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Our beloved Molly

## Molly & Marines

So many of you have asked if we knew what the status was of our beloved Molly Marine statue in New Orleans.

We can tell you, thanks to Mike Aicklen of the Paul E. Boyd Detachment, MCL, that Molly is not damaged but is in need of some cleaning. According to Mike, she stood in water for a few days, but is in good shape. He said he's no expert on statues, but she "seemed to have weathered the storm fairly well". Thank you, Mike! (The photo accompanying this article is a file photo taken well before the hurricanes.)

And for those who have asked about our members in the Gulf, I haven't heard a word about any of them, so if someone knows how they are doing, please do let us know. Those members and whether or not they lived in the flooded/damaged sections are:

Elizabeth Allen, Slidell (no)  
 Jacqueline Bazile, New Orleans (yes)  
 Miriam Chandler, Metairie (yes)  
 Opal Childers, Deridders (possible damage from Rita)  
 Rose Cole, Slidell (possibly in the storm surge)  
 Katie Dixon, Belle Chasse (no)  
 Mary Draughn, Pearl River (possibly in storm surge)  
 Marian Landry, Lafayette (no)  
 Dorothy Martin, New Orleans (no)  
 Scarlet Monroe, Mandeville (no)  
 Suzanne Oliver, New Orleans (no)  
 Carolyn Risher, Lake Charles (possible damage from Rita)  
 Betty Ruiz, Luling (no)  
 Melanie Starkman, Metairie (no)

Just so everyone understands, we do not know anything definite about any of these members. Whether or not their homes were in jeopardy was determined by comparing maps of the damaged areas and where their address actually is. They may still have suffered some damage even if they weren't in the major damage zones.

Until we hear something, we'll keep them all in our thoughts.

*Sondra Metzger*

## Hurricane Relief Response

In response to the call for assistance, the board approved a measure to match funds donated by our members to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society for hurricane victims' assistance to Marines, sailors and their families. A total of \$6,000 was set aside for this purpose. Due to an immediate response by those members who received the information via our listserv, we achieved our goal. We thank those members who responded and appreciate their immediate action in this matter.

We also have a limited amount of grant monies available for those needing immediate funds for recovery. We hope that members who have such a need, or know of those who do, will submit a request for a grant in accordance with the procedures on page 21 of the new Resource Manual and Directory. Expedited processes are in place to respond to these needs.

## Musical Officers

By now most of you have probably heard that Lou Teixeira spent her time in Louisville for the Interim Board Meeting in a hospital instead. Due to multiple health problems and just being worn out, Lou was forced to resign as National President. Her doctor said "quit or else". I think we know what choice we'd all make in that instance.

For the record, Lou is doing fine. She's out of the hospital and resting at the residence of friends (at the time of this writing). The requirement for rest is absolute; she also resigned from all the other positions she held, not just National President. It's been a tough year for Lou. We wish her well and look forward to her rested return to WMA activities in the future.

Her resignation also included the Immediate Past National President position, so Carol Mutter is still our IPP.

Vacancy, vacancy. who shall fill the vacancy? Now we begin the musical chairs part of this article. Stay with me now. There's a test at the end.

2nd Vice President Paula Sarlls stepped up and volunteered to serve the remainder of Lou's term as National President. The board approved. Which created another vacancy that was filled by Area 2 Director Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower. Which created yet ANOTHER vacancy, that was filled by Alice Dolbear. All approved by the board.

Got that? Paula is now President, Rhonda is now 2nd Vice and Alice is the Area 2 Director. Quick...tell me...who's on first? Told you there was a test!

Never fear! You will always have Page 2 in your newsletter to tell you who's who.

*Sondra Metzger*

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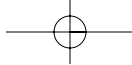
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# President's Message

I'd like to thank the WMA Board of Directors for having the faith and confidence to elect me as the President of WMA in the wake of Lou Teixeira's illness and resignation. We all certainly wish her a speedy and complete recovery. She is very proud of the Board of Directors and has complete confidence that we will all do great things. I believe we will prove her right. The members of WMA can be proud of the innovative and forward thinking this board has done in just the one year we've been together.

In contemplating priorities for WMA for the next year I think our very existence depends on recruiting and automation so those two items shall be my focus. I urge you to share ideas with your chapter presidents and area directors and even put them on WMA listserv. Be bold and let your voice be heard with new and creative ideas that can invigorate WMA. Lori Cousins and many others are work-

ing diligently to move us into 21st century automation. Think about virtual chapters? We're not far away!

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My third priority is for each of you to share your history. There are a number of great projects going on to aid you with this - oral histories being done by Eleanor Wilson and the history museum being done by CO-1 with Nancy Wilt as the project director, and other projects as well. Contact information and articles about them are in 'Nouncements. The new History Committee Chair is Nancy Wilt. She can guide you in the direction you should take to share your unique his-

tory.

To each of you I say edify each other and refrain from negativism. Dig deep and find something you can do to contribute to the success of WMA. Give it your all and there are no limits to the heights we can reach together. Semper Fidelis!

**Paula Sarlls**

ALL YOUR STRENGTH IS IN YOUR UNION  
ALL YOUR DANGER IS IN DISCORD;  
THEREFORE BE AT PEACE HENCEFORWARD,  
AND AS BROTHERS LIVE TOGETHER.  
*The Song of Hiawatha, Part I.*



# From the First Vice President

Dear Members:

I am excited to share that your board had a very productive interim board meeting in September. With the sudden news of our president's health concerns, I was asked to chair the meeting on short notice, which I would not have been able to do effectively without the strong, helpful guidance and mentoring I received from our Immediate Past President Carol Mutter, who was supportive and encouraging throughout the weekend meeting, and shared her vast knowledge and experience generously. We are very fortunate to have her active presence and involvement with WMA as IPP and we are certainly a better board because of her efforts! Thank you, Carol.

A few items I'd like to highlight for you from the very full business agenda at the IBM: we received approval to move forward with the proposed upgrade to our Association website to allow for online applications and electronic dues payments in the near future. This was one of my priority goals this term, and will be a convenient option for our busy members.

We also initially approved the idea of flexibility in chapter structure - with final membership approval next year - to accommodate our many members-at-

large in a "virtual chapter" at the state level, and if we have the support of the Association members, would allow for the formation of various "shared military-experience" virtual chapters - focused on common bonds established through

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shared MOS, and common military experiences, to better connect (and provide an option) to our many accomplished and trail-blazing members - across generations. Some new national chapters envisioned: DI's; pilots; Molly Marine recipients; chaplains; deployed in wartime, etc. This is an opportunity for WMA to grow and become more relevant and exciting to our membership at large. You will see more about this progressive idea in the new year!

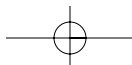
Additionally, a board subcommittee at the IBM was appointed to review and update our current printed membership application and work with our PRO to implement the changes to allow for more comprehensive information collected on

the application, more space for the written details, and to reflect our growing active duty membership.

Our very capable PRO shares this creative goal with many on our board and we will be moving forward soon with a revised application that can also function as a marketing brochure, recruiting poster, and will be easier to download and print for chapters and members in a more user-friendly format. All good.

Finally, please note the new program guidelines for the WMA National Recruiting Contest for 2006 - which will become an annual event from convention to convention, with awards and recognition given to top individuals, chapters, and area directors who excel in outreach and membership recruiting at all levels. Hope you all make a commitment to get involved and take on the challenge! Remember, there is strength in numbers!

*Stay strong,  
Lori Bronson Cousins*



## Letter to the Editor

To the Women Marines,

Do hope you all have a chance to see this.

When I joined the service in 1944, I was not sure which service to join. I tried the Army, the Navy and then I selected the Marine Corps. As you know, I picked the right service.

I never realized the loyalty, warmth and compassion displayed by the women Marines. I always thought as a marine we were the greatest, but you really displayed how great you all are.

I guess you have heard that I am very

sick with stomach cancer – live alone and no family – no friends. Guess I can't say "no friends" because you all came out in full force. I received many cards – wishes but most important – offered your prayers. I intend answering all of them when I feel a little better.

I have answered some but they were all too numerous for me to answer.

From the information I gave to most of you, I have close to 26 years in the service. Naturally Marine Corps first, then 10 years



in the Navy and two years in the sea bees.

With all the time in the service you expect me to be strong. However, as of now, I am not doing so well, I am constantly nauseated and feel as if each day may be my last to join the dear Lord in Heaven. I am sure that the streets are guarded by the US Marines and I will say "just another Marine reporting, Sir".

From the bottom of my heart, I thank all of you that took the time to write me. I wish you all good luck and happiness and love. God Bless you.

Semper Fi

**Marge McLaughlin**  
**GySgt Ret**

## WMA Interim Board Meeting

Your National Board met in September in Louisville at the Galt House Hotel, where the 2006 WMA Convention and Professional Development Seminar will be held. All were impressed with the facilities and staff. Our fledgling chapter, KY-1, members made us all feel very welcome.

Significant votes were taken and progress made by your National Board. First, we have had some major changes in National officers due to the illness of our National President, Lou Teixeira (see article on page 1). The 1st Vice President, Lori Cousins did a wonderful job running the meeting in the absence of the National President. At the end of the meeting, the 2nd Vice President, Paula Sarlls, was appointed by the Board to be our new National President (see her message on page 3), and the Area 2 Director, Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower, was appointed as the new 2nd Vice President. The Board has since approved the appointment of Alice Dolbear as the new Area 2 Director. (An up-to-date list of National Officers and their contact information is on page 2 of every issue of *Nouncements*.)

The Board also accepted the resignation of the Scholarship Committee Chair, Roberta Eaton. Anyone interested in this very important position should contact the new 2nd Vice President.

Nancy Wilt, the WMA National Historian, and Paula Sarlls gave a presentation on the Colorado Museum Women Marines and WMA History exhibit that recently opened in Castle Rock, CO. They and CO-1 did a fantastic job on the display and the grand opening – several National Board members were in attendance. The response to their request for articles for display has been overwhelming and the story about Montezuma Red lipstick development at Elizabeth Arden is just one element of our history that has been captured as a result of their efforts. The old WMA National history scrapbooks are in various stages of deterioration. Everything needs to be preserved, catalogued, and stored in a climate controlled area.

Their next project is to put together a traveling display for use at veterans' events around the country. Their work was so impressive that Mary Bacon Hale, our Plans and Policies Committee chair who was in attendance, offered them a \$10,000 donation on the spot. This will cover their expenses to date and begin their next year of operations.

Other important business of the Board included decisions on the management of our finances that should allow for fewer bank charges on our accounts. We also approved several Bylaws and Standing Rules changes to go to the membership for vote. The Financial Secretary's SOP is being revised based on the work being done by the contractor, and the Financial Secretary title will be submitted for change as well.

The legal officer provided an update on the paperwork changing WMA to a 501(c)(3). What has been provided to us by the lawyer working the issue needs to be revised before it can be signed by the required Board members and submitted to the state of Missouri and the IRS.

Convention 2006 plans were presented to the Board. You will notice a change in title to better reflect our schedule of events and be more relevant to our younger members who are still active duty or may still be working. But the core schedule will look very familiar to those of you who have been attending WMA conventions for years. A membership contest has been added (see details on page 12) and an essay contest (see article in a future issue).

Paul Dossin, president of the Loyal Escorts, was there to provide a report as well, and to also discuss ways in which the Loyal Escorts will be assisting us in Louisville. Judy Anderson also briefed us on the initial planning for our 2008 Convention & Professional Development Conference in Houston.

John Holvoet, our database contractor, presented his accomplishments on the WMA membership database and the provision of renewal notices that had not been sent out in at least 2 or 3 years. As a result, we have 242 reinstated memberships (22 Life, 142 2-year, and 78 1-year). He has certainly earned his pay!

The Board also discussed a proposal for professional web site management and enhancement. The funding was approved to move ahead with this project. It will include the ability for members to renew on-line, if they wish, and for new members to join through a totally electronic process. More information to follow.

We were briefed on the results of the survey in the summer 2004 issue of *Nouncements*. Your Board has a list of action items that was updated with new items and is tracked to ensure that we continue to make progress in every area where we have set goals for ourselves to continue to be Relevant, Improving and Growing.

**Carol Mutter**



**Left:** An updated aerial view of the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico as of the end of August.

**Right:** Maria Knox, SC-1 (left) with WMA Molly Marine Award recipients PFC B. Bohman and PFC A.M. Anderson and SDI SSgt Sandra Center.  
*Photo courtesy Maria Knox*



# Purple Heart recipient describes attack

It was June 23, 2005, when 20 Marines boarded a seven-ton truck and began their treacherous journey back to Camp Fallujah, Iraq. What happened a short distance down the road is something that has, and will, continue to change their lives forever.

Sitting in the second to last seat in the back, on the right side of the truck, was LCpl Erin Liberty of Niceville, FL, an ammunition technician with Ammunition Company, 2nd Supply Battalion, 2nd Force Service Support Group. She remembers talking with the female Seabee next to her, when a series of combined explosions violently lifted the truck from both sides.

"When it blew up, we all flew back and then forward again in our seats," said Liberty. "I looked at the girl next to me and saw her bounce up and down in the flames. I just closed my eyes and waited for it to end. I felt myself being thrown in the air, but my eyes remained shut. When I impacted the ground, I realized nothing hurt. I felt everything that was happening, but it was like there was a bubble around me, because when I hit the ground and woke up, I felt no pain. I looked at my hands and saw the skin hanging off my left pinky finger, but it still didn't hurt. Not then."

Lying on the ground and covered in dust, she knew it was an improvised explosive device, but it was later she learned it was constructed of five, 155-millimeter incendiary rounds and a few propane tanks, according to Liberty. They had gone off about six feet from each side of the truck.

Trying to recover from the concussion and the ringing in her ears, she looked over and saw the Seabee she had spoken too just seconds before the blast.

"She was lying next to me, unconscious," Liberty added. "I tried to pull her away from ground zero, but there was a firefight happening at the same time, so a few guys pulled me off and threw me against the wall. I wanted to go back for her, but the way the truck was positioned, it rolled over on top of her before I could."

After the firefight had died down and the injured Marines and sailors were recovered, they loaded onto another vehicle and headed straight for the Battalion Aid Station at Camp Fallujah, according to Liberty.

"We then just jumped on another seven-ton and drove away," Liberty said. "We all just sat there in silence, except for the sounds of discomfort and pain. I

can still see the people with their skin hanging off of them. I remember seeing this girl with blood all over her flak jacket and the skin on her fingers falling off. Then, suddenly the silence broke, when a girl in the back of the truck started singing, Amazing Grace. I remember praying to God, and thanking Him that I was alive."

lescent leave since July 3. Not long after she went on leave, she received her Purple Heart Medal.

"It was extremely hard to accept, knowing all the people that had died," said Liberty. "It's nothing you can train or practice for, and you always receive it under the worst circumstances."

Now, she wears a neck brace to assist



LCpl Erin Liberty  
Photo by LCpl Matthew K. Hacker

*"We all just sat there in silence, except for the sounds of discomfort and pain..."*

*I remember praying to God, and thanking him I was alive"*

-- LCpl Erin Liberty

When they returned to the camp, they were rushed into the surgical unit, but all the serious and critical injuries were rushed in first. Liberty walked in after everyone else, following the blood trails, she said.

They fixed both of her badly burned hands before she went back to her room. When she got there, she saw she got some packages from home that day.

"One was from my mom. She got me the most gorgeous rosary," said Liberty. "That night, I just remember lying in bed, praying to let me forget about it. I tried to sleep that night, but obviously I couldn't sleep much. All I wanted was to just wake up in the morning and feel like it didn't just happen. The whole thing just kept playing in my mind."

The next morning, she remembers waking up and thanking God, because her thoughts of the present, rather than the tragic events of the day before. She was glad to feel that, but with the morning sun came a new pain. Her neck began to hurt, so she went back to the BAS.

The doctors told Liberty she had broken cervical vertebrae in her neck and she was going to have to return to the United States.

She returned to Camp Lejeune shortly after the incident and has been on conva-

in stabilizing the break and help with the pain. She is currently recuperating from first, second and third degree burns on her hands and two black eyes in addition to her broken neck.

Liberty will undergo surgery in Florida next month, where they will put a metal plate between her C4 and C5 vertebrae in an attempt to stabilize the break.

In light of the life-altering events she's been through, she's still moving forward in her life. Liberty married on Sept. 19, after getting engaged right before she left for Iraq in February.

"It's been a rough engagement," Liberty states, with a light, but respectful chuckle.

Liberty confesses that even though it has been almost four months since the incident, she still has thoughts of that day.

"I wonder what would have happened if those guys wouldn't have pulled me away from the truck," Liberty added. "I imagine what would have happened if I had the strength to pull her away. I'm sure that will always stay with me. Honestly, my mind and my heart hurt way more than my body ever will."

*Story by LCpl. Matthew K. Hacker  
Reprinted from MCNews  
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## Our Darkest Hour

If you read the story by LCpl Erin Liberty, the "Seabee" she was sitting next to was Petty Officer 1st Class Regina Clark from Centralia, WA. The 43-yr-old single mother of one was serving on her second mobilization since 2003 when she became the Navy's first female casualty of the war in Iraq. She was also a veteran of Desert Storm.

The culinary specialist volunteered to work as a sentry at an entry control point in Fallujah with Marines from II MEF. She had been



Regina Clark  
Photo Courtesy of  
The Seattle Times

recommended for a Navy-Marine Corps commendation medal for her outstanding work at the checkpoints. Having enlisted in the Navy in 1983, she had just received her retirement papers in May and was looking forward to retirement. Regina leaves behind her 18-yr-old son Kerry, her mother and many friends who lovingly remembered the positive, happy-go-lucky Seabee.

LCpl Holly Charette probably delivered LCpl Liberty's mail to her before that dark night. The 21-yr-old from Cranston, RI, enjoyed her time in the Corps and espe-

cially enjoyed delivering the mail. So much so that, with one year left on her contract, she was planning to continue delivering mail with the United States Post Office. Friends and family remembered Holly as a "vibrant young woman and bubbly student with sparkly brown eyes full of purpose". In high school at Cranston East, she played field hockey and was a cheerleader for the ice hockey team. The governor of Rhode Island ordered flags lowered to half staff after word of her death in Iraq, and paid his respects at her funeral. Holly was engaged to a Marine, and leaves behind her mother, step-father, three brothers and a multitude of friends.



LCpl Holly Charette  
Photo Courtesy of  
the Providence Journal

Cpl Ramona Valdez knew when she was in grade school that she wanted to join the military. Even though she loved her New York Yankees, she wanted to get out of the Bronx. A communications specialist with Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Ramona used her military service to persuade her mother to move out of their apartment in the Bronx and into a row house in Reading, PA; she told her if she didn't move, she was going to re-enlist

for another four years. Her mother moved, but Ramona never got to see the house. At the time of her death she had eight months left on her contract, and had filled out forms to join the Pennsylvania Highway Patrol. She died three days

before her 21st birthday. Ramona leaves behind her husband, who is also a Marine; her parents, two sisters and two nephews.

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Cpl Ramona Valdez  
Photo Courtesy of  
the Reading Eagle



Marines carry LCpl Holly Charette to her final resting place in the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery.

## Marine Falls to Death

*(Editor's Note: The following story is about a young female Marine who attended the San Diego convention and served as one of the pages for the Installation Brunch. The photo accompanying this article is from that event. She was also a member of NC-1. The story is presented to let you know the loss we have experienced.)*

Sgt Tanya M. Smith died in Swansboro, N.C., 14 September, in an accidental fall at the home of a friend in Swan Harbor Condominiums near the White Oak River. The accident happened as Hurricane Ophelia was nearing the East Coast.

Smith, 27, entered the Marines after high school. She served in various posts around the world and at the time of her death was attached to Camp Lejeune.

One of Sgt Smith's commanding officers in the Installation Security and Safety Department said Smith had been willing to do whatever it takes to help protect the nation.

"Sgt. Smith answered her country's call to arms by volunteering to mobilize. As a mobilized Reserve Marine, she worked outside of her occupational specialty, serving in Anti-terrorism and Force Protection Section at Camp Lejeune. When we lose any Marine, everybody here feels the loss. Our thoughts are with her family and we offer our deepest condolences," said Col Linda McGowan, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff in the ISS.

Smith had been awarded numerous medals and received a number of citations. She received the Joint Navy/Marine Commendation medal, Global Anti-Terrorist medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Kosovo Campaign medal, National Defense Service medal. She also received recognition for work in Haiti,



Sgt Tanya M. Smith

earning a Humanitarian Service medal.

Sgt Smith had been awarded a Navy Unit Commendation, a Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Certificate of Commendation, Meritorious Mast and a Navy Commendation.

