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Mary Knapp

By now you are all aware that we lost one of our Past National Presidents, Mary Graham Knapp.

Mary was 87 years young when she passed away on 29 March. For the past two years she resided at the Beehive Assisted Living Home in Pahrump, where she could be near her daughter, Libbie.

Mary came to us via Arno, TN. She was a beautician who worked her way through college. After graduation from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, she joined the Women's Reserve. She got her graduate degree from Peabody Teacher's College in Nashville.

Mary was married to Ed Knapp for 29 years. She remained in the reserves until 1956, when she was relieved of her duties as a captain. Until her recent illness, Mary was an active member of University United Methodist Church. She was a trustee, member of Rebecca Circle, literacy teacher, and was known for her famous pecan pies. Mary taught at Las Vegas High and later at Rancho High, until she retired in 1979. Her specialty was home economics.

Mary became a volunteer and spent many hours in the Veteran's Clinic in Las Vegas, as well as at the Salvation Army. She traveled extensively all over the world, including China which was her favorite of all her adventures. Mary leaves only one daughter, Sarah Elizabeth (Steven) Hamrick; and two granddaughters, Mary Beth and Katie, all of Pahrump.

So said Mary's obituary. Since we are all so much more than an obituary, the below is taken from the eulogy given at her service by her dear friend, Joyce Hartley.

"I've known Mary Graham Knapp since 1974 and I guess fate ordained that we would become friends and ultimately working partners in the ensuing years.

Mary never forgot my phone number, almost to the day of death. She might not remember her last meal but she knew my number. One time she had fallen and had to crawl to the phone and I do believe she did call 911 but then called me and thank goodness I was around to help.

On 13 February 1943 when the Marine Corps Women's Reserve was established, Mary was one of the thousands of eager young women from across the country that flocked to the recruiting stations to enlist in the WRs. She was the first woman from middle Tennessee who was accepted into Officer Candidate School, from which she graduated in April. She was sent to Quantico and was mess officer in one of the main mess halls on that base. And you better believe the rank and file of Marines probably didn't miss a meal because she would have made sure the food rated an A+.

Mary met Edward Knapp in 1942 and married him in 1946. She met him when he was on maneuvers in Tennessee and their fates were sealed. By the way, he was Army; we did not hold that against him.



Mary Knapp

Mary was discharged in 1945 and she and Eddie eventually came to Las Vegas to be married. After another few years in Tennessee they decided to move to Las Vegas to spend the rest of their lives together and where they both taught school.

To keep alive the camaraderie and esprit-de-corps of the Marines, several women Marines established the WMA in Denver in 1960. But it was not

until 1973 that Las Vegas organized a chapter. Mary was a charter member and at that time had no clue how her life would soon revolve around the Nevada Sagebrush Chapter and to what heights it would bring her. She was a school teacher and a busy mother so her life was already quite full, but following the death of her beloved husband in 1975, she started becoming more and more involved in Marine activities. She volunteered at the VA Clinic where in May 2001 she attended the VA's volunteer recognition banquet and received a certificate for 3526 hours and 19 years of service. She probably did continue for another year or so. She belonged to the Greater Nevada detachment of the Marine Corps League, the Leatherneck Club and the American Legion. She held countless offices in countless organizations. Marching in the Veterans' Day Parade in her WR uniform was a must every year. When she could no longer march, she managed other ways such as on a motorcycle.

She also gave blood regularly and who knows how many gallons helped those in need. *(Continued on page 4)*

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President's Message

As President, I was privileged to represent WMA at the recent Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Awards Banquet in Virginia. It was the first presentation of the Col Julia Hamblet Award and General Margaret Brewer was the recipient. It was a humbling moment when I shook each of their hands and listened to the introduction of the award. WMA member Maria Crowley sits on the Board of Directors for the MC Heritage Foundation and I was pleased to meet her also. Women were well represented by LtGen-Select Wilson, MajGen-Select Krussa-Dossin, BGen-Select Salinas, and other top ranking Marines who were also members of WMA. And if they weren't members we recruited them! Some of your Convention Committee and History Committee members were also there. We have much to be proud of as participants in the new museum. While there is no separate display on women in the Marine Corps, our history is displayed throughout the museum exhibits. The Board voted to buy a memorial brick at the museum so we will be represented there also.

The museum at Quantico does reflect the "official" side of our history, but there is so much more in the individual stories that each of you has. These should be shared in other venues like the MC Museum of the Carolinas, the Colorado Chapter History project, your oral histo-

ries with Eleanor Wilson, Mary Bacon Hale's book and others. Any place that our story can be told should be supported by our members because our history is important to preserve and if we don't do it, no one will.

And speaking of history, each of you should have received a post card in the mail around the 3rd of April. This was sent at my direction with no cost to WMA so that each of you would have a piece of this gift to CO-1 which is historic art. Like any art, reactions are varied and (like it or not) I felt that each of you should have a post card. The posters/postcards are selling well and proceeds from the sale will benefit the history project; preservation of memorabilia you send to CO-1; as well as traveling exhibits. The unveiling was moved from the opening banquet to the History Suite when the project was redirected as a chapter fundraiser. Be sure to visit the history display at convention to learn more about the many venues WMA is supporting from our History Committee Chair, Nancy Wilt. She will have a great display from the many items your History Chapter is collecting and preserving.

In addition, I spent one of my days in the DC area with General Wilma Vaught who is the head of WIMSA. She is a great lady and I feel that we will be participating in some exciting joint ventures as

partners concerned about preserving women's history and honoring their service. Look for news in future 'Nouncements issues. If you're not registered with the Women's Memorial I urge you to do so.

Finally, the convention planning meeting was held in Quantico. Your Convention Planning Committee is working diligently, creatively, and expeditiously to give you a great convention. Their enthusiasm is contagious! From the opening banquet to the closing banquet, I think you'll be very pleased. The horse racing theme is everywhere in the plans. And there is a luncheon where you can learn about the TX-2 convention in 2008. Wear your best Texan outfit to that one – yee haw! They've added some great workshops for professional women on active duty or in business. I know you'll enjoy them. Finally, it is important that chapters support the committee by buying their fundraisers and ads in the convention booklet. And of course, get your registrations in ASAP!

I remain committed to WMA and to excellence in service and Semper Fidelis!

Paula Sarlls



On Reflection...

We've lost so many members the last couple of months that it gives me pause to open email wondering about today. Treasure every moment you have with the women who made history in the Corps and WMA. Time is very fleeting.

Many of you have heard about the passing of one of our Past National Presidents, Mary Knapp. While I did not know her, I have heard a great deal about her and just feel so sad for those who did know her. My heart goes out to you all. She was President from 1980-84. She was faithful to WMA and generous to a fault. She opened her heart and soul and home to those who wished to enter. And from what I learned recently, the "How to Book" began in her kitchen many years ago.

So it is with a sad heart and an empty chair at meetings and convention that we bid farewell to this special sister (as well as everyone else who passed away the last few months) and wish her family comfort and peace.

Paula Sarlls

Another First

We have another "first" to add to our long history...the first female commanding officer of Camp Lejeune.

This honor goes to Col Adele Hodges, a native of Bridgeport, CT and graduate of Southern Connecticut State College who enlisted in the Marine Corps in June 1978. She was accepted into the Enlisted Commissioning Program and was commissioned in December 1980.

Her list of tours is long. For space and time sake, she served at: 3rd Supply Battalion, 3rd FSSG in Okinawa, Japan; Marine Forces Pacific Headquarters (formally FMFPac) in Hawaii; 4th Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW) in New Orleans; Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division; Desert Storm; Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center; U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC) in Fort Leavenworth, KS; Marine Corps Combat Development Command in Quantico; 1st Maintenance Battalion, 1st FSSG; 1st Force Service Support Group (FSSG) in Camp Pendleton; Brigade Service Support One during their preparations and deployment for Operation Natural Fire 2000 in Kenya; Naval Station Newport to attend the U.S. Naval War College; NATO Joint Headquarters North in Stavanger, Norway, which transformed into the NATO Joint Warfare Centre, the largest Division in the Centre.

Whew! Colonel Hodges has Masters Degrees in Business Administration, Military Art and Science, and Strategic Military Studies. She has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with 3 stars, and a Navy Achievement Medal.

Congratulations, Col Hodges!



Col Hodges

Marine and Family Services Relocating to New Home

Building 1 has served as a home to various offices at Henderson Hall since the early 1940's and this summer it will no longer be a part of the base. The building, which houses Marine and Family Services, will be demolished and the offices within the division will move to the trailers that are being built beside Bldg. 28.

Bldg. 1 was initially constructed in 1945 and as an H-shaped building which, within two years, was extended to have a second story. After reviewing the blueprints, Marshall could tell that Bldg. 1 housed an infirmary and the administration offices up until 1960.

"Bldg. 1 is approximately 65 years old," said Facilities Director Geoffrey Marshall. "It has gone beyond its lifespan, without having to invest a lot of money into the building. It's just in poor shape."

"By 1960, the infirmary was gone and it housed a number of departments including personnel, the Provost Marshal's Office (PMO), Battalion Legal,

a mailroom, the fiscal department, S-4 and the command offices," said Marshall.

Marshall also gathered that from 1960 until 1993 the configuration stayed the same. Once Bldg. 29 was built (the present headquarters building), PMO and Battalion Legal moved in. By March 2003, the other departments moved out of Bldg. 1 and into Bldg. 29. Marine and Family Services then moved out of Bldg. 29 and into Bldg. 1, where it is currently located.

Before Bldg. 1 is demolished, it has to be approved by the National Capital Planning Commission and the State Historical Preservation office.

"We are looking, at the earliest, the first of July to begin the destruction of the building," said Marshall.

In May, Marine and Family Services will have to pack up and move into the trailers.

"We are excited," said Exceptional Family Member Coordinator and Information and Referral Specialist Carol LaVoy. "There are so many environmen-

tal factors in this building that we are really looking forward to the move."

LaVoy believes that, by moving, it will give her a chance to do some "spring cleaning" and weed out things that she no longer has a need for.

"It's bittersweet," said Janet Hammes Marine Corps Family Team Building Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator. "It will be nice to be in a new area when we have clients come in. It's exciting!"

Marine and Family Services Staff NCO SSgt. Greg Ashby explained that the projected time for Marine and Family Services to remain in the trailers is tentatively 12 to 18 months. Bldg. 12, which currently houses the facilities department, is scheduled to be renovated this year and once complete, will be the new home for Marine and Family Services.

"We will miss the historic building, but it is time to move on," said Hammes.

Sgt. Mel Lopez
Henderson Hall News

(**MARY KNAPP** Continued from page 1)

When asked by Robert Mayhew, Nevada Commissioner of VA Affairs, Mary spearheaded a drive to organize an all-women veterans group or get together for Women Veterans Week in 1985. This was done very successfully and went on to become the Women Veterans of Nevada and still continues today. She was always active in that group as well.

Mary was also active in her church for many years and never failed to contribute her service wherever and whenever needed. And could she bake a cherry pie? Oh yes, and apple, and peach but most especially dozens of pecan pies for church fund raising.

Those pies were also present many times for our chapter projects and events. Her home was known in WMA circles as Hotel Knapp. Anyone - Marines and friends - from anywhere in the country was invited to stay. And they did, even sometimes when she was not going to be in town. She had faith in her fellow Marines.

Her home was the site of our WMA Christmas parties. We tried to count them up one year and decided on at least 20 years, plus other events such as ice cream socials, yard sales, special luncheons or just a meeting. Mary would never turn you down if you asked for help and many charities besides the ones I have mentioned benefited from her love for doing



An honor detail consisting of active duty Marines from the local I&I Staff, and Teresa Ignagni (foreground) and Cheryl Gardner, carry Mary to her final resting place.

for others.

Mary's abilities soon caught the attention of the national officers of WMA and soon she had accepted a small position on the national board as 1st vice president and then national president with me as her national secretary. We served two two-year terms, 1980-1984, and that was a ride, but Mary was so proud of being a Marine, of being in WMA, that nothing was too difficult.

In Denver in 1990 at the biennial convention, Mary was presented with the National Service Award, WMA's highest honor.

I shared many a trip with Mary going to conventions or other events all over the country, even a couple of cruises, and even going back to the bases where we had been stationed some 35 to 40 years ago. Mary did love to travel and missed

few opportunities to do so.

In 1994 our chapter held a convention in Las Vegas. This was done in 1998 and our roles were reversed - I was convention chairman and she was my secretary. This amounted to four years of non-stop work for all of us in the chapter and the results were a credit to our membership, and in some circles it was said to be the best WMA convention ever. And there have been many since that first meeting in Denver. Ours was the 20th Biennial Convention.

