



WMA 'Nouncements

Ain't no Sunshine When she's Gone

That smile is gone. Many of you don't know it, but we lost a life member in January who was not only one of our WWII WRs, but also a former WMA national officer.

Bettie Pruden Lerdall was 96 when she passed away peacefully on January 14.

Bettie was 20 when she enlisted. Her mother had to sign for her to join, and was sure her daughter would hate having someone tell her what to do, where to live, and what to wear. But Bettie was determined to serve her country and contribute to the war effort. Serving at Camp Lejeune, she was promoted to platoon sergeant, and then drill instructor. With the recruits standing at attention for inspection, she would tap the women with her swagger stick to make sure they hadn't forgone their girdles. Bettie was also a member of the first female color guard. She was honorably discharged in 1946.

Bettie joined the U.S. state department after her honorable discharge and college. She met her husband William in Karachi, Pakistan, where they married at the U.S. Embassy. Her husband passed in 1992.

The couple settled in Arizona in 1962. They raised four children who then gave them a total of six grandchildren as life went on.

If you couldn't find Bettie, better check the golf course. Bettie LOVED golf. She taught many old and new golfers at the Arizona Golf Resort and the Cumberland Golf Club, WI, swing tips, impromptu lessons, rules, and etiquette. As an early advocate for women's golf, Bettie help-ed organize the Arizona Silver Belle Championship and was a long time board member of the Women's Trans National Golf Association.

Bettie loved being a Marine. Serving her country was extremely important to her. She carried on that service in WMA throughout her life, traveling to conventions and building lifelong friendships.

She was a founding member of her AZ-1 chapter, Arizona Roadrunners, serving as chapter secretary for many years and into her 90s.

In 2000, Bettie was elected to the national board of WMA as National Secretary. After her term ended, she



stayed on as a member of the Ways and Means Committee from 2008-2014.

I NEVER saw anything but a smile on that lady's face. She smiled like she had the whole world in her hands and just made a hole-in-one...twice! Her faith made the difference. It was a vital part of her whole life.

Those of us who knew her have been so very blessed with her presence in our lives, and miss her so.

Semper Fidelis, Bettie!

Sondra Metzger

Colonel Julia Hamblet Award

The Colonel Hamblet Award for 2020 is MSgt Laura Dennis USMCR (Ret). The award will be presented at the 2020 celebration Award Dinner celebration of Excellence on 24 October at the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, Quantico.

MSgt Dennis retired from the Marine Corps and for a period of 10 months, January through October 1946, did "grunt" work as a Marine volunteer researching our history for the book "The History of Women Marines 1946-1977" written by Col Mary StremLOW, USMCR, for the History Division, HQMC. MSgt Dennis passed away on January 26, 2008, making this a posthumous award.

The Colonel Julia E. Hamblet Award is funded by a bequest from the estate of Lotus Mort and judged by the Women Marines Association. It is given to the individual or team who has done the most to further the recognition of the history of women who have earned the title Marine. Col Hamblet was the longest serving Director of Women Marines, having served in that position twice. The colonel was with us until her passing in 2017 at the age of 100.

CWO4 Eileen R Scanlon USMC (Ret)



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The Way Forward – Honoring our Legacy, Striving for Excellence into the Future

As we enter the summer months and continue to face the challenges of battling the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic, I hope this finds everyone safe and well. We are all learning how to deal with a new “normal” in our lives. Many new changes are in our future not only in our personal lives, but also within WMA.

Even though we had to cancel convention, the business of WMA must go on. The Board of Directors (BOD) has continued to work on your behalf to ensure WMA has a bright new future. Results of the coordination efforts with the special Working Group set up last fall to examine best courses of action to ensure our Association’s future, we have taken the following steps:

- ◆ Partnered/Hired a new contractor/Association Management Company (AMC) and a design firm with the goals to:
 - * Modernize (streamline structure, professionalize administrative processes/fundraising, update brand image, tell the story better, evolve the membership model and drive new member growth with an innovative recruiting pipeline)
 - * Redesign our website and membership database
- ◆ Appointed a streamlined Interim Board to govern WMA during a transition period with our new AMC
 - The Interim Board includes our current eight (8) Officers (President, Immediate Past President (IPP), 1VP, 2VP, 3VP, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary.
 - * The five Area Directors that volunteered to remain in office (AD2, AD3, AD8, AD9 and AD10) will continue to serve in their respective positions.
 - * The incoming 1VP will represent all Area Directors on the Interim Board to include those five Areas without serving Directors.
 - She will also be the main representative voice for all Chapters and Members at Large (MAL’s)
 - The Interim Board will serve from September (original date of convention and end of the term of office of the current Board) through elections for a newly defined “Governing Board”.
 - The Interim Board will work with the new AMC to help define what a new “Governing Board” structure would look like in the future and then present to the membership for a follow on nomination and election

process for these newly defined positions.

A special thanks to our outgoing BOD members for all of their dedicated support over the past two years: Angela Maness (1VP), Jamie DePaola (AD1), Joanne Molina (AD4), Julia Lee (AD5) and Jennifer (Nothelfer) Matheson (AD7).

I would also like to thank the National Officers who will serve on the Interim Board: Betty Moseley Brown (IPP), Rosa Osborn (1VP), Jeannine Franz (2VP), Pat Lewis (3VP) Mary Ellen Stone (Secretary) Peggy Reiber (Treasurer) and Jennifer Homan (Membership Secretary). The Area Directors who will continue to serve in their respective positions include Jo Ellen Schumacher (AD2), Patricia Collins (AD3), Patricia Horton (AD8), Jacqueline Caputi (AD9) and Soledad Kennedy (AD10).

As your National President, I feel privileged to stand beside this professional group of volunteers, as we focus our responsibility to lead WMA through a successful transition to a new and improved WMA as we “honor our legacy and strive for excellence into the future.”

The following Summary of Work Progress for the Working Group will help give you a better idea of the Working Group’s achievements over the last several months that helped guide the BOD’s decisions for the betterment of WMA. I would like to recognize the following members that served on the Working Group and thank them for their outstanding commitment of time, energy, and intellect to a very results-oriented effort. Courtney Lynch, Jennifer Slown, Christine Glynn, Erika Summerfield, Marianne Waldrop, Ann Crittenden, Pat Hackbarth, Amy Punzel, Jennifer Homan, Rosa Osborn, and Carol Mutter.

*Rhonda Amtower
National President*

WMA - Working Group - Summary of Progress

As of June 20, 2020

In the fall of 2019, WMA convened a Working Group to examine best courses of action to ensure the organization’s future. After an open nomination and screening process, eleven women, and facilitator Courtney Lynch from Lead Star, were selected to serve on the Working Group. Members were selected based on their interest, ability to contribute, and a desire to assemble a group with diverse experiences and perspectives on WMA. The Working Group immediately began convening and connecting to clarify the scope of the group’s engagement. The group determined that its purpose would be to examine the present state of WMA and explore and recommend pathways forward that support future success for the organization.

All Working Group members participated in a January 2020 retreat. During the retreat, the group focused on understanding and articulating current challenges and developing strategic priorities for the way forward. Challenges noted for resolution included:

- ◆ The need to evolve towards a culture of excellence that is relevant, inclusive, and purpose-driven
- ◆ Develop a compelling value proposition (Answering: Why join? Why contribute? Why engage?)
- ◆ Improve the current member experience
- ◆ Modernize (streamline structure, professionalize administrative processes/fundraising, update brand image, tell the story better, evolve the membership model and drive new member growth with an innovative recruiting pipeline)
- ◆ Funding the future

In response to these challenges, the group developed a working draft of a three-year strategy, entitled, "Honoring the Past, Excellence for the Future." The strategy articulated this vivid vision for success:

We desire to transform the Women Marines Association so that it becomes the thriving membership organization of choice for female Marines (past, present, and future) looking for camaraderie, mentoring, support, and the opportunity to continue to have a positive impact.

We will:

- ◆ Foster a culture of inclusivity, connection, diversity and belonging
- ◆ Understand, preserve, and share the history of women Marines
- ◆ Provide our Members opportunities to grow, develop and serve together
- ◆ Become recognized, respected, and relevant so women Marines are eager to engage and join and the private sector is aware of our brand and impact

It also provided specific outcomes and goals to quantify success:

We will achieve excellence by:

- ◆ Designing the organization and member experience to be stronger and better fit for impact
- ◆ Modernizing, and improving awareness by living and telling our story in more relevant ways
- ◆ Professionalizing and elevating our operations
- ◆ Raising funds to grow, evolve and sustain excellence and contribution

These strategic actions will contribute to WMA becoming the organization of choice for women Marines, and an organization of impact and value for our country.

Based on the review of current challenges and the emerging strategic priorities, the Working Group realized that it was time for WMA to partner with a professional association management company (AMC) to ensure access to the expertise, best practices and processes necessary to achieve its vision.

The Working Group, via a subcommittee, screened approximately 140 AMC's, narrowing the selection multiple times for heightened levels of follow up by the full group. Ultimately, the Working Group received proposals from four finalist management firms. After an interview and briefing process, the Working Group has selected Virtual, a full service association management company as the best fit partner for WMA moving forward. Multiple debrief sessions and surveys were conducted to ensure all feedback was received, debated, and discussed thoroughly in order to make a confident recommendation to the Board as to the best AMC for partnership.

- ◆ In addition to selecting an AMC partner, the Working Group also evaluated the option of engaging a design firm to lead WMA through a rebranding process. This

extra layer of support was reviewed due to the strong need for WMA to transform how it engages both with members and external audiences (prospective members, donors, and communities) in telling its story and sharing the value it brings to members and society. It will be critical for WMA to elevate its brand image, storytelling, and stakeholder engagement to achieve future success.

The Working Group will likely dissolve into action committees focused on:

- ◆ Onboarding Virtual, the AMC partner, effectively
- ◆ Rebranding and better telling the WMA story
- ◆ Improving the WMA member experience

BIG CHANGES AHEAD

As you can read in the President's message in this issue, the WMA National Board of Directors has approved a pathway ahead for the future of WMA. Your Board set up a Working Group (WG) to make recommendations for the future. With the help of Courtney Lynch, female Marine and co-founder of LeadStar, the WG researched and recommended, and the Board approved, the hiring of a design company and an Association Management Company (AMC). This will help us become a more streamlined organization and take the load off our volunteers; the AMC would take over the "administrivia," freeing up our volunteers while making membership in WMA a more meaningful experience for all. The design company will help us tell our great story in a way that will make a difference to future members and donors. This will, of course, cost money. We do have funds to cover this, but we'll be eating into our "seed corn." The AMC will assist in fund raising, but we won't see much return on our investment for at least a year and maybe two.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our national Convention and Professional Development Conference in Omaha this year. I'm asking you to think about the money you would have spent on transportation, food, lodging, and incidentals to attend the convention and consider using the enclosed envelope to donate that amount, or whatever you're comfortable with, to WMA to help us move forward into an exciting future. If you were not planning on attending convention, please consider a donation anyway. The first 200 donors of \$200 or more will receive the Omaha 60th anniversary coin and a special certificate recognizing the donor as a part of "Honoring the Past, Evolving into the Future." The first donors who send in \$60 (but less than \$200) will also get something special. All donors of funds, regardless of amount and if received by 10 November 2020, will receive the special certificate.

And of course, if the pandemic affected you, your family and/or your livelihood, we'll understand you can't contribute right now. Know that our thoughts are with you and that WMA grants may be able to help you. Check your Resource Manual and Directory page 19 for



how to apply. And you can still be a part of this exciting future by contributing your thoughts and ideas. You will likely receive a survey on this topic – please take a few minutes to answer it. If you don't see the survey, please provide your thoughts and ideas by the 10th of November 2020 to policy@womenmarines.org or to the mailing address on the envelope enclosed. We can use positive suggestions on what to do to update the organization and keep us relevant, improving, and growing.

