

# WMA 'Nouncements

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## MCRD San Diego Makes History

Recruits piled off buses to the urgent shouts and barks of Marine Corps drill instructors. They took their spots on the fabled yellow footprints to begin their transformation from civilians to Marines — something that has happened countless times in the San Diego boot camp's almost 100 year history.

Only this time, for the first time, 60 women were among those scrambling recruits.



In 2019, Congress ordered the San Diego boot camp to integrate women into its training battalions by 2028; Parris Island by 2025.

The 60 women will form Platoon 3241, one of the six platoons that comprise Lima Company. Just like the all-male companies trained in San Diego over the years, the women's platoon will live in a squad bay in the company's barracks and be trained by female drill instructors.



Col. Matt Palma, the commanding officer of the recruit training regiment, said the women of Lima Company will endure the same training obstacles as the men — including the grueling "Reaper" hike at Camp Pendleton that is part of the last phase of training. During the hike, recruits traverse rugged terrain and charge up a steep ridge while carrying 55-pound packs.

The recruits arrived in San Diego, received a medical screening at the depot, and were quarantined in a local hotel at an undisclosed location. Men and women were housed on separate floors.

For the duration of the quarantine, recruits were not allowed to leave their rooms. They were only allowed

to interact with other recruits for 30 minutes a day at the threshold of their doors. Food and water was delivered and left outside of their rooms.

Phones and other electronic devices were taken away. Recruits were allowed only one phone call per week. If they want to get in touch with loved ones, they had to do it the old fashion way — by writing letters.

Despite being under quarantine, recruits kept busy, completing 140 hours of activities. That included having to study because they were quiz-zed daily on topics ranging from the core values of the Marine Corps to military history.

Four weeks into boot camp, one of the female recruits tested positive for COVID-19, placing the entire female platoon under another two-week quarantine but did not have a major effect on training.

The three female Dis for the platoon think the recruits are more motivated and pushing themselves harder.

After coming in last during their initial drill, the female platoon has been outperforming their male counterparts, taking first place on the final drill, initial physical fitness test (PFT) and final physical fitness test.

Lima Company is set to graduate on May 6th.

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## **Reporting in...National President**

Spring is finally in the air! As we take the time to stop and smell the roses, I think we can agree that the 2020 Pandemic was “an experience” that presented us all with many challenges in our personal lives, health, business, etc. However, I always like to look at any situation as a “glass half full.” To me, that half-full glass provided us with a better appreciation for love of family and friends; the need to adapt to technology e.g. learning to use Zoom for better communication, etc. As we continue to fill that glass up, we can look forward to hugs with family, personal contact with our fellow WMA members to include connecting at convention to celebrate our camaraderie as well as sharing in the WMA’s new Way Forward.

Speaking of Convention, planning for our reunion next year in Las Vegas has resumed and you will see more information published soon here in ‘*Nouncements* and on the Facebook Convention Page, etc. A reminder that next year’s convention begins a little later in the calendar year than normal, with the Opening Banquet on 30 Sept 2022. We are reviewing our options to make this event a memorable one, and one that caters to your druthers as identified in past surveys. Some possibilities include decreasing the number of days from five (5) to four (4) and a focus on more “team building” workshop events. More detailed information coming soon.

I want to thank all of you who sent in your recommendations regarding the proposed revisions to the National Bylaws and Standing Rules as published in the last issue of ‘*Nouncements*. You will see the final revised version in a written ballot by the end of April with a 1 June deadline for your return ballot to be postmarked. Thanks in advance for your participation and involvement in “your WMA.”

The Bylaws and Standing Rules revisions will allow us the ability to continue our work toward developing the new governance structure to include job descriptions for the new Governing Board members. This will lead us toward the upcoming Nomination and Election process for the new Board members. Our newly elected Board of Directors will be key in leading WMA into the future.

We continue to work on parallel tracks in support of our original “Working Strategy” as described in the July 2020 issue of ‘*Nouncements* to include our rebranding effort and developing a value proposition in support of a new Member Experience. More details coming soon as we roll out these ideas to the membership. We look forward to your interest in supporting WMA’s future.

Please continue to stay safe and well, and take care of yourselves along with your family, friends, and local communities.

*Semper Fidelis,  
Rhonda Amtower*

**The ballot for the revised Bylaws and Standing Rules that were in the January issue have been mailed and should be hitting your mailbox soon. PLEASE complete and return by 1 June.**

## **Update on Platoon 3241, Lima Company MCRD San Diego**

Fifty-three of the 60 female recruits who were the first at MCRD finished their training with the completion of the Crucible and will become the first female recruits to graduate from MCRD San Diego next month.

They won their final drill competition, something that requires good teamwork, efficiency, and discipline according to base spokesman Capt. Martin Harris.

They had the highest physical and combat fitness test scores in Lima Company, winning all the physical events.

On the rifle range, their scores were also higher than the average female platoon at Parris Island.

Marine officials have said that coed companies perform on par with or better than all-male or all-female training companies.

No other female platoons are currently training at MCRD. The Marine Corps is now assessing the first iteration of coed training on the West Coast before determining next steps.

*Gina Harkins, Military.com*

## **Chapter pics from January**



*LA-1 holiday party*



*TN-1 members Gail, Leah, Deb & Teresa with one of the Reverse Advent boxes that are donated to needy veteran families.*



*MO-3 members at breakfast before placing flags on veterans' graves.*

## New PT Gear

To provide a better performing, more hygienic, and more modern PT shirt and shorts, the Commandant has authorized testing of a new green PT shirt, green general-purpose trunks, and green running shorts all made out of high performance material. These changes DO NOT include the Marine Corps running suit or sweat suit. The updated green-on-green PT gear will be tested by a diverse mixture of officer/enlisted, junior/senior, and male/female Marines from the SNCO and NCO Academies and instructors from OCS and TBS.

The uniform is for wear while conducting individual or organized PT, and will provide a more athletic fit incorporating anti-microbial, moisture-wicking, fast-drying, stretch, and reflective attributes.



The PT shirt will be more fitted than the current undershirt, and will include side mesh panels for breathability. Each sleeve will have an eagle, globe, and anchor in reflective silver. The back of the shirt will have "USMC" and diagonal reflective strips.



*GySgt Evan Fancher demonstrating a prototype of the new PT uniform*

The PT short will be basketball-style and constructed in performance fabrics with black mesh side panels and a longer inseam. It will have a bike-style liner and side seam pockets with zipper closures. As a planned augment to the uniform, there is an optional running short for those who prefer a shorter inseam. The running short would not be included in the initial clothing allowance issue or on the minimum requirements list, but would be authorized for wear during unit PT events. Reflective attributes for the shorts include the eagle, globe, and anchor at the bottom of the left leg and diagonal striping on front and rear of both legs.

