national dates of remembrance

through the official Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day commemorations. National Wreaths Across America Day is another opportunity for us to pay our respects and remember the sacrifices of our fathers and the other young men just like our fathers, true American heroes.

While we aren't having a designated AWON WAA page this year, your participation is still welcome! If we as members actively participate, AWON interaction with WAA, a huge and nationally renowned organization, will help expand awareness of AWON, enabling us to possibly find more of our fellow orphans.

Above all else, we align with the WAA stated purpose: **Remember, Honor and Teach**, for WAA is committed to teaching younger generations where the value of their freedom rests. This AWON outreach project can broaden our ongoing commitment for lasting remembrance of the selfless sacrifice by our heroes.

Recognition day for Wreaths Across America was established in 2008 by the United States Congress, to be observed each December 13. In 2022 the placing of the WAA wreaths will be held on Saturday, December 17. The extensive national WAA organization offers the opportunity to send \$15 for a wreath and also fund additional wreaths. WAA is a non-profit 501-(c) (3). Additionally, WAA needs and welcomes volunteers regardless of location.

To read more about WAA's broad national and international involvement, one can go to their website, sign up for the weekly newsletter, and/or visit their home office in Columbia Falls, Maine. The Wreaths Across America website is found at: www.wreathsassamerica.org

Mailing address for Wreaths Across America: WAA, P.O. Box 249, Columbia Falls, Maine, 04623.

And one of the easiest ways to order from WAA is by phone: 877-385-9504.

Deadline to order is **November 28, 2022!**



Let's make our holiday season more meaningful by enhancing the remembrance of our Fathers through supporting Wreaths Across America - and beyond the United States, at our ABMC cemeteries abroad!

How do AWON members or supportive family engage in this important outreach project?

You can help in two ways:

1. Donating funds for a wreath or wreaths. One wreath is \$15. The most common donation is \$75 (five wreaths) but smaller donations are accepted. It is critical that anyone wishing to donate do so by **November 28, 2022**. All funds are due in the WAA office by that date.

2. Volunteering to help WAA in the placement of thousands of wreaths. To volunteer requires no financial investment, only a commitment of your time.

It is also very helpful to let friends and family know about the WAA program. Help spread the word about this awesome organization. One way to do this is by sending invitations to others at the time you place your order. They will learn about WAA and all it takes is the click of a button.

To send an invite, while placing orders online, you will be given the option to send an invite to friends and family to also make a donation. You can also choose to send a card to let someone know you've sent a wreath as a gift on their behalf. Or both!

IMPORTANT!!!! We are NOT using the AWON dedicated page at WAA this year. Instead, you should order your wreaths directly from WAA. WAA is a non-profit 501-(c) (3). Online donations in the form of wreath orders are completed securely on the WAA online fundraising page:

www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org. Or if you prefer, you may mail donations by cash or check using the fundraising form available on WAA's website. The deadline to order is **November 28, 2022**.

To indicate the choice of where to volunteer, on the WAA website go to the "all locations" listing and then find a convenient "specific location". Volunteers are guided by the location coordinator.

To donate wreaths to a specific cemetery, including the overseas cemeteries, from the HOME page of the WAA Site, select "sponsor a cemetery". This is in VERY SMALL white letters, just below the red "Sponsor Wreaths" button. Once you click that button, a window will open up that gives you the option to order wreaths to be delivered to a particular cemetery. If you don't select a cemetery, your wreaths will go to any cemetery where they are needed.

To order a grave-specific wreath, at the time you order your wreath online, be sure to click the box marked "Honor and Remember a Specific Person." You will be given the options to honor a deceased veteran, a living veteran or first responder, or just for your wreaths to go wherever they are needed. Please note, if you order an "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" Wreath, it cannot be delivered to a specific grave.

REMEMBER: Deadline to order is November 28!

Let's spread the AWON holiday spirit across the world this year! Support Wreaths Across America...

Remember, Honor and Teach.



Our Next National Conference????

By Walt Linne

At our AWON business meeting held during the "Honor and Remember" Conference in May, two very important questions arose:

WHEN and WHERE will our next conference be?

You may recall that historically, we have held conferences every two years, rotating the location all across the United States for members' convenience - but always aiming for areas with decent weather!

Above all else, we've always tried to hold our conferences near a place of interest for our members, whether that was mostly for fun, like when we visited Branson in 2002 or took our cruise in 2016, to attend a monumental event like the Dedication of the WWII Monument in 2004, or to learn more about our fathers, as we did at the National WWII Museum this year.

As we began our discussion of the location of our next conference, the very first comment that arose from the audience was, "Why wait two years? We're not getting any younger!?"

This question makes a great deal of sense, considering the ages of our members and that our "Honor and Remember" conference had to be repeatedly delayed due to the pandemic.