Sincere thanks to the WG and all that's been done so far as well as to the Past National Presidents and the Board for recognizing the need for and supporting this major change for WMA. More to follow...

Semper Fidelis!
Carol Mutter
Past National President

Life Member in Running for U.S. Senate



LtCol Amy McGrath, Ret, former Marine fighter pilot, and WMA life member, succeeded in winning the Kentucky Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate. She will now go up against Republican Mitch McConnell for the seat in November.

(This is just an announcement not a political ad!)

Speaking of retired pilots... Attention Area 7!



Your Area Director got married to this handsome guy and changed her name!
This one we can pronounce!

*Congratulations To
Jenifer And Peter
Matheson!*

CHAPTER CLIPPING

NE-1 ~ Lady Leathernecks

The Nebraska Lady Leathernecks have met twice lately. Once for a masked, social distancing photo op, and once for an online game night on HouseParty. We are all disappointed with the cancellation of the Convention, but that's not going to stop us from having a good time! OOHRAH!

Kat Montira



Recognition and Awards 2020

In conjunction with the 2020 convention being cancelled, the Recognition and Awards (R&A) portion is also cancelled. The next R&A will take place at the 2022 Las Vegas convention and will cover the years 2018 through 2022. If you currently are a chapter in possession of a perpetual award, you will continue to remain in possession of the award until the next R&A takes place. If you have sent anything to the Las Vegas R&A team, they will be returning it to you unjudged.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in 2022!

CHAPTER CLIPPING

CA-3 ~ San Francisco Bay Area

Greetings to all from the San Francisco Bay Area. Hope everyone is staying safe. Not much to report this quarter. A lot of the Bay Area is still under shelter in place directives, and we have not been able to meet face to face. Our events are being cancelled – no 4th of July parade this year. No gatherings. We keep in touch via weekly emails.

Many of our members are retired. Those members stay home more than before. Many are unable to visit friends and relatives. It can be lonely, and we try to keep each other's spirits up. Some of our members are essential workers and have continued to report to work every day under the new guidelines. Some of our members continued to work, but from home. Some of the home working members are being recalled to the workplace. Some of us simply lost our jobs. In some cases, only a temporary loss, until the business can reopen. We are all not under the same restrictions - depending on which county we live in, as some counties have had to slow their re-opening. But we are keeping in touch with each other and looking forward to gathering once again.

Unfortunately, and with a heavy heart, I must report the passing of one of our long-time members. Barbara Naas reported to her final command on 14 May 2020. Barbara enlisted in the Marine Corps on April 26th, 1950, serving until September 23rd, 1954, when she was discharged as a Sergeant. She was a clerk-typist, serving at Parris Island, Henderson Hall, and Treasure Island. One of her duties was being assigned to the Colonel who was the editor of *Leatherneck Magazine*! Besides being a longtime member of CA-3, Barbara was also the Historian of CA-3 for several years. At the Biennial Conventions, Barbara won the coveted first place banner for her work on the CA-3 History Book on more than one occasion. Barbara rarely missed a meeting, and was one of our guiding lights when marching in the 4th of July Parade thru downtown Redwood City. While marching along, whenever we marched in front of an announcing booth, the announcer made a point of saying that Redwood City resident Barbara Naas was a Marine Corps veteran marching in the parade. The last couple of years she did ride in one of the military vehicles rather than marching, but she was there.



Susan Johnston

2020 WMA VIRTUAL FUN RUN/WALK – OMAHA

Marines don't do things without a little healthy competition and fun!

Join your fellow Marines across the country in the 2020 WMA Virtual Fun Run/Walk. This is a motivational challenge, no specific distance required. Sponsor: NE-1 Convention Committee. Participation is easy and for all age levels!

Take Selfie/Chapter Pic/Video

Don your commemorative t-shirts or other P.T. gear and get out and take a selfie picture, chapter photo, or a video during your Fun Run/Walk. ***Gatherings should be based on allowable CDC guidelines for COVID-19 Pandemic for your area.***

Submit Pictures to:

- **NE1@WOMENMARINES.ORG** **SUBJECT LINE:** VIRTUAL FUN RUN - and title of your photo (e.g. Your name; member-at-large or name of chapter; or National WMA Officer Title)
- **ADD:** YOUR RETURN ADDRESS AND PHOTO
- **Submit No Later Than:** 2 Sep 2020

Commemorative Convention T-SHIRTS

If you wish to have your commemorative convention t-shirt/gear, order by **JULY 12TH, 2020** -- at the following link: **<https://tinyurl.com/ycryflpr>**. The shirts anticipated delivery is early August. Shirts are not mandatory to participate.

Picking the Winners

September 3rd to 6th, individual contest pictures will be added to our Facebook “Oohrah to Omaha” page. WMA members and associates will have the opportunity to vote for **OVERALL Best Individual Picture**.

Convention Committee will be choosing best picture for:

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY

- Most Athletic Most Gung Ho
- Most Creative Most Boot

CHAPTER/GROUP CATEGORY

- Best Chapter/Group pic

NATIONAL CATEGORY

- Best National Board Member



PRIZES:

***Overall Individual winner** - will receive commemorative convention coin and \$40 in Omaha steaks plus bragging rights

***Individual Winners** - will receive commemorative convention coin and a gift from the 2020 convention raffle items

***Best Chapter/Group winners** - will receive bragging rights and 12 commemorative convention coins for their chapter members

***Best National Board Member** - 5 commemorative convention coins

***** **Winners will be announced Monday Sep 7** *****

Life Member Perishes on Historic Trip

Angela Madsen was living a dream. The three-time Paralympian, Marine veteran, and life member of WMA (CA-5) since 2015, was rowing 2,500 miles across the Pacific Ocean to Hawaii. She was trying to become the first paraplegic, first openly gay athlete, and oldest woman (60) to tackle the trip. ALONE.

Unfortunately, after not hearing from her for 24 hours, a German cargo ship found her floating in the water, tethered to her boat, RowofLife. She reported earlier that she had to get in the water to fix her anchor because a storm was coming. And that's the last time anyone heard from her. She had made it halfway to Hawaii. Had she made it, it would have taken her four months.

Angela enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1979 and became an MP at El Toro. She also played center on the All-Marine women's basketball team. During one game in 1980, someone tripped her and someone else landed feet first on her lower back. Two of her discs ruptured in her lumbar spine, ending her Marine Corps career. Then, a botched surgery in 1993 paralyzed her from the waist down.

The military refused to pay her medical bills. This left her homeless. She ended up living on the streets and then out of a storage locker at Disneyland.



Her life turned around when she discovered adaptive sports after a rehabilitation program at the VA Long Beach Healthcare System.

She started rowing in 1997 and was so motivated that she started an adaptive rowing program.

She earned spots on the U.S. Paralympic teams in 2008 as a rower, 2012 and 2016 as a track and field athlete. She won the bronze medal in shot put at London in 2012.

Angela has the distinction of being the only person in the world to complete four ocean rowing crossings of three oceans, and to have rowed a circumnavigation of Great Britain, and laid claim to 14 Guinness World Record titles in rowing. She is also the only paraplegic to surf in the women's world championships of longboard surfing in Biarritz, France, making the 2015 US ISA adaptive surf team.

Before her passing, Angela founded and ran a non-profit adaptive rowing program in Long Beach, the California Adaptive Rowing Program. In 2013 she released a book called "Rowing Against the Wind" and is a 20 year board member of the California Paralyzed Veterans. She leaves behind her wife Deb, and five grandchildren.

"I do know that whatever my purpose is in this life, my differently-abled, physically-challenged, broken-down, beaten-up body seems to be the vehicle required for me to achieve it. . . I am purpose driven; I may suffer pain and not walk upright in this life, but when I go home, I will not suffer the walk through the gate. I can live with that. If I could go back and change things, I would not. It would be nice not to have to suffer so much pain but, hey, that's just the way it is. . . In the beginning, I was angry. But now, I completely



understand." ~ excerpt from Angela's memoir, "Rowing Against the Wind"

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CHAPTER CLIPPINGS

CA-7 ~ Edith Macias Vann Southern California

On May 9, 2020, Chapter Chaplain Charlene Itchkawich did the honor of installing and swearing in our new executive board via ZOOM. The new elected official for Edith Macias Vann Southern California are: President, Iris Biggers; Vice President, Melinda Willett; Secretary, Brenda Hockenhuill; Treasurer, Lillian "Lil" Cross.

We are happy to welcome two new members to our chapter - Darla Dunning and Maria Morales.

We are sad to announce the passing of Lillian "Lee" Tusa (August 28, 1933 -May 31, 2020). Lee joined CA7 in 1992 and has been a very active member. Lee was currently our Historian and has held several board titles and served on various committees. Lee Tusa served active duty enlisted in the United States Marine Corps from 1952 - 1954. "I'm proud to have served in our beloved Corps; in my heart I am and shall always be a Marine," said Lee in an interview with the *Baltimore Sun*.

Since May, several members of our chapter and Loyal Escorts have been volunteering at Veterans Association of North County (VANC) for their monthly food drive. We are packaging and distributing food to our local military community of active duty, veterans and veteran's caregivers. We are happy to participate and will continue to assist monthly.

Due to COVID 19, our chapter is following state and local guidelines. Since May, our meetings are conducted via ZOOM. We would like to acknowledge chapter member Barbara Cogburn for volunteering and doing all that is needed for our ZOOM meeting. Barbara sets the meeting up, sends out emails and helps those with connection issues. New technology is here for people to stay connected and our chapter is embracing it.

We will continue to contact chapter members each month to check in on them - how are they doing, do they need anything, being of service to our sisters. ~ *Iris Biggers*

TN-1 ~ Rocky Top

Nine Rocky Top chapter members and one Loyal Escort met at Big Ed's Pizza Restaurant in Oak Ridge on 22 February to celebrate the 77th Anniversary of the Women's Reserves. Big Ed was a Marine veteran and his family has continued to operate the business since his passing. Much Marine memorabilia is featured in the restaurant.