A maternity PT shirt and shorts are also being developed, and will resemble the new PT uniform in design. The maternity PT shirt and shorts will be added to the maternity supplemental uniform allowance, and will be issued to pregnant enlisted Marines. The uniform will be available for purchase by pregnant officers.

Testing is scheduled to be complete by the beginning of August, and be available for purchase in exchanges in the spring of 2022.

## MOLLY MARINES

Platoon 4000, Company O  
Pvt Samantha Snyder, Fort Atkinson, IA  
Graduation Date: 5 February 2021

Platoon 4001, Company O  
Pvt April J. Saltikov, Whittier, CA  
Graduation Date: 5 February 2021

Platoon 2010, Company E  
PFC Laurin N. Rabon, Eden, MD  
Graduation Date: 19 February 2021

Platoon 2014, Company E  
PFC Emily J. Ramos, Irving, TX  
Graduation Date: 19 February 2021

Platoon 4002, Company N  
PFC Zulemy Palma Zamora, Fontana, CA  
Graduation Date: 12 March 2021

Platoon 4003, Company N  
PFC Nicole E. Abella, Murrieta, CA  
Graduation Date: 12 March 2021

Platoon 4004, Company O  
Pvt Alexis D. Mitchell, Branson, MO  
Graduation Date: 19 March 2021

Platoon 4005, Company O  
PFC Chloe J. Lejeune, Tustin, CA  
Graduation Date: 19 March 2021

Platoon 4014, Company N  
PFC Troi L. Miller, Powder Springs, GA  
Graduation Date: 16 April 2021

Platoon 4015, Company N  
PFC Rini D. Shakya, San Diego, CA  
Graduation Date: 16 April 2021

## Biden Nominates Female for Fourth Star

President Biden has nominated Vice Admiral Linda Fagan to receive her fourth star and become the Coast Guard's vice commandant, a historic step that could make her the highest-ranking woman in the service's history.

If confirmed, Fagan would be the Coast Guard's second in command, and also the first female officer to reach the rank of four-star in the service's 230-year history.



*Gina Harkins  
Military.com*





## Catherine Louise Frazier

On October 7, 2020, we said farewell to Catherine Louise Frazier. She was 97 years old.

Sometimes, as we look back on our lives, we know we got certain parts of it just right. For Louise, it was her decision to join the Marine Corps in 1943. She continued to serve as a reservist and then returned to active duty until retiring as a Major in 1983. She knew she got that just right! For Louise, the Marines became her family - a family that supported her in every way throughout her life.

Louise was a prolific reader and an excellent writer, which is why she was acknowledged as an outstanding Public Affairs Officer at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (HQMC). She made it her mission to advocate for and promote women in the Marine Corps. She authored and edited several official documents that were published about women Marines, including U.S. Marine Corps News Releases and the official Marine Corps History of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve in World War II, which was published in 1964.

Louise was a life member (#671) and actively worked alongside Colonel Ruth Broe, who was a project officer for the women Marines at HQMC and past national president of the Women Marines Association (1972-1974). In her capacity as Public Affairs Officer, Louise wrote numerous letters to senior Marine Corps officials and to members of the press about various activities and achievements of women Marines. She was relentless, tireless, and determined to ensure women Marines were not seen as "skirts" but rather as equal contributors!

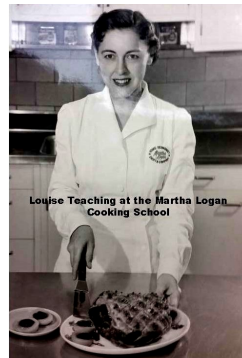
In addition to her service in the Marine Corps, Louise received an associate degree in Apparel Design from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York



*Patty Hook, Ruth Broe, and Louise*

City, and after WWII, earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at Penn State and Ohio State Universities in Home Economics.

With a determined mind and spirit, Louise created a life of possibilities and challenged the traditional roles of women, which led to a full independent life on her own terms. Louise was a Commanding Officer of a Marine Communications Platoon in Brooklyn, N.Y. In addition to her military service, she worked for the *Army Times* magazine, created her own Cookie Candy House mail-order business, traveled as the Martha Logan Cooking Theater School representative, had a radio cooking show in Gettysburg, PA, and hosted the TV cooking shows, "A Woman's Window" and "Nancy's Kitchen." Her travels for work and pleasure took her across the United States and throughout parts of Europe, Central and South America, and Asia.



*Louise teaching at the Martha Logan Cooking School*

Louise truly led a full life! In addition to dedicating many years of service to the Marine Corps, she pursued interests in nutrition and healthy eating, enjoyed ballroom dancing, and staying in touch with relatives and friends.

Her many memberships included: life member of the Women Marines Association and the DC-1 Chapter, member of American Home Economics Association, American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences, MD Association of Family & Consumer Sciences, Women in Military Service for America, Marine Corps Combat Correspondents, and the Military Officers Association of America.

Louise was a trailblazer in her own right, and she did not let grass grow under her feet. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her as she left an indelible impression on so many. Semper Fidelis, Louise!

*Lelia Jackson*



*With LtGen Lori Reynolds*

## And...

...the previously all-female 4th Recruit Training Battalion has graduated four of its first-ever male platoons alongside two female platoons and included the first male drill instructors assigned within the battalion.

On March 26, Papa Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, completed training and graduated with the coed mix at Parris Island. Female recruits have been assigned to all four training battalions since January 2019.

Company staff included both male and female Marines. Platoon staff comprised of drill instructors of the same gender as the recruits they were training. Previously male staff such as company and series commanders, first sergeants and chief drill instructors had been assigned to 4th Battalion. But the assignment of male drill instructors to Papa Company for the four male platoons was a first.

*Todd South, Military Times*

## Marine veteran helps soldiers transition to scholars

After more than two years of classes, Jessica Nelson decided college wasn't a good fit so she joined the military. The Jackson, MS woman, who later went on to get her college degree, now helps veterans transition from military life into classrooms. Her passion for such



work has led to her appointment to the board of directors of the national Warrior-Scholar Project.

Other board members include the president and CEO of Marriott International, a former White House National Security Council director, a president emeritus of Cornell University, and a retired top military general, among others.

Nelson enlisted in the Marines where she provided support for troops on the ground. As a topographic analyst, Nelson worked on maps and spatial awareness for troops. "I was active for five years and reserve one year."

She left college, she said, because she wasn't prepared for it. She also wanted to join the military since she was in high school.

When Nelson finished her military career, she wanted to return to college, but at that point she was 29 and hadn't been in a traditional classroom in six years. She knew she needed help.