The last few years have not been kind to Mary and a lesser woman would have given up long ago. But she fought back always until this last broken bone proved her last fight.

When Mary enters those pearly gates it will be to a rousing welcome from a multitude of Marines, from the highest brass to the lowliest private, those she knew and didn't know, and she will be home. She will soon be pounding that gavel and bringing order where it is needed.

We salute you Mary, and I'm waiting for one of those unexpected phone calls. I want the scoop on how things are up there.

We will miss you. Semper Fidelis, Mary."

Heritage Foundation Dinner

The First Colonel Julia Hamblet Award was presented on 31 March at the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Awards Dinner, held at the Sheraton Premiere Hotel in McLean, VA. The first recipient was Brigadier General Margaret Brewer, USMC, (Retired).

The Hamblet Award goes to the individual who has best promoted "the preservation and history of women Marines". This award is funded by the Lotus Mort Fund of the Women Marines Association and administered by the Heritage Foundation. There were five nominees for this first annual award.



Margaret Brewer and Julia Hamblet with the award plaque.

Members of the Women Marines Association appeared en masse, as approximately thirty WMA members plus their guests attended the black tie dinner. The purpose of this annual event is to present awards to those who have done the most to preserve the traditions and history of the Marine Corps.

DC-1's very own Margaret Brewer, who served as the last Director of Women Marines from 1973 through 1977, was recognized for her contributions to the Corps while serving as the last Director of Women Marines and as the first woman Marine flag officer; for her contributions to WMA in their endeavors to promote growth and development within the organization through participation in

the Short and Long Term Program of WMA; Chairman of the Marine Corps Council and other positions within our association; the Heritage Foundation during all phases of the plans for the museum, which will open on 10 November 2006.

At the dinner, General Brewer was seated next to the icon for whom the award was named, former Director of Women Marines from 1946 to 1948 and 1953 to 1959, retired Col Julia Hamblet. Another woman Marine award recipient was SSgt Karen Summers of the Marine Corps Band, who shared her award with SSgt Gregg Travis for their video about the band, "Playing America's Music."

The festive event was emceed by Actor Wilford Brimley (a former Marine), and the Military Guest of Honor was General Peter Pace, USMC, who is Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (also a first for the Marine Corps); Senators John Warner and Ted Stevens, and other notables too numerous to mention.

WMA members attending were our National President, Paula Sarlls; Past National Presidents Sue Sousa and Lou Teixeira; 2nd VP Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower; Area Directors Judy Anderson and Betty Jean Cannon; and Nancy Wilt, National Historian; (LtGen-Select) Fran



Standing, (l-r): Betty Jean Cannon, Paula Sarlls, Sue Souza, Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower, MajGen-Select Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin. Seated, (l-r): Margaret Brewer, Julia Hamblet

Wilson; (MajGen-Select) Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin; (BGen-Select) Angie Salinas; (BGen-Select) Tracy Mork; Loyal Escort President Paul Dossin; and DC-1 members Barbara Hluboky, Pat Kelly, Mary Sue League, Sally Pritchett, Mitzi Manning, Elaine Stem, Anne Woodson and Eileen Scanlon who was the WMA coordinator for the event.

Eileen Scanlon



WMA members with BGen-Select Angie Salinas.

WMA Essay Contest Making the Rounds

Bet you're wondering what this photograph has to do with the essay contest. I thought it would make an impression since it's the 30 female Marines mentioned below.



On Camp Fallujah, 1stLt Beckner, with the help of Cpl Doyle, organized a women's social. Just over 30 women showed up to reflect on major milestones in women's military service. A presentation was also given on the importance of preserving our history through organizations like the Women in Military Service for America Memorial in Arlington, VA, and WMA.

This is your last chance to enter the essay contest sponsored by the Marine

Corps Association (MCA) and WMA. Your entry must be a 1500-word essay on any subject pertaining to women in the Marine Corps. The prize for first place is \$500, a four-year membership in the WMA and one book and free registration at WIMSA, Second prize is \$250, a two-year membership in WMA and one book and a one-year membership in MCA. Memberships are give if the individuals are not already members.

Entries must be postmarked by June 1 and sent to WMA Essay Contest, Leatherneck Magazine, PO Box 1775, Quantico, Va. 22134. E-mail submissions

can be sent to w.ford@mca-marines.org with the date time stamped no later than 11:49 p.m. on June 1.

Board Changes

Don't worry...no musical chairs this time, just fillers.

Pam Bloustine resigned as 3rd Vice President and Betty Cook was approved by the board to step in and take her place. Betty is also running for that position in this election.

The board also approved Carol Watson to fill the remaining term of the late Shirley Heckard.

Many thanks to these two women for "stepping up". Their contact information can be found on Page 2.

History, History, We're Getting Our History

Our History Project is growing by leaps and bounds or rather by pictures, music, scrapbooks, films and uniforms. CO-1 has the temperature controlled storage facility up and running. The computer cataloging system is designed and the chapter will start inputting data at their next meeting. Uniforms are being cleaned and preserved as is WMA apparel that has been received.

We have requests for two WMTE's (Women Marine Traveling Exhibits) for this year as well as a display for the WMA Convention in Louisville. We have received a request for a Vietnam era uniform for display in a Vietnam Veterans display that will be going out in quick time.

WMA HISTORY

Numerous WMA history items that have been received include a complete set of 'Nouncements and information on all the conventions. We have a 16 millimeter film of the cruise convention as well as memorabilia from each convention of WMA and also the Scuttlebutt group that was to become WMA. We now have many chapter photo albums and are attempting to identify as many women as we can. We also have board meeting tapes and some transcripts. WMA memorabilia and fund raising items have also come in large numbers and are being preserved and displayed in the museum exhibit in Castle Rock.

WOMEN MARINE HISTORY

We have been given Colonel Bishop's uniforms as well as many personal items that she received in her career. We have received multiple estates from women as well as base and camp newsletters, photos, newspaper stories, recruit training books, platoon books from various classes, WM jewelry and hundreds of other special items. A more complete listing will be in a future article.

THE COLORADO MUSEUM EXHIBIT

To date over 2,000 school children have toured the museum. Museum visitor counts are much higher than normal. We have done one re-display to keep visitors coming back. The Marine Corps Flag flies 24 hours a day and can be seen

from Interstate 25. Both Paula Sarlls and I take turns being at the museum and keeping the display fresh and clean. The exhibit runs through August 2006.

WE ARE SEEKING

We are actively seeking any information on women who were on pistol teams, received weapons training/shooting badges or carried weapons in their jobs during WWII and Korea. We have obtained some photos and a WM shooting badge and would like more information. It appears that women couriers may have carried pistols. While we have photos we lack the stories.

We are also seeking any music or songs written about women Marines. We are planning our next exhibit on them. We have the Women Marine Waltz and the march but have recently added the show music of "My Marine" about a woman Marine. If you know of more major works, please share them with the history project.

THE PAINTING

Recently CO-1 was gifted an oil painting by Col. Sara Phoenix, USMC. The painting is dedicated to our women in Iraq. The painting is a stark reminder of the type of duty our women are performing. This woman is very different from women Marines of the past. What she is today is a result of our solid past performance as Marines and our demands for more equality, MOS's and leadership opportunities. We all have truly created this new Marine. All good art is controversial and this painting will bring about much discussion. I hope that after the discussion you will actively seek to own a copy of this first piece dedicated to our fellow women Marines. Proceeds will be used for the continuation of the history project.

Thanks to all of you who have shared your treasures with us. Please keep it coming. Your histories are all one of a kind and the memorabilia make the stories and memories come alive and will for generations to come.

*Nancy Wilt
WMA Historian*

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Navy League Recognizes Women

The San Diego Council Navy League hosted the 2005 Naval Services Enlisted Women of the Year awards March 29 at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse in San Diego.

The event featured women in the Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard whose parent command is located in San Diego County.

There were a total of 35 women nominated for the awards, 13 of whom are with 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.



Each nominee was required to write a one page essay themed, "What being in the military means to me." The league chose two winners based on the best essays.

The award winners were 3rd MAW Petty Officer 2nd Class Melissa D. Cornell, Marine Aircraft Group 39, and Petty Officer 1st Class Mickenszie J. Pearson, Marine Wing Support Squadron 374, Marine Wing Support Group 37.

Both winners were awarded a \$1,600 scholarship from National University in La Jolla, Calif., among other prizes provided by various corporate sponsors.

"It is one thing to identify individuals and their achievements, but it is even better when they can be presented with tangible items as well," said MajGen-Select John M. Paxton, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. "We are very appreciative of the Navy League and the corporate sponsors for putting on this event."

The Navy League was founded in 1902 with the encouragement of President Theodore Roosevelt. The league is a civilian organization dedicated to the education of U.S. citizens and elected officials as well as support of the men and women of our sea services and their families.

"These women have distinguished themselves in the eyes of their command," said Paxton. "It is always great to recognize anyone in the service for going above and beyond."

Story by Lance Cpl. Scott McAdam jr.

Second Marine Division Association

On behalf of the Second Marine Division Association, (SMDA), thanks for the chance to introduce ourselves to you.

The reason for me doing so is because we want to invite any woman Marine who ever served with or in the Second Marine Division to join us. We are about seven thousand strong, and it just occurred to me that there was a whole segment of Marines that have never been tapped to help the SMDA get even stronger in its stated goals: to help in any way that we can the young warriors going in harm's way.

Among our activities are scholarships for kids of Marines serving or who have served in the Second Marine Division. Every year, we give out tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships. We also have something called "The Wounded Warriors Fund," which is dedicated to helping those heroes returning home wounded. Normally, if they served in Iraq or anyplace with the Second, and were wounded, they are returned to the home of the Second, Camp Lejeune, to the hospital there, and then into the Wounded Warriors Barracks where they undergo any rehabilitation needed to get them as back to normal as possible. We help by donating equipment and such to the hospital, or in getting the families of wounded Marines who cannot afford the expense to come to Camp Lejeune, taking care of the airline tickets and hotel accommodations near their Marines for at least a few days.

But, beyond that, we are a social organization. We have regional reunions and the national reunion every year. This coming September, we will be getting together in San Diego. Next year, we will be in Washington, DC. The expense to join is

very reasonable, and every cent we garner goes towards helping our young Marines. Another highlight of the year is in January, when we all go back to Camp Lejeune for a few days to award heroes with plaques and such, to spend a day in the field with them, to actually get to use today's weapons. And there are evenings where we spend time with the enlisted Marines, and then there is the banquet at the Officer's Club.

And so, it is with deep respect for you, our sisters in arms, that I invite your membership in our association. Beyond that, I can visualize things that we may do together, your organization and us, to help those we are all dedicated to: Marines, both men and women. By the way, I would like to inform you, if you do not already know it, that the first female commanding officer at Camp Lejeune is now at her position. I have already signed her up!

But the best way for us to continue to do the work we are charged with is by bringing in new members. I am the first one in the SMDA to attempt this, and I hope I am successful in bringing in a great new group of Marines: YOU!!!

I can be reached at: 77 Court A. Bridgeport, CT 06610. My telephone number is 1-203-336-8981, and the email address is: limoman851@aol.com. Thanks for the time, and what I hope will be a great partnership in the future. Semper Fidelis, Marines.

Tom FitzPatrick
Vice President

Second Marine Division Association



WIMSA Chair Update

Update of contributions to WIMSA for Chairs in the Patriots Hall Theatre at the Women's Memorial as of 5 April 2006:

Director(s) of Women Marines	Contributions Received	Balance Needed
Col Barbara Bishop	\$6,115.00	\$3,885.00
Col Margaret Brewer	7,141.00	2,859.00
Col Julia Hamblet	5,364.00	4,636.00
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	\$4,500.00	\$5,500.00
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 Honoree's that have a named Chair:

- ALL Women Marines Association members
- Greater Los Angeles Chapter (CA-1)
- Mary Bacon Hale
- Betsy R. Menin
- Jane L. Wallis

Patterns in Life



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*War torn, I end another day
I go to sleep bandaged in hope
Morning will come in full array;
I ask courage and strength to cope*



*In my ears ring explosions full;
My sight holds its vision unkind.
Tension on my body does pull
Creating fears within my mind.*

*Our foes close in to block our way;
This land I have sworn to defend.
Hold fast we must, we shall not sway,
On each other we all depend.*



*Today I saw my best friend die.
Beliefs and love he shared with mine.
No one there saw me turn to cry.
We'll meet again another time.*

Marine Finally Receives Purple Heart

If it hadn't been for Marg Nyhagen, Cpl Federico Diaz-Martinez might never have been awarded the Purple Heart medal.

