

AWON's New Website Is Coming Soon!

By AWON Webmaster Rik Peirson



Save the Date! ~ Monday, March 1, 2021!

On that day, your browser will find the new AWON Website . . . at www.awon.org. The content we've always known is BACK ~ in a brand new format.

The new and improved AWON Website will include the AWON collection of Tributes, Events, Memorials, Resources, Remembrances, and Publications. There are NEW elements, too ~ a new Board Page, ETO and PTO MAPS, and treatments of all 16 ABMC cemeteries that hold WWII dead all over the world.

Look for the latest 2022 Conference information, too ~ plus several ways to join our Membership, several pages on The Star ~ including a page where you can find the latest issue ~ and a page about how to contribute your article!

In all, there are more than 70 leading subjects in 10 sections ~ including a Members-only section for which you'll need a Password - which we'll convey in a Members-only setting.

The new site involves hundreds of pages on three different servers. One is our new "Hub" server on Squarespace; a second server brings reproductions of many original pages, and ~ with thanks to West-Point.org ~ most of our Historical and Memorial pages are accessible as well.

In time we will add even more pages and functionality.

For an overview of what awaits you at AWON's new website, please see pages 4-7 for more!

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www.awon.org!

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President's Message

by Walt Linne

Happy 2021!

Things are looking up with the coronavirus vaccine now available and our AWON National Conference rescheduled for May 4 – May 8, 2022. Our membership was very adamant about staying in New Orleans at the Higgins Hotel across the street from the National WWII Museum. More information will appear on our Website and in the next *Star* as we finalize the contract. See you in New Orleans!

By the way, our next *Star* newsletter will be the 100th issue dating back to the 1991 founding of AWON by Ann Bennett Mix, the First Editor. Help us celebrate by sending your best AWON Moment whether it be personal experience or an expression of love for your Father's sacrifice. Please send to: AWON *Star*, 5745 Lee Road, Indianapolis IN 46216 or president@awon.org, so we can share the joy of knowing your Father.

As AWON is in our 30th year of existence as a non-profit, non-political, humanitarian organization I have reflected on where we have come and where we are going as an organization.

Where we have come from? AWON has located and brought together sons and daughters of those who died or are missing as a result of American involvement in World War II, honored the service and sacrifice of our Fathers and provided information and support to these people who were orphaned by the war.

Where we are going? We must continue our mission to our last breath and must continue to promote relationships with organizations whose purpose and goals are to keep our Fathers, and all veteran's sacrifices alive, such as the National WWII Museum, WWII Memorial, Gold Star Mothers, VFW, The American Legion, Tragedy Assist Program for Survivors (TAPS), Sons and Daughters In Touch (Vietnam Orphans), etc.

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How do we do this?

1.) For the short term we need to increase our active membership by 100 members. So, pass the word, especially if you are close to a former member, and have them renew their membership.

2.) For the long term we are setting up a new subcommittee of the AWON Board comprised of grandchildren. We would love to talk with grandchildren interested in WWII history even if they are not AWON members at present. Please contact me at president@awon.org.

In Our Fathers' Memory!

The 100th Edition of *The Star* is coming soon!!! Submit today!

Please send us your photos, your stories, your memories!

Send your submissions to:
Star Editor Kristin Holmes
PO Box 242 Creston, Wa, 99117

atomicsagebrush@gmail.com or star@awon.org

One of AWON's biggest challenges is keeping membership up to date. If you aren't sure about your status and think it may be time for you to renew, please send an email to:

awon@awon.org

In the subject line of your email, please write "Membership Check".

If it is time for you to renew, we'll include your membership form in our reply!! It's so easy!

To join AWON or renew membership yourself visit:

www.awon.org/membership.html

Find AWON on Facebook!



