

Col Julia Hamblet Award

I want to take this opportunity to announce the recipient of the Julia E. Hamblet Award as our own Rosa Osborn for her extraordinary efforts in the preservation of the history of women Marine uniforms along with the history of those who wore them. She also has the dis-



tingtion of being the first recipient who served as a Warrant Officer that reflects the historical legacy of the late Lotus Mort, one of the first female Warrant Officers in the Marine Corps, whose Memorial Fund supports this award.



This award is sponsored by the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation (MCHF) and the Women Marines Association (WMA) and will be presented to Rosa at the Annual MCHF Awards Dinner to be held on April 30, 2022 at the National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC). I hope that you will join me in congratulating Rosa for her outstanding efforts and for her continued support to WMA and our priority mission of preserving and promoting the history of women in the Marine Corps since 1918.

Rhonda Amtower

Monument Dedication

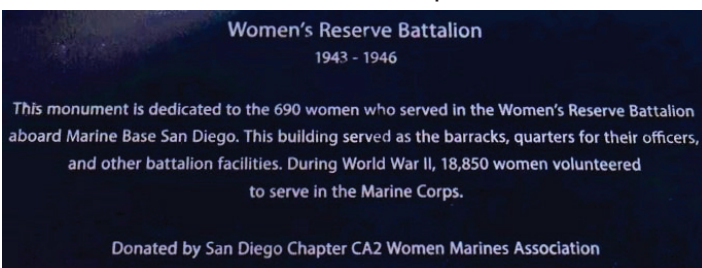
Base personnel and guests gathered for a dedication ceremony in recognition of the Women's Reserve Battalion, aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Feb. 11. The ceremony was held in front of the current Temporary Enlisted Quarters, featuring the unveiling of a monument, which was purposefully placed where the original Woman Marine Barracks was once located. The ceremony also featured a musical performance from Marine Band San Diego, the presentation of the national colors from the Depot Color Guard, and remarks from both the President of the WMA San Diego County chapter and the MCRD San Diego Commanding

General.

The monument was donated by WMA in honor of women who served on the depot during World War II. The battalion was established on February 13, 1943 as part of the Marine Corps Reserves to provide qualified women for duty at shore establishments across the Marine Corps.



Roberta "Randy" Tidmore and BGen Jason Morris



Among the ceremonial attendees sat honored guest Roberta "Randy" Tidmore, who once checked into the barracks for duty in 1944. Randy is part of the legacy of nearly 20,000 women who joined the Marine Corps ranks during the war, filling positions in more than 225 occupational specialties.

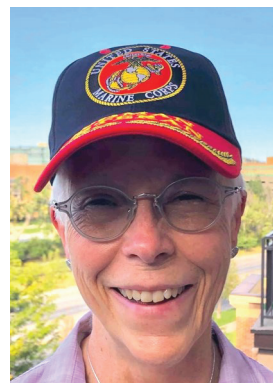
"It really affected me, and it's important for this monument to be here to show that we were here," said Tidmore. Tidmore celebrated her 100th birthday on March 19, 2022.

LCpl. Cristian Torres

Do you know this woman wearing a Marine Corps ball cap?

Some of you may if you paid attention to WMA's social media.

For those of you who don't have that capability, turn to Page 15 for an introduction!



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For questions and comments regarding the new governance structure.

WMA 'NOUNCEMENTS

Official Publication of the WMA

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Reporting In...National President

April 2022... It is exciting to see how WMA is ready to “spring” into action in so many great ways.



- ◇ **Nominations/Elections** for National Board of Directors is closing out as I write this article. Stand by for more information on the results. Thanks to all those who volunteered to step up and serve at the National level. You are the future of WMA!
- ◇ **Online Networking Task Force** - Volunteers have been working hard to develop our first special event of the year based on your recommendations tentatively scheduled for mid-May. Look for more information online and via our WMA Monthly Minute. If you are interested in getting involved in this Task Force contact us at wma@womenmarines.org
- ◇ **PI Visit 5-6 May Time Capsule** - Have you seen the Event Brite invitation regarding our return to Parris Island to open up our Time Capsule buried 10 years ago as we celebrated the Anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve? Our visit will include a tour of the base as we learn more about the current integrated training program, eat in the chow hall and attend the Friday graduation. Be sure to sign up soon. <https://buff.ly/3DNmdtB>
- ◇ **Website update** - Our new website is in the final stages of development and will be launched soon! Your new online experience is almost here!
- ◇ **Convention is coming!** That is no April Fool's Joke! You will see more details in this issue and on our social media sites but we are finally ready to open Convention Registration and Hotel Reservations at the Golden Nugget Hotel in Downtown Las Vegas. Please be sure to read the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) as we approach our 2022 Convention in Las Vegas when and where we can finally have the chance to get together in person to share our special camaraderie and measure how far WMA has come in the last four years.

So let's all enjoy the upcoming spring months and get excited about all the great things heading our way! I look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas this fall!

As always please stay in touch and provide us your comments and any questions you may have at listening@womenmarines.org.

Rhonda Amtower

2022 National Service Award (NSA) Nominations

As we approach the 2022 Convention in Las Vegas, it is also time to set our sights on one of the highest honors presented by our Association. The **National Service Award (NSA)** recognizes an individual's significant contributions in support of our National Purposes. Any WMA member can submit a written nomination for consideration and approval by the National Board of Directors.

Criteria for the award include:

Nominees should have contributed significantly to the achievement of the WMA National Purposes. (Purposes published in Article Three of the Revised WMA National Bylaws in the July 2021 issue of WMA 'Nouncements).

Awards should not be authorized simply for the performance of duties expected. An exception might be made for dedication above and beyond the call of duty. It is important to remember that this is the highest award that is given by our Association and it should be preserved and not diluted in any way.

All submissions should include strong, clear reasoning and specific examples of actions to justify why the nominee deserves this prestigious award; as well as the wording for a proposed citation (short summary of the nomination proposal) to be read to the convention delegates and guests at the time of the presentation.

An individual cannot receive more than one NSA for the same service achievement although can be nominated again for different reasons.

No more than three (3) awards will be presented at a convention.

Please submit your nominations (justification and proposed citation) for consideration to the National Secretary at Sec@womenmarines.org.

The deadline for submissions is 15 August 2022.

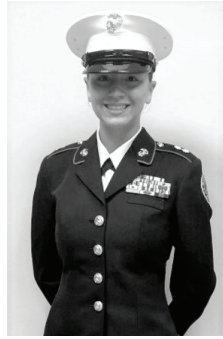
Let us all help to recognize those who have made a difference in supporting our National Purposes and promoting the future of WMA.



Marine Corps Junior ROTC Awards



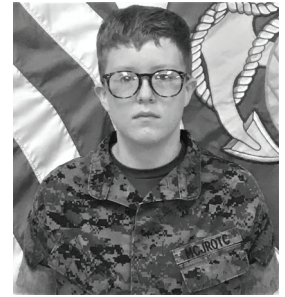
Cadet Sergeant
Kaydence P. Platero
Shiprock High School
Shiprock, NM



Isabilita Sekulovic
Clearwater High School
Clearwater, FL

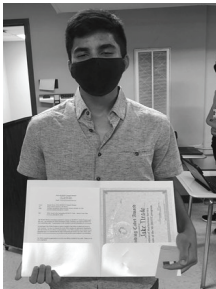


Cadet Cadence Caboe
Presenter Kim Skelton
Coolidge High School
Coolidge, AZ



Cadet Staff Sergeant
Emily Glatfelter
Smiths Station High
School
Smiths Station, AL

Cadet Jennifer F.
Pascual Batres
MSgt Oscar Nunez
Ramona High School
Riverside, CA



2021 Award
Cadet Tirado

Mandeville High School
Mandeville, LA

2022 Award
Cadet Sgt
Meghan Trumble (no photo)

Forms received without photos

Cadet SSgt Anthony Noonan
Lindenhurst High School, Lindenhurst, NY

Juanita Zapata
Lynn English High School, Lynn, MA

Cadet Sergeant Briana Sarfo
Franklin High School, Riesterstown, MD

Kanfee Dukuly
Bensalem High School, Bensalem, PA

Leilani White
Northridge High School, Greeley, CO

Candace Ferim
Arlington-Grand Prairie High School, GrandPrairie, TX

Wreaths Across America

WMA surpassed its goal of 150 sponsored wreaths for Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery by 46 wreaths this year, making the total sponsored wreaths 196! This is the highest number of sponsored wreaths WMA has had so far! Indiana-1 would like to thank all of the individual sponsors and chapter/group sponsors who made this happen. The chapter with the highest number of sponsored wreaths was TX-7, Opha May Johnson Chapter with 40 wreaths! IN-1 President Kay Ross presented TX-7 President, Jennifer Rooth, with the sponsorship award in February.