We were happy that our 96 year young WWII Member Eileen Morgan Neiler was able to attend. At this time we also welcomed new member Elisabeth Carr to our ranks. We hope every is staying safe through this "new norm." ~ *Barbara Chagnon*



Pam, Barbara, Eileen, Pearl, Teresa, Deb, Lindsay, Doris, Laura, and Elisabeth

MOLLY MARINES



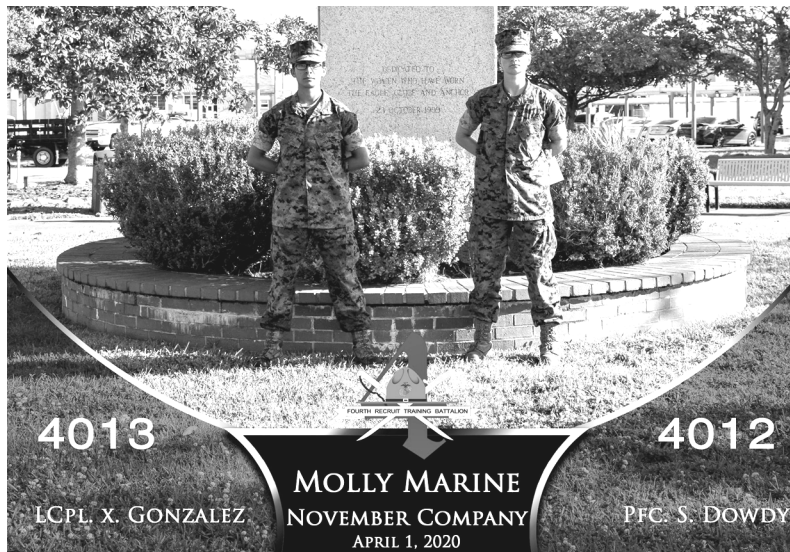
Platoon 2032
PFC Araceli
Soberanisradilla
Waukegan, IL
Graduation: 22 May 2020



Platoon 3032
PFC D.E. Croxton
Graduation: 29 April 2020



Platoon 4013
LCpl Xitlali Gonzalez
Oak Hills, CA
Graduation: 3 April 2020



Platoon 4012
PFC Savannah Dowdy
Cary, NC
Graduation: 3 April 2020

No Photos for:

Platoon 2024 - Pvt Megan A. Phillips, O'Fallon, MO, Graduation: 24 April 2020
 Platoon 3040 - PFC Heyddy Vaca-Vargas, Raleigh, NC, Graduation: 29 May 2020
 Platoon 4014 - PFC Alicia M. Moreno, Worcester, MA, Graduation: 10 April 2020
 Platoon 4015 - PFC Elizabeth Velasco, Huntington Park, CA, Graduation: 10 April 2020
 Platoon 4018 - PFC Teresa D. Amaya, Katy, TX, Graduation: 8 May 2020
 Platoon 4019 - Pvt Morgan M. Hoffman, Philadelphia, PA, Graduation: 8 May 2020

WMA Scholarship Recipients

Sopak Scholarship



Laura Beltran
Sponsor: Friend,
Claudia Ovalles



Jacquelyn Clark
Sponsor:
Grandmother,
Patricia Dance



Erin Cutts
Sponsor: Mother,
Elizabeth Cutts



Eden Hand
Sponsor: Friend,
Laura Brown



Sarah Kersten
Sponsor: Friend,
Roxanna Barnes



Marie Marte
Self Sponsor
WMA Member



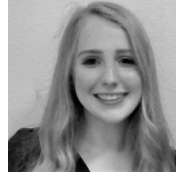
Roan O'Leary
Sponsor:
Grandmother,
Janice Calden



Chase Ritter
Sponsor: Mother,
Sharon Siebold



Parker Ritter
Sponsor: Mother,
Sharon Siebold



Megan Sally
Sponsor: Mother,
Greer Shannon



Jessica Rupp
Sponsor: Mother,
Patricia Rupp



Kathryn Wilson
Sponsor: Friend,
Lelia Jackson

Memorial Scholarship



Kayris Baggett
Sponsor: Friend,
Jenifer Matheson



Anthony Calbough
Sponsor: Friend,
Laura Brown



Gianna Torinese
Sponsor: Mother,
Angela Marie
Torinese



Jonathan Weik
Sponsor: Aunt,
Barbara Sue
McCurtis



Sydney Weik
Sponsor: Aunt,
Barbara Sue
McCurtis



Sydney Wilson
Sponsor: Friend,
Lelia Jackson

Herrero Winners



Jenn Calaway
Sponsor: Friend,
Ann Forsythe



Reganne Lambert
Sponsor: Grandmother,
Janell Heathcock



Robin Payton
Sponsor: Friend,
Laura Sampsel



Amaria White

Hokanson



Mikaela Brown
Sponsor: Friend,
Roxanna Barnes



Bailey Hardiman
Self Sponsor
WMA Member



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Gabrielle Nicoll
Sponsor: Friend,
Golda Fabian



Ditmore
Haley Moses
Sponsor: Friend,
Jenifer Matheson



Fallen Warrior
Brandon Burrow
Sponsor: Mother,
Sarah Deal



Barbara Forester
Lily Cuellarsola
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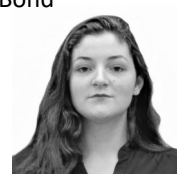
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Heidi Hurley



Guveyan
Ashton Aguirre
Sponsor: Mother,
Antoniette Aguirre



Loyal Escorts
Asia Stephenson
Sponsor: Mother,
Andrene Stephenson



Wiebke
Monique Martineau
Sponsor: Mother,
Diane Martineau

Scholarship Thank You

April 16, 2020

Dear President Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower,

I am honored to be a recipient of the 2020 Agnes Sopcak Memorial Scholarship at Temple University, and I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support to women veterans. These scholarships commemorate the sacrifices endured and valor displayed by women who have served in our Corp and to recognize our increasing role in the military.

I am a freshman majoring in Glass Art, Art Education, and minoring in Art Entrepreneurship, and I hope to one day work to create the eagle, globe, and anchor in glass art that could be used as an outside sculpture. At some point, I want to start my own business, and this will give me the chance towards prosperity. With the coronavirus pandemic and quarantine situation, I have started making facemasks for family and friends.

Your scholarship has opened a door and the prospect of a brighter future and will play a key role in shaping me into a successful artist in the future. Women Marines Association is making life brighter for us women veterans and I can only hope that one day, I too will be able to bring a smile to another veteran.

I cannot express my gratitude enough, and I want you to know that your generous support will see me achieve my dreams. It has been a long time since 4th Recruit Training Battalion 69th Women Marines Anniversary celebration and hope you are doing well. My injury has slowed me down, but like our women veterans I am a fighter. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Maria Marte

April 14, 2020

Dear Women Marines Association,

It is with the utmost gratitude that I accept the \$5,000 2020 Florida Forester Memorial Scholarship. Your thoughtful generosity has allowed me to continue my education without financial strain or stress. It is relieving to not only myself, but also my family to have the weight of paying for college lifted from our shoulders.

As I continue at Wellesley College, I will be able to focus on what matters most to me: education.

Thank you again for this truly life-changing gift.

Sincerely,
Lily Cuellarsola
Wellesley College
Class of 2022

Marine Corps Junior ROTC Awards

(Due to the coronavirus, many of the schools were closed and did not have award banquets. The following cadets were notified of their award virtually.)



Cadet LCpl Madeline Mochmer
Belton High School
Belton, TX



Cadet Captain Eva Cervantes
Desert Hot Springs
High School, CA



Cadet Captain Aolani Davis
Jean Ribault High School
Jacksonville, FL

Cadet PFC Sharon Albert, J.R. Tucker High School, VA
Cadet Cpl Edna Arteaga, Ross S. Sterling High School, TX
Cadet Marcia Barbosa, William E. Tolman High School, RI
Cadet Rita Barrera, Fort Mill High School, SC
Cadet Kayla Cassel, A. Crawford Mosley High School, FL
Cadet Sgt Jessica Escobar, Gar-Field High School, VA
Cadet SSgt Rieley Fair, Tullahoma High School, TN
Cadet Jaime Geller, Olympic Heights Comm. High School, FL
Cadet Kara Grimes, Glynn Academy, GA
Cadet Naiimi Guerrero, John F. Kennedy High School, CA
Cadet Shannon Hendricks, Apopka High School, FL
Cadet SSgt Gayla Hines, Mountain View High School, VA
Cadet Samantha Huston, Midway High School, TX
Cadet SgtMaj Jaedyn Johnson, Daniel Boone High School, TN
Cadet 2ndLt Kamryn Johnson, Northeast High School, MD
Cadet Hagan Lamm, Hereford High School, TX
Cadet Gysgt Jennifer Landa, John C. Fremont High School, CA
Cadet Victoria Martinez, McAllen Memorial High School, TX
Cadet Jacob Mendiaz, Pocomoke High School, MD
Cadet Zungira Noman, Royal High School, CA
Cadet GySgt Yarianna Ortiz-Irizarry, Gateway High School, FL
Cadet SSgt Taylor Parrish, Horn Lake High School, MS
Cadet Devin Radford, South Stokes High School, NC
Cadet Garin Reese, Watauga High School, NC
Cadet Annai Ribio, Edgewater High School, FL
Cadet Sgt Alannah Sanger, First State Military Academy, DE
Cadet SSgt Mackenzie Vargas, Redondo Reunion High School, CA
Cadet Sgt Laisha Villallia, Rio Grande High School, NM

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CHAPTER CLIPPING

LA-1 ~ Molly Marine

On May 8, the Molly Marine chapter received a thank you letter from the Military Officer Wives Club (MOWC) for a generous donation that we made to them. With that donation we helped the MOWC raise \$10,000! 100% of the money went to the Navy Sea Cadet Corps, the Young Marines of Plaquemines Parrish, the Bastion Community of Resilience, and the New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy.

During the month of May, LA-1 member Dalia Robles invited all members of the Molly Marine chapter to participate in the LA-1 Quarantine Virtual 500 Miles Challenge. The window for completion was May 11-25. There was mass participation from the chapter members! The challenge consisted of the chapter members completing 500 miles as a group in two weeks. Members could run, jog, or walk (for those who cannot run). On Monday, May 25, the chapter finished with 515.28 miles!! Way to go ladies, and Semper Fidelis! Notable members and Loyal Escorts who participated: Dalia Robles, April and Diane Austin, Dee and Felix Romero, Janet Heriot, Laurie Tibbetts, Angela Merrell, Teresa Anderson, Patricia Hutter, Jennifer Griffin, Nora Huete, Maysee Yang, Tashal Williams, Jacqui Warrington, Mary Draughn, and Allison Stein.

Sarah Park

Reporting In...Immediate Past President Officer Nominations



With the cancellation of the 2020 Convention, it leaves us with an unusual circumstance. Normally, elections would take place at convention; however, since we are unable to get together this year, we will be holding elections via ballot. While we are still working out the details (we should be sending a direct note to all members based on their address on file), we wanted to inform as many people as possible that nominations are currently being accepted for all positions on the Board for the Loyal Escorts.

As with every year, all positions are open to all members of the Loyal Escorts. If you are interested in serving on the board, please e-mail the Immediate Past President at IPP@loyalescorts.org - please provide a brief bio introducing yourself and any qualifications that would make you a valuable addition to the team. Nominations will remain open until July 31, 2020. The following are the current positions on the board, and the term for these positions is two years:

- ◆ President - Provides leadership and presides over board meetings
- ◆ Vice President - Backup to President
- ◆ Treasurer - Finance/Bookkeeping background Preferred
- ◆ Secretary - Organization Skills / Application Processing
- ◆ 3 Directors - Attends and provides input at board meetings, volunteers for miscellaneous committees, etc.

We are also always looking for persons who might be interested in serving as our Parliamentarian.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out via email IPP@loyalescorts.org. As always, bylaws and additional information are always available at <http://loyalescorts.org>.

Michael Pearce

WMA Chaplain's Corner

July has not dawned with the promise we had hoped for. So many people sick, so many people divided by the events of the last month, which has led to rioting and destruction of property. We need to pray, pray, pray. Pray that our leaders rise to the occasion and work for calm and the greater good of this country. I never thought I would witness the division we see in the entire US. I was a teenager in the early 60's in the North. I watched with horror at what was happening in the south. This is no longer a North-South issue. Just like the virus is a pandemic, racial inequality is a pandemic of the soul and economy. I have lived and worked with many ethnic groups, races, and colors and never found one to be different than me in fundamental beliefs. This is truly the summer of our discontent. God help us all.



Eileen Skahill

"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." ~ Marcus Tullius Cicero

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:

ABOUT MYSELF

How did you hear about the Loyal Escorts?

