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Another Marine Reporting, Sir

Olga C. Bullock, charter member of the Women Marines Association since 1960, passed away on June 3, 2006. Olga's involvement in and dedication to the WMA spans decades. Although she was in the Marines only a few years, her pride in being a woman Marine lasted her entire life. She has served as area director (1962-64), public relations officer (1964-66), vice president (1966-68) and national president (1968-72), as well as chapter treasurer (1988-2005) and Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Representative (1985-2005) for the San Diego chapter. These impressive dates and titles do not do justice to the hard work, passion, and time Olga put into helping build and create the WMA.

Olga C. Bullock nee Zoricic was born in St. Louis, MO, on January 28, 1918. She grew up with her mother, grandparents and uncles, who all emigrated from



Olga entering the Closing Banquet on the arm of John Holvoet.

Croatia. She graduated from Bayless High School in 1935 and went on to various book-keeping and secretarial jobs. On October 13, 1943 she enlisted in the Marine Corps and arrived at Camp Lejeune on January 1, 1944. At boot camp, she made PFC and eventually received orders for Miramar in

late March 1944 where she was assigned as a clerk-typist in supply. She made corporal before being reassigned to the Auditors Office in early March 1945 and was promoted to sergeant in September 1945. Olga was discharged at MCAS, El Toro on January 25, 1946.

After the war, Olga enrolled at UCLA as a business administration major but left school after getting married in the summer of 1946. She had three children: Maryjane (now deceased), James and George. In 1953, she went to work at NAS North Island after divorcing her husband. Olga worked in the North Island Supply Department for 24 years. She retired in 1978 as a G-7 supervisor of Overhaul and Repair Department.

In her retirement, Olga always kept busy—spending time with her family, traveling and volunteering. Olga was actively involved with her two granddaughters Michelle and Heather (daughters of Maryjane) and often took them to the beach, the zoo, and the library. Olga was also a world traveler and visited every continent, including Antarctica. Not only has she traveled to places like Thailand, Kenya, and Austria, but she also traveled extensively throughout the United States through Elderhostel.



Olga C. Bullock

Olga's countless volunteer hours to various organizations also reflect her values and passion—the VA Hospital, Birch Aquarium, Walkabout International in Coronado, and the San Diego Museum of Art. She also was a member of the American Legion Post 451, Waves National, and of course, the WMA.

The last year of her life was difficult because she had to move from her beloved San Diego, where

she spent over sixty years, to live closer to her granddaughter Michelle in Oakland. The transition of lifestyle—from being so actively involved in WMA, volunteering, exercise class, to living in a new city, a new home (assisted living in Alameda), and new demands on her health—was difficult for such an independent, spirited lady. She did still manage to see some plays, go for walks, and do her best to adapt to her new life. *(continued on page 4)*



Liz Whitbeck, MN-1, (second from left) with Olga and two unidentified Marines at the San Diego convention.

Attention Active Duty!

There is a MARADMIN pertaining to attending the convention and professional development seminars. For your reference:

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Ladies, Start Your...Horses!

LOUISVILLE 2006

And ride towards the city with the identity crisis (Looavul, Luhvul, Loueville, etc.), where the grass is blue and the juleps are minty. Make sure you reign in that horse of yours at the Galt House Hotel and Suites or you'll miss the camaraderie and fun that can only happen between women of the Corps...the only Corps...the MARINE Corps.

Every two years we gather together to meet old friends, make new ones, remember old times, find out about new times. Oh yes, and conduct the business of the association.

But make no bones about it...this convention is and always has been about YOU, for without you, we wouldn't have an association. Without you, there may not be a path for our younger female Marines to follow, no history to add on to. And to those younger Marines, I say this. You DO have a history too, and quite a bit of it is still living and at the convention.

This is the last issue of your newsletter before the convention, so we're not going to remind you again...REGISTER! Our convention committee has planned a great time for all, and everything you need to know about it is in this issue.



Churchill Downs

The dinner cruise is full, and it is exclusively WMA! The committee had an opportunity to get a larger steamboat, but everyone would have to climb 20 very steep steps. Rather than put everyone through that or prevent our physically challenged members from participating, they elected to stay with the *Spirit of Jefferson*.

You do still have time, right up to the convention for that matter, to sign up for the tour of Churchill Downs. That information is within this newsletter.

When you get to the convention, along with registration there will be sign-up sheets for meals and the various seminars in the same vicinity. Keep an eye out for them!

If you need a roommate, wheelchair or electric scooter or transportation to and from the airport, that's in here too.

Also, a most important section...the bylaw and standing rule changes that will be voted on at the convention. Please become familiar with them.

Your officers and committee chairs have worked long hours on their individual reports. Those, too, are in this issue. Look them over so you can see how well they're doing volunteering their time for our association.

The "race of the decade" is at the starting gate. We can't start without you! Have you packed yet??



Galt House Hotel and Suites

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Louisville skyline

Sondra Metzger

President's Message

Here's hoping you all had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend and participated in some great events. From what I read on the WMA listserv, you did a lot. Memorial Day finds us all remembering those who served and gave their best. May God bless them all and their families.

Looking forward – there's the convention and professional development seminar in Louisville! I do hope many of you will be able to attend. Your convention planning committee is working diligently to make this a great event. Register if you haven't done so. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

The Museum of the Marine Corps is opening on 11 November. I encourage you to visit when you can. They do have our history in spots throughout their exhibits. And speaking of history please be sure to plan for your history to be preserved in the oral history format, the book that Mary Bacon Hale is doing, or in one of the museum venues available. Each one of you has a story and those stories are what make our history. If you don't

save it, no one will! Contact our History Committee Chair, Nancy Wilt, for information on the different venues.

The Board of Directors for 2004-2006 has done a great job in implementing forward thinking ideas on WMA's behalf. By the time this is published we will have mailed invitations to join WMA to all Marines registered in WIMSA with a great letter from Gen. Vaught endorsing WMA. By the time this is published we will have an enhanced website that will allow for people to join and pay dues online. Plus the Board endorsed the CO-1 history project to have a central storage place for our history and track what you donate to other venues. These are just a few ground breaking projects they've worked on. A new "How to Book" is also to be published by the convention.

WMA committees and appointees have also worked tirelessly on your behalf. The Molly Marine Certificate has been revised and ideas are being discussed for a medal rather than the ribbon to be given to the cadets; our financial advisory committee is updating their plan; the life

member fund review board has been kept going by the tireless efforts of Doris Keane and their SOP will be updated at convention; plans and policies are being updated; the PRO has done an outstanding job as has the Electronic Communications Committee; we've got a new scholarship committee chair and MO-KAN chapter is assisting her; the membership committee has been hard at work too. There are many others, too. Every volunteer at the national level does it for you and I ask you to thank them when you see them. They certainly deserve it.

And I thank each of you at the chapter level for your efforts. I receive newsletters every month and the work you're doing is exemplary. May God bless you and I remain yours...

*Semper Fidelis,
Paula Sarlls*



Another Marine Reporting, Sir

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Unfortunately, her health declined in March 2006 when she suffered a small heart attack and congestive heart failure (CHF). In early May she returned to the hospital with reoccurring CHF and never returned home. After a few weeks in skilled nursing, Olga suffered another heart attack and passed away peacefully

with her granddaughter by her side on the morning of June 3.

Anyone who knew Olga personally knew that she was a special person—dedicated and demanding, honest and strong-willed, adventurous and generous. She could whip anyone or anything in to shape, and often tried to do so. She loved the flag, the zoo (especially the orangutans), her family, San Diego, and

the Women Marines. She will be greatly missed by many.

A service was held at Fort Rosecrans on July 6, with a reception following that celebrated Olga's life. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the WMA or the San Diego Zoological Society.

*Michelle Dwyer
Granddaughter*

A Strictly Presidential Photograph

Although there is a more recent photo of the past national presidents, this one taken at the 2000 convention in Washington, DC, has almost all of them. They are (standing, l-r): Doris Keane, Virginia Allred, Mary Knapp, Theresa "Sue" Souza, Dorothy Durkin, Helen Laukes, Carol Mutter. Sitting (l-r): Helen Hannah Campbell, Helen Moore, Nita Bob Warner, Olga Bullock and Sarah Thornton. The only ones missing are those who are deceased: Genevieve Dooner, Ruth Broe and Jewell Schultz. Since this photo was taken, three more have passed on: Mary Knapp, Olga Bullock and Sarah Thornton.



Getting Authorization for Medals You Believe You Earned

Your DD-214*, Report of Separation, lists your authorized medals**.

If you know of a U.S. military medal you were authorized but is not listed on your DD-214 you should request a DD-215: "Correction to Form DD-214". (The DD-214 itself cannot be changed to correct, add or delete medal information.) In using Form SF-180 (see below) to request a DD-215 you MUST know the name of the medal(s) and possess or know of documentation in your Personnel File authorizing the medal(s).

If you know a medal you believe you are eligible for, but you were not authorized for reasons of discrimination, administration/transit glitch, denial, oversight, commander ignorance, etc., you must use Form DD-149 (see below) to apply for authorization. Form DD-149 requires you to provide evidence, names of relevant personnel, and a detailed reason why you were denied a medal(s) you feel you deserve.

Prior to submitting Form DD-149 you should thoroughly acquaint yourself with the official Issue Regulations [IR] for the medal(s). Do NOT submit a DD-149 if you have not fulfilled the criteria stated in a medal's IR.

IMPORTANT: Do NOT attempt to use Forms SF-180 or DD-149 for medal "fishing"... requesting a search to see if you might be eligible for more medals.

To get the above mentioned forms online, go to the following websites:

- Get Form SF-180: <http://members.aol.com/forvets/htomr.htm>
- Get Form DD-149: <http://members.aol.com/forvets/htomr.htm>
- U.S. Military Medal Issue Regulations:
<http://www.amervets.com/replacement/isr.htm>

Contact Person for this posting is Roger Simpson (<http://www.13105320634.com>), Public Information Office, The American War Library, Building Two, 16907 Brighton Avenue, Gardena, Gardena CA 90247-5420, 1-310-532-0634, Mon-Fri, 10am to 4pm, PST)

[*] "DD-214" applies also to Forms WD AGO, NGB-22, NAVPERS

[**] "Medals" applies also to Badges, Letters of Commendation/Appreciation, Awards

MCI West Chief of Staff takes "Command of the Grill"

The Chief of Staff of Marine Corps Installations West, Col Stewart Navarre, based at Camp Pendleton, earned top honors - winning a Corps-wide steak-grilling competition held in Manhattan's Times Square May 25.

The grill-off was the capstone in a competition that began with regional matches at 10 Marine Corps installations across the country from October through December 2005.

The top recipes from those competitions were put together into a cookbook. The cook book, "Command of the Grill: A Salute to Steak", is being sold to raise money for the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, the Wounded Warrior Project, Fisher House and the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation. The goal is to raise \$500,000, with every penny of

the \$10 cost of the book going to these charities.

Judges at the competition evaluated Col. Navarre's "combat steaks" for "visual appeal and tastiness" and concluded his recipe was the best on Broadway.

The grill-off was held in full view of the city's 8 million inhabitants. The hour-long recipe rivalry pitted Col Navarre against three captains, three SNCOs, two NCOs and a

lance corporal.

Each Marine vying for the title of "grill master general" was required to cook four steaks for the judges. There were no leftovers.

The cookbook is available at Ace Hardware, Airgas, Gaspro, Aqua Quip, Do it Best, Fortunoff, G.I. Joe's, The Andersons and True Value Hardware. Call your local retailer before visiting to ensure they have books on hand.

For more information on the cookbook, visit www.command-ofthegrill.com

*Excerpts taken from story by
Cpl. K.T. Tran
MCB Camp Pendleton*



Memorial Day Float, SC-1



A full view of SC-1's float for Memorial Day.
Well done, ladies!