*I finally got eight hours of sleep.
It took me three days, but whatever.*

Cpl Legend

A funeral ceremony was held on Parris Island for the Island's 20th mascot, Cpl Legend, who crossed the Rainbow Bridge on September 17, 2021 after being found unresponsive. He had been diagnosed with a heart condition earlier in the year.

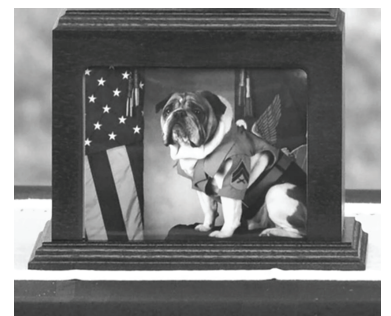
Cpl Legend had served as PI's morale booster since 2011. In the



photo to the left, he's rendering a salute.

His funeral service took place on October 13 at the depot's mascot cemetery.

Semper Fi, Marine.



Speaking of Awards...

Recognition and Awards Season is upon us! Are your entries ready? The R&A committee has received the perpetual plaques and can't wait to see what Chapters will be the next ones engraved on them. All of you scrap bookers, writers, and webmasters out there should be submitting your entries! You have been doing your part to promote the Women Marines Association, and now is the time you are recognized. All entries must be postmarked on or before June 30, 2022. We are excited to see what you have done.

If you are in it to win it, here are the rules once again.

Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Convention, the R&A Committee will accept submissions covering **1 July 2018 to 30 June 2022**. The rules and prizes are delineated further on in this article for your information. Please contact the R&A Committee at RA@womenmarines.org with any questions. The award selection committee will consist of people cognizant of the purposes of the Women Marines Association. They may or may not be WMA members. Awards in any or all of the categories may be withheld when, in the judgement of the committee, no entry in a category warrants recognition. Constructive feedback will be given to each chapter that enters.

Forms used for Recognition and Awards include:

- ♦ Sample judging worksheets for Chapter Achievement, History, Newsletter and Chapter Website awards.
- ♦ Sample judge tally sheet.
- ♦ Official Entry Form for Recognition and Awards (Page 10 of this newsletter)

The decision of the judges is final!

All entries will be displayed at the convention during the Recognition and Awards (R&A) program for one hour afterwards or as the schedule allows. Each chapter with a submission will be required to provide an escort for their entry during that time period. This escort will answer questions regarding their project and is responsible for securing the entry. The escort names shall be submitted with the entry. Entries will be released after the luncheon to the chapter president or her designee.

The designated escort will contact the R&A Chair for seating information at the R&A luncheon. The Women Marines Association Official Entry Form for R&A **MUST** accompany each entry to be considered for awards.

NEWSLETTER

Purpose: To inform and stimulate interest in improving communications within and among chapters of the Women Marines Association.

Submit: One copy each of two (2) issues created

since last convention in either electronic (pdf) or printed hard copy format along with the Women Marines Association (WMA) Official Entry Form for Recognition and Awards.

Pages: No restrictions (brevity should be considered where appropriate). Newsletter will be judged on the following format and contents.

Contents

Identification – WMA Chapter name and number, date, volume number, issue number, name of editor, address, phone number, and Chapter email address (if applicable). Also, list each Chapter officer and their contact information.

- ♦ **Masthead** – artistic, attractive, and original.
- ♦ **Story Types** – Contributor – number of articles that have bylines.
 1. WMA national news (not extensive; items to keep members current on National events)
 2. Personalities – biography of members
 3. Local Chapter news – community involvement volunteer work, meetings, etc.
 4. Personalize activities of members – trips, sick calls, etc.
 5. Special Events

Layout

- ♦ Arrangement of copy should be neat, readable, orderly, pictures identified, and graphics may be used.
- ♦ Does not have to be slick magazine presentation.

Awards

- ♦ 1st Place: A perpetual plaque inscribed “Editor’s Award for Outstanding Chapter Newsletter,” which is to be returned before the next convention. When returned, the chapter editor will receive at the convention an individual award plaque reading “Editor Award for Outstanding Chapter Newsletter” and bearing the winner’s name, chapter, and dates. Chapter will also receive a green streamer for their chapter colors and a certificate.
- ♦ 2nd & 3rd Place: Receive certificates for their chapters.

Judging Criteria

- Newsletter well documented
- Creative and attractive Masthead
- Number of articles with bylines
- WMA news for member information
- Member profiles
- Local Chapter news, community involvement and volunteer work
- Personalized activities of members, trips, sick calls, Special Events

HISTORY BOOK

Purpose: History books tell the current story of your chapter. They should contain photos, newspaper clippings, program books, chapter memorabilia, and memories you wish to be documented. They should be informative, fun, enjoyable, attractive, meaningful, and interesting.

Book Layout

- Chapter name and number on cover page. Brief history of Chapter's beginning.
- Table of Contents.
- Identify Chapter Officers and members.
- Short biographies and photos of new members who join during the time frame.
- Chapter activities should be told in chronological order. All important chapter events and programs held during the year should be included. Examples of Chapter activities may include newspaper articles, thank you letters, activity programs, photographs, and short biographies (with photos) of members who joined during that time frame.
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- Only one book per Chapter will be accepted for judging.

Format

- The chapter must submit a bound book. Binding may be a 3-ring binder, soft cover with spiral binding, or a bound book created utilizing online programs such as MIXBOOK (www.MixBook.com) or SHUTTERFLY (www.shutterfly.com). If using an online program, the book MUST be printed to be submitted.
- Name and address of historian on the inside front cover in the lower left-hand corner.
- Layout of title page or cover to be done in a creative fashion.
- Table of Contents with page references.
- Page numbering for content.
- Articles and photos should have names, places, and dates. Remember the Who, What, When, Where, and Why. Blurry and foggy prints will not enhance your finished product.

Awards

- 1st Place: A perpetual plaque inscribed "Outstanding Chapter History Book Award," which is to be returned before the next convention to

the R&A Committee. When returned, the chapter historian will receive an individual plaque reading "Historian Award for the Outstanding Chapter History Book" and bearing the winner's name, chapter, and dates. The chapter will also receive a white streamer for their chapter colors and a certificate.

- 2nd & 3rd Place: Receive certificates for their chapter.

Judging Criteria

- Only one book will be judged per Chapter.
- Material enclosed in a bound book with an attractive cover.
- Chapter properly identified and indexed.
- Presentation and documentation (Use of a descriptive brief of the project, newspaper clippings, photos, letters of thanks, etc.). Remember Who, What, When, Where, and Why.
- Chapter member participation. The more members involved the better.
- Proper time frame covered.

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT

All activities and event that support and promote the purposes of WMA should be included in a Chapter Achievement Book:

- Preserve and promote the history and traditions of women in the Marine Corps from World War I to the present. (Formerly CAT A)
- Conduct programs for charitable and educational purposes. (Formerly CAT B)
- Counsel, assist and mutually promote the welfare and well-being of elderly, disabled, and needy women Marine veterans, as well as women serving in the Marine Corps. (Formerly CAT C)
- Provide entertainment, care, and assistance to hospitalized veterans and member of the armed forces of the United States. (Formerly CAT C)
- Promote the civic and social welfare of the community. (Formerly CAT B)
- Sponsor or participate in activities of a patriotic nature, particularly those that perpetuate the tradition and esprit de corps of the United States Marine Corps. (Formerly CAT A)
- Foster, encourage and perpetuate the spirit of comradeship of women who have served or now serve the United States Marine Corps, regular or reserve components. (Formerly CAT A)

Chapter Achievement Classes are as follows:

- ♦ **Class I:** 5-20 members in a chapter
- ♦ **Class II:** 21-45 members in a chapter
- ♦ **Class III:** 46 + members in a chapter

Book Layout

- Chapter name, number, class and purposes covered on cover page.
- Table of Contents.
- Chapter activities should be told in chronological order. All important events and programs held during the year by the Chapter should be included.
- Identify purpose to which the activity relates.
- Only one book per Chapter for each category will be accepted for judging.

Format

- The chapter must submit a bound book that accommodates no larger than 8½ x 11 inch pages. Binding may be in the form of a 3-ring binder, soft cover with spiral binding, or a regular bound book created using online programs such as MIXBOOK (www.MixBook.com) or SHUTTERFLY (www.shutterfly.com). If using an online program, the book **MUST** be printed for submission.
- Name and address of compiler must be inside the front cover in the lower lefthand corner.
- Layout of title page or cover page should be done in a creative fashion.
- Table of Contents with page references.
- Page numbering for content.
- Articles and photos should have names, places, and dates. Remember the Who, What, When, Where and Why. Blurry and foggy prints will not enhance your finished product.

Awards

- 1st Place: Each class will receive a certificate from WMA, plus a blue streamer donated by Loyal Escorts for their chapter colors.
- 2nd & 3rd Place: Receive certificates for their chapter.