"When I was going back to school, I looked for programs to help facilitate nontraditional students go back to school," Nelson said. "I found Warrior-Scholar Project and actually attended one of their boot camps." Warrior-Scholar Project gives enlisted veterans and service members the tools to excel at four-year universities. Through intensive one- to two-week academic boot camps, participants acquire skills necessary for the cultural shift from the military to higher education. Nelson, who graduated with a degree in psychology from Smith College in Massachusetts, said the program was a key to her success.

"It was extremely helpful," Nelson said. "I credit a lot of my academic success to the Warrior-Scholar Project."

Nelson was so impressed with the program that she started mentoring other veterans. She said the need is there because veterans are leaving a structured environment and learning to study again. In the four years she has been working with the Warrior-Scholar Project, she has helped about 120 veterans make the transition.

Her desire to help didn't stop there. Nelson is a hometown fellow and mobility innovation team fellow for the Jackson chapter of Lead for America, where she works with national and community partners to improve the lives of residents and families.

She also founded Grid North, a nonprofit that helps veterans in Mississippi transition into the workforce or find better jobs if already in the workforce.

"I really appreciate being able to give back like I've been helped," Nelson said. "I feel like it's our responsibility, those that have been in their footsteps, to give back."

Nelson hopes to eventually open a community center for the LGBTQ community where members can gather, find resources and information. And, she wants to attend law school.

"My ultimate goal is to become an LGBTQ advocate and a veterans advocate," Nelson said. "I hope to go to law school and become a legal advocate."

Because of her personality and background, her accomplishments and goals come as no surprise to those who know her.

Avery Carmichael of San Diego met Nelson through the Warrior-Scholar Project after serving in the Navy.

"I was nervous just because it had been five years since I had taken any classes," Carmichael said. "She helped give me the confidence that I could go back in the classroom and be successful. I think the big thing was that she had done the exact same thing before. I didn't know many people in the military that wanted to go to a four-year university. She had been in my shoes."

Dan LaFlamme of Piscataway, New Jersey, worked with Nelson as a staff member.

"It's hard to put into words, but it's fairly easy for me and others to pick up on that she cares about the program," LaFlamme said. "She resonates with her students, former students and staff. She's a genuine person and it's easy to tell. The first meeting you can tell she's a genuine person. That's the highest compliment I can give anybody."

*Story by Brian Broom*

*Photo by Eric Shelton*

*Mississippi Clarion Ledger*

## Wounded women veterans face higher levels of loneliness, isolation: report

Four out of five wounded women veterans reported feelings of loneliness, isolation and disconnect from their peers in a recent survey, a statistic almost 20 percent higher than men that advocates say underscores the need for better outreach to those individuals.

"That's just a staggering number," said Tracy Farrell, vice president of engagement for the Wounded Warrior Project, which conducted the research.

"The women warriors we talked to, they would really appreciate having some sort of mentorship and networking opportunities, specifically with people who knew their background. Having some sisters in arms to share resources to point you in the right direction, to just acknowledge the stories from your past and understand where you're coming from, that was really important to everyone."

Pandemic has left many disabled veterans more isolated, worried.

A survey by Wounded Warrior Project found coronavirus restrictions left many veterans feeling disconnected and missing medical appointments.

The findings, released Friday, come from a survey conducted in early 2020 of nearly 4,900 women involved with WWP.

While the sample is not indicative of all women veterans in America today, it gives a closer look at some of the specific struggles that disabled female veterans face in their transition to civilian life.

The 80 percent of women who reported loneliness compares to 63 percent of wounded male veterans who experience the same type of isolation. Farrell said that shows even as advocates look for ways to better serve all wounded veterans, specific outreach needs to be made to women to ensure their more pronounced issues are addressed.

That wasn't the only area of the survey that found larger challenges for women than men veterans.

Wounded women veterans were more likely than men to have a college degree (57 percent held at least

a four-year college degree) but less likely to find work (only 34 percent said they were employed full time).

WWP researchers said that on average, the women veterans with jobs earned about \$8,000 less annually than the men.

Women in the survey were also enrolled in Veterans Affairs health care programs at a higher rate than their male peers, but less than half of the group (49 percent) said VA meets all of their medical needs.

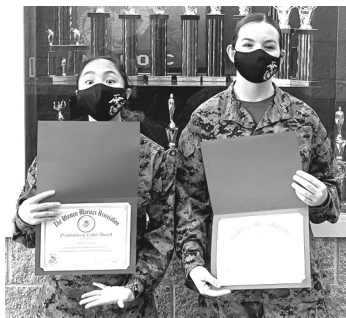
Group officials said they launched the effort to dive deeper in trends they saw among women in their annual membership surveys.

"So we'll use this data to look at our programs as to what is working and what is not in terms of how we serve women warriors," Farrell said. "We can turn that into operational changes within our organization and hopefully within the larger veterans service space too."

Full survey results will be available on the WWP web site.

*Leo Shane III  
Military Times  
12 March 2021*

## MCJROTC AWARDS



Ridge Point High School,  
Louisville, KY

2019-2020 school year  
Cadet Lauren Lively

2020-2021 school year  
1stLt Beatriz Jamora



United South High  
School, Laredo, TX

Cadet Genessis Guerra  
Presented by Maj Tom  
Connor

(No Photos)

Amsterdam High School, Louisville, KY  
2ndLt Taylor Massaro

Bensalem High School, Louisville, KY  
Cadet Cyanni Burke

The pandemic has hit our outstanding MCJROTC units hard as far as giving out awards. The above are the ones we have received so far.

## It may be Old, but it's Good News

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels have been around since



1946, but it wasn't until 69 years later that they had their first female pilot take to the skies in one of their air shows. That first female was Maj. Katie Higgins Cook.

A third generation aviator, Cook's grandfathers flew for the Army Air Corps and the Air Force, and then her father went to the Naval Academy.

With her family as her support, Cook became a Marine Corps pilot, and in 2015, she became the first female pilot with the Blue Angels piloting the C-130 known as "Fat Albert." Her first show was in El Centro, CA.

Before that, she had flown combat missions in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom and supported contingency operations in Africa.

After two years with the team, Maj. Cook served as the Airfield Operations Company Commander, Marine Wing Support Squadron-271, Cherry Point, and is now a motivational speaker.



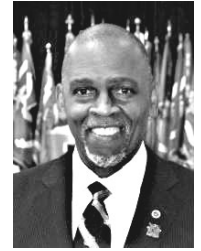
## Reporting In...Loyal Escorts

Greetings everyone,

2021 is here and everyone is still busy with working from home, kids attending school online, as well as dealing with the pandemic and waiting for vaccine doses. Most of us are still recovering from the winter storm that has devastated most of Texas. I hope that everyone is well and doing well with your lives and families.

