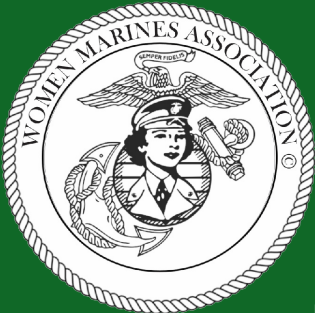


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CWO2 Annie Grimes Remembrance

The first time I saw Annie Grimes was at a WMA convention. She had a smile as wide as the ocean. And it was always there. Marines were clamoring around her, trying to get a picture with her. She was a star at that moment! She talked to them, answered their questions. I don't think those young Marines ever thought they'd meet one of our historic gems. But they did. That happens sometimes at conventions/symposiums.

Sadly, CWO2 Annie Grimes, the first African American female officer in the Marine Corps, passed away on a Tennessee Sunday morning in November. She was 93.

Annie enlisted on February 1950, becoming the third African American female to enlist in the Corps. She had no intention of making history that day. She was the only African American in her platoon at the time, and was promoted to PFC out of boot camp. Her MOS was supply, and her first duty station was Headquarters Marine Corps. She made it to gunny before becoming a warrant officer, retiring in October 1970.

During her time in the Corps, she didn't experience too much

prejudice among other Marines, but had difficulty renting off-base apartments. She said once that the good times outweighed the bad. Her most memorable experiences were adjusting to a regimental lifestyle, moving to different locations, making new friends, and being proud to be a member of a number one organization. I'm so happy that she made it to the 2018 convention/symposium in Washington, DC.

When she retired, CWO2 Grimes completed her Associate's degree in business, returned to Memphis to care for her ailing mother, and began volunteering after her mother passed starting with the VA hospital, then a hospice where she visited patients at nursing homes. She was still active in the Montford Point Marine Association as well as WMA, attending the 2018 WMA convention/symposium.

Annie was residing in Arlington, TN when she died, and had been a resident since 1993. She is survived by a sister and three brothers.

Semper Fidelis, CWO2 Grimes. You set a wonderful example for women everywhere, and will not be forgotten.

Sondra Metzger



Annie and Tawanda Armstrong at the 2018 Convention/Symposium

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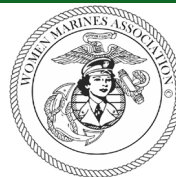
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Reporting In...National President



Happy New Year! Can you believe we have just entered into not only a new year but a new decade as well? Time sure does fly...this year will mark WMA's 60th Anniversary of its founding. During our Biennial Convention this year in Omaha, we will commemorate our history as well as look forward to the future of WMA. See more details in this issue on the events happening in Omaha this fall.

It is important to recognize our past and even more important to determine the best ways we can make history for tomorrow's future. As I mentioned in my last article, we are working with our consultant, Courtney Lynch, a Marine and principal at Lead Star to support WMA in improving current operations and future strategic planning. The goal is to develop a way forward that will allow WMA to excel in the future. Our first meeting is this month so I will keep you posted as we proceed.

A crucial part of this effort is a call to all members to be involved in WMA. Every two years the membership elects the members of the Board of Directors who conduct the business of WMA on their behalf. We need members with forward thinking and the desire to make a difference in our association. This is a way to let your voices be heard and to be a part of the future of our association. See more details in this issue about the nomination process and remember...the deadline to submit your nomination package is **15 March**. Please send any questions to nominate@womenmarines.org.

WMA has come a long way but it still has a long way to go. We started with 300 members back in 1960 and now have a membership of nearly 2900. Just think of what we can do in another decade. With everyone's help, the sky is the limit. I hope you all will consider what you can do to be a part of WMA's future. Share your thoughts with your area director. My "proverbial door" is always open and I look forward to hearing from you so we can work together to move WMA into another successful decade.

*Semper Fidelis,
Rhonda Amtower*



2020 National Service Award (NSA) Nominations

As we approach the 2020 Convention in Omaha, it is also time to set our sights on one of the highest honors presented by our association.

The National Service Award (NSA) recognizes an individual's significant contributions in support of our national purposes. 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 includes:

- Nominees should have contributed significantly to the achievement of the WMA national 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) to be read to the convention delegates and guests at the time of the presentation.

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.

Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower

***Deadline for
Nominations and
Convention bids is
15 March!!***

WMA Matching Funds and Emergency Grants

Each fiscal year, the WMA Matching Funds and Emergency Grants Committee processes applications for both matching funds requests from WMA chapters and emergency funds requests from individual veterans. Applications are taken on a first-come, first-served basis until the annual budget is exhausted.

The Matching Funds Application form for chapters is provided in Appendix A of the WMA "How to Book", along with additional detail on the program and application process. Matching funds for chapters are limited to a maximum of \$250 per chapter, per fiscal year (1 July-30 June), and funds to be matched must be used to provide service, supplies, or equipment to support living military veterans. The term "matching" means that WMA matches the amount of money the chapter spends in support of veterans up to the limit of \$250 - e.g., in order to receive the maximum of \$250, the chapter must spend \$500. Completed applications with supporting documentation should be submitted to MFG@womenmarines.org for review and processing.

Emergency funds grants of up to a lifetime amount of \$1,000 are available from WMA to assist veterans in need, and the program is available to all veterans. Requests for an emergency grant should be sent to MFG@womenmarines.org, and must be submitted by the veteran themselves. The initial message should include a detailed explanation for the request, and include the amount being requested. By return email, the MFG committee will send specific instructions on how to proceed with the application process, including supporting documentation and independent verification of need and eligibility. Upon receipt of a completed emergency funds application, the committee will review the case and make a recommendation on funding. If the application is approved, MFG will request a check that will be mailed to the emergency funds recipient.

If you have any questions on the content, please let me know.

*Catherine Barker
Chair, MFG Committee*

Nominations for the 2024 Convention Site

Are you ready to show off your city and your state? Experience the feel of a National Convention? Bids are now being accepted for the 2024 convention.

The bid area consists of Region 1, which includes Areas 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Your city should be easily accessible by car, train, and plane. Hotels should be able to easily accommodate 300, have reasonable rate, and have attractions and restaurants in close proximity.

Please direct your questions to the Nomination Committee at nominate@womenmarines.org. The team will be more than happy to provide more detailed information upon request.

Nominations for the Board

Do you have what it takes to serve on the National Board? Do you want to make a difference in your organization? Now is the time to step up and run for an elected position. As we look forward to the Biennial Convention and Professional Development Symposium this fall in Omaha, we must also focus on the future of WMA in the election of a National Board of Directors (BOD). This process takes place every two years as we prepare to meet at convention to conduct the business of WMA. Elected positions include the seven (7) National Officers: president, 1st/2nd/3rd vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, and membership secretary along with the 10 area directors.

Area 1 - CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, VT, Europe, Middle East and Quebec, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia, Canada

Area 2 - DE, DC, MD, NJ, PA, VA, WV and Africa

Area 3 - AL, FL, GA, NC, SC, TN, and Caribbean Islands

Area 4 - IL, IN, MI, OH, KY, NAT-1, and Ontario, Canada

Area 5 - IA, KS, MN, MO, WI, and Manitoba and Nunavut, Canada

Area 6 - AR, LA, MS, OK, TX, and Mexico

Area 7 - CO, MT, NE, ND, SD, WY, and Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Northwest Territories, Canada, and FPO/APO Zips 09XXX and 96XXX

Area 8 - AZ, NV, NM, UT, USA-3, Central America and South America

Area 9 - AK, ID, OR, WA, British Columbia, and Yukon Territories, Canada

Area 10 - CA, HI, Australia and New Zealand; Pacific Islands and Asia

All positions are open for nomination.

More information about the Board of Directors is available in the WMA National Bylaws and Standing Rules that can be found in your copy of the Resource Manual and Directory (RM&D).



WMA board, 1960

Specific duties of each position can be provided by the Nomination Committee. The key qualifiers for a board position are commitment, time, and experience. All candidates should be able to spend at least eight hours a week on WMA business. Some positions may require more and others less. Must have a good working knowledge of MS Word, and Excel. Must have a computer/laptop and Wi-Fi. Must be able to attend the annual board meetings at either the Biennial Convention or Interim Board Meeting (IBM). Be available for periodic conference calls to conduct official business.

Concealed Carry on Bases

LtGen George Smith, Deputy Commandant, Plans, Policies, and Operations, announced in a press release that the Marines were changing their policy following December shootings at Naval Air Station Pensacola and at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard in Hawaii, which left five dead.