Judging Criteria

- Attractive cover.
- Chapter properly identified and indexed.
- Presentation and documentation include who, what, when, where and why.
- Degree to which the project relates to the category entered.
- Quality of Project.
- Proper time frame.

WEBSITE

Purpose

- To inform members and recruit new members by showing the activities of the local chapter.
- To promote the goals of the Women Marines Association.

Submit

- Chapter Website address (URL on Official WMA Recognition and Awards entry form).
- Identify chapter webmaster.

Judging Criteria

- The amount of local information.
- Site design: How appealing is it? Does it catch your attention?
- Appropriateness of the information. Does it meet the organization objectives?
- How easy is it to navigate through the site? Do all of the links work?

Awards

- 1st Place: A perpetual plaque inscribed "Outstanding Chapter Website Award," which is to be returned before the next convention. When returned, the chapter webmaster will receive an individual award plaque bearing the winner's name, chapter, and dates, and reading "Outstanding Chapter Website Award."
- Chapter will also receive a silver streamer for their chapter colors and a certificate.

RECRUITING

This award is coordinated with the 1st Vice President. She and the National Secretary sign the award certificates. Recruitment numbers for the Loyal Escort winners are provided by the Loyal Escorts along with the Recruiting Award streamers.

Individual Award

Recognizes the individual who recruits the most new WMA members during the contest period. The recruiting member's name **MUST** appear on the application form in the section titled "Enrolled By" or "How did you hear about the WMA?" if "Enrolled By" was not completed.

Awards

- 1st Place: Individual Recruiting Award plaque with the member's name and date of award, plus a WMA Certificate of Recognition.
- 2nd & 3rd Place: WMA Certificates of Recognition

Chapter Awards

For the chapter that recruits the most new WMA chapter members during the contest.

Awards:

- 1st Place: Streamer for their chapter colors and a WMA Certificate of Recognition
- 2nd & 3rd Place: WMA Certificates of Recognition
- One award within each chapter Class (e.g. Class I: 5-20 members; Class II: 21- 45 members; Class III: 46+ members).

Loyal Escorts

A gold streamer is presented to the chapter that recruits the most new Loyal Escort members during the contest period. The chapter will also receive a Certificate of Recognition noting this achievement.

- One streamer/certificate will be given within each chapter class as noted above.
- The affiliated chapter must appear on the application form in the section titled "Sponsor Chapter Code."

Ruth & Dick Broe Award for Overall Outstanding Chapter Achievement

- No separate entry is required for this award. This, the highest Overall Outstanding Chapter Achievement Award, is presented to the Chapter who, in the opinion of the judges, has accomplished the most in keeping the objectives of the Women Marines Association as demonstrated by their entries in the Chapter Achievement Categories.
- **It does not necessarily go to the Chapter with the most awards. The quality of the project is the most important factor.**
- The chapter will be presented with a perpetual plaque inscribed "Ruth & Dick Broe Overall Outstanding Chapter Achievement Award," which is to be returned at the next convention. When returned, the chapter will receive a small individual award plaque reading "Ruth & Dick Broe Overall Outstanding Chapter Achievement Award" and the dates. The chapter will also receive a streamer for their chapter colors. The plaque is donated by Past National President Sue Sousa. The streamer is donated by the Loyal Escorts. This award is presented at the closing banquet.



Another Opha Mae

Parris Island mascot-to-be Opha Mae II will be marching the parade deck along with her handler, PFC Shannon Morales Canales, when they graduate from recruit training on May 6th. Her duties include boosting morale and attending graduations and community events.

Opha Mae II reported to the depot on March 14.



Uniform Changes

The Marine Corps has authorized several changes to the uniform regulations. The changes are consistent with modern social norms, and promote a culture of inclusion while maintaining a high level of professionalism.

OPTIONAL HELMET CAPS



THE HELMET CAP (HELMET LINER)
MAY BE BLACK, OLIVE DRAB, MARPAT OR COYOTE.

MANICURES FOR FEMALE MARINES



THE APPROPRIATE NAIL POLISH COLORS
AND STYLES ARE UPDATED FOR ALL UNIFORMS.

"EDGING UP" MALE HAIRLINE



MALES ARE AUTHORIZED TO REMOVE EXCESSIVE
HAIR ON FOREHEAD TO PROVIDE A MORE NEAT LINE.

MATERNITY UNIFORM CHANGES



THERE ARE SEVERAL UPDATES ON
MATERNITY UNIFORMS INCLUDING TABBED AND
NONTABBED ITEMS, NURSING SHIRTS,
AND MATERNITY PT SHORTS.

BULK OF HAIR LIMITATION



THE BULK OF HAIR LIMITATION FOR ALL MARINES
IS INCREASED FROM 2 TO 3 INCHES.

SPECIAL CHARACTERS ON NAMETAPES

JEAN-PAUL MONTANA

NOEL

BOOT SOCK COLORS



THE OPTIONAL WEAR OF
OLIVE DRAB, BLACK, OR COYOTE SOCKS
WITH THE UTILITY UNIFORM IS NOW AUTHORIZED.

SPECIAL CHARACTERS ON UTILITY UNIFORM NAMETAPES
(ACCENT MARKS, TILDES, HYPHENS, AND APOSTROPHES)

2022
WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM FOR RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

Date of Submission: _____

Date Received by R&A: _____

FROM:

Chapter Name and Chapter Number

Chapter Address: City, State and Zip

Name of Sender (Title), Contact Phone Number, and email address

Type of Entry (History Book, Newsletter, Chapter Achievement, Website etc.)

Class required for Chapter Achievement Entries (see official rules)

Person assigned to accompany entry after R&A luncheon

Brief description of entry:

MAIL TO:

Becky Lowell, R&A Chair
8808 N 83rd Ave
Omaha, NE 68122
(701)240-5159
RA@womenmarines.org

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES

All entries must be postmarked
NO LATER THAN
JUNE 30, 2022
Items posted after this date will **not**
be considered

2022 WMA Biennial Convention & Professional Development Symposium

September 29 - October 3, 2022

Thu - 29 Sep 2022

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Registration
Bel Air Foyer Registration

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Meet and Greet
Bel Air 2

Fri 30 - Sep 2022

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Registration
Bel Air Foyer

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM WMA Board Meeting
Pebble Beach

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM LE Board Meeting
Shoal Creek

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM PX set-up - Bel Air

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM PX OPEN - Bel Air

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Flag Ceremony Rehearsal
Grand Ballroom

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Open Reception
Grand Ballroom

6:30 PM - 10:30 PM Opening Banquet
Grand Ballroom

Sat 1 - Oct 2022

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Registration - Bel Air Foyer

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM WMA Business Meeting
Grand Ballroom

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Loyal Escorts Business Meeting
Shoal Creek

12:00 PM - 2:30 PM Recognition & Awards Luncheon
Grand Ballroom

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Workshops
Pebble Beach

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM PX

Sun 2 - Oct 2022

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM Fun Run/Walk

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Registration
Bel Air Foyer

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Chapter Member Meeting
Pebble Beach I

9:00 AM - Loyal Escorts Business Meeting
Pebble Beach II

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Memorial Service
Grand Ballroom

2:30 PM - 4:30 PM 2022-2024 LE Board Meeting
Pebble Beach II

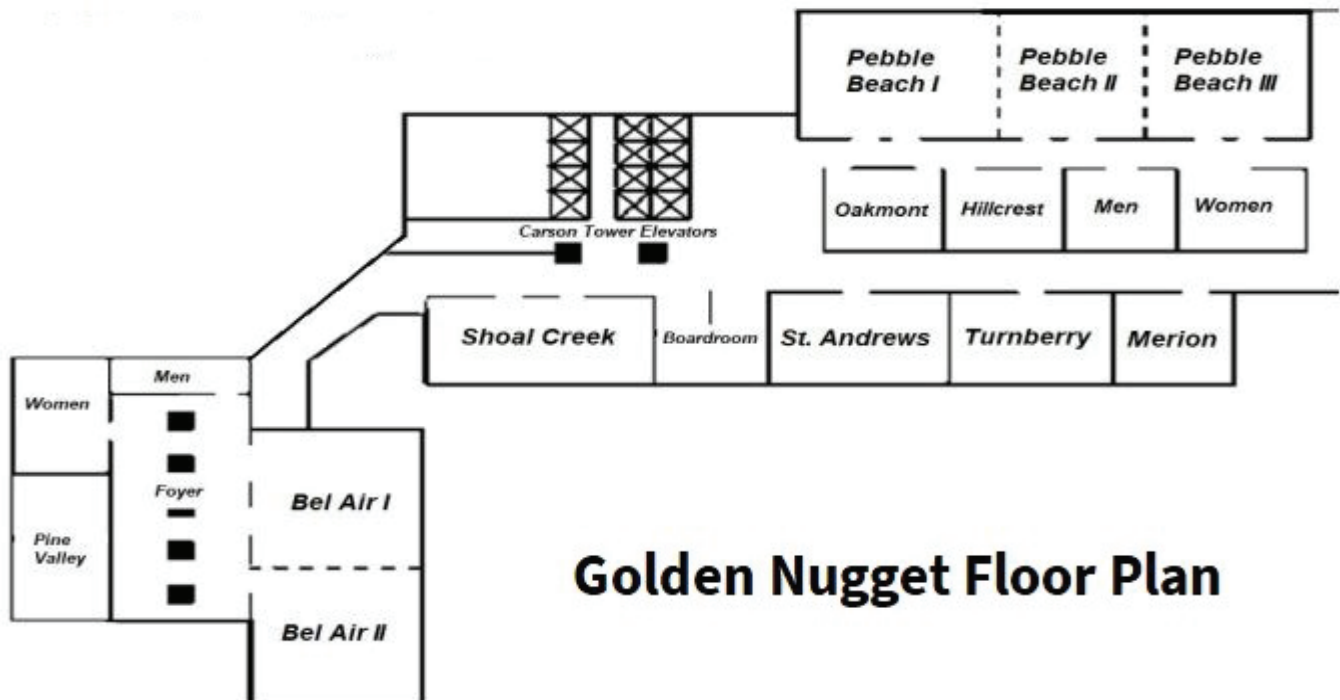
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Closing Reception
Grand Ballroom