We are still moving forward with preparing for the WMA 2022 convention, and our auxiliary is gearing up for a productive year. We are looking forward to seeing you all face to face in 2022 in Las Vegas.

In closing, I want to encourage everyone to be safe, be vigilant, love your families, and be kind and take care of one another.



*Semper Fi,  
Isaac J. Bazile,  
President, Loyal Escorts*

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### MARINE SERGEANT WINS INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Everyone in the Marine Corps has a story. No one knows this better than does Sgt. Dana Beesley, who just earned the prestigious title of 2020 Photographer of the Year from the Military Visual Awards, an international competition showcasing the best of the best in military photography.

Beesley grew up in the small town of Lewiston, Idaho, the daughter of a local journalist. After watching *All the President's Men* as a young child, she fell in love with investigative reporting. She fiddled with disposable cameras, took pictures on family camping trips, and pored with wonder over the hundreds of copies of *National Geographic Magazine* her mother had collected in the basement, looking at only the photos and captions.

Based at Parris Island, she leads a 16-person team that specializes in all areas of public communication and digital engagement. She chronicles the struggles and successes of the thousands of recruits who undergo recruit training there annually. From the recruit who may be conquering a fear of heights to plunge off a high dive for the first time, to the one who has spent the last of his energy during the crucible, Beesley wants to capture every moment.

Her portfolio was one of more than 2,000 submissions from US and NATO military members around the world, according to the Military Visual Awards.



*Hannah Ray Lambert  
MIL & INTEL  
April 12, 2021*

(Some of Sgt Beesley's photos can be found on Page 11)



# LOYAL ESCORT MEMBER APPLICATION

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Date of birth:

Phone:

Cell:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Email:

New   Renew   Reinstated   Life (Sponsor must be Life member)

**2 YR \$30 LIFE   40 AND UNDER - \$180   41-45 - \$150   46-60 - \$130   61-70 - \$105   71-80 - \$80   81+ \$55**

## SPONSOR INFORMATION

WMA Sponsor Name:

Recruited by:

Chapter Affiliation:

Do you live with sponsor   Y   N

Sponsor Life Member # if applicable

## EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of a relative **not** residing with you:

Address:

Phone:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Relationship:

## SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE

Name:

Date of birth:

Email:

Phone:

## SERVICE INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE

Dates of Service

Branch:

How long?

MOS

Duty Stations:

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# CONVENTION/SYMPOSIUM/REUNION 2022!!

Are you ready for some Vegas, baby?! That's where we're headed for the 2022 Convention/Symposium/Reunion! We don't have all the details yet, but here's something to wet your whistle.

## The Fremont Street Experience

Our hotel, the Golden Nugget, is located in what is considered to be the place to be in downtown Las Vegas.



Just off the strip it has so many exciting things to do. With our ability to come and stay two days before and two days after this could be your mini vacation of a lifetime!

Here are a few things

you can look forward to:

## Viva Vision

Viva Vision is the largest video screen in the world, and recently got a \$32 million upgrade! The renovated screen boasts 16.4 million brilliant pixels, is 1,375 feet long, 90 feet wide and suspended 90 feet above Fremont Street's renowned pedestrian mall, lined by iconic casinos and hotels. Here's a look at some of the mind-blowing visuals created especially for the shiny new jewel of downtown Las Vegas.

## Zip Line

There is not just one Zipline experience but TWO! Yes, two. The question is, just how brave are you? The Zip-Zilla (Zipline) is 77 feet high, flyers go halfway down the Fremont Street Experience (850 feet), in a seated position. On the upper level (114 feet up), the Super-Hero Zoom (Zoomline), guests ride "superhero-style" all the way down the Fremont Street Experience canopy (1,700 feet).

Zip-Zilla flyers land between Four Queens and the Fremont Casino. Super-Hero Zoom flyers go all the way to the Golden Gate.

The multi-million-dollar SlotZilla is the world's largest slot machine and features Las Vegas icons such as over-sized dice, a martini glass, pink flamingo, coins, video reels, a giant arm and two showgirls.

## Largest Sportsbook Screen in History

At Circa, you can enjoy 3 levels of sports betting action taking place on a 78-million-pixel high-definition screen, while receiving some of the friendliest sportsbook customer service in town. The sportsbook also

features VSiN's very own on-site studio offering bettors in-depth analysis from experts in the field.

## Neon Museum



Take a stroll through Las Vegas history at this outdoor museum dedicated to saving and preserving vintage neon signs. The Neon Museum hosts guided tours through the Neon Boneyard, an incredible collection of retired neon signs, many of them from gone-but-not-forgotten downtown casinos.

## Million Dollar Photo at Binion's DOWNTOWN FREEBIE

Take a free photo with a million dollars cash at one of downtown's iconic casinos, Binion's. Photos are taken from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. each day. This photo op is one of the best free things to do in downtown Las Vegas.

## Rub Happy Buddha's Belly

Everyone could use some luck in Las Vegas. Make sure to rub the Happy Buddha's belly at The California Hotel & Casino. The statue can be found in the hotel's registration area. By the way, coins left at the statue are collected and donated to charity.

## Mob Museum

The Mob Museum, officially the National Museum of



Organized Crime and Law Enforcement, is simply the best museum in the world. The stories, the artifacts, the interactive exhibits. Downtown's Mob Museum is a downtown Vegas must-do.



## Shark Tank at Golden Nugget

The Golden Nugget's \$30 million pool is an absolute stunner, not to mention an incredible feat of engineering. The Tank features a 200,000 gallon shark tank visitors can experience at a distance or up close by riding

the pool's three story water slide.

### Fremont East Entertainment District

Downtown's vibrant restaurant and bar scene make Fremont East a great way to spend an evening on the town in Las Vegas. Some best bets for restaurants are La Comida and Le Thai, and no visit to Fremont East would be complete without a stop at Commonwealth, Therapy restaurant, Flippin' Good Burgers & Shakes or Downtown Cocktail Room.

### The Golden Nugget

**129 Fremont Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101**

Golden Nugget Las Vegas features more than 2,400 rooms and suites across four towers, each designed with a variety of thoughtful amenities.



The Spa Tower is an all-suites tower featuring our most luxurious suites, most of which are two-story with large entertainment and living areas.

The Rush Tower is our newest built tower, opening in 2009. Rush Tower provides luxury rooms and suites with redefined spacious layouts, contemporary furnishings and designer finishes.

The Gold Tower, recently renovated in 2015, is our most centrally located tower providing guest immediate access to the casino floor and hotel amenities.