"These tragic events prompted Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC) to accelerate existing efforts to develop concealed carry policies," the memo reads.

Marine Corps spokesman Capt Joseph Butterfield said that approximately 3,200 individuals will be eligible to carry their personal firearms under the new policy, according to the Washington Examiner. Before the change, only Marine Corps law enforcement officials were allowed to carry service weapons while performing on-duty tasks.

*Tobias Hoonhout
National Review Online*

Pendleton Marine's Quick Thinking Saves Three

U.S. Marines are known for their fast thinking and courage in a time of need. Marines are taught from day one the core values of honor, courage and commitment. U.S. Marine Cpl. Alexandra Nowak, an administrative specialist with Alpha Company, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations West, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, exemplified unwavering courage when she saved the lives of three people September 20.

Nowak was driving to pick up her 2-year-old daughter and mother at the airport on Interstate Highway 15 in Escondido when she witnessed a multi-car collision resulting in a sports utility vehicle rolling onto its side.

Nowak, a native of Forney, TX sprang into action to help the vehicle's occupants. She was able to successfully retrieve the driver's uninjured 9-month-old and 4-year-old children from the vehicle and help them to safety.

After pulling back the broken windshield, Nowak realized that the driver's arm was almost completely severed. Nowak then retrieved the tourniquet she kept in her vehicle and proceeded to administer first aid and keep the driver conscious until first responders arrived.

Escondido Fire Department Officials and witnesses at the scene credit Nowak's quick thinking and bravery as the main reason that the driver did not suffer more severe medical issues or even death.



Cpl. Alexandra Nowak receives a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal from BGen. Dan Conley, commanding general for MCI-West, MCB Camp Pendleton, during an award ceremony on Camp Pendleton, CA for her actions to save a family after a car crash.

Nowak acted as any Marine should act in a traumatic event. With quick thinking and implementing the skills taught to her within the Marine Corps, she became a hero to the three people saved that day and an example to all Marines within the Corps.

*LCpl. Melissa Ugalde
Photo by LCpl Andrew Cortez
MCB Camp Pendleton*

Like Liz



One of the saddest parts of being a member of WMA is the death notices, because it's only there that we find out how phenomenal our members were during and after their military service.

I have a great example...Liz Whitbeck. Her story was in the last 'Nouncements in MN-1's Chapter Clipping, but the condensed version is: *She joined the Women's Reserve in 1943, leaving her position as a teacher in upstate New York. After graduating as a PFC, Liz served as an instrument flying instructor at Parris Island. After VE-Day, Liz became a rehabilitation specialist in New York City, until she was discharged as a staff sergeant in 1946. She provided multiple decades of volunteer service to a myriad of civic organizations, including the Girl Scouts, Parent-Teacher Associations, League of Women Voters, Women's Club of Minneapolis, 5th Police Precinct, Women Marines Association and Women Veterans of Minnesota, Marine Corps League and the Marine Corps Coordinating Council, and many others.*

This got me thinking. I'd like to hear from members who have done what would be considered phenomenal things in their military and civilian life, like Liz. Serving as an instrument flying instructor is pretty interesting to me! It could be submitted by you, family members, or friends. Doesn't matter, as long as it's true!

Believe me when I say I won't ask you to demonstrate whatever it was that you did! I'd just like to hear about it while you're still with us. Doesn't have to be very long; we only have so much space in here. Old Corps, new Corps, it doesn't matter.

So please give it some thought and send me something! This newsletter is for you and about you. Take advantage of it!

Sondra Metzger



New Maternity Uniform

Adjustable tabs for the maternity shirt, a tunic, and a commercial nursing shirt for the utility uniform may be on the way.

The Marine Corps is currently in the research and development phase on multiple updates to its maternity uniform, including adjustable tabs for the maternity shirt, a tunic, and a commercial nursing shirt for the utility uniform.

The changes were mentioned in the quarterly briefing from the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service in September 2019, and come from feedback when the Corps was pursuing a new dress blue coat for female Marines.

The tabs would allow pregnant Marines to adjust the uniform's size during the different stages of pregnancy. The blouse for the Marine utility uniform currently has the adjustable tabs.

The Corps is also "in the process of certifying" the commercial nursing undershirt used with the utility uniform.

A lot of the changes are still in the early stages, but the improvements will be available during FY20.

Cpl. Debra S. Sainer

Voices of Transition



Transition: The action of moving from point A to point B. The process or period of changing from one state to another.

My name is Jacqueline Caputi. This article is intended to provoke

conversations about your experience transitioning out of the military. I served as a career planner from 2006-2015. The idea that I could make a positive impact on my Marines and their families was very fulfilling. I was a passionate career planner because of mentors and role models in my MOS who taught me how to make myself available for other Marines and their families even when I could not be there for mine. ~ MWSS-372

Career planners focus on retention of Marines and MOS strength. With the aid of MCO 1040.31, career planners assist Marines and their families in the process of transitioning to civilian life. Transition counselors/career planners are tasked to provide service members with all the available recent resources on their pathways to becoming a civilian. However, all the information in the world can't prepare us for life's unpredictable challenges.

I hope you are inspired to share your transition story. Don't hesitate; it is important. If this article reminds you of someone reach out to them and see how they are doing. Sharing our stories with other service members allows us to celebrate our own time of service.

There are countless untold success stories that should be shared. The topic of transition was brought up during a break at the 2019 WMA Interim Board Meeting last August in Omaha. Carol Mutter and I were talking about the added value of having local WMA chapters in our communities for Marines that are transiting into civilian life. At local and national level, the WMA provides financial aid, scholarships, comradery, and assist with resources for interment of a loved one. That conversation inspired this article.

This is a collection of transition quotes that emerged from conversations with fellow veterans and their families. Quotes that I was asked to share with you. The purpose of this article is to provide a new lens on the complexity of adjusting to civilian life but to also remind the reader that sometimes just talking to someone about what you are experiencing can provide insight on how to approach an existing life challenge.

Francesca works in Portland assisting veterans. She encouraged me to collect and share the stories that have not been shared about transition. *"Tell the flat truth, don't polish it up. You can't make this look pretty. If you are worried about what the reader will think then you are not the right person to be telling this truth. Talk about the depression, abuse, loneliness, that labyrinth of inadequacy."* ~ Francesca Lee, USMC, Secretary for National Association for Black Veterans Portland

Following Francesca's recommendation, I started by asking my husband if he thought that transition for men was different than for women. He responded with, *"I can't answer that, we are only human, and we are all different."* ~ Derek Caputi 1987-2007 USMC

Sgt Norma Rambo is one of two female Marines who lives in the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, D.C. Of the 277 residents she is the most gung-ho! I visited with her earlier last year and asked her if she could tell me what it was like for her when she left the service. Sgt Rambo hesitated to share her story because she feels that she only served for a short period of time. The emotions she experienced as a Marine returning home in 1945 are still very vivid in her mind. These are the exact words Sgt Norma Rambo said, *"I don't think my story counts. I only served for two years."* A big sigh, and then she said, *"When I came back, I felt so alone. When I returned home, everyone had moved on. My friends had all graduated college. It was very hard returning to school being the oldest student. I was alienated. It felt as if my family changed."* ~ Sgt Norma Rambo, 1943-1945 USMC.

In the 1940's transition education was NOT mandatory.

I asked a good friend, also a retired career planner, how they were "dealing" with being a civilian...She responded, *"Girl, I stay traveling...I can't be at home for too long. I get anxious and feel that I need to be on the move. Traveling is my therapy."* ~ MSgt Alyson Cornelius, USMC 1993-2018.

Hearing Alyson say that she traveled as a form of therapy made perfect sense to me. I still miss the chaos of it all.

Why is it so hard to ask for help? As recruits, we are taught that if you are still breathing you are okay. Which translates, to “don’t ask for help unless you aren’t breathing”. Marines always put the team first and think about themselves last. By the end of basic training, we were ALL MARINES! No longer are we the same person(s) that stepped on the yellow footprints as a recruit. Therefore, it is impossible to be the same person(s) we used to be when we are discharged from active duty. And since the word “retreat” is not part of our vocabulary, we learn to adjust to life’s circumstances. For some of us this is called “embracing the suck.”

A friend who asked to not be named but was comfortable being quoted about their transition said it was easy for them, *“I had my job all lined up before I got out, same building, different Sergeant Major. Heck, I still park in the same spot.”* ~ Camp Pendleton, Logistics 2016

Jeanette is an amazing friend and MOS mentor that retired after I did. Our conversations have always been about life and family and, of course, transition. I hope I have provided the same care and support for her as she has for me in her transition. We laugh about how she went from serving in combat leading Marines to one day being a key volunteer at her son’s school, *“I went from being MGySgt Santoro to the popcorn lady and Noah’s mom.”* ~ Janette Santoro, USMC, 1993 -2018.