AWON 2020 EOM Account Totals

Treasurer Report as of 12/31/2020

	General (Wreath)	Conference	Book Source	Money Market
JANUARY	\$14,644.50 (\$1,585.00)	\$6,330.55	\$613.35	\$48,222.84
FEBRUARY	\$15,471.42 (\$1,807.00)	\$8,365.55	\$523.35	\$48,252.62
MARCH	\$17,150.52 (\$1,982.00)	\$3,379.50	\$315.35	\$48,245.23
APRIL	\$15,815.42 (\$2,082.00)	\$1,159.50	\$346.75	\$48,227.63
MAY	\$17,123.22 (\$2,490.00)	\$599.50	\$341.75	\$48,210.04
JUNE	\$18,327.38 (\$2,663.00)	\$409.50	\$336.75	\$48,192.43
JULY	\$17,928.43 (\$2,683.00)	\$404.50	\$368.15	\$48,174.84
AUGUST	\$18,814.48 (\$2,858.00)	\$399.50	\$363.15	\$48,152.25
SEPTEMBER	\$19,565.53 (\$2,993.00)	\$394.50	\$358.15	\$48,139.64
OCTOBER	\$18,758.14 (\$3,003.00)	\$389.50	\$362.07	\$48,122.05
NOVEMBER	\$18,816.63 (\$3,003.00)	\$384.50	\$335.97	\$48,104.45
DECEMBER	\$18,702.80 (\$3,093.00)	\$379.50	\$330.97	\$48,086.85

Sneak a peek at AWON's New Website!

Welcome to AWON!

We're the American World War II Orphans Network



These three initial HOME Page squares pictured above are BUTTONS ~ that will describe who WE are ~ the available categories of AWON Membership ~ and some of the many ways YOU can be involved with initiatives that honor and remember our Fathers.

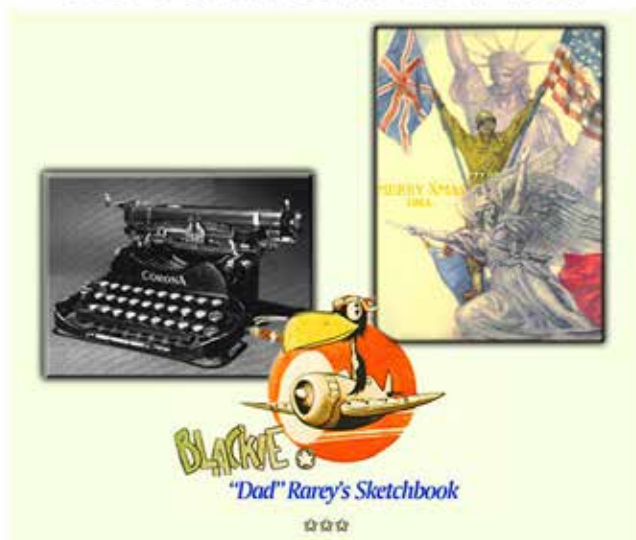
Founder's Welcome



183,000 children received survivor benefits from the U.S. Government as a result of WWII. If you're one of these people, you've come to the right place!

Check out the Sentiments of WWII page! It includes Ernie Pyle's story of Captain Henry Waskow, Dad Rarey's Sketchbook, writings and poems and miscellaneous musings of Member and Non-member submissions over the years.

Our Sentiments of WWII:



We have a new Membership Video! It's SHORT, SWEET, and SIMPLE ~ as our central Membership message isn't complicated! The perfect thing for sharing with prospective members, including children and grandchildren!

Our Membership Video:



NEW are Maps for both the European and Pacific Theaters, as pictured below ~ as our eventual goal is to be able to specifically locate our Fathers relative to where they gave their lives!

(Editor's Note: I have seen this feature and it is truly AMAZING!! Can't wait for you all to see it! - K.)

Our Fathers served all over the map in World War II.



2022 New Orleans Conference



Conference Dates: Wednesday, May 4 to Sunday, May 8, 2022

Now that we have DATES . . . go to the 2022 National Conference page ~ where you'll soon be able to REGISTER for the Conference! Be patient for the SCHEDULE, coming soon ~ and look for downloadable DIRECTIONS and MAPS from the Airport to the Hotel!