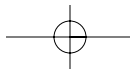
Swansboro Police Chief H.C. Pugliese said an investigation into the accident is ongoing. "Tanya fell from a height of about 27 feet from a window ledge," he said. "Her injuries were consistent with a fall from that height." An autopsy showed Sgt Smith died from massive head injuries as a result of the fall.

"The accident took place in the middle of an approaching hurricane," he said. "The cause of the fall is undetermined at this time. Further, there is no foul play expected and death appears to be accidental."

Sgt Smith was buried in Rothbury, MI, with full military honors.

*Excerpted from articles by  
Ronda Howell, Shoreline Media writer,  
and the Muskegon Chronicle*

*Semper Fidelis, Sgt Smith.*



# From the Loyal Escorts President

We are off and running and heading for the stretch. Watch out Louisville, the Loyal Escorts are about to invade your beautiful city and provide support services to a great organization called the Women Marines Association!

I had the pleasure of attending the convention planning meeting and part of the WMA Board meeting in Louisville on 2-3 September. Mary did a great job briefing the progress of the convention committee. I think all will be pleased with the location, program and food. I had the pleasure of briefing the board members on the membership status, financial status, and current status of projects and future initiatives of the Loyal Escorts which is an annual requirement according to their by-laws.

At next year's conference, we will have two board meetings and two business meetings. We will also be setting up and

running the hospitality suite for three nights. Two new streamers were authorized to be awarded. One for the chapter that recruits the most new WMA members and one for the chapter that recruits the most new Loyal Escorts. Let's get out there and help the ladies and help ourselves at the same time.

Current Status Update: Sashes ordered and received for members to wear and be recognized as Loyal Escorts in Louisville; garters ordered and received; our Father Charles Covert Memorial Scholarship was awarded to a very deserving young man, Trevor Martinet of Pueblo, CO, who is majoring in business; caps are on order; gave the convention committee \$1,000.00 for their use as they see fit; polling board members to establish an additional scholarship in memory of Dan and Amy Christenson; waiting to change member-

ship eligibility; and entertaining an official name change to perhaps the "WMA Auxiliary" or just the "Loyal Escorts". These are the two that were submitted. Please send me your suggestions/comments via email at: dossinpmam@aol.com.

A staunch supporter of the Loyal Escorts and sponsor of deceased Past President Dan Christenson, Amy, passed away recently. She has definitely joined her partner of over 60 years in heaven guarding the gates. May she rest in peace.

And life member Elmer Williamson, husband of CA-7 member Alyce Williamson passed away on 28 July. Elmer always supported Alyce in her travels with WMA and CA-7. He attended many activities and conventions including the last one in San Diego. Elmer always had a smile on his face and treated you as if you were one of the family. We will miss him.

*Paul F. Dossin*

## Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Registration Form

24th Biennial Women Marines Association (WMA)  
 Convention & Professional Development Conference  
 Louisville, KY – 1 September thru 5 September 2006

Galt House Hotel & Suites  
 140 North 4th Avenue  
 Louisville, KY 40202

Pre-Registration Deadline: 31 July 2006

TO BE COMPLETED BY REGISTRATION CHAIR

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL LOYAL ESCORTS MUST REGISTER SEPARATELY FROM THEIR SPONSOR FOR THE CONVENTION. USE THE WMA CONVENTION FORM FOR MEAL REGISTRATION ONLY.**

Please Print:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ WMA Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please word badge (First / Last name) \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-registration for Convention \$20.00**

Meals Registration: Use WMA meals form

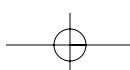
**Additional Information**

**Hotel Reservations** must be made directly to the hotel. **Special Diet** needs should be included with your Meal Registration Form.

Mail Meal Registration form with check, payable to 'WMA 2006 Convention' to: WMA 2006 Convention, Doris Keane, 818 Wild View Way, Knoxville, TN 37920-7609.

Mail this registration form with remittance to: **Jeanne Cantrell, Sec. Treas., 11 Brown Street, Irving, TX 75061**, email address: jeannestoy1@juno.com

Make check payable to: **Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter**. Mark Check: **Registration**



## Newspaper Honors Ten Military Women of Merit

Ten women were honored as the *North County Times* Military Women of Merit at San Luis Rey Officer's Club at Camp Pendleton.

They are:

- Navy Lt Cmdr Patricia Hasen, who conducted six high-risk, at-sea rescues in the Indian Ocean, including one where she almost lost her life.
- Retired Navy nurse Sandy Holmes cared for Vietnam War Amputees, inspiring one man who lost both legs to find a reason to stay alive.
- Navy Lt Natalie Hill, a flight surgeon and medical department head for the Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 268 who provided casualty evacuation support in Iraq for seven months.
- Mary Ann Hillery, wife of a retired U.S. Marine colonel and an avid volunteer for military assistance programs. Hillery has been involved with the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Toys for Tots and Operation Homefront.
- Joan Pollard, the wife of a man who spent six years in Vietnam as a prisoner of war. She was one of the leaders in a national campaign to bring war prisoners home.
- Retired Marine LtCol Lillian Hagener Bell, who had a record-setting, 36-year

career with the Marines. Bell now is active in Oceanside promotion, working as a city greeter and a Chamber of Commerce ambassador.

- Marine 1stLt Erin Kilroy, a logistics officer with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit at Camp Pendleton. She was the only female member of her unit to plan and execute numerous amphibious deliveries of equipment in Kuwait and Iraq.
- Marine Capt. Jessica Moore, one of the few women in the world flying the Cobra helicopters.
- Marine Sgt. Kathleen Ocampo, a mechanic operator who was praised for her "uncanny" mechanical aptitude in Iraq. She covered more than 2,400 miles caring for transport vehicles in dangerous conditions.
- Retired Marine 1stSgt Peggy Reiber, who served from 1973 to 1996. She was the first woman in several of the positions where she served, including at the Marine Barracks in Alameda. She is now the executive director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Vista.

*Excerpted from a story by Barbara Henry, North County Times (CA)*

## Hamblet Award Nominations Solicited

The National WMA Board has approved a \$500 Colonel Julia E. Hamblet Award to be given annually 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. This award will be given annually at the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Dinner.

Winner(s) could be male or female, civilian or military. Nominations are hereby solicited and should include the name, address, phone number and e-mail of the nominee(s) along with the accomplishment(s) that justify consideration for this award. Submissions should be in the hands of Eileen Scanlon, 1415 Springvale Ave., McLean, VA 22101-3528, no later than 15 January 2006.



Col Julia E. Hamblet

Springvale Ave., McLean, VA 22101-3528, no later than 15 January 2006.

## WIMSA Chair Update

Update of contributions to WIMSA for chairs in the Patriots Hall Theatre at the Women's Memorial as of 15 July 2005:

Director(s) of Women Marines	Contributions Received	Balance Needed
Col Barbara Bishop	\$5,482.00	\$4,518.00
Col Margaret Brewer	3,807.00	6,193.00
Col Julia Hamblet	5,031.00	4,969.00
Col Margaret Henderson	10,000.00	- 00-
Col Ruth Streeter	10,000.00	-00-
Col Jeannette Sustad	10,000.00	-00-
Col Katherine Towle	11,500.00	-00-
Past National President(s)		
Helen Hannah Campbell	\$2,500.00	\$7,500.00
Theresa "Sue" Sousa	10,100.00	-00-
Nita Bob Warner	10,000.00	-00-

Please make your (tax deductible) donation check payable to WIMSA. Indicate the chair(s) you wish it to be applied to and mail to: WIMSA, Dept 560, Washington, DC 20042-0560.

Other WMA honorees that have a named chair: ALL Women Marines Association Members; CA-1, Greater Los Angeles Chapter; Mary Bacon Hale; Betsy R. Menin; and Jane L. Wallis.

## WMA History Book

We have started preparation for the third book featuring our members and their personal histories - autobiographical sketches with pictures. We hope everyone will send in an entry, and please do not think that "I'm not important, I didn't do anything interesting." Yes, you are and did!

Make yours as long as you want to, including pictures. Lots of pictures! Be sure to identify everyone in them, when and where they were taken. Do not write on the backs - the images could show through and spoil reproduction. Include an address where you want them returned. If you want to donate them to the WMA Historical Museum, say so and the publisher will send them to Nancy Wilt in Colorado for her collection.

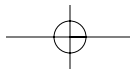
Start with your birth, location, schooling, why you entered the Marine Corps, where and when. Where did you serve, what were your work assignments, how long were you in, when, were and why you were discharged, and what has your life been since. Some humorous experiences would be wonderful.

Once you get started preparing a biography, you will enjoy it, relive the great (and sour) memories and be glad you did it.

My mail box is empty, so please fill it up. You may use snail mail or email: Mary Bacon Hale, 17115 Village 17, Camarillo, CA 93012 or MHale0724@aol.com.

*Mary Bacon Hale*





# Official Entry Form for Recognition and Awards

WMA 2004-2006 Louisville, KY Convention

1 – 5 September 2006

Date of Submission \_\_\_\_\_ Date Rec'd by R&A \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter Name and Chapter Number

Chapter Address: City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sender (Title) \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone # and/or email \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry (History Book, Newsletter, Chapter Achievement) \_\_\_\_\_

Category and Class required for Chapter Achievement Entries (See Official Rules) \_\_\_\_\_

Person assigned to accompany entry after the luncheon and receive the entry from R & A \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Entry:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Linda Lacy  
PO Box 2196  
Swansboro, NC 28584

**Deadline: Postmarked June 2, 2006**

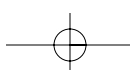
## 2006 WMA Biennial Convention Program Journal

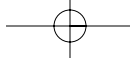
All members are encouraged to purchase and sell ads for the Program Journal. The rates listed below are two-tier, one rate tier for members of WMA & Loyal Escorts, the other for business and corporations who would like to get their message out to our delegates.

Ads will be accepted in BLACK & WHITE, camera ready hard copy, on disc or CD and electronically. Electronic ads must be sent to: [Kyconvention@comcast.net](mailto:Kyconvention@comcast.net).

Please be sure your check payable to 'WMA 2006 Convention' is enclosed or in the case of electronic ads, sent separately. Page size is 8 1/2" X 11", with half-inch margins on each side. All ads must be received by 1 June 2006 to enable time to do the layout and printing of the Program Journal. Mail with your check to: WMA 2006 Convention, Doris Keane, 818 Wild View Way, Knoxville, TN 37920.

AD SPACE COSTS AND SPECIFICATIONS (Standard Black & White)			
	Width X Length	Member	Business
Full Page.....	7 1/2 X 10"	\$200.00	\$300.00
Half Page (horizontal).....	7 1/2 X 5"	\$110.00	\$200.00
Half Page (vertical).....	3 3/4 X 10"	\$110.00	\$200.00
Quarter Page (horizontal)...	7 1/2 X 3 3/4"	\$60.00	\$150.00
Quarter Page (vertical)....	3 3/4 X 5"	\$60.00	\$150.00
Business Card .....	3 1/2 X 2"	\$30.00	\$100.00
Memorial Ad.....	2 1/2 X 1"	\$30.00	\$50.00





# MCJROTC Award Recipients



Diana Ward presenting to Cadet Amanda Cousins, Ben Davis H.S.



Mary Broussard, KY-1, presenting to Cadet Shonda Perry, Shelby County H.S.



Ellen Leidy and Jenny Potter, OH-2, presenting to Cadet Megan Bennett, East H.S.



Cadet Vaness Alvarez, James Pace H.S.



Beverly Franklin, TX-2, with Cadet Capt Tristan Jackson, Willow Ridge H.S.



Muriel Underwood, IL-2, with Cadet Melanie Lopez and her mother, Noble Street School



Betty Huggins, TX-2, presenting to Cadet Oatman, Pasadena H.S.



Judy Anderson, TX-2, with Cadet Emilia Prior, her mother and grandmother



Beverly Franklin, TX-2, presenting to Cadet Major Jennifer Aquerre, Alief Hastings H.S.



Mary Luebleen, CA-5, presentint award to Cadet Victoria Rodriguez, Savanna H.S. NJROTC



Vicky Davis presenting award to Cadet GySgt John Wilson, Catholic H.S.



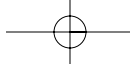
Del Baeta, CA-4, presenting award to Cadet Jackee Tang

Edith Ynacay and Ozell Barksdale, CA-8, presenting to Cadet 2dLt Christina Connacher



*(Editor's Note: There are only two other pictures that were turned in to me for publication. One did not have the participants properly identified; the other was of poor quality.)*





# Registration Form

## 24th Biennial Women Marines Association (WMA) Convention & Professional Development Conference 1 - 5 September 2006

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Service Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Information: \_\_\_\_\_ Check all that apply to you:  
 Primary Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_  WMA Board Member

Name to be printed on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_  Current Active Duty

Loyal Escort's & Guest's Name for Badge: \_\_\_\_\_  Life Member # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  My First WMA Convention

A \$10.00 cancellation fee will be charged after 1 July 2006. Refund will be mailed in Oct 2006.

I am unable to attend, but wish to purchase a program journal. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$10.00, payable to "WMA 2006 Convention". Be sure to provide your mailing address.

Early Bird Registration:	\$27.00	Postmarked prior to 1 February 2006
Registration	\$30.00	Postmarked 1 February - 1 June 2006
Late Registration	\$40.00	Postmarked 1 June 2006 & 1 July 2006
On-Site	\$50.00	After 1 July 2006, on-site at the hotel only
I plan to arrive via:	_____ Air	_____ Ground Vehicle _____ Rail

### MEAL REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  I have special dietary requirements:

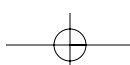
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

ONLY current WMA Members and Loyal Escort Members may take Package A or Option B.

Date	Event	Package A All Meals	Option B Individual Choice	Non-Members Meals
Fri. 1 Sept.	Opening Banquet	Included	_____ @ \$21.00	_____ @ \$22.00
Sat. 2 Sept.	Awards Luncheon	Included	_____ @ \$24.00	_____ @ \$25.00
Mon. 4 Sept	Presenting 2008	Included	_____ @ \$19.00	_____ @ \$20.00
Tue. 5 Sept.	Installation Luncheon	Included	_____ @ \$20.00	_____ @ \$21.00
Tue. 5 Sept.	Closing Banquet	<u>Included</u>	_____ @ \$31.00	_____ @ \$32.00
Cost:		\$110.00		

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Mail this form with your check, payable to 'WMA 2006 Convention'  
 WMA 2006 Convention, Doris Keane, 818 Wild View Way, Knoxville, TN 37920-7609

You may register online, prior to 1 July 2006, using a credit card at: [www.Coacho.com](http://www.Coacho.com)  
 Click on "Events", scroll to September 2006, WMA Convention. There is a small fee for this service.



## WMA Recruiting Derby

The gates are open and the race is on to build on our foundation with new members and new chapters. The prizes below are your recruiting incentives and will be awarded at the 2006 WMA Convention in Louisville. To qualify for these prizes you must be a WMA member in good standing at the time of awards. Only applications postmarked before August 1, 2006 will be eligible for credit to win the big prizes! You need not be present to win.

**\*\*\* Contest Timeline: Sept 1, 2005 – August 1, 2006 \*\*\***

### Award Categories:

**1. Individual Award:** For the individual who recruits the most new WMA members during the contest period. Your name **MUST** appear on the application form in the section "Enrolled by".

Prizes: "**Win**" - \$250; "**Place**" - \$100; "**Show**" - \$50; 'Honorable Mention' = \$25 credit to the WMA PX-Tack Room.

### 2. Chapter Awards:

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

Prize: Framed Certificate of Recognition and streamer for chapter flag, "*Recruitment 2006.*" One award within each chapter size class (i.e. Class I: 5-20 members; Class II: 21-45 members; Class III: 46+ members).

b. Loyal Escorts: For the chapter that recruits the most new Loyal Escort members during the contest period. One award will be given within each chapter size class as noted above. The affiliated chapter must appear on the application form in the section "Sponsor's Chapter Code."

Prize: Loyal Escorts Recruitment Streamer for chapter flag

### 3. Area Director Award:

(For the most new WMA chapters organized within her assigned area during contest period).

Prize: Special pin and \$150 (to help supplement the AD budget for new chapter support).

*Good luck and may motivated individuals and chapters be rewarded for their efforts!*



## Calling all Recipes!

### 2008 Convention Cookbook "Cooking With Marines"

Recipes! Recipes! Recipes! Yes, we want your recipes. Help!

Share the recipe for a dish that is popular with your friends and family. Keep in mind that cookbooks have a place for any recipe, snacks, entrees, side dishes, breads, beverages and deserts. Whether your best recipe serves a crowd or just a few, it can be used. Don't forget those great grilling recipes!

Please include tips on storing, take outs, transporting and serving your goodies, along with ways to keep them cool or warm. Include a few comments about the origin of your recipe. Tell us who you prepare it for and pass along any fun variations.

Tell us a little about you, the Marines in your family, or circle of friends. We are looking for recipes from WMA members and Marines, past and present. We are very interested in any recipes with a Marine Corps history.

The recipes will be included in a cookbook, "Cooking with Marines," to be used in fundraising for the Women Marine Association 2008 convention in Houston.

"Cooking with Marines" will be available at the 2006 Women Marine Convention in Louisville.

Please send recipes to: (email) longhornfan01@ev1.net or Betty Huggins, P.O. Box 1821, Pasadena, TX, 77501.

## From the Nominating/Convention Site Chair

WMA is "looking for a few good women" to hold national offices for the 2006 – 2008 term. We are seeking candidates for the following specific positions; Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Directors for Areas 7, 8, 9, and 10. Refer to Page 2 of this 'Nouncements for the offices listed under "National Officers" and "Area Directors"'.

I will also be looking for volunteers for committees and special appointed positions (See pages 12-14 of the 2004-2006 RM&D), so keep that in mind if you'd prefer not to run for an office but would like to get involved at the national level.

If you will consider running for an office and or want more information on any of these positions please contact me at (757) 564-3496 or at [wmarea2director@cox.net](mailto:wmarea2director@cox.net).

Nomination forms are found on page 21 in the new RM&D. Please mail to Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower, 160 Highland, Williamsburg, VA 23188. Nominations open 1 January and close 15 March 2006.

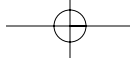
The National Convention 2006 will be held in Louisville with the 2008 Convention in Houston. But, we are already looking for a site for the 2010 National Convention. But WHERE? Region 3 is up next in the rotation cycle per our SOP. That includes Areas 8, 9, 10 plus Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado. If you have not already done so, please get together and put in your bid to host the 2010 WMA National Convention – the time we ALL look forward to every two years! If you or your chapter members have any questions regarding hosting a convention, or wish to submit a bid for the 2010 convention, please don't hesitate to contact me at [wmaarea2director@cox.net](mailto:wmaarea2director@cox.net) or (757) 564-3496.

Nominations for national office AND the 2010 convention site open 1 January and close 15 March 2006.

Thank you all for your support of WMA!

**Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower**  
Nominating Chairman

**WMA Toll Free Number: 1-888-525-1943**



## WMA Resource Manual and Directory Errata & Updates

NOW, you finally have your new RM&D. I apologize that my article was a bit premature in the last issue. We have found that a few are missing pages. If that's the case, please let Sondra or me know and we'll ensure you get a good one. Hold on to the one you have because we'll want it mailed back to the printers to evaluate and improve their quality control. For new and reinstated members since the RM&D was printed go to the Memberships section of this issue. Other changes:

- New national officers – see page 2 of this and every issue. Also, there are address and phone number corrections

for the 1st Vice President on page 2.

- New History Committee Chair is Nancy Wilt. Her contact information is listed under the WMA Historian information on page 2 of this issue and page 12 of the new RM&D.

- CO-1: new President is Pam Garcia, (303) 388-2153, gradgarcia@msn.com; VP/Sec is Pamela Shelby; Treas is Eva "Jo" Slater

- DC-1: new President is Mitzi Manning, (703) 379-4023 comupto@aol.com

- PA-3: phone number for President Shirley McAndrew is (570) 842-9313. Vice President is Anastasia Techky.

- VA-2: new President is: Mickey

Jennings, 804-282-5300; mmjennings@houriganconstruction.com

- New address for Past National President Nita Bob Warner: The Inn of Freedom Square, 10801 Johnson Blvd. Seminole, Florida 33772.

- New address for Past National President Olga Bullock: WatersEdge Lodge, 801 Island Dr. Rm 346, Alameda, CA 94502

- Connie Pendergast, Life member #2513, is listed in the Alphabetical Roster but her information is not in the Texas section. Her address is: 3616 Garrott #3, Houston, TX 77006-4442.

## Racing Terminology for the Convention

When you get into the convention articles in this issue, you may be a bit confused by some of the terminology. Here is an explanation of what and why things have been called what they are being called.