Sgt Tiffany Hill was an active member of Lady Marine Rose Chapter. She was an incredible pastry chef, Semper Fi Alumni, and member of the Crown and Anchor Church. Sgt Hill’s transition was not easy, but she made it look effortless. She was always smiling and serving her community without reservation. Sgt Tiffany Hill, MOS 7314, served honorably. She was a combat veteran, mother of three beautiful children, a sister, and a daughter. Sgt Hill ended active service in 2010 with an honorable discharge. She became another female veteran victim of domestic violence on November 26, 2019 after being shot multiple times by her husband in the parking lot of her children’s school: *“If you are going to include my sister in your article, please mention the importance of domestic violence awareness.”* ~ Janice Ojeda, Tiffany’s sister and now guardian of her three children. Her death has brought us closer as we seek comfort in our military community. Sgt Tiffany Hill (R.I.P) November 26, 2019 Semper Fidelis.

The Women Marines Association is one of many resources that can assist you or a family member with community support.



Membership is not required to receive assistance. If you are a victim of domestic violence regardless of gender, or know someone that is, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800 -799-7233 and ask for help.

Jacqueline Caputi

Platoon-level gender integration

Though the Corps will still be allowed to have separate-gender squad bays — where recruits sleep and shower — with the passage of the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), the rest of training must be fully integrated down to the platoon level, according to lawmakers.

Parris Island will have five years to comply with the new law, while the depot in San Diego will have eight years before it is required to take female recruits.

The Marine Corps said it could not provide any more details on how it plans to comply. It is the only U.S. military service branch that does not have coed boot camp.

Though the law does not require the Marine Corps to integrate squad bays, the lawmakers did ask why the use of squad bays posed a barrier to gender integration. Staff members from Speier’s office said the question came



Sgt Hollie Mulvihill, 26, barks disciplinary consequences at recruit Melissa Rodriguez Flores, 18, (Lynsey Addario/National Geographic).

from talks with the Marine Corps where they were told about the lengths the Corps went to to ensure that female drill instructors and officers could walk onto male squad bays at any time without an issue. The staffers said they were never given a satisfying answer about what had to change to allow female Marines to come into all-male squad bays and what actually goes on behind the closed doors of the squad bay.

The lawmakers also zeroed in on a study recently commissioned by the Marine Corps on the cost of gender integration at boot camp, questioning several assumptions made in the study, including the assumption that integration would not happen at the platoon level (as the 2020 NDAA now requires) and an assumption that the Marine Corps will not increase the number of women going to recruit training annually.

The lawmakers also expressed concern that the study was tasked to investigate what the “legacy costs” would be to the Marine Corps if women and men trained together at boot camp.

The lawmakers gave the Marine Corps a Dec. 11, 2019, deadline to answer their questions, but as of Dec. 20 were still waiting for a response from the Corps.

The Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs expected to “have it completed in the next two weeks,” Marine Corps spokesman 1st Lt. Sam Stephenson told Marine Corps Times in a Dec. 20 email.

The letter was sent to MajGen William F. Mullen, commander of the Corps’ training and education command, acknowledging Marine Corps efforts to reduce hazing incidents at recruit training since the 2016 death of Raheel Siddiqui at Parris Island, but brought up issues the lawmakers still found troubling.



“These concerns stem from the significant power disparity between DIs and recruits and the imperative of ensuring recruits know their rights,” the letter says. “If recruits do not know their rights, or where lines should be drawn, abuse by DIs or denial of services, such as health care, becomes easier.”

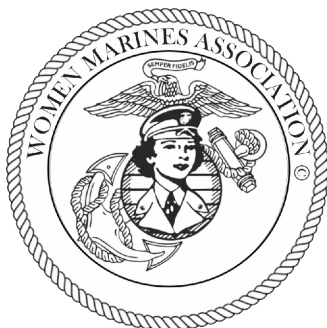
An investigation into his 2016 death found that Siddiqui died after he threw himself from the barracks stairwell, falling 40 feet. Immediately prior to his jump, he had tried to tell his drill instructors he had a sore throat and needed medical attention, the investigation found. His drill instructor, GySgt Joseph Felix, who was convicted in 2017 of abusing recruits, was found to have screamed at Siddiqui for failing to give the proper greeting of the day, forcing the recruit to run from one end of the squad bay to the other.

At some point, Siddiqui passed out and was then slapped by Felix, who claimed he was trying to revive him. Siddiqui then got up and ran away from the drill instructor, jumping to his death, the investigation found.

The Corps was also asked what recruits are taught about their medical and personal rights at boot camp and how drill instructors ensure recruits can take advantage of those rights without fear of being “ostracized.”

The Corps was also pressed for hard data on drill instructor misconduct in the past two years, asking what percentage of misconduct reports come from recruits, what percentage come from other drill instructors, and how often drill instructors are punished for misconduct.

*Philip Athey
Military Times*



MCJROTC



Charli White, Germantown High School, Madison, MS



*Tayvie Pinkerton, Coolidge High School, Coolidge, AZ
Presenter: Kim Shelton*



*Sarah Garcia, Union High School, Casa Grande, AZ
Presenter: Kim Shelton*



*Katherine Nolasco, Vista Grande High School, Casa Grande, AZ
Presenter: Kim Shelton*

Marine first to complete Basic Reconnaissance Course

LCpl Alexa Barth has become the first female Marine in history to graduate the Basic Reconnaissance Course (BRC), earning the military occupational specialty of 0321 Reconnaissance Marine.

LCpl Barth completed the 12-week course on November 7. Barth previously graduated from the Corps' Infantry Training Battalion-East (ITB), earning the MOS of 0311 Rifleman.

After graduating from ITB, Barth was sent to Reconnaissance Training Company at Camp Pendleton, where she successfully completed the recon training and assessment program (RTAP). This primer course for all prospective recon Marines

prior to BRC places heavy emphasis on swimming, and has an average attrition rate between 50 to 60%. At BRC, Barth and other students learned basic reconnaissance skills such as amphibious entry, extraction, patrolling, land navigation, and weapons, according to a course description.

A separate document for prospective attendees notes that Marines and sailors at the course "will perform physical tasks involving obstacles, swimming while wearing utilities with boots, open-ocean swimming with fins in full combat equipment, and travelling long distances cross country while carrying a rucksack weighing as much as 85 pounds." They face two to six hours of daily physical training, along with other tests, such as a 12-mile, three-hour march with more than 50-pounds of equipment and an hourlong, 1¼-mile open-water swim with fins and a 50-pound pack.

Historically, roughly 25 to 40 percent of Marines are unable to complete BRC. From October 1, 2018 to September 30, only 309 of 695 candidates continued the course. In addition to being the first female graduate of BRC, Barth was also the first ever to apply and attempt it. No other female Marines besides Barth are in recon training.

LCpl Barth has additional training ahead before she joins her unit, which is slated to be California-based 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. She still has to complete secondary schooling in such topics as survival, evasion, resistance and escape, and the multi-mission parachute course. That could happen sometime in late spring of 2020, given she meets all training requirements. And, for the record, the Marine Corps did not change the program standards after January 2013 when the Pentagon lifted the ban on women in combat roles.



Caption: Marines and sailors practice their helocasting skills. USMC photo by Cpl Orrin Farmer.

60% more female Marines, sailors serving in previously all-male units

As of August, there are 613 female Marines and sailors serving in previously all-male units — representing an increase of 60 percent since 2018, the Marine Corps said.

The number comes from December's quarterly briefing from the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services, a group meant to provide the Defense Department recommendations on how to improve gender integration throughout the military.

Not all the women serving in the previously all-male units have combat military occupancy specialties, or the MOS, Yvonne Carlock, a spokeswoman with Marine Corps Manpower and Reserve Affairs, told Marine Corps Times in a Friday afternoon phone call. Most of the Marines come from support jobs necessary for the function of the unit, like motor-transport jobs and communication jobs.

For enlisted Marines females attempting to obtain a previously-restricted MOS the attrition rate is 23.9 percent for female Marines compared to 11.2 percent of male Marines. For officers the failure rate is slightly higher, at 29.5 percent for female Marines and 13.5 percent for male Marines.