Recruited By:

WMA Newsletter is sent electronically to members with an email

SIGNATURES

Signature of member:

Date:

**Make checks payable to Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter
Mail to: Isaac Brazile, 3518 Whitestone Dr., Pearland, TX 77584**

Annual Reports - Board Members

National President

- ◆ Attended and coordinated Board conference calls to conduct the business of WMA
- ◆ Voted on all ballots
- ◆ Managed 2020 Convention Planning Coordination to include its cancellation and its "virtual convention" activities
- ◆ Coordinated 2022 Convention to include a trip to Las Vegas for a site visit and assisted in contract negotiations with the LV-3 chapter and 2022 Convention Team
- ◆ Visited chapters in Michigan
- ◆ Acted as Installing Officer for the FL-12 Chapter in Ocala, FL while visiting with other FL chapters, Area 3 Director as well as local MCL Detachment
- ◆ Installed new officers of the LA-1 Molly Marine Chapter
- ◆ Published holiday and wellness messages in support of all WMA members
- ◆ Participated in chapter Zoom calls to initiate better member communication especially during the COVID-19 Pandemic
- ◆ Wrote quarterly National President columns in 'Nouncements providing the membership with updates on the status of WMA happenings
- ◆ Coordinated partnership with Leadstar Consultant Firm
- ◆ Assisted in the establishment of a special Working Group that wrote new draft Strategy Plan
- ◆ Participated in an onsite Working Group Meeting in Washington, DC as well as several conference call meetings as part of the Working Group's task to develop WMA's Way Forward Plan
- ◆ Provided updates from the Working Group to the Board of Directors (BOD) to include getting BOD approval to fund the hiring of an Association Management Company (AMC) along with a Design Firm to support the WMA Way Forward
- ◆ Continued to play an active role in the Working Group's Transition Team with new AMC as well as a member of the WMA Board of Directors and new Interim Board

Rhonda Lebrescu-Amtower

Immediate Past President

- ◆ Provided background information on Opha M. Johnson Landscape to President, WMA (May 2020).
- ◆ Offered opinion on proposed revision of 2020 Slate of Officers (April 2020).
- ◆ Provided input on serving in the Marine Corps (as an African American female) to a Master's degree researcher.
- ◆ Attended burial memorial for Marine Brown with TX WMA Chapters at Fort Houston National Cemetery.
- ◆ Attended San Antonio 244th Citywide Marine Corps Birthday.
- ◆ Attend Marine Corps League Alamo Detachment 315 (as available).
- ◆ Attend WMA teleconference calls (as available).
- ◆ Attend Monthly Texas Marine Corps events in New Braunfels, Texas (as available).
- ◆ Attend local WMA Chapter meetings (as available).

Betty Moseley Brown

1st Vice President

- ◆ Liaised with 10 Area Directors to facilitate the main mission of recruitment, fundraising, and activation of new chapters in their area of responsibility.
- ◆ Conducted three (3) quarterly training calls with Area Directors engaging in constant communication with focused agenda items and follow up deadlines.
- ◆ Participated in National quarterly BOD teleconference calls.
- ◆ Voted on multiple ballots presented to the BOD's during 1 Sept - 30 June.
- ◆ Reviewed and approved multiple check release authorizations for WMA vendors, Area Directors, various WMA appointed billets.
- ◆ Attended OR-1's Anniversary celebration in Feb 2020 as their Guest Of Honor.
- ◆ Assisted MCL and VFW members in securing an appropriate Guest Of Honor for their 2020 Marine Corps Birthday celebration.
- ◆ Facilitated the disbandment (retirement) of three chapters.
- ◆ Assisted Loyal Escort President with creative ideas to build membership and trust within the WMA auxiliary.
- ◆ Participated in multiple chapter zoom calls in order to check the motivation of the Chapter Officers and their chapter members during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- ◆ Attended military events in Norfolk, VA, Jacksonville, NC, and San Antonio and Houston to promote the Women Marine Association.

Angela Maness

2nd Vice President

- ◆ Direct liaison and coordination between WMA and Marine Corps League for all Marine Military Expos.
- ◆ Participated in teleconferences as scheduled by the national president to assist with BOD decisions and planning.
- ◆ Participated in the mid-year and annual review of the budget by making recommendations on budget adjustments for programs that report to the 2VP.
- ◆ Participated in the Interim Board of Director's (IBM) meeting by briefing information and/or items of concern of program representatives that fall under the 2vp, as well as annual convention planning.
- ◆ Continued to support efforts related to the Women of the Corps Collection (WOCC) to draft a plan to transfer the WOCC to the Women of the Corps Foundation and provided updates and briefs to assist the BOD with decisions regarding the collection
- ◆ Corresponded with committee chairs who report to 2nd Vice President on issues/progress and provided assistance as needed.

Jeannine Franz

3rd Vice President

- ◆ Installed as 3VP on April 3, 2019. Completed term of the previous 3VP.
- ◆ Updated Reimbursement Request form.
- ◆ Worked with Treasurer on transitioning financials to the new Admin Support Contractor.
- ◆ Worked with Treasurer on mid-year budget review

and new budget preparation.

- ◆ Participated in the National Board of Directors conference calls.
- ◆ Attended Interim Board Meeting.
- ◆ Responded to formal ballots.
- ◆ Processed reimbursement claims.

Pat Lewis

Secretary

- ◆ Work with and support our National President on administrative issues
- ◆ Support monthly BOD conference calls
- ◆ Prepare BOD ballots for voting and accountability.
 - * WMA BOD voted on 35 ballots since 2019 IBM
 - * Ballot Ratification since 2019 IBM
- ◆ Maintain the BOD Directory & Contacts
- ◆ Maintain the Chapter Charter listing and Chapter binders to include preparing new charters.
- ◆ Added four new chapters to WMA:
NC-6 Cape Fear VA-3 Hampton Roads (reinstated)
MO-3 St Louis Area Marines VA-4 Central VA Marines
- ◆ Retired the following chapters:
PA-3 Mountain Laurel Chapter
NJ-3 New Jersey Devil Dogs
OK-1 Oklahoma Sooners (ballot is open)
- ◆ Work with chapters and the Bylaws Committee in amending Chapter Bylaws and Standing Rules of those chapters who wish to update the current document.
- ◆ Provide copies of Chapter Charters, Bylaws, and Standing Rules upon request and posting to a shared folder on the WMA Google Drive.
- ◆ Serve on the SOP Review Committee maintaining and publishing the WMA SOP.
- ◆ Maintain the WMA Bylaws and Standing Rules master documents for the RM&D.
- ◆ Maintain and update the Action Item List.
- ◆ Maintain the Scholarship Procedures master document (additional duty as serving on the Scholarship Committee) for the RM&D and the WMA website.
- ◆ Prepare the electronic eBinder for the 2019 IBM BOD meetings.
- ◆ Attended, prepared, and published the BOD and Business Meetings minutes from the 2019 IBM held in Omaha, NE.
- ◆ Respond to requests for budget reviews.
- ◆ Work with and support National Headquarters issues.
- ◆ Work with the Treasurer and auditors for review of WMA audit requirements.
- ◆ WMA's Registered Agent for the State of Missouri.
- ◆ Currently moving official files to the Google Drive under Secretary's Drive in preparation for future National Secretary.
- ◆ Other miscellaneous duties and assignments as directed

Mary Ellen Stone

Treasurer

The year started off in a flurry of change. The administration Contractor resigned, and WMA hired OrgSpt to handle the various administrative and financial needs of the organization.

The attempt to use the outdated 166 line chart of accounts and the older version of QuickBooks led to the need

to open an entirely new set of books while maintaining the outdated format for historical use.

The new chart of account is in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Procedures (GAAP). It is arranged in 10 classes to allow the Board of Directors (BOD) the ability to view the overall financial income and expenditures of the organization, instead of the individual 18 Board members expenses at general items and separately their board expenses.

During this period, the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) has agreed that there will be a set scholarship amount of \$50K; vice the uncertainty of basing each year's expenditures on investment interest. This allows the scholarship committee to act on the submissions quickly and with accuracy.

The changeover of the membership database, and the lack of corresponding website sharing, led to the creation of a new database, and additional costs in trying to update the website. This lack of accurate numbers of term, life, and deceased members has led to a delay to account for the amount of funds to be moved for the various categories. The CFRB report is in limbo awaiting these membership numbers.

As an outcome of the Interim Board Meeting held in Omaha in Aug 2019, a special project Working Group (WG) independent of the board was established and funds in the amount of \$35K were allocated.

The WG has been exploring the possibility of moving from an admin contractor to an actual Association Management Company (AMC). As treasurer I have been involved in the Zoom meetings with various possible companies.

With the pandemic causing the cancellation of the 2020 Convention in Omaha, this will have an effect on the upcoming budget year.

So, as we move into 2020-2021, the Working Group will determine a Board of Directors reorganization to submit for approval of elected officials. The usual elections have been delayed for the restructure to take form.

Change is continuing to allow growth and future potential.

Peggy Reiber

Membership Secretary

- ◆ Appointed to serve as the 2019-2020 Membership Secretary
- ◆ Served on the Membership Committee
- ◆ Served on the WMA Working Group
- ◆ Communicated with the chapters and area directors
- ◆ Encouraged members to update their information for the database via the website
- ◆ Sent out email reminders for chapters to submit articles for 'Nouncements.
- ◆ Sent out quarterly rosters to all area directors
- ◆ Informed chaplain, chapters and area directors of any death notices
- ◆ Answered membership queries via email and/or telephone
- ◆ Called/emailed members to resolve new/renewal membership issues
- ◆ Called/emailed members to resolve contact information issues
- ◆ Attended the 2019 IBM in Omaha
- ◆ Participated in monthly/quarterly BOD calls/meetings
- ◆ Proposed new membership concepts to BOD

- ◆ Performed duties of the MSEC and coordinated with Org Support to refine administrative processes related to membership/membership database changes

Jennifer Homan

Area Directors

Area 1 Director

July 2019:

- ◆ Assisted NY Assemblywoman, Pamela Hunter, with a white paper on the process of honoring the WWII female veterans with their WWII Victory Medal and American Service Campaign Medal.
- ◆ Supported a female Marine working on a bill for the Legislative Branch regarding MST by introducing her to several NY State representatives.
- ◆ Facilitated and participated in the local Vet-to-Vet program as it launched its first female veteran program in CT.

August 2019:

Supported and participated in the annual motorcycle run fundraiser for Captain Jennifer Harris scholarship with MA-3 Marines.

September 2019:

- ◆ Supported the Cpl Holly Charette Spirit Run with RI-2 Marines.
- ◆ Set up a vendor table for WMA at the annual "Homes for the Brave – Step Out for the Brave" fundraiser event in Bridgeport, CT. (homeless veteran shelter)
- ◆ Attended the NY-6 Cpl Ramona Valdez Chapter's "Octoberfest" event in Queens, NY. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all.

October 2019:

Attended the groundbreaking in RI, along with a few RI-2 Marines, for the RI Gold Star Families Memorial Monument.

November 2019:

- ◆ Guest speaker for the MCL Brass City Waterbury CT Detachment's Birthday Ball as a representative for the WMA.
- ◆ Escorted Cpl Holly Charette's Gold Star parents to the Boston Semper Fi luncheon and introduced them to the new Commandant of the Marine Corps and other Gold Star families.
- ◆ November 9th I organized the 4th annual CT Veterans Day Patriot Race. We've raised over \$20,000 in 4 years with the CT WMA as beneficiaries.

December 2019:

- ◆ Sent out the annual holiday greeting and newsletter to all Area 1 Marines.