A suggestion was placed on the table to perhaps have a less formal, a shorter gathering such as a long weekend, giving us two or three days to socialize with our siblings, and to have it as soon as we feasibly can - meaning in 2023, rather than waiting another two years.

The first question we have for our members is regarding scheduling - or, the WHEN. Please let us know if you would like to meet next year, in 2023, or in two years - meaning we'll get together in 2024. How long a conference are you hoping for? Short and sweet, or longer to make up for lost time? Do you think you'll be able to attend? What circumstances would make it easier for YOU to be there? Would one of these options make it easier for you to attend than another?

But the when won't mean anything without the WHERE! Again, what would work best for you? What are your priorities - just having fun, or seeing some important sights along the way? Do you have any ideas about where to meet? Since our last conference was in the East, we'd prefer to have our next one somewhere in the West. Give us your best suggestions of Western destinations!

To sum up: Let us know WHEN to have our next AWON Conference - 2023 or 2024? Let us know WHERE to have our next AWON Conference - provided it's in the Western US somewhere!

And please let us know if you think you can make it! Fill us in, if any possible scenarios would be more helpful to you being in attendance than others. How can we facilitate maximum involvement?

We're looking forward to hearing from you, so we can start planning our next conference!

Please send your remarks to AWON President Walter Linne at wlinne@iupui.edu or by snail mail to AWON HQ, 5745 Lee Road, Indianapolis, IN, 46216



Above: The attendees of the 2022 "Honor and Remember" Conference having the time of their lives!

Below left: an up close view of AWON's Victory Paver at the National WWII Museum.

Below Right: The lovely and talented Victory Belles!



The memorial paver reads...

AWON
AMERICAN WWII ORPHANS NETWORK
183,000 CHILDREN
LEFT FATHERLESS
"IN THEIR MEMORY"

Next we watched the impressive and informative Museum film and finished our third conference day with a tour of the museum. It was truly amazing and an experience of a lifetime.

Day Four, Saturday, started off with our business meeting, followed by free time. Some of us spent more time at the museum. The "On and Off" bus tour to downtown New Orleans was also popular. Next we enjoyed the evening cocktail hour and dinner. At the conclusion of dinner, the presentation of the Colonel Jack Forgy Award was made to VP Gloria Layne, Board Member Barry Barr-Finch and Board Member and AWON

Webmaster Rik Peirson for their distinguished service to the American WWII Orphan Network.

Our entertainment of the night was the singing Victory Belles, a delightful vocal trio performing the music of the war years at The National WWII Museum. Many of us were still in our playpens when the music of the 40's was playing on the radio. Yet after their performance, the Victory Belles told us that we were the first audience who knew every word of the songs they sang! Our closing song at every national conference has been "I'll Be Seeing You". The Victory Belles closed with that song and there was not a dry eye in the house. Our Dads were looking down on us that evening.

Sunday came too soon! We said our farewells and "Until We Meet Again" - hopefully a little sooner this time! God bless and safe travels!



2022 AWON BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION BALLOT

Names of the eleven candidates for the AWON Board of Directors are listed below, in order of their biographies, which appear on pages 9-14 of this newsletter. You may vote for up to nine candidates, but you are not required to vote for nine. Only members in good standing (dues paid) may vote.

VOTE FOR UP TO NINE:

- ☐ Ken Underwood
- ☐ Rik Peirson
- ☐ Roberta Nolan
- ☐ Robert Meek
- ☐ Lorin McCleary
- ☐ Walter Linne
- ☐ Marilyn Lieurance
- ☐ Gloria Layne
- ☐ Judi Kramer
- ☐ Bob Holliday
- ☐ Bonnie Hellums

Instructions: Clip, print off, or photocopy this ballot. If printing or photocopying ballot, please only print ONE per voting member. You may vote for up to nine candidates, but you do not have to vote for nine. Return the ballots to the address below. Postmark must be on or before December 1.

IMPORTANT: Your name and address must appear on the envelope so your membership status can be verified. Once verified, the ballot will be removed from the envelope and placed in a container. The envelope will be discarded. Your vote will remain anonymous. Envelopes received with no name and address will be void. Ballots with more than nine boxes checked will be void. Ballots received after December 10th will be void. Marks made outside a box will not be counted, so please vote carefully.

Mail ballot to:
Robert Meek
AWON Ballot Chairman
4225 Second Street Northeast
Hickory, NC 28601-9035

VOTING IS ONE OF THE PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP. PLEASE VOTE!
RETURN YOUR BALLOT IMMEDIATELY TO ENSURE IT COUNTS!
DON'T WAIT FOR THE DEADLINE - MAIL ASAP!