An Aerial View



A current aerial photo of the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

No Promises

I Found this poster online through Marine Corps Association or the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation online stores. Remember the one with the male DI?



MWHS-3 Marine accepted to NAPS while deployed to Al Asad

The Naval Academy Preparatory School accepted a 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Marine during a deployment here.

Cpl. Laura B. Ramsey, a legal services specialist with Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 3, 3rd MAW, received her letter of acceptance to the school in April after several months of waiting.

Following in her father and step-father's footsteps, Ramsey started out

enlisted with the final goal of becoming an officer and being able to lead from a command aspect.

Ramsey left Iraq in June and relocated to Newport, R.I., where she will attend the one-year prep school.

Once all schooling is completed, Ramsey plans to pursue a career as a Marine Corps aviator.

*LCpl Brandon L. Roach
3rd Marine Aircraft Wing*



Cpl. Laura B. Ramsey focuses in on her dream of becoming a Marine Corps officer May 19 at Al Asad, Iraq.

And the Winners are...



During the Astros-Reds baseball game at Minute Maid Park in Houston on 2 June, members of TX-2 were honored by the Korean War Veterans. A woman was honored from each major conflict. TX-2 members recognized were Connie Pendergast, WWII; Kathryn McKaig, Korea; Pat Landry, Vietnam; and Jackie Bazile, the Gulf Wars.

Because of her continuous, 24-hours-a-day work for veterans and troops in Iraq with her group Operation Caring Friends, our PRO Mary Ann Merritt was honored as one of the 12 Michiganians of the Year.

Because of that honor, she was featured on the Marine-oriented website Together We Served. This photo only shows a smidgen of what is collected to send to our troops.



Carol Watson, NV-1 received top volunteer awards at the VA awards banquet in April.



KY-1 Vice President Helen Taylor is also very active in the local Marine Corps League detachment where she chairs a twice weekly bingo that raises most of the revenue that the League uses for its charitable causes. She is also an active member of the chapter's "Last Detail" that visits the families of deceased Marines in the Louisville metro area. For her dedication and hard work, she was selected as the detachment's Co-Marine of the Year.

Congratulations to all these fine Marines!

Snowbird Alert!



For those members who flee to warmer weather during those cold, harsh winter months of the northern hemisphere, we need your assistance.

For years we have

struggled with keeping up with each other with mailouts. We never know where to send your mail and which address is applicable when.

So, our database contractor, John Holvoet, is working on a system that will automatically change your address in our system to your winter address based on when you should be there. That way, you won't have to remind us, and you won't

miss out on anything.

This does require some input from you. John needs to hear from you. He needs to know your summer and winter addresses and what months you'll be at each place.

You can contact John via email at johnh@abmservices.com, or in writing to the WMA PO box: WMA, PO Box 8405, Falls Church, VA 22041-8405.

2007 Historical Calendar Coming!

Each and every year the TX-2 chapter produces the WMA Historical Calendar. The year 2007 will be no different.

This calendar will be dedicated to our Women's Reserve Band. Yes, troops, we had our own band at one time, and a grand band it was. There are



only a handful of members left from

that one-of-a-kind band.

The calendar will also have band members of today.

This is one you won't want to miss.

It will be a fitting addition to your "collection" if you have the book about the WR Band and the CD of their radio performance. Both are listed in the Merchandise pages of this newsletter.

As will the calendar in the winter issue.

Please watch for it!

Never Forget...

You're probably wondering why this artist's rendering of the Navy's latest amphibious assault ship, the USS New York, is in our newsletter. I thought



you might be interested in knowing that this ship is being built with 24 tons of scrap steel from the World Trade Center. The ship is about 45% complete and will be ready for launch in mid-2007. It will carry a crew of 360 sailors and 700 combat-ready Marines to be delivered ashore by helicopters and assault craft. The steel was melted down in a foundry in Louisiana to cast the ship's bow section. The ship will set sail with the motto "Never Forget".

Where do I send it???

The National Secretary and I seem to be getting a lot more mail than we should in the form of address changes and death notifications.

On page 11 of your RM&D, you will find a listing of "what to send where". For your convenience, here are the two most popular and where to send them.

Address changes: WMA, PO Box 8405, Falls Church, VA 22041-8405 or email WMA@womenmarines.org. Include both old and new addresses.

Death of a member: to the WMA National Chaplain. Her contact information is on page 2 of this publication. Please include the name, life member number or term dues expiration date, along with the full name and address of the Next of Kin and their relationship information.

As much as we'd love to help, neither the National Secretary nor I have access to the membership database where address changes and deaths would be recorded. I also do not compose the list of deceased for "TAPS". The National Chaplain sends it to me for publication.

To avoid delay in receiving your newsletter or reporting the passing of one of our sister Marines, please use the above addresses.

Sondra Metzger

Two-Holiday Veterans vs Everyday Veterans

There are "Everyday" veterans... and there are "Two-Holiday" veterans.

"Everyday Veterans" remember their military service 365 days a year. "Two-Holiday veterans" remember their military service only when they read or see the increased number of news media reports about veterans and military service that routinely occur right before Memorial and Veterans' Day.

All veterans should become "Everyday Veterans".

1. Wear a military service or war ribbon on your collar every day.
2. You do not have to join a veteran's organization, but you should inform, by letter, all of your local veteran's organizations of your local residence.
3. Ensure that your DD-214 is updated with a DD-215 to reflect all of your medals, badges and awards. (Email The War Library if you need any advice on this.)
4. Make sure that you are listed in

The War Library's database... the largest, international on-line database of military service members, veterans and family members.

5. Find out the names of the military and veterans affairs reporters at your local newspaper and TV/radio stations and keep their list of names and contact info handy. Let them know they can contact you for any info they think you can help them with on a story they are working on.

6. Post a military-era photo of yourself in The War Library's database so that your confirmed veteran/military status can be confirmed by anyone...now and in the future.

For more information on any of the above or more, access The War Library's Public Information Office website: 13105320634.com, or: The American War Library (<http://www.amervets.com>), Building Two, 16907 Brighton Avenue, Gardena CA 90247-5420, 1-310-532-0634, Mon-Fri, 10am to 4pm, PST.

CMC Hagee: On Marine Virtue

Recent serious allegations concerning actions of Marines in combat have caused me concern. They should cause you to be concerned as well. To ensure we continue to live up to General Lejeune's description of a Marine as someone who demonstrates "all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue," I would like to review the importance of our core values.

As Marines, you are taught from your earliest days in the Corps about our core values of honor, courage and commitment. These values are part of and belong to all Marines, regardless of MOS, grade, or gender. They guide us in all that we do; whether in combat, in garrison, or on leave or liberty.

To a Marine, honor is more than just honesty; it means having uncompromising personal integrity and being accountable for all actions. To most Marines, the most difficult part of courage is not the raw physical courage that we have seen so often on today's battlefield. It is rather the moral courage to do the "right thing" in the face of danger or pressure from other Marines. Finally, commitment is that focus on caring for one another and upholding the great ideals of our Corps and Country.

The nature of this war with its ruthless enemies, and its complex and dangerous battlefield will continue to challenge us in the commitment to our core values. We must be strong and help one

another to measure up. The war will also test our commitment to our belief in the rule of law.

We have all been educated in the Law of Armed Conflict. We continue to reinforce that training, even when deployed to combat zones. We do not employ force just for the sake of employing force. We use lethal force only when justified, proportional and, most importantly, lawful. We follow

"...Marines are men and women of the highest caliber – physically, mentally, and morally. "

Gen. M.W. Hagee



the laws and regulations, Geneva Convention and Rules of Engagement. This is the American way of war. We must regulate force and violence, we only damage property that must be damaged, and we protect the non-combatants we find on the battlefield.

When engaged in combat, particularly in the kind of counterinsurgency operations we're involved in now, we have to be doubly on guard. Many of our Marines have been involved in life or death combat or have witnessed the loss of their fellow Marines, and the effects of these events can be numbing. There is the risk of becoming indiffer-

ent to the loss of a human life, as well as bringing dishonor upon ourselves. Leaders of all grades need to reinforce continually that Marines care for one another and do what is right.

The large majority of Marines today perform magnificently on and off the battlefield. I am very proud of the bravery, dedication, honor, courage and commitment you clearly display every day. And America is proud as well. Americans, indeed most people around the world, recognize that Marines are men and women of the highest caliber – physically, mentally, and morally.

Each one of you contributes in your own unique way to our important mission; I am proud of your dedication and accomplishments. Even after 38 years, I still stand with pride every time I hear the Marines Hymn.

The words of that Hymn mean something special to me. Especially, "Keep our Honor Clean". I know that means something to all of you as well. As Marines we have an obligation to past Marines, fellow Marines, future Marines and ourselves to do our very best to live up to these words.

As your Commandant, I charge all Marines to carry on our proud legacy by demonstrating our values in everything you do – on duty and off; in combat or in garrison. Semper Fidelis.

Gen. M. W. Hagee



The Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Michael W. Hagee, accompanied by the Corps' top enlisted Marine, Sgt. Maj. John L. Estrada, visited hundreds of Marines and sailors in Iraq on 30 May. The visit was part of a tour of bases in western Iraq where Hagee and Estrada addressed troops and met with commanders at multiple bases and outposts where Marines are currently serving. During the visit, Hagee recounted some Marine involvements in past campaigns which have earned the Marine Corps its reputation of an honorable institution. Hagee took the opportunity to speak to the troops on



the importance for Marines to lead by example and to honor and respect the Marines' core values of honor, courage and commitment. "To a Marine, honor is more than just honesty; it means having uncompromising personal integrity and being accountable for all actions. To most Marines, the most difficult part of courage is not the raw physical courage that we have seen so often on today's battlefield. It is rather the moral courage to do the "right thing" in the face of danger or pressure from other Marines," Hagee said. Photo (left) by GySgt Willie Ellerbrock; Photo (Center) by: Sgt. Juan Vara

VA Data Theft

In case you didn't get one, the below is a copy of the letter that was sent out by the VA to veterans whose data may have been included in the 26.5 million records that were stolen in May. The following page answers questions about what you can do to protect your identity.

Dear Veteran:

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has recently learned that an employee took home electronic data from the VA, which he was not authorized to do and was in violation of established policies. The employee's home was burglarized and this data was stolen. The data contained identifying information including names, social security numbers, and dates of birth for up to 26.5 million veterans and some spouses, as well as some disability ratings. As a result of this incident, information identifiable with you was potentially exposed to others. It is important to note that the affected data did not include any of VA's electronic health records or any financial information.

Appropriate law enforcement agencies, including the FBI and the VA Inspector General's office, have launched full-scale investigations into this matter. Authorities believe it is unlikely the perpetrators targeted the items because of any knowledge of the data contents.

Out of an abundance of caution, however, VA is taking all possible steps to protect and inform our veterans. While you do not need to take any action unless you are aware of suspicious activity regarding your personal information, there are many steps you may take to protect against possible identity theft and we wanted you to be aware of these. Specific information is included in the enclosed question and answer sheet. For additional information, the VA has teamed up with the Federal Trade Commission and has a Web site (www.firstgov.gov) with information on this matter or you may call 1-800-FED-INFO (1-800-333-4636). The call center will operate from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (EOT), Monday-Saturday, as long as it is needed.

Beware of any phone calls, e-mails, and other communications from individuals claiming to be from VA or other official sources, asking for your personal information or verification of it. This is often referred to as information solicitation or "phishing." VA, other government agencies, and other legitimate organizations will not contact you to ask for or to confirm your personal information. If you receive such communications, they should be reported to VA at 1-800-FED-INFO (1-800-333-4636).

We apologize for any inconvenience or concern this situation may cause, but we at VA believe it is important for you to be fully informed of any potential risk resulting from this incident. Again, we want to reassure you we have no evidence that your protected data has been misused. We will keep you apprised of any further developments. The men and women of the VA take our obligation to honor and serve America's veterans very seriously and we are committed to ensuring that this never happens again.

