

WMA 'Nouncements

CONVENTION CANCELLED!!

After due consideration of the current pandemic situation, the decision has been made to **CANCEL** the 2020 WMA Convention and Professional Development Symposium scheduled 3 - 7 September 2020 in Omaha, Nebraska.

This decision is based on the COVID-19 pandemic due to concerns for the health and welfare of our membership along with the unspecific travel restrictions.

COVID-19 pandemic's highest risk category is those 65 years plus or with health issues.

The core age demographic of our Association is between the ages of 50-75 years.

Restricted Travel for Military Personnel

This would include our keynote speakers and active duty members with an unclear period for lifting these restrictions.

We can still keep the spirit of “*Bringing your Oohrah to Omaha*” alive. We may be alone at home, but we are together in heart and spirit. We are currently working on plans to create ways that we can enjoy “virtually shared experiences” while we focus on the basic theme of the Convention, the 60th Anniversary of WMA. As these plans develop, we will keep you informed.

*Watch our Facebook pages and messages sent to our members for updates.
WMA 2020 OohRah to Omaha!*

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO CANCEL YOUR HOTEL AND
TRANSPORTATION RESERVATIONS.**

Respectfully and Semper Fidelis,
Jenifer Nothelfer, 2020 Co-Chair, Area 7 Director

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Reporting In...National President

“Honoring the Past, Excellence for the Future”

Positive Changes for a new Decade



In light of the current COVID-19 Pandemic, we are facing challenges in all facets of our lives. At times such as these, we must take care of ourselves and our families as well as continue to focus on the conduct of business of our Association.

Within WMA, the uncertainties surrounding the pandemic led to serious considerations regarding the 2020 Convention. Given the overall health risk and travel restrictions the pandemic poses to our members, we made the decision to cancel the 2020 Biennial Convention in Omaha. A decision not taken lightly, but one that best supports the welfare of our members. Even though we cannot meet in Omaha “in person” this year, we can still work together to experience many convention events through a variety of means. Just as all Marines celebrate the birthday of our Corps, no matter where they are, we too can commemorate the 60th Anniversary of our Association to share our love of WMA and the Corps. We will see each other again in Las Vegas in 2022. See the front-page article for more details.

The National Board of Directors continues to focus on how to move the Association forward. Following the Board’s recommendations at the 2019 Interim Board Meeting (IBM) to address the way forward for WMA, we teamed up with Courtney Lynch, a Marine and principal at Lead Star, a consulting firm, to support WMA in improving our current operations and to develop future strategy. As a result and with Board approval, we established a Working Group (WG) composed of members with diverse backgrounds, age, and a spectrum of Marine Corps and WMA experience.

The WG found that WMA has tremendous potential to meet the needs of and to provide support to females who have earned the title Marine, but also that the organization has become bureaucratic and lacks strategic focus. WMA needs to be more agile and relevant to today’s needs while continuing to value our heritage and history.

We need to continue to honor our past while striving for excellence for the future. We must strive to achieve our vision to transform WMA so that it becomes a thriving organization for female Marines (past, present, and future) looking for camaraderie, mentorship, support, and the opportunity to continue to have a positive impact.

The WG key proposals to streamline and modernize our Board for more efficient and effective operations are of immediate interest and importance to our members. Although the WG is currently exploring a new Board structure and governance for our way ahead, the proposed structure/positions have not been refined at this time. The WG will work to define what a new Governing Board should look like and will present these ideas to the current Board and to the membership at large with a recommendation for a follow on nomination and election process for these newly defined positions.

In light of the ongoing 2020-2022 election cycle and based on the results of the recent nomination process, we found we had no contested positions along with six for which we had no nominations at all. To enable WMA to continue the conduct of business we will publish a slate of officers for an “Interim Board” to serve from September (original date of convention and end of the term of office of the current Board) through elections for the newly defined Governing Board mentioned above. We will continue to keep you informed on developments as we move ahead.

I look forward to working with all WMA members to meet the challenges and promote the many positive changes coming our way.



*Semper Fidelis,
Rhonda Amtower*

Reporting In...Area Directors

Area 1 - Jamie DePaola

Area 1 has been hit hard with the COVID-19 virus with the epicenter of the world now located in New York City. We have two chapters located in this region: NY-6 Corporal Ramona Valdez Chapter and NY-7 Long Island Chapter. The Marines from these chapters are doing all they can to support one another in the best possible way. It's been a surreal experience for everyone, everywhere. I couldn't be prouder to know and see our members reaching out to support each other during this challenging time.

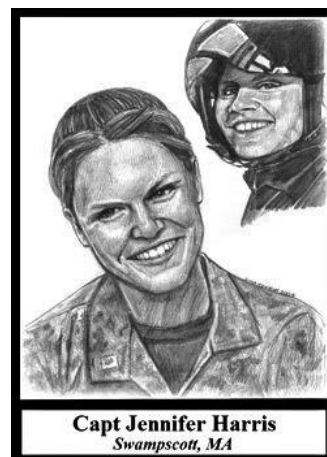
In other parts of Area 1, Cathi Remington, a MA-3 Captain Jennifer Harris Chapter member, went above and beyond to bring Jennifer's Gold Star father, Ray Harris, some groceries and a couple meals. He is elderly, lives on his own, and dependent on local services to assist him daily. Some of these local services had to be significantly modified to adapt to the COVID-19 virus and there were some delays in getting him food during the transition. Cathi happened to include Mr. Harris in the chapter's "Buddy-Check" since he's part of our family now too, and he shared with her his needs. Cathi immediately contacted me to put the word out asking for more local support (since she lives over 50 miles away) while she put together the plan to get him what he needed by the end of the day.

It was a team effort and successful in every way. By the end of the day, we had a list of local Marines willing to step in and help as needed going forward, and Cathi delivered shepherd's pie (to last a few meals), homemade cookies and other grocery items he requested. The MA-3 chapter members stay in direct contact with him as a regular "Buddy-Check" as he is part of our family now. Marines take care of their own.

Captain Jennifer J. Harris was the only child of Ray Harris. He lost his wife to MS several years ago. Jennifer graduated from Swampscott High School in 1996 and from the United States Naval Academy in 2000. She became a pilot and flew the CH-46 Sea Knight Helicopter and was assigned to the Purple Foxes of HMM-364 and immediately deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom. She was the first female pilot in the Purple Foxes Squadron. HMM-364 is a legendary squadron known since the Vietnam War for repeatedly answering the call of duty flying in and out of combat areas where no other helicopter squadron would go because of the danger.

Captain Harris served three tours of duty in Iraq and was killed in action on February 7, 2007 when the helicopter she was piloting was shot down killing all seven on board. Thirty-eight years earlier to the day, on February 7, 1969, a Marine helicopter from the same Purple Foxes of HMM-364 squadron was shot down killing six of the seven on board. Each February, the MA-3 chapter partners with the local Marine Corps League in a brief ceremony as they remember Jennifer and the Purple Foxes HMM-364 squadron.

Favorite quote: *"Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."* – **Joshua J. Marine**



Area 6—Rosa Frank-Osborn

In these uncertain times and with the angst from being quarantined due to the COVID19 outbreak, I want each of you to know that we are in this together. It can be very stressful but I have found that keeping busy has really helped me.

I started a campaign to verify your information on the WMA database. This has kept me very busy and I have found several errors. If you are in Area-6 (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma) and haven't replied to my email (e-card) please do so. If you didn't get an email, please send me a quick email (RosaOsborn16@gmail.com) with your mailing address so I can make sure your email and address are correct. I will also add you to the mailing list.

You can also help my campaign by verifying your own information. It's very easy and step by step instructions with pictures are provided on the Area 6 Facebook page, (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WMAArea6/?ref=share>). Please email me at: ad6@womenmarines.org or my personal email above if you have verified/or corrected your information, or email me with the information that needs to be corrected. Would love to mark you off the list.

If you are not computer savvy or don't have Facebook, please call me or text me, 910-548-1537, and I can walk you through the process. I'm providing my personal phone number because I'm committed to ensuring your information is correct.

I would also like to remind you that WMA is also here to help. If you have financial issues due to this

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pandemic, we can try to assist. The WMA Matching Funds & Grants program is available for all veterans with proper documentation of financial need. Find more information on the WMA website or through MFG@womenmarines.org. We are here for you.

Before the pandemic, we were all celebrating the 77th Anniversary of the establishment of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve (WR) and honoring those who came before. Below are some events I attended to celebrate this historical Anniversary.

On the 1st of February, TX-3 President Venesa Delgado, TX-6 President Kirsten Coelho Sultemeier, 1VP Angie Maness, and Laura L. Brown put together a great anniversary celebration. Several members of Area 6 attended including TX-7 President Audrea Killalea and LA-1 Secretary Sarah Park.

On the 15th of February, TX-2 held their annual luncheon to celebrate the anniversary and install newly elected officers: President Lynn Sparks, Vice President Karen Beatty, Treasurer Betty Huggins, Secretary Barbara Barnhart.

On the 23rd of February, I attended a luncheon to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima and three Iwo Jima veterans, Ivan Hammond, U.S. Marine Corps, Ray "Whitey" Warren, U.S. Marine Corps, and Charles "Chuck" Elias, U.S. Navy, were in attendance.

On the 29th of February, TX-7 met to celebrate the anniversary at the Black Walnut Cafe.

It was great to see everyone and get to enjoy some camaraderie with our sisters of the WMA.

We are in this pandemic together, and I would encourage chapters to continue to meet using social media, free conferencing programs, and other avenues to keep in touch with others. Mary Merritt, our national public relations officer, will send all chapters links and directions to help communicate with their members.



TX-3, 6, 7, and LA-1 members



TX-2
members and
new officers



Iwo Jima survivors
Ivan Hammond,
Ray Warren, and
Charles Elias



TX-7
members

During this difficult time we are mindful that others may not be as fortunate as some of us are. WMA funds for Matching Funds and Grants are limited, so if you'd like to donate to WMA specifically to help those who qualify for MF&G, please send your donation to the WMA address:

120 State Ave, NE, #303, Olympia, WA
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and mark specifically for the MF&G fund.

Stay safe and be well, everyone!

Carol Mutter

2020 Nomination and Election Process

In light of the ongoing 2020-2022 election cycle and based on the results of the recent nomination process, we found that we had no contested billets. Hence, per Article 10 of our National Bylaws, we will not publish an election ballot to the membership. The next issue of 'Nouncements' will include a slate of officers who will serve on our upcoming Board.

See the National President's article in this issue for more details.