Your 2022 AWON Board of Directors Candidates!

by Lorin McCleary, AWON Board Secretary,
and Bob Meek, Election Committee Chairman

Per AWON Bylaws, 2022 is a year when Directors of AWON are to be elected. Following procedures in our ByLaws, the election was announced, and nominees were solicited in the Spring issue of The Star.

We are pleased that four members stepped up to run for the Board: Bonnie Hellums, Marilynn Lieurance, Roberta Nolan, and Ken Underwood, in addition to returning candidates Bob Holliday, Judi Kramer, Gloria Layne, Walter Linne, Lorin McCleary, Robert Meek, and Rik Peirson.

Ann Mix, our Founder, does not need to stand for election; ByLaws state that as Founder, Ann is a permanent member of the AWON Board of Directors.

Starting at right, on the next six pages are the biographies of candidates for the AWON Board of Directors. Biographies are listed in alphabetical order, and candidate names will be listed in reverse-alphabetical order on the ballot for the sake of fairness.

Your ballot is at left. Please photo-copy, print off, or cut out the ballot. Be sure to read each biography fully, and carefully read and follow the instructions on the ballot for submitting a valid ballot.

Ballots must be mailed by December 1, 2022 and received by Dec. 10th, regardless of postmark. Results will be printed in the Winter 2023 edition of the AWON Star.



Bonnie Hellums

I am a retired Senior State Court Judge who lives in Houston, Texas. My daddy, 1st Lt. Pete Blackford, was killed one month after I was born when he was piloting a B17 that crashed in North Africa.

I have been involved with AWON for about 20 years. In my professional life, I was a lawyer and then a judge. I also spent 18 years in University work: 3 years at the University of Houston as Head of Women's Housing followed by 15 years as the Dean of Students at Rice University. I am a complete retirement failure as I am still sitting in 8 counties as a visiting judge and serving on numerous boards and state commissions.

In addition to an awesome husband, I have two children. My daughter, Gretchen is a therapist with two children. My son, Lt Col Josh Hellums, has three children and is the Regimental Surgeon for the 160th at Ft Campbell, Kentucky.

Ideas for the Board: I think we need to do all we can to provide opportunities for our children and grandchildren to encourage and facilitate their interest in the AWON work including honoring our fathers, their grandfathers and grandmothers. Reality is hitting that we do not have that much time left, so we need to educate and encourage them to fill our shoes when we are gone. It was wonderful at the conference in New Orleans to have the next generations participating in calling our fathers' names. I would like to help us continue what has been started by serving on the Board again as I did quite a few years ago.

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Bob Holliday

Bob's previous Board Experience: Iowa Supreme Court Grievance Commission; AWON Board, this past year, and member since 1999; Past Chair, American Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, Iowa Chapter; Past Chair, Des Moines YMCA Camp Board; Iowa State and Polk County Bar Associations-various committees; Roosevelt High School Foundation Board; Drake University Football Board; Drake University Law School Board of Counselors; Past Chair, Big-8 Collegiate Football Officials Association. I have been on the Board of the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum for 25 years, and am the present Chair. I have served as the Chair for the past 19 years.

Special skills: problem solving, mediation, leadership, bringing people together, handling difficult tasks. I am the AWON member who commenced the present day efforts to convince the ABMC that it made a very bad mistake in dropping the Flower Program. There are four of us involved. The ABMC managed to pour salt into that wound by not bringing family into the discussion prior to making such a decision. Our departed sister, Susan Hadler had been one of us. She is truly missed. In the memory of our Fathers and Susan we will succeed.

Bob's Vision for AWON for the next two years: AWON is an outstanding organization. What it represents and its missions should be known far and wide. I found AWON when one of my Dad's fellow Officers from WWII, having read a Reader's Digest article on AWON, told me to read the article. We are the remaining off-spring of the Greatest Generation. Our Fathers died for the very freedoms we, as Americans, are fortunate to live with. We cannot let their memories be forgotten. What they gave to this country, what they did for everyone who lives here. It is up to us to preserve their memory and to pass that preservation on to future generations of Americans. Perhaps younger Americans can learn something from all of that. We need more members. We need to search out and bring back members that have dropped out. That, and to bring the grandchildren into the fold here.



Judi Kramer

Judi's Previous Board Experience: Past AWON Board of Directors - 10 yrs. Member of various teams and organizations while working.

Special Skills: Public speaking - good communicator and listener. Ability to lead. Organizational - (co-chair 2014 Seattle conference)

Vision for AWON for next two years: Involve more members, better communication with members. Reach out to them - ask what they want to get from AWON. Listen to the members. Ensure that funds are used wisely.

How you can best serve AWON as a Board Member: Be a committed member of the board. Listen to all points of view and make the appropriate decisions for the good of AWON.