The Carson Tower, recently renovated in 2018, offers affordable luxury with rooms that have a residential feel with a sophisticated palette inspired by the warm, natural tones of the surrounding desert landscape.

### Dogs Welcome!

Bring your furry friend with you to the Golden Nugget Las Vegas. Limit two small-medium sized dogs (2 to 34.9 lbs.) or one large dog (35-50lbs).

Dog friendly rooms must be booked in advance. At this time, pet-friendly rooms are limited to dog companions only. The only other animals allowed on property are service animals.



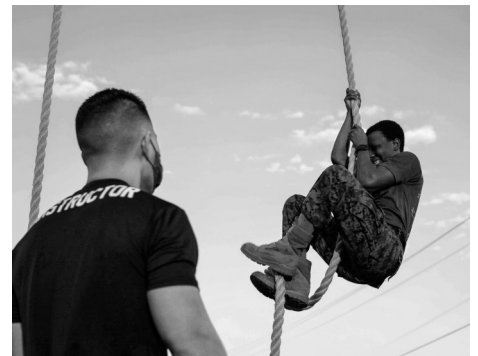
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[www.goldennugget.com](http://www.goldennugget.com)**

### 10 Hottest Lunch Spots to Try in Downtown Las Vegas

1. Chicago Brewing Co., Four Queens
2. Carson Kitchen
3. Garden Court Buffet, Main Street Station
4. Le Thai, Fremont East
5. Chart House, Golden Nugget
6. D Grill, The D Las Vegas
7. Cadillac Mexican Kitchen, Golden Nugget
8. Downtown Terrace Kitchen & Ba
9. The Smashed Pig Gastropub
10. Simply Pure (Vegan)

### Photos from Sgt Dana Beesley's winning portfolio

*DI  
"encouraging" a  
recruit having  
trouble on the  
rope climb.*



*DI School, Parris Island*



## 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. Blessed be their memories. May their souls and the souls of all our departed sisters rest in peace.

### Life Members

Burkhart, Catherine "Kitty" (Hayden)	211	2020-11-7	MD
Fox, Betty (Tarnnofsky)	523	2021-01-12	
Gunnerson, Alice Eloise	272	2021-2-17	CA-3
Rennick, Gertrude M. "Trude" (Galyean)	1966	2021-02-12	
Shimanoff, Adele (Berres)	65	2021-01-01	CA-5
Walsh, Ruth Dimock		2021-01-21	

### Term Members

Brown, Anna Theresa	2020-12-25	CA-1
Cole, Dorothy "Dot"	2021-01-07	
Collins, Arline (Rose)	2021-02-03	
Erickson, Ella Irene	2021-01-21	
Gallagher, Patricia		
Gallivan, Gladys Ruth		CA
Griggs, Mary Frances (Danaher)	2020-06-01	
Horner, Mary Frances (Smith)	2021-01-14	
Porvaznik, Phyllis Mae (Livingston)	2020-12-11	
Sahin, Melodie Lynn (Mahler)	2020-12-28	
Styles, Frances Martha (DeVos)	2020-12-15	
Williams-Konopitski, Marion (McCormick)		
Wood, Gloria (Stewart)		



## Chaplain's Corner

In life's garden of progress, spring is an invitation for renewal. It invites us to embrace new growth and possibility as we witness rebirth and revival. It is seizing this time for the optimal potential toward the desired harvest. For example, pumpkin pie starts in spring with planning, planting, propagating, harvesting, cooking, and then enjoying the fruits of our teamwork. All the while removing the weeds that suffocate progress and repurposing them into much needed nutrients for the soil.

Being ordained as a religious leader does not exempt me from my stubborn humanity. Ready, Relevant, and "In Omnia Paratus," for all things prepared, is frequently easier said than done. We have all faced some incredibly challenging times, recently and throughout our lives. What has led me through is trusting the grace

of God. Through the gift of faith, judgment, and trust in the power of community, leadership has prevailed. If we lead selflessly, we construct everlasting pathways to legacies worth sharing. The opposite is crippling and fruitless. We are entering a new season after a long, unexpected hibernation slumber due to Covid-19. Realistically, the reprieve from which we have awakened may be the long-awaited opportunity to restructure how we conduct business "as usual" and welcome some spring cleaning.

Curtis High School resumed in-person teaching on March 22nd. Our NJROTC program suffered a tremendous, unexpected loss the year prior with the passing of MSgt Wiggins. Our program performed and excelled in quality assurance, operational risk management, and student academic achievement during his tenure. It was a daunting task to select a new NJROTC chain of command while working virtually and then resume in-person, tasking the newly elected officers to take charge and square away their quarters. The true challenge then became relinquishing control to the selected cadets in charge to execute the much needed spring cleaning.

OK, I love spring cleaning - when it is DONE, but the thought of tackling all those piles, files, old projects, and equipment alone was daunting. And if I am honest, the thought of giving control of that project to someone else was even more daunting! What if the cadets drop the ball? What if they throw out some things or ways of doing things that are important to me? Can you make changes and still respect the hard work of the past? So I went back to lesson number 1 from Navy Chaplain School - "Trust your Gunny! Trust your Chief!" My teaching partner is GySgt Jacqueline Caputi USMC (Ret). Her vision for the program is to create leaders by building strong teams. If the cadets are involved in the hard work and the decision making they will take ownership of the spaces and the program. Their self-respect and confidence will grow, as they learn to respect and value their team members. So, I took a deep breath and turned the filing cabinet over to two freshman cadets. A short time later, they were finished and ready to haul the old cabinet out to make way for a new one. Then one of the cadets showed me the treasure he found stuffed behind the drawers - a document from 1982. He said, "hey we need to keep this, this is really cool!" And in that moment, I knew we were going to be fine - better than fine! We CAN make changes and still respect the past, in NJROTC and in WMA! What came before is what propels us forward into a new and brighter future of service. Respect and teamwork. I think we've got this!

Semper Fi and God's Blessings,

Kay Reeb

"We are a Team, not because we work together, but because we respect, trust, and care for each other."

~ Vala Afshar



# CHAPTER CLIPPINGS

## AZ-2 Arizona Saguaro



Members of the AZ-2 chapter presented \$200 to the Tucson Marines Toys for Tots.



The chapter also received a grant from the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services which they used to purchase \$2,999 worth of supplies from a local Walmart for homeless Tucson veterans.