Female Marines are represented in every previously restricted field, the briefing said, if not in some specific MOSes. That means that though no female Marine has yet earned the coveted Raider title nor the 0372 critical skills operator job, female Marines have earned other 03 MOSes. But female Marines are quickly breaking through barriers, even faster than these numbers shows.

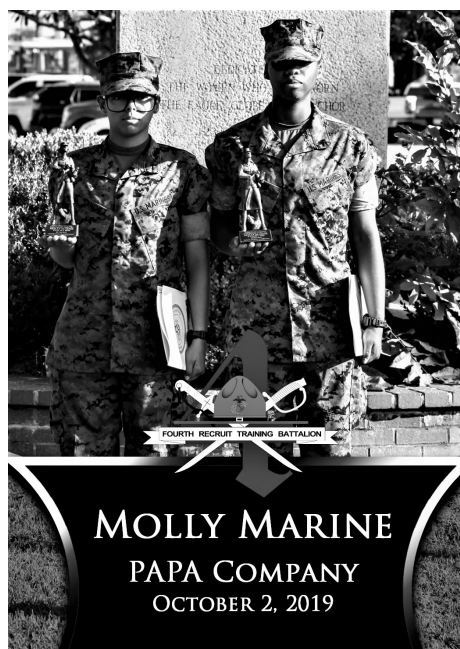
Not counted in the data is Lance Cpl. Alexa Barth, who graduated the grueling Basic Reconnaissance Course on November 7, becoming the first woman to earn the 0321 reconnaissance Marine MOS.

Jobs that female enlisted Marines had the "largest propensity" for were infantry, assault amphibious vehicles, and artillery positions. For female Marine officers, the most common jobs were for artillery and combat engineer jobs.

Carlock said there are currently no quotas for the number of female Marines in any of these MOS fields or previously-restricted units, and the Corps has no interest in implementing one.



Molly Marines



Platoon 4038 (right) – PFC Don’Kyiah B. Ramson, Russellville, AL
 Platoon 4039 (left) – PFC Guadalupe A. Sanchez, Mount Vernon, WA
 Graduation – 4 October 2019



Platoon 4040 (left) – Pvt Sarah Gonzalez, Miami, FL
 Platoon 4041 (right) – PFC Samantha C. Sellers, Vista, CA
 Graduation – 18 October 2019



Platoon 4042 (right) – PFC Sandra Bajrektarevic, Utica, NY
 Platoon 4043 (left) – PFC Jalina A. Crawford, Lansing, MI
 Graduation – 1 November 2019



Platoon 4044 (left) – PFC Jennifer E. Reyes, Sanford, NC
 Platoon 4045 (right) – PFC Dakota L. Stewart, Rolling Meadows, IL
 Graduation – 15 November 2019

More Convention 2020

Calling all areas, chapters, and Marines-at-Large! The 2020 Convention is only months away! The time has come to plan to be in Omaha at the Omaha Hilton Hotel from **3 – 7 September**.

Here's your checklist:

Hotel Registration:

- ✓ PAPER (mail-in) registration
- ✓ Calling the **OMAHA HILTON** (OMAHA HILTON, 1001 Cass Street) NOT the Hilton Garden Inn Omaha Downtown/Old Market area or the Hilton Garden in Omaha West
- ✓ Online registration

Recognition & Awards:

- ✓ Talk to your area directors, chapters presidents, past winners
- ✓ Refer to the "How To" book for instructions on the different competitions
- ✓ Know the deadlines for submissions
- ✓ Chapter members - wear your chapter shirts to the event

PX:

- ✓ Brain storm for PX items to promote your chapter
- ✓ Contact the Convention Committee to reserve a PX table and tables at meals

Arrival:

- ✓ Ensure you arrive during the daytime on **Thursday, 3 September** so you can attend the 60th anniversary party that night.

READ:

- ✓ Your newsletter for convention information and updates, like this one!

Where to go When:

- ✓ Look for the tentative schedule within this issue

And last...don't forget to BRING YOUR OOHRAH!!!

Explore Omaha: There are a few open blocks of time during convention. Get online and check out these great local options that you, your guests, and Loyal Escorts can plan to visit to explore Omaha:

- Capital District – food and entertainment – 0.2 miles – <https://capitoldistrictomaha.com>
- Casinos (Harrah's & Ameristar) – 3.1 miles - <https://www.caesars.com/harrahs-council-bluffs>
<https://councilbluffs.ameristar.com/>
- Craft Axe Throwing - 1.9 miles – <https://craftaxethrowing.com/>
- Durham Museum – Western regional living history, 0.9 miles – <https://durhammuseum.org/>
- Old Market – food, pubs, boutique shopping – 0.7 miles – <https://oldmarket.com/>
- Henry Doorly Zoo – Omaha's top attraction – 5.6 miles – <http://www.omahazoo.com>
- 88 Tactical Group – firearm range – 18 miles – <https://88tactical.com/shooting-range-omaha-2/>

Gear Up for Convention

Convention Attendees! Find your commemorative "60th Anniversary" Oohrah to Omaha Convention logo clothes and gear. You can order and have these delivered to you before convention. Share with your chapter sisters, Marines at Large, and Loyal Escorts. Apparel will be available online at this link: <https://stores.inksoft.com/wma/shop/home> beginning 31 January.



Tentative Schedule of Events for 2020 Biennial Convention Omaha Nebraska

****Subject to Change****

Thursday 3 September

Registration
Anniversary Party - 60 Years of WMA

Friday 4 September - FIRST OFFICIAL DAY

Registration
WMA Board of Directors Meeting
LE Board of Directors Meeting
****Explore Omaha****
PX Open
Active Duty Orientation
First Timers Orientation
Opening Banquet

Saturday 5 September

Kick Boxing
Registration
WMA Business Meeting 1
LE Business Meeting 1
Recognition and Awards Luncheon
PME/Workshop #1 (Round Table)
PX Open
Hospitality Event -
Loyal Escorts Hosting

Sunday 6 September

Annual Fun Run/Walk
Registration
Memorial Service
PX
WMA Business Meeting 2
LE Business Meeting 2
****Explore Omaha****
1st Vice President, Area Directors,
& Chapter Presidents Meeting
PX Open
Hospitality Event -
Loyal Escorts Hosting

Monday 7 September - LAST OFFICIAL DAY

PME/Workshop 2 Leadership
Installation Luncheon
****Explore Omaha****
1830-2130: Closing Banquet

Tuesday 8 September

2020-2022 WMA BOD Meeting

*Table Reservations for Meals

All meal events will be OPEN SEATING with the exception of reserved tables. To reserve a table for up to eight: cost \$50 per event for each chapter or special group. Fill out the form below and make checks payable to: WMA 2020 Convention and write "Table Reservation" on the memo line. Mail check to 2020 Convention (Table Res), PO Box 83, Pender, NE 68047.

Chapter/Reservation Name: _____

POC Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

*Convention Roommate Request

Cut the cost for your hotel stay and bunk with a buddy! Fill out the below request and send to:

Diane Fuss O'Keeffe, 2020 Registrar, 4623 S. 155th Circle, Omaha, NE 68137, 402-708-7229.

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Date of Arrival: _____ Date of Departure: _____

1. Smoker? **Y N**

2. Early riser? **Y N**

3. Night Owl? **Y N**

4. Need more than 20 min in the bathroom to be ready for the day? **Y N**

5. Prefer to sleep in a very cool room (68° or less)? **Y N**

6. Do you have an age preference for a roommate? **Y N**
If yes, then age range: _____

7. Room Preference: *2 per room _____ *3 per room _____
*4 per room _____

Additional Information: _____



Traveling to the 2020 Convention & Professional Development Symposium Hilton Omaha

***Traveling by Plane** - Eppley Airfield is 2.4 miles from Hilton Omaha.

★ Complimentary shuttle service available. Call the hotel for shuttle service, 402-998-3400. Hilton Omaha Shuttle Stop is at the median between Southwest Airlines and the parking garage.

★ Taxi / Uber / Lyft \$11

***Traveling by Bus** - Greyhound Bus lines are 1 mile from Hilton Omaha

***Traveling by Train** - Amtrak Omaha is located 1.2 miles from Hilton Omaha

***Traveling by Car** - Hilton Omaha is located at 1001 Cass Street. Parking is discounted for Convention and is \$15 per day

***RV Parking** - The following parks are open: Eugene T. Mahoney State Park, Ashland, NE; Louisville State Recreation Park, Louisville, NE; Arrowhead Park, Neola, IA; I-29 Hwy 34 Campground, Pacific Junction, IA. The casinos (Ameristar, Harrah's) allow unsupported RV parking, Council Bluff, IA. Several local parks are still closed due to 2019 flooding - stay tuned!