Personal: Member of AWON since 1991. Attended all conferences. Volunteer in my community - Cancer/breast cancer/heart disease awareness.

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Gloria Layne
(b. Zuccarella)

Gloria's Previous Board Experience: AWON Board and President. Bright Side Manor Board & Chairperson. Tenaflly Senior Citizens Committee Chairperson. Vestry Church of the Atonement. Bergen County Office on Aging Advisory Council. Englewood Hospital Advisory Council. Special Skills: Management & administration; PR; event planning; assessing needs & finding creative ways to meet those needs; establishing outreach programs & ability to connect people/organizations; exprienced with government programs and seeking financial and in-kind support for programs.

Vision for AWON for the next two years: I would like to make an effort to establish a greater connectivity with our membership and provide more personal interactions with members by calls and notes to keep members more engaged in the 'what's happening'. I am also interested in continuing work on projects the Board is already pursuing.

How you can best serve AWON as a Board Member: I would be helpful with establishing outreach programs as well as acting as liaison to government officials and other organizations, i.e. TAPS, museums and supporting the projects of other members of the Board.

Personal: I have experience working in private industry, the non-profit world and with both federal and county governments. I love to travel; I am a "Margraten kid"; I enjoy being with family and friends and I enjoy my current role as "professional volunteer".



Marilynn
Lieurance

I am the daughter of 1LT Hanford James "Rusty" Rustand, born five months after he was KIA Nov. 2, 1944, in Libehna, Germany.

My work for a Not-for-Profit organization, in Development as a fundraiser in-charge of Major Donors and Special Events throughout the United States and Canada, gives me a background in dealing with people from many walks of life in different parts of our country. I pulled in the prospective donors the organization had been seeking for several years, and always enjoy giving my best to anything I do. Something most people don't know about me is that I'm part of an organization that successfully looks for our MIAs. I am also AWON's coordinator and liason of the Memorial Day Event at the White House.

My hopes for AWON are to carry on the memories of our fathers and continued respect for our veterans. I stand for what is right even when the road is tough, and fight for the rights of Gold Star Families.

It's a great honor to be considered for a position on the Board of Directors for the American WWII Orphans Network.



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Walt Linne



Lorin McCleary

Walt's Previous Board Experience: St. Mary Elementary School, Board Member, 1976-1978. Scecina Memorial High School, Board of Governors, 1990-1998. AWON Board of Directors 1993-2003. President of AWON Board of Directors since 2018.

Special Skills: Retired USAF Command Pilot and Retired Asst. Director of Operations, Indiana University. Served in numerous leadership positions in the military and civilian service.

Vision for AWON for the next two years: Continue to reach out to WWII Orphans, helping to keep our Fathers' sacrifice alive.

How you can best serve AWON as a Board Member: Serve as needed on the AWON Board.

Personal: Team Player.

Lorin's Previous Board Experience: Organizer of AWON First Founders Meeting; Member - AWON First Founders; AWON First President; Past AWON Board Member; Secretary, AWON 2018 and 2020 BOD, recipient of AWON's Col. Jack O. Forgy Distinguished Service Award.

Special Skills: Enthusiasm for AWON's mission and its members! Extensive business experience and organizational skills. Effective written and electronic communicator. Good at formulating plans and implementing them. Strong computer skills. I serve as the AWON database coordinator.

Vision for AWON for next two years: Continue moving AWON towards health and vibrancy. Continued emphasis on member services, membership recruitment and retention. More responsiveness to membership input and needs. Encourage AWON Regional development and meetings.

Personal: B.S. Indiana University M.S. University of Pittsburgh. Married, 2 daughters, 4 grandsons, 1 granddaughter. Have been a member of AWON since 1993. Membership in AWON literally changed my life, enabling me to come to terms with my father's death in WWII and to honor his service and sacrifice. I want to make sure that our organization will continue on so as to make these things possible for others.

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Robert Meek Jr.



Roberta Nolan

Robert's Previous Board Experience: Vice-President AWON BOD. Vice Chairman, Executive Committee, Diocese of Western Carolina (Episcopal). Senior Warden, Finance Warden, Vestry Member, Church of the Ascension and St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Member District and Committee Boy Scouts of America, President, Treasurer and Board Member Catawba Valley Wildlife Club, Chairman and member Hickory Historic Preservation Commission, Member Catawba County Adjustment Board. Member Catawba County Historic Commission. Member Cathedral Chapter, All Souls' Cathedral. Member Hickory Farmers' Market BOD.

Special Skills: Legislative Experience, Budgeting and Financial Management. Retired Army Colonel.

Vision for AWON: To continue to seek out WWII orphans and get more grandchildren involved.

How best can I serve AWON: Legislative conduit and budgeting.