Marine Corps Forces Reserve Band at Mardi Gras

By the end of the 2020 carnival season, Marine Forces Reserve Band Drum Majors SSgt. Keith Algeo and Sgt. Maria Dewey will have led eighteen Mardi Gras parades through the streets of New Orleans.

"There is no sharper band in all of Carnival than the Marine Corps Band," New Orleans author and Mardi Gras historian Errol Laborde has written.



For the lucky blocks of revelers at the start of these parades, it's not unusual to see the Marine Reserve Forces brass band combo break formation and fire up

impromptu street concerts and jam sessions for waiting crowds.

The hundred-years-old and miles long parades routinely begin with a salute to the king and court of each parade. A rendition of the national anthem is played by the Marine band as part of the salute before the band is lead by the Marine Forces Reserve Honor Guard through the streets of the city.

The official march, accomplished with perfect posture and eyes front is done over beads that can turn patent leather oxfords into roller skates. Dodging and dancing over New Orleans famous pot holes like the other Mardi Gras marching bands is not an option.

"They are pretty good at putting us in the front of the parade to avoid the majority of the beads," said WO Eric Kyne, band director of Marine Forces Reserve Band.

Due to the number of concurrent parades and formal balls held in honor of each krewe, or parade-leading social organization, additional Marine bands are flown in to fill in the hectic calendar.

The 2nd Marine Division Band of Camp Lejeune and the Parris Island Marine Band led the parades of Krewe d'Etat, Krewe of Hermes, Krewe of Iris, Krewe of Thoth, Krewe of Bacchus, and lead the Mardi Gras day Zulu and Rex parades.



Parris Island Marine Band

Over a hundred years of history intertwine the Marine Corps and Mardi Gras. In addition to Mardi Gras festivities, the Marine Forces Reserve Band performs over 350 concerts, parades, and ceremonies before more than 8 million people annually.

The band includes several ensembles: the concert band, which utilizes almost every musician in the unit and is the largest ensemble of the group. The ceremonial band is seen at sporting events and half-time performances, the jazz combo, a woodwind quintet, and the favorite, the Big Band modeled after the Glenn Miller Band and Count Basie Orchestras. The latest formation is the Marine Corps Reserve rock band.

Marine Forces Reserve Band New Orleans is one of ten Marine Corps fleet bands. The unit is comprised of active-duty Marines stationed at the Marine Corps Support Facility in New Orleans.

All 56 members of the band are trained riflemen and fulfill Corps-wide physical fitness and combat training requirements, just like any other active-duty Marines, according to the band's website. The band members also can be called upon to provide security, both domestically and overseas, by order of Marine Forces Reserve.

After Mardi Gras, the Marine Forces Reserve Band is headed to Texas to support the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for a concert and parade.

*Kristine Froeba, Marine Corps Times
Photos by SSgt William E. Baumann, III
Kristine Froeba*

Female Marine killed in accident in Middle East

A 20-year-old female Marine was killed March 10 when the seven-ton truck she was in rolled over on a roadway in the United Arab Emirates during a training exercise.

Cpl. Eloiza Zavala of Sacramento, a motor vehicle operator with Combat Logistic Battalion 13, suffered fatal injuries. She was pronounced



dead at the scene of the accident, which left two other Marines with non-fatal injuries.

The accident remains under investigation.

*Semper Fidelis,
Cpl Zavala*



*Cpl Zavala's remains arrive at
Dover AFB.*

2020 National Service Award (NSA) Nominations

We are still accepting nominations for the **National Service Award (NSA)** that recognizes individual significant contributions in support of our National Purposes. As members, you have seen who worked the hardest in support of WMA, our veterans, retired, and active duty Marines. 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 WMA National Bylaws found in the RM&D)
- ◆ An individual cannot receive more than one NSA for the same service although can be nominated again for different reasons.
- ◆ A non-member may be nominated for this award if their service is recognized as meeting the criteria for the National Service Award.
- ◆ No more than three (3) awards will be presented at a convention.

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).

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

Deadline for submissions is 15 June 2020.

Let us all help to recognize those who have made a difference in supporting our National Purposes.

Two female Marine cannonneers are now howitzer section chiefs

Two female Marines have passed the Corps' howitzer section chief course — accomplishing another milestone for female integration in the Marine Corps nearly four years after combat jobs were first opened to women.

A howitzer section chief is the artillery equivalent of a squad leader, responsible for maintaining, aiming, and firing the Corps' M777 155 mm howitzer along with leading a crew of eight to ten Marines required to fire the gun.

The first female Marine to pass the demanding course was Cpl. Shannon Lilly with Gulf Battery, 2nd Battalion, 10th Marines, based out of Camp Lejeune.



Though Lilly was the first female Marine to pass the course, it was not long before fellow female cannonneer Cpl Julianna Yakovac joined her as a section chief.

On February 14, Cpl. Yakovac, with Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, based at Camp Pendleton, passed the course and became eligible to fire the howitzer.

Overall, 2019 saw a 60 percent jump in women serving in previously all-male units, according to numbers from a December 2019 quarterly briefing from the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services.



Cpl. Julianna Yakovac, right, a section chief with Battery C, 1st Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, graduates from Howitzer Section Chief Course on Camp Pendleton, Feb. 14, 2020. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Miguel A. Rosales)

*Philip Athey
Marine Times*

WMA life member receives award

An advocate for the success of local children was selected by a pair of local organizations to receive the Diane Granito Heart of Gold Award.

Dr. Marcie Biddleman, a long-time resident of Pinellas County, was chosen for the honor by Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services and the Heart Gallery of Pinellas and Pasco. Biddleman recently retired after serving at the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County since 2009, working as chief executive officer of that organization for the past five years.



The award is named after Diane Granito, who established the nation's first Heart Gallery in New Mexico in 2001 to raise awareness about adoption and to find homes for older children and sibling groups in protective custody. She developed the idea from photographer (and adoptive mother) Cathy Maier, to have talented photographers create inspiring portraits of children awaiting adoption.

"Dr. Biddleman is an icon in this community as she has touched the lives of so many children, families, and social workers ... The Gulf Coast JFCS Heart Gallery connects children to forever families and Dr. Biddleman is a great advocate," said Terri Balliet, chief operating officer of Gulf Coast JFCS.



Gone from Our Sight, But Never from Our Hearts - Sergeant Frances Skiba Hoffmann



Molly Marine Chapter LA-1 is sad to inform the Women Marines Association of the loss of their last WWII veteran, Frances Skiba Hoffmann, who was 96 years old. She passed away early the morning of March 24th from COVID-19, while a resident of the Lambeth House in New Orleans.

Frances was a trailblazer, paving the way for other women to earn the title "United States Marine."

Frances was born in Milwaukee in 1923, the daughter of Russian immigrants. After graduation from high school in 1941, she didn't want to marry like most of her friends did. Women's roles were changing in a big way and she wanted to be a part of it.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, her life changed drastically, as did other women's lives in the United States. She took a job in a factory as a grinding machine operator. In 1943 a recruiting office opened in downtown Milwaukee. Frances walked in and the rest is history!

In order for Frances to join the Marine Corps, she had to take an IQ test, present three references, and take a physical. After a few months of waiting, she received orders to report to the Union Railroad Station in Chicago. Numerous women from all over the country gathered in Chicago and boarded a train for an overnight trip to Camp Lejeune for six weeks of boot camp.

Frances shared so many interesting and funny stories of what she experienced in boot camp. Her experience differed a little from the boot camp experience years later. They were allowed to go out on dates while in boot camp! After **six** weeks of training, in their custom fitted dress uniforms, they were ready to graduate. To Frances' surprise, she was called to the platform to "receive a PFC stripe." Being nervous, she said she "snatched the stripe with my right hand and saluted with my left. Big mistake!"

Frances' first duty station was at the Aircraft Salvage Yard at Cherry Point. She was among a few women assigned to assist mechanics who were stripping fighter planes for parts to be used on active planes. At that time, these women were called "grunts," a term whose meaning changed



Volunteering at the WWII Museum

a few decades later.

Frances was also stationed in Hawaii, her favorite duty station. She was assigned to the Fleet Marine Corps Headquarters, a "rather choice assignment." The office was responsible for troop movements and supplies for combat Marines. She became an IBM Computer Operator, a system



Frances, April Austin, and Melanie Young

new at that time. While at the Fleet Marine Corps Headquarters, she and a few other women Marines traveled in the General's private CH7 plane to Oahu to visit a rehab hospital and badly injured Marines. They joined them for lunch,



visited all afternoon, and danced with some that evening. They mainly wanted them to know that there were women in the Marine Corps. When the war ended, everyone had special liberty to go to Honolulu, a happy time for all!

Frances' name came up in November 1945 to return to the states by ship to San Francisco. She had to board a train in San Francisco for a seven day ride to Washington, DC to get discharged. Frances served on active duty from 1943-1945. Sgt Frances Skiba Hoffmann was discharged from the Marine Corps Women's Reserves on December 7, 1949, after serving two years.

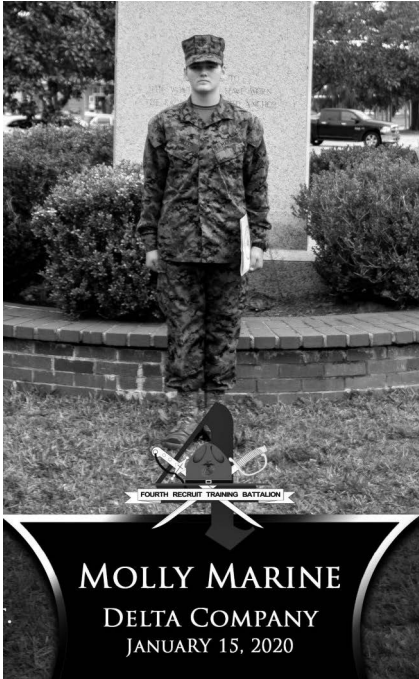
Frances later married Henry K. Hoffman. She worked at Hibernia Bank for over 30 years and became the first female officer and vice president in the small loan department. She also volunteered at the WWII Museum in New Orleans when it first opened. She was a life member of WMA for a few decades and a charter member of the Molly Marine Chapter LA-1. Frances resided in the Lambeth House for the past nine years. She enjoyed the many birthday celebrations, Veterans Day events and many visits that members of LA-1 devoted time to spend with her.