***Logistics** – There are two Hiltons. Be sure to go to “**Hilton Omaha**” located at 1001 Cass Street. DO NOT make reservations with Hilton Garden Inns. The convention is NOT there!

Convention PX tables - \$30

Show your chapter's unique Marine Corps Merchandise and make some revenue for your chapter by reserving a Convention PX table. For just \$30, chapters can host a table throughout the convention during PX hours. Remember, we will be celebrating the 60-year Anniversary of the Women Marines Association. Time to get creative and remember our history while looking to the future. If you have questions, please contact 2020 Convention PX Coordinator Diane Fuss O'Keeffe at 402 708 7229.

Make checks payable to: WMA 2020 Convention and write "PX Table" on the memo line. Mail check to 2020 Convention (PX), PO Box 83, Pender, NE 68047.

Cash Door Prizes at the 2020 WMA Convention

Enter the “Best Envelope Contest” while also adding to the fun of winning one of them filled with cash! Each WMA chapter is asked to contribute at least one \$25 cash donation and envelope for the cash door prizes. While \$25 is the minimum requested, feel free to donate more envelopes and money, thanks! Monetary contributions from Members-at-Large and Loyal Escorts are also welcome with your creatively designed envelopes. A special gift will be awarded to the chapter or individual whose envelope is judged as the “The Best Envelope.”

Criteria for the Contest: Envelope should most reflect the 2020 convention themes: 60th Anniversary of Women Marine Association, Back to the Basics, or Bring your Oohrah to Omaha. Envelopes must be received by 3 September 2020.



32nd Women Marines Association Convention & Professional Development Conference
September 3 – 7, 2020

PROGRAM ADVERTISING

- _____ FULL PAGE AD - \$200
_____ HALF PAGE AD - \$100
_____ QUARTER PAGE AD - \$50
_____ BUSINESS CARD AD - \$25

SPONSORSHIP

- _____ **1 Star (\$1,000)** - Full-page ad in convention program
Promotional information in every welcome bag (sponsor supplies materials)
- _____ **2 Star (\$2,500)** - All the above benefits plus:
Logo printed on closing ceremony banquet program
Two (2) tickets to closing ceremony dinner (September 7)
- _____ **3 Star (\$5,000)** - All of the above benefits plus:
2'x 4' board with message & logo displayed during the entire Convention
Logo listed on the National WMA webpage (2 yrs.)
- _____ **4 Star (\$10,000)** - All of the above plus:
3'X6' board with message & logo on display during the entire convention
2 additional (total of 4 tickets) to the closing ceremony (Sep 7)

ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS

PLEASE PROVIDE HI-RES ARTWORK
ACCEPTABLE FILES ARE: JPEG, HI-RES PDF

E-MAIL ARTWORK TO:

CONVENTIONADS@WOMENMARINES.ORG

ADS DUE: May 1, 2020

CONTACT INFO

NAME: _____

COMPANY: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL: _____

ENCLOSED IS MY PAYMENT OF \$ _____

(Make checks payable to: **WMA 2020 CONVENTION**)

PLEASE MAIL FORMS AND PAYMENT TO:

WMA 2020 CONVENTION, PO BOX 83, Pender, NE 68047

PHONE: (308) 874-6025

EMAIL: CTREASURER@WOMENMARINES.ORG

Recognition and Awards 2020

Area Directors are the points of contact for the Chapters regarding Recognition and Awards(R&A) information. Should they have questions that are not covered by the current edition of 'Nouncements, the WMA Bylaws, or this guide, they should contact the R&A Chair for that convention. See your Resource Manual and Directory for the current chairperson.

All chapters, large and small, are encouraged to enter the competition in at least one category. The rules and prizes are delineated below for your information. It's time to begin planning your entries! If your chapter did not enter any category at the last convention, pick one and concentrate on submitting the best entry possible for this convention. Remember, you can't win if you don't enter.

The award selection committee will consist of people cognizant of the purposes of the Women Marines Association. They may or may not be WMA members. Awards in any or all the categories may be withheld when, in the judgment of the committee, no entry in a category warrants recognition. Constructive feedback will be given to each chapter that enters. Forms used for Recognition and Awards include:

- * Sample judging worksheets for Chapter Achievement, History, Newsletter, and Chapter Website awards.
- * Sample Judging Tally Sheet
- * Official Entry Form for Recognition and Awards

The decision of the judges is **final!**

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

The Women Marines Association Official Entry Form for R&A **MUST** accompany each entry to be considered for awards.

Newsletter Competition

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

Submit: One copy each of two (2) issues created since last convention in either electronic (.PDF) or printed hard copy form along with the Women Marines Association (WMA) Official Entry Form for Recognition and Awards.

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

- Identification - WMA Chapter name and number, date, volume number, issue number, name of editor, address, phone number, and Chapter email address (if applicable). Also, list each chapter officer and their contact information.
- Masthead – artistic, attractive, and original.
- Story Types – Contributor – number of articles that have bylines.
- WMA national news – not extensive – items to keep members current on National.
- Personalities – biography of members.
- Local Chapter news – community involvement, volunteer work, meetings, etc.
- Personalize activities of members, trips, sick call, etc.
- Special Events.
- Layout - Arrangement of copy should be neat, readable, orderly, pictures identified, and graphics may be used.
- Does not have to be slick magazine presentation.

Awards

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

2nd & 3rd Places: Receive certificates for their chapters.

Judging Criteria *(cont'd on next page)*

- Newsletter well documented.
- Creative and attractive Masthead

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- Number of articles with bylines.
- WMA news for member information.
- Member profiles.
- Local Chapter news, community involvement and volunteer work.
- Personalize activities of members, trips, sick calls.
- Special Events

History Book Competition

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

Period: Two-year period from fiscal year of convention to end of fiscal year before convention (July 1st to June 30th). Example for convention 2020 July 1, 2018 to June 30th, 2020.

Book Layout:

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

Format:

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

Awards

1st Place: A perpetual plaque inscribed "Outstanding Chapter History Book Award," which is to be returned before the next convention to the R&A Committee. When returned, the chapter historian will receive an individual plaque reading, "Historian Award for the Outstanding Chapter History Book" and bearing the winner's name, chapter, and dates. The chapter will also receive a white streamer for their chapter colors and a certificate.

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

Judging Criteria

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

Chapter Achievement Award

All activities and events that support and promote the purposes of WMA should be included in a Chapter Achievement book. *(details on next page)*

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

Chapter achievement classes are as follows:

Class I: 5-20 members in a chapter

Class II: 21-45 members in a chapter

Class III: 46 + members in a chapter

Book Layout:

- Chapter name, number, Class and purposes covered on cover page.
- Table of Contents
- Chapter activities should be told in chronological order. All important events and programs held during the year by the Chapter should be included.
- Identify purpose to which the activity relates.
- Examples of Chapter activities may include newspaper articles, thank you letters, activity programs, and photographs.
- Only one book per Chapter for each Category will be accepted for judging.

Format:

- The chapter must submit a bound book that accommodates no larger than 8 ½ x 11 inches pages. Binding may be in the form of a 3-ring binder, soft cover with spiral binding, or a regular bound book created utilizing online programs such as MIXBOOK (www.MixBook.com) or SHUTTERFLY (www.shutterfly.com). If using an online program, the book MUST be printed for submission.
- Name and address of compiler – inside front cover/lower left-hand corner.
- Layout of title page or cover page should be done in a creative fashion.
- Table of Contents with page references.
- Page numbering for content.
- Articles and photos should have names, places, and dates. Remember the Who, What, When, Where, and Why. Blurry and foggy prints will not enhance your finished product.

Awards

1st Place: Each class will receive a certificate from WMA, plus a blue streamer donated by the Loyal Escorts for their chapter colors.

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

Judging Criteria

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

Website Awards

Purpose:

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

Period: Two-year period from fiscal year of convention to end of fiscal year before convention (July 1st to June 30th). Example for convention 2020 July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020.

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Recognition and Awards 2020 Cont'd

Submit:

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

Awards

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

Judging Criteria

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

Recruiting Award

This award is coordinated with the 1st Vice President. She and the National Secretary sign the award certificates. She also helps obtain the specific numbers for the Individual and Chapter winners from the WMA Administrative Support Contractor. Numbers for the Loyal Escort winners are provided by the Loyal Escorts along with the Recruiting Award Streamers.