1. The majority of horse owners keep their horses in a "stall" which is usually in the shape of a box. We can assume our fillies and stallions will be staying in these stalls, which humans call "rooms" at the Galt House Hotel. They are cleaned daily keeping them clean and neat using beddings made out of shavings (feathers

for humans) to be comfortable.

2. Our horses need a place to keep their saddle, bridle, grooming tools, horse blanket, and other items. This storage place is called a "tack room", which was formerly called the Boutique and now the WMA-PX. The name Tack Room is just for this convention.

3. Having a safe, enclosed place to work, play, and eat is extremely important for our fillies. Multiple "arenas" (banquet, meeting rooms) serve this purpose.

4. Few things are more relaxing, fun, and soul-enhancing as a gallop/jog/walk than

along the Ohio River trail. The connection between the rider and her horse in a rhythmic step to a sung cadence with the wind blowing your horse's mane and tail helps to melt the stress of a long journey away. (No, you really won't be riding horses; just bring walking/running hooves...uh, shoes.)

5. After being cooped up all day in a stall, our horses will have a chance to move around in a "corral" giving them more opportunities to socialize and meet at the water trough, otherwise known as the Hospitality Room.

## Convention 2006 Services

### Roommate Service

WMA members wishing to share a room at the convention should contact June Worden, 106 Glade Ridge Court, Camillus, NY 13031, Phone # 315-420-0143, or email - wmany5@yahoo.com. She will need your name, complete mailing address or email address, telephone number, and whether you are a smoker or non-smoker. Deadline for contacting June is 20 August 2006.



### Wheelchair Service

Manual wheelchairs will be available for **\$15.00** per day at the convention. If you need this service, please contact Mary Sabourin, Convention Chairman, 110 Bryan Court, Jacksonville, NC 28540-6054, Tel: (910) 346-6553. Mary will make the

arrangements for you to have the chair at The Galt House Hotel and will provide the information about payments.

## The Tack Room (formerly WMA Boutique) Information

Chapters who wish to have a table must register as soon as possible to reserve a space. Please use a copy of the form printed here.

Once your application and reservation check have been received, all pertinent information for shipping and liability forms will be sent to the Chapter Contact listed on your form by June Worden, Area One Director & Tack Room Coordinator.

A copy of this reservation form and your check, payable 'WMA 2006 Convention' should be mailed to: WMA 2006 Convention, Doris Keane, 818 Wild View Way, Knoxville, TN 37920-7609

### Tack Room Reservation Form \$ 25.00

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Items offered: \_\_\_\_\_



# Schedule of Events

24th Biennial Women Marines Association (WMA)  
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1 – 5 September 2006 • Louisville, KY  
“RACE OF THE DECADE”



## Friday, 1 September 2006

- 0800 – 1700 Registration/Information
- 0800 – 1000 WMA-PX “Tack Room” Set-up (formally Boutique)
- 0800 – 1100 2004-2006 WMA Board Meeting
- 0800 - 1100 2004-2006 Loyal Escorts Board Meeting
- 1100 - 1500 WMA-PX “Tack Room” “GRAND OPENING”
- 1300 - 1500 \*First Timer Convention Attendee Welcome Meeting (SS “C”)
- 1430 – 1630 Opening Flag Ceremony Rehearsal
- 1500 – 1600 Tier A Workshop: Promoting WMA Within The Community and Fund Raising
- \*Tier B Workshop: Stress and Anger Management
- 1500 – 1600 Photo Shop Set-up
- 1730 – 1830 No Host Reception
- 1830 – 2130 \*\*Opening Ceremony Banquet (registration required) (Alphas/DB“A”/Evening Dress)

## Saturday, 2 September 2006

- 0800 – 1100 Registration/Information
- 0900 – 1100 WMA Business Meeting #1
- 0900 – 1100 Loyal Escorts Business Meeting #1
- 1200 – 1430 \*\*Recognition and Awards Luncheon (SS “C”)
- 1500 – 1700 Registration/Information
- 1500 – 1700 WMA-PX “Tack Room” Open
- 1500 – 1700 Photo
- 1500 – 1800 Tour of Churchill Downs (registration required)
- 1800 - ? Hospitality Suite “Stable” Open

## Sunday, 3 September 2006

- Worship services of choice
- 0830 – 0930 Ecumenical Service in hotel
- 0800 – 1200 \*Gallop N Trot Fun Run/Walk (registration required) (Green on Green/WMA t-shirt)
- 1300 – 1400 Tier A Workshop: Scrap booking
- \*Tier B Workshop: Veterans Benefits
- 1400 – 1500 Tier A Workshop: Creating Newsletters
- \*Tier B Workshop: Marine Moms
- 1400 – 1700 Registration/Information
- 1500 – 1700 WMA-PX “Tack Room” Open
- 1500 – 1600 Tier A Workshop: History of Women in the Corps
- \*Tier B Workshop: Dress for Success
- 1600 – 1730 Area Directors & Chapter Presidents Meeting #1 (current and incoming AD and chapter presidents)
- 1500 – 1700 Photo
- 1600 – 1730 Area Directors & Chapter Presidents Meeting #1 (current and incumbent)
- 1800 – 1930 Marine for Life Seminar
- 1800 - ? Hospitality Suite “Stable” Open

## Monday, 4 September 2006

- 0900 – 1030 \*\*2006 Memorial Service (SS “C”)
- 1030 - 1130 Registration/Information
- 1045 – 1145 \*Marine Corps Initiatives Panel
- 1200 – 1430 \*\*2008 Convention Luncheon (SS “C”)
- 1500 – 1700 WMA Business Meeting #2
- 1500 – 1700 Loyal Escorts Business Meeting #2
- 1700 – 2000 WMA-PX “Tack Room” Open
- 1700 – 2000 Photos
- 1700 – 1830 Area Directors & Chapter Presidents Meeting #2 (current and incumbent ADs and chapter presidents)
- 1800 - ? Hospitality Suite “Stable” Open
- 1900 – 2100 Spirit of Jefferson Dinner Cruise (Registration Required)

## Tuesday, 5 September 2006

- 0900 – 1030 Registration/Information
- 0830 – 0930 Tier A Workshop: New Chapter Formation
- \*Tier B Workshop: Exploring Your Leadership Style
- 1000 National Officer Photos
- 1030 – 1300 \*\*Installation Luncheon “Winner’s Circle” (SS “C”)
- 1330 – 1500 WMA-PX “Tack Room” Final Finish (closing)
- 1330 – 1600 Convention “Photo Finish” (final photo)
- 1400 – 1630 2006-2008 Loyal Escorts Board Meeting
- 1430 – 1600 Training Session for New WMA Board Members
- 1800 – 1900 No Host Reception
- 1900 – 2200 \*\*\*“Triple Crown” Grand Banquet (Alphas/DB“A”/Evening Dress)

## Wednesday, 6 September 2006

- 0900 – 1200 2006-2008 WMA Board Meeting

\* = indicates required attendance by active duty Marines; all other attendees are welcome and invited to attend

\*\* = active duty Marines required to attend in uniform

## WMA Oral History Project

The WMA Oral History Program will continue to collect our histories for the Marine Corps Historical Center Archives and for the Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA). Eleanor Wilson will conduct interviews at the convention in Louisville in September 2006. If you haven’t had your interview yet, you are invited to call the hotel operator for the room number of Eleanor Wilson to schedule an appointment. She will do

them on-site.

It would be helpful if you have a biography or some notes to help refresh your memory of when and where you served and some anecdotes you would like to share. Your military history IS important whether it was for an extended period or a brief one. You created it, now let’s preserve it for all those Marines who will follow.

# Convention Details

## Flag Ceremony

All chapters are invited and encouraged to carry and present their chapter flag at the Convention Opening Banquet in Louisville. However all chapters will be recognized regardless of whether or not they possess their own chapter flag. Please check carefully that your pole, ornament, flag and streamers are all together. **NO INDIVIDUAL STAND IS NECESSARY.** All flags will remain posted until the end of the closing banquet.

REHEARSAL has been scheduled from 2:30 to 4:30 on Friday, September 1st in the banquet room. Rehearsal dress will be casual. Banquet dress will be appropriate evening attire and WMA cap (optional) or for active duty Alphas/DB"A"/Evening Dress.

SHIPPING of the flags should be scheduled to arrive no earlier than 28 August and no later than 30 August to ensure arrival in time for the rehearsal and opening banquet. Ship them to: Your name or chapter, WMA Convention, The Galt House Hotel and Suites, 140 N. 4th Street, Louisville, KY 40202, Attn: Jackie Kimber. Please verify with your shipper the number of actual days required for your gear to arrive on time.

**CHAPTER PRESIDENTS:** Please send your chapter name, the name of your chapter bearer, and a confirmation as to whether you have or will be sending your chapter flag to the Convention to: Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower, 2nd Vice President, 160 Highland, Williamsburg, VA 23188 or email at [wmaarea2director@cox.net](mailto:wmaarea2director@cox.net), **NO LATER THAN 1 JULY 2006.** If you have any questions please call (757) 564-3496.

**HOTEL:** The legendary Galt House Hotel and Suites, located in downtown Louisville overlooking the Ohio River, is known for its southern hospitality since 1835. By the time we arrive the renovation of the Galt House will be completed. It is a beautiful hotel located near the Actor's Theatre, Riverfront parks, Louisville Slugger Museum, Louisville Science Center, Kentucky Center for the Arts, Glassworks, Slugger Field, and shopping.

The room rates are \$81.00 single/double/triple/quadruple and \$101.00 for suites, with additional state and local taxes. These rates are good three (3) days before and three (3) days after the convention. We encourage you to come early and /or stay late to enjoy the sights of Louisville. Make your reservations early. **Tell them that you are with the Women Marines Association 2006 Convention** to get the group rate. Please have a major credit card handy when making your reservations. The cut-off date for making reservations at the discounted rate is 31 July 2006.

Dates: 1 September – 5 September 2006

Place: Galt House Hotel and Suites

140 North 4th Avenue

Louisville, KY 40202

(800) 626-1814 (7am to 11pm)

(502) 589-5200 (24 hours)

FAX: (502) 585-4266

Check in time is 3:00 pm; check out time is noon.

**FIRST TIMERS:** Is this your first time attending the Women Marines Association (WMA) Convention? If so, **THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR YOU.** Where better than Louisville to introduce you to the WMA as an organization and to some of its members. Our theme at the **24 Biennial Women Marines Association (WMA) Convention & Professional Development Conference** is "Race of the Decade" and you are a part of it. The **FIRST TIMERS** get-together will be held on Friday, 1 September, from 1300-1500. Prizes will be awarded. Please join the President of WMA and others in welcoming you to your first WMA Convention & Professional Development Conference. We look forward to seeing you.

## WOCC Reunion Notice

31st WOCC Reunion (Oct-Dec 1972) will be held during the WMA convention in Louisville, Aug 31-Sep 4, 2006. Contact Mary Adams Broussard, email: [broussusmc@aol.com](mailto:broussusmc@aol.com), mail address: 4500 Dakin Ct., Louisville, KY 40299, phone: 502 267-4776.

## Convention Fundraising Merchandise

Have you taken the opportunity to buy the 2006 Convention fundraiser, "We Are Marines"? Here's your chance to help with the convention and enjoy a book of wonderful stories by women Marines.

For a donation of only \$25 plus \$4 shipping/handling, you can own your very own copy.

Send your check payable to NC-1 Tarheel Chapter, to Mary Sabourin, 110 Bryan Court, Jacksonville, NC 28540.

There are also larger-than-the-convention-ditty-bag tote bags with the convention logo.

These very sturdy bags are \$25 (includes shipping).

Make check payable to WMA MI-2 and send it to Betty Jean Cannon, 6400 S. Dixie Hwy, Lot #7, Erie, MI 48133.



## New Merchandise

Wonder what to do with all those challenge coins you've collected? Why not display them on a display case from SC-1. The cases come in walnut or black, and are \$30.00 plus \$10.00 shipping and handling. To order e-mail

Rosa Robertson at [Rosa\\_rmr@yahoo.com](mailto:Rosa_rmr@yahoo.com) or



send your check or money order to: WMA Phyllis Alexander Chapter, PO Box 5296,

MCRD Parris Island, SC, 29905-0296.

## Calling all Marines...WOMEN Marines, that is

"Women of the Corps" has opened at the museum in Castle Rock, CO and is a success. Close to 300 attended the grand opening of this history exhibit about women Marines on one of the few rainy days Colorado has each year. Lou Teixeira, Carol Mutter, Eileen Scanlon and Sue Sousa attended as did other women from around the U.S. including Linda Priest and Janet Taynor. Our history has proven to be of interest to all who visit the museum; now comes the next phase and we need your help. We need your personal history, photos, info on WMA and any treasures you may be holding. CO-1 is the official WMA repository for your history and treasured items.

CO-1 has received a generous gift to fund the continuation of the history project from Mary Bacon Hale. A temp/climate controlled, secured, storage facility has been obtained and is being set up as you read this article. It provides storage as well as a workspace for the members of CO-1 to preserve and catalog items sent.

Items received will be stored in an acid free environment and will be cataloged by contributor, era, and interest group (i.e., WM athletics, WM Band, MOS's, WM by states, the firsts that our women accomplished, etc.). Uniforms will be cleaned and preserved for the future with the latest



technology. WMA data will be compiled, preserved and available to all chapters for reference.

The possibilities are limitless. What makes giving your treasures to CO-1 and the WMA History Project unique? We are women Marines, who will respect what you share with us. Your stories and WMA history past and future, which are so interlocked, will be preserved together.

Our current museum display will run until 13 August 2006. Prior to that date we

will start the second phase of the project called WMTEs (Women Marine Traveling Exhibits). These traveling displays will be made available to military commands, veterans' organizations, state agencies, universities, schools, and historical organizations.

The first formal request has been received for a WMTE covering all our history for the 3Rd Marine Division reunion in Milwaukee next year. We are currently planning that event. In addition we have three organizational contacts that are interested in WMTEs for future activities.

We will make any data and items we have available to our Marine museums and other national museums with the provision of the return of items for continued preservation by WMA.

Join us in our efforts to preserve your history. Send originals or copies, photos, scrapbooks, handwritten memories, and uniforms - whatever you have. Identify as many individuals in the photos as you can. We will copy data and return the originals to you, if so directed.

Mail your history to: Nancy Wilt (WMA Historian), 7679 Berkshire Lane, Castle Rock, CO 80108

Please call if you need assistance with postage or have questions.

## Following Footsteps: A Third Generation Female Marine

*Above: PFC Rebbecah Robles, 19, stands with her mother, Marlana Robles, a retired master sergeant, in front of the Depot's Molly Marine statue Aug. 19. PFC Robles followed in the footsteps of her grandmother and mother before her becoming what may be the first third generation female Marine.*

*Photo by: Cpl. Brian Kester*



## Tragedy Internet Scams

Hurricane Katrina has spawned more than misery and destruction--a new wave of scam e-mails and websites are exploiting the tragedy. Phony web sites and e-mails, purporting to offer help to hurricane victims or provide more news on the destruction, are making their rounds on the Internet.

One spam campaign that's circulating offers breaking news reports but tricks people into clicking a link that takes them to a bogus website, according to security firm Sophos. The site attempts to exploit vulnerabilities in Internet Explorer and install malicious code, including the Troj/Cgab-A Trojan horse, on a victim's system.

Some of these e-mails carry subject headers such as "re: g8 Tropical storm flooded New Orleans" and "re: q1 Katrina killed as many as 80 people."

"If users click on the link contained inside the e-mail, they will be taken to a malicious Web site which will try and infect their computer," Graham Cluely, senior technology consultant for Sophos, said in a statement. "Once infected, the computer is

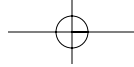
under the control of remote criminal hackers who can use it to spy, steal or cause disruption."

Other bogus e-mails are circulating that ask people to aid hurricane victims and their families by clicking on a PayPal button to make a donation, said Johannes Ullrich, chief research officer for the Sans Institute. "They're using PayPal because it allows them to be more anonymous. But if you reply and ask them for their address to mail the check, they don't respond," Ullrich said.

He advised people to ask the organization for its nonprofit tax ID before making a donation. That ID number can be checked against the database housed by the Internal Revenue Service. Consumers should also review the list of reputable nonprofit agencies posted on the Federal Emergency Management Agency Web site, he said.

Currently, there are 106 Web sites that are registered with the name Katrina and hurricane, weather, disaster, relief or fund included in the domain, according to security monitoring company Websense. Of those, roughly a third lack original content and have notices indicating they are under construction, coming soon, or the domains are up for sale, Websense said.





# 2005 Scholarship Recipients



**Ethel & Armin Weibke  
\$1500 Memorial Scholarship**  
Kati Alyssa Garringer-Maccabe,  
Indianapolis, IN  
DePauw University, Greencastle, IN  
Major: Elementary Education/History  
Sponsor: Grandmother -  
MaryVirginia Maccabe



**Lily H. Gridley  
\$1500 Memorial Scholarship**  
Christine E. Horgan, Valley Cottage, NY  
Binghamton University, NY  
Major: Computer Science/Art  
Sponsor: Grandmother - Audrey Horgan



Peyton E. Wofford, San Antonio, TX  
Baylor University, Waco, TX  
Major: Poly Sci/Business/Social Work  
Previous Winner  
Sponsor: Friend - Beverly Franklin



Sarah F. Zilch, Hurricane, KY  
University of Kentucky - Lexington  
Major: Communications  
Sponsor: Mother - Pamela M. Zilch



**LaRue A. Ditmore Music Scholarship**  
Derek A. Jackman, Brockton, MA  
Carnegie Mellon University-  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Major: Architecture/Music  
Sponsor: Grandmother -  
Jean M. Jackman



Megan L. Messano, Alpharetta, GA  
University of Georgia - Athens  
Major: English/Music  
Sponsor: Grandmother -  
Shirley Messano



**WMA \$1500 National Scholarship**  
Meghan Kathleen Bernard, Lakewood, CO  
University of Colorado - Boulder  
Major: Business/International Affairs  
Sponsor: Friend - Paula Sarlis



Rosemary Braude, Dayton, NJ  
Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ  
Major: Public Relations  
Previous Winner  
Sponsor: Grandmother - Anne Chase



Ecaterina R. Burton, Kailua, HI  
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
Major: Psychology  
Previous Winner  
Sponsor: Mother - Catkin Burton



Timothy J. Eaton, New Hyde Park, NY  
State University of New York -  
Farmingdale  
Major: Dental Hygiene  
Sponsor: Friend - Suzanne Graham



Ryan M. Ford, Golden, CO  
University of Colorado - Boulder  
Major: Business/Pre-Med  
Sponsor: Grandmother -  
Miriam Thome



Ariana Homan-Cruz, San Antonio, TX  
Harding University, Searcy, AR  
Major: Undeclared  
Sponsor: Grandmother -  
Mildred Homan



Kathleen A. Goertzen, Slidell, LA  
Swarthmore College, PA  
Major: Engineering  
Sponsor: Friend - Eleanor Judge



Sarah A. Ross, Chardon, OH  
Ashland University, OH  
Major: English/Teacher Licensure  
Integrated (7-12) Language Arts  
Sponsor:  
Friend - Emilie Esmonde-Grossman



**Oregon Chapters \$1500 Meg Dawes  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Krista K. Berlincourt, Springfield, OR  
University of Oregon - Eugene  
Major: Undeclared  
Sponsor: Grandmother - Hattie Kelley



**Gulf Coast of Florida \$1000 WWI  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Jacqueline M. Nuzum,  
Fredericksburg, VA  
Virginia Commonwealth University -  
Richmond  
Masters: Social Work  
Sponsor: Mother - Kathleen Nuzum



**Gold Coast of Florida \$1000  
Blanchard-Miller Memorial  
Scholarship**  
Lauren B. Esperon, Naples, FL  
Florida Gulf Coast University - Fort  
Meyers  
Major: Marketing/Hospitality  
Management  
Sponsor: Great Aunt - Sarah Seiderman



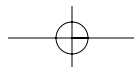
**New York Metropolitan Chapter \$500  
Vesta J. Skehan Memorial Scholarship**  
Michael S. Geiman, Emerald Isle, NC  
East Carolina University - Greenville,  
NC  
Major: Broadcast Journalism  
Sponsor: Grandmother - Edna Geiman



**Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter  
\$500 Father Charles Covert  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Trevor J. Martinet, Pueblo, CO  
Colorado State University - Pueblo  
Major: Marketing  
Sponsor: Mother -  
Sally Clare Martinet



**Minnesota Leatherneck Chapter  
\$500 Jeanette I. Sustad Memorial  
Scholarship**  
Katelyn Jeanne Baker, Charleroi, PA  
Washington & Jefferson College,  
Washington, PA  
Major: Chemistry & Business  
Previous Winner  
Sponsor: Grandmother - Betty Balmer



# Chapter Clippings

## WMA AR-1 Arkansas Diamond

The Arkansas Diamond Chapter met in Russellville on 7 May, a combination business meeting and celebration of our 30th anniversary. Area Director Judy Anderson attended the meeting and presented a certificate commemorating our 30th anniversary.