January 2020:

Coordinated and attended meetings with several Gold Star families (specifically Cpl Holly Charette's parents) from RI to support their mission of a significant fundraiser for the "RI Gold Star Family Memorial Monument" to be erected at the Veterans Cemetery. Successfully secured the venue and major support team, to include the RI Secretary of State for a major fundraiser campaign and celebratory reception for August 2020. The decision was made to postpone the fundraiser and dedication until 2021 due to the pandemic.

February to current 2020:

Due to epicenter hitting hard in NYC, everything in Area 1 was immediately affected with lockdowns and are still working through the phases of recovery.

- **CT-1 Nutmeg Chapter:** President Jennifer Jackson has held a few Zoom chapter meetings and has planned a female Marine zoom meeting end of July 2020 as a recruitment/introduction to WMA. The Chapter has "adopted" the mission of supporting the "Female Soldiers: Forgotten Heroes" homeless shelter in CT which is partnered with Homes for the Brave. They are actively working on recruitment.
- **MA-1 Bay State Chapter:** President Heidi Hurley has continued to reach out to her chapter members who are all elderly, especially during this pandemic. They want to continue as a chapter until they cannot. These are very spirited and dedicated Marines, and some of the earlier WMA members, are mostly WWII and Korean War veterans.
- **MA-3 Captain Jennifer Harris Chapter:** President Micaila Britto has helped arrange two conference call meetings with her officers to harness the energy of this new chapter and march forward more deliberately. This is the newest chapter in Area 1 and has struggled in getting stable. They supported Food Share programs for veterans and one of the members has made several visits with Gold Star dad Ray Harris (Jennifer Harris' father) during the pandemic to ensure he is well. He loves the WMA! MA-3 will be focusing on recruitment once the COVID restrictions are lifted.
- **NY-6 Corporal Ramona Valdez Chapter:** President Elizabeth Rossi has been a strong influence in the NYC region during this pandemic. The chapter recently hosted a memorial service for their namesake on June 28th at the same square in the Bronx that was named after her a couple years ago (corners of Fordham and Grand Concourse, Bronx) while following CDC guidelines. Cpl Valdez's family was in attendance and appreciates all that WMA has done to remember her. June 23rd marks the 15th anniversary of her KIA. Membership continues to strengthen and grow.
- **NY-7 Long Island Chapter:** President StacyAnn Castro Tapler works with her Marines in supporting homeless female veterans in Long Island. NY-7 has stayed resilient and active during the Covid-19 Pandemic. They do bi-weekly check-ins with their lifetime members. They took in a donation of masks & gloves and mailed them to veterans in need. They ensured that food deliveries were being made and made several donations to women veterans in the Long Island area. They assisted a woman veteran with moving into a more financially stable rent-controlled apartment, helped another get some car repairs done, and even went food shopping for a veteran who lost their job and had surgery. WMA NY-7 is proud to have two of their members serving on the Suffolk County's Women Veterans' Board. On June 12, Suffolk County celebrated its first Women Veterans Appreciation day, and their very own lifetime member Jean Littman was recognized and honored by her legislature and community. Their 2020 5K race is still planned for October 10th and there is a virtual run option available. NY-7 membership continues to strengthen and grow.
- **NY-8 Western New York Chapter:** President Jul Thompson and chapter Marines have been working on partnering with a local high school and college in Buffalo to support their program for low-income housing for female veterans. Created a pilot program "PT with

- Women Marines” on the 15th of each month to bring awareness of WMA in the region but have had little to no interest. NY-8 participated in an interview with local news regarding the new veteran’s dental benefits. The chapter is having difficulty with maintaining and growing new membership. It seems they are attempting to come up with one or two programs that they can all embrace to meet mission but have not had success with implementing them.
- **RI-2 Corporal Holly Charette Chapter:** President Carol Jean Freitas is looking for a few good sister Marines to help RI-2 grow. Some of the leadership have stepped down due to moving and/or full-time school commitments, and they need to secure replacements to be in compliance with WMA By-Laws. RI-2 supports Holly’s parents, Ed and Regina Roberts, with their 5K scholarship race in May as well as the motorcycle ride in September. Once the RI Gold Star Family Memorial Monument project gets underway again, RI-2 will be lending support of that too. The WMA has good visibility in RI; however, they still have difficulty in recruiting new members.

All seven chapters have met their minimum requirements for meetings for FY2020. Recruitment is an issue and a priority with CT-1, MA-1, MA-3, NY-8, and RI-2 Chapters.

Jamie B. DePaola

Area 2 Director

- ♦ **DC-1 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**
dc1@womenmarines.org: This chapter is going strong. Continues a chapter meeting and has outreach programs within the community. The next scheduled meeting is 29 August, which will be an Alternate Convention BBQ.
- ♦ **PA-2 TUN TAVERN** PA2@womenmarines.org: This chapter is going strong. The secretary billet is still vacant. This chapter held a crafting fair to raise money. They also partnered as volunteers with Veterans Coalition of PA (VCOP) for an event held.
- ♦ **PA-4 STEEL CITY MARINES** pa4@womenmarines.org: This chapter is going strong. Their chapter meetings are being scheduled virtual. Meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month.
- ♦ **VA-1 CROSSROADS** va1@womenmarines.org: This chapter is going strong. In February 2020, this chapter celebrated the 77th Anniversary luncheon.
- ♦ **VA-3 HAMPTON ROADS:** VA3@womenmarines.org: This is a brand-new chapter. The chapter is working on care packages for female Marines in the infantry. Chapter is currently planning to attend the Marine Corps League Ball in November 2020. The members have chosen a design for their chapter shirts.
- ♦ **VA-4 Central Virginia Marines**
VA4@womenmarines.org: This is a brand new chapter. The chapter is interested in partnering with the other Virginia chapters to represent the WMA at the state fair.
- ♦ **NJ-3 DEVIL DOGS** has been retired.
- ♦ **PA-3 MOUNTAIN LAUREL** has been retired.
- ♦ **PA-1 SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY:**
pa1@womenmarines.org. Working on better ways to communicate a path forward for the WMA members in the chapter and area.
- ♦ **WV-1 WEST VIRGINIA MARTCOTO**
wv1@womenmarines.org. Working on better ways to

communicate a path forward for the WMA members in the chapter and area.

- ♦ Voted on all issues brought to BOD.
- ♦ Participated in some BOD calls, and provided suggestions as needed.
- ♦ Review the SOP as required.
- ♦ Working with chapters to get all information updated for the RM&D.
- ♦ Offered opinions and suggestions based on experience as needed.
- ♦ Reviewed mid-year budgets and made no changes.
- ♦ Listened in on monthly BOD Teleconferences when able to do so.
- ♦ Chapters worked to update membership, rosters, and by-laws to remain current.
- ♦ Verified all EINs submitted for those that did not submit on time.

Jo-Ellen Schumacher

Area 3 Director

Area 3 has been busy this past year. Here are just some of the things the chapters have accomplished.

The Florida chapters had several joint ventures. We did a joint meeting in July and the Anniversary celebration in Feb.

FL-2 Florida Gulf Coast

- On Feb 8th FL-2 held the Anniversary celebration. AD3 and members from FL-13 were in attendance.
- Held a Christmas luncheon on Dec 14th and stuffed stockings for Female Veterans at Bay Pines VA.
- FL-2 was also in attendance for the Combined Florida meeting and Anniversary celebration.

FL-3 Gold Coast of Florida

- FL-3 has been holding Zoom meetings to keep the motivation going. We have recruited a few new members.
- Last year at the Alexander Nininger State Veterans Nursing Home in Pembroke Pines, we celebrated Armed Forces Day. We are going to do it again this year.
- The North Carolina chapters usually have a booth at the Marine South Expo, but it was canceled this year due to Covid-19.

FL-7 Florida First Coast

- Celebrated the Marine Corps 244th birthday on Nov 2nd. AD3 was in attendance.
- Attended the Florida joint meeting in July.

FL-12 Heart of Florida

- Held the installation of new officers in Feb during the Anniversary celebration. WMA President Rhonda Amtower performed the installing of Officers.
- Participated in the Wreath Across America.

FL-13 Sgt Reckless

- Met on June 20th and packed care packages for Marine units overseas. The chapter packed over 10 boxes for both male and female Marines.
- Hosted the Anniversary celebration for the Florida chapters. The WMA President was in attendance along with other chapters in Florida.
- Participated in Wreaths across America on Dec 14th.
- Attended the Veterans Day celebration. The chapter had a table set up to get the word out about WMA.
- On Oct 13th participated in the DAV 5k. A couple of members ran the 5k, others had a booth set up handing out information on WMA. Erika Summerfield won a medal in her age group.

GA-1 Dogwood Chapter

- ◆ On March 7th the chapter had a great time helping families that need assistance at Sweetwater Mission.
- ◆ On Feb 18th attended Women's Veterans Legislative Day. The chapter met some women Marines.
- ◆ Participated in Wreaths Across America.
- ◆ On Dec 7th worked in the warehouse for Toys for Tots
- ◆ In Nov Johnetta Williams GA1 President was included in the ceremony Honoring War Veterans of the 20th Century. It was a Certificate of Appreciation and Honor Ceremony.
- ◆ Participated in the Veterans day parade on Nov 9th in downtown Atlanta.

GA-2 Semper Sororibus

In July GA-2 held its installation ceremony in a grand ceremony. AD3 installed the officers. This event was also attended by the Base CO and SgtMaj.

NC-1 Tarheel

- ◆ Celebrated Women in the Corps Anniversary on the 14th of March.
- ◆ On Feb 4th our members provided handmade blankets, warm hats, and other items for distribution to veterans in need.

NC-2 Wings

- ◆ I participated in Wreaths across America.
- ◆ On 26 Aug (Women's Equality Day) Holly Prafke was the speaker for the day.
- ◆ On June 20th members of NC2 attended the Salute to Women of the military. All branches passed a present

NC-3 Semper Fi

- ◆ On May 4th held a zoom meeting. The WMA President was in attendance.
- ◆ Feb 15 NC-3 celebrated the 77th Anniversary. NC-3 also made a \$1250 donation to Durham VAMC for activities for both inpatient and outpatient.

NC-5 Port City Marines

- ◆ In July the Chapter participated in the Wilmington women's club 4th annual tea Honoring Women Military Veterans.
- ◆ During the pandemic, NC-5 has held several zoom meetings.

NC-6 Cape Fear

- ◆ NC-6 is a new chapter. They received their charter on 5 Nov 2019. They have hit the ground running. They worked hard to get everything together to make this chapter a reality. Thanks to the leadership of Cassandra McWhinney. These meetings are always posted live so that everyone can attend one way or another. They designed their chapter t-shirts right away.
- ◆ Participated in Wreath Across America.
- ◆ Participated in a Veterans Day parade and celebrated the Marine Corps birthday in their November weekend activities.

SC -2 True Grit

- ◆ 4/22/2020 - Donated \$100.00 to Food Pantry for Veterans in the Charleston, SC area
- ◆ 1/27/2020 - Cooked dinner for Fisher Houseguests
- ◆ 1/8/2020 - Donated coffee supplies to RHJ Medical Center
- ◆ 10/10/2019 - VAVS Annual Joint Review
- ◆ 3/16/2019 - VAVS Committee Meeting
- ◆ 12/16/2019 - VAVS Committee Meeting

- ◆ 9/16/2019 - VAVS Committee Meeting
- ◆ 6/17/2019 - VAVS Committee Meeting
- ◆ 10/30/2019 - \$100.00 donated to the Patient Programming at RHJ VA Medical Center
- ◆ 6/27/2019 - \$100.00 donated to the Patient Programming at RHJ VA Medical Center
- ◆ 6/3/2019 - Donated snacks for guests of Charleston Fisher House
- ◆ 3/27/2019 - Donated CARTA tickets to the RHJ VA Medical Center for Veterans in need
- ◆ 3/20/2019 - Donated blankets, creamer, adult coloring books and colored pencils to RHJ VA Medical Center
- ◆ 1/16/2019 - Donated hygiene items, sugar, cups, and lids to RHJ VA Medical Center

There are a few chapters in Area 3 that are not very active. There may be cause to discuss disbanding a few of them. I am working with a few to see if we can get things going again. Hopefully, after this pandemic, we can move forward.