*Kassie Diaz*

## CA-2 San Diego County

It has been a rough year for CA-2 in San Diego. We have lost four of our dear sisters, all members of the greatest generation: Arlon "Bucky" Edwards, Fairy "Tex" Cornwell, Gladys "Ruth" Gallivan and Frances "Fran" Styles. They were all great ladies and served their country, and our chapter well. Ruth was 104 years young and served as President for our chapter for over 10 years. Fran was very active in senior basketball and girl scouts. Tex served in Motor Transport during the war, and had many years as a successful business woman after. Bucky was in the administration field where she operated the old key punch machines for the unit diaries, and recently became a great-grand mother. All were lovely ladies that taught us a little something every time we met. We are proud to have served with them and we pray for their families.

We are fortunate that no chapter members have been exposed to COVID, and so far all else are fine. We have not been able to meet in person, but we have participated in the National Zoom meetings, held a few zoom meetings of our own, and celebrated the anniversary of Women Marines with CA-7 via zoom.

We are looking forward to Convention in Las Vegas, and to the time when we can all meet again. Stay strong ladies!

*Semper Fi,  
Barbara McCurtis*

## CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

Greetings to all from the San Francisco Bay Area. Hope everyone is staying safe. California is moving towards reopening, depending on the county you live in. My county, San Joaquin, continues to be in the strictest California tier with the tightest restrictions. Neighboring counties are moving to less restrictive tiers. CA-3 continues to meet monthly via Zoom meetings, hosted by Marine Corps parents Elaine Vallecillo-Miller and Greg Miller.

In addition to our monthly Zoom meetings, CA-3 also keeps in touch via weekly emails.

During this period CA-3 member Lynn Giaudrone and her Marine husband, Loyal Escort Paul Giaudrone attended a zoom celebration to remember part of our USMC history. Held on 20 February 2021, the Stockton Marine Corps Club celebrated the 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima. The Stockton Marine Corps Club happens to have two survivors of this battle among their members. Major Bill White, who will turn 106 in July, who is probably one of the oldest living Marines! He retired in 1958 and can still fit in to his original



dress blues. He knows all three verses of the *Marines' Hymn*! He can also recite by memory the Gettysburg Address!

The second Iwo Jima survivor is Cpl. Frank Wright, 95 years young! He was an original Marine Raider. He plays

the *Marines' Hymn* on his harmonica and has written a published book about his experiences.

Loyal Escort Paul Castro's company asked their employees to write "What are you looking forward to after Covid 19?" His response:

"My wife and I look forward to hosting another women Marines BBQ in our backyard, with their significant others. My wife, Bonnie, is a former Marine, and belongs to the Greater Bay Area CA-3 Chapter of Women Marines. They meet once a month and participate in a number of charity events. We hosted a barbecue in 2019, and wanted to make it an annual event, but COVID-19 hit. Some of these ladies have served as far back as the Korean War, Vietnam, and even as recently as the Iraq War. They are a great group of women and a lot of fun to hang out with!"



During this quarter, CA-3 member Susan Johnston participated in eight memorial services as a part of the combined American Legion/VFW Honor Guard.

Unfortunately, some sad news. CA-3 is sad to report the passing of Marine Alice Eloise Gunnerson. Alice, age 91, passed from this earth on February 17 following a long illness. Alice was a very early member of WMA. She was also both a charter and life member of the CA-3 chapter when it became one of the first six chartered WMA chapters in





Myra Tucker, her long-time friend from Henderson Hall, and Alice at the WMA Convention in Louisville, 2006.

1964. Alice was able to attend the CA-3 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in 2014 as an honored guest because of her charter member status.

*Susan Johnston*

## CA-7 Edith Macias Vann So. California

Hello CA-7 chapter members!

San Diego County is now in the orange tier of the state's COVID-19 prevention framework, further easing restrictions, and allowing more indoor activities. If we stay in this tier, CA-7 board members would like to have a chapter meeting for the month of September at Veterans of North County (VANC). It will be nice to see each other in person to reconnect and share any information since our last meeting.

The board is also discussing our Summer Social that will be held in August. If we are in the orange tier, we will make this happen. Details of this event will be presented in our monthly newsletter.

A few chapter members and Loyal Escorts continue to volunteer at VANC in Oceanside on the second Friday of each month. We meet up around 10am and gather food into boxes and bags to distribute to active duty and military veterans. Lillian (Treasurer) handles placards for those needing one, Iris (President) works with handling traffic and Dennis (Loyal Escort) assists with loading food into vehicles. Other chapter members also volunteer and here are their stories:



"I'm just trying to keep busy during the pandemic. In January, I began co-teaching Introduction to Greek and Hebrew at Life Bible College Jamaica with a co-teacher and friend, Dr. Clayton Robinson. Because we have taught this course before, when he was asked to teach the course by the President of LBC Jamaica, he put in a good word for me, and we have been co-teaching since January.

On March 15 I will begin teaching the Hebrew part. The President also recruited me to teach another course on Saturday, History of Ancient Israel. Since my Ph.D. is in Biblical Studies, majoring in the Old Testament, both courses are in my wheelhouse of things I can teach. In addition to my course work, I also serve at the Salvation Army Oceanside Corps as one of the three people (along with Charlene Itchkawich) selected to preach the Sunday morning messages via Zoom. Also because of my education, as we are teaching from several of the apostle Paul's letters, I volunteered to be the first preacher for a new book, so I can bring a good

introduction to the whole book.

To support our local Women Marines Association, Chapter CA-7, I serve as secretary and editor of our *Ocean Tides* Newsletter. It's good to get together with other sistahs during this time of isolation."

*Dr. Brenda Hockenhull*

Jamie Lee Anderson volunteers as a cookie cupboard during the San Diego Girl Scout Cookie Program, Girl Scouts San Diego opens cookie cupboards to troops participating in cookie sales. Cupboards can be private homes of Girl Scout Volunteers. Troop Leaders use the cupboard to replenish their supplies of cookies. Before cookie sales begin, Jamie determines which hours her cupboard will be open to transactions as well as her preferred restock schedule. Before receiving cookies, the cupboard must be clean and dry, well lighted, animal and insect free, and secure. Cupboard manager duties include daily reconciliation of electronic and physical inventories, contacting troops if an order cannot be fulfilled, updating information using an online program, and maintaining a logbook of transactions.

Due to Covid-19, Jamie has implemented solutions to reduce risk of exposure. Masks, hand sanitizer, alcohol wipes, nitrile gloves, and disinfectants are now used on nonporous surfaces. To ensure that no hand to hand contact occurs, Jamie uses wagons to transfer packages and cases of cookies to troop leaders and parents during their pick up times. Jamie's goal is minimal paper use in her cupboard.

