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# **Monthly Minute - November 2021**

November is upon us, and this month we celebrate not only Veterans Day as we honor all who have served in our Armed Services but also the 246th birthday of our beloved Marine Corps. Below you will find links to the WMA National Birthday Message, the Commandant's message, and video, as well as the "virtual" Birthday celebration.

## WMA 246th Birthday Message

#### **CMC Message**

#### CMC 246th Birthday Video

#### Virtual Ceremony

The Commandant and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps recorded a ceremony with the required formation, recognition of the oldest and youngest Marine in attendance, cake cutting, and reading of the 1921 birthday message from Gen. John A. Lejeune.

Thank you for your service, and Happy birthday Marines!

## **Nov Historical Tidbits:**

November is Native American Heritage Month. WMA is proud of the female Native Americans that have served and are currently serving in the military and Marine Corps, just like Minnie Spotted Wolf, believed to be the first Native American woman to join the Marine Corps Women's Reserve in September 1943. <u>Learn more about Minnie...</u>

Also, read Native American Heritage Programs' article- Women in the Military.

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By now, you should have received your copy of the October issue of 'Nouncements, at least your electronic issue. If your choice was to receive the hard/paper copy, it is in the mail. So if you are anxious to get your copy as soon as it is published, why not think about changing your choice to receive it electronically. Contact our Membership Team at <a href="membership@womenmarines.org">membership@womenmarines.org</a> to update your choice of how you want to receive WMA communications and or to update your contact information.

The October issue included a lot of great information on our new Rebranding Effort as well as more details on the upcoming Nomination and Election process that begins in Jan.. All eight (8) elected Board positions are open for nominations. Now is the time for you to engage in our Association. Let your voices be heard and be a part of WMA's future. For questions, contact the Nomination Committee at nominate@womenmarines.org

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# **President's Initiative:**

FOOD DRIVE (November and December)

Hunger can affect people from all walks of life. Millions of people in America are just one job loss, missed paycheck, or medical emergency away from hunger. Together, as individuals and chapters, we can work to make a difference. Items can be collected to a local food pantry, <u>A Veteran State Home</u>, or Veteran Pantry.

We ask that you document how much was collected and send us pictures of what you were able to do. Remember, EVERY can donated will count. There is a downloadable flyer for you to use. Please send your information to <a href="mailto:pro@womenmarines.org">pro@womenmarines.org</a> for inclusion on all our social media outlets.

Food Drive Flyer

# **Wreaths Across America:**

Don't forget to support our Wreaths Across America Program. On December 18, 2021, at 09:00 a.m. the Women Marines Association National Level (MI0040P) will be helping Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes. Please consider sponsoring a wreath for this wonderful effort.

For More Details

Enjoy the upcoming holidays with family and friends within your local communities. Stay safe and well.

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