In accordance with current policy, the Internal Revenue Service has agreed to forward this letter because we do not have current addresses for all affected individuals. The IRS has not disclosed your address or any other tax information to us.

Sincerely-yours,
R. James Nicholson

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

I'm a veteran, how can I tell if my information was compromised?

At this point there is no evidence that any missing data has been used illegally. However, the Department of Veterans Affairs is asking all veterans to be extra vigilant and to carefully monitor bank statements, credit card statements and any statements relating to recent financial transactions. If you notice unusual or suspicious activity, you should report it immediately to the financial institution involved and contact the Federal Trade Commission for further guidance.

What is the earliest date at which suspicious activity might have occurred due to this data breach?

The information was stolen from an employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs during the month of May, 2006. If the data has been misused or otherwise used to commit fraud or identity theft crimes, it is likely that veterans may notice suspicious activity during the month of May.

I haven't noticed any suspicious activity in my financial statements, but what can I do to protect myself and prevent being victimized by credit card fraud or identity theft?

The Department of Veterans Affairs strongly recommends that veterans closely monitor their financial statements and visit the Department of Veterans Affairs special website on this, www.firstgov.gov or call 1-800-FED-INFO (1-800-333-4636).

Should I reach out to my financial institutions or will the Department of Veterans Affairs do this for me?

The Department of Veterans Affairs does not believe that it is necessary to contact financial institutions or cancel credit cards and bank accounts, unless you detect suspicious activity.

Where should I report suspicious or unusual activity?

The Federal Trade Commission recommends the following four steps if you detect suspicious activity:

Step 1 - Contact the fraud department of one of-the-three major-credit bureaus:

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285;
www.equifax.com; P.O. Box 740241,
Atlanta, GA 30374-0241
Experian: 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742);
www.experian.com; P.O. Box 9532,
Allen, Texas 75013
TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289;
www.transunion.com;
Fraud Victim Assistance Division,
P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92834-6790

Step 2 - Close any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently

Step 3 - File a police report with your local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place.

Step 4 - File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission by using the FTC's Identity Theft Hotline by telephone: 1-877-438-4338, online at www.consumer.gov/idtheft, or by mail at Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20580.

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Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

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I know the Department of Veterans Affairs maintains my health records electronically; was this information also compromised?

No electronic medical records were compromised. The data lost is primarily limited to an individual's name, date of birth, social security number, in some cases their spouse's information, as well as some disability ratings. However, this information could still be of potential use to identity thieves and we recommend that all veterans be extra vigilant in monitoring for signs of potential identity theft or misuse of this information.

What is the Department of Veterans Affairs doing to ensure that this does not happen again?

The Department of Veterans Affairs is working with the President's Identity Theft Task Force, the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission to investigate this data breach and to develop safeguards against similar incidents. The Department of Veterans Affairs has directed all VA employees complete the "VA Cyber Security Awareness Training Course" and complete the separate "General Employee Privacy Awareness Course" by June 30, 2006. In addition, the Department of Veterans Affairs will immediately be conducting an inventory and review of all current positions requiring access to sensitive VA data and require all employees requiring access to sensitive VA data to undergo an updated National Agency Check and Inquiries

(NACI) and/or a Minimum Background Investigation (MBI) depending on the level of access required by the responsibilities associated with their position. Appropriate law enforcement agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs, have launched full-scale investigations into this matter.

Where can I get further, up-to-date information?

The Department of Veterans Affairs has set up a special website and a toll-free telephone number for veterans which features up-to-date news and information. Please visit www.firstgov.gov or call 1-800-FED-INFO (1-800-333-4636).

WMA Membership Reports

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Membership Totals

Membership statistics are:



Term -----	1202
Life -----	2029
Honorary --	1
Total	3232

Loyal Escort of the Green Garter Membership Report

2004 2-yr members

Marilyn Cunningham
Russ Dolbear
Robert Hobden
Heather Hubbs
Holly Hubbs
Jane Neal
Norman Osborne
Marlene Reagan
Pat Savory
Ron Talamantes
Tyrone Wisher
David Wiszneauces

2005 2-yr members

Christian Potter
Katherine Potter
Kimberly Potter
Augustine Ragazzino

2006 2-yr members

Charles Ables
Elizabeth Ables
Jennifer Ables
Eugene Butte
Lela Chambers
David Costantini
Aaron Cross

Margaret Hesley
Dennis Kovats
Monica Herron
Kenneth Martinet
Anthony McPherson
Jennie Morey
John Wallis
David Yehl

New Life Members

Jim Amtower
Billie Chapman
Thomas Green
John Holvoet

Thomas Kennedy
Robert Leidy
Nancy Luebber
Edward Maust
Hilda McClanahan
Frank Metzger
Clarence Nelson
William Reiber
Anthony Sarlls
Jerald Wohlfarth
Robert Ynacay

Term to Life Member

Donald Cannon



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.

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: _____ o 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 and Scooter Service

Need a little assist? Manual Wheelchairs are available for **\$15.00** per day at the Louisville 2006 Convention. Electric scooters are also available, but you must have a credit card to reserve one. 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 and will provide the information about payments.

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 Development Conference to be held at the Galt House Hotel and Suites in Louisville 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 Escort's meals but will have to send in the convention registration separately. It can be found on page 15 of your this newsletter.

Updates and Reminders:

(The schedule has been changed. Please be sure to check it over.)

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'. The Riverboat cruise is full, but not the tour of Churchill Downs. There is still time to make your reservation for that tour.

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.

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 the next column.

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'.

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!



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!

Convention Ground 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.

Convention Parking

The question has been asked about parking for those who are driving to Louisville.

If you are registered at the Galt House and are listed as a WMA Convention attendee (you told them when you made your reservation), the

parking (under the hotel) is \$5.00 per day.

If you are staying elsewhere, RV Park, with friends, relatives, etc., the cost per day is \$9.00 to park at the hotel.

Board Business

Our WMA board has been busy.

They accepted the return of the charter for FL-9. They approved the inscription for the brick at the Marine Corps Heritage Center, which will read: "Always Faithful, Always Marine, Women Marines Association" (split into 3 lines).

They accepted the bylaws for the new PA-2 chapter, the Liberty Belles. And they tallied up the votes for the incoming board. The results are:

- President -- Paula Sarlls -- 1359 votes
- 1st Vice President -- Rhonda Lebresu-Amtower -- 1368 votes
- Write In -- 1st VP -- Barbara Winslow and Mary Ingram, 1 vote each
- 2nd Vice President - Sara Phoenix -- 1350 votes
- Write in -- 2nd VP -- Roberta Eaton and Edith Ynacay, 1 vote each
- 3rd Vice President -- Betty Cook -- 1356 votes
- Secretary -- Maria Crowley -- 1356 votes
- Treasurer -- Shanda Elkins -- 1351 votes
- Membership Secretary -- Debra Barker 1347 votes

AREA DIRECTORS

- 1 -- June Worden -- 106 votes
- 2 -- Alice Dolbear -- 154 votes
- 3 -- Sheryl Hobden -- 228 votes
- 4 -- Betty Jean Cannon -- 102 votes
- 5 -- Mary Ellen Stone -- 121 votes
- 6 -- Judy Anderson -- 82 votes
- 7 -- Pam Garcia -- 33 votes
- 8 -- Carol Watson -- 93 votes
- 9 -- Karen Reeves -- 113 votes
- 10 -- Geraldine Fiorello -- 252 votes

Total ballots received - Executive Board, 1395; Area Directors, 1284.

Ballots returned due to bad address - 18

Ballots returned due to no label - 3

Ballots returned due to death - 2

Address corrections - 41

Ballots returned after 1 June deadline - 2

Congratulations to the incoming officers of the 2006-2008 board, and thank you all for "stepping up".



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.

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.



Galt House Hotel and Suites,
Louisville, KY.

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: _____

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

The Louisville convention is right around the corner. Please remember to register for the Loyal Escort meetings separately by sending a check to Jeanne Cantrell. We currently have 31 registered. This is good for now. You and your sponsor must also use the WMA sign-up form for your meals and send this form to the WMA.



This is definitely, positively, absolutely the last 'Nouncements' President's article that I will be writing in the near future. 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 of President. Ken Cross, our very dedicated and capable vice president has (by the time this goes to press) assumed the position and will be the LE President during the convention.

Please support him in his endeavors.

Ladies, please come thirsty as once again the Loyal Escorts will be doing the Hospitality Suite. Remember, we live on your generous donations and give it all back to the WMA in one form or another. Don and Tabitha are our coordinators and are

doing a great job.

The LEs are really becoming escorts as will be evident at the convention.

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).

Board and committee chairs, 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 will sell new pins, new hats (that are hunter green with white lettering that says "I'm A Loyal Escort"), and the USMC antennae toppers. Maybe shirts next time if the ladies like our new hats and want one for their Loyal Escort.

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 look forward to serving you again in some capacity.

"Semper Fi"...Dossin out for the last time..."sayonara".

Paul F. Dossin

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Registration Form

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

Galt House Hotel & Suites

140 North 4th Avenue •Louisville, KY 40202

TO BE COMPLETED BY REGISTRATION CHAIR

Date Received: _____

Registration Number: _____

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.

Please Print:

Name _____ WMA Sponsor Name _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Please word badge (First / Last name) _____

Pre-registration for Convention \$20.00 • Meals Registration: Use WMA meals form

Additional Information

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

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

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

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

Schedule of Events

24th Biennial Women Marines Association (WMA)



Convention & Professional
Development Conference
1 – 5 September 2006
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“RACE OF THE DECADE”

(NOTE: “Tier A Workshops” are geared towards all WMA members. “Tier B Workshops” are geared towards active duty Marines however all are welcome.)

Friday, 1 September 2006

- 0800 – 1700 Registration / Information
- 0800 – 1000 WMA-PX / "Tack Room" (formally Boutique)
Chapter Table Set-up
- 0800 – 1100 2004-2006 WMA Board Meeting
- 0800 - 1100 2004-2006 Loyal Escorts Board Meeting
- 1100 - 1500 WMA-PX / "Tack Room" – "GRAND OPENING"
- 1300 - 1430 * “First Timer’s” Convention Attendee Welcome Meeting (DB “B”)
- 1430 – 1630 Flag Ceremony Rehearsal (Chapter Reps with Flags)
- 1730 – 1830 No Host Reception
- 1830 – 2130 * Opening Banquet / "The Starting Gate" (Seating Assignments Required)
(Active Duty Dress Code: Alphas/DB"A"/ Evening Dress) (Civilian Dress Code: Informal)

Saturday, 2 September 2006

- 0800 – 1100 Registration / Information
- 0900 – 1100 * WMA Business Meeting #1 (All WMA members)
- 0900 – 1100 Loyal Escorts Business Meeting #1 (All Loyal Escorts members)
- 1200 – 1430 * Recognition and Awards Luncheon / “Win, Place and Show” (DB “B”)
- 1500 – 1700 Registration / Information
- 1500 – 1700 WMA-PX / "Tack Room" Open
- 1500 – 1700 Photos
- 1500 – 1600 Tier A Workshop: Scrap Booking
- 1500 – 1600 * Tier B Workshop: Women’s Medical Issues / The Veteran’s Administration
- 1615 – 1715 Tier A Workshop: Creating Newsletters with Style
- 1615 – 1715 * Tier B Workshop: Parenting In Today’s Corps
- 1900 – 2300 Hospitality Suite / "Corral" Open

Sunday, 3 September 2006

- Worship services of choice
- 1200 – 1530 Tour of Churchill Downs (ticket required)

Sunday, 3 September 2006 (Continued)