Here's a "Thank You" note from Treasurer Lillian Cross to our chapter members:

"To my dear friends of CA7: I want to thank those of you who said prayers, called, and sent get-well cards after my knee surgery. One card suggested that I be sure to do all the exercises, which I did, but overdid it. I pulled something inside the knee and was put on bed-rest for two weeks. I took an extra two weeks and started physical therapy again April 8. The next time I see you all I should be walking without a walker or cane. Thank you again for the well wishes. Lil Cross"

(We gave Lil a card and a few goodies, one of which being an MRE. She thought it was hysterical).

*Semper Fidelis,  
Iris Biggers*



## FL-12 Heart of Florida

"Be an American worth fighting for." It's no secret that 2020 has been a difficult year for us all. Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, FL-12 Chapter still prevailed!

With the help of WMA National and some local organizations such as the American Heritage Group, Rum Runner's Jeep Club, Young Marines, and MCL 1092 September 11th Detachment, we were able to lay 757



wreaths for Wreaths Across America (WAA) at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Gotha. This beautiful cemetery did not have much involvement with WAA in previous years, despite having approximately 2,500 service member graves. FL-12 decided to sponsor this location as one of our members has family

laid to rest there. Sponsorship was a great undertaking, but ceremony was organized and came together nicely by our very own VP Maria Elena-Augustine. We had numerous volunteers and we were all able to participate safely by social distancing outdoors. It was such a proud moment to be able to pay homage to those who once served our country and are resting peacefully.

Come join us on Facebook! FL-12 Heart of Florida Chapter - Email: fl12@womenmarines.org

*Natasha Richardson*



### FL-13 Sgt Reckless Chapter

When the charter members of the Sgt Reckless Chapter met to consider what to name their chapter, little did they know that within two years they would be participating in a dedication ceremony honoring the Marine Corps hero, Sgt Reckless.

On a brisk Wednesday in mid-December, members of FL-13 joined by Marines from the local recruiting station and cadets from the Vanguard High School NJROTC unit, welcomed the latest of six statues of Sgt Reckless. The opening of the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, like so many events in 2020 had been scheduled for earlier in the year but was delayed due to COVID. With little lead time a "soft" opening was announced, and the chapter was contacted to assist with a military-style ceremony. Applying our best efforts of "adapt and overcome," we stepped into the breach! The ceremony consisted of brief welcoming comments, presentation of colors by the Vanguard HS NJROTC color guard, remarks by FL-13 Chapter President Christine Williams, and closing with the Marines Hymn.



*Chapter members: DeVonna Allison, Patty Collins, Kathleen Potthoff, Bobbie Waite, Kathy Sheppard, Erika Summerfield, and Christine Williams*

*Kathleen Potthoff*

### MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks

MN1 Marines have been enjoying the great outdoors by participating in hikes throughout various Minnesota State Parks.

January 31, 2021 - Moose Lake State Park- Chris Magnusson and Michelle Livingston braved the cold weather hiking around the wildlife pond trail.

February 6, 2021 - William O'Brien State Park - Cancelled due to weather.

February 27, 2021 - Fort Ridgely State Park - Cancelled due to weather.

March 13, 2021 - Celebration Nature Walk at Ft. Snelling State Park. Attendees were lucky to observe a bald eagle on an ice flow and then be observed by a few deer who remained at attention as the Marines walked the trail.

April 8, 2021 - Chapter Zoom call scheduled

April 10, 2021 - Lake Maria State Park

May 13, 2021 - Chapter Representative(s) will present the Women Marines Association Award at the Como Park Senior High School's Marine Corps Junior ROTC award ceremony. The recipient this year will be Sophia Moore.

May 31, 2021 - Fort. Snelling Memorial Day - Last year was the first time in 80 years that a Memorial Day ceremony was not held. We await confirmation of plans for a 2021 Memorial Day ceremony but Covid has not stopped the **Flags for Fort Snelling** group from their continued planning, with a limited number of volunteers, to place almost 200,000 flags at gravesites the Saturday before Memorial Day (May 29, 2021). Through donations, the group has purchased retractable flags that can handle both weather and storage for years to come.

September 25, 2021 - Women Veterans of Minnesota annual luncheon.

If you will be in the area and would like to join us on one of the hikes or another upcoming event, please feel free to contact the Chapter officers for more information.

*Vicki Latiolais*

### NE-1 Lady Leathernecks

Hello all!

We have been meeting monthly by Zoom during the past months. Things really quieted down for us after the 2020 Convention was cancelled. We are still disappointed about the "COVID Convention That Never Was" but are anxiously awaiting Las Vegas in 2022! Check out our ad on the back page for 2020 Convention "memories!"

Exciting news for our chapter is that we are all getting our vaccines and hope to be together for Cinco de Mayo! We are also in the process of changing our chapter name from NE-1 Lady Leathernecks to NE-1 Grace Carle. It is our way of honoring her service by her home state. We have her family's blessing and support!

*Kathy Montira*

# 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

*Next of Kin			
*Address:		*Phone:	
*City:	*State:	*ZIP Code:	
*Relationship:			

## MILITARY INFORMATION

*When Served: mm/year to mm/year	
*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
<b>WMA 'Nouncements is the organizational quarterly magazine</b>	
____ Hard Paper Copy	**Must provide current email for electronic copy

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION \_\_\_\_ NEW \_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_ REINSTATEMENT

____ 2 year Membership \$40	<b>Life Membership: Pick One:</b>
Chapter Name if Known:	____ Age 30 & Under \$295 ____ 31-39 \$260 ____ 40-49 \$210
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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Effective July 2020

WMA will never share any of your information with outside sources.

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[www.womenmarines.org](http://www.womenmarines.org)





# CHAPTER MERCHANDISE

Send chapter ads to: Editor@womenmarines.org.

## IMPORTANT, PLEASE NOTE:

When chapter sales items are no longer available, please notify Sondra so they can be removed from the listing.