Individual Award

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

Prizes

1st Place: Individual Recruiting Award Plaque along with the member’s name and date of award plus a WMA Certificate of Recognition.

2nd & 3rd Place: WMA Certificates of Recognition

Chapter Awards

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

Prizes

1st Place: Streamer for their chapter colors and a WMA Certificate of Recognition

2nd & 3rd Place: WMA Certificates of Recognition

One award within each chapter Class (e.g. Class I: 5-20 members; Class II: 21-45 members; Class III: 46+ members).

Loyal Escorts

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

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

Ruth & Dick Broe Award for Overall Outstanding Chapter Achievement

No separate entry is required for this award. This, the highest Overall Outstanding Chapter Achievement award, is presented to the chapter who in the opinion of the judges has accomplished the most in keeping the objectives of the Women Marines Association as demonstrated by their entries in the Chapter Achievement Categories.

- It does not necessarily go to the Chapter with the most awards. The quality of the project is the most important factor.
- The chapter will be presented with a perpetual plaque inscribed “Ruth & Dick Broe Overall Outstanding Chapter Achievement Award,” which is to be returned at the next convention. When returned, the chapter will receive a small individual award plaque reading, “Ruth & Dick Broe Overall Outstanding Chapter Achievement Award” and the dates. The chapter will also receive a streamer for their chapter colors. The plaque is donated by Past National President Sue Sousa. The streamer is donated by the Loyal Escorts. This award is presented at the closing banquet.

2020
WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM FOR RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

Date of Submission _____

Date Received by R & A _____

From:

Chapter name and Chapter Number

Chapter Address: City State and Zip

Name of Sender (Title), Contact Phone #, and email

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

Class required for Chapter Achievement Entries (see official Rules)

Person assigned to accompany entry after R & A luncheon

Brief Description of Entry:

MAIL ENTRIES TO:

Leslie Carter

6620 Mammoth Canyon Pl.

North Las Vegas, NV 89084-1238

(702) 630-9128

RA@womenmarines.org

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:

All entries must be received
by **JUNE 30, 2020**. Items
posted after this date will not
be considered.

Judging will take place on
July 14, 2020.

Hey, Man! That's outta sight!

Why don't you all just make your reservations early at the hotel and come to our grrr-rooovy party to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of WMA! It's gonna be a blast!

On Thursday, 3 September, we're gonna be freakin' out to the sounds of the 60s by a DJ and singin' karaoke tunes from 6 pm-10 pm. It's gonna be far out!!

But don't "come as you are," baby, because we're hoping you'll join in the fun and get decked out like the 60s. Flower Power!! We're also hosting a **talent competition** similar to the one that was held in Portland in 2000. It'll be fa-r-r-r out for sure! Chapters, members-at-large, and Loyal Escorts can compete as teams or as individual hippies. Ideas can range from karaoke, lip syncing with solid moves, or changing the words to "I Got You Babe" or other outta sight favorite songs, or even a skit to go along with the lyrics. Someone from the establishment even suggested having a cadence calling competition. So, gather your sisters and brothers, get funky and stomp your feet to the beat to make some unforgettable memories.

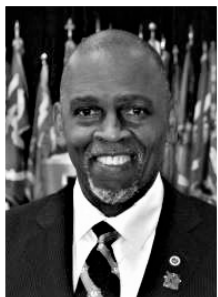
For a price of \$10, you can pig out on heavy hors d'oeuvres (enough for a full meal), salads, fruit, and anniversary cake! It'll be a blast with a cash bar and a large dance floor.

Can you dig it?! Contact that foxy babe Pam Bloustine at pamokwm@aol.com or 405-226-5688 if you have any questions about the party. Or this article! And come hang out with us! Peace out!

"Calling out around the world...are you ready for a brand new beat? Summer's here and the time is right for dancing in the street..."
Sondra Metzger

Loyal Escorts

Happy New Year everyone,



I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year with your family and friends.

Well, it's time to prepare for the WMA Biennial convention this September. I encourage you to try to attend. I believe it will be an exciting experience for you and your WMA sponsors and families. There will be more information in the coming months. I'm very excited and looking forward to seeing you there in Omaha.

As most of you may know our secretary has resigned, so while we are looking for a new secretary, our Vice President has volunteered to assist us with our administrative needs. I assist her also. We want to wish our past secretary, Michelle Gutt, much success in her future ventures and thank her for her contributions.

Thank you all for being such great members of this awesome organization.
Semper Fi, Isaac J. Bazile



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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

Creech, Janet (Hunt)	1795	11/26/2019	FL-3
Cutting, Emily (Deathe)	1140	12/05/2019	OR-3
Forsey, Nell Marie	1034	11/05/2019	CA-3
Grimes, Annie	680	11/24/2019	TN
Mueller, Carol	1308	10/09/2019	HI-2
Norem, Geraldine (Woodruff)	268	11/07/2019	CA-7
Papciak, Rebecca (Kraft)	2414	10/16/2019	SC
Roth, Marjorie (Roth)	2883	06/19/2019	AZ-1
Whitbeck, Elizabeth (Steele)	446	10/09/2019	MN-1

Chaplain's Corner



It is again a dark and scary time in our history. Let us all pray that the months ahead bring a swift and peaceful resolution to the current crisis. Our time is best spent in prayer for our brothers and sisters in harm's way.

Eileen Skahill

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness. "

-- John Steinbeck

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)

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Chapter Affiliation:

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ZIP Code:

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Date:

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Chapter Clippings

CA-2 San Diego County

Fall has been filled with holiday events, and some sadness for CA 2.

Members attended the 30th Annual Military Women's Luncheon in late October. The event featured attendees from all branches of service including those that served in WWII and those currently serving on active duty.



My Spare Ladies Bowling Team - From L to R Kassandra Wurts, Barb McCurtis, Dharma Wurts, Mikki Hurts, and Maura Donnelly pictured with Michele's bowling jersey. Last tribute game for CA-2 member Michele Kramek



Members in the Escondido Vet Fest Veterans' Day Parade

In December we participated in Wreaths Across America at several cemeteries, and enjoyed a holiday luncheon at the end of the month at the Admiral Baker club house.

Michele was the second member we lost this past year, and Maura Donnelly has shared the following in honor of Michele:

"A Marine's Marine. A couple of months ago I called Michele to see how she was feeling after a brief respiratory illness. I knew as soon as she answered something was really wrong. A few minutes before my call she had fallen out of her wheelchair while reaching for something. She was alone, not wearing her prosthetic leg, and on the floor between her wheelchair, her bed, and her dresser. I wanted to call for help, but Michele didn't want that. For the better part of an hour I stayed on the phone while she fought to get herself back into that chair. There was a lot of sweating and crying, swearing and resting, deep breaths and pauses. But mostly, there was courage. She got herself into that chair and in the process showed me what real bravery was."



Michele Kramek, CA-2 member and treasurer

We will miss our friend, bowling mate, and sister Marine, but the reminder she left us with is that we are all stronger than we know we are."

Barbara McCurtis



Zita Cussary and Bonnie Dabalos-Castro

CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

Greetings from the Greater San Francisco Bay Area. We continue to have monthly meetings. In October at the meeting hosted by CA-3 Vice President Kathy Wright and Loyal Escort Angie Fredekind, we celebrated Halloween, with many members coming in Halloween attire. In November, hosted by CA-3 member Maggie Hart, we celebrated the Birthday of the Marine Corps, with the traditional cutting of the birthday cake by the oldest Marine present – Zita Cussary, who passed a piece of cake to the youngest Marine present – Bonnie Dabalos-Castro.

In December, we celebrated the holiday season at the holiday luncheon hosted by CA-3 members Lily Brockmeier and Bonnie Dabalos-Castro, complete with a holiday lunch, ornament exchange, and gift raffle. It has been the tradition of CA-3 to help make Christmas a little brighter for a Marine veteran or active duty Marine and their family every year. This year, we chose a special Marine Corps veteran – Montford Point Marine Joseph Alexander. Marine Alexander was among the first African-Americans to enlist in the Corps and attend recruit training at Camp Montford Point in Jacksonville, NC in 1943 at the age of 19. He fought to clear the Marshall Islands from the Japanese in World War II. He was also the recipient of the Congressional WWII Gold Medal. Marine Alexander, his wife, and daughters were the guests of CA-3 at the holiday luncheon. CA-3 joined with the Marine Corps League 1stLt Frank Reasoner Detachment 919 to take up a collection to present to Marine Alexander at the luncheon.