- 1400 – 1700 Registration / Information
- 1500 – 1700 WMA-PX / "Tack Room" Open
- 1500 – 1700 Photos
- 1600 – 1700 * Tier B Workshop: Leadership for Today’s Marine
- 1600 – 1730 Area Directors & Chapter President’s Meeting #1 (Current and Incoming)
- 1800 – 1930 * History of Women in the Corps / Marine Corps Heritage Center
- 1900 – 2200 Hospitality Suite / "Corral" Open

Monday, 4 September 2006

- 0900 – 1030 * 2006 Memorial Service (DB "B")
- 1030 - 1130 Registration / Information
- 1200 – 1430 2008 Convention Luncheon (Dress Code: “Texan” attire)
- 1500 – 1700 * WMA Business Meeting #2 (All WMA members)
- 1500 – 1700 Loyal Escorts Business Meeting #2 (All Loyal Escorts members)
- 1715 – 1815 Area Directors & Chapter President’s Meeting #2 (Current and Incoming)
- 1700 – 2000 WMA-PX / "Tack Room" Open
- 1700 – 2000 Photos
- 1900 – 2100 Spirit of Jefferson Dinner Cruise (ticket required)
- 1900 – 2300 Hospitality Suite / "Corral" Open

Tuesday, 5 September 2006

- 0830 – 0930 Tier A Workshop: New Chapter Formation / Promoting WMA Within The Community / Fundraising
- 0830 – 0930 * Tier B Workshop: Self Esteem / Stress and Anger Management
- 0900 – 1030 Registration / Information
- 1000 – 1030 National Officer Photos
- 1030 – 1300 * Installation Luncheon / “The Winner’s Circle” (DB “B”)
- 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 – 1630 Training Session for New WMA Board Members (2006-08 Board Members)
- No Host Reception
- 1800 – 1900 * “Triple Crown” / Grand Banquet (Seating Assignments Required) (Active Duty Dress Code: Alphas/DB “A”/Evening Dress) (Civilian Dress Code: Informal)
- 1900 – 2200

Wednesday, 6 September 2006

- 0800 – 1200 2006-2008 WMA Board Meeting (All 2006-2008 Board Members)

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

Convention Fundraising Merchandise

Have you taken the opportunity to buy the 2006 Convention fundraiser, “We Are Marines”? Here’s your chance to help with the convention and enjoy a book of wonderful stories by women Marines. For a donation of only \$25 plus \$4 shipping/handling, you can own your very own copy.



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

There are also larger-than-the-convention-ditty-bag tote bags with the convention logo. These very sturdy bags are \$25 (includes shipping). Make check payable to WMA MI-2 and send it to Betty Jean Cannon, 6400 S. Dixie Hwy, Lot#7, Erie, MI 48133.



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.

WMA Bylaws Amendments

REF: ARTICLE 5, SECTION 1 – ELECTED OFFICERS

Current Wording

Officers to be elected shall be president, first vice-president, second vice-president, third vice-president, secretary, treasurer and financial secretary.

Proposed Change/New Wording (underlined)

Officers to be elected shall be president, first vice-president, second vice-president, third vice-president, secretary, treasurer and membership secretary.

Rationale: To more accurately reflect the duties of the office.

REF: ARTICLE 7, SECTION 5 (2) – BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BOARD GOVERNMENT

Current Wording

Business may be transacted by mail when necessary; action taken by mail shall be ratified and made part of the minutes of the next meeting of the Board.

Proposed Change/New Wording (underlined)

At the discretion of the Board, members of the Association – such as chapters and committees but not necessarily limited to these groups – may use the United States Postal Service or electronic means to transact business. This includes, at present: e-mail, fax and secure web pages as well as other generally accepted means that are not currently existent but may appear in the future. Members who do not have computer access shall receive notification via postal mail. Any action taken both electronically or via postal mail shall be ratified and made part of the minutes of the next meeting of the Board.

Rationale: Technology has progressed so much, that we now have the ability to communicate via means other than telephone and postal mail. Electronic methods should be included in this to shorten the length of time it takes to accomplish something, as well as increase the proficiency of our business practices. With the technology available to us today, as well as so many members having computer access, it would be in the best interests of the association to use whatever electronic method was available to speed up the process of getting business done, i.e., board votes on resignations, appointments, unusual expenditures, use of the WMA seal, etc.

REF: ARTICLE 9, SECTION 2 – ELECTIONS, BALLOTS

Current Wording

The Nominating/Convention Site Committee shall prepare a ballot, a copy of which shall be mailed by 1 May of such year to each active member of record as of 1 April of said year; envelopes returning voted ballots must be postmarked no later than 1 June of such year.

Proposed Change/New Wording (underlined)

The Nominating/Convention Site Committee shall prepare a ballot, a copy of which shall be mailed by 1 May of such year to each active member of record as of 1 April of said year; envelopes returning voted ballots must be postmarked no later than 1 June of such year. In the event only one person is

running for each office the names will be published in Nouncements Convention issue and will be considered elected by virtue of the fact they are unopposed.

Rationale: To save the cost of preparing, mailing and returning ballot when electees are unopposed.

REF: ARTICLE 10, SECTION 2 (3 - 4) – FINANCE, DUES

Current Wording

(3) Active members shall receive a dues renewal notice from the financial secretary at least one month prior to the expiration of membership; renewal dues are payable at any time prior to or during the member's anniversary month. (4) When dues are not received prior to the end of the member's anniversary month, a delinquent notice shall be sent by the financial secretary. After a grace period of thirty (30) days, the member shall be dropped from the active membership rolls. A former member shall be reinstated with the anniversary month coinciding with receipt of dues.

Proposed Change/New Wording (underlined)

(3) Active members shall receive a dues renewal notice from the WMA Database Administrator at least one month prior to the expiration of membership; renewal dues are payable at any time prior to or during the member's anniversary month. (4) When dues are not received prior to the end of the member's anniversary month, a delinquent notice shall be sent by the WMA Database Administrator. After a grace period of thirty (30) days, the member shall be dropped from the active membership rolls. A former member shall be reinstated with the anniversary month coinciding with receipt of dues

Rationale: The financial responsibilities of the position have been outsourced. It is appropriate that the name be changed from financial secretary to the WMA Database Administrator.

REF: ARTICLE 12, SECTION 1 – CHAPTERS, WHO MAY FORM CHAPTERS

Current Wording

Five or more active members of this Association residing in the immediate geographic area may apply for a chapter charter. The Board may grant an exemption to the five member rule when the applicants are primarily aboard a military installation or in a limited access area.

Proposed Change/New Wording (underlined)

Five or more active members of this Association who reside within a defined geographic area (e.g. state) or share a common USMC special interest/experience (e.g. music, aviation, drill instructor, deployed, etc.) may apply for a chapter charter. The Board may grant an exemption to the five member rule when the applicants are primarily aboard a military installation or in a limited access area.

Rationale: Deletes the "immediate geographic area" requirement to allow for Virtual Chapters (e.g. combining the members at large in the State of Virginia into a chapter that communicates electronically and may meet by conference call for

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the required two times per year meeting). We have at least two chapters who are already functioning in this manner. Adds the ability for special interest female Marines to combine to form a chapter, which may or may not be a 'Virtual' Chapter. This will allow better flexibility for the convenience of our Members at Large to communicate and connect through the use of available technology (e.g. e-mail, conference calls).

WMA Standing Rules Amendments

Ref: PARAGRAPH 7 - WMA GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS

Current Wording:

Area 1: Connecticut; Maine; Massachusetts; New Hampshire; New York; Rhode Island; Vermont.
Area 2: Delaware; District of Columbia; Maryland; New Jersey; Pennsylvania; Virginia; West Virginia.
Area 3: Alabama; Florida; Georgia; North Carolina; South Carolina; Tennessee.
Area 4: Illinois; Indiana; Michigan; Ohio; Kentucky.
Area 5: Iowa; Kansas; Minnesota; Missouri; Wisconsin.
Area 6: Arkansas; Louisiana; Mississippi; Oklahoma; Texas.
Area 7: Colorado; Montana; Nebraska; North Dakota; South Dakota; Wyoming.
Area 8: Arizona; Nevada; New Mexico; Utah.
Area 9: Alaska; Idaho; Oregon; Washington.
Area 10: California; Hawaii

Proposed Change/New Wording (underlined):

Area 1: Connecticut; Maine; Massachusetts; New Hampshire; New York; Rhode Island; Vermont, UK, Europe, and FPO/APO Zips 09xxx.
Area 2: Delaware; District of Columbia; Maryland; New Jersey; Pennsylvania; Virginia; West Virginia.
Area 3: Alabama; Florida; Georgia; North Carolina; South Carolina; Tennessee, US Virgin Islands, and West Indies.
Area 4: Illinois, Indiana; Michigan; Ohio; Kentucky.
Area 5: Iowa; Kansas; Minnesota; Missouri; Wisconsin, and Canada.
Area 6: Arkansas; Louisiana; Mississippi; Oklahoma; Texas.
Area 7: Colorado; Montana; Nebraska; North Dakota; South Dakota; Wyoming.
Area 8: Arizona; Nevada; New Mexico; Utah.
Area 9: Alaska; Idaho; Oregon; Washington.
Area 10: California; Hawaii, Australia, and FPO/APO Zips 96xxx.

Rationale: To assign an area director for geographic locations outside the US.

REF: PARAGRAPH 8 – BUDGET PREPARATION

Current Wording:

The Third Vice President shall insure that a proposed annual budget is developed, in accordance with accepted business practice, and presented to the Board of Directors. After approval, a copy of the budget shall be available on request.

Proposed Change/New Wording (underlined):

The Third Vice President shall insure that a proposed budget is developed, in accordance with accepted business practice, and presented to the Board of Directors. After approval, copy of the budget shall be available on request.

Rationale: This change will allow the Board to develop budgets on whatever cycle is best for current situation and circumstances - e.g. bi-annually, annually, or semi-annually.

WMA Committee Reports

Bequest Advisory Committee

We approved nine requests for funds from the Bequest Advisory Committee in 2005-06 and returned one due to insufficient information. Three went to Marines in Iraq to provide things that they could not readily get on base; one for armed forces around the globe and the others dealt with things for veterans in hospitals such as televisions, things that help to enhance their lives.

Geraldine (Geri) Fiorello

Bylaws Committee Report

During the period between the two conventions several chapters were formed and the committee checked to make sure their bylaws was in conformity with the National Bylaws, corrected typos, made suggestions.

Amendments to National Bylaws always seem to wait until the last minute but the committee was sent all the changes and/or additions for their comments before the amendments were resubmitted to the National Secretary.

The committee will approve or disapprove but strives, no matter which choice, to give the rationale for those who commented on both sides of the question.

Anne Y. Zink

Convention 2008 Arrangements Report

After a lengthy and extensive hotel search, TX-2 has selected the Westin Galleria Hotel as the site of the Women Marines Association 2008 Convention.

The hotel is located at the Houston
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Galleria shopping and entertainment complex. With hundreds of specialty stores and boutiques right outside the door, WMA members will be treated to Texas-sized accommodations and meeting facilities, as well as impeccable service. Located in Houston's Uptown business district, WMA will be in the heart of the city's vibrant dining and entertainment.

The 2008 Convention Co-Treasurers will be Barbara Clark and Lynn Sparks. Also, working on the Convention Team

are Betty Huggins and Karen Beatty.

Mary Ellen Stone has agreed to host the "First Timers" meeting.

With the hotel selected, the chapter is currently working on a cookbook, "Cooking with Marines" that will be a fundraiser for the convention. We have a collection of many good recipes submitted by WMA members and Marines from far and wide. The cookbook will include historical recipes along with any history provided by contributors who submit recipes.

Plans are also underway for the Convention 2008 Kickoff Luncheon. We are very enthusiastic about hosting the

WMA 2008 Convention. We look forward to sharing our plans about the 2008 Convention and what Houston, the Gulf Coast and Texas can offer our visitors.