I learned that AWON is looking to elect members to the Board of Directors. I am very interested in this opportunity and am putting myself forward as a candidate. I have had the pleasure of attending Memorial Day events at the White House twice and the distinct honor of giving a speech at the World War II Memorial on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. My father was captured in the Bulge, was a prisoner of war, and died when I was five weeks old. So, while I never knew him, I know of him and it is my responsibility and distinct privilege to honor him, his memory, and that of all who served. I would appreciate the opportunity to fulfill that mission by serving on the the Board of Directors of AWON.

I hold a Doctor of Education degree and have worked as Dean of Admissions at Philadelphia universities for 25 years. I am now retired. My husband is a retired Navy Captain who fully supports my seeking this opportunity.

Tapping into my professional experience and education, I would propose launching "Project Torch", facilitating outreach to the next generation. Our heroes lit the torch, AWON members are carrying the torch, and we must pass the torch to our children and grandchildren so they can carry on, ensuring our Heroes are perpetually honored. Past, present, future. In their memory. Never forgotten.

Thank you for your consideration.

Roberta D. Nolan, Ed. D.

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Meet your 2022 AWON Board of Directors Candidates!

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Rik Peirson

Rik's Previous Board Experience: American Advertising Federation, Santa Barbara; Vietnam Veterans of America - 218th; Unity Shoppe; Victoria Street Community House. Special Skills: Planning, Marketing, Primary Research, Advertising, Writing, Design, Branding, Web Development, and Media Relations.

Vision for AWON for next two years: Focus on Reviewing and Prioritizing AWON Missions ~ Long-term as well as Short-term; Completing the Website Upgrade; Deploying OUTreach; Boosting AWON Awareness and Membership; More INreach - Polling and Understanding the Needs and Preferences of the Membership; More Board Transparency and Sharing of Critical Resources; Developing Volunteerism; Optimizing Coordination between the AWON Website and the Star; Promoting Greater Tribute Participation by the Membership; Restoring the ABMC Flower Program.

How you can best serve AWON as a Board member: INSIDE ~ Promoting Management by Collaboration and Consensus: OUTSIDE ~ Through increasing Outreach and Membership; and by Researching, Remembering, & Honoring our Fathers.

Personal: B.A. Penn State; Decorated Vietnam combat veteran; CPT, Military Intelligence; Willing to Work; Married 41 years: Dianna. Children: Lindsey; Grandchildren: Zack and Tanner.



Ken Underwood

My name is Kenneth Underwood II, and I am the son of LT Kenneth Harry Underwood and Alice McPartling Underwood, of Topeka, Kansas. I attended high school and college in Kansas, graduating Kansas State University in 1967, and later attended graduate school at Pepperdine University.

I would like to see AWON be more visible to the American people. Americans still respect what our fathers did for our country. But WWII is beginning to be a paragraph in history books. I won't get into the politics of that, but it is true.

Last year the Friends of the WWII MEMORIAL asked me to do a 42 minute Vimeo about how the war still reverberates with children of WWII veterans. It was shown to educators around the nation and to some overseas. The idea was to tell teachers about a single person who was killed in the war and left a "War Orphan" behind. Teachers can then connect students to one family's experience, rather than 400,000.

Each of us has a story to tell. But we are getting older and like our fathers' generation, our ranks are thinning. AWON needs to reach out to non-members and increase our membership. AWON does a wonderful job with The STAR. We need to find a way to put our mission the hands of educators and others who can continue our work. This will be my priority if I'm selected to serve on the Board of Directors.

The old saying "the squeaky wheel gets the grease" is very true. Let's do more "squeaking!"

ONGOING EFFORT TO CHANGE RECENT ABMC PULLBACK

by Rondy Elliot

Some of you may have read about our ongoing efforts to restore the ABMC Flower Program in last month's STAR. It is imperative we get the word out to as many folks as we can! Please help to spread the word!

Around the time of Memorial Day, 2015, the American Battle Monuments Commission decided to make a major change in a service they had been providing to the next of kin of our soldiers who died for our freedoms, and are buried in foreign lands. It was about decorating the graves of our loved ones - in our case, fathers - with the ABMC acting as liaison between us and the placing of floral decorations. Most of us who knew about the program used this function about two times a year.

This program worked smoothly for 70 years., but in 2015, without consulting any of us who would be affected, they decided to have us do the ordering via the Internet, with only a list of local florists provided to us. We had always done the paying, of course, but now the full responsibility of purchasing flowers fell onto our shoulders. This new process became fraught with difficulty - language issues, currency exchanges, mix-ups in the flowers getting to the cemetery, and sometimes, the ordering party (us) did not receive confirmation that this had been done. None of these things had been problematic before.