Patricia Collins

Area 6 Director

Ongoing

- ◆ Participation in a WMA Working Group, facilitator Courtney Lynch from Lead Star, to examine the best courses of action to ensure the WMA's future. This included several Board of Directors teleconferences, votes, and research of several Association Management Companies.
- ◆ Engage with members of Area 6 to stress the importance of updating personal information and continue to help chapters with chapter roster corrections.

Events Conducted

- ◆ 21 September 19: Attended TX-7 Chapter meeting.
- ◆ 1 October 19: Attended TX-2 Chapter meeting.
- ◆ 3 November 19: Attended Marine Corps Ball in Houston, with other WMA members representing LA-1, TX-3, TX-7
- ◆ 10 November 19: Attended Marine Corps Ball in San Antonio with other members representing LA-1, TX-3, TX-6, TX-7
- ◆ 16 November 19: Scheduled a leaving event about the Holocaust at the Houston Holocaust Museum were all members of Area 6 where welcomed.
- ◆ 14 December 19: Represented WMA at Wreaths Across America with members of TX-2 and TX-7.
- ◆ 19 January 20: Participated in a Working Group in Washington D.C.
- ◆ 1 February 20: Attended WMA Anniversary celebration in New Braunfels with members of LA-1, TX-3, TX-6, and TX7.
- ◆ 15 February 20: Attended WMA Anniversary celebration with members of TX-2.
- ◆ 20 February 20: Represented WMA in the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima ceremony and luncheon in Houston.
- ◆ 29 February 20: Attended WMA Anniversary celebration with members of TX-7.

Chapter Status

LA-1 MOLLY MARINE - New Officers. The installation ceremony will be conducted on 11 July 2020.

OK-1 OKLAHOMA SOONERS - has been inactive for several years. As of 26 June 2020, I, as the Area-6 director, have requested our 1stVP to endorse a request for the board of

directors to approve retirement.

OK-2 HEARTLAND - Chapter currently not active; however, a couple of members have been identified to possibly revive the chapter rather than retire. Below are the last known officers that held those positions.

TX-1 LONE STAR STATE - Current with WMA by-laws

TX-5 HEART OF TEXAS - elections have been held and new officers will be announced on 28 June 2020.

TX-2 TEXAS GULF COAST - Installation Ceremony conducted on 24 April 2020.

TX-6 THE GRUENE MARINES - Current with WMA by-laws.

TX-3 SAN ANTONIO ROSE - Current with WMA by-laws.

TX-7 OPHA MAY JOHNSON: New officers.

Rosa M. Osborn

Area 8 Director

- ◆ Supported BOD teleconferences
- ◆ Made liaison visits to chapters in Tucson AZ, Phoenix AZ and Las Vegas NV
- ◆ Conducted installation of officers for Tucson AZ chapter and Las Vegas NV Chapter
- ◆ Reviewed SOP changes as requested
- ◆ Attended: Shiprock (NM), Grants (NM), Laguna Acoma (NM), Tuba City (AZ) High Schools Awards Night and present WMA MCJROTC Award
- ◆ Was the guest speaker at MAG-13's Marine Corps Ball
- ◆ Participated in the site selection visit to Las Vegas for choice of hotel for the 2022 WMA convention
- ◆ Assisted Chapter President/Treasurer in the 990 status updates for their chapters
- ◆ Forwarded info as requested to Area 8 Chapters
- ◆ Responded to member/chapter/WMA email on a variety of topics and/or issues
- ◆ Updated Area-8 Facebook page and chapter Facebook pages
- ◆ No MAL have sent request for information

Patricia Horton

Area 9 Director

In May of 2019, I was appointed as the interim Area 9 Director. I currently reside in Portland, OR and maintain open lines of communication with the chapter members via phone, email, mail correspondence, and two site visits that include Alaska and Washington.

Alaska: Dr. Teresa Stephenson, Life Member, also a member of the Ways and Means Committee, mentioned that she desires to find other women in Alaska that are Marines to connect with. She expressed that Alaska's unique landscape makes it difficult to have meetings. An effort to reconnect with old members in Alaska is now underway. Dr. Stephenson said that she would like to be active in fundraising through the Ways and Means Committee and has requested to be contacted.

OR-1 The Lady Marine Rose Chapter:

This is Heidi, OR-1 President-

Some of our chapter members are getting to an age where they cannot participate as much as they would like. The chapter is working with some old business items such as scholarships and getting our current treasurer trained but besides that, the chapter is doing good. ~ Heidi Tanada

Melanie Morris spearheaded the presentation of the Because She Served Rose to dedicated to the Veterans Affairs Campus newly built Fisher House, Omaha, September 3rd. The Rose will have stakes commemorating Grace A. Carle,

Last Sgt Major of the Women Marines.

Presentation of the Because She Served Rose in the Commandant's Garden will be postponed until pandemic restrictions are lifted. Nanci Viser is spearheading these efforts and the dedication will be in honor of all women that have served, are serving, and will serve in the future.

WA-3 North Puget Sound Chapter:

We are small but functioning--we can show minutes and Treasurer's reports. Our outreaches are the VA clinic coffee and decorating, as well as care packages.

Peggy Reiber is our VAVs rep in Seattle and attends quarterly meetings and Bettie Glassey is a regular volunteer in the Audiology Clinic at the VA Clinic in Mt Vernon. Of course, during the Pandemic, we have been put on hold but will be back to volunteering when we are back to normal. Cristi Erickson has also been volunteering at the college she was working at.

No turnover concerns--other than Pandemic. Members are periodically contacted via phone, email, and cards sent. So far, all members are doing well. Our plan is to meet for tea and a short meeting as soon as it is safe to do so and all members feel comfortable with the plan.

MALs--do not know that we have received any input. As far as I know, we have no members at large at this point. There have been a couple of inquiries - one from Idaho and one from southern Washington. Email was sent to the member in Idaho with no response that I am aware of. The inquiring person in southern WA was encouraged to contact Portland as that would have been a closed chapter for her. I have not heard if that has happened.

Bettie Glassey

OR-3 Eager Beavers

There have been a couple of changes in our board structure as of January 2020. We have also added 2 new members.

Karen L Reeves

OR-3 is looking forward to growing their chapter. As AD9 I have reached out to a new member that would like to join and bring four more young women Marines to the chapter.

Jacqueline Caputi

Appointed Officers

Parliamentarian & Bylaws Chair

Parliamentarian Report

- ◆ Researched and answered several parliamentary inquiries
- ◆ Reviewed 3 ballots for accuracy before submitting for vote Recommended/selected new member for the Bylaws Committee
- ◆ Nominated a candidate (Angela Merrell) for the position of SOP Chair
- ◆ Reviewed revisions to the Bylaws and Standing Rules with the Board of Directors during the IBM in Omaha, NE 23-25Aug19
- ◆ Reviewed changes and corrections made to the Bylaws and Standing Rules that were recommended/suggested from the IBM in Omaha, NE 23-25Aug19

Bylaws Chair Report

- ◆ Reviewed/approved Bylaws and Standing Rules for four (4) newly formed Chapters (NV-3, CA-16, MI-4, and TX-8)

- ♦ Reviewed/approved amended Bylaws and Standing Rules for TX-2
- ♦ Reviewed and provided chops for WMA rewrite of Bylaws/Standing Rules
- ♦ Drafted an amendment to the Bylaws regarding resignation of office
- ♦ Reviewed/approved Bylaws and Standing Rules for NC-6 Cape Fear (23Oct19)

ADDITIONS SINCE THE REPORT: (Review of Bylaws for New Chapters)

MA-3 Captain Jennifer Harris Chapter (June 2019)

Missouri is MO-3 St Louis Area Marines Chapter

VA-4 Central Virginia Marines (March 2020)

Melanie Young

PRO/ECC

Manage the following sites/page:

- ♦ WMA National Public Facebook page
- ♦ WMA Facebook private forum
- ♦ WMA Facebook Chapter Networking – teaching the fundamentals of using tools provided to them.
- ♦ WMA Facebook Women Marines 100 years
- ♦ WMA Facebook Women Veterans
- ♦ WMA National Blog
- ♦ WMA National Website

Provide Guidance and Assistance, as requested to:

- ♦ Chapters and Area Directors to promote their chapters and promote forming chapters.
- ♦ National Officers as needed/requested on a variety of projects
- ♦ Appointed Officers and Committee Chairs

Other Duties

- ♦ Answer emails from the PRO and WMA emails assisting a variety of groups, organizations requesting information
- ♦ Promote WMA in various venues
- ♦ Design flyers, coins, WMA materials as requested
- ♦ Assist with chapter formations
- ♦ Assist in identifying Areas where chapters can be formed
- ♦ Setting up FB pages for WMA chapters and forming chapters
- ♦ Work with ECC committee members to add photos and info to WMA Shutterfly pages and WMA Blog articles.

Mary Merritt

Editor

- ♦ Worked through issues with the WMA database with Membership Secretary and PRO to work out bugs for the January and April issues.
- ♦ Notified entire membership in April 2020 issue that WMA is “going green” starting with the January 2021 issue. Will continue to include notification in the last two issues of 2020.
- ♦ Worked with the Convention Committee and National President to let the membership know the convention in Omaha, NE is canceled due to COVID-19 in the April 2020 issue.
- ♦ Laid out the April issue instead of PIP.
- ♦ Touched base with PIP for figures for the upcoming budget.
- ♦ Working on plans for the October 2020 issue to replace full-color convention issue.

Sondra Metzger

Legal Officer

1. Reviewed/advised and submitted recommendations/opinions and proposed legal oriented correspondence to the Board of Directors in regards to various WMA issues.

- ♦ Reviewed correspondence from National Treasurer Margaret Reiber to Ace Cash Express in regards to a WMA Grant check erroneously cashed by them after the same check had been previously electronically deposited to the recipient’s Navy Federal Credit Union account.
- ♦ Reviewed wording for Draft Ballot 23-2019.
- ♦ Reviewed WMA OrgSupport Agreement for Services and provided advice on the wording.
- ♦ Reviewed MO Articles of Incorporation for WMA.
- ♦ Attended and participated at IBM held in Omaha, NE.
- ♦ Reviewed and offered comments during the finalization of TOA with WCF in regards to the WOCC.

2. Recommended approval of five new chapters and/or renaming or amendments, as members of the bylaws committee.
3. Will continue to serve and provide sound legal advice to our current BOD, upcoming interim BOD and future BOD makeup as WMA transforms its organization to meet the needs of female Marines and newly authorized Naval Sailors looking for camaraderie, mentoring, support and opportunity to have a positive impact.
4. As well, to work with and legally assist, as needed, when Virtual (association management company) and TOKY (design firm) come aboard.