I have attended both planning meetings for the 2006 Convention; I appreciate the opportunity to work with Mary Sabourin, Linda Lacy and the area directors as they have made their plans for this very special convention. Thanks to all of the 2006 convention planners for the vision and enthusiasm they have for this convention. Thanks for sharing!

Judy Anderson

Electronic Communications Committee

Exciting things have been happening with the ECC. As of 14 May, we:

- Are in final preparations to add online dues payment to the WMA website;
- Have 344 members on our WMA listserv

WMA contracted with a Marine-run company named Hard Corps, Inc (HCI) to handle the technical aspects of providing online dues payment on our website (www.womenmarines.org). After moving our website to their servers, they began working behind the scenes with a duplicate copy of our site to set up the dues payment portion. After some fine tuning, we are anticipating this will be fully operational by July.

Having this capability also opens the possibilities of online payments for merchandise and convention registration in the future.

Although HCI is handling this addition, I am still the one making changes to the site. Along with online dues payment, I am also hoping to expand the current contents to include a memorial page, merchandise page and more history and photo-

graphs. My dream of re-designing the site has to be put on the back burner until I get other tasks completed.

The ECC's Energizer Bunny, Mary Ann Merritt, maintains our listserv. To date, the 344 members are almost 100 more than we had this same time last year. We take every opportunity to "recruit" members to the listserv so they can be more connected to WMA. Mary Ann constantly checks other listservs on the Internet for possible new members to add to WMA and our listserv. Our goal is to have all WMA members with computers as members of the listserv. It has proven its worth in providing up-to-the-minute information for those already connected to it.

WMA email is still coming in on an average of 5-10 emails per day. Many from young girls still in high school looking for enlistment information. Some have actually wanted to join WMA not realizing that they have to be a Marine first or that we are not an actual part of the Marine Corps. Now that we are on a more stable email system with HCI, my search begins again for a volunteer to handle WMA email.

Sondra Metzger

Financial Advisory Committee

The Financial Committee continues to invest in the safest investments with the highest interest rate available at the time of reinvestment. This year there are nine annuities or CD's reaching maturity.

Karen I. Kelly

Headquarters

Headquarters has been sorting deceased members' uniforms and papers sent to us. We have been saving historic information and disposing of the rest. We have many uniforms and covers. Some will have to be surveyed as they have cigarette and moth holes and are not serviceable.

Ellie Judge has continued to do the mailings to new and reinstated members. John Holvoet, database contractor, has proven to be an invaluable asset in organizing the database. He has sent dues notices to those members whose membership has expired or will expire, caus-

ing a swell in membership and mailings. In the year 2005-2006 Ellie has spent \$926.30 in postage. She has spent over \$250.00 since January of this year.

Ellie has also done extensive research on postage rates and the best way to mail RM&Ds and WMA 'Nouncements, making it easier to mail these items and saving money at the same time.

We have a good supply of letterhead and envelopes as they were ordered before the San Diego convention. A new supply will probably be needed before the 2008 convention. Welcome letters have been revised to reflect current officers. I have approximately 300 of the old membership brochures. I have printed WMA address changes and cut them into strips to be glued over the old address.

We also have inventoried publications to make sure Headquarters has a complete set and supplemented items with our personal collection when necessary. Extra sets are being developed for loan

purposes for displays, etc. These "loaner" sets are to be returned to Headquarters when their use is completed. At this time we have three national history books and 10-12 copies of 'Nouncements loaned to the museum in Colorado. My intention is to eventually do a photo and paper inventory of all items for record purposes.

It would be helpful if National includes the Headquarters Chairman on the distribution list for quarterly financial statements and minutes of Board of Directors meetings as these are included in the yearly report to Marine Corps Installations West Camp Pendleton. In the past they were sent to Sarah Thornton as Past National President who was also Headquarters Chairman. She used her reports to fulfill the requirements of the base.

Lillian Cross

Headquarters Marine Corps Liaison

No report submitted.

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History Committee

This has been a busy year for the History Committee. Since becoming chair in September 2005, I have been working with both the committee and CO-1 on the history project. Both have been delving into new areas. The following is a brief summation of the History Committee and our accomplishments and plans.

The balance of the fund set up by the estate of Lotus Mort is \$13,417.34. There will be a reduction of \$575.00 on the next statement for the first ever Hamblet Award presented to Margaret Brewer at the Heritage Dinner in DC on 31 March.

While in DC for this dinner, I met with Lin Ezell, Director of the National Museum of the Marine Corps and we discussed the new museum, the Mort Fund and upcoming activities that WMA can be involved in at the new Museum.

Mitzi Manning and I met for lunch in DC and she indicates that she is still maintaining the Molly Marine history. I am hoping that within the next 8-10 months that we can expand the information on Molly and ascertain what needs to be done to preserve and improve the site in New Orleans. The report, if it develops on schedule, will be presented to the board at the convention for future review.

Judy Anderson and her competent crew are busy with the 2007 calendar on the music of women Marines and the WR Band. The CO-1 history project provided what materials they had on the band and music including a new item located while I was visiting the head archivist of the

Marine Corps at Quantico: a copy of the sheet music for "My Marine" written in 1943 was presented to the history project. Research is being done to locate a color copy and also what NY show this song was preformed in that year.

Judy Anderson indicates that her group would like to pass on the calendar project to another chapter in the near future. I will start looking for a group for this project. Judy has indicated that this project financially has become a break even venture for the chapter. It is an important way to tell our story but the entire effort will need to be reviewed if the participating chapter starts losing funds to produce it

Eleanor Wilson continues with the oral histories. I have not been able to reach her but others have indicated she will be busy taking more histories at the convention. I will continue to attempt to reach Eleanor and will relay any additional data obtained.

I met with both Mary Sue League and Pat Kelly and had a written email from Mary Sue on their recent activities. Both have worked with the Marine museum in the past to preserve uniforms and memorabilia that has been sent. This involved also working with individuals and families who wanted to contribute uniforms/memorabilia. Mary Sue and Pat have stated that they have not been active in the last year as their contacts at the museum have not needed or sought their help. Work on the new national museum has consumed all the museum staffs' time. They have indicated that they are going to be docents at the new museum and will no longer be able to continue

working with the WMA history project. I and WMA thank them for their years of service. I will be seeking replacements.

Lin Ezell and others indicate that they are well stocked on women Marine uniforms and items at this time. I suggest we should direct all inquires and donations of uniforms to the CO-1 history project at this time. CO-1 will have them cleaned and preserved and then given to the new Museum of the Marine Corps and other museums and displays as they are requested. Not cleaning and preserving the uniforms causes rapid breakdown of the fibers especially if they are folded in bags. The same with memorabilia. This will provide WMA with an opportunity to get copies of these often significant documents, before sending them on to others.

I have not been able to reach the lead of the Publication Committee but will send a report when I can reach her. I have been informed by the National President that a New Slim Jim is being produced.

The history of WWII, the Integrated Service Act years and the Korean Era is rapidly fading away. Many families are selling the treasures of our former members on the internet. Watching and making decisions on the value to our history of what is being sold can be a full time job. I have asked Sheryl Hobden to join our committee as our eBay eyes. Sheryl has a knack to locate those items that are rare. Sheryl will notify the CO-1 project of finds so that they can bid on specific items of note.

Nancy Wilt

Life Membership Review Board

As most of you know, the LMFBR long time recorder Olga Bullock became unable to continue her duties with this committee in the fall of 2004. Catharine Miller was kind enough to secure all the hard copy files which Olga had maintained for years and ship them to me. I attempted to find another member of this committee to handle this duty, but was not able to accomplish that task. I have therefore been functioning as both chairman and recorder for the past term.

I requested a complete life member listing from John Holvoet to verify that during Olga's last few months in the position of recorder all files had been updated. During this lengthy process I discovered quiet a few life members who had been deceased and listed in previous

Memorial Service booklets were still in the WMA database and the RM&D. I provided the date of death to John so he could correct the WMA database files.

I requested listings for all new life members from John Holvoet and he has been sending them to me monthly. I have made new cards for each new life member with her current address and life member number on that card, and filed it alphabetically. Whenever I learned of the death of a life member, either via internet announcement or via the pages of the quarterly newsletter 'Nouncements', I pulled her card and noted the date of death on the card and filed it in the Deceased Life Member File. If I didn't have a date of death, I searched the Social Security Death Index and noted that date, as well as reporting that date to

John Holvoet for his files.

Before Olga became too ill to fulfill her duties as recorder, she and I had exchanged emails in regard to who was signing withdrawal statements for the WMA national treasurer, as she and I were the only ones with co-signing powers on the Life Member Fund account. Olga had told me at that time that she hadn't signed any and neither had I. When I inquired further about this, I was told by the WMA treasurer that she was doing online banking and it didn't require any signatures. I inquired about this practice to the WMA national president, but have never received an adequate response.

I have repeatedly requested the WMA chaplain to send me a listing of deceased members and I would receive a listing

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and then months would go by and I would again request a copy of this listing. I have not received any listing in almost a year, so either life members are not dying, the WMA chaplain has not been informed of their deaths, or I just can't get a listing.

Therefore, in regards to the current WMA SOP, LMFRB:

A. Item #2 of the SOP states that the recorder shall maintain an on-going review of the receipts and withdrawals: I have maintained a listing of life members enrolled, but not deceased, nor withdrawals as I have never received these items.

B. Item #3 (a) of the SOP states the chairman and recorder shall be provided withdrawal statements indicating the transfer of funds to the General Fund of \$15.00 for each new life member: I have never received any listing of withdraws to indicate a transfer of funds.

C. Item #3 (b) of the SOP states the chairman and recorder shall be provided

withdrawal statements for the \$50.00 transferred to the Scholarship Fund on the demise of a life member: I do not know if the \$50.00 has been transferred to the WMA Memorial Scholarship Fund on the demise of a life member. I have received no request for a withdrawal, or notification that monies have been transferred, or a listing of the names of any deceased life members from the WMA treasurer.

D. Item #3 (c) states the chairman and recorder shall be provided withdrawal statements when the interest is transferred on 1 July: I cannot verify the amount or if any interest off the Life Member Fund was transferred for the past two years on 1 July to pay the annual dues of life members as provided for in WMA Bylaws, Article Ten: Finance, Section 3(2).

E. Item #4: states that withdrawals can only be made upon the signature of the treasurer and one other designated member of the LMFRB: I have no idea who might be signing withdrawals on this account, or if anyone is. To my knowledge, only Olga Bullock and I have co-signing powers on this account

with the WMA treasurer.

F. Item #5: To my knowledge, the LMFRB has fulfilled the requirement that a member of the LMFRB serve on the Financial Advisory Committee, as Carol Mutter is a member of the LMFB and a member of the Financial Advisory Committee. As chairman and recorder, I have received no recommendations from the Financial Advisory Committee.

G. Item #6: The members of the Financial Advisory Committee have submitted no recommendations to the LMFRB for the investment of the Life Member funds.

H. Item #7: It is required that the chairman of this committee report to the convention the status of life member enrollment and Life Member Fund. I can report that as of 10 May 2006, we had enrolled Life Member # 2720. I cannot however report how many of those 2,720 are still living members of the Women Marines Association. Nor am I able to report the status of the monies in the Life Member Fund or where they are invested.

Doris Keane

MCJROTC Award Program

Changes to the SOP were presented and approved by the WMA board at the Interim Board Meeting in September 2005. These changes will be presented to the membership at the convention for their approval. The recommended changes focus on improving the communications between the program manager and the area directors to include the use of electronic forms and email correspondence. The use of electronic correspondence will help to speed communications and also help to lower the cost of postage.

As a result of the changes, the information from the senior military instructors to the program manager or the area directors can be sent electronically. All photos of the presentation and ceremonies will be mailed directly to the newsletter editor making it a timelier and cost effective process.