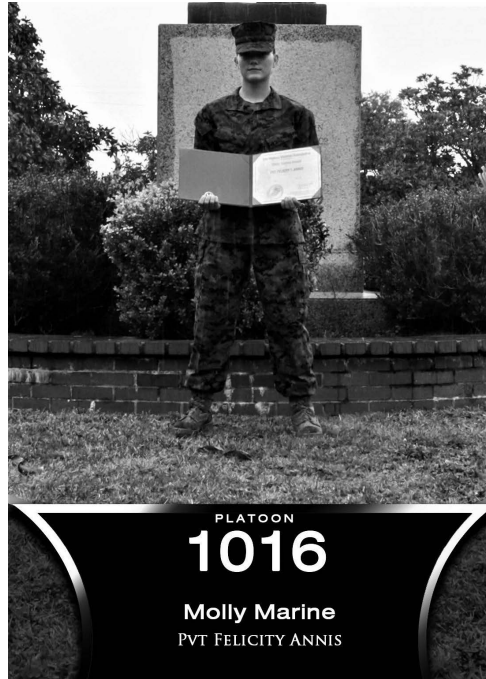
Sgt Frances Skiba Hoffmann definitely paved the way! Never to be forgotten and forever loved!!!!

Melanie L. Young

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Platoon 1000
Pvt Kelsey A. Miller, Plevna, MT
Graduation: 17 January 2020
First Molly Marine from an integrated training company



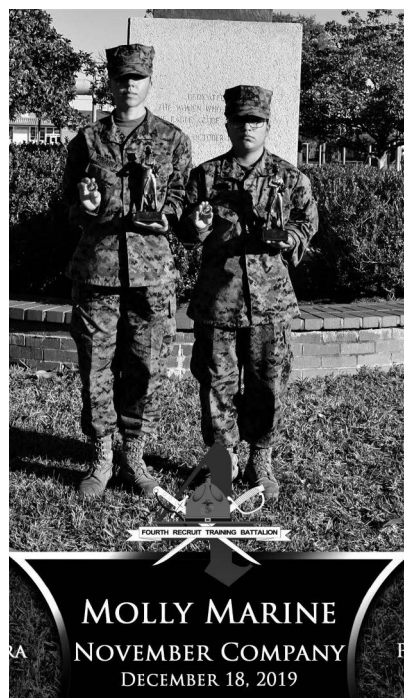
Platoon 1016
Pvt Felicity T Annis, Ellendale, DE
Graduation: 6 March 2020



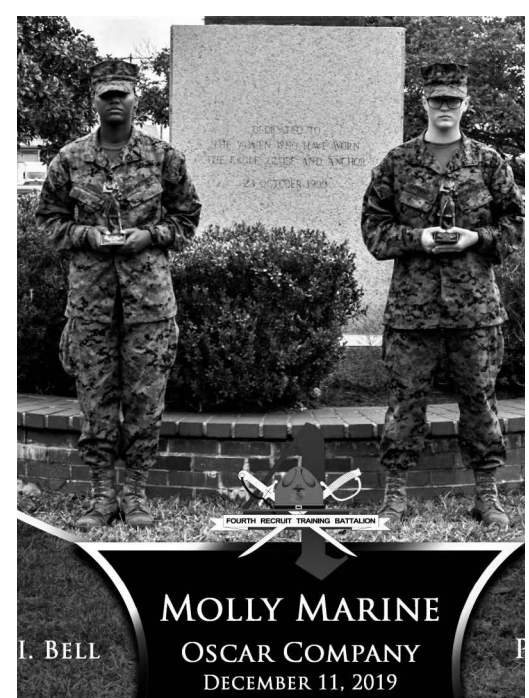
Platoon 4004 (right)
PFC Samantha R. Delduca, Tullahoma, TN
Platoon 4005 (left)
PFC Chris' Shunna I. Swain, Pensacola, FL
Graduation: 31 January 2020



Platoon 4010 (right)
PFC Jamie A. Ward, Gainesville, FL
Platoon 4011 (left)
Pvt Ariana Moran, Catonsville, MD
Graduation: 13 March 2020



Platoon 4046 (left)
PFC Evelin Viverosamendez, McHenry, IL
Platoon 4047 (right)
PFC Lorenn Y. Viscarra, Soledad, CA
Graduation: 20 December 2019



Platoon 4048 (left)
PFC Margaret J. Ravenna, West Harrison, IN
Platoon 4049 (right)
Pvt Kamirah I. Bell, Carrollton, TX
Graduation: 13 December 2019

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Plt 4000, PFC Miranda L. Fowler, Amanda, OH
Plt 4001, PFC Lauren E. Peavy, Willis Point, TX
Graduation: 3 January 2020

Plt 4006, PFC Mia K. Gage, Sugar Land, TX
Plt. 4007, PFC Jaqueline MercadoGutierrez,
Middletown, NY
Graduation: 14 February 2020

Marine Corps Career: Carolyn Van Dyke Spencer (1951-1991)

Enlisted January 1951, and after boot camp was stationed at Parris Island. In 1953, transferred to Cherry Point. At the end of my three-year enlistment, extended for one more year to accept orders to MCAS Kaneohe, Hawaii. Reported to Treasure Island for processing. Boarded USNS General Barrett at Oakland. We were the first group of women Marines to be stationed at Kaneohe. As my extension was coming to an end, January 1955, got military flight back to CA and Treasure Island. Transferred to standby reserve for three years.

Shortly thereafter, married a Marine I had met in Hawaii. Have a son and devoted my life to him. He grew to be very mature and self-sufficient.

Nineteen years after leaving active duty, in November 1974, enlisted in the Marine Reserve at NAS South Weymouth, MA. During the next sixteen years, drilled one weekend a month at South Weymouth, and annual two-week ATD's at El Toro and Yuma. Received promotions to GySgt and then to MSgt. Retired from the reserves in December 1990.

It was a short retirement. Two months later, February 1991, was activated for Desert Storm (age 59). Reported to South Weymouth and the following day reported to Camp Pendleton. Was assigned to Warrior Training Command. Desert Storm was of short duration and six weeks later was on my way home.

That was the end of my Marine Corps career. My only claim to fame is that my first day of active duty and my last day of active duty were forty years and two months apart. Boot camp, January 1951. Release from Desert Storm, March 1991.

Carolyn Spencer



Gen. Paul X. Kelley Dies at 91

Gen. Paul X. Kelley, a highly decorated Vietnam veteran who became the youngest Marine to pin on four stars and Commandant of the Marine Corps from

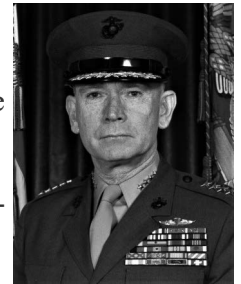
1983 to 1987, died December 29 at a care facility in McLean, Va. He was 91. His wife, Barbara Kelley, said the cause was complications of Alzheimer's disease.

At a time when the nation's military was rebuilding both equipment and morale, General Kelley, was trusted by President Ronald

Reagan's inner circle. But the bombing of the Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, that killed 241 service members in 1983, hurt him deeply.

Gen Kelley, best known as "P.X.", came to be viewed by many of his peers as an embodiment of the Marine Corps, a leader who took to heart all that happened to those he led. One former Marine officer commented that "he was vigorous and very open, but he could charm birds out of a tree."

Gen Kelley retired from the Marine Corps in 1987 after 37 years of service.



From left, Capt. Ashley Myers from Brookeville, MD, 1st Lt. Megan Albright from Leesport, PA, 1st Lt. Kerri Bortz from Mohnton, PA, and Capt. Jenna Montgomery from San Diego, all MV-22 pilots assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 268, pose for a photo outside building 6814 on Feb. 25, 2017. VMM-268 is the only squadron with enough female pilots and crew chiefs to pilot two MV-22s.

Photo by Sgt Brittney Vella

Show and Tell

U.S. Marine Corps veteran Annika Hutsler wins the gold medal for the women's free-style swim during the 2020 Marine Corps Trials at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

*Photo by
LCpl Garrett Gillespie*



U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Lakezia Ortiz, left, a recruiter from RSS Hendersonville and Capt. Kyle Cawthon, executive officer at RS Nashville, secure tarps on top of the roof of a damaged home in North Nashville, March 5, 2020. The Marines worked with local authorities and volunteers to assist with the clean-up and recovery efforts in the local area after severe storms and tornados blew across Middle Tennessee on March 3rd, 2020, which caused death, injury and widespread property damage. *Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Devin Phommachanh*



Sgt. Alejandra Cabrera, left, and Sgt. Mariela Quiles, both administrative specialists from Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations-West, carry the wreath at the 75th Commemoration of the Battle of Iwo Jima ceremony at Camp Pendleton, February 15.

Maj. Julia Weber, a Naval Postgraduate School Operations Research student, participates in a TEDx event at Santa Catalina School, an all-girls college prep boarding and day school in Monterey, CA, where she delivers remarks regarding her experience while working at the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, February 12. Maj Weber was one of seven speakers from around the Monterey community. During Weber's time working in Pakistan, she saw a need to improve the conditions of stray animals. By rallying other foreign diplomats in Pakistan, she founded the non-profit organization Islamabad PAWS (Pakistan Animal Welfare Society) in 2017. Islamabad PAWS is dedicated to improving the conditions of stray and abandoned dogs. In her heartwarming and inspiring talk titled, "What Do You See," Weber shares her thoughts on leadership, being a global citizen, and seeing and answering the call to lead in innovative ways. Weber attended Mount Holyoke College.



Photo by Javier Chagoya



Cpl. Alondra Rodriguez-Flores conducts eye-gouge drills during martial arts training at Marine Support Facility Blount, FL, February 11.

Photo by Cpl Rachel Young-Porter.

Marine Corps athletes Clair Morrow (left), Sasha Savage (middle), and Kathryn Fisher (right) hold up the American flag after medaling at the 2020 Marine Corps Trials powerlifting competition at Camp Pendleton, March 4. The Marine Corps Trials is an adaptive sports event involving more than 200 wounded, ill or injured Marines, sailors, veterans, and international competitors. *Photo by LCpl Garrett Gillespie*



New Female Veteran Memorial



Paola in both photos. She is second from left in the top one, and third from right in the bottom one.

Sprague, CT unveiled a sculpture of a female combat servicemember on November 11, 2019. American Legion Post 85 in Baltic, CT raised the \$50,000 needed for Brodin Studios of Kimball, MN to design and make the statue. Note Area 1 Director Jamie De-



On January 22, the Commandant of the Marine Corps hosted the Combined Awards Ceremony, recognizing outstanding Marines across various categories. The above Marines were recognized as 2019 Athletes of the Year: Capt Kate Herren, SSgt John Stefanowicz, Sgt Raymond Bunker.