Natalie M Ziegler

Convention Committee

- ♦ Canceled Hotel Contract due to COVID-19 Pandemic gathering restrictions -groups greater than 10
- ♦ Promoting Virtual Fun/Run Walk
- ♦ Working with National President to provide virtual messages to the national membership
- ♦ Commemorative 2020 Convention T-shirts remain available through July 12, 2020
- ♦ Sent Convention supplies to the 2022 CPC
- ♦ Canceled PO box
- ♦ Returned members paid registration and meals
- ♦ Notified donors, supporters, and vendors of convention cancellation

Jen Nothelfer AD-7

Penny Hardiman, NE-1

Financial Advisory Committee (FAC)

The Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) continues to aggressively monitor our investments held by Merrill Lynch, the Capitol and General Funds, and by Commonwealth, the Scholarship Fund. Quarterly calls are held to determine what our cash flow needs are and base our asset allocation on those goals. With the recent volatility in the markets, we have had calls to determine that the stopgap measures are being utilized and our investments are being protected. Adjustments were made as deemed beneficial.

Karen Kelly, Chair

WMA Headquarters and Property Control

WMA Headquarters

- ♦ I have been setting up hard copy file folders with all the information the National Secretary sends me for all the new chapters.
- ♦ I have been collecting disbanded chapter information, award ribbons, and chapter flag.
- ♦ The Headquarters position with 1st Marine Division has not changed and we are still occupying the same two rooms in the Comptrollers building. The building is not overcrowded and sometimes the phone watch is the only person in the building.

A new building will be built for the 1st Marine Division headquarters affectionally called the White House. The plans for the old building will be to refurbish it and turn it into a museum of some sort. Various organizations will have offices within the building, including WMA. I would like to display our memorabilia and some of the older uniforms. There is no date for this to be accomplished.

Headquarters National Property

- ♦ Purchased new artificial roses and babies breathe to place in the WWI boots displayed at convention. There are 22 roses, 11 in each boot. These roses are a memorial to the 22 WWI ladies that were original members when WMA was founded in 1960.
- ♦ The Broe Award was damaged at the corners by either being dropped or damaged in shipping. Metal corners were applied to the corners to protect the plaque.
- ♦ The protective felt sleeve has a hole where the corner came through. The hole is too small to repair, so I left it alone.
- ♦ Three of the four plaques, History Book, Newsletter, and Broe, will need to be replaced after the next two conventions as the name-plates will all be used. The Website award still has 6 name plates remaining. Plaques are donated by various donors.
- ♦ Headquarters is storing the original first set of plaques. This group is the second set to accommodate recent awardees. The original plaques are much larger and much heavier than these. If and when the White House is converted into a museum, our older plaques can be displayed.

Lillian Cross, Chair

MCJROTC Program

February 2020:

- ♦ KY-1 Winning Colors Chapter was awarded the MCJROTC Program with Brenda Moore designated as Program Chair.
- ♦ During late February we received turnover files and inventory from past Program Chair. Ordered presentation folders, ribbons and mailing supplies
- ♦ Feb/March we assembled and mailed 265 WMA Outstanding Cadet Awards packages to schools.
- ♦ SMI questionnaires were included in packets. Reimbursement request forms were submitted to the 3rd.VP.

March 2020:

- ♦ Emailed school listings to Area Directors to inform them the school packages had been mailed. Requested they contact their area chapter presidents and request they provide award presenters where possible.

April 2020:

- ♦ Schools closed. Some SMI's have sent in their award re-

cipients name for this school year via email. SMI's have decided to either mail the awards to their recipients, or to wait till a later date. Some have been personally presented.

- ♦ Continuing to update the Google Sheets rosters with the Outstanding Cadet recipients names as we receive them. Inventory of award certificates, ribbons and presentation folders completed to prepare for next years orders.
- ♦ Budget submitted.

Brenda Moore

Merchandise Sales

Quarterly sales totals and Annual sales totals:

10-2019	\$ 470.00
12-2019	\$ 283.00
4-2020	\$ 900.00
6-2020	\$ 360.00
Annual	\$2013.00

- ♦ Sales have dropped off – believe the cancelation of the convention has caused some to delay their purchases.
- ♦ Researching the specifications to produce the WMA Chapter Ribbons for the chapter 50 year streamers. The embroidery vendor has been working out well.
- ♦ Prepared advertisement copy for each issue of 'Nouncements' – Special thanks to our 'Nouncements Editor for her efforts in providing quality photos and display of the products.
- ♦ Received estimates and executed purchase for the purchase of gold emblems for the WMA covers. Received for restock 100 gold emblems on April 9, 2020.
- ♦ Have received estimates for the purchase of a WMA logo lapel pin. Received authorization to purchase. 306 WMA logo lapel pins were received for stock on April 30.
- ♦ Researching vendor for WMA hat patches, also looking at creating a logo patch.
- ♦ Previously submitted recommendations to 2VP for minor revisions to the Sales SOP were approved and incorporated.
- ♦ Recommend that the special order items (covers, name tags, replacement chapter ribbons) be a separate line item for sales as these items are pre-paid at the time of order. The purchase price charged covers the manufacture and shipping of these items. Right now, the manufacturing cost of these items is taken out of the regular budget line, which is leaving no funds available to purchase items for stock such as WMA cover emblems, the lapel pins or patches. Sales receipts are also not added back into the Merchandise Sales budget line so those dollars can't be applied to the purchase of replacement stock.

Gail Horn

Matching Funds and Grants Committee

- ♦ On 2/5/2020, Patti Orsini (NC-1) assumed the duties as Chairperson from Catherine Barker (NC-3).
- ♦ Reviewed and approved 1 Matching Fund request for NC-3 for \$250, per MFG guidelines. The annual budget is \$1000 and there is \$750 remaining in the FY20 budget.
- ♦ At the time of turnover, the Emergency Grant account had a balance of \$9500 comprised of the annual allocation of \$6000 and a balance of \$3500 carried forward from FY19. Of the 7 applications received, 5 were approved.

- Recipients were all women, 4 USMC, 1 USA
- All were unemployed, in receipt of VA disability, and had financial difficulties due to illness, loss of employment, or COVID-19 layoff.
- The balance remaining for FY20 is \$5500.
- ◆ Clarified MFG process and requirements via email with all applicants via and persons providing letters of recommendation, when necessary.
- ◆ All applications were reviewed in a timely manner upon receipt of all necessary documentation.
- ◆ Designed and instituted the use of an MGF Financial Information Form for all applicants to complete upon request of a grant. The form was reviewed and approved by the Committee and has provided a means of obtaining a clearer picture of the applicant's circumstances.
- ◆ Submitted a summary to WMA President for 'Nouncements in response to an anticipated increase in applications due to the financial hardships resulting from loss of employment due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pat Orsini

Scholarship Report

- ◆ Processed 56 packages
- ◆ Of those, 24 were deemed ineligible because they were incomplete, missing documentation, low GPA, only transcript received, etc.
- ◆ Selected 32 for scholarships. All applicants that were eligible and with complete packages submitted received a scholarship award in varying amounts.
- ◆ Of those selected awarded, two were special scholarships not funded by WMA: 1 for **Barbara Forester Memorial Scholarship** (formerly FL-6) (\$5000), 1 **Loyal Escort** (\$500)
- ◆ Awarded 30 WMA Scholarships for a total of \$50,000, including:
 - 1 Ditmore at \$4000
 - 1 Guveyan at \$1500
 - 1 Fallen Warrior at \$1500
 - 12 Sopcak (3 at \$2000, 9 at \$1500 = \$19,500)
 - 6 Memorial (2 at \$1500, 4 at \$2000 = \$11,000)
 - 1 Gridley at \$1500
 - 1 Wiebke at \$1500
 - 1 Apel at \$1500
 - 4 Herrero (1 at \$1500, 3 at \$1000 = \$4,500)
 - 2 Hokanson (1 at \$2500, 1 at \$1000 = \$3,500)

*Dorothy Stover-Kendrick
Scholarship Chair*

Molly Marine Liaison

- ◆ Presented forty-four Molly Marine awards and challenge coins to new Marines aboard Parris Island including six integrated training companies
- ◆ Reproduced master copies of Molly Marine certificates for 2020
- ◆ Coordinated with area director to receive WMA folders for MMA presentations
- ◆ Responded to requests from MMA recipients from 1987 and 1988 respectively
- ◆ Maintain regular communications with designated

point of contacts at 4th Recruit Training Battalion and Combat Camera in support of MMA activities aboard Parris Island

- ◆ Created & distribute tracking form to catalogue and record Molly Marine recipients for historical purposes

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

Buchel, Betty (Ekvall)	3404	12/05/2018	IL-2
Carpenter, Blanche (Viparina)	3262	05/03/2020	VA
Clayton, Eujan (Depellegrini)	1483	04/28/2020	MI
Flanagan, Lorraine (Budney)	2376	01/02/2020	FL
Garr, Ora Lee (Futral)	1716	04/12/2020	FL
Gehrdes, Cecile (Thompson)	2930	01/22/2020	AL
Heideman, Claudia (Brown)	3666	04/08/2020	TX-2
Heitman, Gloria (Pousson)	3299	06/25/2019	CA
Johnson, Martha	2335	04/02/2020	VA
Kalmes, Helen (Page)	2015	11/20/2019	OK
Kenney, Betty Jo	631	07/10/2019	OR
Lake, Harriett (Tuck)	728	07/12/2018	FL
Lower, Sarah	1946	08/31/2018	CO-1
Madsen, Angela	3576	06/22/2020	CA-5
McGuire, Dorothy (Whitebeaver)	1882	04/16/2020	OH-1
Meyer, Dorothy (Whitten)	1947	10/17/2019	OH
Naas, Barbara (Hannaford)	3037	05/14/2020	CA
Owens, Ophelia (Landry)	1739	04/23/2020	MO
Ramey, Betty (Maes)	1052	07/28/2019	OR
Rau, Norma (Butler)	2114	10/16/2019	MI-2
Richburg, Bonnie	2720	03/11/2020	KY
Schindler, Patty (Stamper)	348	05/06/2020	MO
Schreiber, Kathleen (Bach)	3084	08/07/2019	IA-1
Syerson, Elaine (Martin)	1424	05/04/2020	IA
Szczurek, Beulah	1486	08/28/2019	OH-1
Thompson, Muriel	2746	12/14/2019	WA
Tusa, Lillian (Lee) (Bailey)	3074	05/31/2020	CA-7
Vinci, Edythe (Blackwell)	2416	06/02/2018	MA
Wolfe, Dorothy	3068	03/28/2020	OH-2

Term Members

Birney, Betty-Jo	06/29/2018	FL
Celentano, Betty (Stoermer)	10/26/2019	CA
Cotton, Ethel	03/04/2020	IN-1
Earle, Ann (Murray)	11/06/2018	NJ
Enzenbacher, June	05/13/2020	IL
Greene, Kathleen (Shepherd)	06/02/2020	IL-2
Guizar, Cecilia	12/16/2019	MI
Hansen, Mary Jane (Jackson)	02/06/2019	OR
Kelleher, Margaret (Peg) (Creedon)	07/02/2019	FL
Knapp, Joyce (Bechtel)	03/23/2014	WA
Misurella, Lucille	08/17/2018	FL
Rizzo, Sally	04/14/2020	MI-2
Shughrou, Patricia	05/16/2019	IL
Stopulos, Jeanne (Sullivan)	09/14/2019	IA
Young, Beatrice (Howard)	08/09/2019	MO

CHAPTER CLIPPINGS

FL-2 ~ Gulf Coast

Hello to our Sister Marines. FL-2 is still alive and active. After reading April's 'Nouncements, I (at age 96 almost 97) have once again offered to keep you posted about our chapter.

We have gone through a lot of changes since you last heard from us. Our older, more active members are no longer with us because of death, illness, or moving closer to family. We may still have three or four WWII members, but I'm the only one active here. Thankfully we have some new younger ones who seem very anxious to keep us going. Some drive two or more hours to participate. That's A Marine!!