Our Board



There are ten of us around the country.



Walt Linne
Board President

Get to know your Board ~ as the TEN of us (including President Walt Linne, pictured above and AWON Founder Ann Bennett Mix, shown on Page 4) ~ live in seven states around the country.

And on Memorial Day ~ we remember our Fathers and loved ones both overseas and at home. We send Wreaths and Banners remembering these men by name to all 16 ABMC-run overseas cemeteries that hold World War II dead, like those below.

Look for treatments of each cemetery with the latest Name Banners, along with the name of the AWON Stateside Coordinator you need to contact to be sure your loved one's name is included for Memorial Day ~ or to make a donation toward the annual wreath. We're hoping our ABMC sites will be open in time for Memorial Day 2021!

Overseas Wreath & Banner



Ardennes Coordinator since 2004: **Gail Eisenhower**



Brittany Coordinator since 2006: **Brian Hope**



Cambridge Coordinator since 2005: **Jean Rhinehart**

Since 1995, AWON has been honoring our Fathers and other loved ones gone too soon ~ with Tributes.

So far, 205 of us have remembered our Fathers and loved ones this way. Several members have told us how much it means to be able to visit their Father's Tribute ~ when they're unable to visit his grave.

And on the AWON website, you'll find out how we can help you honor your father in this way too!

Father Tributes



To visit one of more than 200 Tributes on the AWON Website . . .



Curl up with a book written by an AWON Member ~ or a Video from an earlier conference ~ or a past issue of The Star. The associated LOGO store offers your choice of AWON goods, including Gold Star lapel pins, tree ornaments, AWON bookmarks, lanyards, and HATS!

Think about gifts for Grandchildren ~ as we hope to increase their understanding of the real strength and fabric of the nation that our fathers laid down their lives to preserve.

Don't Miss the Bookstore!



AWON Moments

by AWON President Walter Linne

The mission of our AWON Moments series is to review AWON's history, celebrating special moments experienced by AWON's orphan members since Ann Bennett Mix founded the organization in 1991.

As we enter our 30th anniversary year, here are a few of AWON's milestones and AWON Moments that our members have experienced.

From *American WWII Orphans Network Newsletter*, Vol 25, Spring 2002 - Our AWON Conference 2002, November 1 – 4, 2002 will be in Branson Missouri at the LODGE OF THE OZARKS. The Veterans Memorial Museum center hall is the ONLY PLACE IN THE WORLD where a complete list of names of more than 400,000 men and women killed during WWII is displayed.

From Vol 26, May 2002, *Mid-Atlantic Air Museum Airshow* - AWON will be part of the 12th Annual World War II Weekend at the Reading, Pennsylvanian Airport from June 7-9. AWON will be hosting an exhibit and delivering one-hour daily briefings about our Fathers and AWON. This will be a weekend filled with the world of our Fathers...in the atmosphere of the home front and the battlefields of WWII.

From Vol 27, September 2002, *Memory Books Update and Expansions* – *How all AWONers can get in on the Action* - AWON has been helping to distribute two memory booklets, "My Father's Love" and "My Mother's Love", to children who lost a parent on September 11. So far, we have distributed 600 copies in Washington DC and New York. Now we want to expand our outreach to include any child across the country who loses a parent to illness, accident, war or terrorism.

From Vol 28, Winter 2002, *AWON Quilt Honors Our Fathers* - Our AWON Board Secretary Judi Kramer has created a beautiful patchwork quilt in honor of our Fathers. In shades of blue, yellow and white, the center square consists of our AWON logo. Every member is invited to participate in this way of honoring their Father. Each rectangle is 1 inch by 4 inches, providing space for his rank, name, branch of service and the date and location of his death.