6:30 PM - 10:30 PM Installation/Closing Banquet
Grand Ballroom

Mon - 3 Oct 2022

8:00 AM 12:00 PM WMA Board Meeting
Pebble Beach I

Tentative Schedule Subject to Change



Golden Nugget Floor Plan



It's a place where you can still find \$5 blackjack. Here you'll find cheap drinks, a zip line, street performers, and a constant party atmosphere all under a 1,500 foot long video screen/canopy that contains 12.5 million LED lights.

The five block stretch runs from Main Street on the east, to N. Las Vegas Boulevard to the west. It is home to ten casinos and six hotels.

Notable resorts include the Golden Nugget, Binions, The D, Four Queens, Golden Gate, Fremont, and The Plaza. This list doesn't even include several hotels and casinos a block or two off of Fremont Street.

Unlike the longer, more glamorous Strip to the South, Fremont Street is walk-able, and shaded to boot, with the aforementioned four-block long canopy providing shade in the day, and a dazzling light and sound show at night. It is an experience you don't want to miss.

A Very Short History of the Old Las Vegas Strip

In its early days, Fremont Street was sort of the "Main Street" of Las Vegas, due to its proximity to the main transportation hub of the day, the city's first train depot, where the Plaza Hotel and Casino stands now.

Las Vegas was founded in 1905, (although not incorporated until 1911), and Fremont Street was the heart of it, with the town's first paved road and eventually, its first stoplight. This was home to the city's very first telephone number, at what was then the Hotel Nevada, now the Golden Gate. That very first number? "1."

Reservations and Registration

Our links are officially open and you can now make all of your convention arrangements online. Register for the convention at:

<https://cvent.me/rvLa3A>

Book your Hotel Room at:

<https://bit.ly/3tTxILx>

If you have any issues contact:

Convention@womenmarines.org

PX Tables

As we all know, there are some things that we have no control over. One of those is the cost of certain items. The hotel is charging us for each table. The cost WMA must charge for this is now **\$50**. To reserve your table please send it to: Convention – PX Table, c/o Mary Ellen Stone, 611 Old Paint Rd, Raymore, MO 64083.

Fremont Street Attractions

Zip Line - Soaring 77 feet over the tourists below on Fremont Street, downtown's new zipline, called "Slotzilla," has been a hit since it's April 2014 opening. Unlike most zip lines in the world, Slotzilla does it Vegas style by shooting riders out of a giant replica of a slot machine.

The Slotzilla zipline sends riders flying high above the casinos on Fremont Street, and below the Fremont Street lighted canopy, giving riders an electric, light-filled birds eye view of the action below (and above) them.

In case a 77 foot tall zip line ride above Fremont Street is not thrilling enough for you, there's a taller, even more exciting option at Slotzilla. In August of 2014, the zoomline opened, taking riders 114 feet above Fremont (10 stories high).

Unlike the zipline, where you sit as you ride, the zoomline has riders lying facedown, flying "super hero" style 1,750 ft. down the length of Fremont Street.

Mob Museum

Opened on February 14, 2012, the Mob Museum in downtown Las Vegas is a treasure trove of artifacts, documents, records, photos, and interactive exhibits detailing the workings of the powerful mafia organizations in the United States, as well as law enforcement's efforts to stop them.

It also includes a distillery tour and tasting, consisting of a sample of house-made distilled spirits that existed before the 1920s, for you to enjoy.

Light Show

Installed in 1995 as a way to bring more visitors to downtown, the Fremont Street light show, (officially called "Viva Vision") continues to be a big draw for downtown. It's also the number one source of neck injuries in Nevada, as wide-eyed tourists can't help but crane their necks looking up to stare every time a new show begins.

The Fremont Street Experience light show times are nightly, beginning after dusk and running every hour, on the hour, until midnight (or until 1 AM during weekends and summer weekdays).

The light show and music collaboration are constantly changing and rotating – making almost sure you'll have a new visual and audio experience every time you visit Fremont Street. After a \$32 million dollar upgrade, the bigger, brighter light show debuted January 1st, 2020.

Live Music

Every night on Fremont Street, there are either DJs and/or bands performing – usually on two different stages: the main stage, and the stage at 1st Street. Often there will a bigger name act, such as Bret Michaels, Cheap Trick, Nelly, Good Charlotte, etc. And it's completely free!



FAQ's

Conventions Dates. You can book two days prior and two days after at convention rates.

- ♦ 29 Sept - Meet and Greet
- ♦ 30 Sept - Formal Opening
- ♦ 2 Oct - Formal Closing

Convention Room Rates

- ♦ When booking your room use the WMA code **GSWMA22** before 7 September.
- ♦ Only one name can make the original room reservation.
- ♦ If 1 (unrelated) guest/roommate will be in the same room, then:
 - The original reservation holder needs to inform the hotel:
 - If they know the name at the time the original reservation is made, they can enter that person's name in the space provided on the hotel reservation page. If they do not know at the time of the reservation, then they need to phone the hotel to inform them of the additional roommates, and
 - They must provide the hotel with that person's first and last name, as well as their arrival and departure dates.
- ♦ If more than 1 (unrelated) guest/roommate will be in the same room, then:
 - ♦ The original reservation holder needs to inform the hotel:
 - ♦ They need to phone the hotel to inform them of the additional roommates, and
 - ♦ They must provide the hotel with that person's first and last name, as well as their arrival and departure dates.
- ♦ Call Golden Nugget at 800-634-3454 to confirm room guest names and to confirm the room will be split paid.

- Hours of operation: 6am-9pm Las Vegas time (PST).
- ♦ Be sure to complete this information on your Convention Registration page as well.
- ♦ NOTE: Rooms are two **double beds** not Queen beds.
- ♦ The first night is charged to your credit card when reserving your room.
- ♦ Deposit for incidental charges will be collected at check-in, in the form of cash, credit or debit card.
 - ♦ Unused funds held on debit cards will be refunded per holder's banking policies, which may not be immediate.
- ♦ There is a \$15/night resort fee per room (reduced from \$35). Identified at checkout.
- ♦ The room rate is based on an average cost of the total nights (approximately \$92.50/night if you are staying weekday and weekend) plus the \$15 resort fee and taxes.
 - ♦ Ignore the pop-up on room selection stating resort fee is \$35
 - ♦ Ignore "only # rooms remaining", it is a hotel website thing and cannot be changed.
- ♦ Free regular WiFi connection, complimentary water, and access to the fitness area of the spa for each guest in the room.
 - ♦ If you must cancel your room reservation, deposits will be refunded if canceled at least 72 hours in advance.
- ♦ **Pet Accommodation \$80/Night**
 - ♦ Be sure to book your room in advance. An \$80+\$10.40 tax fee per night and a \$100 refundable deposit will apply. Available in Carson and Rush Towers Deluxe Room Accommodations only.
 - ♦ Service Pets: For service dogs that are covered under ADA federal laws, the GN will provide accommodations without additional charges which follows the law. Service animals are animals that are individually trained to work or perform tasks for individuals with disabilities.
- ♦ **Covid Restriction**

WMA must abide by any restrictions that are imposed by the State of Nevada and the Golden Nugget. Read their protocols at:
<https://www.goldennugget.com/las-vegas/Notice/>

◆ Parking

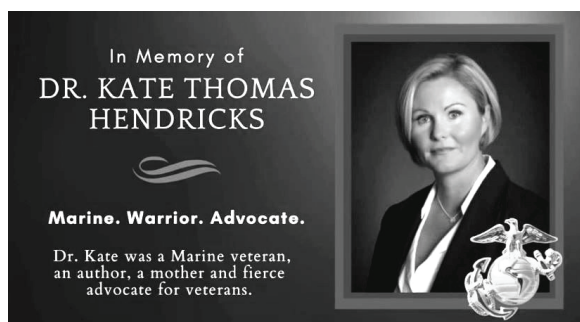
- ◇ WMA registered convention members have access to FREE Valet and self-parking during their stay
- ◇ **RV Parking.** There is no RV Parking at the Golden Nugget. Available RV parking is at Main Street Station <https://www.mainstreetcasino.com/stay/rv-park>

◆ Transportation.