Our chapter has always worked to help our women veterans especially at Christmas when we fill fifteen long Christmas stockings with necessary articles for women veterans at Bay Pines Hospital. Hours were spent by some members helping serve breakfast to mostly homeless.

America Dones is active in collecting articles which she donates to a veterans organization for resale. Last year we donated \$5000 to Homes for Our Troops, our Karen Kelly participated in a golf tournament fundraiser, and Reina Blackwelder and Sherry Wert attended the awards banquet later. To recoup some of our donation, a shoe drive was held. Our expectations weren't met even though we received a lot of help from outside our Marines which was very much appreciated.

The year 2019 was one of once again trying to find a good place for our meetings, so we sampled several locations with a delicious lunch involved! A big "thank you," to Sherry Wert who held us together and did it all so that we celebrated every important date.

Then came January 2020! No election! February we celebrated our Women Marines Anniversary at Olive Garden in Tampa. We were honored by Area 3 Director Patricia Collins being there. We had a delightful time. Several of our new members expressed a desire for running for office. Along came coronavirus and we're hibernating at home.

We're hopeful we will have a meeting again before the year is over. We aren't giving up yet!! See you next time. Semper Fidelis!

Maxine C. Wehry

KY-1 ~ Winning Colors

In this season of social distancing, WMA Winning Colors chapter KY-1, continues to find creative ways to build camaraderie, and reach out to the community. On Saturday, June 27, wearing WMA gear, and Marine Corps t-shirts, our chapter executed a 3-mile Fun Run/Walk along Louisville's riverfront. Keeping motivation high from start to finish

during the walk, our chapter president, Brenda Moore, called out cadence.



On May 27, 2020, our chapter also led a pack-out of care packages for 2/3 Marines who recently deployed, and were placed in quarantine upon arrival due to COVID restrictions. With donations



from our chapter members, friends, family, and the Parris Island East Coast Drill Instructors Association, 15 boxes were filled to the brim with snacks, toiletries, and other items. The boxes were shipped to the unit's chaplain on May 27, 2020. We were glad to send our fellow Marines some care from Kentucky!

Finally, WMA KY-1 also made sure Outstanding Cadets in MCJROTC were recognized for their accomplishments during the school year. Despite schools closing early due to the pandemic, Brenda Moore, who chairs WMA's MCJROTC program, and Mary Broussard, WMA KY-1's Special Projects Officer, mailed out 265 packages to MCJROTC schools around the country. Thank you, Brenda and Mary, for all your hard work in recognizing these exceptional students!

Phoebe Riner

OR-1 ~ Lady Marine Rose

Unfortunately, due to the Covid19 virus, OR-1 Lady Marine Rose members were unable to gather for events during most of the past quarter.

But Marines find a way!! We utilized the ZOOM software to have our April, May, and June monthly meetings via phone. Then in May, we were able to gather in small groups to honor several of our members. We followed the safety measures of wearing masks and/or social distancing - outdoors only, as prescribed by the state.

While March - April kept many of our members inside only connecting via conference call, on May 11th, friends, neighbors, and OR1 members gathered outside the home of Alyson Perez to present her with a very unique Memory Quilt especially made for her. Many chapter members contributed individual quilt squares which were then quilted together into this stunning lap quilt, handmade by Maureen Eldred. During the very casual ceremony, one of our active duty members, SSgt Sam Hang, who served with Alyson, read the beautiful story behind the quilt and why she was the special recipient.



On May 28th, we surprised our very own WWII vet Hattie Kelley upon her return from a nursing care facility! She was happy to see us and put us right to work unloading her belongs back into her home.



After leaving Hattie's "welcome home," several of us met at Alyson Perez's home to honor her a second time! She was the recipient of a beautiful quilt by the Quilts of Valor organization, honoring her for her service.

On May 29th, we surprised long-time member Golda Fabian. Happy Birthday, Golda!! Your sign says it all... "97 NEVER LOOKED SO GOOD!" Congrats from your family, neighbors, and all your Marine sisters! ~ Marygene Smith



TX-2 ~ Gulf Coast

Happy Summer Ladies,

I hope your summer is going along nicely despite the coronavirus. Please do take necessary precautions to be safe. The coronavirus has greatly impacted much of what we can do or have been able to do. Most if not all visitations to the VA Hospital have had to stop. The volunteer office (VAVS) at the hospital did complete a report of service hours for the past year (5/1/19 – 4/30/20). Our efforts there were spear headed by Betty Huggins. She always does an awesome job organizing and coordinating our activities there. We had three regular volunteers who put in 158.5 hours with our occasional volunteers completing an additional 51 hours for a total of 209.5 hours. An estimated value of non-monetary donations given over the past year was \$1,879.90. An excellent rating for volunteer service and a rating of good for organizational support was given. We are hoping that this virus will go away so things can reopen, and volunteer activities can resume. The VA is looking toward the possibility of virtual volunteer work.

The Veterans Cemetery cancelled the normal flag placement on all graves for Memorial Day. Our officers did go to the VA Cemetery placing a flag and flowers on 13 grave sites of WWII Women Marines. We also placed flags and flowers at our bench before leaving.

Meetings have been up in the air since the pandemic. One meeting was canceled in April. The next meeting in June was held at our president's home with social distancing. Semper Fi!

Barbara Barnhart



TX-7 ~ Opha May Johnson

Houston's TX-7 Chapter hit the ground running at the start of the year and we have not let the quarantine get in our way!

We held our first meeting of the year on January 17th at President Audrea Killalea's home. We had a great turnout with over half of our members and Loyal Escorts in attendance. We voted in our new officers that evening with Audrea Killalea being re-elected to president, Heather Brodersen to vice president, Melissa French as treasurer and Jennifer Rooth as secretary.

Our first fundraiser of the year was for a Super Bowl Cheer Wagon! We sold raffle tickets and held the drawing January 31 on Facebook live. A lucky winner won a wagon with over \$300 worth of beverages for his Super Bowl party!

February 1, TX-3 and TX-6 held a celebration of the 77th Anniversary of the Women Marines Reserve. They graciously invited TX-7 members to attend and more than a few

were able to make the trip to Universal City to celebrate with our fellow Marine sisters.



On February 7, members attended the grand opening ceremony of the LCpl Richard A. Anderson Veterans Retirement Home in south Houston. The home is a 120 bed facility and is named for Houstonian LCpl Anderson who was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in the Quang Tri Province in 1969.

We celebrated the Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima and honored the local survivors on February 23. The event was coordinated by the Marine Corps League McLemore Detachment #324. A wreath was released into the water next to Battleship Texas by President Audrea Killalea and a 21-gun salute was conducted. Later, a luncheon was held and we enjoyed time with the survivors.

On February 29, our chapter met at a restaurant and celebrated the 77th Anniversary of the Women Marines Reserve.



We had new members and new Loyal Escorts in attendance! We're only two years old, but we have been steadily growing and gaining momentum. We are being recognized as a force for good in Houston.

We canceled our monthly meeting in March due to quarantine, but we did meet on Zoom. We have now held six meetings via Zoom. If your chapter has not tried that, we highly recommend it!

The week before Easter, we were informed that donations were way down at Camp Hope Houston. They are a resident PTSD program for combat veterans through PTSDUSA.org. We had served them a BBQ meal previously and had budgeted for one meal each quarter this year. We decided to use the money earmarked for the quarterly meal for a donation of food since we could not do the meal due to the quarantine. What we planned to do once or twice has turned into eight deliveries so far. Many of our members donated their own money and we've had nine generous monetary donations and some food donations from friends of TX-7.



The warriors at Camp Hope are so gracious and appreciative every time we deliver. It has been a great project to have during COVID-19! We still have funding to continue for a few more weeks and new donations still coming in.

May 16, via Zoom, we held our Office Installation Ceremony. We are so fortunate to have the advanced technology today to continue business!

During June, TX-7 members and Loyal Escorts were led by member, Dr. LaShondra Jones, in a Senior Activity bag project. This project was to support 160 veterans in the Gulf Coast region that reside in at least 42 separate senior living centers. Our chapter collected donations to fill bags with puzzles, coloring books, crayons, and more for our veterans. In addition to the items purchased or donated, the chapter also provided cards and treats to the veterans and their care providers. The veterans and care providers thoroughly enjoyed the act of kindness!

Check out our stories at www.facebook.com/TX7WomenMarines. Our website is wmatx7.org. We can't wait for the quarantine to be lifted so we can get back to business as usual! Stay well and come see us when you can!

Heather Brodersen

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

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION ____ NEW ____ RENEWAL ____ REINSTATEMENT

____ 2 year Membership \$40

Life Membership: Pick One:

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:

Effective May 2019

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

Fill in application, print and mail with payment to:
Women Marines Association
25 Century Blvd, Suite 505
Nashville, TN 37214

www.womenmarines.org



Chapter Merchandise

Send chapter ads to: Sondra Metzger, 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



Polo Shirts - Chapter TX-7 - available for order - you may choose to have your name embroidered on the shirt - Cost: \$30 includes embroidery and shipping - PayPal payments accepted

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



Adult and Youth Shirts from Port Authority - Chapter OR-3 - five (5) embroidery options - Sizing and pricing, includes shipping:

THE FEWER,
THE PROUDER



THE WOMEN
MARINES
Option 1

NEVER UNDERSTIMATE
A WOMAN



WHO HAS A DD214
Option 2



Option 3

I
♥
MY
WOMAN
MARINE
Option 4

MY
HERO IS A
WOMAN
MARINE



Option 5

Adult:

Ladies Polos
(Crew neck)

S-XL: \$35

2XL: \$37

3XL: \$39

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

Contact: Stephanie Wilcox
swilcox818@yahoo.com
(541) 554-6015

<http://wmaor3.wixsite.com/shirts>

**For infant/toddler
contact seller**

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 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

WMA Stickers - Chapter TX-7 - Cost: \$5 plus \$0.50 shipping

Contact: TX7@womenmarines.org

(for email / PayPal payments)



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

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

Luggage Tag - Chapter CA-7 - 3.5"x2.5" aluminum "Proud Member Women Marines Association, WMA logo on one side and "Oohrah Sisterhood" and WMA logo on other - Cost: \$10 (includes shipping) - checks payable to EMVSC CA-7 WMA

License Plate Frame - aluminum, "Oohrah Sisterhood" on top, "Women Marines Association" on bottom - Cost: \$12 (includes shipping) - checks payable to EMVSC CA-7 WMA

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

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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

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

WMA Logo Magnet - Chapter NJ-2 - Size: 2" long x 1.5" wide - Cost: \$2 (includes shipping)

Contact: Lorraine Nankivell, PO Box 208, 38 Point Pleasant Rd, Hopatcong, NJ 07843-0208

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

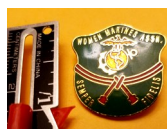
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Ladies! If your chapter purchased anything to sell at the convention, let's get it posted here!

WMA National Merchandise Sales – Your Purchases Support Our Association!

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 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



Cover Pin



WMA Afghan

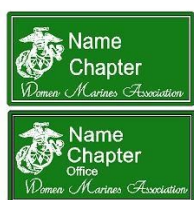


WMA Ceremonial Flag 3' x 5'

WMA Afghan. \$ 55.00
 WMA Ceremonial Flag. \$200.00
 Chapter Ribbon (replacement). . \$ 20.00



WMA Logo Pin



Example



Example

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)

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 ½" - 20 7/8")	Small. (21 ¼" - 21 5/8")
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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.

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210 E. Lakeridge Landing **(NOTE NEW ADDRESS)**
 Jacksonville, NC 28546

Contact info: sales@womenmarines.org
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