Capt Herren is currently attached to the 12th Marine Corps District, Marine Corps Recruiting Command, in San Diego. In 2019, she served as team captain of the silver medal-winning All-Marine Women's Rugby Team. She was also selected to the All-Tournament Team.

Sharing the men's award are SSgt Stefanowicz and Sgt Bunker out of Camp Lejeune, two members of the All-Marine Wrestling Team. Both placed first in their weight classes at various events in 2019, to include the Armed Forces Championship, the World Team Trials, and the Dave Schultz International Tournament. In addition, both fought at the 2019 World Championships in Kazakhstan, with Sgt Bunker placing 12th in the world at his weight and SSgt Stefanowicz placing 8th in the world at his weight.

Reporting In...Loyal Escorts

Hello everyone,

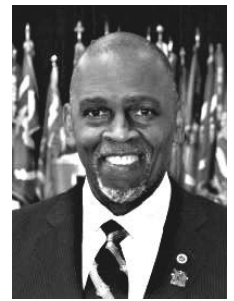
I hope you all are staying safe and observing your state instructions on social distancing, hand washing, wearing of masks, etc. I know it's been hard on all of us, but I believe we make through together.

Stay encouraged, love your families and friends, and let's continue to support those on the front lines, our healthcare professionals, first responders, state and local leaders, military and National Guard. Tell them thank you for their service.

I hope to see you all soon healthy, happy and strong.

Thank you all for being such great members of this awesome organization.

*Semper Fi,
Isaac J. Bazile
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What a combat veteran taught me about handling stress

Unlike a lot of his friends, my brother Tom made it home from war in one piece. He'd taken shrapnel to the head and was in life-threatening situations every day for a solid year, but when he stepped back on to American soil, his body was intact.

His mind and heart were a different story. His nervous system had been completely rewired in order to survive in a combat zone, and his emotions were no different. In order to function, Tom had to remain unaffected by everyday tragedies like his platoon sergeant getting killed in action or his squad leader getting killed just one week later.

When he got home, all the stress and moral confusion began clawing at him from the inside. All of the feelings he'd pushed down started showing up as depression, anxiety, grief, shame, and sorrow for the things he'd seen and done during war.

Desperate for stress relief Tom tried everything to lower his stress levels, but nothing worked. Not even cognitive-behavioral therapy, Eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR), antidepressants, drugs or alcohol. The stress was killing him, and Tom thought regularly about taking his own life.

Then, on a 2,700-mile walk across the country with a fellow veteran, Tom discovered the power of meditation for stress relief. Where standard methods failed, meditation worked. He learned breathing exercises that made him feel less stressed, more present, and better equipped to handle strong emotions and memories of war.

An unexpected antidote to post-traumatic stress.

Today, Tom is a completely different person. Meditation has helped him live a normal life without being tortured by painful memories. It helps him get through the day.

But it's also helped him process what happened in Iraq and empowered him to take responsibility for his own healing. Meditation created enough space and distance for him to look at painful memories, accept what happened, and forgive himself and others.

But will it work for me?

Tom convinced me to try meditation not as a quick fix for stress (though it is), but as a way to understand what was causing my stress in the first place.

I learned that too much stress is a warning signal from our body and mind. It's a way for our subconscious to communicate with our conscious mind and say "Hey! Something's off here. Let's take a look at it and see what we need to do about it."



Don't get me wrong — meditation feels really good, too. When I sit and close my eyes, and focus on my breath, it's not long before I slip into a state of total relaxation. Sometimes, relaxation even turns into joy.

I notice that I feel lighter throughout the day, more playful with my kids, and less worried about what the future holds. Things that used to stress me out at work feel more like little annoyances that really don't matter all that much.

Meditation is one way to figure out what's causing the stress. It's how you discover things like "Oh! I actually hate this job," or "This marriage isn't working for me." It's also how you discover what actions to take to change that stressful situation.

Meditation doesn't have to involve a mantra (though it can) or any particular belief system (though it can). Meditation doesn't mean stopping your thoughts. Instead, it means observing your thoughts and letting them come and go without judgment.

Meditation can be as simple as sitting still and noticing your breath, and as complex as performing patterned breathing exercises or physical poses (yoga).

But however you do it, meditation is a way to check in with yourself and allow your mind, body, and nervous system to ground itself back into the present moment.

And it's being present — not lost in the past or the imagined future — that makes each moment of your day more impactful and less stressful.

Make it work for you: Top 3 recommendations

Try it for two minutes. You don't need to carve out hours of time to reap the benefits of meditation. Duck into the bathroom at work, set your alarm a few minutes early in the morning, or take a five-minute break between meetings or appointments.

Make it a daily habit. You'll likely feel less stressed after just a few minutes of sitting still and breathing. But meditation has long-term impacts you'll feel in every area of your life. Get the most out of this practice by making it a habit and discipline that you do every day.

Start with alternate nostril breathing. The next time you find yourself stressed at work or at home, allow yourself two minutes to find a quiet place. Sit down wherever's comfortable (no, you don't have to sit on the floor in lotus pose — a chair is fine!). Close your eyes, then, try this simple exercise:

- Take a long, deep breath in, then let it out.
- Cover your right nostril with your thumb, and inhale through your left nostril.
- Cover your left nostril with your index finger, and exhale through your right nostril.
- Cover your right nostril with your thumb, and repeat the sequence.

Repeat for two minutes, alternating covering the

right and left nostrils.

Stress relief isn't about temporarily feeling better. It's not about reducing stress just so you can get more done or be more productive. True stress relief is about alleviating symptoms so you can figure out what's causing those symptoms in the first place.

And to do that, you have to be still enough, and quiet enough, to listen for the answers you need.

Rebecca Anne
Military Times

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Changes

The following changes occurred since the last quarter.

- ♦ While the board sadly accepted the **retirement** of **PA-3, Mountain Laurel Chapter, MO-3, St Louis Marines Chapter** was given their charter.
- ♦ **Brenda Moore** is now the **MCJROTC Chair**.
- ♦ The board accepted the **resignation** of **Catherine Barker** as chair of the **Matching Funds and Grants Committee**; **Patricia Orsini** is the new chair.

A New Deputy in Town

Look who pinned on a third star in October 2019! LtGen Lori Reynolds! She is now Deputy Commandant for Information.

The Deputy Commandant for Information develops and supervises plans, policies, and strategy for operating in the Information Environment and identifies requirements in doctrine, manpower, training, education, and equipment in order to support Marine Air Ground Task Force operations in the Information Environment. She serves as the principal advisor on all Information Environment matters and as the principal spokesperson on Marine Corps Information Environment programs, requirements, and strategy throughout the Department of the Navy and the Department of Defense.



COVID-19 Scams

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reports that Americans have lost almost \$13 million in COVID-19-related scams so far. That's probably not going to slow down until the crisis is over, so you need to be wise to scammers' tricks. If you encounter any of these, do not give out your personal information. Make note of whatever information the scammer

gave you, including names, and report it to your local police.

1. Stimulus check scams - scammers are capitalizing upon the confusion around this new process to trick people into handing over their bank account information. They may call pretending to be from the government or your bank, asking you to verify your bank account for swift delivery of your check, or they might claim to have early access to the checks and offer to deposit the money into your account if you hand over your financial information. Don't do it!
2. The pandemic has made some supplies, like hand sanitizer and face masks, hard to find. An enterprising scammer may create a fake website pretending to offer these products in the hope that you will "buy" them. Some are also claiming to have access to home COVID-19 test kits or an experimental treatment, but there are no treatments or test kits approved by the Food and Drug Administration for home use at this time. Don't believe them!
3. While many are on unemployment, they may still be under financial strain and looking for ways to earn more money to make ends meet. Scammers may reach out offering a job that promises a large amount of income for a small amount of work. If you respond, they may request you to provide them with a small amount of money for training or special equipment. Or they may request your bank account information so they can directly deposit your funds. In reality, there is no job. They will just take the money or the information you give them and use it to steal whatever money you have left. Don't trust them!
4. Thieves know some people are really struggling financially and may have trouble keeping up with their debt payments. They capitalize on people's desire to be rid of their debt by promising debt reduction techniques that probably sound too good to be true (because they are). They'll ask for some money for their services and then take it and run. It really is too good to be true!
5. Have you ever heard of the scam where a thief contacts you pretending to be a friend or relative who is stranded in a foreign country and desperately needs money to get back? The latest version of that is, "I'm in the hospital with COVID-19 and I really need money for treatment." It's easier to pull off right now because everyone is so isolated at home and may not be in close contact with relatives who live far away.
6. Scammers may make COVID-19 websites of their own, possibly claiming to have exclusive information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or a similar organization. When you visit the site, it may download malicious software to your computer that steals your personal information.
7. Tough times bring out the good in a lot of people, and many companies and individuals are donating money to charities to help those affected by COVID-19. Scammers may reach out claiming to work for one of these charities to request a donation, but the money lines their pockets instead of going to the intended recipients.

Chaplain's Corner

The day I wrote this column was Palm Sunday, the beginning of the holiest week in the Christian calendar and just days away from the beginning of Passover. It was also the day the Surgeon General said this coming week would be like Pearl Harbor and 9/11. My sincerest prayer is that all who are with us today are here to read this issue. To my knowledge, we have lost only one sister – Frances Hoffman – to the virus. We all share in our prayers that she is now guarding the Gates of Heaven. I strongly suspect that we will still be living under mobility restrictions when this issue is delivered. We will still be fighting, and winning the battle with our conforming to stay at home orders. We will still be afraid.

Fear is a powerful human emotion that can cause us to respond inappropriately or motivate us to take positive action. Or fear has the ability to paralyze us from taking *any* action. Fear can even stop us from turning to God, our Rescuer, who knows every personal and world disruption we will face. His timeless Word, the Bible, has all the answers and antidotes to keep us calm, cool, and collected.

He assures us, *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."* ~ (Isaiah 41:10)

We want to trust God but there are times when peace eludes us. We're worried and anxious. We don't want to be brave this time. Then God reminds us, *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."* ~ (Joshua 1:9)

Courage is fear that prays and calls on God.

Please pray with me:

Heavenly Father, I am comforted that you see into the depths of my heart and the intricacies of my mind where unhealthy fears dwell. You already know what's troubling me, but you want to hear me share my concerns with you to release the stronghold grip they have on my thoughts and emotions.

Father, I trust that you don't want me to waste a moment of my life fretting. Please calm my racing heart and fill my troubled mind with hope and my spirit with peace. Assure me that no weapon formed against me will prosper and you have a plan and a purpose for me in this time of turmoil.

Show me your ways Lord and grant me the courage to follow where you lead. Amen.