- ◇ There are **no free shuttles** from the airport to the hotel.
- ◇ Get non-stop shuttle service between Golden Nugget Las Vegas and the airport with **Lasxpress**. Tickets can be purchased by calling 702.472.8688 or by clicking on https://lasxpress.com/portal/?_macode=goldnugg

◆ Accessibility

- ◇ Golden Nugget Las Vegas strives to provide welcoming and accommodating amenities for all individuals, including those with hearing, vision or other disability. Please let the hotel know if you need special accommodations for your disability. Click on <https://www.goldennugget.com/las-vegas/accessibility/>
- ◇ Cloud of Goods Scooter Rental <https://bit.ly/3BoKyEQ>
- ◇ Las Vegas Scooters <https://www.702scooters.com/index.html>



Kate Hendricks, Champion of Burn Pit Legislation, Dies from Breast Cancer

The week before she died from stage 4 breast cancer, Marine veteran Kate Hendricks Thomas considered attending a press conference in support of burn pit legislation. She had frequently testified about the issue, shared about her own struggles with cancer, and tirelessly advocated on behalf of other veterans.

Even as she was entering the ER on April 3, Hendricks answered texts from friends.

Hendricks died April 5 at the age of 42, leaving behind a husband, a son, and a legacy of resilience that has inspired countless others and is poised to

change the way future generations of veterans receive care.

Hendricks deployed to Fallujah in early 2005 as a military police officer. For months, she lived, patrolled, and ran her daily laps around the burn pit on base, unconcerned by the thick, black smoke billowing into the air she breathed. Outwardly, Hendricks appeared unscathed by the war.



She left active duty in 2008, returned to school, and earned a doctorate in health education and promotion. She married, had a son, and in 2015 published her first book, *Brave, Strong, True: The Modern Warrior's Battle for Balance*, blending her personal narrative with wellness research to promote resilience among American service members and veterans. More books followed examining veterans' mental health and the unique experiences of women in the military.

In January 2018, Hendricks got a mammogram. At 38 years old, she had stage 4 breast cancer. And not just one type, but **three**.

"They said it looked like I had been dipped in something," she told *ABC News* in 2021. "I had metastases throughout my skeletal system from my skull to my toes."

After her diagnosis, Hendricks started noticing how prevalent cancer was among other female veterans. She ran into the only other woman from her unit in Iraq, and it turned out she had the exact same type of cancer Thomas did.

Young military women have a 20% to 40% higher rate of breast cancer than civilian women, according to Department of Veterans Affairs-funded research. And a 2015 VA report suggested upwards of 3.5 million veterans may have been exposed to burn pits in Afghanistan, Djibouti, or the Southwest Asia theater of operations. But the VA has historically made it difficult for veterans to prove their illnesses are connected to burn pits. Thomas said she had no family history of breast cancer and that her oncologist believed it was exposure-related. She went back and forth with the VA for years, but the department denied her benefits claim and all appeals until July of 2021, more than three years into the five doctors estimated she would live.

She started planning for a shorter future and made sure every minute counted. In February 2020, Thomas started working on another book. She figured it would be the last book she wrote before she died, so it had to count. *Stopping Military Suicides: Veteran Voices To Help Prevent Deaths* was published in 2021.

In March, the US Senate unanimously approved the Dr. Kate Hendricks Supporting Expanded Review for Veterans in Combat Environments (SERVICE) Act, which would require the VA to

provide mammograms for all women who served in areas known to be associated with burn pits and other toxic substances.

Hendricks also recently testified in support of the House's sweeping Honoring Our Promise To Address Comprehensive Toxics Act, known as the PACT Act. While Hendricks ultimately decided she didn't feel well enough to attend a March 29 press conference on Capitol Hill in support of the legislation, Hendricks' drive to inspire others and contribute to the world endured until the very end.

Hendricks died peacefully surrounded by her husband, brother, and parents.

*Hannah Ray Lambert
April 07, 2022*

The Dr. Kate Hendricks Legacy Award, created by her friends and first launched by YourNexStage and other veteran serving organizations in 2021, will be awarded annually to an individual who goes above and beyond to help women veterans.

Dr. Kate's very public fight to have her toxic exposure-induced breast cancer recognized as service-connected has dramatically called attention to the impact of toxic exposure on women veterans. Dr. Kate's public and very candid advocacy at the national level has made it much more likely for future women veterans to qualify for service-connected VBA benefits. Dr. Kate's life and passion will have lasting impacts on veterans and their families. She has authored over 100 scientific publications and presentations.

Semper Fi, Dr Kate.

Editor's Note: While doing some online research for this issue, I ran across the below. You can thank Dr Kate for this:

To receive disability benefits for a medical condition caused by exposure to a military burn pit, you must file an application with VA. The application, along with supporting evidence, must show that you have a disabling condition and that a specific event in your military service—in this case, exposure to a burn pit—was the cause.

Recognizing the growing issue with burn pit exposure and subsequent medical conditions, VA established the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry. The Registry, which you can access on VA's website, offers a starting point for building your VA disability claim. You can add your name to the registry and begin creating a record that you were exposed and later became ill.

That said, participation in the Burn Pit Registry and filing a VA disability compensation claim are two separate things, and one does not influence the other in any way. The purpose of the registry is to gather information about those exposed in an effort to better determine the effects such exposure may present.

Stolen valor: Rhode Island woman charged with posing as wounded Marine Corps veteran

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — A Rhode Island woman was charged in federal court with fraudulently claiming to be a Marine Corps veteran with lung cancer to collect hundreds of thousands of dollars in veterans benefits and charitable contributions.



Rhode Island U.S. Attorney Zachary Cunha said Sarah Jane Cavanaugh, 31, of Warwick, is charged with using forged or counterfeited military discharge certificates, wire fraud, fraudulently holding herself out to be a medal recipient with intent to obtain money, property, or other tangible benefit, and aggravated identity theft.

There is no record of Cavanaugh ever serving in the U.S. military, Cunha said.

Cavanaugh appeared in U.S. District Court in Providence and was released on a \$50,000 unsecured bond.

Cavanaugh worked at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Providence. She's accused of accessing the records for a Marine who utilizes VA services and using them to falsify military discharge documents, and also using her work email to purchase and later display on a Marine uniform a Purple Heart and Bronze Star, according to court documents.

Cavanaugh did so to request financial assistance and falsely claim that she was being treated for lung cancer from exposure to burn pits in war zones and inhaling particulate matter from a bomb explosion, Cunha said.

Cavanaugh collected \$207,000 from the Wounded Warrior program to pay for groceries and physical therapy, about \$18,500 in financial assistance from Code of Support in Virginia for mortgage payments, repairs to her home furnace, a gym membership, and other bills, and \$4,700 from a fundraising website, Cunha said.

Claiming to be a Purple Heart and Bronze Star recipient, Cavanaugh collected \$16,000 from CreatiVets, a charity that provides therapy for veterans through art programs.

An investigation was launched after the Providence nonprofit HunterSeven contacted the Providence VA because they were suspicious of Cavanaugh's appeal to them. The organization helps veterans with cancer.

Executive Director Chelsey Simoni said they had issued a \$3,000 check to Cavanaugh in January but canceled it once they realized she was lying about service, in part because another female Marine



told them that she would've known about Cavanaugh had they served at the same time.

*Associated Press
March 15, 2022*

Molly Marine and Iron Mike Awards

Graduation: 21 January 2022

Company G, Platoon 2141
PFC Belinda T. Harms, St Paul, MN

Graduation: 28 January 2022

Company November, Platoon 4002
Pvt Navaeh T. Powell, Cincinnati, OH

Company November, Platoon 4003
PFC Charlee A. St Clair, High Ridge, MO

Graduation: 11 February 2022

Company Kilo, Platoon 3010
Pvt Elizabeth G. Kruder, Homewood, IL

Company Kilo, Platoon 3014
Pvt Savana L. Wolfe, Tulia, TX

Graduation: 25 February 2022

Company Papa, Platoon 4005
PFC Katelyn B. Davis, Dahlonaga, GA

Company Papa, Platoon 4009
PFC Rosie N. Gutierrez, Brownsville, TX

Iron Mike: Company Papa, Platoon 4004

Pvt Kaiden M. Bittering, Longwood, FL

Company Papa, Platoon 4006
Pvt Brett E. Perry, Wesley Chapel, FL

Company Papa, Platoon 4008
Pvt Lacories J. Howse, Nashville, TN

Graduation: 11 March 2022

Company November, Platoon 4012
PFC Angelina M. Creel, Lakeside, CA

Company November, Platoon 4013
Pvt Sadie M. Douglas, Clinton, CT

Graduation: 8 April 2022

Lima Company, Platoon 3018
PFC Hayli A. McKenzie, Chicago, IL

Lima Company, Platoon 3022
PFC Madison Grimsbo, Herman, MN

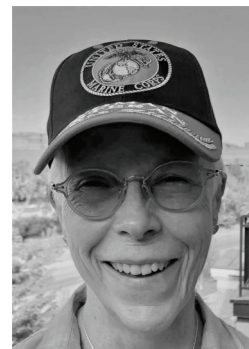
Graduation: 22 April 2022

Company Hotel, Platoon 2026
PFC Keahi L. Teai, Emerald Isle, NC

Company Hotel, Platoon 2030
Pvt Mallory J. Barber, Laurinbrug, NC

Did You Notice?