Unforgettable AWON Moment – *From My Father's Lips to My Heart* – On a trip to Italy to retrace her Father's steps, Betty Palonen Volkan came home with a treasure, not wanting to let it out of her sight. When the local museum curator and guide recognized her Father's name, he started looking in wooden boxes. Finally, in a trunk he found canteens and one was inscribed PALONEN ITALY I. Betty said, "I felt like it was a gift my Father left for me and somehow, I was drawn to Livergnano to find it."

Note: Our next Star will be #100. To celebrate this issue, we welcome your AWON Moment and would like to include it in the 100th Star.

Please send your AWON Moment to: AWON STAR, 5745 Lee Road, Indianapolis, IN 46216 or president@awon.org

Walter Linne, brother of John,
Sons of Walter John Linne
KIA March 24, 1945
Germershime-on-the Rhine, Germany

Help Keep Their Memories Alive!!

Wouldn't it be great if younger generations had more appreciation for American history?

Meet Michael Naya, Jr! Michael is a college freshman from Kenilworth NJ. He attends Kean University where he is studying history education, with the long term goal of becoming a high school history teacher.

For nearly four years Michael Naya has been interviewing Great Depression survivors, along with World War II and Korean War veterans. Michael's love of history has motivated him towards learning as much as he can about the Greatest Generation.

As Michael says, "I feel that we often forget those who were killed in the war as those who are living are fading away from the American memory."

Eventually, Michael hopes to write a book, or books, about the experience of Americans during the troubled 20th century, and you can help! He would like to interview orphans about their experience growing up without a father, and the sacrifices that your family went through as a result.

Also, he hopes to write a news article for Memorial Day 2021 about the living widows of these men, documenting their unique experience.

Can you help?? If you, or someone you know, could assist Michael Naya, Jr. with his ongoing project to raise awareness of the sacrifices made by AWON families, please contact him at mnayajr@aol.com. Thank you!

2021 Alert!

Remembering Our Fathers

We're celebrating our 30th Year
In a 30-year Commemorative!

- A History of AWON • An Ann Bennett Mix Dedication
- Remembrances of Fathers and Mothers • A List of Orphan Authors & their Titles • A Posting of Orphan Poems
- A Recap of our National Conferences • Commercial Ads
- Significant AWON Events, Initiatives • and so much more!

Space Reservations for Memorial Day:

1/4 page ~ \$40 • 1/2 page ~ \$80 • Full page ~ \$150

Headlines: October 1, 2021 • More Reservations
November 1, 2021 • Payments
> Contact: comicsagebrush@gmail.com

Don't miss out on this
One-time Commemorative
Remembrance Opportunity!

More
Details are
on the Web

American WWII Orphans Network
30th Year
In Their Memory

Victory is on the horizon!
Keep Social Distancing!!!!



We here at *The Star* want to remind all our readers to continue practicing social distancing. Even though a vaccine is now available, it is imperative for your health and safety to continue staying home if you have not yet received it. Hang in there! Stay safe, stay healthy, STAY HOME!!

Support AWON when you Shop!



When you shop through smile.amazon.com, the AmazonSmile Foundation donates .5% of the purchase price on all eligible products to AWON, at no extra cost! Just enter "AWON" as the organization you support.

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You shop. Amazon gives.

***Awon Wishes to Thank Our New and Returning Members
From November, December, January***

Joanne Pellegrino
Phyllis Fish
Mary Ann Smith
Phyllis Lewis
Roberta Roddy
Becky Lukas
Sue Perko
Bonnie Oates
Roberta Russo
John Phelan
Maxine Olson
Nancy Meyer
Brigitt Caito

Norm Burkey
Janice Harwell
Maryalyce Luper
Pamela Wachutka
Cliff Marks
Sandra Walker
Sharon Sullivan
Brian Hope
Rozanna Wedel
Richard Haney
Helen Vernon
Nicole Aure
Susan Chadd

Charles Farris
Mary Shipler
Roberta Thomas
Adrian Caldwell
Joyce Taylor
Evelyn Sheppard
Bill Owen
Ruby Wolens
Darlene Smith
Donna Pressley
Maryalyce Luper
Robert Keith George

The Train Ride That Never Ends

by AWON First Founder Frank Burnnett

The ability of any adult to place themselves in a time and place in their distant past is a mysterious and difficult-to-explain phenomenon. My personal childhood recollections, I'm pleased to say, are dotted with several situations that engender vivid recall each time they pop into my mind.