Eileen Skahill



Taps

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

(Third stanza of the *Marines' Hymn*)

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

Ayers, Josephine (Brim)	1429	11/13/2019	WA
Conover, Ann (Ahern)	463	09/17/2019	CA
Coupland, Lorraine (Malecek)	3293	04/02/2020	IA-1
Creech, Janet (Hunt)	1795	11/26/2019	FL-7
Flanagan, Lorraine (Budney)	2376	01/02/2020	FL
Goodwin, Liane (Hoolsema)	3319	12/08/2019	AR
Haines, Shirley	276	05/23/2019	WA
Hoffman, Frances (Skiba)	2803	03/24/2020	LA-1
Lerdall, Bettie (Pruden)	1043	01/14/2020	AZ
Maxfield, June	1127	10/08/2019	CA-5
McGovern, Dawn (Hansen)	1218	02/00/2020	MN-1
Paquin, Gertrude	2896	06/02/2019	MA
Wright, Priscilla (White)	2777	02/00/2020	FL

Term Members

Davidson, Clarita (Grantonic)	02/04/2020	OH
Ruben, Sandra	02/14/2020	FL-11

A Word on COVID-19

When this is over, may we never again take for granted:

A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded Theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life Itself.

When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way - better
for each other
because of the worst.

Laura Kelly Fanucci

CHAPTER CLIPPINGS

AZ-2 Arizona Saguaro



CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

Greetings from the Greater San Francisco Bay Area, Chapter CA-3. Our monthly meeting in January was hosted by CA-3 member Carolina Rudisel, and her daughter, active duty Marine Dominique. Also, at this meeting, Barbara Naas brought a quilt donated by a woman Marine veteran. Virginia (Hazzard) Bachman donated a handmade quilt to CA-3 to be raffled off. All proceeds will go to our scholarship fund. Virginia served in the Marine Corps from June 1943 - June 1945. She served at Cherry Point as a member of the Motor Pool, in charge of "Procurement/Requisition." We are grateful to her for thinking of us with the donation of this beautiful quilt.



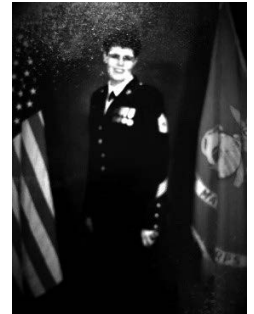
In February, at the meeting hosted by CA-3 Vice President/Treasurer Kathy Wright, we celebrated the 77th Anniversary of the establishment of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. We held a traditional Marine Corps Birthday Celebration, with the oldest Marine present, Zita Cussary, passing the first piece of birthday cake to the youngest Marine Present - Lily Brockmeier.

Unfortunately, with current events, our March meeting was cancelled. Instead, we keep in touch via texts and email. The current world crisis has affected us all. Some of our members and family members still must report to work, being considered essential services either in health care, or other areas deemed to be essential. Some are working from home. Others are currently not working. At least one Loyal Escort (Elaine Vallecillo-Miller) has turned her talents to making washable masks! One young Loyal Escort, Joseph Rivera, is a senior in high school and is missing out on all senior activities - to include prom and graduation ceremonies!

During this period, CA-3 President Susan Johnston participated in several events as part of the combined American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard. We participated in three funeral services, rendering military honors, and one Celebration of Life ceremony. At this time, following national guidelines, military honors are being postponed.

On February 18th, CA-3 member Kathy Wright and Loyal Escort Angie Fredekind attended Nell Marie Forsey's service at the new California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery in Seaside. Kathy read the prayer for a Woman Marine, which the family greatly appreciated.

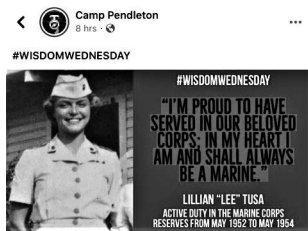
From the San Francisco Bay Area, we wish everyone good health. Stay safe and stay strong. Semper Fi.



Susan Johnston

CA-7 Edith Macias Vann Southern California

Our 77th Anniversary Luncheon in honor of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve was held on February 8. It was a wonderful event. Brigadier General Shea, Commanding General of 1st Marines Logistics Group, was the guest speaker. She spoke about her career and accomplishments of women Marines in the past and present. We honored our oldest and youngest Marines present - Mary Ann Rogers and Josh Raphaelson. Our all female color guard was from El Camino High School.



Lillian "Lee" Overstreet-Tusa, chapter historian and past secretary, was featured on Camp Pendleton's Facebook page, dated 25 March 2020, in honor of Women Military History Month.

Due to the coronavirus spreading and our governor insisting on social distancing, our chapter has decided to cancel physical meetings until further notice. Our April 2020 meeting will be held via teleconference call. We will be sending out emails to members with all the information and instructions to make this happen. We are also looking into using Zoom for future meetings. Technology is here and we must embrace it to recruit new members and stay connected wherever a chapter member is located. Also, during this pandemic, many chapter members are doing self-quarantine and are isolated. A few of our chapter members have volunteered to call or email others. We're going to reach out to them to see how they're doing, if they need anything, how can we help, etc.

Our Scholarship Committee has been very busy reviewing applicants who have applied for our scholarships. We are happy to announce that we awarded two scholarships for \$1500 each to Chiara Cumow and James Priest.

Iris Biggers

CO-1 Colorado Columbine

CO-1 will be supplementing the National JROTC Awards at Adams City High School and North Ridge High School in Colorado with a \$100 gift.

The chapter received a generous donation last year (as did National WMA) from WWII Marine Marge Alexander's estate. Her interest was in education, so to honor her we will be providing a gift (The Marge Alexander Award) of \$500 annually in the chapter's name to a cadet the school selects.

The chapter celebrated the Anniversary on February 15th celebrating "Telling Your Story/Saving Our History" encouraging the 55 veterans and Young Marines to do just that. The Chapter VP Col Sheila Scanlon, USMCR emceed the event in uniform!

Guest speakers were a local radio show host who tells veterans stories – Kim Munson and a magazine publisher who tells veterans stories in his magazine and helps veterans – Brad Hoopes. We also had SSgt Dawn P Casiano from CLB 453 at Buckley Air Force Base as guest speaker. All three were excellent. We were surprised by the attendance of former Colorado State Congresswoman Su Ryden, who presented the chapter with a proclamation from the state senate celebrating our chapter's achievements. We have a type of wounded warrior program to help the neediest veterans in Colorado or provide them with the resources they need; we feed the Marines at Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora at Christmas and provide them with over 75 gifts that we have a fun drawing to do; we support the United States Marine Corps Memorial in Golden, CO; we provide gifts for the Aurora Military Appreciation Luncheon; and we work on legislative issues to help veterans and active duty military! WMA in Colorado is well known!

The Buckley Field Young Marine Detachment presented our cake cutting ceremony with 97-year-old Babe Houser as our senior Marine and SSgt Casiano as the youngest! The



Adams City JROTC unit presented the colors in their dress blues! It was a great day and the chapter raised over \$1000 for our activities.



President Paula Sarlls received the Mt Rosa Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Award for Veteran Volunteer of the Year for 2020! Her name went on to the state and regional contests, and she received both of those awards over other very competitive nominees. Her name now advances to the National level for consideration. Unfortunately, her awards dinner was postponed to October due to the Covid-19 virus. We all wish her well.



Rachel Williams

DC-1 District of Columbia

Members of our chapter gathered for quarterly meetings, including our Annual Holiday Luncheon at which we partnered with our local Marine Reserve unit in December in support of the Toys-for-Tots Drive, and also with our sister VA-1 Chapter in February for a special celebratory luncheon commemorating the 77th Anniversary of the Women Marines Reserve. Our luncheon speaker this year was SgtMaj. Robin Fortner, who serves as Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Systems Command at Quantico. With representation from both chapters, we had a group of about sixty attendees which included current and former women Marines, their spouses and guests, as well as a number of members of our sister services. All of the guests enjoyed SgtMaj. Fortner's interesting remarks as she relayed her appreciation to the many women Marines who served in the years before she entered the Marine Corps, and also spoke about her experiences and career as she rose through the ranks since she was a young recruit from Brooklyn thirty years ago.

Our chapter is blessed to have six veterans who served during World War II, and we do take pride in their service and join in celebrating some of their life events with them



whenever possible. On October 30, 2019, one of them, Betty Printz Sims, celebrated her 100th birthday, and several of our chapter members attended the party held in her honor. She maintains an active life and, in fact, when

she learned that there would not be live music at the Memorial Service at our National Convention held in D.C. in August of 2018, she volunteered to bring her keyboard and play the music for the service, which definitely added to the solemnity of the event.

This past January, another of our WWII veterans, Louise Frazier (seated, second from left), celebrated her 97th birthday and,

again, members of our chapter joined her and several of her family members to commemorate the event and her many achievements plus her



contributions to WMA and our DC-1 chapter over the years. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon, which included games, gifts, photos and, of course, lunch and a beautifully decorated cake, which is a Marine Corps tradition in itself!!

We in the nation's capital, like the entire country, are in a "shelter-in-place" environment with future scheduled events such as the National Memorial Day Parade, in which we normally have a contingent of WMA members participating, now cancelled. Here's hoping that all of our efforts to comply with the restrictions which are in place

will result in a lessening of the anticipated negative results from this viral pandemic and an earlier return to our normal lifestyles! Be safe, everyone!!

Donna Campbell

IN-1 Indiana

In February, IN-1 chapter members met to celebrate the anniversary of women proudly serving in the Marine Corps. The members also heard a presentation about the first Irreverent Warriors Silkies Hike to be held in Indianapolis in late April. The chapter voted to be a sponsor of the hike and the members are excited to be a partner with this wonderful cause.

After the meeting, members in attendance filled bags (bags are below members) with items they brought to the meeting to create Activity Bags for veteran patients at the Roudebush VA

Medical Center in Indianapolis.

*Semper Fi,
Kay Ross*

KY-1 Winning Colors

Congratulations to Ms. Jeannie Soto on being this year's recipient of the Brigadier General Margaret A. Brewer Award! Joining the Marine Corps in 1952, BG Brewer was the first woman to hold the rank of general in the Marine Corps. BGen Brewer held a variety of roles in officer recruiting and training, personnel management, and public affairs before she was promoted to brigadier general in 1978.

"Throughout her three decades of service to our Corps and country, she truly led from the front and helped the Marine Corps integrate women more fully into the force," Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Amos said....She served during an era when many thought that women had no place in the Corps, but she proved critics wrong time and again...It's never easy being the first, but she was both the first female general officer and the first Director of Public Affairs and met the challenges and responsibilities of each with professionalism and grace.