We have a new Chaplain! Melinda Townsend was born in Denver and raised primarily in the north-central area of New Mexico (Española, Santa Fe and Taos). She spent three years living in Aguascalientes, Mexico as a teenager giving her a wonderful cross-culture living experience and fluency in Spanish. She graduated from St. Michael's High School in Santa Fe, NM.



Melinda is honorably discharged from the Marine Corps and a Life Member of WMA. She graduated from Platoon 7A in 1975, and completed Basic Automotive Mechanics Training (3521) in January 1976, graduating first in her class and receiving a meritorious promotion to LCpl. She was stationed at Cherry Point and assigned to WERS-27 (later H&GMS-27) where she worked in the Maintenance Management Office. She received a second meritorious promotion to Cpl in August 1976, and completed her enlistment in July 1977.

From 1978-2003, she was a member of the Sisters of Social Service (SSS) of Los Angeles (a Roman Catholic religious order).

In 2003, after 25 years of service, she separated from the SSS to pursue ordination in the United Church of Christ (UCC). From 2003-2007, she lived in Walla Walla, WA where she served both as the Associate Pastor at First Congregational UCC and Executive Director of Helpline (an emergency social service agency). In 2007, she relocated to Denver to be closer to family and, since that time, has worked at Aurora Housing Authority (AHA).

Melinda currently serves as the Deputy Executive of Housing and Family Services. She has announced that she will be retiring in July 2022 and relocating to Pensacola, FL.

Melinda completed a 200 hr. Yoga Teacher Training program in April of 2016. The training has afforded her an opportunity to develop a deep appreciation for Yoga, Hinduism and Buddhism. In addition, she has become increasingly aware of how mindfulness practices can enrich our lives. She is a registered Yoga teacher with the Yoga Alliance.

Melinda earned her BA in Economics from California State University – Dominguez Hills (1984); a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from Fuller Theological Seminary (1993); a Master of Philosophy in Contemporary Systematic Theology (ABD) from Fordham University (2000); and a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership from Colorado State University – Global Campus (2013).

She is ready to serve the WMA members in any spiritual needs, a shoulder to lean on. She will lead the WMA Ministry with a fresh voice. She can be contacted at chaplain@womenmarines.org.

A Tribute to Theresa “Sue” Sousa for starting WMA and hanging in there with it since 1960, for all the work in between, and for continuing to be an argumentative soul when the association needed it. With great appreciation and love. Thank you!



For those of you who don't know, Sue is the last remaining member of a group of women Marines who started WMA back in 1960. And one Navy chaplain.



Nita Bob Warner



Betsy Menin, Jeanne Botwright



*Jeanne Botwright (l),
Eileen Scanlon*



*The Oval Office
with President Bill
Clinton*

This is NOT going to be a bio, but it will list some details about Theresa “Sue” Malone Sousa. So, here you go:

Sue was born in Winchester, VA in 1927. Moved to Washington DC after graduation from high school. Enlisted in the USMCR in 1949.

Her reserve unit was activated during the Korean War, and Sue reported to PI for training. Transferred to Camp Pendleton where she was promoted to sergeant in 1951 and met John Wayne during filming of *Flying Leathernecks*. Played basketball and softball for the Corps.

Released from active duty in 1952 and returned to the reserves in DC until 1962 when she was discharged as a staff sergeant. She then began her 30-year federal service career with the Geological Survey.

Now retired, Sue has more awards than I have room for between WMA, the Geological Survey, NASA, the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, and listed in World Who's Who of Women. That is far from all of them.

Much, much more can be said of Theresa “Sue” Sousa. This definitely didn't do her justice. Great lady, outstanding Marine, smart, funny, quiet demeanor, but able to stand her ground when she needs to. From here on out, it's going to be photos. But there's one more thing from me to Sue, you have been a great role model for all of us, and for me, one helluva broad! I will always treasure our friendship and the wisdom you've shared. Love you!

Sondra Metzger





Sylvia Cox, Mitzi Manning



BGen Wilma Vaught, Marilla Cushman



Center, Lotus Mort

"In high school, softball was definitely the major focus and Sue led a winning team. One season they qualified to play a tournament in another county. The boys were going on a bus, but there was no bus for the girls. Sue went to the principal's office and pointed out this discrepancy. The girls were given a bus. This was in the early 1940's, predating Title IX by thirty years."

Nancy Doench



Betty Moseley Brown, 100th anniversary celebration at the Women's Memorial



Elaine Stem, Rhonda Amtower



Then BGen Lori Reynolds, Eileen, SgtMaj Grace Carle



Maria Crowley, Eileen, Judy Anderson

"Sue will tell you when she first encountered gender discrimination -- at the age of three. The family was building a new house; Sue, two brothers, and her parents drove to the construction site to see how things were coming along. Her father and brothers then started off to check on the property's natural spring. Sue said, "I want to go, too!" She was told she couldn't—she was a girl. She will also tell you that she has never forgotten that."

*Nancy Doench
Sue's sister*



DC-1's going away party for Sue & Eileen



Eileen Scanlon, Julia Hamblet award

Two great ladies!



Mitzi Manning



Marine Corps body composition standards may be leading to eating disorders

The Marine Corps' Body Composition and Military Appearance Program may be leading to a force that is fit but unhealthy, a Rand study has found — leaving Marines with behaviors typically associated with eating disorders.

The body composition program does not allow for Marines to grow and maintain the increased muscle mass required to meet the standards of their jobs or the increasingly demanding physical fitness assessments, according to the study's findings, published March 25. And an emphasis on physical appearance as a leadership trait may be a top factor in higher rates of eating disorders.

"Marines are diagnosed with eating disorders at higher rates than other service members, and women Marines in particular are diagnosed more than others," the report showed, with Marines diagnosed "at nearly twice the rate of other services."

The study, initiated by Rand and not the Marine Corps, conducted a thorough literature review of existing research surrounding body composition policies and effects on service members' physical and mental health, as well as research concerning how these policies affect retention rates. Lead researchers Joslyn Fleming and Jeannette Gaudry Haynie — both Marine veterans themselves — noted that the Corps' heavy emphasis on physical appearance as a leadership trait may be a leading factor as to why there has been an increase in the number of Marines adopting unhealthy eating behaviors, even if a large number go undiagnosed because of stigma attached to them.

Which stems from the fact that the branches use standards heavily based on body mass index tables that were developed in the 1900s following research almost entirely conducted on white, European males, leaving women and people of color out of consideration.

BMI standards also do not account for the fact that people are coming to age taller and stronger than ever recorded before, meaning that standards created for generations two or three times removed need to be reassessed regardless of gender or race.

The study suggested removing verbiage that ties leadership capabilities directly to the weight and appearance of Marines.

Also recommended was that the Marine Corps immediately pause all of its height, weight, and body-composition measurements until further study is conducted and new recommendations are implemented as it redesigns its policies.

The Corps not only needs to study Marines who fail standards, but those who are near its limits and those not previously considered in making the standards.

This one suggestion may be a step the Corps already is taking, as the branch is conducting its own study through its Human Performance Branch — led by the Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine. Findings have yet to be released as the study is wrapping up its final stages.

The Marine Corps' study compares whole body scans, body fat percentage, and body shape to physical fitness test and combat fitness test scores to come to a more scientific body composition standard, something that is now possible following the Defense Department's recent update to its body composition and physical fitness instruction.

It also sought to pull Marines in from a diverse array of demographics, including those from different occupational specialties, the enlisted and officer corps, all genders and ages, and even those who are postpartum.

Rand researchers suggested that the Corps consider whether height, weight, and body-composition measurements are even necessary and if they truly represent the overall fitness and health of Marines.

And, if the branch does decide that its own body composition standards are still paramount to force readiness, it should "develop and implement a body-composition program that directly grapples with the contradictory nature of the existing program" and create a new program that is reflective of and supports the diversity of the force.