The WMA award certificates and ribbons were mailed the first week of March. Area directors were notified when it was time to arrange for presenters at the spring award ceremonies. There were only two certificates that had to be resent. The schools made printing errors and needed another certificate. These were mailed priority mail due to the time the award was needed.

The forms with all the award presen-

tation data will be sent to the 2nd VP. The deadline for this report is August of 2006.

Alice Dolbear

Membership

(See 1st Vice President's report)

Merchandise Sales

WMA has attained another flourishing year. Thanks ladies for your support.

WMA caps/covers still remain the big seller with the WMA hat pins a close second. These caps are great to wear with your chapter uniforms, at special events in which you participate, i.e., parades, ceremonies (Memorial Day, city functions, etc.), conventions, anywhere you can show your pride. The hat pins look great on your jacket lapel, sweater, shirt, etc.

The official WMA shirt is about sold out, only medium in white are available. There are several other items in the inventory that are becoming extremely low and will not be reordered, so if you want to get an official WMA item, do not delay because it may be one of these items.

If you are planning to attend the convention, don't hesitate to get the WMA flag and be sure to order caps well in advance because it does take several weeks for them to be made. They are not

made in advance and are not an on-shelf item. When you place the order, they are special made just for you.

Suggestions for merchandise that you would like to see WMA provide, please e-mail me at dixidust@bellsouth.net to look into the possibility.

Gloria Nix

Molly Marine Liaison

As the Liaison between WMA and Parris Island's Fourth Battalion, I hold the signed Molly Marine Certificates, the white WMA folders, and the Molly Marine coins from National then deliver by increments as needed by Fourth Battalion. Fourth Battalion's S-3 prepares the certificates once the series makes the selections. Our Phyllis Alexander Chapter, SC-1, is currently very involved in the presentation of the Molly Marine award. In addition to the certificate and coin, our chapter has also added a "History of Molly Marine" and a "History of WMA" along with a WMA application. Applications are available for each recruit in their company offices.

The three companies, November (N Co), Oscar (O Co), and Papa (P Co) each have two series with 4-digit designation, for example Series 4013 and Series 4014. Each series has a Molly Marine recipient.

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Committee Reports

Molly Marine Liaison

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With two graduations usually each month, this means WMA is awarding approximately 48 certificates and 48 coins per year. The word "approximate" is used because the regimental schedule usually has two calendar months with only one graduation.

Fourth Battalion has been very supportive of the Molly Marine presentation. The Executive Officer is our point of contact for notification of the date and time each graduation week. November Company in May of this year began having recruits write short essays on the meaning of Molly Marine. On the day of the presentation with weather permitting,

the company is marched one block from the Battalion area to the park site of the Molly Statue. The S-1 arranges for a speaker system. The presentation is either a part of the company awards ceremony or at times has been the sole ceremony.

Because I retired from teaching in May 2005, I have more flexibility in my time and schedule than other members of the chapter, I am usually the chapter representative to make the presentation; however, other members participate when possible. I have started wearing my dress blues for the presentation; this uniform dates back to 1975, so this has been a walk back in history for the recruits as well as the drill instructors and staff.

I have been compiling a record of

Molly Marine recipients for the WMA database. There will undoubtedly be holes in this information because previous years' records are not readily available at Fourth Battalion.

It is a pleasure to be with recruits at this special time of their young lives. Considering the state of world affairs, it is uplifting to see these young Americans continue to follow the "yellow footprints."

Linda Priest

National Marine Corps Council

No report submitted.

Navy/Marine Corps Council

No report submitted.

Nomination/Convention Site Committee

As chairperson, my duty was to solicit and receive nominations for all elected national offices and to solicit and receive bids for the National Biennial Convention in 2010. I assumed this duty at the Interim Board Meeting (IBM) in Louisville in Sept 2005. At the IBM I was able to obtain letters of intent from the current serving officers on the nation-

al board. I published an article in 'Nouncements' requesting volunteers to run for election to national offices and for sites for the 2010 convention. I received nominations, collected bios and photos on perspective new officers and forwarded them to our immediate past president to publish the election ballot. Since there was only one nomination per office, this year's election was unopposed for all positions. A heartfelt thanks to all

those members who volunteered to continue to serve and to those who stepped up to serve at the National level.

I received only one bid for the 2010 Convention - Denver - submitted by the Colorado Columbine Chapter. The Women Marines Association was founded in Denver in 1960. What better place to celebrate the WMA's 50th anniversary!

Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower

Plans and Policies

This committee studied the following subjects for possible acceptance and implementation by the Women Marines Association Board of Directors.

- Compensation for partial expenses of Board members and invitees at the meeting each term
- Assistance with telephone costs of those in positions which require a lot of communication in the performance of their duties.
- Appointment of "assistant area directors" as designated to aid the elected area directors.
- The policy of use of inheritances or monetary gifts to WMA.
- Inclusion of phone numbers and electronic addresses of all members in the directory.

The "How To" book is now in the process of being updated and the question of its printing and distribution has been discussed within this committee as well as with other WMA members. Several with whom I have discussed this agree that it be incorporated in a loose leaf 3-ring binder along with the RM&D and several other documents of interest to the general membership.

Mary Bacon Hale

Property Control Biennial Report

Since the last convention in San Diego, the streamers on the organizational flag have been inventoried to determine which streamers are current and which streamers need to be ordered. Ken Cross has replaced the streamer holder on top of the flag staff as the old one was mended for the last convention. This streamer holder is a two-tier holder made from a large and extra large spacer or washer with oblong holes machined into them and stacked on the staff with a sleeve spacer in between them. Each hole can hold 10 streamers. New "S" hooks have been purchased. The streamers have been placed in alphabetical order on the staff in order to find them faster.

In August everything needed for convention will be re-inspected for proper repair, packed and shipped to reach Louisville in a timely manner.

Lillian Cross

WMA Scholarship Committee Report

1. Applicants: 52 applications this year. The number of scholarships is not available at this time.
2. On-line questions - approximately 30 to 40 questions.
3. Telephone calls - approximately 8 to 10 calls.
4. Written correspondence - 6 to 10 letters requesting applications.
5. Online applications are still a problem. Parts of the application are confusing to answer. Some parts need further clarification to make it user friendly. Typing an application on a typewriter is an issue as there are not many typewriters around

anymore.

6. Numerous phone calls were from MCROTC units requesting a WMA member to present the WMA award to their outstanding cadet. Somehow my name and phone number became the point of contact for these units. I don't believe this is a duty for the scholarship committee but should be delegated to the local WMA units.
7. The Scholarship Committee will be submitting recommended changes to the application process soon.

Semper Fidelis.

Luann Weeks

History, History, Bring it to Louisville!

This is a special request from the WMA Historian. If you are coming to the WMA convention in Louisville and have news articles, pictures or other memorabilia that you would like to share with The History Project please bring it to Louisville.

I will have copying services available and we can photograph items of memorabilia for inclusion in our files.

Also, please contact Eleanor Wilson either prior to the convention or on your arrival and set up a time to give her your oral history both for the Marine Corps and WIMSA. Your personal story is important to all of us. Eleanor's Contact Data: emw06spirit@earthlink.net.

A history display will be open during the convention so on your arrival watch for information on the hours of operation and the events that will be held in the exhibit suite. Come and see our shared past and add your personnel stories.

If you are not going to Louisville, please keep sending your stories, photos, and memorabilia. The history project has been receiving wonderful memories and historically significant items that are expanding the history and experiences of women in the Corps. Each story or event adds to our knowledge.

Nancy Wilt

Committee Reports

Recognition and Awards (R&A) Report

This 2006 Convention is being hosted by Region 1 in Louisville Kentucky. Area 3 Director Pat McLane has been charged with the responsibility for the R&A luncheon. She will act as the mistress of ceremonies for the luncheon as well as coordinate with all Recognition and Awards Committee responsibilities. She and/or I have attended all the Convention Coordinating Committee meetings.

Each chapter who won an award at the 2004 San Diego Convention will be contacted asking them to return the perpetual plaque. I will order the replacement plaques (shadow boxes) from Creative Awards. The perpetual plaques are donated and presented by Sue Sousa and the streamers are donated and presented by Loyal Escorts.

For the awards ceremony a representative from each chapter who has entered any of the awards competition will be seated at reserved tables near the front. We made a change in the manner by which photographs will be taken. The presenter and receiver will have their photos taken at the side of the room. They will be sitting at tables away from the stage on the side so as to speed up the presentations. The 'Nouncements editor

has the control over this procedure.

Award presenters include: 'Nouncements editor (Sondra Metzger), historian (Nancy Wilt), Sue Sousa, Paula Sarlls presents charters and flags to the new chapters and the Presidential Award, and the Chapter Achievement Awards will be presented by the 1st Vice President (Lori Cousins).

Linda Lacy

Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service

No report submitted.

Ways & Means Committee

I am woefully behind in working with my committee members and getting out donation solicitation letters. We are focusing on donations for the Louisville Convention & Professional Development Conference and ads for the program book. The convention committee has been soliciting for program ads, as well. The W&M Committee letters will be out before this report is published. We have also been collecting information on potential donors and other methods of fund raising. Personal contacts are key to successful fund-raising. Anyone who has contacts, either individuals or in companies, that may be willing to donate, please contact me (contact info on page 2 of 'Nouncements).

Carol Mutter

WMA Historical Calendar

Currently the TX-2 calendar team is working on the 2007 WMA Historical Calendar. The calendar will feature the "Musical Marines". The calendar will be dedicated to the Women's Reserve Band of WWII. Much of the calendar will be about them and their members; it will also include members of the other Marine Corps bands and the "President's Own." We have been fortunate to have contributions from all of these organizations with their unique histories.

This is the fifth year that TX-2 has printed the calendar. It is an awesome project and has opened so many doors for us. We are very grateful for this opportunity and thank everyone who has given us such tremendous support. It is time to consider a new chapter to publish the calendar. Please solicit for volunteers. We will be happy to assist any group that is interested.

Judy Anderson

WMA Legal Officer

Designated as Legal Officer (LO) in mid-2005 by President Lou Teixeira, and approved by the board. This is a new position, with exact duties not yet defined.

The original idea was that LO assist the president and other board members in analyzing program and problems as they arise.

As LO I participated in the Interim Board Meeting in Louisville, Sept 2005; I was involved in the ongoing 501(c)(3) application, with review (with help of John Holvoet) of initial application prepared by attorney Condon.

A problem arose with the WMA logo and woman Marine Rose logo being used to sell merchandise by a retired Marine MSGT on his website. I researched the issue, consulted with Carol Mutter and Mary Ann Merritt regarding the copyright and registration of the two logos. I am preparing a report for the board at Louisville explaining copyright, registration, and reasons why logos should be registered.

Position Description for LO: working on this, with input from several sources. Description will be presented to Board in Louisville for approval or revision. This description will impact future LOs, and consequently should be carefully considered before approval.

LO has been consulted by officers, board members, and some chapter officers on minor matters which had legal ramifications. As a result, LO is in process of getting the Legal Committee available to handle such matters.

Denne Howard

Board Annual Reports

President

As WMA President, I:

- represented the organization at the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation annual awards dinner on 31 March.
- submitted the application for IRS 501c (3) status
- signed a contract for a year to upgrade our website
- participated in the convention planning which included planning for the board of directors meeting and business meetings
- began a process whereby a WMA welcome letter will be sent to each graduating recruit
- am working on revising our budgeting process to include a complete two year period
- worked with WIMSA to share database information for recruiting purposes
- represented WMA at several state functions
- am working on state legislation to help veterans
- met with Marines on the west slope of Colorado to begin the process of starting a new chapter
- answered numerous email questions and phone calls on a myriad of issues
- recruited new members
- revised the welcome letter to new members
- recruited stories for the new history book and oral history project as well as the history project in Colorado
- provided input for 'Nouncements and publicity
- was honored as a VIP at the Marine Corps League state convention
- the annual WMA review and audit were not completed in this FY, but I have ordered them to be done by the end of the first quarter of FY 06-07. This will coincide with the change of officers and hopefully the change in our tax exempt status.