A Marine veteran who served in communications in Hawaii in 1958, Nyhagen became acquainted with Diaz-Martinez and his family after reading a story in the Walla Walla, WA, paper.

The story and a photo of Diaz-Martinez's face streaked with blood had been in the New York Times in March 2003 and on the cover of Time in April 2003. The picture was taken by a French photographer as Diaz-Martinez and his platoon commander were walking out of a hospital the platoon had just captured in Nasiriyah, Iraq. The face wound came from an exploding grenade that also hurt four other Marines, but none was badly injured. This came near the end of Diaz-Martinez's four-year tour of duty, four months of which he spent in the Mideast.

When Nyhagen learned Diaz-Martinez

had received a letter of commendation for his service, but had not received the Purple Heart and also that the medal was held up because some paperwork got lost, she said, "Well then, we need to get to work on this."

Nyhagen contacted a friend, retired Rear Adm Darold Bigger, U.S. Navy Chaplain, and the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, which she was instrumental in organizing a few years ago. With their assistance, finally Diaz-Martinez was presented the Purple Heart in a ceremony held recently at the Johnathon M. Wainwright Memorial Veterans Medical Center in Walla Walla. Admiral Bigger, who wore his Marine uniform for this occasion as he had been a chaplain for the Marines as well as the Navy, pinned the Purple Heart medal on Diaz-Martinez.

Diaz-Martinez, wearing his Marine Corps dress blues, thanked Adm Bigger saying, "I'm honored that you pinned this



Retired Rear Admiral Darold Bigger, US Navy Chaplain, Marg Nyhagen, Virginia Allred and Cpl Federico Diaz-Martinez.

medal on me. And I thank all of you for coming to this ceremony and a lot of thanks to Marge Nyhagen." Nyhagen thanked the crowd for coming, "because he is your hometown hero." A reception followed.

The affair was attended by Diaz-Martinez's family, a host of friends, the media, Washington Rep. Cathy McMorris and Virginia Allred. She and Nyhagen are both life members of WMA and are members of the Eastern Washington State chapter.

Virginia Allred

Attention Computer Users - VA Internet Hoax

We have been advised by the VA of an organization calling itself Veterans Affairs Services (VAS). This organization is gathering personal information on veterans under a VA services website (<http://www.vaservices.org/>).

This organization is *not* affiliated with the VA in any way and in reality is a private company based in California. It describes itself as a nonprofit veterans' service organization but they are actually

affiliated with the Military Financial Planning Association. They may be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal. VA's legal counsel has requested we inform our installations, particularly mobilization sites of this group and their lack of affiliation or endorsement by VA to provide any services.

The real web link for the VA is <http://www.va.gov/>.

In addition, if you have any examples of Veterans Affairs Services acts such as VAS employees assisting veterans in the preparation and presentation of claims for benefits, please pass these on to Michael.Daugherty2@va.gov, (202) 273-8636. Mr. Daugherty is a staff attorney with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington D.C. Please pass this along to as many veterans and returning troops and their families as you can.

SC-1's Fun Run/Walk

The official start of the race with Roxanne Cheney firing the starter's pistol.



Wet and tired Marines from Support Battalion who volunteered their weekend to help us with the race.



Brenda Moore "manning" the picnic food line, moved indoors due to the weather.



Mary Gluck, WWII Marine, wins a prize (presented by Roxanne Cheney) for being the first to register for the race and for the luncheon.

Cpl Willis 1st MAW Marine of the year



Cpl. Judith Willis, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 embarked and Antioch, CA native, renders a salute in front of Building One. Willis was named the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Marine of the year recently. *Photo by: Lance Cpl. Lukas J. Blom*

Project Identify and Recognize

Two national organizations that represent home economics professionals have initiated a program to identify those women in its ranks who are veterans of military service or are currently serving in the U.S. military.

The program entitled "PROJECT IDENTIFY AND RECOGNIZE", is being undertaken by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (formerly AHEA) and the International Federation for Home Economics-U.S in preparation for their "100th Anniversary celebration in 2008/2009.

Home economics professionals are being asked to submit information about themselves or family members who have military service, past and present, to Janett Gibbs, project director.

"We're talking about a large group of professionals whose military accomplishments and contributions have been largely undocumented," said Gibbs. "Our plan is to identify them and give them the recognition which they rightly deserve."

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has estimated that there are mere than 1.2 million women veterans. Another 200,000 women currently serve in the five major branches of the military. Exactly how many have been trained in home economics and related fields of study is presently unknown.

Gibbs said these women can obtain special "personal data forms by mailing her at 135 Meadowview Road, Athens, Ga. 30606 or by e-mail at jangibbs@ix.netcom.com.

More information on PROJECT IDENTIFY AND RECOGNIZE is available on the following web sites: www.aafcs.org, www.ifhe-us.org, and the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation web site www.womensmemorial.org. Click on IN SEARCH OF

1st Female MV-22 Pilot

Capt Elizabeth A. Okoreeh-Baah, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron-263 schedules officer and Marine Medium

Tiltrotor Training Squadron-204 student, poses in front of an MV-22 Osprey 14 March. March 13 marked her first flight in the Osprey and the first time a female has piloted the tiltrotor aircraft.

Photo by: Lance Cpl. Jonathan A. Tabb



Volunteer of the Year

John Houston and Connie Pendergast were recently selected as Volunteers of the Year for 2005 at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center (MED-VAMC).

Pendergast, a WWII veteran, volunteered at MEDVAMC for a few months in 1969 and returned nearly two years ago. As a member of the Women Marines Association, Pendergast was recruited by a fellow member to volunteer here. She decided to give it a shot, and hasn't regretted that decision. She works as a file clerk in the clinic, but assists with many other tasks that need to be accomplished in an effort to improve services to veterans. She files and pulls charts, makes deliveries, scans paperwork, clinic mailings, and many other duties.

She is reliable, accurate, and takes



John Houston and Connie Pendergast.

ownership of her area, this on top of two other jobs, said her colleagues in Audiology and Speech Pathology. She also calls patients to remind them of their appointments. "We could not ask for a more dedicated and dependable volunteer. Her presence in our clinic allows us to provide better care to our veterans. She is an integral part of our clinic," said Laura Seitz, MA, Audiology and Speech Pathology supervisor.

Congratulations Connie!



Maj Julie Schaeffer, Sister Bay, WI, shakes hands with an Iraqi girl during a visit to the Al Ahid School in the town of Zawia, near Fallujah, Iraq 27 March. The 3rd Civil Affairs Group, Detachment 2, Team 3, now attached to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment delivered 55 boxes of school supplies, toys and clothing donated by students from Gibraltar High School and community members from Fish Creek, WI, to help the less fortunate in Iraq. Photo by: Cpl. Mark Sixbey

Uniform Changes

The Uniform Board is suggesting changes to the female dress blues as well as the garrison cover. At this time, we do not know where the change in the dress blues jacket stands, but the new garrison cover has been approved. The old one may still be worn until unserviceable.

Old garrison cover



New garrison cover



The dress blues as they are now and with a mandarin collar

Welcome New Chapters

We have two new chapters that will receive their charters at this upcoming convention.

The first is VA-3, Hampton Roads Chapter. The second is PA-2, Liberty Belles.

Ladies, welcome aboard! We're all here to serve if you need anything, like space in the newsletter for a Chapter Clipping!



The Liberty Belles of PA-2.

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

The Louisville convention is coming soon. Please remember to register for the Loyal Escort meetings separately by sending a check to Jeanne Cantrell. You and your sponsor must use the WMA sign-up form for your meals and send this form to the WMA.

This is probably the last 'Nouncements' article that I will be writing as president of the Loyal Escorts. Due to spouse's orders to Okinawa, we will be leaving the country the week before the convention and I will not be able to attend. Therefore, I have decided to resign my position as president. Ken Cross, our very dedicated and capable Vice President will assume the position and be the LE president during the convention. Please support him in his endeavors.

That being said, I attended most of the up-coming convention workshop at Quantico on 1 April. Don Cannon was also there and helped with this report. Listed below is what was discussed and what we as LEs can expect.

We will be doing the Hospitality Suite for the ladies. Don and Tabitha have for action. I have the cost of the stuff and Ken will coordinate with Don as to the amount and Jeanne will supply the check to Don

for start up expenses.

The president of the LEs will be at the head table for the banquets. This will be Ken Cross as I am stepping down due to my departure to Okinawa the week before the convention.

The LEs will escort past presidents for both the opening and closing banquets.

During the flag ceremony, it was requested that we have an escort at both sides of the stage to help direct the ladies back to the side walls where they will stand until the presentation of the colors. The ROTC kids will take the flags from the ladies and put them in the holder on the stage. This was later changed and the Loyal Escorts were asked to take the place of the ROTC and take and place the chapter flags in the stand. Either way the ladies want it, it should be OK with us. We now have a few young ones to help like Russ, Don, Tabitha, Ken, Nancy and also Jeanne (will not leave her off the young list - John too).

Ken or someone from the Board of the LEs will give a brief five minute recruiting talk/history of the LEs and what we do for the WMA at the First Timers meeting.

We need to name an installation offi-

cer for the LEs installation. This name should be given to Betty Jean Cannon ASAP for inclusion in the program.

Other information:

- We should plan and start the 50/50 drawing earlier than we did last time
- We will need to man the registration table. Don't forget your sashes. Don has the gold sashes for use by the other LEs and they should be given out at registration to members that will wear them to be recognized as LEs. Suggest collecting them at final banquet.
- We have a table in the Tack Room. We will sell new pins, new hats (that are hunter green with white lettering that says " I'm A Loyal Escort"), USMC antennae toppers and possibly some " I'm A Loyal Escort" shirts if we can afford them.

All for now and please call or email any questions or comments back to me or Ken. It has been a pleasure serving you and I look forward to serving you again in some capacity.

"Semper Fidelis"...Dossin out...
"sayonara".

Paul F. Dossin

(I think I speak for many when I say that you will be sorely missed, Paul. Safe journeys to you and the General. ~ Sondra)

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

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PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 31 July 2006

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

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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**

TO BE COMPLETED BY REGISTRATION CHAIR

Date Received: _____

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Chaplain's Corner

In the Hebrew Scriptures is the story of a man named Jacob who wrestles with God. Jacob has surprising strength and wrestles his opponent to a standstill even though he suffers a dislocated hip. Even after struggling all night Jacob holds on to God and won't let Him go until he gets a blessing. In that blessing is some portion of God's power. It isn't just that Jacob

wants to survive. Jacob doesn't want to simply leave God as God is. Jacob's God isn't a little God but a great big God - a God worth wrestling with - a God he can't just forget about and walk away from.

When we pray we can hold God to account for the injustice, despair and hopelessness we see and experience and God listens. In a famous Rembrandt picture of this story the angel/God seems more protecting and loving than fighting.

This is an important understanding of God in which a wrestling match turns into a prayer struggle where love and need meet. God has made us to serve God but God also made us able to do so in the intricacies of our minds and spirits. God wrestles with us. This is how I know God loves us.

Rev Bev Short

Molly Marine Killed in Iraq

We lost a third female warrior in Iraq...24-yr-old LCpl Juana Navarro Arellano, 24, of Ceres, CA, died on 8 April from a gunshot wound to the head while supporting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. She was assigned to 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan.



LCpl Navarro

was attached to the 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, when she died.

Navarro was born in the state of Michoacán, Mexico, and became a U.S. citizen at age 13 along with her twin sister. She graduated from Johansen High School in Modesto in 2000, where she

was active as a volunteer with PALS (Peer Assisted Learning program), a class where students work daily with special education students on academics and social skills. After high school, Navarro joined Job Corps in San Francisco. But seeing her twin brothers join the Marines inspired her to act on her desire to join.

LCpl Navarro was in a defensive position 300 meters behind her vehicle, guarding fuel trucks and fellow Marines, when she was struck by small arms fire. She originally was stationed in Okinawa where she traveled with convoys or by herself to refuel military vehicles or provide camps with fuel supplies. Because of the need for her specialty as a bulk fuel specialist, Navarro was transferred to Iraq in February 2006 where she

was active as a volunteer with PALS (Peer Assisted Learning program), a class where students work daily with special education students on academics and social skills. After high school, Navarro joined Job Corps in San Francisco. But seeing her twin brothers join the Marines inspired her to act on her desire to join.

In 2001, Navarro's mother became a partner in the Habitat for Humanity program in Ceres, and her daughter spent

days swinging a hammer. They moved in to their house after helping to build it. Habitat officials said the family had worked far more than their 500 required hours for the new home.