A small group of us who used the program - AWON members, but not officially representing AWON - took it upon ourselves to approach the ABMC, inform them of the problems, and try to get them to revert back to doing things the old way. In the past 5 1/2 years we have visited DC several times at our own expense, solicited the help of influential senators and military men, but to no avail. Our ABMC, to whom we are eternally grateful for the meticulous upkeep of our cemeteries among other things, remains firmly opposed on this issue.

Yet the reasons they have given for the decision just don't make good sense. Redoubling our efforts, early in 2022 we talked with the AWON Board of Directors, who wrote a letter of support on behalf of AWON. We also have letters of support from many other national groups

including "The Society of Former Guards of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier," three 4-Star generals (one each from Army, Marines, Air Force) and several US senators.

Even though AWON members would be among the biggest beneficiaries of the Flower Program, not all of us have fathers buried overseas. And even for those of us who do, the old Floral Decoration Program was never publicized, so most never knew about it. All of us who used it in the past had learned of the service by accident. Therefore the usage has been relatively low up to now, but that doesn't change the fact that the NEED is present, and pressing.

We feel that an agency of our federal government should act on our behalf. It's only right. The ABMC is the only direct link we have to our dads buried across miles of ocean. Sending flowers is one of the best ways we can honor them, particularly as the years go by. It's increasingly difficult for us to travel overseas, and many cannot go at all. We want our kids and grandkids, when we are gone, to be able to contact the ABMC directly, and let them take it from there. One of the tenets in the original mission of the ABMC statement was, in essence, 'to help next of kin in the expression of their grief.' Yet they've stopped doing that in regard to the Flower Program.

The reason for this article is to give you, our members, a heads-up, because it is likely that we may need to enlist your help. Soon, we will need to individually write letters to senators who are on the committees which oversee the operation of the ABMC. It is under the jurisdiction of the Executive Branch but relies on Legislators for funding.

Thank you for your time. If you would like to become more active and/or informed about this, please contact one of the committee members listed below.

In Their Memory,
Rondy Elliott
Bob Holliday (chairperson)
Rik Peirson
Marilynn Lieurance
Susan Hadler (sadly, deceased)



AWON Memorial Day 2022 In Their Memory...



See more wreath photos and remembrances by clicking the Connected "W"!!



2022 Wreath Photos, Previous Page:

Top Left: Jean-Marc Lesueur at Normandy American Cemetery

Top Right: Bernard Achten and Régine Villers at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

Middle: North Africa American Cemetery

Bottom Left: Epinal American Cemetery
Bottom Right: Luxembourg American Cemetery



2022 Wreath Photos, This Page:

Top Left: Cambridge American Cemetery
Top Right: Vanita Rae Smith at the Cemetery of the Pacific

Middle: Manila American Cemetery

Bottom: Brittany American Cemetery



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2022 Wreath Photos, This Page:

Top Left: Netherlands American Cemetery
Top Right: Sicily-Rome American Cemetery

Bottom: Ardennes American Cemetery

2022 Memorial Day Photos, Next Page:

Top Left: The AWON Wreath being presented at Margraten by the Spronckens.
Top Right: A Memorial toast in honor of LT George Francis, father of Barbara Kelly.

Middle Left: Ken Underwood presents AWON's Wreath at the WWII Memorial.
Middle Right: One of the many banners featuring AWON Fathers' names.

Bottom Left: Marie Achten with AWON's contribution at Henri-Chapelle.
Bottom Middle: Gretchen Wronka and the crew at Florence American Cemetery
Bottom Right: Vicente Lim IV with AWON's wreath at Manila American Cemetery.





See MORE Memorial Day Photos online
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THE FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WWII MEMORIAL NEED YOUR HELP!

Contributors for Friends of the National WWII Memorial Virtual Education Series Needed!

By Rondy Elliot,
AWON Liason to the National WWII Memorial

Holly Rotondi, the director of the Friends of the National WWII Memorial, asked if any AWON members might be willing to contribute to the monthly "Virtual Education Conference Series" that the Friends have been sponsoring. Holly hopes to schedule one of us each month to take part in this monthly event. Several AWON members have already participated, and their presentations have been warmly received.

The conference installments are prerecorded and are posted publicly on Saturdays. They are roughly 30 minute presentations, in which you can use pictures, letters, and your own recollections to educate participants in your father's life and death, and your experience growing up without him. You can choose a topic, but mostly people just tell their personal stories. Our presentations have always been warmly received. Grandchildren are also welcome to volunteer, because each of you have unique stories, also!

If you're interested in being a part of this amazing program, but are worried that it might be intimidating or that you're not technologically savvy enough to make it happen, don't worry. A professional videographer from the Memorial will get in touch with you ahead of time and help you each step of the way. And remember, the series is prerecorded, so there's no cause for concern if you're not an experienced public speaker - mistakes can be fixed by the videographer during editing! It's such a rewarding experience, and I hope you all think about participating!