The Women Marines Association established the award in 2012 to recognize outstanding female Marine Corps officer candidates. On March 6, Mary Broussard, Special Projects Officer of WMA Winning Colors Chapter KY-1, presented the award at the annual Colonel William R. "Rich" Higgins Memorial Awards Banquet, hosted by the Officer Selection Teams (Lexington) (Cincinnati), and the Marine Corps Recruiting Station in Louisville (MCRSL).

Upon commissioning, and completing training at The Basic School in Quantico, Ms. Soto will attend Naval Justice School where she will be trained and certified to serve as a judge advocate (JA). Since Marine JAs, are regular line officers, not part of a Judge Advocate General's Corps like our sister services, Ms. Soto will first and foremost be a leader of Marines, and second an attor-

ney advising commanders on military justice, and other legal matters. We are confident Jeannie Soto will continue to excel as a leader, and embody the virtue, and ethos of our beloved Corps. Way to go, Jeannie!

Phoebe Riner

LA-1 Molly Marine

On January 10, several members and Loyal Escorts attended the Krewe of Athena (Mardi Gras krewe) Queen's Party. At the request of Allison Stein, Marines volunteered to provide a sword detail for the Queen's grand entrance. Members and Loyal Escorts that enjoyed this festive occasion were Allison Stein, Melanie Young, Shannon Sweeney, Sarah Park, Ailie Neimeyer (LE), Weinburg Allen (LE), Joy Paload (LE), and Melvin Thigpen (LE).

On January 11, LA-1 held their first meeting of the new year at the NOLA Southern Grill in Slidell, LA. We welcomed many new members and Loyal Escorts. We discussed our plans for the new year to include the upcoming



Mardi Gras parade and our participation with the Krewe of Muses, whose signature parade throws are beautifully decorated shoes. In 2019, the krewe allowed us to start throwing decorated toddler and children size military styled boots!

On January 31, the Legion of Mars held their Mardi Gras Ball at the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans. The Legion of Mars King this season is Tim Huete (Loyal Escort). Several WMA members belong to the Legion of Mars: Nora Huete, Julia Hunt, Patricia Huttinger, Melanie Young, Tim Huete (LE), Felix Romero (LE), Anastasia Huete (LE), Sarah Park, Darlene Graves (LE), and Deloris Romero.

On February 1, Molly Marine chapter member Sylvia Silva (far right) was presented a Quilt of Valor by the Louisiana Women Veterans along with five fellow women veterans. The quilts were uniquely made for each veteran that was presented one.



On February 15, LA-1 held the monthly meeting at the Munholland United Methodist Church, courtesy of chapter member and treasurer Nora Huete. We were thrilled to see many of our members, Loyal Escorts, and guests present as information was passed for the upcoming Krewe of Muses parade.

During the meeting, Cheryl Ellis, parliamentarian, was presented a medallion from fellow member Cynthia House for her service during the Vietnam War, January 1, 1961

to August 14, 1974. Cynthia (left) also gave a brief history of the medallion, and provided members with the form to apply for the medallion, if applicable.

On February 19, LA-1 chapter member Maria Estores presented decorated boots to the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, Belle Chasse Commanding Officer, Captain Scarpino and



the base Fire Chief, Chief Spreitzer. These boots are similar to the ones that the chapter will be allowed to toss during the Krewe of

Muses parade.

The Krewe of Muses parade was cancelled on February 20 due to inclement weather, but was rescheduled to roll on February 21. On February 20, while at the parade pre-party hosted by Vicki Duplantier, Pat Hackbarth presented Vicki's father with a Vietnam Service medallion. Vicki's father, Ferdinand Duplantier, retired as a 1stSgt. He was very surprised, touched and proud to receive the medallion. Everyone had a fun filled time!

On February 23, three members (Allison Stein, Angela Merrell, and Melanie Young) and two Loyal Escorts (Joy Paloade and Sacheen Brant) participated in the Krewe of Athena's (all female Mardi Gras krewe) Mardi Gras parade. The Krewe's Queen (QVI) this season is our very own Allison Stein, WMA life member! Look for her photo on the back cover!



On February 29, LA-1 took the time to clean the Molly Marine Statue. This cleanup is conducted annually at the end of Mardi Gras. Also, in attendance were Marine students from Marine Corps Detachment, Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, MS, courtesy of our new chapter member Maysee Yang.

Sarah Park

MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks

The chapter would like to extend a welcome to the newest WMA life member, Teresa (Tess) Davis. Tess served from 1982 to 1990. We met Tess through an MDVA event in 2019, and we hope to see her at future women veterans.

The Minnesota Leathernecks met to celebrate the 77th Anniversary of the Women Marine Reserves on February 15, 2020 at the Lunds & Byerlys community room in Woodbury. Future potential chapter events include:

- ♦ Meeting on May 13, 2020 at Lunds/Byerly's, Community Room (2nd floor) 7171 France Avenue South, Edina, MN 55435. BYOD Dinner at 5:30 p.m. (*Buy Your Own Dinner), social time with meeting to commence at 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ The Rochester Women Veterans Gala from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on May 21, 2020, hosted by Chapter 28 MN Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and Olmsted County Veterans Services.
- ♦ Memorial Day ceremony on May 25, 2020 at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery at 10:00.
- ♦ On August 15, 2020, the Chapter Picnic/Meeting Pre-convention at Ft. Snelling.
- ♦ Annual holiday party on December 5, 2020 at the Lunds/Byerly's, Community Room (2nd floor) 7171 France Avenue South, Edina, MN 55435.

We conducted an email buddy check with the MN Leathernecks and/or did a telephone buddy check for those not online - here are their reports:

Mary Glaudel DeZurik - I'm doing fine! Have enough food, water & toilet paper to last a long time! Stay safe and stay in!!

Edith Heidtmann - Glad to have her four children living in the Twin Cities and able to switch between activities to stay busy. She is adapting and overcoming the confinement.

Lisa Smith - All is well in Central Florida...Brevard County....staying home and not ill!

Chris Magnusson - NEMN Women Veterans are no longer holding monthly Coffee Talks due to COVID-19 but we have started meeting every week using audio only in Zoom meetings. The free version of Zoom has not limited our meetings to 45 minutes and the 7-9 women that get together to chat have stayed on the line for about 2 hours each of the last two weeks. If more women join into our calls we plan to break down into smaller groups with common issues like moms of young children, moms of teenagers, or empty nesters who have spouses driving them crazy! Our calls are Wednesday evenings at 6p. Contact Chris Magnusson at Magnussonc@yahoo.com or 218- 969-7137 for more information about joining our calls or how to start another group. Stay connected and stay healthy!

Mary McGee, Jenkintown, PA - reports being on lockdown at her facility for the past 3 weeks, but they are all healthy. She still misses Minnesota and wishes she could visit but keeping all in thoughts and prayers.

Carol Isnardi - Have been home for four weeks now (and would like a store 'fix') instead of driving and picking up. It's difficult with so many things closed and/or cancelled, and no visitors allowed at assisted living facilities. Sad for the cancellations of so many life events such as weddings,

trips, and the limitations with funerals. The virus has affected so many areas of everyone's lives.

Sandra Heredia - We have been on a definite lockdown for a week now and strongly discouraged from visitors or going out for three weeks now. Hoping that this will end soon and that all stay safe.

Frances Haubrich - Hello from Grand Rapids, Minnesota. We are doing pretty good up here. So far, two reported cases of the Corona 19Virus. Looks like traffic is down in town. Ken has been using the Grand Rapids, U Tube, Old Central School Camera to watch traffic. People are staying home. All senior homes are on lock down. Schools, churches, YMCA, daycares, some businesses are closed under the Governor's orders and also, all community events have been postponed or canceled.

Bonnie Hanson - Hello from Minnesota, just to say I am fine and stuck in the house since 16 March. Nice, and I am cleaning closets, drawers, doing games, all such fun. Hope everyone is safe out there.

Vicki Latiolais - I am combining recovery from shoulder surgery with being quarantined by doing PT at home but about to commence virtual therapy. I have been working on the never-ending to-do list, but it keeps growing longer instead of shorter.

Hoping everyone stays home, healthy, safe and strong - time to bring back your Marine Corps can-do attitude.

Vicki Latiolais

MO-3 St Louis Area Marines

Missouri, The Show Me State, has shown up! The relaunch of the Missouri Chapter has happened and we are now WMA chartered!

We are excited to again be an active chapter and our chapter's new leader is purposed to continuing in the great traditions of women Marines. Being the elitist of the elitist, we will not allow any situation, issue or circumstance to hinder us from bringing the valued service rendered by women Marines, active or veteran. We are honored to represent our beloved eagle, globe, and anchor and forever will herald our hymn! We will see you in Omaha! Semper Fidelis!

Julia A Lee

NC-3 Semper Fi

NC-3 celebrated the 77th anniversary at the home of President Tracy Crow in Liberty, NC. Our numbers were down due to some unanticipated travel, but we did connect with prospective new member Kathy Curtis.

Our secretary reported on the \$1,250 donation acknowledgment from Durham VAMC Voluntary Services, and we discussed our next fundraiser that will benefit various activities sponsored for both outpatients and inpatients. We have had 2 successful Wine for Humanity events, and will start planning for another one in May.



Tracy Crowe (left) and Suellen Beaulieu

New officer elections resulted in no changes, as Tracy will continue as president, assisted by Catherine Barker (VP), Dee Green (treasurer), and Mitzi Manning (secretary).

We were proud to announce that our Loyal Escort, Ed Mims, was elected to join our sister Marine (and his wife) Del on the Creedmoor (NC) Board of Commissioners.

Mitzi Manning

NM-1 Sandia

Greetings from The Land of Enchantment. The women Marines of NM-1 Sandia Chapter have been staying busy supporting the wide-ranging veteran community in New Mexico. In November 2019 the chapter made a generous donation to the VA's Operation We Care, which provided holiday meals to veterans throughout the state.

In December, the chapter once again stepped up to brighten the holidays for many of the children throughout the state with a big-hearted donation to the annual Toys for Tots drive.



Looking forward, biennial chapter elections were held in February, and we are proud to announce our officers for the coming two years are president, Joni Seymour; vice president, Lorena Sims; secretary, Stephanie Pugh; and treasurer, Roleen Younis. Congratulations to all our officers and we know they will do a great job leading the chapter in fulfilling our mission.