Paula Sarlls

Immediate Past President

The board sincerely regretted that Lou Teixeira had to resign as our national president and from the board as well due to health reasons. So I remain on the board as Immediate Past President (IPP). We are all very grateful that Paula Sarlls was willing to take over as NP. I helped during the transition. Paula has done a great job of picking up the ball working many issues important to our association.

The IPP is responsible to get all the information together for the Resource Manual and Directory. I worked closely with our database contractor, John Holvoet, in updating the database - a large job based on the many people who

had been responsible for it in the past six years and all the associated learning curves. We made the decision that it was better to get a mostly accurate RM&D out late than one that was on time, but of uncertain accuracy. Some enhancements were also added to the RM&D, to include a list of WMA conventions (pg 9), the map expanded to show areas outside the continental United States (pg 10), WMA Calendar of Events (pg 13), and adding contact information for pending new chapters. The only time-sensitive information in the RM&D is the scholarship application and associated instructions. The board had decided early in 2006 to mail out a vote to all the members for a bylaws change. The scholarship information was included

with the vote mailing so it was in the hands of all our members in a timely fashion.

Another responsibility of the IPP is to put together the ballot for the next slate of national officers, to include area directors and the proposal for the 2010 national convention. With the help of the 2nd Vice President, who pulled together all the nominees, I was able to get the ballot out by 1 May, as required by our standing rules. I had bookmarks made to be inserted with each ballot to thank our members for their service. Extra bookmarks will be available at the convention for individuals and chapters to use in advertising WMA to potential members.

Carol Mutter

1st Vice President/Membership Chair

Several main goals were priority for me this past term, and both are in process or on a good timeline to completion by September.

Goal #1: Researching, strategizing, coordinating and organizing board support for funding a comprehensive website technology upgrade to allow for online membership applications and electronic payment of dues and better association business flow. This technology upgrade project has been completed by contractor and training and implementation for key WMA web team roles is in process. Should be available for access by board and membership at large in early June 2006. This project was important to bring our association into full automation and interactive member-

ship capabilities, and for added benefit and convenience to our busy members, and for more efficient membership processes.

Goal #2: Supporting coordination of the WIMSA/WMA outreach membership mailing project. Planning and discussions and official letter of request was made to and accepted by WIMSA in late March. Database comparison and review is in process currently to narrow down the prospective member mailing list for maximum prospective member impact and response. WMA's introductory letter to appropriate WIMSA members gives overview of our association and points the prospective member to the new online membership option for their convenience (and our efficiency and time-savings in processing high volume

of new members).

Goal #3: Improve WMA chapter flexibility for the convenience of our many members-at-large (MAL) and those who have never connected to a local chapter for whatever reason by allowing area directors to organize and form "state chapters-at-large" for each state in their areas (especially ideal option for those states which have never been successful in organizing traditional local chapters), and to allow more coordinated/responsive communication, and more state-specific information sharing with members-at-large in a virtual/flexible chapter structure that meets and networks via email; supports state-wide veterans and Marine service projects from the convenience of their computers/homes; and keeps members in closer touch with area

1st Vice President/Membership Chair

directors than current MAL status allows. Virginia is a test state chapter-at-large project under the coordination of Area 2 Director Alice Dolbear. We will report back to the board as directed in September with the results of the initial outreach and invitation with feedback and progress. Hopefully it will be a welcome option for many or our remote members or disconnected MALs who

2nd Vice President

I assumed the duties as the 2nd VP at the Interim Board Meeting in Louisville in September 2005. As liaison officer to most standing committees and representatives, I assisted those committee chairs and representatives and other WMA members as required. I assisted the national president with the selection of the committee chairpersons and representatives who will serve for the 2006-2008 term. I requested, received, collated and forwarded the committee chairs' annual reports to the national secretary.

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as the 2nd VP if only for this past year. I have learned so much about WMA with the hopes of serving you all better in my continued service on the national board.

Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower

Treasurer

Ten months into the fiscal year, the unaudited WMA balance sheet shows assets of \$1.2 million, equal to the sum of capital and liabilities.

During this time I have accomplished the following: consolidated six separate checking accounts into two, avoiding service charges and simplifying recordkeeping; wrote proposed standing rules revision to change WMA budget span from one year to two years; assisted as required to initiate online member registration and payment; attended the interim board meeting in Louisville; as required, assisted in the application for a change in WMA status with IRS to 501(c) (3); responded to numerous questions from members, the board and chapters on issues such as scholarships, member renewals, taxes and group exemptions; provided treasurer's perspective on matters under consideration by the board; voted on all issues that were put before the Board in a formal ballot; provided to IRS the updated listing of chapters and their choices to remain under the WMA national group exemption; provided treasurer's perspective and support as required to the Financial Advisory Committee; provided suggestions for revision of WMA "How To" Book.

With contractor assistance, I received, accounted for and reported all WMA income; paid all WMA bills as authorized by the by-laws, standing rules and Third Vice President; produced and sent membership cards; provided names of new life members for permanent cards; provided periodic reports of WMA financial condition; prepared and submitted federal tax returns; provided first draft input to the Third Vice President for FY 06-07 budget; acknowledged donations to WMA; provided member data for publication in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Way Ahead: As this is my last term as treasurer, I have prepared no goals for the upcoming term of office. Instead, I have been coaching my replacement, who is running unopposed for election, and keeping her informed of current treasurer issues as they arise.

would be interested in this convenience and choice.

Goal #4: Initiate discussions regarding coordinating with Parris Island WMA POC and Quantico POC for getting WMA president's introductory/welcome letter to each graduating recruit from 4th Battalion and OCS. Working with Linda Priest to investigate and establish a good procedure for this type of outreach to prospective members right

3rd Vice President No report submitted.

Secretary

Since the Interim Board Meeting, I have responded to numerous requests; submitted many ballots for the board to consider and respond to; submitted items for SOP changes, bylaw changes and standing rules changes; sent chapter bylaws of newly formed chapters to the Bylaws Committee for approval; reviewed all chapter files to see what information is missing in the master files; responded to correspondence and to the requests of the president and other members of the board of directors. I am in the process of preparing for both the convention business meetings and the board meetings. The ballots for the new

out of boot camp. Also looking at same plan for Quantico OCS. Getting annual/quarterly graduating class estimates for printing budget and consideration. Should be a productive project for identifying and connecting with our prospective members at the source - from the beginning of their Marine careers.

Chapters disbanding: FL-9 is disbanding in 2006.

Lori Bronson Cousins

board of directors are arriving daily and I have a crew prepared to count them so we can announce to the membership who the new leaders for 2006-2008 will be.

I would like to use this venue to remind everyone to please READ their WMA publications, (RM&D and 'Nouncements) so they become familiar with what to send where, the governing bylaws and standing rules for our wonderful organization.

Since this will be my last year as a member of the board of directors I would like to thank all who have supported me throughout my participation as a board member. Semper Fidelis.

Jeanne Botwright

WMA Balance Sheet as of 30 April 2006

ASSETS		
Cash		
General Fund Checking	14,983.46	
Memorial Scholarship Money Mkt	21,978.49	
Total Cash		36,961.95
Investments		
Restricted Reserve Investments	74,750.18	
Memorial Scholarship Fund	242,668.65	
Memorial Scholarship (Ditmore)	110,889.02	
Memorial Scholarship (Gridley)	77,113.94	
Life Membership Investments	330,220.37	
National HQ Fund Investments	109,879.50	
Inheritance Fund Investments	172,460.12	
Emergency Fund Investments	54,732.99	
Total Investments		1,172,714.77
Other Current Assets		
Postage Deposit Account	3,028.72	
Total Other Current Assets		3,028.72
Property and Equipment		
Total Property and Equipment		0.00
Other Assets		
Total Other Assets		0.00
Total Assets		1,212,705.44
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	2,615.07	
Total Current Liabilities		2,615.07
Long-Term Liabilities		
Total Long-Term Liabilities		0.00
Total Liabilities		2,615.07
Capital		
General Fund Net Assets	24,541.32	
Restricted Reserve Net Assets	63,061.07	
Memorial Scholarship Net Assets	254,578.40	
Ditmore Scholarship Net Assets	110,889.02	
Gridley Scholarship Net Assets	77,863.94	
Life Member Fund Net Assets	331,422.43	
National HQ Fund Net Assets	125,575.47	
Inheritance Fund Net Assets	168,398.74	
Emergency Fund Net Assets	53,759.98	
Net Equity		1,210,090.37
Total Liabilities & Equity		1,212,705.44

Financial Secretary

Following are statistics for the period 1 July 2005 through 4 June 2006:

Life membership is 2,029

Term membership (Dues expire May 06 or later) is 1,202

Total membership is 3,321

Memberships for FY06:

New term members = 179

New life members = 109 (New = 31,

Reinstatements = 50, Term to Life = 28)

Reinstatements = 360

Reported Deaths:

Life = 66, Term = 28

Area Directors

Area 1

During the past year I managed to attend the Holiday Celebration of MA-2 in Quincy, MA. The event was well organized and well attended.

I also traveled to Quantico in March 2006 to meet with other convention committee members.

June Worden

Area 2

I can report a new chapter in Pennsylvania, PA-2 Liberty Belles, in Downingtown. The chapter has projects in mind and has already attended a Marine Corps Scholarship Ball.

Virginia has been designated as the test state for this new outreach chapter. The letters to all members in VA that do not belong to a chapter were mailed 3 May. No answers have been received as of this date.

Work carried out in 2005 – 2006:

- Correspondence done by e-mail and snail mail to the members listed in the RM&D for NJ, MD and PA

- Disseminate WMA Yahoo listserv information

- National information passed on to Area 2 chapters

- Convention information passed on to Area 2 chapters

- Delivered our new postcard to all the recruiters' offices in the Richmond Recruiting Station area from Roanoke to Virginia Beach. There are 11 recruiting stations.

- Continue to recruit new members

- Started a new chapter in Chesapeake, VA in the fall of 2005, Hampton Roads VA-3

- The new PA Chapter was started on 8 April.

- A new chapter is planned for Fredericksburg, VA

- Chapter-At-Large information was mailed 3 May

- On 7 February I spoke to 25 women

Marine LCpls about WMA and handed out information. These young ladies are stationed at Fort Lee in VA, for a short while. I hope to be invited to go again. This was by an invitation from MSgt Rita Solvano.

- Have been writing to a few of our members that are either homebound or in nursing homes.

- Created a display board for the Marine Corps League in Chesapeake, VA. Some of us joined the League.

They want to have a wall of pictures and posters just for the women Marines. This will also prove to be a recruiting instrument.

- wrote up a list of projects for some of the chapters that needed ideas to get members motivated. Some of the projects can be done by those members that are homebound.

- Military Month - I invited one of the area recruiters, SSgt George Von York, to accompany me to visit five kindergarten classes and one second grade class. We talked about the importance of the military and gave the students American flags.

- MCJROTC - I presented awards at two area high schools, Hermitage High School and J. R. Tucker, both in Richmond.

Alice Alden Dolbear

Area 3

No report submitted.

Area 4

Membership was one of our greatest focuses this term. I was determined since I started my tour as Area 4 Director to get a chapter in my home state of Kentucky. I'm so glad to report the formation of KY-1 Winning Colors. Thank you, Mary Broussard.

I was also very happy to have another person, Ellen Leidy, step up and start another chapter in Ohio, Chesty Puller Chapter, so I'm also happy to announce that Ohio-2 has grown from the beginning 5 to 20 members. I have also watched e-mails to be able to help ladies who want to know how or who they contact in their area so they can join. I make sure that I always carry membership forms in my purse because I have met women Marines in many places I have gone.