Thirty years ago on 31 May 1975, a group of 14 women met at the Holiday Inn, North Little Rock to form the 54th chapter of the Women Marines Association. Among them, the newly elected National Vice President, Nita Bob Warner (a native daughter of Arkansas). The chapter name, Arkansas Diamond, was suggested by Nita Bob and adopted by the group. Arkansas is the only state with a diamond mine.

Just one year later at the 1976 national convention in Boston, our chapter had one of the highest number of members in attendance. Members have been on the go ever since.

Almost from the very beginning members, spearheaded by Maxine Florance, have been making Christmas better for children at the Arkansas Children's Colony in Conway. Maxine collects and distributes 300 gifts every year, ensuring each child has a gift at Christmas. Maxine has kept this program running for 29 years.

In the early years of the chapter members served as escorts at the two VA hospitals in Little Rock and once a month served coffee and doughnuts (purchased by AR-1). They presented gifts to women veteran patients. (Our members in the Little Rock area have aged along with the chapter and are no longer physically able to perform this volunteer service). Magazines and handmade afghans for veterans at the Fayetteville VA are currently being provided by members, along with volunteer work.

The chapter usually had members representing AR-1 at the national conventions. A boutique selling jewelry was set up by our members, with proceeds from sales supporting volunteer work at Arkansas VA hospitals. TV's, books, hairdryers, clothing and reading material have all been donated by chapter members over the years. One member in particular - Nina Brown and her husband - were instrumental in obtaining over \$3160 in comfort and toiletry items donated from Merchandise Mart in Harrison. Contributions have also been made to the WMA scholarship program and WIMSA.

AR-1 members have received numerous awards for volunteer leadership service over the years.

One of our chapter presidents, Opal Lovelace Blakeslee, was elected Area 6 Director in 1983. She served two tours as Area 6 Director. A BIG accomplishment for several AR-1 members in Northern Arkansas was helping to bring medical services to veterans in Northern Arkansas. Their cooperation with other service groups enabled an outlying veterans' clinic to be opened in Mountain Home in 2000. This eliminated the need for veterans to make the long drive to Little Rock for treatment.

The Arkansas Diamond Chapter has slowed down a bit over the years but is still alive and as long as new members come aboard and are active members, AR-1 will continue.

*Margaret Deuster*

## WMA AZ-1 Arizona Roadrunner

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We said goodbye to our chapter treasurer, Dorothea Schilling, on 7 February. Dorothea was a life member of WMA and served as Area 8 Director in 1980 and chapter treasurer for several years. Our chapter will miss her and her enthusiasm.

I would like to mention that she died with no survivors, and it was difficult to locate her executor because of no records being



kept for next of kin. We have since brought our membership list up to date with next of kin listed. I cannot stress enough how important it is to have a next of kin listing kept with the members of the chapter. One never knows when we might suddenly expire and the people left need to know important information about the chapter Treasurer: She never stopped

recruiting.

On 5 August we are finally going to be able to tour her house and retrieve any papers we will need to transfer over to the new treasurer. The picture is our Dorothea at the Marine Corps birthday lunch, 10 November 2004, signing up an active duty woman Marine. She never stopped recruiting.

*Shirley Heckard*

## WMA CA-1 Greater Los Angeles

The ladies of CA-1 met at a neighborhood restaurant for lunch in Westchester. We then proceeded with our business meeting at the home of Mary Jane Diver.

We had not met since our anniversary in February so we had quite a few important things to chat about. There was a message from Carol Mutter urging members to register with your local VA medical facility and get their ID card whether you plan to use it or not. There are a lot of support services available, too, that are worth while checking into. It will help justify additional funding based on membership. We were able to find a "lost sister" Marine so now we can at least see she gets our publications even if she can't attend the meetings.

Attorney Denne Howard resigned as area director to become the WMA legal officer. With her training and experience she can be of service to WMA.

Our president, Anna Brown was selected by the Woodlawn Community Cemetery personnel in Santa Monica and the American Legion to lower the flag from half-staff and raise it at the Memorial Day service. She also was asked to ride in a gorgeous 1957 turquoise Chevrolet in the Bay Cities Fourth-Of-July Parade.

Two MCJROTC units were visited by CA-1: Crenshaw High School in May and John Freeman High School in June. The high schools always produce outstanding young women cadets.

Mary Jane Diver, chapter secretary, reported that the president of the Ladies Of The Westchester Elks #2050, Sherry Hunt, has formed a committee of Lady Elks who prepare gifts, flowers, books, little mirrors, hand lotion, etc. and get permission from the VA to visit and present these goodies to the women veterans in the VA hospital in Westwood.

The CA-1 Chapter held its next meeting in October.

*Mary Jane Diver*

## CHAPTER CLIPPINGS *(continued)*

### **WMA CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area**

Twelve members met for our May luncheon meeting at Harry's HofBrau in San Leandro. A representative was chosen to carry the CA-3 memorial wreath in the Memorial Day ceremony at the Chapel of the Chimes in Haywire. Louise Tamayo carried our chapter flag (good job). There were several of us that were honor guards at the funeral service of our member Helen Ulricksen and we shared our experiences with those who could not attend. We have lost four members.

The Waves National Golden Gate Unit 8 hosted the All Service Women's Luncheon 5 November at the Doubletree Hotel in Berkeley.

Congratulations to Mary Louise Berry on her engagement! We all wish her well and much happiness. It's never too late. Congratulations again, Mary.

We were very fortunate to be able to award \$500 scholarships to two bright young students. Catherine Ulricksen, granddaughter of Helen Ulricksen, is a second year student at Los Positas College in Pleasanton. She is pursuing a career in the performing arts. Clara Regina Sao, granddaughter of Regina Goss, has been accepted to the University of California in Los Angeles. Her primary interest is in oral biology and orthodontics but she is also considering the entertainment field.

Congratulations to both girls and we wish them every success in their chosen careers.

*Connie Guaraglia & Nell Stevens*

### **WMA CA-4 North Central California**

Much to our dismay, Elgean Hunt resigned as vice president of CA-4, but it is our good fortune that Lois Wilson has agreed to finish Elgean's term. Welcome aboard, Lois! Elgean will continue as our parliamentarian.



Attending CA-4's 40th anniversary luncheon are: (l-r) Del Baeta, Ernie Grabinske, Dorothy Forman, Sgt Nicole Besier, Mary Blair, Lois Wilson, Jeanne Bartelt, and Lucille Harness (seated).

On 21 May, Del Baeta presented the award for outstanding MCJROTC Cadet to Jackee Tang, at a Kennedy High School ceremony.

Also on 21 May, CA-4 members met at Luau Gardens Restaurant to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the formation of our chapter. We were honored to have as our guest speaker Sgt Nicole Besier, who told us about her recent experiences in Iraq. There was a long article with pictures about her in our local paper.

General Donald Matson, Director of the California Military Museum in Sacramento, gave a personally guided tour of this marvelous facility for members Mary Blair, Dorothy Forman, Lucille Harness, Lois Wilson and Loyal Escort Bob Blair. On display are over 40,000 items depicting the military history of California. There was an impressive group of mannequins dressed in all the service women's uniforms. Prior to the tour, we had a delicious lunch at the Fireside Restaurant in Old Sacramento.

Some ongoing activities: Lucy Harness assists with a duplex housing program for homeless women vets; Dorothy Forman and Lois Wilson attend meetings of Marine Corps groups to form a council to aid returning Iraq vets and other veteran needs; Karen Winette and Chris Hollinger participate in Young Marines Programs.

*Dorothy Forman*

### **WMA CA-5 Orange County**

Like most of us, the pace has slowed down for the summer. We did two MCJROTC presentations in May and participated in various Memorial Day observances. Is it just me or is patriotism on the rise? I saw a lot more "youngins" attending services this year.

I was lucky enough to receive a major "care" package from Toma Cosmetics in North Hollywood with nail polish, mascara, lip and eye liners in some of the wildest shades you can imagine. (Would you believe a shade of green nail polish named "Forest Green"?! I can just picture us in ranks with that on!) Anyway, an assortment is already on the way to San Antonio where Trish Martin has offered to act as our ambassador and distribute these items to all women veterans at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Hopefully, it will boost their spirits. Other boxes are going to the Long Beach VA, Camp Pendleton and Balboa in San Diego. This "gift" was a result of my writing to Toma as a user of their fine products wondering if their discontinued merchandise could be considered a gift for military women. I encourage everyone to write a letter too and perhaps we'll have many other ways to show our active duty women how much we think of them!

*Valorie Lephart*

### **WMA CA-7 E.M. Vann Southern California**

Since our last writing we have lost another member and one Loyal Escort. Lucille Woodrey, an active member up to the time when she could no longer participate, passed away on 2 July at the Life Care Center in Escondido. Her husband Floyd passed away in 1996. Loyal Escort and husband of Alyce Williamson, Elmer, passed away on 28 July. He was very well liked by anyone who met him. He went to the San Diego convention in a wheelchair. We will miss these two very much.

At our June meeting, the last one before summer, we had a fun segment called "Hats". Since we have a wide range of women in our chapter, the young ones wanted to see the hats or covers from "before" and the senior ones wanted to see the covers of today. So we brought our covers to the meeting: utilities, dress blues old and new, and the green cover we are trying to save. One cover most of us have never seen was the pill box cover modeled by Lillian Hagener Bell. Just about everyone fell in love with that one.

## CHAPTER CLIPPINGS *(continued)*

The young ones wish it would come back. The hat boxes were just as interesting.

During August we held our annual Summer Get Together, this year held at the home of Francis and John Hubert in Fallbrook. We had a wonderful turnout and the weather cooperated nicely. Mary Lou Voigt made a Marine Corps quilt. The quilt was won by Norma Wohlfarth. There was more than enough good food and we all left feeling happy and well fed. We also signed cards and mailed them to our injured lady Marines in San Antonio, Texas.

During September The Military Women of Merit, sponsored by our local newspaper *The North County Times* and Pacific Marine Credit Union, held their awards luncheon. Women of Merit are nominated by individuals or organizations from throughout north San Diego County and south Riverside County. Out of the 38 women nominated, four were from our chapter, and two were selected to be honored: LtCol Lillian Hagener Bell, USMC (Ret), and 1stSgt Peggy Reiber, USMC (Ret). The other two from our chapter were Col Catherine (Kay) Telford, USMCR (Ret), and Lorry Vaca.

Our September chapter meeting saw 23 members and two guests including our newest member Dee Campbell. We laid out our luncheon programs till June 2006 including guest speakers. We also discussed hurricane relief with several very good suggestions. We are in the planning stages for the Marine Corps Birthday and the Women Reserves Anniversary. If you would like to attend either one or both of these functions, please let us know so we can include you in our festivities. We look forward to seeing you.

*Lillian Cross*

### WMA CA-9 Redwoods

After a well celebrated 62nd anniversary way back in February (arranged by member Doris Kleberger at Oakmont's Quail Inn), we rested on our laurels until spring when, with everything else, we came forth and blossomed! Joyce Donegan and Doris Panzer with the essential help of Karen Riddle, Activities Director at the Veterans Home in Yountville, organized a Women Marines Tea. Invitations were sent to all women Marine residents of the home and to other chapters nearby. It took place on 18 June in the Lee Lounge of the home's Recreation Building. It was well attended and included members of CA-3 and CA-6. Everyone enjoyed the relaxed socializing and, of course, the "goodies".

To add great satisfaction to this pleasant occasion, we attracted two new members. Margaret (Maggie) Hart is a long-time member of CA-3 but when she moved to American Canyon, just down the road from Napa, the proximity of Redwoods chapter proved to be ample motivation for her to join us. (CA-3 needn't worry, however. Maggie remains devoted to her home chapter.) Our other new member is resident Pat Gillette. She is new to WMA also.

We rejoice with each new member, and these two are received with especially warm welcomes!

We noted in *'Nouncements* the article about the Landstuhl Medical Center in Germany where casualties from Iraq and Afghanistan are sent for treatment. We were asked to send packs of clothing and personal necessities for these men and women who arrive with no luggage. No sooner had I sent out the Redwoods Newsletter with this plea, I heard that member Del

Kinney and husband John (residents of the home) had four packs ready to send. This was accomplished with donations from other home residents and the four boxes (plus one small package) were shipped to Germany at chapter expense.

Since then, Del, who is a member of the local Marine Corps League detachment, announced that the MCL would provide additional packs for us to fill. This was discussed at the Tea, and member Charlotte Gilbert volunteered to coordinate this additional project which is now in process. In the meantime, donations from members' friends came in. This money was distributed to members who took additional packs to help cover shipping costs.

We commend Del and Charlotte for their initiative and willingness to inspire and accomplish this project. We hope that our small contribution will help our military men and women recover from their injuries as well as boost their morale knowing that there are many of us at home who care about them and wish them well.

*Doris Panzer*

### WMA CO-1 Colorado Columbine

The Colorado Columbine Chapter met with MACS 23 Marines at Buckley Air Force Base and had lunch and a tour with the few women stationed there. The stories exchanged and mutual admiration was abundant. The young women of the Corps today are OUTSTANDING and we can't say enough about the great job they are doing. They immediately accepted our history project and helped with uniform donations and ideas. Plus the day of the event, many of them were there on a work detail, color guard and firing squad. We cannot say thank you enough to them.

The Castle Rock Historical Society and the Castle Rock Museum Board met with our president and vice president and gave the okay to proceed with the exhibit and grand opening. Paula Sarlls signed a contract with the museum for one year so our exhibit will be there until at least next August 13th.



CO-1 at the opening of the history exhibit.

The grand opening event was a huge success, although we woke up to pouring rain that day. Around 8 a.m. it began to slow down to a trickle and at 11 it stopped so we could finish setting up. MACS 23, Young Marines from several detachments, the Cranes, Sarlls', and Wilts all worked very hard that day. Many photos were taken and Channel 4 News came in and interviewed Nancy Wilt. They took photos of the exhibit and aired them on TV all day on 14 August. The event was in many local newspapers including the *Colorado Observer* (State American Legion publication), and the *Guardian* (Buckley AFB publication), as well as the local papers in Castle Rock and surrounding communities. The veteran network of Paula and Nancy reached far and wide across the state. Several Commandants of Legion Posts, MC League Commandants, our own SOS group, the President of the United

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Veterans Committee of Colorado, and Congressman Tom Tancredo all attended and supported the project. National President Lou Teixeira, Past Presidents Carol Mutter and Sue Sousa, and Eileen Scanlon attended as did Linda Priest and several ladies who traveled with her. I regret I don't have their names, but their presence was none-the-less very, very much appreciated.

You will be able to see the photos and some of the memorabilia at the convention. We will send them to the area directors as time permits and they can forward for your information.

Subsequently, we presented the project to the board and it was accepted as a "national" project, and Nancy was appointed the chair of the history committee.

In closing, let me just say that this chapter takes our history very seriously and did something about preserving it, not just for today, but hopefully long into the future. We need your support to continue doing this job for WMA. Please send your items and stories to us first. We'll copy and forward according to your wishes, but we don't want to miss out on any treasures or see them go where they're not appreciated. With our new duties, Nancy and I will not be officers in the local chapter, but we will be leading the activities in other ways and helping always to protect your precious histories.

I remain yours, Semper Fidelis!

*Paula Sarlls*

### WMA CO-2 Pikes Peak Mutter

Our September project to assist with the Katrina Relief Drive got off the ground on such short notice that those of us in CO-2 were in near exhaustion!

We were approached by one of our members, Sara Beauchamp, who called and asked Shirley Coston if there was something she could do, and that there were 400 families coming to our town, and in need of



*Kay Sankey, Mary Griggs and Shirley Coston checking out toys collected for Katrina Relief.*

everything...clothes, blankets, toys, etc. It was a project waiting to happen. Shirley then called President Anjoleen Baca who concurred that we now have a project that needs our immediate attention. Sue Marcotte, our programs chair, had the Pikes Peak Young Marines who normally collect for Toys for Tots do the same for us. Some of our gals' had already sent phone cards to relief sites and needed items were carefully collected and delivered to Alpha Noel, who is in charge of this particular relief drive. She was delighted that the WMA was willing to do what they could for families in need. We send our thoughts and prayers from Pikes Peak Mutter Chapter CO-2, to the many in crisis from Katrina. God bless all these poor souls.

CO-2 participated in the POW-MIA celebration and motorcycle rally in Cripple Creek 18-21 August where we manned a booth to raise funds for the Pikes Peak Young Marines, who marched in the parade. Belinda Johnson, who organized the veterans' rally, was there to oversee the whole thing. Way to go, Belinda!

We also wish to congratulate and thank Anjoleen Baca for again working on the Marine Corps Ball Committee. We're very proud of Anjoleen and her many achievements.

We wish everyone a happy Marine Corps' Birthday and many blessings. Semper Fidelis, ladies!

*Shirley Coston*

### WMA FL-3 Gold Coast of Florida

We have had a busy year. Virginia Speaker was a guest at one meeting, giving us hints on sending packages to Iraq. She also told about operation "Shoe Box". She and her husband have sent over 74 boxes in the name of WMA.

Many of our members are unable to shop, but have provided items and money. Jane Stupariu, our president's daughter-in-law, even recruited her co-workers to gather items for the boxes.

We would like to thank the following; Sherry Heldman, Maxine Garrigan, Jeanette Enu, Alice Stupariu, Ruth Espejo, Marjorie Palin, and Effie D'Silva, for their donations of money. Due to their generosity, Natalie Champagne and I were able to send a good variety and large boxes to Iraq on a monthly basis. According to the letters we've received, the troops are very thankful.

We had the usual turnout for Memorial and Veterans' Day. Alice Stupariu, and Virginia Ciancio represented the chapter at Scholarship Day at various schools.

Our chapter had a very sad April, as we lost four members and most recently Janet Needelman Kline. Our sincere condolences to her mother, husband and children.

Hats off to our treasurer, Stephanie Schomel, for her courageous fight. She had stomach and colon surgery on top of throat cancer. We were so happy to see her improving so well at our last meeting.

Our prayers go out to the families affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. I know the feeling as I also had losses at my place in Key Largo.

On the happy side, our November meeting will be a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Always a wonderful time and a real family get together.

Before closing, I want to send best wishes to Marjorie Gallun, of Lanhan, MD. She has been under the weather lately. We were in 1st grade together in a one room school house, and served together at Miramar Air Depot in WWII. We have been friends for close to 78 years. I'm sure this must be a record!

We wish everyone a safe and blessed holiday and pray we have no more storms. Semper Fidelis.

*Mary Jane Kane*

### WMA GA-1 Dogwood of Atlanta

At the end of May, shortly after MCJROTC season, we learned that recent graduates Katherine and Sarah Bergstrom, twin sisters of chapter member Cpl Rachel Bergstrom, had received appointments to the Naval Academy. They began Plebe Summer on 29 July and before the end of that period, each had become Assistant Platoon Commanders. All three young women were cadets in the MCJROTC program at North Forsyth High School in Cumming. Both Naval Academy cadets plan to become Marine officers.

June quickly followed and brought with it the heartbreaking

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news of the passing of Mary (Nelson) Kiemele, a long time member of the chapter who had been battling an illness for some months. She will be deeply and genuinely missed.

At the end of June, seven chapter members and two guests took on the whitewater challenge of the Ocoee River in Tennessee. Four of the women were first timers on the river and although hesitant at first, soon found themselves having the ride of their lives.

Afterwards, some of the ladies headed back to a cabin rented for the weekend where we relaxed, talked and enjoyed a delicious dinner in the relaxing surroundings of the mountains.



**Members of GA-1 at the retirement ceremony for LtCol Laura Ward.**

For our third consecutive year, we participated in the Salute 2 America Parade on the Fourth of July. LtCol Laura Ward, outfitted in her green digital cammies became our duty driver and expertly drove the desert camouflaged Humvee through the streets of Atlanta. Joining Laura in the Humvee were June Dukes, Kathleen Eidson, Sheryl Hobden and Sheri Sperin. Afterwards we stopped by the home of LtGen Larry Taylor, USMC (Ret.) for his annual 4th of July soiree. At one time or another, Sheri, Laura and Sheryl had served under his command.

On 29 July, LtCol Laura Ward marked the end of her 23 year career in the Marine Corps Reserve. We enjoyed the opportunity to view the scrapbook that Laura had created documenting her career from her start at OCS through to her retirement. It was impressive not only for its size (72 pages), content and creativeness, but mostly because she had only been working on it for less than a month!