The Sandia Chapter was well represented at the 35th Annual Tribute to Women in the Military. The Tribute is held in Albuquerque each March. In addition to long-time



Laurel Hull, Eve Stith, Stephanie Pugh, and Anna Desposito (seated)

Tribute committee members Joni Seymour and Laurel Hull, the event was also attended by members Eve Stith, Stephanie Pugh, Roleen Younis, and our 98-year-old WWII veteran, Anna Desposito. Anna attends the Tribute every year and we are honored by her service and grateful for her years of dedication to the Women Marines Association.

We would like to highlight Sandia Chapter member Susan Spicer. Susan spends countless hours at the VA Hospital in Albuquerque entertaining the veterans and their families coming to the hospital for care. Susan has been lifting spirits by playing her guitar and singing nearly every Friday at the VA since 1996, first in Oklahoma City and now in Albuquerque. Thank you, Susan, for your ongoing dedication to the veterans of New Mexico!

The strong women of the Sandia Chapter are looking forward to another great year, and hope to be spending time and celebrating together again soon as we carry on the values of WMs everywhere in supporting our veteran community. Stay safe Ladies!

Stephanie Pugh

OH-2 Emma Holmes

I read an article in the paper with a picture of a young girl who looked like she may be homeless. She was laid off from her job and was quarantined so why get dressed up? I looked in the mirror and there was an old retired woman Marine who also looked homeless. I thought, what happened to me. My niece (Loyal Escort Tabitha Cunningham Radzik) grounded me to my house because of the virus. My Army daughter Susan said I was restricted to quarters. I have been pretty good about staying indoors but when I looked in that mirror, I got my butt in gear and now the Marine is coming out. I washed my face, combed my hair, put on some cologne, put on my Marine sweat-shirt, and got ready to go. I walked out of that bathroom and went to the kitchen, opened the side door and went outside. Oh, how wonderful! The sun was shining, flowers were blooming, and my neighbor was mowing my yard.

Our members are keeping busy doing their own things. They are all around the United States, so here are some of them:

- ♦ Mary McLain staying in the house because of the snow in New Hampshire.
- ♦ Judy Tullis is keeping the shelves stocked by unloading the trucks at Sam's Club in Wilmington, N.C. Thank you Judy for all your work at this time of need.
- ♦ Donna Perdue, in Florida, is busy with her girls and working thru self quarantine. She is knitting scarves for our stand down.
- ♦ Jan Lascko has moved to Wisconsin but is keeping busy with her relocation.
- ♦ Betty Jean and Don Cannon are still in Arizona but will be home when it is safe to travel.
- ♦ Sharon Jones is also in Arizona and enjoyed her cruise to Nassau and is enjoying her friends and neighbors get together.
- ♦ Diana Durden is in California and still running and knitting hats for our stand down.
- ♦ Carly Giebel Hurtado should be returning to the states from Hawaii with her new baby girl "Charlie" and big sister "Penny." I am not sure of her next duty station and I was told she was selected for Major.
- ♦ Brandie Collins is in Georgia still dancing and shooting.
- ♦ Susan Dood is still working with Young Marines in the Columbus area and working from home.
- ♦ Ellen Leidy has been walking every day and searching Ancestry. She must be related to everyone in the area. She just keeps finding relatives. Every day is an adventure. She is still involved with our stand down and Marine Corps League.
- ♦ Dorothea Lofquist resides at the Sandusky Veterans Home and was on the Honor Flight.
- ♦ Lora LeWay stays busy grooming dogs and working with the Marine Corps League.
- ♦ AvaMaria Knight is still with the Young Marines at East High School and helps anyone in need.

Our chapter is spread out but when help is needed, we are here. Everyday life keeps us all busy and we are getting older and for myself, slower.

I had a dear friend, Bonnie Allman, who passed away in

Albany, GA. She was a recruiter, drill instructor, clothing officer, commanding officer, and supply officer. I don't know if her name was ever sent to WMA but she was a true woman Marine. She was tough but fair and immaculate in her appearance. She was born and raised in Ohio and moved back home after retirement and finally back to Albany. She was commissioned with one of our members, Jan Kemmerer, when they were drill instructors. Jan is still living in Ohio and has slowed down, but always a Marine. Bonnie's drill instructor was one of our members...Dorthea Lofquist.

A big shout out to our Loyal Escorts. Thank you for all your help. For our Area Director Jo Molina, you are the best.

Stay safe.

Elva (Elvie) Pounders

OR-1 Lady Marine Rose

Spring greetings from Lady Marine Rose WMA OR-1! We hope you and your families are healthy and staying well during this uncertain time.



Marygene Smith, Sally Van Wie, Raquel Barker-Gaspra, Heidi Tanada

February was a busy month. New board members were installed at the Women Marines Anniversary Luncheon at the Monarch Hotel on the 9th. Heidi Tanada is president; Raquel Barker-Gaspra, vice president; Sally Van Wie, secretary; and Marygene Smith, treasurer. The "Golden Goose" went to Golda Fabian for her many years of being an active member of OR-1. Jeanette Van Niekerk received the new "OR-1 Molly Marine Award" for supporting the "No Veteran Dies Alone" program at the VA hospital.

OR-1 showed their community spirit by helping fellow Marine Alyson Perez with some home repairs. OR-1, family, and friends made the repairs and Jon Sanford (Army veteran!) donated all needed materials. A good time for everyone!

Sally Van Wie shared some of her Marine experiences with the Tualatin Young Marines. She also explained the USMC hair regulations and had



Sam Hang, Alyson Perez, Sally Van Wie



the students participate in a "how to" with their hair. Early training!

We always celebrate our veterans. A special salute

to our WMA OR-1 Vietnam Veterans for their service: Heidi Tanada, Sally Van Wie, and Marygene Smith. Semper Fi!

Spring is rose planting season! Mother's Day is just

around the corner! Now is the time to purchase a "Because She Served" rose. What better way to thank a doctor, nurse, firefighter or any other woman who is serving on the front lines of the Covid-19 virus. They are available through www.heirloomroses.com. It is a beautiful red rose and perfect to honor any woman. OR-1 added Lady Marine Rose to their title in the early 1980's to honor the first rose introduced at the Seattle Convention.

We look forward to when we can be together again for our monthly meetings. Our April meeting will be a new experience...phone/computer meeting! Contact Sally Van Wie 503-329-3931 for current information.

During this time of uncertainty, please remember our commitment to our fellow Marines and the community. Reach out and help someone. Make a phone call, run an errand if it is safe. Remember, we volunteered to serve when in uniform and we keep the same commitment afterwards.

*Judy Rankin
Sally Van Wie*

TX-2 Texas Gulf Coast

Hello Marines,

February was a bit busy for WMA Gulf Coast Chapter TX-2. We had our anniversary luncheon with nine (9) in attendance including the Area 6 Director Rosa Osborn. We had a delicious lunch at Post Oak Grill. A cake cutting was held with the first two pieces of cake going to the oldest in attendance, Beverly Franklin and the youngest in attendance, Tracy Harrison.



Left to right: Rose Osborne, AD6; Lynn Sparks, President; Beverly Franklin, oldest Marine; and Tracy Harrison, youngest Marine



This celebration also found us installing our officers for this term. President is Lynn Sparks, Vice President is Karen Beaty, Treasurer is Betty Huggins, and Secretary is Barbara Barnhart.

Several ladies gathered at Beverly Franklin's home to make small floral arrangements for distribution at the VA Hospital. That's Bev and Lynn Sparks with the arrangements.

Our April meeting had to be cancelled due to the Stay at Home declaration of our mayor. This was because of the Coronavirus. We hope everyone is staying well and safe during this very trying time for all of us.

Semper Fi!

Barbara Barnhart

WMA...In the Beginning...

At the February 1958 anniversary luncheon in the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles, Jean Durfee announced her idea for a reunion of women Marines. She enlisted the help of Marjorie Miller and Helen Hannah Campbell. Before any real progress was made, Jean relocated to Bailey, CO.

She continued to pursue her plans for a reunion. She organized a group of former women Marines in the Denver area: Marion Hooper Swope, Mary Jeane Olson Nelson, June F. Hansen, Lois Lighthall, Ila Doolittle Clark, and Barbra Kees Meeks. She contacted Meg Young Dawes of the Scuttlebutt Gang and Theresa "Sue" Sousa, USMCR, and obtained mailing lists from any and all sources that would make one available.

The Denver Committee incorporated under Colorado law and chose the name Women Marines Association.

In July 1960 at the Shirley-Savoy Hotel in Denver, 125 women Marines assembled for the first national reunion. They established a permanent association, defined its purpose, set up bylaws, and elected national officers.

The slate of officers was: President Genevieve Dooner, Vice President Helen Hannah Campbell, Secretary Jean



Reed, Assistant Secretary Mary Jean Nelson, Treasurer Marjorie Miller, Historian Francis Hill, Legal Officer Vesta Skehan, Public Relations Officer Jean Pace, Directors Jean Durfee, Helen Spicer, Margaret Gartlan, Margo Hirte, Virginia Caley, Martrese Ferguson, and Theresa Sousa. Chaplain C. J. Covert, Captain, USN, was chosen to be the official chaplain of the newly formed association and its only male member.

By action of the Board of Directors, the initial dues period was extended and all members joining for the period July 1960 thru May 31, 1962 were charter members. The term closed with 678 charter members. It has been the policy of the WMA to recognize this charter membership whether or not the member has maintained continuous membership.

Members in the Washington, DC area adopted bylaws on July 30, 1962 to organize the first chapter. Charter members were Betty Ann Adams, Elsie Anderson, Ruth Broe, Virginia Caley, Joyce Capps, Grace Fields, Patricia Maas, Louise Pezzulli, Gail Reals, Theresa Sousa, Barbara Wagner, and Jenny Wrenn. The chapter charter was ratified on August 6, 1964 along with six additional chapters.

This first portion is excerpted from the original 25-year history of WMA as published in 1985. More to come!

Chapter Merchandise

Send chapter ads to Sondra Metzger, Editor@womenmarines.org.
IMPORTANT, PLEASE NOTE: When WMA sales items are no longer available,
 please notify Sondra so they can be removed.