When Navarro graduated from boot camp in August 2005, her fellow recruits voted her Molly Marine. Among the thousands of recruits who go through training each year, Navarro stood out enough that news of her death struck her former commanders as "heartbreaking".

She was proud of her service and her Corps. She had a good heart and was never selfish. And now, she gave her life for it.

Navarro was the third female Marine killed in Iraq since the war began in 2003, according to the Pentagon. Of the 2,361 U.S. troops killed in Iraq, 52 have been women.

Semper Fidelis, LCpl Navarro.

Taps: January - March 2006

LIFE MEMBERS

Geiger, Sarah (Dodd) (DC-1) d. 7 December 2005
Heckard, Shirley (Carewe) (AZ-1) d. 9 January 2006
Hoeft, Margie (Mariele) # 275 (CA-2) d. 8 August 2005
Knapp, Mary (Graham) #228 (NV-1) d. 29 March 2006
McDowell, Mary Benz (Perry) (VA-1) d. 3 February 2006
Pilant, Cuba (Clifton) #976 (CA-8) d. 2 January 2006
Prothero, Doris (Bateman) #1815 d. 7 March 2006
Senecal, Florence (Sartori) #1588 (MA-2) d. 15 March 2005
Simpson, Sylvia (Philip) #2290 (OR-1) d. 5 Jan 2006
Woloz, Florence #1182 (CA-1) d. 9 January 2006
Zabelski, Ethel (Robey) #1194 (NV-1) d. 12 March 2006

TERM MEMBERS

Ake, Mary L. (WA-2) d. 7 December 2005
Gottlieb, Maude (Holgan) (PA-3) d. 4 April 2006
Lalley, Mary (MA-1) d. 16 March 2006
Mariz, Lucille (Wells) (MN-1) d. 24 Feb 2006
McGregor, Florence M. (AR-1) d. 29 April 2005
Schwall, Rita (Work) (FL-8) d. 1 December 2005
Stephens, Bernelle (CA-9) d. 2 February 2006
Toomey-White, Annelle (Toomey) (MA-1) d. 15 March 2006

OTHER MARINES

Sue Kirkpatrick Alexander d. 30 January 2006 (WWII)
Mary McVay Spaulding d. 21 November 2005 (WWII)
Mildred Hilker Hoge d. 12 January 2001 (WWII)
Rosalie Bevins Howard d. 14 August 2005 (WWII)
Felicita Amaral d. 17 February 2006 (WWII)

Passing

We mourn the loss of another female Marine, this time in an automobile accident in Beaufort.

LtCol Annette Jacobsen, deputy comptroller on Parris Island, died 4 April after her car was struck on the driver's side by a dump truck on Ribaut Road.

Originally from North Tonawanda, NY, the lieutenant colonel graduated

from Officer Basic School in 1981 and was transferred to MCRD San Diego after Financial Management School to serve as OIC of the travel section. She also met her husband, Col Kenneth Jacobsen (Ret).

She also served in Okinawa, Marine Forces Pacific, Great Lakes, U.S. Atlantic Command, 2d and 3d Maine Air Wings.

LtCol Jacobsen was laid to rest at Beaufort National Cemetery.

Annual Memorial Day Photograph Museum Notice

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

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

For more info about The Museum's photo-installation policy, go here URL: <http://members.aol.com/veterans/warlib3.htm> (or the alternate site: <http://www.amervets.com/warlib3.htm>).

Contact Person for this Notice: Roger Simpson, PIO (13105320634.com), The American War Library (amervets.com), Building Two, 16907 Brighton Avenue, Gardena CA 90247-5420, 1-310-532-0634, Monday thru Friday, 10am-4pm PST.



Cpl Jenna Bender, S-4 logistics clerk, Headquarters and Service Battalion and Depot Mascot handler, plays along with Hummer, the Depot's new mascot. *Photo by: Cpl. Brian Kester*



The Quantico Middle/High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps drill team swept the 4th Marine Corps District 2006 drill team competition at Mount Vernon 11 March and won trophies in all team categories including first-place overall.

Photo by: Official USMC photo



Quantico guard Keisha Walton charges to the hoop to keep her tired and outnumbered team in the game against Fort Myer in women's varsity basketball action at Barber Physical Activities Center. *Photo by: Pfc. Travis J. Crewdson*

Novice Investors Must Know Their Goals

The most important questions to ask yourself before you begin investing are:

1. What are my objectives?
2. When will I need the money I am investing? Can I wait till retirement or will I need funds to buy a home?
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How Much Money Do I Need to Start?

Less than you might think. Investors can enter a mutual fund for as little as \$500 or \$1,000. The low price is rooted in the fact that hundreds pool their resources to make a given fund affordable; this increases purchasing power for all.

How Safe is My Money?

The total value of accounts up to \$500,000 is insured by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC). This insurance is not blanket coverage like that offered to bank depositors by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. It does, however, cover individuals who are sold worthless stocks and other securities. SIPC helps individuals whose cash, stocks, and other securities, are stolen by a broker, or put at risk when a brokerage fails for other reasons. Though this ensures that the cash and securities you originally placed in your account will be there for you, it does not eliminate the latent risk of losing your original investment in the normal ebb and flow of the stock market.

Why Should I Invest in Stocks?

Since 1925, common stocks have outperformed all other types of traditional investments. Be aware, however, that past performance is no guarantee of future results.

How Do I Know Which Stocks to Buy?

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Public libraries, for example, have reference guides that outline the economic performance of thousands of companies.

What are Bonds?

Bonds are loans. When an investor buys bonds, he or she is lending money to a government or private company. When governments issue bonds, the money often is used to build roads, schools or other public projects. Private firms may sell bonds to raise cash for an expansion. The entity trying to raise cash with this tool is obligated to pay interest on the loans extended to them.

What is Meant by Tax-Deferred?

You must pay taxes on income from most investments. Some, municipal bonds for example, are free from most taxes. Yet others are tax-deferred. This means that you delay paying tax on the investment until it matures, or you withdraw your funds.

Why is Compound Interest Better than Simple Interest?

With simple interest, you earn interest on your investment only. However, with compounding, your interest is reinvested. This way, you earn interest on your investment and your interest, resulting in a higher yield.

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Marines push the ceremonial cake down the aisle at the Kinser Surfside on Camp Kinser, Okinawa, on 4 March during the 3rd Annual Women Marine Celebration. The celebration, hosted by Marine Corps Bases Japan, marked 63 years of women in the Marine Corps.

Photo by: Lance Cpl. Bryan A. Peterson



Cpl Latrice M. Fields of Brunswick, GA, (left), and Sgt Cherri L. Brinkley, Macon County, GA, both of whom are food service specialists with Food Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, Camp Lejeune, serve their stuffed chicken entree to hungry taste-testers during the Chef of the Quarter competition at Dining Facility 411 on 17 March. Fields and Brinkley placed third in the event and earned a framed certificate and a bronze medal. *Photo by: Cpl. Matthew K. Hacker*



Post Time in Louisville!

As the Race of the Decade gets closer the owners, trainers and jockeys are all preparing for the running of the 24th Biennial WMA Convention and Professional and Development Conference to be held at the Galt House Hotel and Suites in Louisville Kentucky 1-5 September 2006. Get your Convention registrations in and your hotel reservations made now! Remember we only have a limited number of rooms available and we do not want anyone missing out on the fun. This year you can register and pay online. You can find all of the registration information online at www.womenmarines.org. You can also find registration forms in your copy of 'Nouncements'. Remember you can pay for your Loyal Escorts meals but will have to send in the convention registration separately. It can be found on page 5 of your Winter 2006 edition of 'Nouncements'.

Updates and Reminders:

(**All times and events listed in the Schedule of Events are subject to change**)

Tours:

Information on the two tours that are being organized; the riverboat cruise aboard the Spirit of Jefferson and the tour at Churchill Downs/site of the Kentucky Derby is in this edition of 'Nouncements'. Both are filling up fast so make your reservations now to get

in on the fun and enjoy the "Spirit of Louisville".

NOTE: the "Gallop and Trot" originally scheduled for Sunday 3 Sept has been cancelled as a group event but those interested in a nice run/walk along the Ohio River on Sunday morning can contact Pat McLane Area 3 Director at the hotel upon check in. Plan to wear your WMA t-shirt or green on green for our active duty members.

Recognition & Awards

The deadline for submissions is June 1st! Send them to Linda Lacy who is the head of the Recognition and Awards Committee. We hope to see all chapters participate. No matter how small or large. You can only win if you submit! Contact Linda Lacy at robinl@gibraltar.net for any additional information.

Recruiting Derby

The race is still on for the best individual and chapter recruiters. Cash awards, certificate of recognition and streamers for your chapter flag are all waiting to be awarded! See the article on the WMA Recruiting Derby in this edition of 'Nouncements'.

Loyal Escorts

Yes, the race is on here as well. Enlist the help of your family to ensure that your chapter ends up with the recruiting streamer. The chapter

with the most new Loyal Escorts will win! That application is on the back of your 'Nouncements'.

Convention Ads

There is still time to get your convention ad in. Deadline is June 1st. Ads are still available from \$30 to \$200. Want an ad but do not know how to create one? Not to worry. Contact Mary Merritt our PRO at merritone@comcast.net and she will work with you to get the perfect ad. We want to ensure that every chapter is included. We can create memorial ads, chapter ads, or a personal ad. See Page 2 for the rest of Mary's contact information.

WMA Tack Room

(formerly the Boutique)

Space is going fast so sign up for your table now and sell goods from your chapter. Cost is only \$25.00. See the form inside this edition!

So don't forget to register now! See you all at the Starting Gate in Louisville!



Galt House Hotel and Suites, Louisville, KY.

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 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 & \$150 [to help supplement the AD budget for new chapter support].

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



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.

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	Included	_____ @ \$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
Click on "Events", scroll to September 2006, WMA Convention. There is a small fee for this service.

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.

Convention Transportation

A contractor provides airport transportation to The Galt House Hotel and Suites. The \$10 one-way fee can be charged directly to your hotel room. This is less expensive than taxis and other ground transportation that have been researched.

Although their stated hours are 0700-2000, Sand Dollar Limousines extends its hours of operation for large groups like ours to accommodate early and late arrivals. All they ask is that travelers advise them in advance of their flight information so that they can have the appropriate vehicle(s) available.

It would be helpful if you call as soon as you have booked your flight. They will track flights for delays, but you would need to update them if you change your original flight or provide them with updated information should you be so unfortunate as to have your flight cancelled the day of travel. Keep their number handy.

Call the transportation company at (502) 561-4022 with your name, date of arrival and flight information – be sure you tell them you are with the Women Marines Association Convention.



The Logistics Vehicle System is one of several trucks used by Marines to deliver food, water and supplies across Iraq's Al Anbar province. LCpl Adriana R. Anderson, 22, a mechanic with Maintenance Company's Motor Transport Maintenance Platoon, installs an air compressor after replacing the engine 27 March 27. Anderson, from Pasadena, Calif., works long hours with other MTM mechanics to support convoys and patrols by their parent command, Combat Logistics Battalion 7, and other units working in northwest Iraq. *Photo by: Sgt. Enrique S. Diaz*



24TH BIENNIAL WOMEN MARINE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION
AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

4 SEPTEMBER 2006 • LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

2008 Convention Luncheon

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Hosted by

Texas Gulf Coast Chapter

Welcome to all the Attendees of the Louisville WMA Convention/Conference. The 2008 Luncheon is hosted by Texas Gulf Coast Chapter and it is an opportunity to tell you about the plans for the 2008 convention.

The presentation luncheon allows us to introduce you to some Texas culture and give you an overview of the places a visitor might enjoy.

We would like to encourage each of you to be a participant in the luncheon by dressing "TEXAN". Prizes will be awarded to the "Best Dressed Texans".

When you sign the meal registration, be sure and include "Presenting 2008" as part of your package.

See you in Louisville!



Churchill Downs Museum Tour

See a 17 minute presentation of the sights and sounds of Derby Day on a 360 degree screen. Feel the excitement of the crowd and hear the thunder of hoofs.



Visit the resident thoroughbred and view the Grandstand, Finish Line and Winner's Circle on a 30 minute guided outdoors tour.

Inside the museum are many interesting artifacts of famous owners, horse farms, jockeys and trainers. There are also several interactive displays, including one that allows the viewer to select a replay of any Kentucky Derby race that has been filmed.

There are many great photo opportunities both inside and outside. There is a very nice gift shop in the museum that sells Kentucky Derby items. The museum tour is handicap accessible, less strenuous and the guides are a wealth of information and derby trivia.

The tour fee of \$25 includes round trip transportation from the Galt House and admission to the Kentucky Derby Museum.