As previously mentioned, Cpl Bergstrom will be headed home from Iraq before the end of the month. During the last months of her deployment she assumed the duties of Battalion Ammo Chief and was recently awarded a Navy Achievement Medal. Another chapter member, Cpl Samantha Wood, was promoted to her current rank on 1 August and has recently been working ECPs in Fallujah. She is not expected home until March 2006. Both women graduated from boot camp in 2003.

As we roll into the last part of the year, headed into the holidays, we continue to keep our thoughts and prayers focused on the young men and women who are serving our country and their families who long for their safe return. God bless them all!

*Sheryl Hobden*

### **WMA IL-2 Blanche S. Osborne**

The month of May opened with our spring meeting held at Cog Hill Country Club, hosted by Martha Nawrocki. Joy Reeves won the big 12-cup Gervalia coffee maker. Several members attended high schools with JROTC units and awarded the WMA certificates and ribbons to the leading woman cadets.

On 28 May, the big Memorial Day Parade was held here in Chicago. Again, we were able to get a Humvee for seven of us to ride in the back. Thanks to thoughtful SSgt Rita O'Reilly, our



**Enjoying the weather at the picnic, Genevieve Bowen and Mae Glassbrenner**

member stationed in the I & I Staff at 2nd BN, 24th Marines, who had the wooden benches furnished with cushions (instead of the usual bare boards). She marched with the reserves just back from Iraq. The next scheduled chapter event was the Summer Picnic, held in mid August in Glenview, one of the far northern suburbs. Our 90-year-old member, Anne Adukaitis, was our hostess at her home. It was a few days before her birthday, and she also invited a number of her friends to help celebrate. It was a perfect day for everyone to sit outside. Anne said she was in the second class at Hunter College.

Sadly, we have lost three members since the end of May: Emily Rose Field, Muriel Alien, and Dorothy Pat McCune.

*Muriel Underwood*

### **WMA KY-1 Winning Colors**

Our charter was approved at the Interim Board meeting in Louisville over the Labor Day weekend. Winning Colors was chosen for our name after the first filly to win the Kentucky Derby. We thought it fitting since the chapter was formed in Louisville, the home of the Kentucky Derby.



**Left - right: Helen Taylor, VP Susan Vogedes, Claudia Reeves, Kathleen Drummond and Carolyn Wren, Secretary Treasurer. Missing from photo, Mary Broussard, President and Marjorie Cox.**

While they were in town, board members and convention planners were invited to meet chapter members at a picnic dinner at Mary Broussard's home. Earlier in the week, Mary Sabourin, chairman of the convention planning committee spent a night

with the Broussards. During her visit, they brought together representatives from the Marine Corps League, Marine Corps Coordinating Council and area Marine Corps JROTC units that will be providing assistance during the 2006 convention.

Our chapter members enjoyed meeting so many other women who served in different times and places. They look forward to helping make the convention easier for the planners and fun for the attendees. We know we will be ably assisted by the local Marine Corps League and area Marine Corps JROTC cadets. So y'all come! We look forward to meeting you.

*Mary Broussard*

### **WMA MA-1 Bay State**

Summer is winding down and there is a touch of fall in the air. The early trees are beginning to show their fall colors and soon the whole Northeast will be ablaze in all shades of reds, oranges and yellows.

We had our July picnic at Joyce Barden's home this year. A good representation of members attended and we had a tasty lunch under the trees in Joyce's lovely backyard.

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August found us again at the Women Marine Barracks on Plum Island, (the summer home of Claire Wagstaff and Agnes Griffin) for our annual Lobster Fest. A glorious day, with great company and lots of delicious food.

A number of members missed both events this summer due to hospitalizations, stays in rehab, bad backs & joint replacements. One of our members had a small stroke. We are happy that everyone is either home or well on the way to better health.

Our admiration goes to Mary Moran, Evie Norton, Harriet Nemiccolo and Jean Jackman who continue to volunteer their time in the VA Hospital system. Jean has the chapter involved in Operation Baby Baskets. We are filling large baskets with all the necessary items needed for newborns. These baskets will be donated to the expectant mothers who are cared for in the Obstetrical Service in the Jamaica Plain VA. Our first presentation will be in early October. What a great project, Jean. Toys for Tots is around the corner. Hard to imagine! This will keep us busy into January.

Our prayers are with the victims of hurricane Katrina.

*Kay Carpenter*

## WMA MA-2 Peg Parda

WMA asked that the Peg Parda Chapter adopt a woman Marine, LCpl Jess Gerouard, currently serving in Iraq, as a member of our chapter. She and her parents are from nearby Gardner. We were delighted and immediately contacted Jess by E-mail. When asked if she needed anything, she said their shower curtains were disgusting and should be replaced. We sent her eight sets of shower curtains in Marine Corps green with clips for their eight shower stalls.

She had apparently taken a course in Arabic, which became an aid in her assignment of searching Iraqi women. Since men are not allowed to touch Iraqi women, this difficult task falls to women Marines to search women completely enshrouded in the abaya robes, robes that easily hide explosives, weapons and large quantities of money, indications of their involvement with the insurgents.

We invited her parents, Rick and Pat Gerouard, to attend our summer picnic in July at the home of Lyn Grise in Wilbraham. They were just as delighted to be there as we were to have them. We plan to include them in future activities of the chapter as well as keep in touch with Jessica.



The picture of our summer picnic includes our guests, Pat and Rick Gerouard, front and center.

*Betsy Paulsen*

## WMA MI-1 Michigan



Genny Luckey with Armed Forces cake served at luncheon. The cover was her original WWII issue.

The Michigan 1 Chapter of the Women Marines Association held its annual spring luncheon and meeting at the VFW hall on South Chipman Street in Owosso on 21 May.

Many representatives of all the services were present to honor Armed Forces Day. Betty Cannon, area 4 director, and her husband Don, service officer of the Catholic War Veterans organization, were chief speakers for the occasion. All veterans brought pictures, uniforms or parts of, and other memorabilia of their service time.

At the meeting plans for the chapter's part in the upcoming 2006 national convention in Louisville were discussed. Area 4 is co-hosting this 24th Biennial Convention.

Phyllis Bradford, Shirley Crook and Eileen Borer, of the Pontiac area will host the fall luncheon. Alice Haber and Genny Luckey were the spring meeting's hostesses.

*Alice Haber*

## WMA MI-2 Motor City

Operation Caring Friends (OCF) has still been the main project of MI-2. We have been very fortunate that the donations still come pouring in. Aug 4th we shipped a whopping 407 boxes to our men and women in Iraq. Of those were 121 cases of Girl Scout cookies. That made a total of over 3,000 boxes of GS cookies that we sent since March of this year. The response back from Iraq and Afghanistan has been equally as thrilling. Our men and women are truly touched by the outpouring of generosity from the States.



MWSS 371 with flag they signed and sent to Mary Merritt and Operation Caring Friends.

On 10 Sept our quarterly meeting was hosted at the home of Mary Merritt. Potluck lunch with ribs and chicken provided was eaten amidst the Oorah shouts of TKE the African Gray Parrot. Ladd, the Loyal Escort of Betty Cannon, with the green collar took care of clean up detail. His little tail wagged merrily as not a dropped morsel was missed. After making sure that all members were properly nourished they were led into the basement where they spent several hours packing up boxes for our next shipment. A total of 110 boxes were made up and will be shipped later in the month as more donations arrive daily. We were happy to sign up our two newest members, Lori Robinson and Michelle Ruth. We

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signed them up and put them right to work. No one was spared and all had a great time getting the "comforts of home" ready for our men and women who are now deployed. All admired the fringed flag that was sent to Mary and OCF from MWSS 371 EOD. All the Marines from the unit took time to write a personal thank you to all who have supported them.

MI-2 has also worked with BocaJava Coffee to make sure that our Marines get plenty of good coffee while they are deployed. We are still collecting quilt squares for the Marine Comfort Quilt project. We will once again participate in "Make a Difference Day" and monies collected will be used for OCF and the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

*Mary Ann Merritt*

### **WMA MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks**

This last quarter was a busy one. On 5 May we had our belated Anniversary Luncheon with a good attendance but most of all, we had Major Kristi Johnson with us. She had returned from Iraq - had heart surgery - has recovered and her mom Kathy, and her aunt Marie Weis, (also a WMA member) were with her. Following that, we had Liz Whitbeck and Emily Rodich represent our chapter at the MCJROTC ceremony and present Panhia Lor, a graduate, with a check from our chapter.

We had a rousing good time at the Water Carnival Parade with people cheering us along the parade route. It was awesome to realize that people were so receptive. Many of us also attended the Women Veterans of Minnesota Luncheon, which was hosted by the Army veterans with General Wilma Vaught as the main speaker.

The Memorial Day ceremony at Fort Snelling was attended by several members. Those who could not attend were at other memorial services in their own locale.

We had our next meeting at the VA Hospital - Minneapolis - on 10 September, and had a member vote on a donation to the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. Donations are badly needed for our Marines, and our chapter will be on the list of donors. Other volunteer activities included the Armed Forces Center at the airport; attending the Minnesota StandDown, which is geared to helping homeless and other needy Veterans; and the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, which were held in Minneapolis in June.

Our last social event was our annual picnic, which was held at the home of Emily and Marvin Rodich, and is one of our largest attended events as our husbands and Loyal Escorts are all invited. We had more food than we could possibly eat - the weather was perfect and the setting outside was beautiful. We had our meeting following the feast and then all went home with the chorus of "drive safely and Semper Fi".

*Dot Witcher*

### **WMA MO-1 St Louis**

The St. Louis Chapter participated in Memorial Day ceremonies held at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Patty Schindler and Mary Jantosik marched in the parade with the Marine Corps League and Marine Honor Guard, while Ophelia Owens and Betty Gonzales marched with the St Louis Women American Legion

Post 404 as part of their honor guard. Patty and I placed a poppy I placed a poppy on the wreath as representatives of Missouri women Marines.

In May Patty Schindler, Ophelia Owens, and Mary Jantosik went to Branson for the Women Veteran's Week. We had a table with various things representing the Women Marines Association and to promote the 2006 Convention in Louisville. Unfortunately, it was very poorly attended with maybe 20-30 women vets attending. There were no women Marines at the affair other than our members. Branson was very appreciative of our participation. The Marines were the only branch that had a specific table. The St. Louis American Legion Post 404 was the only other veteran organization to have a table; the other tables were local businesses.

*Mary Jantosik*



**Ophelia Owens, Mary Jantosik, Patty Schindler & Betty Gonzales on Memorial Day.**

### **WMA NM-1 Sandia**

So far, this year has been a busy one for the chapter. In May, the MCJROTC awards were high on our list. The awards came off without any problems and our chapter members were eager to present the WMA awards.

The Memorial Day Parade was again, a big one for us. For the second straight year, we won first place in the Women's Marching Unit category. Those participants were: Billie Mitchell, Barbara Winslow, Cedar Sorrell, Kathryn Cordova, Laurel Hull, and Helena Anthony. Thanks to Helena for making the trip in from the western part of the state. Also on Memorial Day, our chapter sponsored the meal program at the VA for the patients. We provided the tray mats and napkins and the card on the tray read "Tray covers and napkins for your dinner meal...Courtesy of the Women Marines Association". This is a yearly sponsored program for our chapter.

We had three guests from the Navy WAVES who attended our July meeting. It was great to hear about their service days and they were just as interested in what we had to say. We also had another guest, Shirley Turner, whose mother was a woman Marine in WWII. She told us of her mother's experiences while serving in the Marine Corps. Shirley comes from a family of Marines.

As in the past, I want to thank all chapter members who continue to support and attend our chapter meetings. I could not do it without your help.

*Barbara Winslow*

### **WMA NY-5 Central New York State**

Officers, members and guests met at the Retreat Restaurant, Liverpool, on 21 May for a lunch-meeting. Chapter president and Area 1 director June Worden had a complete set of the 24th Biennial Convention information for each member attending.



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Several of us had heard from the women Marines in Iraq in appreciation of our sending a care package to them. Each member had interesting plans for the summer and would be observing Memorial Day. Semper Fidelis!

*Marge Rowoth*

### WMA OK-1 Oklahoma Sooners



Jennifer Authis is promoted to Major by Col Sward (l) while her father and daughter Teagan pin on her oak leaves.

On June 2nd seven of our members met for lunch as a send-off for our member Jennifer "Jeep" Authis who is being deployed to South Africa until next year. Jeep has been stationed in Broken Arrow since returning to active duty with the Marine reserves. We were all elated when Jeep announced that she was promoted to major that morning. Congratulations, Jeep, and good luck! She and her family enjoyed a vacation in Hawaii before leaving for her assignment.

In other news, Virginia Kruizinga is recuperating from her second foot surgery. She is forever grateful that she has only two feet. Her favorite saying, "Aw, it'll be a piece of cake" takes on a whole new meaning now.

Harriet Frank enjoyed a 2-week cruise in May to Alaska.

Wanda Graham and Jeep did the honors at two local high schools by presenting awards and gift certificates to the outstanding MCJROTC cadets.

*Pietje Wall*

### WMA OK-2 Heartland

Several members took time out to remember Liz Bond, native Oklahoman, Coast Guard veteran and a major participant in veterans' events in Oklahoma City before moving east to live with her daughter, Area 3 Director Pat Bond McLane. Liz was well loved in OKC and is missed by all.

Planning meetings for the first annual Oklahoma Veterans Starlight Dance took up some of the summer. The dance was hosted by OK-2 and the Women Veterans Organization (WVO) of Oklahoma, and held on 1 October. Music was provided by a DJ, with other special entertainment. Proceeds went toward women veterans programs in Oklahoma. The crowd was small but great for our first venture into this arena.

One of the wonderful moments at the dance was seeing member Ann Gould and her husband Chet who drove all the way from Ft Smith, AR. Ann has been recovering from surgery to remove a brain tumor. We had not seen her since before the surgery, so it was fantastic to share our evening with them and see how well

she's doing. Thanks, Ann & Chet, for spending your weekend with us!

Next was the Susan Komen Race for the Cure on 15 October. Many of our members participate in this very moving event. Then came the annual Halloween party at the VA Hospital at the end of the month.

On 4 November, the Oklahoma Marine Corps Coordinating Council held its annual Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon. This year, thanks to OK-2, the guest speaker was BGen Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin. This was the first time a female Marine has been guest speaker at this affair.



OK-2 members at the Starlight Dance, seated (l-r): Brenda Blair, Joan Willauer and Ann Gould. Standing (l-r): Sondra Metzger, Deborah Patillo, Dorothy Ribold and Pam Bloustone.

The following day, 5 November, BGen Krusa-Dossin was one of two guest speakers at Women Veterans Awareness Day. This, too, was a first for a Marine. And there were TWO Marines...the other speaker was Betty Moseley Brown, associate director for the Center for Women Veterans and a member of the DC-1 chapter. The program was also hosted by OK-2 and the WVO.

And, later that night was the Recruiters' Birthday Ball, with (guess who) BGen Krusa-Dossin as guest speaker. Hopefully, she and her husband Paul went home with a good dose of that Oklahoma hospitality.

Our thoughts are with member Pat Goss as she recuperates, and her son-in-law John Wilson. Also with everyone affected by the hurricanes.

*Sondra Metzger*

### WMA OR-1 Lady Marine Rose

First, I want to correct the caption under the picture in the summer 'Nouncements. It should have read "WWII Women Marine Reserves". Chapter 3 and 4 members were also in the picture.

Our chapter co-hosted with The American Legion Post #137 the All Women's Service Luncheon held at the Hometown Buffet in Tigard which was attended by eighteen service women. Marines again outnumbered the other services in attendance. Highlight of the event was our guest speaker, CPO Stephanie Cathcart, a corpsman who is attached to the 6th ESB in Portland. She entertained us with stories of her recent active duty in Iraq and graciously answered the many questions we asked. She has been attached to the Marine Corps for eleven years and said she is always very proud to wear the Marine Corps uniform.

Members attended two of the local high school's "Veterans Remembrance Day" activities in May and spoke to the students in the classes, answering their questions and emphasizing that freedom isn't free.

July 4 saw five of our members representing the WMA in the annual Hillsboro parade. The women Marines, in their sporty red jackets, were cheered enthusiastically by the crowds lining the two mile parade route.

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Ready to march, Hillsboro 4th of July Parade, (l-r): Heidi Tanada, Hattie Kelley, Golda Fabian, Sally Van Wie and Marcia Dean

Our final meeting before our summer hiatus was hosted by the Falconbury's on their beautiful houseboat on the Columbia River. This last meeting is our "Strawberry Festival" and the highlight of the luncheon is Oregon strawberry shortcake. After a short meeting, the members spent the afternoon basking in the sun on the deck, waving at passing boats, feeding the ducks, and engaging in good natured camaraderie.

July 16th found Hattie Kelley, Golda Fabian, Heidi Tanada, Ruth Falconbury and Jerry Sullivan, accompanied by her daughter, and Lorraine McCameron headed to Salem to attend OR-4's annual picnic/potluck. This is always a fun party and was enjoyed by all.

Our annual garage sale, which was held at Loyal Escort Bobbie Aaby's home in Portland, netted a tidy sum for our chapter. Hattie Kelley, Dorothy Schultz, Heidi Tanada, Betty Workman and Golda Fabian worked diligently from 17 - 21 August pricing, selling and disposing of the many items which had been donated by other members.

The following weekend, Hattie Kelley, Arlos Walters and Golda Fabian assisted the Columbia River Detachment of the Marine Corps League in their "comfort station" at the World War II 60th Anniversary Celebration in Vancouver, Washington. They passed out ice water, coffee and homemade cookies to people stopping by and answered their many questions about what life was like during WWII and in the service. This was the largest celebration of the six authorized by the Department of Defense and thousands attended the three day event honoring those who served. At the closing event, Arlos Walters, representing the women Marines branch of service, was awarded the Honorable Service Lapel Pin, which most of you will fondly remember as the "Ruptured Duck".

Sadly, taps were sounded on May 27 for Marilyn Jo Ann (Martinson) Baxter, who was buried at Willamette National Cemetery with five OR-1 WMA members attending her service.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the residents of the hurricane ravaged regions of the Gulf area and we sincerely hope that our fellow members who live in that region were spared.

*Golda Fabian*

### **WMA OR-4 Oregon Capitol**

Our annual summer potluck/auction was well-attended by members of our Salem chapter and also members from OR-1 and OR-3. Lots of chatter and good food! We really miss Maggie Wise, who has moved to Reno, Nevada, one of our most faithful buyers, but we did well, with auction profits of \$410. This is our only fundraiser, and we really depend on participation from our

our fellow WMA'ers.

One of the organizations we donate some of our funds to is the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, which is doing a great job of helping families of injured Marines. We also like to make donations of women's clothing and money to our local women's shelter.

Although our chapter is small, with only about ten active members, we enjoy getting together and sharing memories of the Corps, and we also try to find worthy projects in our community. Our next meeting is the middle of September, when we will make our plans for the holidays.

*Barbara Hosier*

### **WMA PA-3 Mountain Laurel**

We attended the annual Armed Forces luncheon in Scranton on 15 May. We were honored to have Area 2 Director Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower and her husband join us.

Following the luncheon, we held our semi-annual formal meeting. It took place at the Northeast Detachment, Marine Corps League. Shown in front of the post are, front row: Maude



Gottlieb, Shirley McAndrew, and Virginia Swartz. Back row: Anastasia Techky, Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower, Doris Keeler, and Anee Kish. After the meeting Rhonda shared with us some updates from National as well as some ideas for our chapter. She provided a list of all Area 2 members so that we may find

those who live near enough to join our chapter, and then send invitations to our meetings. She also explained that 2006 Convention duties will be shared by Areas 1, 2, 3, and 4, with our chapter hosting the banquet and the flag ceremony. We will be thinking of fund raising events for the theme "Starting Gate," and watching future 'Nouncements for information on the progress of convention plans.

Armed Forces Week culminated with a parade on 18 May. The weather was "parade perfect" and there was a good turnout of spectators. Two members marched ahead with our banner and four members from the WW II era followed in a car decorated with women Marine posters and a sign identifying the occupants.

We continue to entertain the residents of the local veterans' center, with special parties for the women veterans. Semper Fidelis!

*Virginia M. Swartz*

### **WMA RI -1 Roger Williams**

After several postponements due to bad weather and personal problems, our chapter finally got together on the 4th of June to belatedly celebrate the Anniversary of Women Marines. Our gathering was bitter-sweet because we had just lost two current members and one who was a member before moving to another state. Louisa M.P. Landi, charter member, our co-founder and briefly early president, passed away just a few days after her 92nd birthday in May. Shortly after that we lost Mary Jean Pion, one of our long time members. Helen Gifford, life member,

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passed away at this same time. She had been an active member of our group before moving to Connecticut.