### BOOKS

**Not "Just Another Cookbook"** - Chapter NC-1 - more than 100 recipes by grouping - size: 6"x9" - Cost: \$5.75 (includes shipping)

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

### CLOTHING

**WMA Apron** - Chapter CA-11 - apron, short, three pockets with WMA logo—Cost: \$10.00 plus \$6.00 shipping

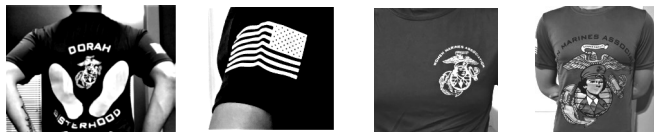
**Contact:** Soledad Kennedy, 4062 Capella St., Lompoc, CA 93436, Fax/Office: (805) 733-2176 - Cell: (805) 588-0650

**4th Bn Shirts, Crew Neck Unisex** - Chapter MI-2 - comes in black and burgundy, large logo on back and small crest on front - Cost: \$23.50 (includes shipping) - Check or money order - Sizes: M, L, XL, 2XL - Please state color and size

**Ladies Cut T-Shirt with V neck** - comes in vintage khaki and gray with logo in hunter green—Cost: \$23.50 (includes shipping) - Check or money order - Sizes: S, M, L, XL

**Contact for items:** WMA Motor City, PO Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065

### **Shirts, OD Green Crewneck (men's size) -**



Chapter OR-1 - footprint logo on back, flag on right arm, and a choice between two front logo options - Size S-XL cost: \$28 plus \$4.75 shipping - Size 2XL-3XL cost: \$30 plus \$4.75 shipping

**Contact:** OR1@womenmarines.org

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Option 2



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HERO IS A  
WOMAN  
MARINE



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### **Adult and Youth Shirts from Port Authority**

Adult:  
Ladies Polos  
(Crew neck)  
S-XL: \$35  
2XL: \$37  
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4XL: \$41  
5XL: \$43

S/S T-Shirt  
S-XL: \$25  
2XL: \$27  
3XL: \$29  
4XL: \$31  
5XL: \$33

Youth:  
Polo - S-XL - \$30  
S/S T-Shirt - S-XL - \$20

Chapter OR-3

Five (5) embroidery options -  
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### **Woman Marine Veteran Hats** - Chapter TX-7

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:** TX7@womenmarines.org  
(for email / PayPal payments)



### JEWELRY

**Charm "Semper Fi"** - Chapter OR-1 - Cost: \$5

**Contact:** OR1@womenmarines.org



# CHAPTER MERCHANDISE

## TRAVEL MUGS



**Arctic Tumblers** - Chapter TX-7 - with 100 years or Proud Female Veteran Marine Corps

Cost: \$20 plus \$5 shipping

**Contact:** TX7@womenmarines.org  
(for email / PayPal payments)



**Travel Mug** - Chapter CA-7 - white aluminum with green WMA logo on one side and gold "Oohrah Sisterhood Women Marines Association centered - Size: 15 oz - Cost: \$15 (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](http://www.womenmarines.net) to see the item in color

**WWII Poster Mug** - Chapter IN-1 - vintage women Marines recruitment poster art, "Be a Marine - Free a Marine to Fight"

Cost: \$12 each plus \$7 shipping & handling

Make checks payable to IN-1

**Contact:** Kay Ross, (317) 698-6637, kayross@comcast.net



## MISCELLANEOUS

**Car Flags** - Chapter CA-11 - WMA logo - clips to car window - Cost: \$10.00 plus \$6.00 shipping

**Table Flag** - Chapter CA-11 - WMA logo with stand size 4"x6"; Cost: \$5.00 plus \$6.00 shipping

**Contact:** Soledad Kennedy, 4062 Capella St., Lompoc, CA 93436, Fax/Office: (805) 733-2176  
Cell: (805) 588-0650 usmcrfemale@yahoo.com  
[www.centralcoastwomenmarines.com](http://www.centralcoastwomenmarines.com)

**Women Marines Padfolio** - Chapter MI-2 - 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)

**Contact:** WMA MI-2 Motor City, PO Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065

**Clear Vinyl Bag** - Chapter NC-1 - with long zipper, green/white WMA logo - Size: 9"x12" - Cost: \$6.25 (includes shipping)

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

**Ribbon Magnet** - "Proud to be a Marine"

Size: 8"x3" - Cost: \$6 (includes shipping)  
make checks payable to EMVSC CA-7 WMA



**Contact:** Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4011 (760) 724-9861

Visit [www.womenmarines.net](http://www.womenmarines.net) to see the item in color

**Bumper Sticker** - Chapter NM-1 - "The Few, The Proud, The Women Marines" - Cost: \$1.50 (includes shipping) - checks payable to WMA Chapter NM-1

**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) - make checks payable to WMA Chapter NM-1

**License Plate Frame** - weather resistant white plastic "WOMAN VETERAN" across top, "U.S. MARINE CORPS" along bottom edge

Cost \$20.00 (includes shipping).

Make checks payable to WMA

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**Contact:** Laurel Hull, 28 Tejon Canyon Rd, Placitas, NM 87043, (505) 867-9172 - prism@lobo.net



## WMA National Merchandise Sales – Your Purchases Support Our Association!

WMA Patch, Large. . . . . \$ 10.00

WMA Life Member Pin. . . . . \$ 10.00

WMA Cover Membership Pin. . . \$ 10.00

WMA Logo Lapel Pin . . . . . \$ 10.00

Gold EGA for WMA Cover. . . . \$ 10.00

WMA Afghan. . . . . \$ 55.00

WMA Ceremonial Flag. . . . . \$200.00

Chapter Ribbon (replacement). . \$ 20.00



Cover Pin



WMA Afghan



WMA Ceremonial Flag 3' x 5'



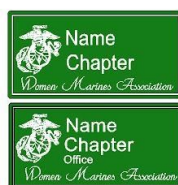
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Name Tags: 1.50" x 3.00" . . . \$12.00

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 nametag. (See Example)



Example



Example

WMA Cover with Chapter Embroidery and EGA. . . . \$55.00

Cover with Chapter and LIFE embroidery. . . . \$60.00

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

XSmall. . . . . (20 1/2" - 20 7/8")

Small. . . . . (21 1/4" - 21 5/8")

Medium. . . . . (22" - 22 3/8")

Large. . . . . (22 3/4" - 23 1/8")

XLarge. . . . . (23 1/2" - 23 7/8")

XXLarge. . . . . (24 1/4" - 24 5/8")



Green WMA Cover

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

Chapter Designation is limited to 5 characters max, ( i.e. CA-29 or USA 1)

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

### Sale Items!!

WMA Cammo Drawstring Bag. . . \$8.00

Turner WMA History Book. . . . \$15.00

Above and Beyond. . . . . \$10.00 by Rudy Socha and Carolyn Darrow

**You may order any of these items on our website at [www.womenmarines.org](http://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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## Memories of What Could Have Been

Remember the 2020 convention in Omaha? Yes, me neither.

But NE-1, those Lady Leathernecks who worked tirelessly to set it up only to have to cancel it is now selling the 2020 **"Bring Your Oohrah to Omaha"** Convention Coins for \$15 each, which includes shipping.

They are also selling what would have been the **"Moto Dress Blue Planter/Vase with white rose bouquet"** centerpieces for \$45, which also includes shipping. To purchase, please make checks payable to:

**NE 1 Lady Leathernecks, 8618 N 81<sup>st</sup> Ave., Omaha, NE 68122**

Quantities for both are **limited**! Order soon!