The dates of the Fall-Winter series 2022-2023 are as follows: October 15, November 19, December 17, January 21, February 18, March 18. If you are interested and willing, contact Holly Rotondi at: hrotondi@wwiimemorialfriends.org

What is A Virtual Education Conference?

The Friends of the National WWII Memorial have put together an incredible Monthly Educational Conference Series on a variety of WWII-themed subjects. Several members of AWON have been featured so far in this series, including Sam Tannenbaum, Arthur Chotin, Janice Powers, Robert Meek, Gerry Morenski, Bob Holliday, Sandra Lane Walker, and Nancy Kragh among others.

Additional videos have been made by historians like Friend of AWON Alex Kershaw, and even some videos made by veterans themselves. These videos can be accessed easily at the [Friends of the WWII Memorial Site](#) (just click the link on your e-device) or by searching for "monthly video series" in the Friends' search box, with the magnifying glass.

Editor's Note - Be sure you click on the point/tip of the "play" arrow in the lower corner of the video, rather than the back or center of the icon, as I had trouble getting the videos to play at first.

AWON Appearances in the Media:

In addition to the ongoing Friends of the National WWII Memorial Conference Series, AWON Members have made some other recent appearances in the media! Be sure to check them out!

Robert Meek discussed the importance of Memorial Day May 28, 2022 on First Talk: The Hal Rowe Show on WHKY Radio. You can listen to the program on demand here: <https://whky.com/first-talk/>

*Walter Linne and Lorin McCleary were featured on WICR Radio's podcast "Hoosier History Live" recently. The topic - **World War II: Young Children Whose Parents Were Killed**, a subject they are both all too familiar with. You can listen here: [Hoosier History Live, Walt Linne and Lorin McCleary](#)*

Linda Chauvin was featured on Spokane, WA's KHQ News with the recovery of the remains of her father, Spokane native LT Eugene P. Shauvin. You can watch the clip here: [KHQ News Eugene Shauvin](#)

The Star Guidelines for Submitting Material

We want to tell your story and your family's story. We accept submissions both electronically and via US mail. If you have an article or picture and aren't sure how to submit it, that's ok. Message *The Star* and we will work with you.

Please keep text reasonable in length. 500-1000 words or 1 page is a good guideline, but we publish longer pieces too. Preference is given to material written by, for, and about AWON members and families.

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Make Sure the Next Generation Hears YOUR Family Story!!!!



The STAR needs your submissions today!

Don't let those stories go untold!!

As we head into AWON's NEXT Thirty Years, we here at *The Star* want to urge every AWON member to share the story of your father's life, your family's loss, and your personal journey to learn more about where you came from. Please don't hesitate - contribute! It's easy - our editors will do all the hard stuff, we just need to hear from YOU! Submit today!

Calling all AWON Members!!

All AWON members in good standing are invited to participate in AWON's MeWe page! If you aren't sure about your membership status please send an email to awon@awon.org To join AWON or renew membership visit: <https://www.awon.org/application>

The new MeWe ListServ



National Wreaths Across America Day is coming December 17, 2022! Please see pages 4-5 for more info about how you can get involved to Remember, Honor, and Teach.

WAR COMES TO READING, PA - 2022

by Stewart "Rusty" Lerch



AWON Great-Grandkids Tate and Marshall Holmes show off their treasured copy of the 2022 Reading, PA WWII Weekend poster.

A Letter from General Mark Milley, Reprinted on the following page -

AWON was deeply honored to receive the gracious letter of thanks on page 23, from US Army General Mark Milley, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. We have reprinted it in its entirety for every AWON Member to read and enjoy!



As the bombers were taking off on their missions, a battle was raging in a French village. As Japanese and American fighter planes were in a duel to the death in the sky, the American flag was being raised on Iwo Jima. The Reading, PA World War II weekend of June 3rd - 5th, 2022 was in full bloom.

Over 1500 reenactors opened their camp sites to all who attended the three-day show. Some of the guests enjoyed rides in the over 200 military vehicles present, and even the adults joined the kids in climbing on and around the three Sherman tanks that showed up. As guests meandered through the home front, hangar, medical facility, flea market or battle fields, they encountered living history performers, including Winston Churchill, Lord Mountbatten, Douglas MacArthur, Fleet Admirals Chester Nimitz and William "Bull" Halsey, George S. Patton, General Carl Spaatz, Admiral Raymond Spruance, and a young naval officer by the name of LT JG John F. Kennedy.

It's hard to find entertainment anywhere that rivals the total package offered at the World War II Weekend in Reading. Singers like Theresa Eaman, America's Sweethearts, big bands like Swing Fever and Let's Dance, The Martin Sisters Band and the shows put on by the Spirit of the Airways Players delight and astound.