After a moment of silence, Vice-President Martha Marshall read a prayer submitted by our chaplain, Virginia Dulleba, who was unable to attend due to a broken hip.

We discussed a fitting memorial to our deceased members, something military, memorable and local. It was decided that we would donate American flags in their names to the Rhode Island State Veterans Cemetery in Exeter. These flags are displayed on both sides of the long entrance to the cemetery on holidays, making a most impressive scene.

This gathering was also to be a send-off for Mary Leckie, always a willing and active member, who was moving to Fredericksburg, VA, to be near her family. Unfortunately, Mary suffered a fall the night before and injured her shoulder, so was unable to attend.

Our few gatherings are always enjoyable get-togethers and we look forward to our next one in the fall.

*Carol-Ann Lantz*

### **WMA SC-1 Phyllis Alexander**

Greetings from South Carolina! The Phyllis Alexander (SC-1) Chapter has been very busy this year. Through the efforts of many members we have been able to assist the community in many aspects.

In May we were able to join forces with many other organizations in posting American flags at the Beaufort National Cemetery prior to participating in the Memorial Day Parade. We had a great time walking/running through downtown Beaufort handing out candy to the bystanders and being the only all female veterans' organization in the parade.

Chris Wildenthaler and (Colonel) Roxanne Cheney, (Ret) presented the WMA MCJROTC Lamp of Learning Award to Cadet SSgt Charity Yallum at the Battery Creek High School awards presentation in May.

Monthly visits to the residents of Charleston Veteran's Hospital are made regularly by our very own Vice President Linda Priest among others when available.



Members of the Phyllis Alexander Chapter at the Annual Beaufort Memorial Day parade, (l-r): C.C. Pupek, Maria Knox, Rosa Robertson, Linda Priest, Jennifer Bailey and Chris Wildenthaler.

This summer we joined forces with the University of South Carolina, Beaufort's Chi Delta Chi Veteran's Honor Society to send coffee supplies to the Marines in Iraq. Chapter member Heather Dutchin is the president of that prestigious organization.

We also teamed up with the Parris Island Staff Non-Commissioned Officers' Wives' Club and the Marines and recruits from "O" company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion to send cards and financial support to the women Marines recovering in San Antonio. We were able to contribute \$200.00 and about 100 get well/feel better cards.

To our delight, member Jennifer Bailey decided to toss her hat into the political ring and run for the House of Representatives Seat 121 here in Beaufort. After a valiant effort, she was not elected, but she has gotten the taste of it now and may try again.

Throughout the year we have been blessed to have members who were able to present the WMA Molly Marine Award to various recruits at 4th Recruit Training Battalion on Parris Island. Pictures are posted on the WMA Yahoo Chat Group Website.

Our continuing fundraising project is our WMA soy candles. They are advertised along with the other chapter fundraising projects in 'Nouncements'. These candles are handmade by our very own Bonnie Thompson.

We are planning a (first ever) Molly Marine Run for 11 February 2006 on Parris Island to coincide with our 63rd Anniversary Celebration luncheon on 12 February 2006 at the Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort. More details to come when arranged.

We teamed up again with the Chi Delta Chi Organization to meet the WMA Matching Funds challenge for the Katrina Victims. Between both organizations we were able to contribute \$220.00.

We have an upcoming meeting with our area director set for December.

A point of interest for our chapter is that the Parris Island Museum's Gift Shop was renamed the "Alexander's Ship Store" in honor of our namesake, Phyllis Alexander. Phyllis managed the shop for about ten years prior to her passing. What an awesome way to remember her and honor all of her efforts at the museum through out the years. We will get a picture to post on the WMA Yahoo Chat Group website.

*Maria Knox*

### **WMA TN-1 Rocky Top**

Although we have not reported in for quite some time, it isn't because we are not busy. We were able to raise some much needed funds at our spring plant sale. It was at that time we also received a dozen Jackson & Perkins rose bushes free, if we gave them to a not-for-profit or community organization. We requested the roses and gave them to Steps House, the homeless veterans' halfway house that we work very closely with in our neighborhood. The roses are now in full bloom and look beautiful!

Trula Burnett, Betty Rye, Barbara Chagnon, Thelma Burns, Doris Keane, and Eileen Neiler meet at Lindsay Long's home in August to work on our Tack Room Project for the 2006 Louisville Convention. We made excellent progress and Lindsay provided lunch for us.

We extend our sincere prayers to all those residing in the Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana areas visited by Katrina. We are assisting on a local level via our churches, which have taken in hundreds of victims and are providing clothing, food, homes and job opportunities and our city will be hosting another 1,000 in a few days and will need our help.

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September will find us traveling to Crossville to join with the Women Veterans Network of East Tennessee for a women veterans' family & friends picnic. November is the scheduled 3-day Stand-Down for Homeless Veterans in Knoxville and Rocky Top Chapter will be doing all the registration for this annual event. We have done this for the past three years and it gives us such a rewarding feeling.

We have tried to interest other women Marines in the Knoxville area to join our chapter. We know of three who are members of national WMA, and about eight more who are women Marines, but so far, we are not having much success.

In our "spare time" we're working away toward plans for the registration for the 2006 Louisville Convention. We hope to see all of you there.

*Doris Keane*

### **WMA TX-1 Lone Star State**

A bit of follow-up news on the dedication of our monument at the Dallas Ft. Worth National Cemetery back in May - check the smiling faces of our members as we officially presented this monument!

For instance, in May we made our annual presentations of WMA Outstanding Cadet and scholarship awards to MCJROTC units at Irving High School and W. T. White High. That's always a good experience.

In June Maria Crowley and Joan Wright had the opportunity to visit some of the Marines who had been sent to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio for treatment and rehab for wounds sustained in Iraq. As we listened to them express their positive attitudes about what they were going through, and some even with a desire and willingness to go back to finish the job in Iraq, the courage and strength shown by these young men would be pretty much indescribable. Although it was a 'draining' experience, it was such a privilege and honor for us to be there.



TX-1 with the monument

Polly Weidenkopf had the opportunity at a later time to visit with several women Marines wounded in Iraq who had been sent to Brooke for their further treatment and rehab. We hope to have further contact with these young women so they will know of our support and gratitude for their service.

Through the Helping A Recovering Marine (H.A.R.M.) program sponsored by Department of Texas Marines Corps League

and specifically with the Alamo Detachment, our chapter decided to participate in this program with our monetary support to provide necessary various items and activities designed to support these hospitalized Marines during their treatment and recuperation at the Brooke medical facility. This program also benefits the families who come to San Antonio to visit these Marines.

To bolster our funds for our ongoing projects, we reordered a supply of the WMA cookbooks we published last year as a fundraiser for our monument. We are hopeful we will have some of the success we had the first go-round with these books.

At the writing of this article, we are certainly aware of the devastation caused by Katrina. We send our thoughts, prayers and support to all of the WMA members who were affected in one way or another by this horrific storm.

That will be all for the time being from the DFW area. Semper Fidelis!

*Joan Wright*

### **WMA TX-2 Texas Gulf Coast**

Hello from the great state of Texas!

Well, it's been quite an eventful summer for the TX2 Chapter...we've worked long and hard on preparing the historical calendar for this year. Several of us even took our cameras, three of our members to serve as models, plenty of water, a couple flags and spent a toasty morning in June photographing different scenes for possible cover pictures.

Those of us taking pictures and setting up the scenes were having a blast pretending to be photographers, while our poor models were cooking in those greens - especially our WW II vet who wore the original heavy wool ensemble! They kept smiles on their faces, though, even as their make-up slid down their chins in droplets. When you see the cover of this year's calendar, I think you'll agree that it was worth all the effort.

Our June meeting was a pot-luck salad luncheon with a beach party theme. There were so many different, delicious salads! And the tables were decorated with sand and seashells. Everyone had a great time, and it was so relaxing just to enjoy the sand and shells WITH air conditioning, of course.

Well, ladies we are heavily into planning for the 2008 National Convention, and I have a newfound respect for those of you who've dedicated so much time to planning past conventions. I look forward to attending my first one in 2006 in Kentucky.

One of our proposed fund raisers (for 2008) is a cookbook. We're looking for recipes from Marines of any time period...male or female. We look forward to receiving your recipes, and learning a little about you and how you use them. If you were a cook while in the Corps, and still have some of those recipes used in the mess hall (especially a good recipe for SOS), send those in too...we're going to have a lot of fun with this project.

*BJ Huggins*

### **WMA TX-3 San Antonio Rose**

With the increase of injured Marines being treated at Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, the Marine Medical Liaison office became fully functioning in May of 2005. The Marines get the best possible medical care from the hospital staff, but the Marines assigned to the

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liaison office take care of everything else, including families.

In July, WMA received unofficial notice that seven female Marines were being sent to BAMC for treatment of injuries received in Iraq. They joined one female Marine already there. These eight young Marines were the recipients of an amazing show of concern and support from across the country. Within a few days of their arrival they received 45 homemade cards from high school students in Las Vegas, sent by a WMA member. Then the money started pouring in. A large portion of this money was spent on the rental of a van for five weeks to be used by the Liaison office to transport the Marines and their families. This was at the request of the liaison office. They have now been able to obtain military transportation. There were care boxes from Las Vegas, southern California, and coastal Texas, and others that weren't delivered by me so I can't give credit where it's due. Many people included gift cards or calling cards in their envelopes. Some of this was shared with the male Marines, with the senders' permission, as there was plenty to go around.

As the women Marines became outpatients, there was more contact with local WMA members. In late August, the women Marines were treated to dinner on San Antonio's Riverwalk by the local Marine Corps League detachment. After dinner, the local WMA chapter provided tickets for a guided tour of the river, and they were each given a VISA gift card purchased with the remainder of the donations from WMA.

As of this writing, three of the Marines have returned to full duty. The remaining five could be here for several months, receiving therapy for their burns. Their morale is still high, but they will always enjoy getting cards. TX-2 sent them each a copy of the 2005 WMA Historical Calendar, and they have enjoyed studying the pictures. Some of the uniforms, in particular, and stories of hair and make-up lessons, caused much laughter. There are currently 60 Marines, male and female, in and outpatient, being treated at BAMC. TX-3 will be happy to continue delivering your cards and boxes to Marines as long as they are needed.

*Trish Martin*

### **WMA WA-1 Evergreen State**

Our chapter was busy with the MCJROTC presentations and the following members have done so for our chapter: Zelda Barrows at Wilson High in Tacoma on 10 May; Julia Sheridan at Kentwood High in Covington on 6 June and Honey Langdon at Snohomish High.

Connie Holden, our member who now resides in South Carolina, was in town over the Memorial Day weekend and met with some of our members. A wonderful reunion was had by all.

Our next chapter outing was on 13 August at Emerald Downs Racetrack in Auburn.

We have been pleased with our project of donating \$100 each meeting for the Marine Semper Fi Fund in CA. They have been most appreciative of our efforts to help the service families who are struggling to make ends meet.

We have lost another dear and very active member of WA-1, Dorothy Frederick, who passed away on 30 June. She served during World War II and met her husband Karl (deceased) at Camp LeJeune. Dorothy served as our chaplain for many years and gave such dignity and meaning to our meetings. She was a life member

of National and was proud of her association with WMA. She is survived by two sons and a daughter. Four members of WA-1 attended the service on 9 July in Steilacoom, WA. We will miss you, Dorothy, as you were an inspiration.

Our next meeting was on 5 October at Johnny's Restaurant in Fife. Get well wishes to a number of our members who have had surgery and other setbacks and have been unable to attend meetings. We miss you all and God bless.

*Louise George*

### **WMA WI-1 Wisconsin Women Marines**

Memorial Day was a busy one in Madison. Three women Marines took part in a ceremony at the Marine Reserve Center during the unveiling of the Fallen Warrior Memorial to honor the four Marines who were killed in Iraq on 8 May. The Marine Corps League (MCL) gave the memorial to the Marine Corps. Also being members of the Marine Corps League, the women were part of the members who presented miniatures of the Memorial to family members of the fallen Marines. Shown carrying the miniatures, (l-r) are



Connie Allord, Marjorie Marshman and Annette Howards. The 11 miniatures were then presented to a Marine of 2/24 who in turn made the presentations to the family members, a very touching ceremony.

Early in the day, the usual ceremony at the State Capitol remembered all veterans. Marge gave the invocation before Governor Doyle gave his remarks. During the wreath-laying ceremony Annette placed a wreath for women who served in all wars and Connie placed one for victims of 9/11. After that ceremony it was a dash to Truax Field to observe that ceremony where Wittmer Hall was dedicated in memory of the first National Guard woman from Wisconsin killed in Iraq.

Before Memorial Day the MCL places over 1500 flags on veterans' graves at Resurrection Cemetery in Madison, Annette and Connie being part of the crew. In June they are removed to be cleaned and sorted for next year. Marge joined the crew for that, a huge task.

On 30 April the chapter met in Fond du Lac with Megan Daley presiding as the new president, joined by Melinda Swoboda and Linda O'Hara as new (and younger) members of the elected officers. As she has done for many previous meetings, Hazel Strook of Fond du Lac made the arrangements, hosted and donated prizes for the drawings. Great job, Hazel!

In July Marion Forrer, Annette and Connie made their annual trek up to Lake Tomahawk in northern Wisconsin for a 10 day stay at Camp American Legion, the campus in a beautiful setting between two lakes. It has operated since 1925 as a rehab center for any Wisconsin veteran in need of R & R or for therapy. There are twenty cabins and a beautiful central lodge, a large and well equipped therapy building staffed by time-donated therapists who rotate each week, pontoon boats for cruising and fishing and tours to various events in the area. It is the only such camp in the country and totally funded by the American Legion. A former Marine is the director.

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On August 26 there were many WMA members among the United Women Veterans who make an annual trip to the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King and take the women veteran residents out to lunch, transported by the home's transportation director, Lisa Do, also a woman Marine.

Planning began in September for Veterans Day observances at the capitol by the Madison Veterans Council with three WMA members on the board. Our numbers may be fewer but we do our best.

*Connie Allord*

### **WMA** **WVA-1 Martcoto**

Our chapter recently participated in a school supply drive for needy Iraqi children. We voted on and agreed to spend \$50.00 on pencils, notebooks, paper, erasers, pencil sharpeners and book bags. We anticipated only shipping one to two large boxes to the personnel in charge of distributing these supplies. One of our members and founder, Dottie Alderman is enrolled in the local "Curves" For Women Fitness Center and had only mentioned what our chapter was doing for these children. The Curves' members immediately began bringing in school supplies and donated money for shipping costs. They did this on their own and out of

the goodness of their hearts. We greatly appreciate having people in our community like those at the Curves for Women Fitness Center. Our chapter was able to ship three large boxes of supplies to these needy children.

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Our chapter is also participating in a local event, The Mound Festival that is held every year in our hometown. We have support from local businesses such as Sam's Club, Wal-Mart, Taco Bell, and Hardees. They donate supplies for us to be able to run our booth at the festival. We sell corndogs, sodas, coffee, cookies, and let others in our community learn all about the Women Marine Association! The proceeds from this event go toward service programs for veterans and other charitable programs.

*Cheryl Arbogast*

## 2006 WMA Historical Calendar

I love this time of year...the weather gets cooler...the leaves change...football begins...and the 2006 WMA Historical Calendar comes out!

Now, being one of the "birth mothers" of the calendar, I always have a high level of anticipation when I know it's coming out. Since taking over the project, which truly is a labor of love, TX-2 has done a wonderful job, getting far more photos than I ever could when OK-2 was publishing it.

This is an exceptional calendar, and a very "entertaining" way to learn our history if you don't already know it. If nothing else, it should be a part of your historical collection.

Your service to your country and Corps are honored in this calendar. Let TX-2 know how much you appreciate their hard work and dedication and order one today. Christmas is coming! This calendar makes a great gift for that Marine

who has everything.

And now, a word from Judy Anderson.

*Sondra Metzger*

Hello,

Here is our 2006 WMA Historical Calendar. We think it is a beautiful new direction in the women Marine story. This calendar has been a bittersweet experience, because of the history we covered. We were very fortunate to have contributions from the active duty Marines in Iraq along with WMA member contributions and support from our historical sources.

Please share the calendar with those you know; think about it for gifts and other occasions of acknowledgement. It can be a tool for recruiting, history, and

information. The centerfold collage can be dry mounted and used as a poster for displays. Including postage, the calendar sells for \$15.00. That is a real bargain when you think of the work the calendar can do. Please encourage all of our WMA members to buy a calendar, or buy one for them. If you work, give your boss a calendar; build support for WMA.

I mentioned the calendar can do a lot of work, but there were a few people that did a lot of work to create this calendar. It really is a work of love. Mostly it takes time and that is what is so precious to most of us

these days. What you hold in your hands is not the vision of the members of the calendar team, but it grew from their work together. Team work...goes back to what we all learn as Marines. Semper Fidelis!

*Judy Anderson*



## Drill Instructors Reunion

The dates for next year's reunion of the Parris Island Chapter of the Marine Corps Drill Instructors Association are 20-23 Apr 2006.

Anyone who has or had MOS 8511:Drill Instructor, or anyone who was a Platoon Sergeant before women were assigned that MOS, can become a member of the DI Association.

Great accommodations are available on PI (such as the Osprey Inn for \$18/night), with the first day's meeting starting in the evening so that you can travel that day, if necessary.

If you go, be sure to visit the History Room in the 4th Recruit Training Battalion, as a goodly collection of historical artifacts has been collected and is available for view. Check in at the Battalion Office.

If the 2005 reunion is any indication, it will be a great time for all who attend in 2006. For more information, see the web site at [www.diassri.corr](http://www.diassri.corr); or by calling (912) 756-8938 or email [vsdPcoasLaiflow.net](mailto:vsdPcoasLaiflow.net).









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Membership Totals	
Life -----	2019
Term -----	1126
Honorary --	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3146</b>



## General makes USO history

Director, Marine Corps Public Affairs BGen Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin received the first Military Woman of the Year Award in the United Service Organization's (USO) history during the USO of Metropolitan New York 39th Annual Luncheon at the Pierre Hotel June 22.

According to Hazel Cathers, Director of Program Services for the USO of Metropolitan New York, the historic luncheon honors the women whose professional and extracurricular activities have impacted the USO and service members throughout the year.

Cathers also said the USO has a history of supporting the armed forces and an on-going commitment to the lives of the men and women of the armed forces and their families. Since 1941, the Congress-chartered, non-profit organization has been dedicated to boosting the morale and servicing the needs of military personnel. Cathers added Krusa-Dossin, a 30-year veteran of the Corps, was chosen for her likewise commitment to the armed forces.

Krusa-Dossin stressed the bestowed recognition not only honored her, but all service members who sacrifice themselves for the betterment of America.

"(This award) is significant for all our women who so proudly wear the cloth of our nation. I represent them today. I



**BGen Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin makes history as the first United Service Organization of Metropolitan New York's Military Woman of the Year during the USO's 39th Annual Luncheon.**

have had an association with the USO since I've joined the Marines. It's a wonderful organization. It's an honor to be here...this Friday I will have done 30 years in the Marine Corps, and I'm looking forward to doing more," said Krusa-Dossin.

For more information on the USO visit [www.USO.org](http://www.USO.org) or call (703) 908-6400.

*Story and photo by  
Cpl Lameen Witter*

## Armed Forces Retirement Home

Veterans are eligible to become AFRH residents if their active duty service in the military was at least 50 percent enlisted, warrant officer or limited duty officer and they are:

- Veterans with 20 or more years of active duty service and are at least 60 years old, or
- Veterans unable to earn a livelihood due to a service-connected disability, or
- Veterans unable to earn a livelihood due to injuries, disease, or disability, and who served in a war theater or received hostile fire pay, or
- Female veterans who served prior to 1948.

Applicants must be free of drug, alcohol, and psychiatric problems, and never have been convicted of a felony. Married couples are welcome, but both must be eligible in their own right.

At the time of admission applicants must be able to live independently. As an example of this, they must be able to take care of

their own personal needs, attend a central dining facility for meals and keep all medical appointments. If increased health care is needed after being admitted, assisted living and long term care are available at both campuses.

Sample fees: Resident Fees for Armed Forces Retirement Home – Washington are as follows:

1. Independent living residents, 35 percent of total current income, but not to exceed \$1,063 each month
2. Assisted living residents, 40 percent of total current income, but not to exceed \$1,595 each month.
3. Long-term care residents, 65 percent of total current income, but not to exceed \$2,658 each month.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the Gulfport, LA, residents were successfully evacuated: independent and assisted living residents to the Washington campus; long term care residents to the Lynnwood

Nursing Home in Mobile, AL.