The Marine Corps also needs to address the matter of eating disorders, whether that is by conducting more studies on policies and subsequent effects on eating behaviors or through further educating Marines on nutrition and mental and physical well-being.

*Rachel Nostrant
Marine Corps veteran*

WMA Virtual Happy Hour



Date: Thursday May 12

Time: 4 PM Pacific / 7 PM Eastern

This is a meet & greet networking opportunity for all current WMA members. Bring your

beverage of choice – mocktail, cocktail, or good ole' H2O hydration. President (Rhonda) will welcome the members and briefly share the latest national convention registration information. We are going to use breakout rooms for smaller group conversations throughout the event, and we may also use polling. If you can join with the Zoom app from your computer or smartphone you will have the best experience.

Registration:

Please register via Zoom using this link:

<https://bit.ly/3vDbWMU>



REGISTRATION FORM

Please use this mail-in form to pay for your registration by check. If you would like to pay for your registration by credit card, please do so online at <https://cvent.me/rvLa3A>. Contact us at ctreasurer@womenmarines.org with any questions.

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Dear WMA Chapters and Members,

The Women Marines Association (WMA) will host our 30th Biennial Convention and Professional Development Symposium Sept 29 thru Oct 3, 2022, in Las Vegas, NV

These ads will be in our 2022 Biennial Convention and Professional Development Symposium Program Booklet, which every registrant will receive. Your support benefits the convention, the host chapter and WMA National programs and initiatives. Your chapter can memorialize those called to their final duty station, honor a fellow member, share all your accomplishments and show your support to WMA.

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Chapter Clippings

CA-2 San Diego County

CA2 member Randy Tidmore was recognized at the Special Opening of The Color of Freedom Traveling Exhibit at the USS Midway Museum in San Diego March 8. The exhibit honors the diversity of American servicewomen.

Included are more photos of the members of CA-2 and the Commanding General of MCRD, BGen Morris, at the dedication of the monument to women Marines. The



Nancy Brock, Maura Donnelly, and Randy Tidmore



chapter solicited donations to erect a monument to the Women Marine Reserve that served during WW II and were stationed at MCRD San Diego. The monument was erected in 2021, but the ceremony was delayed due to COVID.



Randy and BGen Jason Morris

Barb McCurtis presented the Molly Marine Award to PFC Belinda Harms, MCRD San Diego. The photo includes GySgt Ortega, PFC Harms, Barb, and GySgt Ramos.



Barb McCurtis

CA-3 San Francisco Bay Area

Greetings from the California Bay Area, Chapter CA-3. We are starting to get back in the swing of meeting in person! It is a smaller group, but so nice to see each other and hug!

We met in January to celebrate the New Year. The meeting was hosted by CA-3 member Susan Johnston and Loyal Escort Vern Smith.

At the February



meeting, hosted by Loyal Escort Rose Otto, we celebrated Valentine's Day, and the Anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve.

At the March meeting, hosted by Loyal Escort Angie Fredekind, we celebrated St Patrick's Day. Loyal Escort Vern Smith surprised us all by bringing several bottles of wine for raffle prizes! A bottle of Jarhead Red, and three bottles of various wines with specially made labels designating the 1st Lt. Frank S. Reasoner Marine Corps League



#919, of which several members of CA-3 are also members. These special bottles of wine went first, each winner very excited to win one.

As a member of the combined American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard, CA-3 member Susan Johnston participated in seven funerals/memorial services for veterans during this three month period.

When I asked the members of CA-3 for items to include in this newsletter, Loyal Escort Vern Smith sent this to me:

"I've been associated with California Chapter CA-3 as a Loyal Escort for several years. All stemming from an invitation to visit a meeting by three women Marines who also belong to the same Marine Corps League Detachment that I do.

After a couple of visits, I decided to join this group of WM's. I have enjoyed my time spent with them and they have always made me feel most welcome. They are very dedicated Marines.

Chapter meetings are always started with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a prayer, which unlike the MCL includes mention of those Marines that are in Harm's Way. The MCL only prays for their dead and missing in action. They could learn a lot from the WMA.

After the prayer and the pledge, the president announces points of news interest in the current day Marine Corps. She then recognizes the members seated around the table and asks them to announce what they have done since the previous meeting. The results of these announcements can often be curious, informative & hilarious.

Meetings are held at a popular Hofbrau with great food. One or more of the members on a rotating basis serves as host(s) supplying deserts and raffle prizes. There is always a cake cutting ceremony on the Marine Corps Birthday.

During the year, a member and her husband have a bar-b-que at their home. It is a very well attended and shows how sociable these ladies are. WMA conventions are also well attended.



I just can't say enough about this wonderful association of Marines. They simply represent all the goodness of our motto, 'Semper Parati'

Vern Smith, USMC 58 - 64"

Thank you, Vern, for these kind words.

Susan Johnston

CA-7 Edith Macias Vann Southern CA

Hello sisters. Here is what Edith Macias Vann Southern California Chapter (CA-7) has been up to.

February 11 - A few chapter members attended the unveiling dedication ceremony of WMA Chapter CA-2 Historical Monument aboard MCRD San Diego. This monument dedication was:



"Celebrating Women Marines. Honoring The Past and Praising the Present". After the ceremony, we all attended a lovely reception.

February 12, our chapter celebrated the anniversary of the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve. We had a great turnout. Treasurer Lillian Cross read the Commandant and WMA President messages. Several members donated baskets for the raffle. Our guest speaker was Jodie M. Grenier, Chief Executive Officer of Foundation For Women Warriors. Jodie is a WMA Lifetime member. CA-7 donated \$250 to Foundation For Women Warriors.



March 08 - Chapter President Iris Biggers was invited to attend the International Women's Day Luncheon at Morgan Run Club and Resort in Rancho Santa Fe. This delightful luncheon celebrated military women and others from around the world. Iris and three active duty women Marines were invited to a podcast before lunch and talk about their experience serving in the military.



Iris Biggers & the Marines

Also on this day, Charlene Itchkawich spoke to the Rotary Club of Oceanside about WMA, Women Marines history and her experience serving in the United States Marine Corps. She was well received and enjoyed talking to them.



Last but not least, Barbara Cogburn and Anna Johnson are moving. Your chapter sisters will miss seeing you both. Make sure to visit us if you're ever back in the area. Semper Fidelis!

Iris Biggers

HI-2 Wahine Koa

Members of the HI-2 Wahine Koa Chapter in Honolulu HI joined with over 1500 other participants on 18 December to place grave-side wreaths at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, located on the island of Oahu.



Our Chapter President, Kathleen Kincaid, agreed to hold our January 2022 meeting there as many of our members had never visited. Chapter Member Maggie Gaukler volunteered to provide us all with historical background on Puowaina (Hill of Sacrifice), often referred to as "Punchbowl."

Puowaina is actually an inactive volcano. Cemetery construction started in 1948 and the first interments were on 4 January 1949. It was open to the public in July 1949 and formally dedicated on 2 September 1949 to mark the 4th anniversary of V-J Day. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976, and hosts an estimated 5 million visitors each year.

A truly special place in Hawaii, see the link below for more information on this national treasure.

<https://www.nps.gov/places/national-memorial-cemetery-of-the-pacific.htm>

The Court of the Missing and Honolulu Memorial was established in 1964 by American Battle Monuments Commission. The Court of the Missing consists of 10 marble structures listing the names of approximately 29,000 military personnel who are missing in action, were lost, or were buried at sea during WWII, Korea, and Vietnam wars. If a service member's remains are identified a rosette is placed next to the name to indicate they have been identified. The walkway leading to the overlook is lined with 74 Memorial Markers placed by Veteran Organizations and foreign governments to honor American Veterans.

Deb Straight

IN-1 Indiana

IN-1 co-sponsored an event which brought Iraq War veteran and former POW Jessica Lynch to Indi-



ana. The evening before the event, IN-1 held a meet and greet for the guest speakers for the event. Those guests included WMA National President Rhonda Amtower; Military Women's Memorial



Jessica & Kay Ross

(WIMSA) President Phyllis Wilson; Military Women's Memorial (WIMSA) Community Engagement Manager Lachrisa Parker; Center for Women Veterans Deputy Director Elizabeth Estabrooks; and Women Veterans Co-ordinators from Indi-



ana, Michigan, and Kentucky.

During the event, attendees heard from all of the guest speakers and Jessica Lynch. Jessica told her very powerful, emotional story to the guests. After the event, she was very gracious and spoke with many attendees individually, answered their questions, and took photos.

It was a wonderful event that IN-1 is very proud to have been a part of.

Kay Ross

LA-1 Molly Marine

Molly Marine LA-1 had the opportunity on 24 February to "laissez les bon temps rouler" ("let the good times roll") in a Mardi Gras parade with the Krewe of Muses. "Muses" is an all-female Mardi Gras Krewe comprised of



Anastasia Huete & Nora Huete



L-R: Allison Stein, Angela Merrell, Sylvia Rosario, Linda Padgett, Melanie Young, Nicole Bailey

proud to wear red, white and blue attire to match the new WMA brand/logo colors on our parade banner; looking very patriotic! We had a blast, as always!!