Other tours at extra cost (in addition to museum admission) include a one-hour backside tour and a tour inside the newly renovated clubhouse. The backside tour is limited to 12 and the clubhouse tour is limited to 20. Additionally, the clubhouse tour

entails a great deal of walking and possibly some stairs. If there are not large numbers of other visitors and tour times fit our time constraints, it might be possible for some of our group to get tickets when we arrive.

Registration Form

Kentucky Derby Museum Tour at Churchill Downs

Cost: \$25 (includes transportation)

Date: Sunday, 3 September 2006

Time: 1200-1500

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Please send this form with your check payable to "WMA 2006 Convention" (note for Derby Museum tour) to WMA 2006 Convention, Doris Keane, 818 Wild View Way, Knoxville, TN 37920-7609.

Schedule of Events

24th Biennial Women Marines Association (WMA)



Convention & Professional
Development Conference

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 (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 (ticket required)
- 1800 - ? Hospitality Suite “Stable” Open

Sunday, 3 September 2006

- Worship services of choice
- 1300 – 1400 Tier A Workshop: Scrap booking
- *Tier B Workshop: Veterans Benefits

Sunday, 3 September 2006 (Continued)

- 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 (ticket 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

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, Lo#7, Erie, MI 48133.



Linda Lacy & Mary Sabourin at a book signing at the Marine Corps Exchange in celebration of our anniversary during the month of February to advertise our organization and to sell books for our convention.

31st WOCC Reunion Notice

31st WOCC Reunion (Oct-Dec 1972) will be held during the WMA convention in Louisville, Kentucky Aug 31-Sep 4, 2006. Contact Mary Adams Broussard. Email to: broussard.marines@insightbb.com, mail address: 4500 Dakin Ct., Louisville, KY 40299, (502) 267-4776.

2006 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, **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.

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: _____

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.

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

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Term -----	1227
Honorary --	1
Total	3254

Hurricane Relief Donations

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Molly Marine Presentations



Capt Linda Priest (Ret) speaking with
Platoons 4004 and 4005 before presenting
the Molly Marine Award to LCpl Kelly
Sloan, Kalamazoo, MI and
Pvt Amber Herre, Austin, TX

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Manteca, CA;
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Plt 4011,
PFC Shireen
Wanoskia of
Albuquerque, NM.
And of course,
Molly.



Welcome Home, Kamilah!



LCpl Kamilah Keith with her parents,
Bernice and LJ Keith. The LCpl was given
many gifts for her service from GA-1. Check
out their Chapter Clipping for more details!

Chapter Clippings

WMA CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

Our April meeting was held at Harry's Hof-Brau in San Leandro, and it was also a baby shower for Maggie. She will be a grandma for the first time. We had games and prizes, and of course our meeting.

We decided on the patches we are having made for the convention. There were about 20 of us and we ate and had a lot of fun. The May meeting was held in Sacramento and was attended by Area 10 Director Ozell Barksdale.

Mary Louise Berry is getting married soon. Whoever said there is no spark left in these old Marines is sure wrong; we are Marines till we die.

Our newest member, Kathleen Wright, has volunteered to be our historian, and is she ever a do-er. We have already started giving her our info on our time in the Corps. She is a ball of fire (just what we need to get us going again). Thanks, Kathy!

We also have another "new" member, Doris Panzer from CA-9. Doris was president of that chapter for many years and is now the secretary. Welcome Aboard, Doris!

We celebrated four birthdays in April, and were each given an orchid from LaVerne. We had a great time and had so much fun that we were asked to leave. Now tell me that Marines never grow old, we just get better.

LaVerne Marts

WMA CA-5 Orange County

Our chapter had 45 members and guests at our anniversary luncheon in February. Our two new members, Kelly Bruner and Nancy Clayton, attended. Rita Stonebraker administered the oath of office to our new officers: president, Mary Ann Rogers; 1st vice president, Valorie Lephart; secretary, Mary Lubben, and Sonia Gryske is our trusted treasurer.

Our next meeting was 29 April complete with a pot luck lunch and bunco games. Long-time member Margie Hoeft passed away in January.

Mary Lubben and Mary Ann Rogers will be giving awards to ROTC cadets in May.

Mary Ann Rogers

WMA CA-7 Edith Macias Vann S. California

Our April meeting was divided into two parts. The first part saw our normal business meeting, getting ready for the convention, etc., and the election of our new officers. Next month we will have the installation of these new officers. The officers-elect are: president, Kara Harris; vice president, Isela Talamantes; secretary, Peggy Reiber; and treasurer, Marie Proulx.

For our second part we had invited representatives from the Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton to talk on the changes taking place at the hospital itself and the proposed TriCare changes and how they are going to affect us. We had a good turnout of 28 members and two Loyal Escorts. The talk with slides was very informative and enjoyed by all.

Representatives from the US Naval Hospital, Camp Pendleton, were (l-r): Command Master Chief Wendy Fischer; Doug Allen, Public Relations Officer; and CMDR Debra Keenan.



Spring has already sprung here in Southern California. With that our chapter is getting ready for summer and fall: the 4th of July parade, Summer Get Together, Marine Corps Birthday and Veterans' Day ceremonies, and in particular the convention in Louisville, KY. We should have a good delegation going with a few that will be First Timers. If you are going to be in our area, visiting WMA members and Loyal Escorts are always welcome. Please call Marie Proulx at (760) 433-1526 for details.

See you in "Luhvul"!

Lillian Cross

WMA CA-8 Palms to Pines

For our Christmas meeting and luncheon, Rosemary Abrego-Holmes purchased CD players for our Toys for Tots "Teens" Christmas drive. Our chapter donated 18 players along with the batteries. Is there anything worse than Christmas morning with no batteries for the new toys? We Marines are known for our "attention to detail". So, we couldn't do that to the teens, not on our watch. Great job ladies! We made a few teens happy on Christmas.

In February, we celebrated with candles the lives of our members for whom "Taps" has played. The anniversary and business meeting was greatly enhanced with their memory. Just like many of the other chapters we had to say goodbye to Jane Wallis earlier in 2005, then Edna (Vaché) Martin, Rosemarie (Hawkins) Falbo, and Grace Santee (LE). This year began with "Taps" being played for Cuba (Clifton) Pilants. A special thanks for each member that shared some wonderful memories of those that have gone before us.

In April, we installed our 2006-2008 board members. To the outgoing board, a special thanks and congratulations, for a great job.

Ozell Barksdale



CA-8 with the donated CD players: seated in front is Betty Steele; (l-r) Ozell Barksdale, Gwen Herbert, Dottie Irwin, Edith Ynacay, Sybl Acree, Rosemary Abrego-Holmes, Barbara Pratt, Diane Cowell, Vivian Bolton, Lou Teixeira, and Dorothy Jeffares.

WMA CA-9 Redwoods

On 11 February we celebrated the Women Marines' 63rd anniversary with three other chapters – CA-3, CA-6, and CA-12 – at a great restaurant called The Dead Fish. Honest! The name has a legitimate origin involving the owner's Italian grandmother who, while fixing dinner, replied to a grandson's inquiry as to what kind of fish she was preparing: "It's a dead fish." This restaurant is located on the bluffs bordering the Carquinez Straits with a view of Mare Island, a former naval shipyard. Along with a spectacular view, the food is excellent and is augmented by the pleasant ambience.

Forty-eight of us gathered for this special party with all four chapters represented. We had to do without the traditional cake due to restaurant policy, but we substituted a more modest ceremony with cupcakes and the four chapter presidents cutting four cupcakes with miniature sabers. It was a nice touch enjoyed by all.

CA-9 was represented by eleven members and five guests. Bonnie Medin, who was a member of the WR Band during WWII and is part of the Sometimes Singers at conventions, sang a wonderful ditty about aging to the tune of "My Favorite Things". Bonnie was a hit! All of us, many well along in the aging process when a sense of humor is a great asset, found it amusing, sometimes hilarious, and relative to our everyday experiences.

On a sad note, we lost member Bernelle Stephens. She was a resident of the Veterans Home in Yountville and was included in the February memorial service at the Home Chapel. President Joyce Donegan represented CA-9.

Member Del Kinney and husband John, residents of the Veterans Home, are active in a Marine Corps League-sponsored project to send care packages to Marines serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Del reports that it is a very successful program and that they receive acknowledgements and thanks from the Marine recipients.

Doris Panzer

WMA DC-1 District of Columbia

February saw our chapter members joining with the Crossroads Chapter (VA-1) at Quantico for our joint anniversary luncheon. We thought we would be snowed out but the weather held and nearly 100 braved the ride! Our guest speaker was retired SgtMaj Parisa Fetherson who shared her experiences throughout her career. MajGen-Select Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin and her husband Paul Dossin, President of the Loyal Escorts, were in attendance as well as BGen-Select Angie Salinas. Debra Beutel was the mistress of ceremonies and shared the spot light with Marie Juliano. The program ended with our cake cutting ceremony just before the snow storm started.

Marine Band member SSgt Karen Summers gets a rare "photo op" with two important women in our history, Directors of Women Marines Margaret Brewer (left) and Julia Hamblet.



On 31 March, many of our members attended the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation dinner that honored deserving candidates who help preserve the history of our Marine Corps. The Col Julia Hamblet Award was presented for the first time to (BGen) Margaret Brewer. It was a very festive occasion with many of our out-of-state members attending: Maria Crowley, Judy Anderson, Betty Jean Cannon, Nancy Wilt, Lou Teixeira and National President Paula Sarlls.

Our next meeting was held on 15 April to elect our new officers. We are also working on our projects for the "Race of the Decade" Convention. See you all in "Lou-e-ville"!!

Eileen Scanlon

WMA FL-2 Florida Gulf Coast

On 11 February, 20 members and guests met at Molly Goodheads in Ozona to celebrate our 63rd anniversary. Our guest speaker was Major "Chip" Hall, USMC, assigned to the 4th Amphibious Battalion, Tampa and the husband of our member Maranda. It was good to see Marge Ellison from Vero Beach and Ethel Barker from Sarasota. Although Nita Bob could not attend as she is in a rehab center as a result of her recent surgery, she provided the cake. Thank you to Nita Bob and Silvia Morgan for getting the cake there!

Major Hall gave a very inspired speech on the service of the women Marines and the role of Marines against terrorism. Standing in the rear were several civilians listening intently. After the speech the manager came in and said our entire lunch bill had been picked up by a gentleman who had been in the back.

When I went in to the other room to thank this person, he was wiping tears from his eyes; he was so moved by the Major's speech. In talking to him, Tom, we found out his brother had been a Marine and his nephew is now a Marine. We were all taken aback by his kindness -- it was his way of showing his appreciation for our service. We thank Tom for making this a very special celebration.

Karen Kelly

WMA FL-3 Gold Coast of Florida

On 11 February our chapter celebrated our 63rd anniversary with a picnic at Alice Stupariu's home. Chapter members and their families were present, all bringing a covered dish. It was a great turn out and our celebration was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Alice and her family -- it was a great success.

Mary Jane Kane is still busy sending out packages to our men and women in the war zone. We just received new addresses from CWO-5 Sharleene Prieur (serving in Iraq) today.

We just completed our chapter election ballots and our list of officers for the 2006 - 2008 term are: president, Elvira Dunaier; 1st vice president, Alice Stupariu; 2nd vice president, Nathalie Champagne; secretary, Virginia Ciancio; treasurer, Molly Manolakis; historian, Maxine Garrigan. The non-elected positions were filled by Nathalie Champagne (editor, Chapter Chatter) and Jeannette Eno (chaplain).

Our prayers go out to Stephanie Suchomel for a quick recovery as she is going through her chemo treatments. Semper Fidelis.

Nathalie Champagne

WMA FL-4 Tampa Tarpons

Our spring meeting was held on 11 February at the Copper Penney Restaurant Sun City Center to observe the 63rd Anniversary of Women Marines. All current officers agreed to serve another term. To support our project, The Spring Thrift Store, members donated many items for resale or given to needy abused women and children. We also chose to be a pen pal to a recruit in training at Parris Island.

On 12 April, FL-4 will present the WMA MCJROTC Award and ribbon to Cadet Sara Shah at Chamberlain High School in Tampa.

For a busy and hot summer ahead we agreed to forgo meetings until October. One member is considering "racing" to the 24th Biennial Convention in "Looaville". We wish the convention team great success in this endeavor.

Laverne Myers

WMA FL-5 Orange Blossom

We voted in our new officers at our last meeting. Our new president is JoAnn Heidenreich, Vice President Barbara Gibbs, Secretary Barbara DeGuiseppe, and Treasurer Jeanette McKinnon. Congratulations to our new officers. We had one more meeting in April before our summer break.