One of those distant memories is of a time during 1944 when my father, mother, brother and I were present together on a train ride from Altoona, Pennsylvania (near my hometown of Hollidaysburg) to New Jersey. My father, Francis E. (Hank) Burnnett was traveling to Ft. Dix Military Base where he would convene again with the Army 2nd Infantry, 9th Infantry Regiment for final training and mobilization before shipping off to the war in Europe.

Maybe it was the excitement of what was the first ever long-distance train ride for this four year old. Maybe it was the novelty of watching the Pennsylvania and New Jersey countryside visually flash by the train window as we headed eastward. Maybe it was the sense of family that the entire experience generated. Whatever the magnet, that train ride---now more than 75 years ago---is etched in my memory and returns often when I think of my father.

Sergeant Hank Burnnett was killed in action on February 20, 1945 when German fire was thrust into an American encampment near the town of Bronsfeld, Germany and ravaged the fallback position his unit had taken in an attempt to prepare for a future ground assault. Hank, along with several comrades, fell during that engagement with the enemy. He lies today with his comrades in arms in the hallowed ground of Henri-Chappelle American Cemetery in Liege, Belgium.

All of my memories of that long ago railroad ride have us traveling in one direction---toward Fort Dix, New Jersey. Memories of the train ride back to Pennsylvania do not exist. It is as if the inner me is waiting for the four of us to join once again for a reunion and happy ride home to Hollidaysburg together.

I want Hank to meet my wife Susan, his grandchildren Kevin and Kimberly and his great grandchildren Jack, Alexandra and Will. I don't want the train ride to ever end. I have often wondered why my parents elected to postpone their goodbyes to the very last minute. It was as if they knew Dad wasn't going to return and wanted all of us to be together as long as possible.

Seventy-five years is a long train ride and revisiting it every once in a while brings an instant smile to my face.

In their memory!



Sergeant
Francis E.
(Hank)
Burnnett,
US Army,
2nd Infantry
Division,
8th Infantry
Regiment,
KIA February
20, 1945 near
Bronsfeld,
Germany.
Beloved
Father of two
sons.

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 your family's stories go untold!!



As we head into AWON's Thirtieth year, we here at *The Star* want to urge every AWON member to share with us the story of your father's life, your family's loss, and your personal journey of self-discovery.

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!

The new MeWe ListServ



All AWON members in good standing are invited to participate in AWON's Facebook page, and test out our brand new MeWe page! To find out more about MeWe (it's just like Facebook, but with better privacy protections) and receive an invitation to join AWON's MeWe Page contact Lorin McCleary at ldmccleary@gmail.com.

Membership



This is a

- ☐ New Membership
☐ Renewal
☐ Family Membership
☐ Database Registration Only

About You:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Home Phone _____
 Mobilephone _____
 E-Mail _____
 If you're renewing, skip to the Dues Section
 Your Relationship to Serviceman _____
 Your Date of Birth _____
 How did you hear about AWON _____

About your WWII Service Member:

Last Name _____
 First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Birthdate _____
 Hometown & State _____
 Military Unit _____
 Rank _____ Service Number _____
 Date of Death _____ Place _____
 Burial Location _____
 Wife's Maiden Name _____
 Additional information on your WWII Service Member's
 Military Service, Death, or Burial. _____

Please send your check:

Payable to AWON, include it with this form and send it to:

AWON Treasurer
5745 Lee Road
Indianapolis, Indiana 46216



Membership Types:

☐ **Orphan Member:** Any son or daughter of a member of the US Armed Forces, Coast Guard, or Merchant Marine who was killed, remains missing in action, or who died in the line of duty, or who later died of wounds or injuries sustained during WWII.