During this period, President Susan Johnston participated in several events as part of the combined American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard. On November 2, we participated in the dedication of the new cemetery in Tracy, CA – the Valpico Memorial Park. There will be a section set aside specifically for veterans. During the dedication ceremony, the American flag, along with each service flag, was raised to be flown continuously from this point forward.

On November 8th, we were asked to participate in a flag retirement ceremony at the Montessori Elementary and Middle School. At the end of the ceremony, we took possession of the retired flags, to properly dispose of them. On November 11th, we took part in the "Day of Remembrance" ceremony at the Tracy War Memorial for Veterans' Day. The names of those who fell in all past conflicts, from World War I to the present, were read off, so that we may never forget.



CA-3 members at the SOS Breakfast

Also, on November 2, several members of CA-3 attended the annual SOS Breakfast hosted by MCL Detachment 919. The event was held at the San Leandro Veterans' Memorial Building. There were about 40 attendees and CA-3 managed to fill one table. The photo shows members Bonnie Dabalos-Castro, Lily Brockmeier, Raul Valle who was the oldest Marine present, Kathleen Wright, Nancy Payne and Maggie Hart. The Young Marines provided the color guard/cake escorts and the Sea Cadets served the meal. We had a special guest of honor at the breakfast – Marine Joseph Alexander.

On November 8th, members Lynne Giadrone and Susan Johnston, with Loyal Escorts Paul Giadrone and Donald Johnston, attended the groundbreaking ceremony of the new Veterans Administration clinics in French Camp, CA. This is a project many years in the planning and will benefit those veterans who must now travel for hours for medical appointments.

On November 10, member Kathleen Wright and Loyal Escort Vern Smith attended the annual Marine Corps Birthday Cruise along with approximately 50 other Marines from the San Francisco Bay Area. They had an SOS breakfast at the Benicia Yacht Club, boarded various cabin cruisers, and rode up to the Vallejo Yacht Club where they had lunch to include a formal cake cutting ceremony. They also brought Toys for Tots donations and conducted a short session of close order drill which is always amusing because most of us have been out of the Corps for at least 25-30 years.

Susan also participated in Wreaths Across America on December 14. First, ceremonial wreaths are placed for each service, the POWs/MIAs, and Gold Star families. After the playing of "Taps" and the firing of the rifles, the hundreds of participants all helped to place a wreath on the gravesite of each veteran, saying their name, and thanking each one of them for their service.



Also, during this quarter, President Susan Johnston participated in seven memorial services/funerals as part of the combined Veterans of Foreign Wars/American Legion Honor Guard giving military honors to veterans.

And, it is with a heavy heart that I must announce the passing of Nell Marie Forsey on November 5th. Nell Marie enlisted in the Marine Corps in February 1967, serving on active duty, reserve duty, and again on active duty until her retirement from active duty in the fall of 1994. Nell Marie continued to be active, coming to almost every meeting. She was my co-host for



Nell Marie Forsey

meetings. Often, she brought her granddaughter with her. Her son, Clinton, is a Loyal Escort in CA-3. Nell Marie will be missed. Semper Fidelis.

Susan Johnston

CO-1 Colorado Columbine



CO-1 Chapter Treasurer Carron Barrella was honored by the Quilts of Valor Foundation on Saturday October 19 in Denver. The members of Quilts of Valor presented her with a quilt in recognition of her Marine Corps service. Quilts of Valor is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts.

Information on Quilts of Valor is available on their website at <https://www.qovf.org/>.

Rachael Williams

GA-1 Dogwood of Atlanta

Happy New Year, Marines! We finished the year strong with recruitment of Marines and Loyal Escorts. We would like to welcome: Veda Bennett, Whitney Henderson, and Ellen Lamb. Because of administrative issues our Loyal Escort members have not been processed yet. But I will highlight the next edition.

Towards year end, we had a couple of chapter events. As we grow, so will our activities.

Tens of thousands of volunteers laid wreaths at VA national cemeteries across the U.S. as part of National Wreaths Across America Day on December 14. Each December, Wreaths Across America coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as more than 1,600 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad. It was chilly, but we showed up to honor our veterans by placing wreaths on their headstones. We placed the wreaths, spoke their name and rendered a hand salute.



Toys for Tots with thanks to Stephanie Willis, Tammy Kelly, and India.



Johnetta Williams placing a wreath

"Group aims to make sure all veterans have Christmas wreaths at metro cemetery" was the heading from the Channel 2 news spotlight in which our group was featured. Berndt Petersen of WSB channel 2 news (www.wsbtv.com) wanted to do a report on something good which was going on in the community. Berndt made the initial contact with me the day after we laid the wreaths. But that did not

deter him from coming to my city to interview me. I was blown away by his persistence, yet honored. I shared our photos from the event and had my five minutes of fame on TV. The coverage was run twice on Thursday and one Friday morning. We completed the interview in Decatur and he and his camera man drove to Marietta National Cemetery and completed the filming for the piece. Most noticeably was the headstones which did not have wreaths. Hopefully, this report will bring more awareness to honoring our vets and making sure all grave sites are covered.

Members of the Georgia Military Women collaborated with our group to make it happen. Pictured 1st row: Sandy Corali, Victoria Turney, Sharon Blok; 2nd row: Stacy Burrell, Ellen Lamb, Johnetta Williams, Marion Walker (LE), Stephanie Willis.

Until next time, Semper Fi!!

Johnetta Williams

HI-2 Wahine Koa

Hauoli Makahiki Hou (Happy New Year) from the Wahine Koa Chapter! We ended 2019 with numerous events to include the annual Toys for Tots Marine Corps Band concert, supporting our veterans by providing/serving lunch to recent graduates of the Tripler AMC PTSD rehabilitation program, and who could miss the "esprit de corps" shared with the active duty color guard members at the Marine Corps League/WMA 2019 Toast to the Corps.

Deb Straight

KY-1 Winning Colors

What has KY-1 Winning Colors been up to? We are celebrating the end of 2019 and the beginning of 2020. We have had to say goodbye to one of our sister Marines, Carolyn Woodson. She will never be forgotten.

We had a wonderful Christmas luncheon with most of our members. As a chapter we have been working on recruiting new members. KY-1 has started on scheduling meetings, working to be more active and taking part in more veteran events to get our WMA name out in the KY/IN communities. We are working on moving some of our meetings further out from Louisville to reach some of our sisters that don't live close by.

As we strive to grow our chapter with new Marines and new ideas, we hope to meet the many Marines in the Louisville communities we have yet to meet and to welcome back our Marine sisters we have not seen in awhile. Semper Fi Marines and Happy 2020. See you in Omaha!

Brenda Moore



GA-1 and members of the Georgia Military Women



L-R, HI-2 members Maggie Gaukler, Jan Powell-Campbell, Betty Kramer, Deb Straight, Kathy Kincaid, Bonnie Skinner

LA-1 Molly Marine

The Molly Marine chapter held their monthly meeting on July 20 at the Wine Market of Slidell, LA to discuss all of our upcoming events for the end of the year.

August 4, members Diane and April Austin, paid our WWII chapter member, Frances Hoffman, a visit at the Lambeth House Retirement Community.

August 17, the chapter held their monthly meeting at the Munholland United Methodist Church followed by a few of the members meeting up afterwards to have lunch at the Conola Grill & Sushi.

September 20, chapter member Nicole Bailey participated in the 24 Hour Walk/Run for POW/MIA Awareness hosted by the Southeastern Louisiana University Office of Military and Veterans Affairs. Whether running or walking for 30 minutes, there were more volunteers sounding off the names of military heroes. The participants raised awareness and honored the POW/MIAs who never came home.

September 25, members gathered together to celebrate MSgt Karen Junjak's retirement from the Marine Corps after 30 years of faithful service.

October 19 was the Molly Marine LA-1 Chapter Champagne Brunch at the Conola Grill & Sushi in Metairie, LA. The turnout was spectacular with chapter members, Loyal Escorts, and guests in attendance! With all of the excitement of the festivities, we acquired five new chapter members. Our recruiting efforts were a huge success!

November 6, Chapter President Melanie Young visited our favorite WWII chapter member, Frances Hoffman, to enjoy an evening of celebrating the Marine Corps Birthday and Veterans' Day.

November 20, chapter members Sherry Ellis and Mary Draughn attended the funeral of a fellow lady Marine with the Louisiana Women's Veterans.

December 15, chapter members, Loyal Escorts, and



July meeting



Lambeth House with Frances Hoffman



Nicole Bailey in the walk/run for POW/MIA Awareness



Champagne brunch



LA-1 annual holiday luncheon

guests gathered together to have our Annual Holiday Luncheon with food and drinks graciously hosted by the New Orleans Central City BBQ. Photo was taken by Kelvin GB Collins Photography.