BOOKS

Not "Just Another Cookbook"

More than 100 recipes
 by grouping.
 Size: 6"x9"
 Cost: \$5.75 (includes shipping)
 Chapter NC-1
 Contact: Naomi Malone



218 Sunset Rd.
 Jacksonville, NC 28546-7045
 (910) 545-7154
 nmalone@ec.rr.com

CLOTHING

Woman Marine Veteran Hats

Blue with red bill
 Pink Woman Marine
 Cost: \$15 plus \$5 shipping
 Black patch with red bill
 Red patch with black bill
 Cost: \$20 plus \$5 shipping
 (Contact listed below)

Tumbler

Arctic Tumblers, with 100 years or
 Proud Female Veteran Marine Corps
 Cost: \$20 plus \$5 shipping
 (Contact listed below)

WMA stickers

Cost: \$5 plus \$.50 shipping
 (Contact listed below)

Polo Shirts

Polo shirts available for order.
 You may choose to have your name
 embroidered on the shirt.
 Cost: \$30 including the name
 embroidered and shipping

Contact: TX7@womenmarines.org.
 PayPal payments can be
 sent to
 TX7@womenmarines.org

All sales are final.



CLOTHING CONT'D

WMA Apron

Apron, short, three pockets,
 with WMA logo
 Cost: \$10.00 plus \$6.00 shipping
 Chapter: CA-11 Central Coast
 Contact: Soledad Kennedy
 4062 Capella St.
 Lompoc, CA 93436
 Fax/Office: (805)733-2176
 Cell: (805) 588-0650

4th Bn Shirts, Crew Neck Unisex

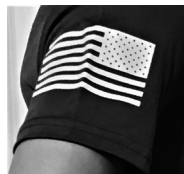
Comes in black and burgundy.
 Large logo on back and
 small crest on front.
 Cost: \$23.50 (includes shipping)
 Sizes: M, L, XL, 2X
 Send check or money order to:
 WMA Motor City
 PO Box 590
 Romeo, MI 48065
 (Please state size and color).

Ladies Cut T-Shirt with V neck

Comes in vintage khaki and gray
 with logo in hunter green.
 Cost: \$23.50 (includes shipping)
 Sizes: S, M, L, XL
 Send check or money order to:
 WMA Motor City
 PO Box 590
 Romeo, MI 48065
 (Please state size and color).

Shirts, OD Green Crewneck (men's size)

Footprint logo on back, flag on the
 right arm, and a choice between
 two front logo options.
 Sizes and Costs:
 S-XL: \$28 + \$4.75 shipping
 2XL-3XL: \$30 + \$4.75 shipping
 Chapter: OR-1
 Contact: OR1@womenmarines.org



CLOTHING CONT'D

Adult and Youth Shirts from Port Authority

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 MY
 WOMAN
 MARINE**

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 HERO IS A
 WOMAN
 MARINE**



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Sizing and Pricing, include shipping:

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Ladies Polos (Crew neck)	S/S T-Shirt
S-XL: \$35	S-XL: \$25
2XL: \$37	2XL: \$27
3XL: \$39	3XL: \$29
4XL: \$41	4XL: \$31
5XL: \$43	5XL: \$33
Youth:	
Polo	S/S T-Shirt
S-XL: \$30	S-XL: \$20

**Please contact for: Infant/Toddler
 Contact: Stephanie Wilcox, OR-3
 swilcox818@yahoo.com
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Chapter Merchandise

FLAGS

Car Flag

WMA logo (clips to car window)
Cost: \$10.00 plus \$6.00 shipping

Table Flag

WMA logo with stand
Size: 4"x6"
Cost: \$5.00 plus \$6.00 shipping
Chapter: CA-11 Central Coast
Contact: Soledad Kennedy
4062 Capella St.
Lompoc, CA 93436
Fax/Office: (805)733-2176
Cell: (805) 588-0650
usmcrfemale@yahoo.com
www.centralcoastwomenmarines.com

JEWELRY

Charm "Semper Fi"

Cost: \$5
Chapter: OR-1
Contact: OR1@womenmarines.org



MISCELLANEOUS

Bumper Sticker

"The Few, The Proud, The Women Marines"
Cost: \$1.50 (includes shipping)
Chapter: NM-1
Checks payable to WMA Chapter NM1
Contact: Laurel Hull
28 Tejon Canyon Rd
Placitas, NM 87043
505-867-9172
prism@lobo.net

License Plate Frame

Aluminum, "OohRah Sisterhood" on the top and "Women Marines Association" on the bottom.
Cost: \$12 (includes shipping)
Checks payable to:
EMVSC CA-7 WMA
Contact: Lillian Cross
3122 Morningside Dr.
Oceanside, CA 92056-4011
(760) 724-9861
Visit www.womenmarines.net to see the items in color.

MISCELLANEOUS CONT'D

WMA Logo Magnet

Size: 2" long x 1.5" wide
Cost: \$2 (includes shipping)
Chapter: NJ-2
Contact: Lorraine Nankivell
PO Box 208
38 Point Pleasant Rd
Hopatcong, NJ 07843-0208

Luggage Tag

3.5"x2.5", aluminum, "Proud Member Women Marines Association" WMA logo on one side and "OohRah Sisterhood" and WMA logo on the other side.
Cost: \$10 (includes shipping)
Checks payable to:
EMVSC CA-7 WMA
Contact: Lillian Cross
3122 Morningside Dr.
Oceanside, CA 92056-4011
(760) 724-9861

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Women Marines Padfolio

WMA logo, zips all the way around, has a pocket on the outside and several on the inside, zippered one on the inside, writing pad included
Cost: \$28.50 (includes shipping)
Chapter: MI-2
Contact: WMA MI-2 Motor City
PO Box 590
Romeo, MI 48065

Ribbon Magnet

"Proud to be a Marine"
Size: 8"x3"
Cost: \$6 (includes shipping)
Checks payable to:
EMVSC CA-7 WMA
Contact: Lillian Cross
3122 Morningside Dr.
Oceanside, CA 92056-4011
(760) 724-9861

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MISCELLANEOUS CONT'D

Travel Mug

White aluminum with green WMA logo on one side and gold "OohRah Sisterhood Women Marines Association" centered
Size: 15 oz.
Cost: \$15.00 (includes shipping)
Chapter: CA-7
Checks payable to:
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Contact: Lillian Cross
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(760) 724-9861
Visit www.womenmarines.net to see the items in color

WWII Poster Mug

with vintage Women Marines recruitment poster art, "Be a Marine – Free a Marine to Fight"
Cost: \$12 each
plus \$7 shipping & handling
Checks payable to:
IN-1
Chapter: IN-1
Contact: Kay Ross
(317) 698-6637
kayross@comcast.net



Travel Neck Pouch

Black w/two zippered sections on one side, clear section on reverse with WMA logo, adjustable strap
Size: 6.5"x4.5"
Cost: \$5 (includes shipping)
Chapter NM-1
Checks payable to:
WMA Chapter NM1
Contact: Laurel Hull
28 Tejon Canyon Rd
Placitas, NM 87043
505-867-9172
prism@lobo.net

Clear Vinyl Bag

With long zipper, green/white WMA logo
Size: 9"x12"
Cost: \$6.25 (includes shipping)
Chapter: NC-1
Contact: Naomi Malone
218 Sunset Rd.
Jacksonville, NC 28546-7045
(910) 545-7154
nmalone@ec.rr.com

WMA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION * DENOTES MANDATORY FIELD

*Full Name:		
*Current address:		
*City:	*State:	*ZIP Code:
*Date of Birth:	*Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
*Email:		*Email must be provided for electronic issues

ALTERNATE ADDRESS INFORMATION

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Phone:	E-mail:	Reason for alternate:
Start Date:	Stop Date:	

EMERGENCY CONTACT

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*City:	*State:	*ZIP Code:
*Relationship:		

MILITARY INFORMATION

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*Name (s) Served Under:	*Maiden Name:
Plt./Co and Series/OCS/ FMF qualified date	____ USMC ____ FMF NAVY

RM&D AND 'NOUNCEMENTS PREFERENCES

The Resource Manual & Directory (RM&D) and Nouncements will be sent in electronic format. If you prefer another format, please check below. Help WMA **"Go Green"** choosing the electronic copy for your RM&D and Nouncements.

____ Hard Paper Copy	**Must provide current for email electronic copy
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WMA 'Nouncements is the organizational quarterly magazine

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION ____ NEW ____ RENEWAL ____ REINSTATEMENT

____ 2 year Membership \$40	Life Membership: Pick One:
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Enrolled By/ How did you hear about WMA:	____ 50-59 \$180 ____ 60-65 \$150 ____ 66 & older \$120

***FMF Must submit via hard copy with payment and documentation of FMF qualification with application.**

SIGNATURE AND VERIFICATION

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 understand my basic information is listed in the RM&D. I will abide by the WMA Bylaws and Standing Rules.

*Signature of applicant:	*Date:
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Items (in alphabetical order)

WMA Items

(A) Afghan.....	\$ 55.00
(B) Ceremonial Flag.....	\$ 200.00
(C) Chapter Ribbon (replacement).....	\$ 20.00
(D) Cover-shaped membership pin.....	\$ 10.00
(E) Cover, with Chapter and EGA.....	\$ 55.00
(E) Cover, with Chapter, Life, and EGA.....	\$ 60.00
Gold EGA for cover.....	\$ 10.00
Life member pin.....	\$ 10.00
(F) Name Tags, 1.5"x 3".....	\$ 10.00
Patch, large.....	\$ 10.00

SALE Items!

Cammo Drawstring Bag, WMA.....	\$ 8.00
Turner WMA History Book.....	\$ 15.00
Book, Above and Beyond by Rudy Socha & Carolyn Darrow.....	\$ 10.00



Item (A)



Item (B)



Item (C)



Item (D)



Item (E)



Item (F)

Cover and Name Tag Instructions— Read before ordering!

WMA COVER

Sizing: (Measure crown of head 1" above ears, allow for hair style)

XSmall. (20 ½" - 20 7/8")	Small. (21 ¼" – 21 5/8")
Medium. (22" – 22 3/8")	Large. (22 ¾" – 23 1/8")
XLarge. (23 ½" – 23 7/8")	XXLarge. (24 ¼" – 24 5/8")

Please specify your cover size, chapter information (limited to 5 characters max, i.e. CA-29), if "Life" is requested, shipping address, and contact information (phone number and email). Covers are custom ordered - please allow
4 – 6 weeks for delivery.

Please verify the size and information you provide—COVERS ARE SPECIAL ORDERED AND NOT RETURNABLE
(if you measure near the top of the size bracket, you may want to order the next size up)

WMA NAME TAGS

Nametags are laser etched on dark green acrylic with white text and have magnetic hardware. Please indicate your Name, Chapter and Chapter designator exactly as you wish it to appear on your name. See Item (F).

You may order any of these items on our website at www.womenmarines.org, Shop, Members or mail the item information, quantity, your mailing address and contact info including email address along with your check payable to **Women Marines Association** to:

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