☐ **Family Member:** Other relations who are not a son or daughter.

☐ **Supporting Member:** Other individuals with an interest in WWII, who wish to support us and participate in our outreach activities and programs.

Membership Dues:

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.

Family Member Dues are \$25 a year – including a printed Star – OR \$10 a year for Membership with an E-Star.

Supporting Member Dues are \$25 a year – including either version of **The Star**.

Membership Dues Levels:

Please circle your Dues Level below:

	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years
Orphan	\$25	\$48	\$70
Family (Printed Star Version)	\$25	\$48	\$70
Family (E-Star Version)	\$10	\$20	\$30
Supporting	\$25	\$48	\$70
Gold Star (Increased Donation)	\$100	\$192	\$280

Donation Considerations:

Memorial Day Wreath Fund \$ _____
 General Operations & Outreach \$ _____
 Total Dues & Donations Enclosed \$ _____

Submittable
 Online >>>



AWON (American WWII Orphans Network) is a humanitarian, non-profit, nonpolitical service organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the US Federal Tax Code. (EINB #91-1538912) Membership is not required to be entered into the Database. For more information, the AWON Website is at www.awon.org.

Help Wanted!!

An AWON membership chairperson
and volunteers to assist!

Part of AWON'S mission is to find
the other 100,000+ war orphans out
there. We need your help!

In AWON's database we have over
5,000 names but not all these people
are active dues paying members.
We need help to reach out to those
members who have lapsed, and to find
more of our long lost orphan siblings
who do not know us yet.

Can you help? Please message

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or Judi Kramer:

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for more information about how
you can get involved!!

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Free Entrance to National Parks for Gold Star Families

Former U. S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhart announced a Secretarial Order on October 28, 2020, granting Gold Star Families free access to national parks, wildlife refuges and other sites managed by the Department of the Interior.

The access passes, called America The Beautiful passes, are normally \$80 per year, and this program will be continued indefinitely unless the Secretarial Order creating the program is amended, superseded, or revoked.

Beginning on Veterans Day, November 11, 2020, Gold Star Families and U.S. military veterans will receive free access to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including national parks, wildlife refuges and forests.

Accessible sites are spread out across more than 400 million acres of public lands, including Yosemite, Grand Canyon, Arches and Mount Rushmore National Memorial. The free access program is a way to thank America's veterans and Gold Star Families for their support of our country and to encourage them to explore recreational opportunities on their public lands and waters.

The waiver fee does not cover expended amenity or user fees for activities such as camping, transportation, special recreation permits or special tours. But it does cover all occupants of a single, private non-commercial vehicle OR the voucher-holder and three persons (16 and older) where per person fees are charged. The voucher is non-transferrable and void if altered.

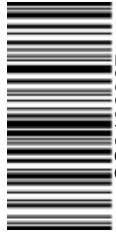
As Gold Star children, AWON members can obtain a Gold Star pass by downloading the Gold Star Voucher from the Internet by clicking the 'W' below, and printing and filling out the Voucher. Or, you can use the voucher on the opposite page.



GOLD STAR FAMILY Free Access Voucher

2020-2021

Valid through December 31, 2021



**Present this voucher upon arrival, or fold here and leave
this side up on your dashboard at unstaffed sites**

Print this page!

Keep it in a safe place until you are ready to use.

Please read and check box.

☐

I hereby affirm that I am an eligible next of kin (NOK) of a member of the United States Armed Forces who lost his or her life in a qualifying situation, such as war, an international terrorist attack or a military operation outside of the United States while serving in the United States Armed Forces, as identified in sections 3.2 (Qualifying Situations) and 3.3 (Eligible NOK) of Department of Defense Instruction 1348.36.