The Women's Auxiliary from the American Legion honored us with a Valentine Luncheon. The food was spectacular as always. We were entertained by the kids from Hudson. They have such beautiful voices. We are always so happy for the invitation.

Hope everyone has an enjoyable summer break. We hope for safe trips to those traveling. Semper Fidelis.

Barb Gibbs

WMA FL-8 Spaceport

We gathered at Mary Bevan's condo clubhouse to celebrate the Christmas season with a pot luck luncheon. We had a good turnout of members to enjoy the good food and camaraderie.

Our 63rd anniversary celebration was held at Perkins Restaurant in Viera. A beautifully decorated cake was cut and served by President Mary Lou Demmond.

An interesting article on the history of WMA was published in the February issue of *Leatherneck Magazine*. It contained a picture of FL-8 members at the Massing of Colors held each November at the Cocoa Campus of Brevard Community College.

New officers for the 2006-2008 term have been elected and took office in March. They are: president, Mary Bevan; vice president, Marge Collins; secretary, Mary Lou Demmond; and treasurer, Bridget Kennedy.

Our chapter was involved with the annual Stand Down for Veterans held on 25 March. Mary Bevan was chairman of the event and did much of the planning. She had the misfortune to fall a few days prior to the Stand Down and suffered a badly sprained foot. At the time of this writing, she is recovering nicely.

We are in the planning stages for our Women Veterans Luncheon which we will host in the fall.

Sadly we have to report the loss of two of our members. Nancy Lee Paul passed away in November. Nancy Lee had been a very

active member, an office holder and was a talented embroiderer. Rusty Schwall had joined us more recently. We enjoyed her presence and were shocked to hear of her sudden passing. Semper Fidelis, Nancy Lee and Rusty.

Betty-Jo Birney

WMA GA-1 Dogwood Chapter



GA-1's new chapter officers (l-r): Linda Clark-Wolford, Ellen Olander, Sheryl Young and Annetta Sallard.

Although the New Year started off slow for the Dogwood Chapter, momentum is building quickly.

On 20 January, Sheryl Young visited Mary Drew and interviewed her for our chapter newsletter. Mary is a WWII WR and was in the second class of women to be trained as Marine Corps officers. It was an entertaining several hours as Mary shared stories from her life and her time as a Marine.

Later that same day, (Cpl) Rachel Bergstrom made presentations to two organizations that supported her during her deployment to Iraq last year. She presented US flags flown over Camp Fallujah to Chestatee State Bank and to the Pickens County Chamber of Commerce in recognition and appreciation of the care packages sent to her and her unit.

On 23 January, Sheryl took WWII WR Anne Cooper on an outing to visit the new Georgia Aquarium. Even though the crowds were quite large, Anne enjoyed watching the youngsters almost as much as the exhibits themselves.

On 18 February we celebrated the 63rd anniversary in high style. Making good on a promise from last year to visit the National Museum of Patriotism, we made arrangements to have our entire celebration there. Director George Wieder and his team could not have set the stage more beautifully for us. The tables were adorned in red table cloths and patriotic centerpieces. Around the entire area were vintage WWII Marine recruiting posters including many for the Women's Reserve. Nic Snyder, who is the brainchild behind this fantastic museum, has been collecting patriotic memorabilia since he was a child, and the museum contains only a small portion of his collection, which is impressive by itself. Our meal was catered by a local Italian restaurant and was delicioso! We had 17 members and nine guests including three MCJROTC cadets from North Forsyth High School, all of whom are headed to Parris Island this year.

First on the agenda for the afternoon was honoring one of our Iraq veterans, LCpl Kamilah Keith. She was presented with a personally autographed poster from SgtMaj Estrada, SgtMaj of the

Marine Corps, and a commemorative engraved Operation Iraqi Freedom K-bar knife along with several other items. Her parents, Bernice and LJ Keith, were also in attendance. Next on the agenda was the installation of new chapter officers for the 2006-2008 term. Presiding as Installing Officer was Kathleen Eidson who, using the colors ceremony, pinned a corsage with a silk dogwood blossom and an appropriate colored ribbon on each of the incoming officers. Our new officers are: Annetta Sallard, Treasurer, Sheryl Young, Secretary, Ellen Olander, Vice President and Linda Clark-Wolford, President. We look forward to the next two years under their leadership. Our anniversary celebration ended with the traditional cake ceremony.

Allowing our guests to excuse themselves so they could tour the museum, the chapter members moved on to business. We first presented our outgoing president, Laura Ward, with an embossed Iwo Jima print. We all had signed the back of the print thanking her for her outstanding leadership of the chapter during the past four years. We wrapped up the afternoon planning various events we would like to participate in throughout the year.

On 5 March the Atlanta History Center held a living history exhibit entitled "Women in WWII" and Viola Main represented the women Marines. Joining women from the WAVES and WAACs, Viola answered questions from visitors and later participated in discussion panel. It was a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness with the public of the contribution these women made.

We were happy to learn that Cpl Samantha Wood had returned home safely on 4 March from a one year tour of duty in Iraq. While home on leave for two weeks, she took time out on 8 March to join Sheryl and visit Mary Drew who had taken a fall at her senior residence and seriously injured her back. Mary's son had moved her to a nursing facility closer to where he lives (which happened to be near Samantha's home) and she and Sheryl thought a visit would cheer Mary up. Mary enjoyed talking to Samantha about her experiences in Iraq.

Newton High School invited LCpl Kamilah Keith and Sheryl Young to speak to the MCJROTC classes on 13 March about their experiences as women in the Marine Corps. The cadets found it quite interesting to learn how different boot camp was 30 years ago for Sheryl, as compared to three years ago for Kamilah.

During drill weekend on 1 April, Cpl Rachel Bergstrom was promoted to sergeant. We are so proud of her and all of our active duty Marines. We met three of them just three years before when they were MCJROTC cadets and we have been able to follow their careers since then. We hope to do the same with the current group of young women, possibly five in all, from North Forsyth High School that desire to become Marines.

Speaking of MCJROTC, awards season is upon us and our first presentation was made by new WMA member Diane Raley at Rutland High School in Macon on 6 April. We thank Diane for her support. The next couple of months have the Dogwood Chapter looking forward to MCJROTC presentations, participating in several WWII themed community events and our annual girls' weekend when we get away to a cabin in North Georgia and spend an afternoon whitewater rafting.

We are anxiously counting down the weeks to our convention in "Looaville" where at least six of our members plan to be! Let's all make it the best one ever!!

Sheryl Young



IL-2 Blanche S. Osborne

Our 63rd anniversary luncheon, scheduled for 18 February, turned out to be the coldest day of the winter in Chicago - zero temps, all over the Chicagoland area. It made the luncheon attendance a little skimpy, but a few of us old tough Marines carried on as usual.

We were blessed to have as guests four Young Marines (Co. 1stSgt Jackie Covarrubias, GySgt Tania Villalobos, Sgt Briana Velasquez, and Cpl Paola Betancourt) and their commanding officer, David



PFC Mae Stella Scharfman with her grandmother, Mae Glassbrenner, and her drill instructor, SSgt Tricia Smith.

Roldan. These were his four squad leaders for this year out of a total of 80 youths enrolled. The chapter gives financial support to the organization.

On that cold day, we did hold our biennial election of officers. Voted in were: Muriel Underwood, president; Mary Roa, vice president; Genevieve Bowen, secretary; and Rita O'Reilly, treasurer. They will be sworn in at our next meeting on 13 May. The present treasurer, Joy Reeves has been named the Outstanding Teacher of Science in the city of Chicago. Congratulations, Joy!

On 24 February, Mae Glassbrenner traveled with family members to Parris Island to celebrate the graduation ceremonies of her granddaughter, Mae Stella Scharfman. The new Marine received her marksman's medal for qualifying with a rifle and also her PFC stripe.

Another organization the chapter helps is the Sea Service Awards Recognition Program and Dinner, organized by the Marine Corps League Northwest Suburban Detachment. Seven chapter members traveled from all over the area to go to the northwestern suburb to see sixteen outstanding members of the Marines, Navy and Coast Guard recognized by their commanding officers and fellow service members for their exceptional devotion to their assigned duties.

Muriel Underwood



MA-1 Bay State

Our Christmas party was held early in December with a great group in attendance. June Worden drove all the way from upstate New York to attend. She updated us on the latest convention news and answered all other questions we had. She drove straight back to New York after our meeting. A strong woman, she is.

The calendar says spring is here. Some brave flowers are actually blooming. All we need now is the beautiful sun and warmth that comes with this season. We have faith, it will be here.

Our first "after winter" meeting was held 26 March. We had a good turnout. Some of our snowbirds have not yet returned.

We welcome three new members to WMA and to our chapter: Michaila Britto, Margaret Menz and Velma Mooney.



MA-1 at their Christmas party.

We are in the middle of chapter elections and hope to have a fine slate of officers soon.

Convention is coming up fast. A number of us plan to attend. The historian is working diligently to put together our history book for submission.

We had great sadness in early March. Both Mary Lally and Annette Toomey passed away within days of each other. They were both very active, long time members of WMA and MA-1. Their last few years were not easy. We shall miss them. Rest well.

Kay Carpenter

WMA MI-2 Motor City

With the new year we also brought in a new board. Natalie McPherson has continued as our president, Christine Tonegatto-Salo as VP, Isabel Bond as treasurer, and Anne-Marie Krmarick-Cochenour as secretary. Our new board was sworn in by Betty Jean Cannon, Area 4 Director. Awards were given out to Michelle Ruth who organized a toy drive at her place of employment that netted over 300 toys alone for our Toys for Tots collection, and to Lori Robinson who has taken a tremendous amount of time to collect items and speak about Operation Caring Friends in her area.

We welcomed in new members (Cpl) Abigail Chavez and Michelle Ranger. We are also honored to have Mary Morrison join our ranks as well. We know that they will make an outstanding addition to our chapter.



Motor City members at our March meeting.

Motor City welcomed back home Col Sara Phoenix and attended an award dinner given in her honor by the Soroptimist Club. Col Phoenix was given a monetary award which she gave to the Greater Detroit Girl Scout Council. We all enjoyed her visit and were so pleased to have a little time to get to know her, her husband Patrick and wonderful daughter Morgan. We hope that they can visit again when they have more time.

We have been very busy with our troop support. On 8 April, with the help of the Young Marines, many chapter members, Loyal Escorts, Sgt Major and Mrs. Anick, friends and family, we got 214 boxes ready to be shipped to our deployed troops. One of the local veteran groups donated \$1,000 to help with postage. After six hours of packing, our mission was complete.

Convention time is coming and the members of Motor City are revving up to bring the Motor City spirit with them. It looks like we will have about 10 of our members in attendance and several of the Loyal Escorts. We hope to see many of our friends come September from all over WMA! Semper Fidelis.

Mary Ann Merritt

WMA MO-1 St Louis

In August 2005, Mabel Otten hosted a picnic at her home in Belleville, IL. Everyone who attended brought a pot luck dish and Raymond barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers. It was a beautiful day and everyone enjoyed the day feasting on great food.

On 3 December we met at Tsevi's Restaurant for the annual Christmas party. There were about 15 people who attended.

We held our 63rd anniversary celebration at Holiday Inn-Airport/Oakland Park on 26 March. We have changed our meeting time to spring for this event, since Mother Nature seems not to want to cooperate with our plans. In the past, we have always been blessed with an ice storm or snow storm when we schedule a party in February. We also held our annual meeting at this event and had election of officers.

We are looking forward to the convention in "Loeeyville"; five people from the chapter will be attending.

Mary Jantosik

WMA NV-1 Sagebrush

Spring is here and with it comes lots of committee work by our chapter in preparation for an active year.

Our bylaws and standing rules committee have been working hard revising and revising. Soon they will be complete and ready for review and approval.

Our fund raiser committee has been busy coming up with ideas to suit our chapter needs. Two ideas have come forward and we are pursuing them. We are seeking donations from casinos that can be used in a charity raffle. We are also looking into post-it notes or pocket notebooks, which we will be able to sell at any veteran functions we attend. The proceeds will be used for our continued efforts in supporting our servicemen and women.

Our membership committee work started off strong but because of a very happy occasion (marriage) our leader had to resign her position. However, we have continued working on getting new members and we have succeeded! Three new members have joined us and we are very proud of that.

So you can see, time marches on and I want to thank each and every one of you for keeping our chapter going and going and going!