Sarah Park

MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks

Happy New Year from the State of Minnesota!



Back: Lori Hennes-Huffman, Karen Shaw, Julie Williams, Sandra Heredia; middle: Chewbacca; Front: Michelle Livingston, Julie's granddaughter Macayla Pullums, Vicki Latiolais

We are sad to report that three Minnesotan Marines that have assumed their final duty station. A Marine known to the chapter, Joyce A. Wahoske, passed away on October 21 with services held on October 29 and interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

On November 1, Elizabeth Whitbeck was interred at Fort Snelling National Cemetery followed by a Celebration of Life at The Woman's Club of

Minneapolis. Michelle Livingston, Frances Haubrich, Sandra Heredia, Linda Munson, and Vicki Latiolais attended along with numerous veteran friends from the many organizations that Liz has joined as a lifetime member.

Mary Lou Bolton, another Marine known to the chapter through WMA member Sandra Heredia, passed away with services held on December 30, followed by interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Several chapter members met once again at Keegan's Irish Pub in northeast Minneapolis for the 2019 Marine Corps birthday celebration on November 10. The former owner, a Marine, and now the present owner who understands the significance of the event, continue to welcome Marines to celebrate the birthday at Keegan's. Each year, Marines can expect standing room only for the ceremonial cake cutting and playing of the birthday message by the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Keegan's also always welcomes veterans from all branches on Veterans' Day.

On December 5, several chapter members attended the Metro Marines Holiday Dinner at the Kraus-Hartig VFW in Spring Lake Park. Chapter President Michelle Livingston provided transportation to Olivia Nord, so Olivia was able to share in the camaraderie of the event, which was well-attended. The Metro Marines provide meals and assistance to the Marines working in the Toys for Tots warehouse. Chapter members also donate their time to work at the warehouse. There were over 200,000 toys distributed to various agencies in 2019.

On December 8, chapter members gathered at the Lunds & Byerlys off France Avenue in Edina for the chapter annual holiday party in their Community Room. Betsey Whitbeck, daughter of Liz Whitbeck, was a special guest and participated in our annual signing of

Christmas cards sent to Marines not able to attend. Betsey also shared much of Liz's USMC memorabilia with the group which will be treasured.

The chapter would like to congratulate Anna Arthur of Hudson, WI following her boot camp graduation on January 3, 2020. Chapter members met Anna through poolee function events conducted by the Marine Corps Recruiting Station Twin Cities and from Metro Marine dinners. We welcome Anna to the Marine sisterhood.

The chapter's next event will be celebrating the 77th anniversary of the establishment of the Women's Reserve on February 15 at the Lunds & Byerlys Community Room at Woodbury Village, 7050 Valley Creek Plaza in Woodbury from 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

As always, if you are in the area and would like to join MN1 in any activities, please feel free to contact us at MN1@womenmarines.org.

Vicki Latiolais

NY-7 Long Island

The Women Marines Association NY-7 Long Island Chapter, in partnership with the Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk, Inc., held their third annual 5K 4 Fighters Race and Walk on Saturday, October 5 at Shore Front Park in Patchogue, NY. This noteworthy event was established two years ago to give recognition and honor to the brave men and women who fought for our freedom. One of the primary goals of the race is to provide support and financial assistance to female veterans who are presently homeless or will be soon. All the proceeds from the event are directed to their needs.

Each year, participation in the race has grown exponentially, and this year there were over 250 people registered to run with close to 350 in overall attendance. Many of those present were veterans. The crisp fall morning proved to be the perfect setting, and after the Lindenhurst MCJROTC's color guard kicked off the ceremony, participants took their places and waited for the starting signal.

Among the runners and walkers were Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, and Suffolk County Legislator Susan Berland, who is also Chairwoman of the Legislature's Veterans Committee. They were excited to announce the formation of Suffolk County's newly created Women's Veterans Board spearheaded by Legislator Berland.

Once the event was in full swing, fellow veterans, families, and friends cheered on and encouraged the racers as they successfully crossed the finish line. This race, along with others, is part of the



Suffolk County Veterans Run Series whose mission is to connect the race organizers in Suffolk County who embrace veteran causes and to make communities aware of these special runs.



When it was time to bring the activities to a close, those in attendance expressed appreciation for the successful morning and all the wonderful amenities that were available and slowly started making their way home. It was definitely a positive experience for everyone present.

Marie Nuzzi

TN-1 Rocky Top Marines



TN-1 members again this year met at the Kroger Marketplace in Maryville and supported the Salvation Army Red Kettle Fund by ringing the bells for 4 hours. Between

the two entrances to the building we collected over \$600.00.

Participating were Doris Keane, Teresa Greene, Deb Henderson and Barbara Chagnon.

Barbara Chagnon

TX-2 Texas Gulf Coast

Greetings from the Lone Star State! We had a busy fall and early winter schedule.

Early in November we gathered to make our Christmas cards and candy cane gifts to be given to the patients at the VA Hospital. We had a busy day preparing 450 plus cards and 101 decorated candy canes.

About the middle of November TX-2 and TX-7 came together at the Holocaust Museum in Houston. Area 6 Director Rosa Osborn coordinated an event for all of us to attend. This event was a guided tour. Our guide was very knowledgeable and provided a great deal of information as she took us through the museum.

December 7th found us decorating two wards at the VA Hospital and a waiting room. It was a very busy and fun time for those who volunteered to assist in this effort. On January 1st we were again found removing the decorations we placed at the hospital. And, in between all that, we assisted with laying wreaths at the Houston VA Cemetery, our annual project.

Many thanks to all



Trip to Holocaust Museum



Candy treats for the VA Hospital

those who organized and participated in these endeavors. May each of you be blessed with a very Happy New Year! Semper Fidelis!

Barbara Barnhart

TX-7 – Opha May Johnson

Happy New Year Marines! Houston's WMA TX7 Chapter kept the schedule full as we closed out 2019. Our chapter was created only two years ago but has really grown in so many ways!



BBQ dinner at Camp Hope

On October 17, the chapter served a BBQ dinner to the residents at the PTSD Foundation of America, Camp Hope, Houston. We took a tour of the facility and had the opportunity to serve

our fellow veterans! We were touched by the fellowship and inspired to return again soon! Learn more about Camp Hope here: <https://ptsdusa.org>.

On November 02, our members participated in and attended the Marine Corps Coordinating Council's celebration of the 244th USMC birthday. During the ball ceremony, some of our members presented the MIA/POW memorial. On November 7, the chapter president was the guest speaker at the Veterans' Appreciation Day sponsored by the MCJROTC of Atascocita High School. On November 10, TX7 joined forces with the MCL McLemore Detachment #324 to conduct a cake cutting ceremony for veterans and personnel at the Michael DeBakey VA hospital. The next day, TX7 members participated in Houston's Veterans' Day parade. On November 16, members attended a tour of the Holocaust Museum. On Nov 25-27, members assisted the Blue Star Moms of Houston in packing care packages for armed service members that are forward deployed.

Our chapter tries hard to keep the WMA calendar (womenmarines.org), our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/TX7WomenMarines/), and our website (https://wmatx7) up to date with our chapter events, times, dates, and locations. So, if you aren't on our email list, please feel free to track us on these mediums. Then set your calendar reminders to come join us!

Despite the holidays, TX7 continued its mission! On December 4, members decorated the Women's Health clinic at the Michael DeBakey VA Hospital. On December 6, our members and their families gathered for a chapter Christmas party. On December 14, members laid wreaths with Wreaths Across America at the Houston National Cemetery.

During January, we will host our next chapter business meeting. We welcome all Marines to come join us. In Texas, we are used to going big on all that we do! We hope to continue to do great things as we represent the WMA!

Audrea Killalea

WMA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Start Date:	Stop Date:	

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*Signature of applicant:	*Date:
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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
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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
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Oceanside, CA 92056-4011
(760) 724-9861



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WMA Logo Rubber Stamps

Large stamp
Cost: \$11 (includes shipping)
Small stamp
Cost: \$8 (includes shipping)
Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller
Contact: Ellen Leidy
1107 Columbus Ave.
Barberton, OH 44203
(330) 825-8935
leidyrn@aol.com

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:
EMVSC CA-7 WMA
Contact: Lillian Cross
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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

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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:

WMA Sales
C/o Gail Horn
P. O. Box 12518
Jacksonville, NC 28546

Contact info: sales@womenmarines.org
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