Print Your First and last Name:

Sign your name below:

Federal law at 18 USC 1001 makes it a crime in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States for any person knowingly and willfully to falsify, conceal, or cover up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact; to make any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation; or to make or use any false writing or document knowing that it contains a material false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry. Violations of 18 U.S.C. 1001 are punishable by fines of up to \$10,000, imprisonment of up to five years, or both.

Know Before You Go

With this voucher, entrance fees for the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and standard amenity recreation fees for Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Forest Service sites will be waived for Gold Star Families.

- ★ Valid for qualified holder of the voucher and occupants of a single, private non-commercial vehicle OR holder of the voucher and three persons (16 and older) where per person fees are charged.
- ★ Void if altered
- ★ Non-Transferable
- ★ Valid photo ID required
- ★ Representations of the voucher are prohibited; must show physical voucher.
- ★ The voucher does not cover expanded amenity fees, such as parking fees, camping, special recreation permits, tours, etc. May not cover organized groups or concession operated facilities or activities. Check with the site ahead of time to find out.

AWON 2020 Financial Report

Here is AWON's summary report for the past three years (2018-2020) and the proposed budget for 2021. The summary report includes all income from all sources and expenses by category. The financial summary is being published to provide financial information for the membership. AWON is a 501(c) 3 organization, tax deductible.

An income source greatly appreciated is donations in addition to annual dues.

Please note the CNX 2021 items are financial items that are no longer pertinent to the AWON budget i.e. Listserv (WP.Org), GoDaddy and Hosting 2 (West Point.org). The Wreath Fund continues to be a restricted fund dedicated only to providing wreaths to the overseas cemeteries and is noted on the financial summary as Designated Purpose Income/Expenses. There are no wreath expenses posted on the 2020 budget because the ABMC has closed the cemeteries until further notice. Hopefully, they will open in 2021/22.

For the budget year 2020 membership dues income remained steady. In addition, 2020 total income increased dramatically compared 2018 and 2019 because of conference revenue which also had to be refunded due to the rescheduling of the national conference as the result of COVID-19.

The AWON National Conference has been rescheduled for May 4 – 8, 2022 and will be held in New Orleans at the Higgins Hotel and the National WWII Museum. See you in New Orleans! - Walt Linne, AWON President

2020 AWON Financial Comparison Report	Actual 2018 Budget	Actual 2019 Budget	Actual 2020 Budget	Proposed 2021 Budget
Budgeted Operating Income				
Membership Dues	\$13,194.00	\$10,316.00	\$10,888.00	\$12,000.00
Bookstore Income		\$192.00	\$203.00	\$200.00
Interest		\$727.00	\$115.04	\$200.00
Total Operating Income	\$13,194.00	\$11,235.00	\$11,206.04	\$12,400.00
Non Budgeted Operating Income				
Conference	\$2,250.00		\$10,755.00	\$5,000.00
Donations	\$1,093.00	\$978.00	\$1,459.00	\$1,000.00
Amazon Prime			\$0.00	\$200.00
Total Non Budgeted Income	\$16,537.00	\$978.00	\$12,214.00	\$6,200.00
Designated Purpose Income				
Wreath Income	\$2,613.00	\$3,286.00	\$1,615.00	\$1,000.00
Margraten Bench/Choir/Victory Paver	\$2,425.00		\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Total Designated Income	\$5,038.00	\$3,286.00	\$1,615.00	\$4,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$21,575.00	\$15,499.00	\$25,035.04	\$22,600.00
Budgeted Expenses				
Bookstore				
Merchandise			\$210.00	\$100.00
Postage			\$66.45	\$50.00
Total Bookstore Expense			\$276.45	\$150.00
Conference				
Chairperson			\$0.00	\$0.00
Hotel			\$0.00	\$0.00
Audio/Visual			\$0.00	\$0.00
Banquet			\$0.00	\$0.00
Deposit			\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Meeting Rooms			\$0.00	\$0.00
Admittance Fees			\$0.00	\$0.00
Entertainment			\$0.00	\$0.00
Founder Expense	\$5,000.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Materials/Supplies			\$92.03	\$0.00
Postage			\$15.75	\$0.00
Refunds			\$10,545.00	\$0.00
Total Conference Expense			\$12,152.78	\$0.00