But of course, first and foremost, it is the WWII veterans that the people come to see and talk with, and rightfully so. They are the true stars of any gathering. My son Kevin helped me man the AWON table this year and we talked to a lot of people - including a woman who gave us two names of WWII orphans, prospective AWON siblings for us to hopefully connect with in the very near future.

The last song sung at every WWII Weekend is "I'll be Seeing You" and it always brings tears to the eyes. I hope I'll be seeing you next year at the Mid Atlantic Air Museum, Reading Regional Airport, Reading, PA so we can take a walk back to the time of our Fathers together. In Their Memory!

AWON 2022 EOM Account Totals					
Treasurer Report as of 8/31/2022					
	General (Wreath)	Conference	Book Source	Money Market	Comment
JANUARY	\$23,334.51 (\$5,784.27) (\$1,625.00)	\$1,384.50	\$471.27	\$48,073.70	Note: The General Fund includes (Wreath Fund) deposits.
FEBRUARY	\$24,204.61 (\$5,954.27) (\$1,675.00)	\$2,184.50	\$453.04	\$48,074.48	
MARCH	\$26,357.71 (\$6,326.27) (\$2,330.00)	\$7,034.50	\$448.00	\$48,074.89	
APRIL	\$26,774.76 (\$6,481.27) (\$2,430.00)	\$14,234.50	\$460.84	\$48,075.28	
MAY	\$25,308.18 (\$7,296.27)	\$2,433.47	\$444.38	\$48,075.69	
JUNE	\$25,474.82 (\$7,496.27)	\$1,553.53	\$439.38	\$48,076.08	The Paver Fund has been resolved and removed from the General Fund as of May
JULY	\$25,602.02 (\$7,536.27)	\$1,553.53	\$434.38	\$48,076.49	
AUGUST	\$25,855.07 (\$7,571.27)	\$1,553.53*	\$429.38	\$48,076.90	
SEPTEMBER					
OCTOBER					
NOVEMBER					
DECEMBER					
* No bank fee is applied to the Conference Fund					



CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
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A MESSAGE IN HONOR OF THE AMERICAN WORLD WAR II ORPHAN'S NETWORK

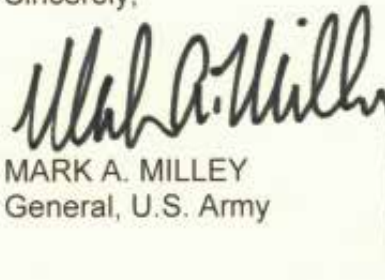
As the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, it is my honor to give my thanks to the American World War II Orphan's Network (AWON). For more than 30 years, your organization has been dedicated to bridging the gap between our fallen World War II heroes and their sons and daughters. On behalf of the Joint Force, please accept our appreciation for your continued efforts to remember the selfless sacrifice of those who gave their lives for this Nation.

We recognize and honor the sacrifice of your loved ones who stood to preserve our freedom at home and abroad. They willingly shouldered great responsibility and made a difference, not just for themselves, but for others. We acknowledge their bravery, and commitment to the mission and values of the U.S. Armed Forces and our great Nation. No words can adequately express the debt we owe the members of the Greatest Generation.

We also wish to acknowledge all of the extraordinary families. The perseverance and strength you display on a daily basis is inspiring to us all. Nothing prepares us to deal with such a loss as this—please know that we share in your grief and hope you find peace, comfort, and a sense of shared community.

Thank you to the many volunteers involved in the AWON. Your actions to help build an ongoing and significant relationship of comfort, through programs that reinforce a positive message of remembrance is not lost on me—we are humbled by the sacrifices and grateful for the commitment to never forget.

Sincerely,



MARK A. MILLEY
General, U.S. Army

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Basic Orphan Member Dues are \$25 a year – starting when we receive your check. This includes your AWON Membership Card, a Web Tribute for your father, a physical or E-version of our quarterly newsletter, **The Star**, a personal account on the AWON online List-serv, and an account on the AWON Facebook Page.

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Please circle your Dues Level below:

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Here's How: 1. Have a look at our website's **TRIBUTE** section at www.awon.org (click "Our Fathers") to see what others have done; 2. Check the web page on "How to prepare a Father Tribute" – (at www.awon.org/check5.html); then 3. Scan (or have a Kinko's scan) your best picture of your loved one in uniform; 4. Collect your thoughts, memories, and service record of your loved one; 5. Send your JPG-formatted image and between 500 and 1,100 words to our Tribute Stager, Nancy Sue Johnson. Her E-Mail address is . . . janceysue@gmail.com. If you need her snailmail address, just call Nancy Sue at 406/529-2315.

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