Our chapter is saddened by the passing of two strong members, Mary Knapp and Ethel Zabelski. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

Carol Watson

WMA OK-1 Sooner

On 10 February the chapter met at the Baptist Retirement Center in Owasso to welcome our new member, Maye Ryan. Maye is – as far as we can determine – the oldest living woman Marine in Oklahoma. She is 95 years old. That can easily be changed to “young” as she is very alert and gets around with her walker very well. The *Tulsa World* news reporter interviewed her before our meeting, but came back with a photographer to enhance his write-up for the paper. There were four WWII members and four Korean Era members present.

We had a cake made to celebrate the anniversary. Maye’s friends at the center served cake, ice cream and punch, and “buffalo chip” cookies.

Maye had lots of pictures from her days in the Corps, and they really brought back lots of memories for all of us.



One of Maye Ryan’s many photographs from her time in the Corps. Maye is standing behind the truck, second from the left. We are saddened by the loss of another charter member, Virginia “Ginny” Beekman, on 2 March. Ginny moved to New Jersey six years ago to be near other family members, but retained membership in OK-1. She returned to Tulsa to be interred beside her mother. Four OK-1 members attended the military funeral.

Until next time, Semper Fidelis.

Pietje Wall

WMA OK-2 Heartland

Hey OR-1! Please send us some of those April showers! Oklahomans are still dealing with wildfires. Luckily, none of our members have been affected.

Our April meeting was held at the new home of Brenda Blair. And I do mean NEW, as in “just built”. Don’t worry...our rowdy bunch broke it in right. Thanks, Brenda!



WRs Joan Willauer and Pat Goss update each other on what’s been happening in their lives.

Plans were made for who’s going where between the convention in Louisville and the Women Veterans Week in Branson in May. So far, three members will be attending the convention, and one or two will be going to Branson.

Member news includes: Pam Bloustine resigned as 3rd Vice; Brenda now has a mortgage; one of our members is pregnant (no, Dad, it’s not me); Pat Goss is alive and

well but may need a pacemaker (she goes so much her heart can’t keep up!). And the best news is, Pat’s son-in-law John Wilson was able to join us after going through a liver transplant. It was great to see him and great to see how well he’s doing in comparison to the past year.

Sondra Metzger

WMA OR-1 Lady Marine Rose

April showers bring May flowers and nowhere is it more evident than in the Pacific Northwest. With the advent of spring, everyone’s spirits seem to soar, and we are looking forward to a busy and eventful year with our new president, Heidi Tanada.

Our 63rd anniversary luncheon held at the Monarch Hotel in Milwaukie was an outstanding success with 52 members and guests present. Area 9 Director Zelda Barrows was our honored guest and presided over the installation of our officers: president, Heidi Tanada; vice president, Ruth Falconbury; treasurer, Esther Bish, and secretary, Golda Fabian. Dorothy Schultz did an admirable job of installing the Eugene Eager Beavers OR-3 officers: president, Karen Reeves, vice president, Debra Barker, and secretary/treasurer, Carolyn Anderson. The convention theme of “Race of the Decade” was cleverly carried out in the table decorations.



OR-1 on television on the anniversary, (l-r): Heidi Tanada, grandson Mitch with co-host Helen Raptis, Nanci Visser, Dorothy Schultz, co-host Carl Click, Golda Fabian, Hattie Kelley, Marcia Dean, Bobbie Aaby, and Sgt Leonard Langston.

On 13 February, six of our members plus Loyal Escort Bobbie Aaby and Sgt Langston appeared at TV station KATU to publicize the event. Heidi’s grandson, Mitch, with his “My Grandma Was a Marine” T-shirt stole the show.

Hattie Kelley and Golda Fabian attended the Living History Day event at Redmond High School on April 3rd and 4th. They went by charter bus with other veterans, including three of the Tuskegee Airmen. The VFW in Redmond feted the veterans with a delicious dinner on Monday night. Tuesday they spent at the high school speaking to the students about their experiences and answering questions. The trip culminated with a program and tribute to veterans in the school gymnasium with approximately 1500 students giving them an outstanding ovation.

New member Dorothy Forman has moved to the Portland area and attended our meeting on 25 March, as did prospective new member Joyce Olson.

We were greatly saddened by the death of long standing member Sylvia (Philip) Simpson on 5 January. She was an active member until just recently when her health prevented her from

attending our meetings. Her sunny disposition and sense of humor will be sorely missed.

We are looking forward to summer and have many activities lined up for the coming months. Enjoy your spring and remember our troops who are in harms way.

Golda F. Fabian



OR-2 Southern Oregon



Oregon-2 Chapter celebrated the 63rd Anniversary of Women Marines with a luncheon meeting at the Hungry Woodsman in Medford on 11 February. Members attending were (left front): Adele Shimanoff, Loretta Lisowski, Mae Quaccia, Betty Smith, Velma Wilson (hidden) and Sue Scanlon. Right front: Jane O'Sullivan, Joyce Moffett, Eve Blum, Bee Dodd, Audrey Pitcher, guest Lee McKeever, and Barbara Reva. We were all impressed with our birthday cake that depicted a woman Marine cover.

Darlyn Dunston



OR-3 Eager Beavers

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest...

The first four months of 2006 have been exciting for the members of OR-3.

In February, we rented a van and a delegation of nine members attended the Women Marines 63rd Anniversary celebration hosted by the women of OR-1. Our recently elected chapter officers, Karen Reeves (president), Debra Barker (vice president), and Carolyn Anderson (secretary/treasurer), were installed by OR-1's Dorothy Schultz. This trip is always fun and this time was no exception.

On 8 April, our chapter hosted our Annual Spring Fling. The laughter you heard came from all the women Marines enjoying an afternoon of fun, food, and good times. The traditional auction we have was a roaring success and our treasury thanks everyone for their generous biddings. Our local home improvement center, Jerry's, graciously provided all the beautiful plants used for decorations and gifts. They are such great supporters of our Women Marines Association!!

Our chapter welcomed four new members and one returning member since the beginning of the year!!! We are thrilled to have joined us as new members: Deb Newman, Susan Coleman, Shelia Lowe, and Sandy Morris. And, in addition to these gals joining us, we had another member, who had moved away, Jean Currence, rejoin our chapter. We are thrilled to welcome all of them!!

We learned that one of our newest members, Deb Newman, is also in show business. She is a stand-up comic and will be presenting her new one woman show on 13 May. Can you guess where OR-3 members will be that evening??

Deb Barker recently underwent surgery at the VA Hospital

in Portland. We are happy to report that she is on the mend and will be back to 100% soon.

Next on the agenda for OR-3 will be researching a new project in which we can help our community. Currently we help support a 3rd grade class by collecting soup labels, our women spend many hours at our local VA clinic, and others work in helping in the preparations of putting on the yearly local Veterans' Day parade.

It's shaping up to be another busy year for OR-3!! We'll share the latest with all of you next time. Until then...Semper Fidelis!!!

Karen Reeves



PA-2 Liberty Belles

PA-2 held its first meeting as the PA-2 Liberty Belles chapter of WMA preceded by a luncheon on 8 April in Downingtown. With the help of Area Director Alice Alden-Dolbear, officers were nominated, elected and installed; by-laws and standing rules were agreed upon and prepared to send to National for approval when the polishing is completed. The officers are: Leticia Rodriguez, president; Dehra Green, vice president; Ginnie Rueber, secretary; and Kathy Van Gorder, treasurer.



The officers of the Liberty Belles: Dehra Green, Area Director Alice Alden-Dolbear, Leticia Rodriguez, Ginnie Rueber and Kathy Van Gorder.

We welcomed nine members in attendance, and another five or six who wanted to be with us but were unable to be at this meeting. So when the dust settles, PA-2 will be up and running again with a start up roll of about 15 members. We range in time of service from WWII to Desert Storm and thoroughly enjoyed sharing some photos and swapping stories of our days in the Corps. It certainly is true, not only "Once a Marine, Always a Marine" but the Esprit de Corps creates a bond that transcends all ages.

Kathy Van Gorder



SC-1 Phyllis M. Alexander

Boy, we've been very busy this season. We had several new projects in the works simultaneously.

After months and months of brain storming, planning, and hard work, we had a successful celebration weekend with our fun run and luncheon.

It was a cold, rainy and windy Saturday for the first ever Molly Marine 5K Fun Run on Parris Island, but a beautiful southern day for the 63rd Anniversary Luncheon at the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort.

Through the efforts of the committee we had registered runners from the local area and as far away as Pennsylvania. Betty Cotney and Mary Gluck, both WWII women Marine veterans living in SC, also came out to show their support for women in the Marine Corps. We had many runners, volunteers, sponsors, and a tremendous amount of base support as we had events on two separate bases on different days.

Roxanne Cheney was our Run Moderator and Guest Speaker at the luncheon. The runners were treated to a picnic (which moved indoors due to the weather). Both events presented chances to win fabulous door prizes and the opportunity to visit with Marines who are currently serving or served as far back as WWII. The cake cutting at the luncheon was especially touching as Mary Gluck, the oldest Marine present at the young age of 84, asked, "Where's the sword?" sounding like the old "Where's the Beef" commercial when offered a knife to cut the cake. Immediately, Capt Linsay Hawkins, Commanding Officer, O Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion sprang up saying, "I travel with mine", and off she went to get her sword from her car for our use. Captain Hawkins was also a third place winner in her division at our race with a time of 21:50.

Kudos have to go out to Bonnie Thompson, for the wonderful work she did on the advertising of our events; to Jennifer Bailey for her graphic arts support for the chapter logo, official chapter letterhead, official Molly Marine 5K Run t-shirt, and other administrative support; to Linda Priest for her efforts in setting up the luncheon; Chris Wildenthaler for her advertising support, decorations, and luncheon set up; Roxanne Cheney as our announcer for the run and guest speaker for the luncheon; Rosa Robertson and Maria Knox as the co-chairs of the events for their leadership and direction, and all the members who assisted in acquiring sponsorship for the events and provided on site support.

We were able to start a couple of new projects this quarter. We officially unveiled our chapter website at <http://wma.serveftp.org>. You will be able to follow our progress as our chapter grows. We are researching several previous attempts at having a chapter in South Carolina and welcome any information anyone has in regards to those chapters preceding the Phyllis Alexander Chapter. You will see pictures of our events, scholarship information, contact information, ordering information for our chapter fundraisers, links to the other chapters of the WMA and much more.

A Pen Pal Project was created as a response to a need to which our chapter was made aware. An announcement to the National WMA listserv was made as soon as the need was relayed to us and immediately we received responses from WMA members from all across the country wanting to be pen pals to female recruits in boot camp at Parris Island. The level of response from our fellow members was deeply touching and expected as we knew all too well that WMA members would answer the call. Our chapter will be updating our website regularly as the list of recruits who desire pen pals changes.

In honor of our namesake, Phyllis Alexander, the Parris Island Historical and Museum Society has partnered up with our chapter to present the 3rd Annual Phyllis Alexander Scholarships. The scholarships are intended to assist MCJROTC senior female cadets and former/active duty female Marines in Beaufort County with their educational expenses.

Several of our members have dutifully presented the Molly Marine Award on behalf of the Women Marines Association on a bi-monthly basis. We have posted pictures and the names of the recipients at our website.

Sadly, a close friend of our chapter, Edith Ferris passed away on 15 December at the age of 90. Edith was one of the first women to enlist in the Marine Corps from Detroit in 1943. She moved up through the enlisted ranks and finished her career as a captain. She was a delight and will be missed.



In August 1980 Pvt Prieur (center) graduated from boot camp. Sgt Janet Ebert and Sgt Brenda Hammond were her drill instructors. On 3 February 2006 newly promoted CWO-5 Prieur stood with both her drill instructors again. On the left, CWO-5 Janet (Ebert) Bernhardt (Ret) did the promotion and on the right Brenda (Hammond) Moore MSgt. (Ret). Brenda is a Life Member of the WMA and a member of our chapter.

Maria Knox

WMA TN-1 Rocky Top

The newly elected officers of the Rocky Top Chapter (l-r) Doris Keane (secretary/treasurer), Eileen Neiler (president) and Lindsay Long (vice president) gather to discuss our upcoming annual plant sales in late April and early May. The chapter will be donating a portion of the proceeds to the Knoxville Veterans Memorial to be built in the downtown area of our city in the near future.



Doris Keane

WMA TX-1 Lone Star

Activities over the past couple of months have been kind of limited so we don't have too much to share with you this time. However, so that we at least stay active in the news reporting area, we have a couple of things we'll pass along.

We celebrated this year's women Marines' anniversary on 11 February at a local eatery where the food was good and the camaraderie even better.