Melanie Young



Melanie, Linda, Sylvia, Jacqueline Bazile, Angela, Allison

MI-4 Mid-Michigan

In May 2020, two dams broke in Central Michigan. The world watched as entire towns were flooded and many homes and businesses washed away. In the town of Sanford, the Sanford Flag Memorial Monument was sadly washed away with the flood waters. The memorial had been built by the Burgess family for their son, Marine LCpl Ryan Burgess. LCpl Burgess was killed in action in Iraq in 2006.



MI-4 wanted to do what they could to help with the rebuild project of this memorial. In July 2020, we raised funds by collecting bottles and bottle return receipts. Thanks to surrounding communities, we were able to raise \$800 for the LCpl Ryan Burgess Foundation. These monies were used for the memorial rebuild, and the Sanford Flag

Memorial Monument was re-dedicated in May 2021.

March 19, MI-4 participated in the Clare Irish Festival Parade located in Clare, MI. The Clare Irish Festival is a week long festival that brings in thousands of people to a small Mid-Michigan town. This year's parade had the most viewers, in person and online, than any previous years. MI-4 walked the parade route, handing out beads and candy. We hope



that this parade helped to get the word out about our chapter, as well as WMA.

Leanna Kingsbury

MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks

On February 12, MN-1 held an anniversary celebration at the Richfield VFW. In attendance were Pat Graham, Linda Munson, Karen Shaw, Chris Magnusson, Michelle Livingston, Sandra Heredia and her guest Judy, and Vicki Latiolais. Michelle Livingston brought a celebratory anniversary cake.

Several members expressed interest in attending the 2022 Convention in Las Vegas and will continue to discuss and form travel plans.

We await confirmation of both the Como Park Senior High School JROTC Awards Ceremony and Memorial Day activities at Ft. Snelling National Veterans Cemetery.

Our next meeting will be May 14, also at the Richfield VFW. All are welcome to join.

Vicki Latiolais

WA-3 Northsound



WA-3 has been meeting virtually for the most part. But President Bettie Glassey made an exception and made a surprise birthday visit to see WA-3 charter member, Betty Strand.

Betty turned 94 years old in January! Betty was active in WA-3 and her community, and was Secretary for WA-3 for many years!



Peggy Reiber

Chaplain's Corner

Before I begin my reflection for this edition of 'Nouncements, I want to thank each of you who have afforded me this opportunity and privilege to serve as the WMA National Chaplain. I also want to thank each of you who welcomed me into this role. Thank you for taking time to reply to the announcement. It is greatly appreciated. Personally, I want to thank Eileen Skahill for her support, wisdom, guidance, and patience. Thank you for all you have done to support me as I transition into this role and for your many years of faithful service to the WMA!

As we move into spring, I love watching the signs of new life appear on trees, bushes, and plants, and I am in awe of how resilient nature is. With increased daylight, the cold starts to peel away, flowers start to pop their heads up out of the earth, blossoms start to appear, grass starts to turn green, and trees start to bud. With the new life comes a sense of new hope. It is a time that many of our religious traditions recognize new life and spiritual growth (e.g., Easter, Passover, Ramadan, etc.).

As nature is resilient, Marines are resilient. If life has not already taught us to be resilient before boot camp, boot camp guarantees to teach us resiliency. When you fall down, you get back up. When the unexpected happens, you adapt. Marines, by our very nature, are resilient. Even when our personal lives have those short, cold days of winter (and they do happen), we hunker down, just like nature, awaiting our personal springs and a chance for new life. And when those personal springs seem too far off, our families, friends and sister Marines can help carry us until that spring arrives. May this season be one of new life, new hope and new growth for all of us.

Melinda Townsend

Taps

"If the Army and the Navy ever look on Heaven's scenes, they will find the street are guarded by United States Marines."

Please take a moment to remember our departed sister Marines who have taken leave of this life to fulfill heaven's ranks. May their souls and the souls of all our departed sisters rest in peace.

Life Members

Bellesheim, Dorothy	1751	Unknown	MN-1
Gochanour, Janice (Limke)	2739	03/19/2022	IA-1
Hardeman, Lois E.	3469	03/04/2022	MO-2
Lambert, Mary Sue (Freiberg)	958	03/07/2022	MI
Littman, Jean R.		03/12/2022	NY-7
Melnik, Elizabeth	2251	06/16/2021	CA
Pranger, Vivian L.	2135	01/27/2022	CA-8
Schroller, Olida C. ("Connie") (Golla)	1236	01/29/2022	CA-5
Zdrojowy, Agnes ("Aggie") S. (Szrom)	216	03/19/2022	CT-1

Term Members

Bevan, Mary M. (Brynes)	11/28/2021	FL
Hargreaves, Louise E.	01/06/2021	IL-2
Houser, Marguerite (Moore)	12/17/2021	CO-1
Klett, Ruth M.	10/16/2021	MN-1
Paulson, Margaret J. (Chappel)	07/10/2018	AZ
Peppler, Margaret R. (Wright)	02/17/2020	WI
Rollings, June	06/01/2021	KY
Roberts, Bernadine G.	02/15/2021	KS

27th Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard

A year ago in April, an article was published in this newsletter about Vice Commandant Linda L. Fagan. She was the 32nd Vice Commandant. Now she's going from 32nd to **first**.

Adm. Fagan has been nominated by President Biden to serve as the 27th Commandant of the Coast Guard. Upon confirmation, she will be the first woman to do so. Pending confirmation, Adm. Fagan is expected to relieve current Commandant Adm. Karl L. Schultz during a change of command ceremony planned for June 1 in Washington, D.C.

Admiral Fagan is the longest serving active duty Marine Safety Officer, which has earned her the distinction of being the Coast Guard's first-ever Gold Ancient Trident.

The Ancient Trident Award is established to honor the officer (Gold) and enlisted (Silver) member with the longest time in the Marine Safety program. This award not only recognizes Marine Safety longevity, but also extols the officer and enlisted member whose personal character and performance standards honor the most venerable practitioners of Marine Safety and reflect Coast Guard core values.



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Ladies, it could have been worse!

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Conscripts in Norway have been ordered to return their underwear, bras and socks after the end of their military service so that the next group of recruits can use them. The Norwegian military said Monday that it is struggling with dwindling supplies, in part due to the pandemic.

Until recently, the roughly 8,000 young men and women who every year do their military service returned their outer clothing but were allowed to leave barracks with the underwear and socks they were issued.

Military service is mandatory for both men and women in Norway and lasts between 12 and 19 months.

With thanks to Brenda Hockenhull, CA-7

USAGE OF WMA SEAL AND LOGO

There seems to be a bit of confusion as to what can be used by chapters for chapter use and convention use.

The logo can be used by members and chapters as well as their chapter logo.



The National Seal as shown CANNOT be used by chapters for any reason. This has not changed.

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Check box if you are a FMF Navy Service Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attention: Verification of honorable Marine Corps or Navy FMF service must be provided. This may include a DD 214, Honorable Discharge Certificate or Summary; and for those currently serving a letter on command stationary or copy of TBIR screen. Please redact any SSNs. Do not send ORIGINAL documents.	

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By my signature, I verify that all information contained within is correct and that I am eligible to apply having served or honorably serving in the United States Marine Corps or as Navy FMF qualified. I will abide by the WMA Bylaws and Standing Rules.

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Short, three pockets with vintage WMA logo
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Cost: \$23.50 (includes shipping)

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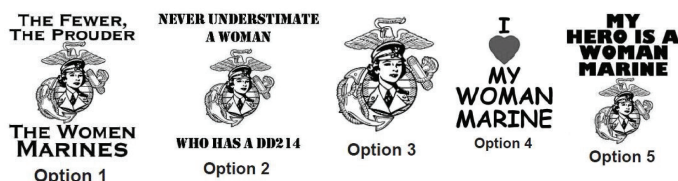
Comes in vintage khaki and gray with vintage WMA logo
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3XL: \$39

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Chapter OR-3

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Travel Mug - Chapter CA-7
White aluminum with vintage
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and gold "Oohrah Sisterhood
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Cost: \$15 (includes shipping)
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WWII Poster Mug - Chapter IN-1
Vintage women Marines recruitment poster art, "Be a
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MISCELLANEOUS

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Cost: \$10.00 plus \$6.00 shipping

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Clear Vinyl Bag - Chapter NC-1

With long zipper, vintage green/white WMA logo
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Ribbon Magnet - Chapter CA-7

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"The Few, The Proud, The Women Marines"

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Travel Neck Pouch - black w/two zippered sections on
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logo, adjustable strap - Size: 6.5"x4.5"

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