



Generations of Marine Service



Photo courtesy of Sarah Thornton

As other WRs look on, SSgt Elaine Martin cuts the birthday cake on 13 February 1946 for Parris Island Marines celebrating the 3d anniversary of the founding women's program. Demobilization of women Marines had already begun by this date.

79th Anniversary

The 79th Anniversary of the Women Reserves

As we all know this month we commemorate the establishment of the MC Women's Reserve on 13 February 1943. You will find messages from the Commandant as well as myself in the January issue of 'Nouncements. I hope wherever you are you will take a few moments during the month to reflect on the history of women's service in the Marine Corps. We should be proud of our individual service and know that we all played a key role in the transformation of today's Marine.



The 1st Platoon, U.S. Naval Training School (Women's Reserve), gathered at Hunter College in New York City, April 1943. Because uniform shipments were delayed, only the women in the first row and a few in the second wore uniform skirts. *Photo courtesy of Audrey L. Bennington*

[Message from CMC](#)

[Message from Rhonda Amtower WMA National President](#)

February is Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual celebration that started in the US in 1926. The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln, the US president who issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, and Frederick Douglass, an African American orator, social reformer, writer and abolitionist. This month we take this opportunity to recognize and honor the contributions that so many black Americans have made in the military services with a special focus on the success and development of the United States Marine Corps. Please see our Blog and social media pages that reflect many of these Marines' stories.

Annie Graham blazed a path for future generations of Black women in the Marine Corps when she enlisted on Sept. 8, 1949. She served until 1952, and her legacy persists today.





Time to Volunteer

WMA SALES LEAD

WMA Merchandise Sales Lead.

1. Merchandise Sales reports to the National President via the 2nd Vice President. (This will change in October)
 2. Be responsible and accountable for all merchandise offered for sale by the Women Marines Association.
 3. To maintain an adequate stock of WMA Board approved inventory.
 4. Coordinate orders for WMA membership covers made by American Heroes Manufacturing, Inc.
 5. Maintain inventory log
 6. Mail out merchandise promptly
- Can be a WMA member or a WMA Chapter
If Interested contact Ann Lane Crittenden at
1VP@womenmarines.org

Online Networkers

We are still looking for a few good women to volunteer to be a part of WMA's future. In the January issue of 'Nouncements (see page 6) we published an article with a "call to action" asking for volunteers interested in participating in a new initiative to create an "Online Networking Event Program." The goal of this program is to help foster the sense of community among WMA members by holding online gatherings in a fun and relaxed social setting. This special task force is to provide input and guidance on the types of topics and programs you'd like to see. We already have a few volunteers but if you are still interested please submit your contact information via this **Google form**:

<https://bit.ly/WMAVolunteerInterest> Contact wma@womenmarines.org with any questions.

Scholarship Applications now
Available. Deadline 28 Feb

[Information here](#)

Nominations for all elected
officer positions now available.

[Board Job Descriptions](#)

Our Members

Meet Member

Roberta "Randy" Tidmore



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Randy was one of 18,000 women who joined the Marines by that year. While comprising just 4 percent of the Marines, women worked as clerks, mechanics, and aerial gunnery instructors, among other jobs, and they helped pave the way for more than 1 million women who have since served in the U.S. military.

[Read her full story](#)

. #HERSTORY #WMA LifeMember, #WMA Strong



FROM THE NATIONAL TREASURER

An email was sent to all WMA Chapter emails from Peggy Reiber, WMA National Treasurer regarding the information to file your 990's. Below is the info she requested. Please email her



TAKE THE SURVEY

It is time to get a pulse from our members on how we are doing with our new initiatives and what we can do to improve our member services. It is our focus to promote the importance of

the needed information.
CHAPTER EIN:
NAME OF THE CHAPTER:
NAME OF CHAPTER RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:
ADDRESS OF CHAPTER OR RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:
EMAIL OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:
DID THE CHAPTER GROSS OVER \$50k? YES OR NO
IS THE CHAPTER STILL ACTIVE? YES OR NO
CHAPTER WEBSITE:
Please send this information soonest-- no later than 15 February 2022.
treasurer@womenmarines.org

making WMA the Veteran Association of choice for all female Marines and FMF qualified. Click the button below to connect you with the survey so we ask for maximum participation. **This is your chance to let your voices be heard and to be a part of WMA's future.**
<https://bit.ly/3Lv0471>

TAKE THE WMA MEMBER SURVEY



Nominations For WMA Board Positions

2022 is the year for our National Elections. You can be the change for our future Association. All positions are now open. This is your chance to make your voice heard. You will find the information in your October 2021 edition of 'Nouncements.

Positions are as follows:

- President
- Vice President
- Director of Finance
- Director of Administration
- Director of Marketing and Communications
- Director of Programs
- Director of Member Services
- Director of Development/Fundraising

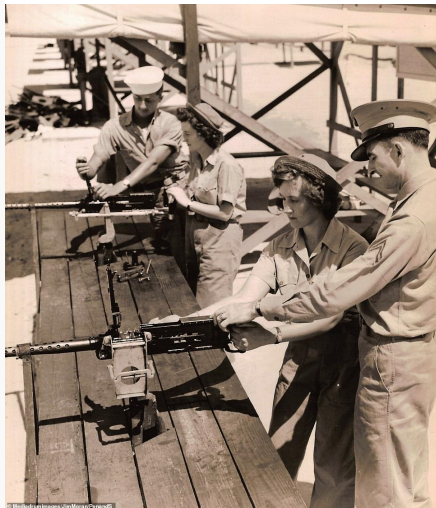
♥ Request a nomination Package ♥

January 'Nouncements Sent

Did you miss this quarter's issue of 'Nouncements? Catch up on the state of the association, updates on the 2022 WMA National Convention, guidelines for Recognition and Awards, and much more!

[Read 'Nouncements](#)

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