We have really large kudos to throw Mary Alice Proctor-Payton's way! After giving of her time at the Augusta, GA veterans' medical facility (involved in administration), Mary Alice came to Dallas where she has been a loyal and dedicated volunteer at the North Texas Veterans' Medical Center. Her first duties here came in assisting the Women Veterans Coordinator. Her responsibilities now come in the Physical Therapy department where she works as a data entry person. On 13 April Mary Alice was recognized and honored by the facility for her ten years of loyal and dedicated volunteer service within the system.

TX-1 members are very proud of Mary Alice and we are glad she is one of us. Congratulations, M/A, and keep up the good work!



For several months Joan Wright has had the privilege, honor and joy of being a volunteer greeter at the Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport for the purpose of greeting incoming R&R troops from Iraq and Afghanistan. With few exceptions, there is a daily flight with

anywhere from 100 to over 200 service personnel aboard incoming for some well-deserved down time with their families and friends, the majority scheduled to make connecting flights to all parts of the nation. Most of the troops are Army personnel but, once in awhile, Joan is able to yell out a big Semper Fi - and she usually receives a huge smile and hug from that Marine. Although she normally doesn't go to the airport for the daily departing flights, Joan did have an opportunity to join the outbound troops for some fine entertainment provided by a USO-sponsored trio, known as the Liberty Belles. These young ladies introduced themselves as Patty, Maxine, and La Verne - the Andrews Sisters, of course - and they sang the songs made popular by that renowned trio of the big band era. Quite a trip down memory lane for those of us who grew up with the sounds of the Andrews Sisters. And I think the young men especially enjoyed the outfits worn by the Liberty Belles. Among the 100+ personnel scheduled to leave that evening, there was one Marine, Capt. Szewczyk, and Joan snagged him for a picture with the Liberty Belles (in case, you absolutely cannot figure out who's who, Joan's in the middle). Seriously, she is extremely proud to represent TX-1, especially as she stands with other veterans from previous wars and eras to welcome the troops back home for R&R. Other members of TX-1 are planning soon to lend their own vocal cheers and welcome homes to the troops and are looking forward to the experience.

That's all for now - Semper Fidelis!

Joan Wright

WMA TX-2 Texas Gulf Coast

Busy, Busy, BUSY!!!

Those three words pretty much describes the lives of the members of TX-2.

We're collecting recipes (thanks to those of you who've shared your favorites with us) from all over the US. We've also had some interesting comments about duty stations, etc. (That has to be my favorite part of it all). We're working on the new 2007 historical calendar; gathering props for the luncheon we're hosting in Louisville, KY (hope to see you all there); and planning more fund raisers. Goodness gracious, I don't think there's an empty flat surface in my house...and it's not all caused by a messy homeowner!!

Several of us will be presenters this month and next at the yearly awards banquets hosted by local ROTC Units. It's really neat watching those kids accept their awards and hearing what they plan to do with their education. Some of them are real go-getters and would do any branch of the military proud. I try to aim them at the Corps, naturally. You can just see the pride in their eyes when they go up to receive their awards.

Gentle reminder: forward recipes to: Karen Beatty at kebeaty1961@yahoo.com OR BJ Huggins, P.O. Box 1821, Pasadena, TX 77501.

Well, ladies, we certainly hope you have a lovely spring and summer, and we'll see you in Greater Louisville!!

BJ Huggins

WMA VA-2 Old Dominion

The Old Dominion Chapter celebrated our anniversary in style with a fun filled open house. It snowed the night before but that didn't stop us from attending. The food was delicious, but the company was even better. It's always wonderful to spend a few hours with our sisters of the Corps. Everyone was a guest speaker as we shared our experiences especially those from boot camp. Each of us is from a different time period in the Corps so it was fun comparing what boot camp was like and the jobs we held while serving. And anytime we can honor our WWII vet, Jean Stevens, is a special occasion.

We continue sending used paper back books and goodies to our troops in Iraq, visiting the vets in the local VA Hospital, and writing letters of encouragement to the gals now in boot camp. If you live in Central Virginia, please join us. We'd love to have you.

Annebel V. Lewis

WMA WA-1 Evergreen

Daylight savings time is already here and April has arrived! Time seems to go much too fast for me - must be old age.

Our chapter met for lunch and a meeting on 11 February at Johnny's in Fife, to celebrate our anniversary.

The Nominating Committee submitted the names of the officers for 2006-2008 and the following were elected: president, Gerry Ahnstrom; vice-president, Patricia Karrasch; secretary, Barbara Betts; treasurer, Zelda Barrows, and chaplain, Honey Langdon. The officers were installed by Louise George and each was presented with an azalea plant. We were sorry that Patricia could not be present for the installation and meeting.

The following members were selected as delegates to the National Convention in Louisville, KY: Gerry Ahnstrom, Zelda Barrows and Juanita Leighton.

We continue to send \$100 after each meeting to the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund which is used to help injured Marines, sailors and their families. We are so pleased to help this fund in some way.

Our chapter will have their special day at Emerald Downs Race Track in July. This is a fun day, even though our betting does not always pay off.

We are very fortunate to have some new members - Marcella Killian of Lynnwood, Trudy Miller of Seattle and Angela Porter of Maple Valley. Thanks for joining!

Our officers met in April to prepare the meeting and events schedule for 2006-2008. Wish you all a wonderful summer. Semper Fidelis.

Louise George



Newly elected and installed officers (l-r): Gerry Arnstrom, Honey Langdon, Zelda Barrows and Barbara Betts.

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The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214 online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans and next of kin of deceased former military members with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online website. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom processing time.

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Second Lt. Allison Anderson was among the first leathernecks to be accepted into the Marine Corps' new Mentoring Program.

Anderson is well-known at The Basic School and has played an important roll as one of the first Marines in the Mentoring Program.

The program is a simple plan designed to guide Marines down a career path, teaching them to make the right decisions. It involves character improvement and guidance on decisions on all subjects in and out of the Corps.

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Cpl Stephanie M. Mendez, a Thurmont, MD, native, recently earned the title of III Marine Expeditionary Force's Marine of the Year for 2005. Mendez, 19, was meritoriously promoted to the rank of corporal and awarded a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for her accomplishment. In addition, she was named the United Service Organizations' Marine of the Year on Okinawa for extensive volunteer work.

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SSgt Shannon Van Pelt has been in front of the Albany Marine Band conducting since August and according to MGySgt Matthew Farquhar, Albany band master, "Van Pelt is one of the best and brightest in the band occupational field. I fully expect to see her someday leading the Marine Corps Band."

The group of 50 Marines travels throughout the United States and internationally to fulfill its mission of serving as musical ambassadors, providing music for military ceremonies, community celebrations, recruiting programs and official events.

As conductor, Van Pelt must choose what songs are to be played at many band functions and to lead rehearsals, making sure individual musicians know their parts and assuring that those parts come together

into a harmonious unit.

The seven-year Marine veteran is not just a conductor, but has been playing the alto saxophone for about 15 years. Van Pelt has previously attended band school for conducting in Norfolk and has already been selected to lead another Marine band; where, she's not heard yet.

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Did she stop after getting a National Service Award? Our Mary Ann?!? What do you think?

Mary Ann Merritt received a letter telling her that she has been chosen along with 11 others who have earned the title of Michigianian of the Year. This is for her work with WMA, Operation Caring Friends and community volunteering.

Then she got a letter from the DAR Macomb Chapter and is being recognized by them for her work in the community.

Congratulations, Mary Ann! Now, leave something for the rest of us!!

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Virginia Montague Evans Puller, wife of Lewis "Chesty" Puller, passed away at the age of 97 in Saluda, VA.

She met Chesty at a cotillion in West Point and was married to him until his death in 1971. Mrs. Puller accompanied her husband on a tour of duty in China in 1940. She and her infant daughter, Virginia, left on the last American dependents' ship before the Japanese took Shanghai in 1941 during World War II.

She also followed him to Hawaii and across the U.S. mainland but returned to Saluda during his combat tours in World War II and the Korean War. When he retired in 1955 as a lieutenant general, the couple settled in Saluda.

"She really loved the Marines," her

daughter Virginia Dabney said. "She fed hundreds of them. She knew how much it meant to Father. He would bring Marines home off the street if he met them at a gas station."

She found Marine husbands for her daughters.

At Christmas, she would be "graciously serving a Southern lunch to ser-

geants at this end of the table and generals at that end," Downs said.

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Sgt. Kisha Pollard, 22, and other amateur military rappers serving in Iraq contributed their war-driven rhymes to "Voices from the Frontline," a CD that reached stores on 25 April. Some hope for music careers after finishing their military service. Others simply were seeking an outlet for their thoughts on fear, family and fighting abroad.

Pollard speaks for female fighters in her song "Girl at War." "I could get shot, too, just as well as a boy," she raps. "You look me up and down 'cause you're thinking I'm weak, until you see me in Iraq, patrolling the streets." Pollard, who joined the Marines at 19 because she "likes the uniform," started rapping in elementary school. She used to rhyme about "life and everything with growing up," she says. Now she focuses on her experiences in the Middle East, with the hope of educating listeners and improving her prospects for a career in music, modeling and acting.

Associated Press

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From Mildred Holman: "In the interesting magazine REMINISCE I came across this request. 'While serving at Headquarters Marine Corps in the early '50s, we were served chicken a la king every Sunday. I have been unable to locate the recipe but hope an old mess sergeant or cook can help.'"

If anyone knows the recipe, please contact William McGee, 32 W. Camino Real Ave., Arcadia, CA 91007. And send it to TX-2 for their cookbook!

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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.

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

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 "My mother was a Marine" decal for t-shirt
Cost: \$2.25 each (includes shipping)
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Contact: Mary Lou Gruber, Treasurer, 30427 Wolf Road, Bay Village, OH 44140

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Cost: Sweatshirts: L, XL \$20.00; XXL \$22.00 T-Shirts: L, XL \$9.00; XXL 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, 2220 Wildflower Way, Locust Grove, VA 22508 (540) 399-9925 Email: 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. Please include your phone and/or email with order.

Item: "I'm The Marine In This Family" t-shirt or sweatshirt in your choice of red or black.
Cost: T-Shirt, \$15 plus \$5 postage; Polo shirt, \$20 plus \$5 postage; Sweatshirt, \$15 plus \$5 postage. **Size:** S-XXXL
Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller
Contact: Ellen Leidy, 1107 Columbus Ave., Barberton, OH 44203 (330) 825-8935 e-mail: leidyrun@aol.com

Item: Blue Denim Shirt Eagle, Globe & Anchor in gold and silver embroidery over left pocket, Women Marines Association in red print left of logo, individual's name printed on right side.
Cost: \$35.00 plus \$5.00 for shipping
Size: S, M, L, and XL (shirts run large) specify short or long string style
Chapter: Texas Gulf Coast **Checks:** Payable to TX-2 WMA
Contact: Judy Anderson, 726 Beachcomber, Houston, TX 77062 e-mail: gulfcoastwm@AOL.com

Item: Forest Green Sweatshirts, t-shirts, short sleeved golf shirts, long sleeved golf shirts and low profile cap. All shirts are embroidered with WMA on the left side and Women Marines Association underneath. Embroidery is in white; low profile cap has WMA embroidered in white.
Cost: All prices include shipping and handling per item.
 Sweatshirts: M- XL - \$26 each; 2X - \$28 each
 T-Shirts: M - 2XL - \$16 each
 Short sleeved golf shirts: M - XL - \$28 each
 Long sleeved golf shirts: M - XL - \$32 each
 Low profile cap: one size fits all - \$16 each
Checks: Old Dominion Chapter, WMA VA-2
Contact: Mickey Jennings, 6486 Lark Way, Mechanicsville, VA 23111 E-mail: mickeyjennings@hotmail.com

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

Jewelry continued

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: Ane 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 initials 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, 11/2" 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 Bloustine, 2801 W. Redbud Ln.
 Edmond, OK 73003-2200; email, PamOKWM@aol.com

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Cost: \$2.00 includes postage
Chapter: NJ-2 **Contact:** Lorraine Nankivell, PO Box 208, 38 Point Pleasant Rd.
 Hopatcong, NJ 07843-0208

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: Laveme 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: High quality 16 oz Stainless Steel Insulated Travel Mug w/locking lid, green
 WMA logo on both sides, Comfort handle, fits
 universal auto holder.
Cost: \$12.00 each including shipping & handling
Chapter: OR-3
Checks: Payable to WMA OR-3
Contact: Karen L. Reeves, 6923 Jessica Drive
 Springfield, OR 97478
 (541) 741-1213 e-mail: klro42@aol.com



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, gulfcoastwma@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 or 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: 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

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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 Auxiliary 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: _____

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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.



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