The residents and staff wish to thank everyone for their generous donations for the Gulfport veterans who weathered Katrina. All items on our original "wish list" have been donated, but they still need winter clothing such as hats, gloves, scarves, sweaters, jackets and coats.

The home is expanding their "Adopt a Veteran" program to match volunteers with veterans. While the residents in assisted living and long-term care programs always welcome visitors, our independent living residents are also eager to go to a ball game, visit a museum, attend a concert, go shopping and engage in other activities in the Capital area.

Interested volunteers can call the volunteer office at 228-348-6597 or email Shelda Jones at [shelda.jones@afrh.gov](mailto:shelda.jones@afrh.gov). The website is <http://www.afrh.gov>.

Monetary donation should be made payable to AFRH NAF (Hurricane Relief) AFRH, 3700 N. Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011.



## Corps movies to hit theaters soon

In the coming months and into 2006, the film industry will again turn its focus to telling the Marine Corps story. On Nov. 4, "Jarhead" starring Jake Gyllenhall and Jaime Foxx is set to open nationwide, and in 2006 "Flags of our Fathers" directed by Clint Eastwood is scheduled to premiere.

"Jarhead" is a film adaptation of Anthony Swofford's novel of the same name. After hitting bookstores in December 2003, the manuscript made its rounds through the Corps and was met with some controversy. The bitter memoir of a sniper in the Persian Gulf War is an unyielding examination of the terror of war and leads the young Marine depicted in the book to question everyone and everything, including the Marine Corps.

The film version of the book follows Gyllenhall ("The Day After Tomorrow") through boot camp and into a war he doesn't fully understand while fighting an enemy he can't see. Foxx ("Ray", "Collateral") plays a hardcharger who leads his sniper platoon into battle. They're also joined by Chris Cooper ("American Beauty", "The Patriot") and Peter Sarsgaard ("Skeleton Key", "Kinsey") in a star-filled cast that brings the movie an air of credibility.

To view the film's trailer or for more information, visit [www.jarheadmovie.com/](http://www.jarheadmovie.com/).

### Flags of our Fathers

Author James Bradley, whose father, John Bradley, was one of the only survivors out of the six Marines and Sailors

raising the flag, penned a novel that detailed the lives of the men who appeared in the photograph taken on Mt. Suribachi. His touching story weaves together legends of the old Corps and recounted the back story of an important time in Marine history.

The movie version of the book is being directed by Academy Award winning director Clint Eastwood and stars an ensemble cast headed by Paul Walker ("The Fast and the Furious") and Ryan Phillippe ("Cruel Intentions"). The film, set in the Pacific theater during World War II, is sure to compete for film awards at the end of 2006.

No further information concerning this film is currently available as the film is still in the production phase.

*Story by LCpl Jeffrey A. Cosola*

## 'Homes for Our Troops' recognized in Newman's Own Awards program

Seeing servicemembers return from battlefields in Iraq and Afghanistan missing arms and legs or paralyzed was so heartrending for Victoria Mosier that she quit her full-time job to help improve their quality of life.

Mosier started working with her son, John S. Gonsalves, 38, president of "Homes for Our Troops," an organization he founded in February 2004 to build or adapt homes to the needs of severely wounded servicemen and women.

Their compassion for America's severely wound combatants garnered them second place and a \$7,500 check in the Newman's Own Awards competition.

The annual competition is sponsored by Newman's Own, the Fisher House Foundation and the Military Times Media Group. Volunteer organizations that support military communities are challenged to present an innovative plan supporting military families and receive a share of a \$50,000 grant to carry out that plan.

Eleven volunteer organizations out of 177 entries were selected as winners for the award.

"Thousands of Americans have sustained life-altering injuries, and they need to have a home suited to their disabilities," she said. "We want to meet their special needs so they can maneuver around the house that just doesn't fit them any more. If they already own a home, we'll go in and adapt it based on their injury."

The group is completing its first home in Middleboro, Mass., and five more projects are under way.

Homes for Our Troops helps injured servicemen and women and their immediate families by raising donations of money, building materials and professional labor. The organization also coordinates the process of building a new home or adapting an existing home for handicapped accessibility.

The group's coffers are filled through fundraisers and corporate, business and

individual donations. For instance, Mosier said, professional golfer Phil Mickelson, the 2004 Masters champion, "is playing his PGA tour for our troops. He gives \$100 for every birdie and \$500 for every eagle (he shoots)." Singer and songwriter Billy Joel made a \$10,000 contribution to Homes for Our Troops, Mosier said.

Mosier said her son was a laid-off construction contractor when he decided to use his building expertise to build and renovate homes for war-wounded veterans of the global war on terrorism.

"Our goal is to help those who come to us," Mosier noted. "It doesn't matter where they're from or what branch of service they're in; if we can help them, that's what we want to do."

"We want to be here as long as the need is there," she added.

*Mr. Rudi Williams*

## I.C.E. (In Case of Emergency): Help to Paramedics

A campaign encouraging people to enter an emergency contact number in their mobile phone's memory under the heading ICE (In Case of Emergency) has rapidly spread throughout the world as a particular consequence of the terrorist attacks in London.

Originally established as a nationwide campaign in the UK, ICE allows paramedics or police to be able to contact a designated relative / next-of-kin in an emergency situation.

The idea is the brainchild of East Anglican Ambulance Service paramedic Bob Brotchie and was launched in May this year.

By adopting the ICE advice, your

mobile will help the rescue services quickly contact a friend or relative - which could be vital in a life or death situation. It only takes a few seconds to do, and it could easily help save your life. Why not put ICE in your phone now? Simply select your person to contact in case of emergency, enter them under the word "ICE" and the telephone number of the person you wish to be contacted.

Paramedics will turn to a victim's cell phone for clues to that person's identity. You can make their job much easier with a simple idea that they are trying to get everyone to adopt: ICE.

ICE your cell phone NOW!

## Sgt Brito returns from Iraq



Sgt Alicia Brito, a member of the Sandia Chapter, NM-1, recently returned to Camp Pendleton after a tour or duty in Iraq. She serves as a Combat Videographer/Photographer. Along with her regular MOS duties, her additional assignments required her to participate in convoy duty and enemy prisoner of war (EPW) escort details. Sgt Brito participated in the Battle of Fallujah. She is scheduled to begin a second tour in Iraq in Feb. 2006.

*Submitted by Barbara Winslow, NM-1.*

## BULLETIN BOARD

Roughly 50 to 60 Marines stationed at the 8th Marine Corps Recruiting District, New Orleans, are relocating to other offices because of dangerous effects of Hurricane Katrina.

A temporary headquarters command element is being established in the Fort Worth and Dallas area. Currently, a basic command capability is established at the Embassy Suites, Dallas, and operations will be directed out of Recruiting Substation Fort Worth. The command was able to reorganize and can still set the recruiting goals for the month and complete their mission. The district has made mission for over 5 years consecutively and intends to make mission for this month.

The command is expecting a return trip to New Orleans to retrieve equipment left behind but it is uncertain when.

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Veterans Day is approaching fast. This notice is being sent well in advance to ensure that you or any member of your family who served in any branch of the military has abundant time to email a G.I. photograph for free installation in the G.I. Photograph Museum of Honor. Photo installment and viewing is FREE to everyone.

To obtain the battlefield secure software (also free) to access The Museum and Personnel Registry, go to this website: <http://www.amervets.com/software.htm>

For more info about the museum's photo-installation policy, go to: <http://members.aol.com/veterans/warlib3.htm>, or the alternate site: <http://www.amervets.com/warlib3.htm>.

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We have members serving in all types of appointed areas in their states. The latest to come to our attention are Elva Pounders and Ellen Leidy, who are on the Governor's Advisory Board for Women Veterans for the State of Ohio. Elva has been on it for over year and Ellen started in September.

National President Paula Sarlls has been appointed by the governor of Colorado to the Fitzsimons State Veterans Nursing Home Advisory Board. The board replaces the Fitzsimons State Veterans Nursing Home Accountability Committee that was created through an executive order of the governor in October 2004. The new board will continue to monitor progress toward ensuring resident safety and financial viability at the Fitzsimons State Veterans Nursing Home. The new board will make recommendations and provide regular updates to the State Board of Veteran Affairs.

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Hurricane Ophelia did more than \$1 million worth of damage to Camp Lejeune -- half of that at Riseley Pier alone, a base spokesman said. The pier off the coast of Onslow Beach suffered about \$650,000 in damage and was the most significant storm damage the base suffered.

The rest of the costs include fixing electrical infrastructure such as downed power lines, roof repairs and debris cleanup. Many repairs have been made, and work is being done as fast as possible to make any others, especially those involving quality of life for the Marines. *Jacksonville (NC) Daily News*

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The Department of Defense announced a significant increase in

the death gratuity for the survivors of service members killed in action and the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) coverage for service members deployed to designated combat zones.

The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror and Tsunami Relief Act 2005 (Public Law 109-13) increases this immediate cash payment from \$12,420 to \$100,000 for survivors of those whose death is as a result of hostile actions and occurred in a designated combat operation or combat zone or while training for combat or performing hazardous duty.

The supplemental also increases the maximum amount of SGLI coverage from \$250,000 to \$400,000 for all service members effective Sept. 1, 2005 and provides that the department will pay or reimburse the premiums to service members, who are deployed in a designated combat zone for \$150,000 of SGLI coverage.

The Secretary of Defense has designated all areas where service members are in receipt of the combat zone tax exclusion as qualifying combat zones and all members deployed outside the United States on orders in support of Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom as participating in qualifying combat operations.

The services will also identify eligible survivors of service members who died in these designated zones and operations since October 7, 2001 and begin making the retroactive payments within a few days.

Survivors of members who did not die in a designated combat operation or combat zone, but were training for combat or performing hazardous duty, will also qualify for the increased benefits.

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To show their support for the US Military, every Golden Corral restaurant across the country will be offering a free dinner buffet with choice of beverage to any former or active member of the US military (including National Guard and reservists) when he or she visits any Golden Corral restaurant on 14 November 2005, from 5 - 9 p.m.

If you are or have been a member of the military, just identify yourself to the cashier.

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MSgt Rose Moore of Marine Corps Mobilization Command, Kansas City, MO (*and a WMA member!*) was awarded a "Notable" in the 2005 Military Times Service Member of the Year competition. She is a family readiness officer for reservists. She created a system to keep families informed about health care, child care and other military benefits available to them while their Marines are mobilized.

Congratulations, MSgt Moore!

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Congratulations to General Peter Pace for being the first Marine appointed as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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With General "Spider" Nyland, Assistant Commandant, retiring, General Bob Magnus has assumed the duties of Assistant Commandant.



*Left:* AL ASAD, Iraq - Cpl Adrienne J. Tochter, 20, a native of Adamstown, Pa., and a member of the wing headquarters security team, raises the colors here. Each morning a United States flag is raised at the headquarters of each military unit. Many times the flag belongs to someone who has requested their personal flag be raised in Iraq. The whistle is used to signal the start and finish of morning and evening colors.

*Photo by: GySgt Shannon Arledge*



*Left:* Capt Kurt Boird, logistics officer, Marine Corps Information Company, Marine Barracks Washington, presents the Combat Service Support Company 115 guidon to Capt Susan Thompson 28 July at the legal assistance office here. Thompson served as the commanding officer of CSSC-115 during Operation Iraqi Freedom from January to July 2003. *Photo by: Sgt. Donald Bohanner*

## In Search of...

• Are there any publications or lists that would have women Marines who served stateside during WWII? I am looking for info on my stepmother, **Florence K. Jacobs**. Thank you for any help you can give me. She was extremely proud of her military service, but all her mementos were destroyed. She passed away in 1989. Contact Cynthia Krynock at [kkrynock@adelphia.net](mailto:kkrynock@adelphia.net).

• My name is Michael S. Lamb & I am trying to find out info on my mother **Elizabeth Ethel Starts** (maiden name). She was in the WWII being stationed mostly in the San Diego area from 8/43 to 12/45. She was born on 8/2/18 in Philadelphia and died on 1/8/98 in El Paso, TX. She is buried in Ft Bliss Cemetery. I would really like to obtain a picture of her when she was in the service in WWII. Her married name was of course Elizabeth Lamb. Contact Michael S. Lamb at: [michigan612003@yahoo.com](mailto:michigan612003@yahoo.com).

• In 1943, the Genesee Valley Platoon was formed in Rochester, NY. On 19 March 1944, said platoon left for Camp LeJeune, NC. My question is: Can you help bring about a reunion of these great WRs through some notification in WMA 'Nouncements'? There must be some of us left! My name as one of the first four sworn in was Marie Gertrude Beaulieu.

There was also **Frances Damoth, Margaret Hannah** and **Ruth Byford** who were also sworn in during a radio broadcast. Give it a try, please. It is so hard to find these great WRs what with the change of names for, no doubt, all of us. Thank you for your help. Contact Marie Beaulieu Forget at: [marieforget@direcway.com](mailto:marieforget@direcway.com).

• I went to boot camp in 1978 at Parris Island, SC. We had a **summer dress uniform** that was a green and white striped skirt and short sleeve shirt with detachable green buttons. I would love to find one of these uniforms but I have not had any luck in finding one. Would you possibly know how I could find one?

Thank you! Contact Bonnie J. Miller at: [hejappl61@bellsouth.net](mailto:hejappl61@bellsouth.net) or by phone at 828-654-9331.

• Looking for former Marine Sergeant--circa 1966--**Billie J. Joyce**. Former Sgt Joyce was a squad leader for Russell Almeida, when Russ was KIA and subsequently awarded the Navy Cross. Would appreciate it if you would give the widest possible dissemination to your USMC contacts, if we throw out a wide enough "blanket" we just may catch someone even if former Sgt Joyce isn't on the net and someone knows someone who knows him.

"Thanks Marines, we take care of our own. Semper Fidelis!!!" Contact Larry McCartney at [Lawrence\\_E@McCartney.net](mailto:Lawrence_E@McCartney.net).

## A New T-Bird!



The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, the famous "Thunderbirds," have announced their new pilots for the 2006 demonstration season which includes the first female demonstration pilot in the 52 year history of the Thunderbirds.

Joining the Thunderbirds in the no. 3 right wing position will be Capt Nicole Malachowski, currently assigned to the 494th Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom. Capt Malachowski will turn a new page in history as the first female demonstration pilot on a U.S. military high performance jet team.

## Funeral Detail: 14 April 1945

One day I found myself watching the Discovery Channel on television. The show was about a segment of Franklin Roosevelt's life, primarily his presidency and death. It was a very interesting show.

As it moved along into his death and funeral, it got more interesting. Actual footage of his funeral procession showed a platoon of women Marines (WRs) just ahead of the caisson.

Now, I'm not the most knowledgeable person on our history, so this was new to me. I knew some of our members participated in his funeral, I just didn't realize this was how they participated. So, naturally, the first thing that came to mind was, "gee, I think I'll put something in the newsletter about this and see if we have any members who were in that platoon."

A few days later, the below (unedited) letter appeared in my mailbox:

"Dear Sondra,

I read the 'Nouncements nearly cover to cover--don't always read the other units news. You people do a really fine job for the Association.

I am a charter member of the Arkansas chapter and a life member of the WMA. I served from December 1943 to December 1945.

My sister, Darlene Haerther Koering, and I were assigned to Company F, Hdqrs. Battalion, Henderson Hall from January of 1944. We believe our greatest honor as members of the Women Marines was to be selected to march in the funeral procession of President Roosevelt in April



of 1945. As I recall 100 girls were selected from our battalion and they had to be at least 5'6" tall. We met the caisson at Union Station and proceeded down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House. We were hoping that perhaps in your new feature "Searching for..." someone might have some pictures or data of interest. Or, alternatively, it might be an article of interest if you could find enough survivors. Would there be a list in the archives of the Marines who marched? We think we were behind the caisson and a picture might confirm our position in the formation. They also may have made a newsreel for the theaters that showed them at that time.

**Mildred Haerther Homan**

(Any questions? My email is [rhrockytop@centurytel.net](mailto:rhrockytop@centurytel.net). Semper Fi,")

Well, Mildred, yes, there is footage! What I saw was a portion of the procession and only the backs of everyone's head, but I knew it was our WRs. I believe there was a WAVE platoon in front of them.

And yes, I do have one question -- how did you know I was thinking this???

If there is anyone out there who also marched in President Roosevelt's funeral procession, please let me know! My contact information is on Page 2.

Thank you, Mildred! I'll be getting back to you.

**Sondra Metzger**

Photos courtesy Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum



Franklin Delano Roosevelt

## Marine Colonel honored by Latina Style Magazine

The Department of Defense partnered with Latina Style Magazine, Sept. 9, to honor the Corps' senior Hispanic female during the 2nd National Latina Symposium awards luncheon entitled, "The Power of One."

More than 600 special guests and military service members gathered at the Marriott Metro Center in Washington, D.C., to salute Latinas from each armed service who has inspired others through their actions and accomplishments. Col Angie Salinas, Chief of Staff, Marine Corps Recruiting Command (MCRC), Quantico, Va., was one of six female service members, from each of the U. S. Armed Services, who were honored at the event.

Salinas received the Latina Style Award for her accomplishments, which included her involvement in *Mujer Adelante*, an organization in southern California dedicated to teaching young Hispanic women empowerment through education. For Salinas, setting a positive example for all Marines has been a result of just being a good Marine leader.

"I'm honored to have been selected to represent the Marine Corps among the



From left to right, Robert E. Bard, President and CEO, Latina Style, Marine Col. Angie Salinas, Chief of Staff, Marine Corps Recruiting Command, Quantico, Va., congresswoman Grace Napolitano, and Clarence A. Johnson, Principal Director, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Equal Opportunity.

Latina leadership within DOD. I have been fortunate to have had the many opportunities I have had in the Corps but I benefited most by blending my Hispanic culture with my Marine Corps career. I'm a better Hispanic because I'm a Marine and a better Marine because I'm Hispanic. I represent the many, many Hispanics who serve in our Corps. I'm delighted organizations like Latina Style Magazine reach out to DOD to recognize a few who represent the many."

Colonel Salinas has literally led the way throughout her career. One of her career highlights was as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, for III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan where she was responsible for all operational plans. She was the first female Marine to command a Marine Corps recruiting station, serve as a combat service support ground monitor, and to command a recruiting district. While leading the 12th Marine Corps Recruiting District, the eight recruiting stations under her command met and exceeded monthly recruiting goals throughout her entire tour.

Latina Style Magazine showcases Latinas' achievements in all areas of endeavor, including business, corporate America, science, education and civic and political affairs. Although in its 10th year of publication, this is Latina Style's 1st year honoring Hispanic females in the military. Last year's symposium honored Latinas who were attending the nation's military academies.

*Story and photo by SSgt. Marc Ayalin*

## Fund Helps Children, Spouses of Troops

Rebecca Campbell started the Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund (CFSRF) in 2003 to raise college tuition for the children of servicemembers killed in the war on terrorism. The fund has since expanded to encompass other financial needs. It now aims to provide a wide range of assistance to the children and spouses of troops who have been killed or injured.

"These funds may be awarded to applicants of U. S. military families who are in need of assistance with housing, utilities, medical expenses, groceries, clothing, school supplies and other expenses deemed necessary in order to provide them with some support and alleviate their need," Campbell said.

She said she feels a real need for this type of allocation because of the financial void often experienced by a death in a military family. "Often, when a loss occurs in these families, what was a two person income becomes one. The financial hardships placed on these families are very difficult to deal with," she said.

CFSRF raises money through direct donations and fundraisers. The organization began collecting donations in May 2004, Campbell said.

"Through the generosity of the public we have raised a little over \$85,000 and have kept administrative costs in 2004 to less than 9 percent," Campbell said. "All proceeds go directly to qualified families."

The nonprofit organization has also received the help of country singer Brad Cotter, the 2004 winner of USA Network's show "Nashville Star." The fund has been chosen as the beneficiary of a portion of the proceeds from Cotter's new single, "An

American Dream," Campbell said.

CFSRF is made up exclusively of volunteers, and in an effort to keep expenses to a minimum Campbell does most work, such as Web site design, IRS filings, printing, advertising and mailings from her home, she said.

Campbell noted that none of the organization's board members has been affected personally by the loss of a servicemember. Campbell said her son, David, 25, served in Iraq for a year with the 82nd Airborne.

"I cannot begin to explain the fearful and sleepless nights during his year of deployment," she said.

"The Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund is simply a group of individuals who have a tremendous amount of respect for our servicemen and women," she said. "We are an enthusiastic group of family, friends and business people who choose to never forget the sacrifices made by others on our behalf."

CFSRF began taking applications from military families in January and granted its first round of awards, totaling \$17,000, to families in California, Pennsylvania and Indiana in June.

Campbell concedes that there is no way to erase the pain of losing a loved one, but she still aims to lessen the blow.