Database				
Manager	\$2,500.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Software (Filemaker Pro)		\$1,156.00	\$577.80	\$500.00
Hosting (Triple 8)		\$15.00	\$179.40	\$500.00
Value Added (Support Group)/Supplies	\$250.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Total Database Expense	\$7,750.00	\$1,571.00	\$757.20	\$1,400.00
Designated Purpose Expense				
Wreath and Banner				
Banners			\$0.00	\$200.00
Wreath Reimbursements	\$2,477.00		\$167.79	\$0.00
Shipping			\$0.00	\$200.00
Margraten Bench/Choir/Victory Paver	\$2,425.00			\$3,000.00
Total Designated Purpose Expenses	\$2,477.00		\$167.79	\$3,400.00
Membership				
Chairperson			\$0.00	\$0.00
Advertising			\$0.00	\$500.00
Direct Mail			\$0.00	\$200.00
Materials			\$0.00	\$0.00
Postage			\$0.00	\$100.00
Total Membership Expense			\$0.00	\$800.00
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Proposed
	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	2021 Budget
Newsletter				
Editor	\$3,600.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$4,200.00
Data Processing			\$0.00	\$320.00
Print/Label/Mail	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00	\$979.03	\$6,288.00
Postage			\$0.00	\$1,428.72
Total Newsletter Expense	\$7,800.00	\$7,200.00	\$5,243.84	\$12,236.72
Operation/Administration				
Archives	\$2,600.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Arlington Wreath			\$0.00	\$200.00
Awards			\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Fees		\$200.00	\$316.00	\$200.00
Board Meetings			\$0.00	\$0.00
BOD Elections			\$0.00	\$0.00
Contingency			\$0.00	\$0.00
GoToMeeting			\$171.56	\$500.00
Headquarters				
Insurance – Hartford	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Postage		\$29.00	\$32.16	\$100.00
Supplies				\$100.00
Insurance				
Board			\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous			\$70.00	\$0.00
Non-Profit Requirements			\$0.00	\$0.00
Secretary Expenses			\$0.00	\$0.00
State Fees	\$700.00	\$1,290.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Treasurer/Tax Preparation	\$600.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Treasurer			\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Operation/Admin Expense	\$4,400.00	\$2,269.00	\$1,089.72	\$1,850.00
Outgoing Donations				
American Legion	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Arlington Wreath			\$0.00	\$200.00
Listerv (WP-Org) CNX 2021	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$3,075.00	\$2,019.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Outgoing Donations	\$4,075.00	\$3,019.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Regional Coordination				
Mailings			\$0.00	\$100.00
Materials	\$250.00		\$0.00	\$100.00
Total Regional Coordination Expense	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Website				
Website Creation & Maintenance	\$11,000.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Software (Adobe Cloud)	\$500.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
GoDaddy CNX 2021			\$21.17	\$0.00
Hosting 1 (Impulse)		\$700.00	\$959.40	\$1,000.00
Hosting 2 (West Point.org) CNX 2021	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hosting 3 (Squarespace)				\$250.00
Total Website Expense	\$12,000.00	\$1,440.00	\$980.57	\$1,550.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$18,622.00	\$1,585.00	\$20,668.35	\$22,286.72
Total Income	\$21,575.00	\$15,499.00	\$25,035.04	\$22,600.00
Total Expenses	\$38,572.00	\$14,315.00	\$20,168.35	\$22,286.72
NET INCOME/-MINUS	-\$16,997.00	\$1,184.00	\$4,866.69	\$313.28



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