"There is no substitute for a parent, but we strive to ease their pain and suffering and honor the memories of our fallen soldiers," she said. "I realize only too fully that each and every day that I have to live as a free person is only because of them and their sacrifices as well as their families."

*Steven Donald Smith  
American Forces Press Service*

## Women Marines Association MERCHANDISE SALES Women Marines Association

### National Merchandise Sales

WMA Patch, small . . . . . \$4.00    WMA Patch, large . . . . . \$4.50  
 WMA Pin, Hat (pin or clutch) . . . \$3.00    WMA Pin, Life . . . . . \$3.90  
 WMA Clock (10 3/4" diameter gold toned frame, green lettering and logo) . . . \$10.00  
 Bezel . . . . \$4.00    WMA Flag . . . . . \$182.00  
 Chapter Streamers (36" red ribbon embroidered with chapt. designation and name) \$35.00  
 Book, "Above & Beyond, Former Marines Conquer the Civilian World" (shipping & handling included) . . . . . \$30.00

**NEW** WMA insulated travel mugs (red with USMC emblem on both sides) . . \$8.00

**NEW** WMA insulated travel mugs (green with WMA patch on one side and the USMC emblem on the other side) . . . . . \$8.00

WMA Cap (3 months delivery) . . . . . \$30.00

Chapter designation: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Example: CA-1 (4 spaces only except USA-1,2,3.) Size: (1" above ears - allow for hair style)

20 1/2 - 20 7/8 . . . . . XSmall    22 3/4 - 23 1/8 . . . . . Large

21 1/4 - 21 5/8 . . . . . Small    23 1/2 - 23 7/8 . . . . . XLarge

22 - 22 3/8 . . . . . Medium    24 1/4 - 24 5/8 . . . . . XXLarge

Golf shirts, white, sizes M, L, XL (ladies sizes) . . . . . \$28.00

Each shirt embroidered with WMA logo and name (if desired)

**40% Sale on Selected Items - supplies are limited**

Medallion, '90 Denver Conv . . . . . \$3.00

Individual bezels . . . . . \$4.00

50th Anniversary Medallions . . . . . \$5.00

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Contact: Gloria Nix, Merchandise Sales Chairman

3802 North 12th Ave.

Pensacola, FL 32503-3162

email: [Dixidust@bellsouth.net](mailto:Dixidust@bellsouth.net)



### Chapter Merchandise Sales

Send chapter ads to Sondra Metzger, 3805 NE141 Circle, Edmond, OK 73013-7221. When WMA sales items are no longer available, notify Sondra so they can be removed.

#### Books

**Item:** Not "Just Another Cookbook" More than 100 recipes by food grouping. Size: 6" x9"

**Cost:** \$5.75 (includes shipping) **Chapter:** NC-1

**Contact:** Mary Sabourin, 110 Bryan Court, Jacksonville, NC 28540



**Item:** A limited edition booklet of line drawings portraying Women Marines, signed and numbered by the artist, Marion A. Alien, a Regimental Artist during WWII. The original art is now a part of the U.S. Marine Corps Art Collection at the Museums Branch, Washington, D.C. Printed in Forest Green ink.

**Size:** 12-Page Booklet (10" X7-1/4")

**Cost:** \$3.00 (including postage) **Chapter:** TX-2

**Contact:** Barbara Clark, 3539 Teakwood Drive, Pearland, TX 77584  
 or e-mail [Brchoho@aol.com](mailto:Brchoho@aol.com)



**Item:** History Book of WRs and the MCWR Band in WWII

**Cost:** \$17.00 (includes mailing) **Chapter:** USA-1 (WR Band)

**Contact:** Bonnie Medin, 3583 Round Barn Blvd. #334, Santa Rosa, CA 95403



**Item:** We Are Marines: History & stories from women who served & are serving

**(2006 Fundraiser)**

**Cost:** \$25.00 (\$4 shipping & handling)

**Checks:** NC-1

**Contact:** Mary Sabourin, 110 Bryan Court, Jacksonville, NC 28540



**Item:** "The American Flag" Booklet

**Cost:** \$4.00 (includes shipping) Payable to: CA-8, WMA

**Chapter:** Texas Gulf Coast

**Contact:** Ozell Barksdale,

President, 5394 Sierra Street, Riverside, CA 92504

(951) 688-2806 e-mail: [ozellb@pacbell.net](mailto:ozellb@pacbell.net)



### Cards/Stationery

**Item:** Note pads- 3"x5" green border and WMA logo in the center on a light yellow background. These are unique!

**Cost:** \$3.50 for a pack of 3 pads which includes postage

**Checks:** CO-1, WMA **Chapter:** Colorado Columbine

**Contact:** Paula Sarlls, 3066 So. Granby St., Aurora, CO 80014



**Item:** Name Tags, White w/ green border and logo;

Two lines (name and organization); 3"x 1"

**Cost:** \$8.00 **Chapter:** Make checks to FL-2

**Contact:** Sylvia Morgan, 13662 87th Avenue, Seminole, FL 33776



**Item:** One-sided Chapter Membership cards

**Cost:** 20 cents each (includes postage) **Chapter:** WMA-NJ-1, Garden State

**Contact:** Winifred Reuschle, 49 Scott Drive, Bayville, NJ 08721-1224

**Item:** WMA Postcard - 5 1/2" x 4 1/4" Wide green stripe top & left margins. WMA logo in upper left corner

**Cost:** 10 for \$1.60; 15 for \$2.10; 20 for \$2.60 (prices include P&H)

**Checks:** CA-7, WMA **Chapter:** EMVSC (CA-7)

**Contact:** Eleanor L. Judge, 282 San Dimas Avenue, Oceanside, CA 92057



### Decals

**Item:** "My Grandmother was a Marine" decal for t-shirt

"My mother was a Marine" decal for t-shirt

**Cost:** \$2.25 each (includes shipping)

**Item:** Women Marine Rose Decal (1 large, 2 small)

**Cost:** \$3.50 **Chapter:** Ohio Emerald (OH-1)

**Contact:** Mary Lou Gruber, Treasurer, 30427 Wolf Road, Bay Village, OH 44140



**Item:** WMA Decal (Inside auto windshield)

**Cost:** \$1.00 ea. (includes postage). For Chapters: \$20 for 25 decals

**Chapter:** Make checks payable to Gold Coast of Florida (FL-3)

**Contact:** Ruth Beisner, Lyndhurst E-99, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442



**Item:** Seals

**Cost:** \$1.25 for 10 **Chapter:** Make checks to FL-2

**Contact:** Sylvia Morgan, 13662 87th Avenue, Seminole, FL 33776



### Shirts and Sweats

**Item:** Night Shirt/VCoverup, White, knee length, round neck, WMA logo "The Few, The Proud" in green

**Cost:** \$20.00 (Includes postage and handling)

**Size:** One-size-fits-most, short sleeve only **Chapter:** Bay State, MA-1

**Checks:** Payable to Bay State Chapter, WMA

**Contact:** Joyce Barden, 56 Poor St, Andover, MA 01810



**Item:** White Sweatshirts and T-Shirts Women Marines' logo in green

(WWI, Current, WWII) Courtesy of Col Charles Waterhouse

**Cost:** Sweatshirts: L, XL \$20.00; XXL \$22.00 T-Shirts: L, XL \$9.00;

XXLG Sold Out (Prices include shipping)

**Contact:** Jeanne Hesser, 217 Laurel Ct, Swatara Village, Pine Grove, PA 17963



**Item:** Golf shirt Dark (Hunter) Green with WMA logo (matches green covers) embroidered in white. Available in sizes (S) to (XXL)

**Cost:** \$28.00 (includes postage) **Chapter:** VA-1 Crossroads

**Make checks payable to:** WMA, VA-1

**Contact:** Lori B. Cousins, 7006 Old Brentford Rd., Alexander, VA

22310 (703) 971-9242 Email: [BronsonLC@juno.com](mailto:BronsonLC@juno.com)



**Item:** Red or white short-sleeve T-shirts with a gold WMA logo on the left breast pocket-side and the letters WMA printed in gold beneath the logo; sizes M, L, XL.

**Cost:** \$13.00 each (includes shipping)

**Item:** Medium sage Green polo shirts with dark green trim around sleeves collar and button plaquet. Two color logo on left chest (dark green and khaki).

Personalization with name and/or chapter affiliation available. Please specify.

**Cost:** \$35.00 includes shipping and personalization

**Size:** S, M, L, XL and 2XL (If you don't want it snug, suggest a size up)

**Chapter:** GA-1 WMA

**Contact:** Sheryl Hobden, 7158 Avalon Dr., Douglasville, GA 30135. 678-838-0620

[WMAGeorgia@yahoo.com](mailto:WMAGeorgia@yahoo.com).

Please include your phone and/or email with order.



**Item:** Forest Green Sweatshirts, T-Shirts, Short Sleeve Golf Shirts and Long Sleeved Golf Shirts. All shirts are embroidered with WMA on the left side and Women Marines Association is centered under WMA. Embroidery is in white, Low Profile Cap has only WMA embroidered in white.

**Cost:** All Prices include shipping and handling per item.

Sweatshirts: M, L, and XL - \$26.00 each; 2X - \$28.00 each

T-Shirts: M,L,XL, and 2XL - \$16.00 each

Short Sleeved Golf Shirts: M, L, XL - \$28.00 each

Long Sleeved Golf Shirts: M, L, XL - \$32.00 each

Low Profile Cap: One size fits all - \$16.00 each

**Checks:** Old Dominion Chapter WMA VA-2

**Contact:** Mickey Jennings, 6486 Lark Way, Mechanicsville, VA 23111

E-mail: [mickeyjennings@hotmail.com](mailto:mickeyjennings@hotmail.com)

# Women Marines Association MERCHANDISE SALES Women Marines Association

## Jewelry

**Item:** WMA Bolo w/ WMA Logo and cord in gold finish (also available bolo with USMC Emblem only).  
**Cost:** \$20.00 (includes shipping)  
**Chapter:** Make checks payable to TX-3, WMA  
**Contact:** Anne M. Collins, 519 Devine St., San Antonio, TX 78210-1505

**Item:** Watch with WMA logo in center with black band  
**Cost:** \$22.00 (includes mailing)  
**Chapter:** CA-7 (Checks to: EMVSC, CA-7, WMA)  
**Contact:** Marie A Proulx, 748 Pearwood, Street, Oceanside, CA 92057-8618

**Item:** Pin "WOMAN MARINE"  
**Cost:** \$10.00 (includes shipping)  
**Item:** Marine Corps emblem pendant w/18" chain  
**Cost:** \$18.00 each (includes shipping)  
**Chapter:** New York Metropolitan Checks: Payable to NY-2  
**Contact:** Roberta Eaton, 18 Maple Court, New Hyde Park, NY 11040-3105

**Item:** WMA Logo Earrings (matches gold bolo)  
**Cost:** \$10.00/pair (includes shipping)  
**Chapter:** Make checks payable to: TX-3 WMA  
 Please designate one:  Wire/Dangle Clip-on  Post  
 Note: Post can also be worn as a lapel pin.  
**Contact:** Anne M. Collins, 519 Devine St., San Antonio, TX 78210-1505

**Item:** WMA Ring, Jeweler - Jostens  
**Cost:** Lustrium (non precious white) \$181.00  
 Questra (non precious gold) \$218.00  
 10 Karat Yellow Gold \$325.00  
 14 Karat Gold \$395.00 (Cost includes three diamonds inside ring & shipping)  
 Note: Include ring size and phone number when ordering  
**Chapter:** FL-7 First Coast  
**Contact:** Gayle Plant, President FL-7, PO Box 463  
 Keystone Heights, FL 32656; (352) 473-7826

**Item:** WMA Pendant on chain Size: 7/8 inches round  
**Item:** WMA Lapel Pin Size: 7/8 inches round  
**Cost:** \$19.75 each (including shipping)  
**Chapter:** FL-7 First Coast  
**Contact:** Gayle Plant, President FL-7, PO Box 463  
 Keystone Heights, FL 32656; (352) 473-7826

**Item:** Charm "Semper Fi"  
**Cost:** \$15.00  
**Chapter:** Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)  
**Contact:** Cleary Creations, 2225 NE 130th Ave.  
 Portland, OR 97230-1704

**Item:** Red, White, Blue Austrian Crystal elastic bracelet  
**Cost:** \$12.00 includes shipping  
**Chapter:** IN-1  
**Checks:** Payable to IN-1  
**Contact:** Diane Ward, 8310 W. 88th Street  
 Indianapolis, IN 46278 (317) 873-4113

## Miscellaneous Items

**Item:** USMC Sun catchers (also have other military branches)  
**Cost:** \$5.00 each  
**Size:** 4" round w/suction hanger **Chapter:** CA-15  
**Contact:** Pat Murray, 40701 Rancho Vista #92  
 Palmdale, CA., 93551 (661) 718-8324

**Item:** Travel neck pouch, black w/two zippered sections on one side with clear section on reverse with WMA logo; adjustable strap; size 6-1/2" x 4-1/2"  
**Cost:** \$5.00 each (includes shipping)  
**Chapter:** NM-1 (checks payable to NM-1 Sandia Chapter)  
**Contact:** Stella Delgado-Kinnison, 204 General Patch NE  
 Albuquerque, NM 87123

**Item:** WMA Logo Magnet. Ideal for gift. Size 2" long, 1 1/2" wide  
**Cost:** \$2.00 includes postage **Chapter:** NJ-2  
**Contact:** Lorraine Nankivell, PO Box 208, 38 Point Pleasant Rd,  
 Hopatcong, NJ 07843-0208

**Item:** Challenge Coin, Women of the Corps  
**Cost:** \$7.50 (includes shipping & handling) **Chapter:** OK-2  
**Contact:** Pam Bloustone, 2801 W. Redbud Ln.  
 Edmond, OK 73003-2200; email, PamOKWM@aol.com

**Item:** New aluminum license plate in distinctive RED lettering on white. Includes a Semper Fi sticker  
**Cost:** \$8.00 (postpaid) **Chapter:** FL-4, Tampa Tarpons  
**Contact:** Laverne H. Myers, 3803 Drexel Avenue  
 Tampa, FL 33611-1517



**Item:** WMA "Semper Fi" bumper sticker (for anyplace—boat, luggage, etc.). White w/green - 2" x 9"  
**Cost:** \$1.50 ea. for 5 for \$6.45 or 10 for \$11.00; postpaid  
**Contact:** Laverne H. Myers, 3803 Drexel Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611-1517

**Item:** Magnetic Telephone Index. 31/4" x 2 1/4" Flexible Satin Gold American Flag with "God Bless America" printed. Holds 42 names and addresses  
**Cost:** \$3.00 including shipping **Chapter:** Orange Blossom, (FL-5)  
**Contact:** Helen Weccera, 3553 Warbler Dr., New Port Richey, FL 34652-6464

**Item:** WMA Umbrella, green with WMA logo, Automatic Open Button  
**Size:** Collapsed 15 inches long, open 21 inches long and 36 inches wide  
**Cost:** \$17.75 (includes shipping) **Chapter:** FL-7 First Coast  
**Contact:** Gayle Plant, President FL-7, PO Box 463  
 Keystone Heights, FL 32656 (352) 473-7826

**Item:** WMA logo Rubber Stamps  
**Cost:** Large stamp: \$9.00 (includes mailing) Small stamp: \$6.00 (includes mailing)  
**Chapter:** CA-7 (Checks to: EMV, CA-7, WMA)  
**Contact:** Marie A Proulx, 748 Pearwood Street, Oceanside, CA 92057-8618

**Item:** Fanny Pack WMA Logo  
**Cost:** \$10.00 **Chapter:** FL-2  
**Contact:** Sylvia Morgan, 13662 87th Avenue, Seminole, FL 33776

**Item:** Clear Vinyl Bag with Long Zipper, WMA Logo Women Marines Association.  
**Green/White Size:** 9" x 12"  
**Cost:** \$6.25 (includes shipping) **Chapter:** NC-1  
**Contact:** Mary Sabourin, 110 Bryan Court., Jacksonville, NC 28540-6054

**Item:** US Marine Corps Bear. Stuffed bear, red with Marine Corps emblem on front  
**Cost:** \$15.00 includes shipping **Chapter:** IN-1 **Checks:** Payable to IN-1  
**Contact:** Diane Ward, 8310 W. 88th St., Indianapolis, IN 46278; 317-873-4113

**Item:** Mouse Pad, 7" x 8", white background, WMA logo, "The Few, The Proud" in green  
**Cost:** \$10 **Chapter:** Bay State, MA-1 **Checks:** Payable to Bay State Chapter, WMA  
**Contact:** Joyce Barden, 56 Poor Street, Andover, MA 01810

**Item:** Molly Marine picture, 8 x 10  
**Cost:** \$12 each (includes shipping) **Chapter:** AR-1  
**Contact:** Vickie Davis, Treasurer, AR-1,  
 415 Maryland St., Benton, AR 72015

**Item:** 2006 WMA Historical Calendar: "God, Country, Corps"  
**Cost:** \$15 each (includes S&H) **Chapter:** TX-2, WMA  
**Contact:** Judy Anderson, 726 Beachcomber  
 Houston, TX 77062 email, [gulfcoastwm@aol.com](mailto:gulfcoastwm@aol.com)

**Item:** Handmade soy wax candles (Lavendar, White Tea and Ginger, Rose, Lemon and Lovespell)  
**Cost:** 9 oz. \$10 (plus \$5 Shipping), 16 oz. \$15 (plus \$5 Shipping)  
 (Two candles or more contact [Bonniesbunch@yahoo.com](mailto:Bonniesbunch@yahoo.com) or [Rosa\\_rmr@yahoo.com](mailto:Rosa_rmr@yahoo.com) for correct shipping)  
**Checks:** WMA-Phyllis Alexander **Chapter:** SC-1  
**Contact:** Rosa Robertson, WMA, P.O. Box 5296, Parris Island, SC 29905 (or via email)

**Item:** Challenge Coin display case, walnut or black  
**Cost:** \$30 (plus \$10 Shipping & Handling)  
**Checks:** WMA-Phyllis Alexander **Chapter:** SC-1  
**Contact:** Rosa Robertson, WMA, P.O. Box 5296,  
 Parris Island, SC 29905

**Item:** USMC Fleece Throw, 48" x 60"  
**Cost:** \$20 each (includes postage & handling)  
**Checks:** WMA, CA-8  
**Contact:** Ozell W. Barksdale, 5394 Sierra St., Riverside, CA 92504-2139  
 (951) 688-2806, [ozell@pacbell.net](mailto:ozell@pacbell.net)



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# Women Marines Association



## Application for Membership

(Please Print)



Check applicable box:  New  Renewal  Reinstated  New Life  Life

Date Enlisted \_\_\_\_\_ Date Discharged \_\_\_\_\_ How did you hear about WMA \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (M.I.) Service/Maiden)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City/State) (Zip+4)

SSN \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mo/Day/Yr) (i.e., OK-2)

Next of Kin \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Relationship)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City/State) (Zip+4)

Dues include "Nouncements and the membership Directory. (Check one box)  1 Year...\$15  2 Years...\$25  
 Life (Pro-rated by age):  30 & Under...\$220  31-45...\$190  46-60...\$155  61 & Over...\$120

Enclosed Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enrolled by (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

"I certify that I am now serving or have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, regular or reserve components.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

make check payable to WMA and mail with application to: **Women Marines Association**  
**P.O. Box 8405 • Falls Church, VA 22041-8405**

# Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter The Auxilliary of the WMA

Application for Membership (Please Print)

Check applicable box  New  Renewal  Reinstated  
 Regular  Life-Sponsor must be  
 a WMA Life Member

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (zip + 4)

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day / Month / Year (Necessary for machine accounting)

Sponsor's Chapter Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Relationship to Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Live with Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Enclosed Dues Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dues include 'Nouncements if not already received in household.  
 2 Yrs.....\$25.00

### Life Membership

(Fee pro-rated by age)

(Sponsor must be a WMA Life member)

Sponsor's WMA Life Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

- 40 & under ...\$375.00  41 to 45 ...\$145.00  46 to 60 ...\$125.00  
 61 to 70 ...\$100.00  71 to 80 ...\$75.00  81 & Over ...\$50.00

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter is an organization of close relatives of WMA members. Persons related within two degrees of kinship; i.e., spouse, sister, brother, parents, grandparents, children & grandchildren. Non-relatives who are current members may remain as members as long as their dues are current, but cannot vote or hold office.

**A LOYAL ESCORTS OF THE GREEN GARTER MEMBER MUST BE SPONSORED BY A WMA MEMBER**

Make check payable to Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter. Mail to: Jeanne Cantrell, Treasurer, Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter, 11 Brown Street, Irving, Texas 75061.



Address Service Requested

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