I have been in many of the Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Veterans' Day parades. I have been to several of the troop rallies to show WMA's support of our troops in harm's way. I have been

able to collect over \$6,000.00 in 2004 and \$5,000.00 in 2005 for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program in Toledo.

I have spoken at the graduation of Monroe County Young Marines and several schools studying the Vietnam War. I have also helped MI-2 collect comfort items for their project Caring Friends for troops overseas. I heard that the VA Hospital needed lap robes for veterans in wheelchairs; I was able to make 20 robes from fleece and send it over to them.

Most of these two years has been working on making this convention in Louisville the best we can, so I hope to see everyone in Louisville, Ky. to see what my new chapter's city has to offer all of you. Semper Fidelis.

Betty Jean Cannon

Area 5

Maintained communications with all Area 5 chapter presidents, members, and members-at-large through email, and letters. Responded to requests for assistance.

Instrumental in helping MO-2 take on the WMA National Scholarship Committee, with Luann Weeks as the new chair.

Attended several MO-2 chapter meetings in Belton, MO.

Attended the Interim Board Meeting held in Louisville in September 2005.

Responded to board inquires and email. Voted on all required ballots. Moreover, provided my opinion on other subjects.

Area 5 chapters represented the WMA at several high schools presenting the WMA Outstanding Cadet Award. I personally presented the award for Hickman-Mills High School, Kansas City, MO.

Mary Ellen Stone

Area 6

Published Area 6 newsletter for chapter presidents and members at large. Sent WMA scholarship information and updates to MCJROTC schools and chapter presidents. Forwarded WMA information to area chapters for action and information. Sent information to Area 6 members to survey interest for an on-line chapter. I had two favorable responses. I will continue to search for members to support an on-line chapter. Maintain telephone and email contacts with members in Area 6 providing assistance and information about WMA.

Provided information about memberships from John Holvoet and Mary

Ann Merritt to chapter presidents. Referred any new member enrollments to chapter presidents. Provided information about the 2006 Recruiting Derby to all Area 6 chapters. Provided bookmarks and cards to Area 6 chapters for recruiting.

Attended the national Marine Parents Conference held in Houston, April 2006. We enrolled two WMA members and one decided to become a life member.

During the first year of my term as area director, I visited members from the two Oklahoma chapters at the Oklahoma Women Veteran's Day Program; I drove to Russellville, AR to attend the 30th Anniversary of the Arkansas Diamond Chapter; and I attended the dedication of the WMA memorial at the DFW National Cemetery hosted by TX-1.

I worked with the 38 MCJROTC schools in Area 6 to assist with any requests they directed to me; I coordinated with the schools for WMA members to present the WMA awards during the awards presentation. I do not have a final number on the awards presented by WMA members, but I did have more volunteers this year. We also had more scholarship applications directed to WMA from the Area 6 MCJROTC.

Two events happened in 2005 that required the coordinated effort of WMA sources. In late June, several Marines were killed and others injured during conflict in Iraq. Many of the injured Marines were transported to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. WMA chapters, members and friends contributed financial aid to help families with special needs during this time of medical attention. Mary Ann Merritt, WMA PRO, got the word out to send donations to help the families; Trish Ford of the TX-3 chapter worked with the Marine liaison to provide assistance to the Marines and their families; as Area-6 Director the donations came to my attention. I sent thank you notes for the donations and forwarded the funds as received.

The Katrina and Rita hurricanes hit many of the WMA members of the Gulf Coast area. I worked with members to get WMA information updates and assistance. Thanks to WMA for making emergency funds available to those in need.

In September 2005, I attended the Interim Board Meeting in Louisville. I was also there for the 2006 WMA convention planning meeting held by the area directors. The planning committee held another meeting in March 2006 at

Quantico that I attended. It was an opportunity to attend the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Awards Dinner to see Gen. Margaret Brewer receive the first WMA Julia Hamblet Award.

I participated with TX-1 in the Houston Veterans' Day Parade in 2004 and 2005. I participated with TX-1 in Memorial Day activities during my term.

Judy Anderson

Area 7

I did not attend the Interim Board Meeting because it was held on the same dates as my daughter's wedding. I will attend the convention in 2006 and the board meeting in 2007.

There are currently two active chapters in Area 7. They are in Denver and Colorado Springs. I am currently a member of the chapter in Denver. I will be visiting the chapter in Colorado Springs in June, and will join that chapter at that time. There is currently an interest in forming a chapter in western Colorado, and I will follow up on those members. I have plans to visit other states in Area 7 over the next two years in order to seek out other women Marines to increase membership in those areas and encourage chapter formations.

I have not yet published a newsletter. I will try to publish a newsletter for Area 7 members at least twice annually.

I attended two events at the MCJROTC at Adams City High School in Commerce City, CO. I attempted to locate WMA members in South Dakota to find a member to attend MCJROTC events in Sturgis and Sioux Falls, SD, without luck. I had to use snail mail because I had no telephone numbers or e-mails for any of these members. Some of the members live too far away, one travels in an RV, and one of the members would have attended but had a rib injury. I plan to do a mailing to these members to get their phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses so that I can contact them more readily in the future, and to find out now whether they can attend future events at the MCJROTC programs in South Dakota.

I have already submitted a budget for the next two years. I have not submitted any expenses to date.

I also worked extensively with CO-1 on the history project; participated in Denver parades; supported the United Veterans Committee of Colorado, their legislative work, and their work with the state and veterans' nursing homes. I am also working on establishing an annual Marine Corps Memorial Run in

Golden, CO each October.

Pamela Garcia

Area 8

I began my term as Area 8 Director after the passing of Shirley Heckard and the approval of the board, so I haven't been an area director very long.

As an ongoing member of WMA Yahoo Groups e-mail distribution list for National information passed on to Area 8 chapters as appropriate; set up folders for each chapter and included all relevant information; copied/distributed information packets by mail along with introduction letter. Not having any e-mail addresses, phone queries were made many times to establish a line of communication; ongoing phone communications with chapters with no e-mail.

Followed up in a timely manner all potential chapter members from Member-At-Large list, once area has been identified. Sent introductory welcome message with information to contact nearest chapter. Followed up with chapter.

Followed up in a timely manner all potential chapter and national members from the web site "Together We Serve". Sent introduction welcome letter with contact information. Followed up with chapters.

Busy recruiting for NV-1 since taking over as president, working on press releases for chapters in my area.

Budget prepared for National; artwork and funds sent to National for memorial ad from Area 8 chapters; list of chapters attending convention.

I would like to recognize the following for assistance with strategy and questions: MaryAnn Merritt, Lori Cousins, Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower and Judy Anderson.

Carol Watson

Area 9

I have been in touch with all my chapters over the past two years constantly. It has been somewhat hard on all the chapters because of the age of most of our members. The chapters in Oregon have been able to find new members but the ones in Washington (including Idaho) and Alaska have found it much more difficult. I visited WA-2 in Eastern Washington, several times as they had their meetings, trying to help them stay active but this spring we found that it was necessary to pull their charter. We are in the process now of offering them membership in WA-1 so the members can stay in active contact with all the local activity in

Washington and in the information I can give them from National.

AK-1, covering all of Alaska, is trying hard to keep active but they find it more difficult each year. I went to Portland in February 2006 to join OR-1 and OR-3 to help install their officers. It was a great luncheon and OR-1 had a great turnout of members along with the girls from OR-3 and several from OR-4.

I have really enjoyed my time as Area 9 Director and working with all the chapters. I know that Karen Reeves, OR-3 president, will do a great job helping all the chapters in this area in the next two years.

Zelda K. Barrows

Area 10

No report submitted.

Appointed Officers

Chaplain

No report submitted.

Editor

There is not much to report in this area since there are seldom any changes. The data comes in, the newsletter goes out.

We have established a wonderful working relationship with United Associations Group, Inc. (UAG) for the publishing of our newsletter and our resource manual and directory. We seldom, if ever, get charged for small things the designer does on his own where we would with another publisher. We have had some problems with getting the material to them, i.e., full mailbox. To resolve this, UAG granted me access to an FTP server on their network. Everything is sent to them electronically.

Changes to the format and layout of the newsletter are ongoing. This year brought standardization to Page 2 and the back outside cover where applications are located for WMA and the Loyal Escorts. I would like to use this report to encourage more participation in the newsletter by the Loyal Escorts.

At some point and time, I am hoping funds will be available to include more color than just green, as well as an increase of eight (8) pages making it a 40-page newsletter.

I am currently working on changes to the editor SOP and to the "rules" regarding submissions to the newsletter. The SOP changes will reflect changes in the association, while the use of computers makes editing and formatting data much easier to the point of being able to do away with some of the requirements for submissions.

Sondra Metzger

Historian

At the Interim Board Meeting in Louisville, I became the WMA Historian and was also appointed to the position of chair of the history committee. In addition I am in charge of the CO-1 History Project. As I indicated at the time WMA and women Marine history are inseparable and all three of these projects need to work hand in hand. Prior to the recent Heritage Dinner I spent time with the Deputy Head of the USMC History Division, the Head of the Marine Archives, the Head of the new National Museum of the Marine Corps and the lead writers of *Leatherneck* and the head of the Marine Corps Association. I have been given access to all files concerning women Marines. During the next year, I will develop teams who will gather this data for preservation with WMA history and the history project.

I will be actively seeking a team to get the history of women Marines on the archives website. If you or your chapter want to be involved, please let me know. I will also be assisting in getting a film done on the women Marine schools and the WM Battalion area at Quantico with the archives since the area is slated for demolition in the near future. If you are interested in this project, please contact me so that arrangements can be made.

Nancy Wilt

Parliamentarian

The Parliamentarian managed to answer most of the questions sent her way by diligent reading of Robert's Rules of Order. There were a variety of questions, some of which raised other questions that needed to be addressed with other people: life memberships for chapters, quorums, how to determine a winner when the allowed choices, etc.

Anne Y. Zink

Public Relations Officer

Target items: Increase membership and WMA Awareness

- Since September 2004, it has been the goal of this office to increase membership and general awareness of WMA. This is being accomplished in the following manner: target any online articles about women Marines. Pass the information on to area directors and chapters and Linda Lacy for the book "We are Marines". Personal contact is made as well with email letter explaining WMA and inviting them to check out the website and join our organization. Forums that target Marines are also checked

weekly and information passed in regards to our chapters, ongoing events and conventions.

- Work with chapters and area directors to find weak areas within the chapter and help to rebuild. Work to set up projects that fit a chapter. Show and write press releases as well as give information as to whom and how to submit information along with timeframe. Packets were sent to every area director and board member. Press releases for the 63rd anniversary were sent to a newspaper where we have a chapter. Releases also sent to states with no chapters and national given as point of contact. Have offered my help to any chapter or area director.

- Created a WMA website banner which can and is being used by other websites to link to our website, thus improving web traffic to our site. This banner is listed on five sites to date.

- Send out emails to an average of no less than 25 potential members a month. Emails let the person know about WMA, some of the projects that the various chapters are involved in and how WMA can benefit them. When replies are gotten I send a copy of the email cc'd to chapter president, area director and potential member. When time allows I try to get back with member to assure that they have been contacted in some manner.

- Updating forms and cards that will be given out to our potential members. The membership application has been updated and is ready for print. Business cards, postcards etc are also done and ready for production. Just waiting to hear back on bids.

- Working to design new material that chapters can purchase and use at various events. This would be postcards and business cards.

- Currently working on an article on how WMA makes a difference in the communities where members reside. Am still working on getting further articles on a national level published.

- Working with *Leatherneck* to get more WMA articles and pictures. Worked with Mary Karcher on getting information on our women in Iraq for articles.

- Answered emails regarding boot camp and any military question that may come across. Fill orders for those wanting something with women Marines on it.

- Assisted the 182nd FA set up a family resource center and showed them how to start a troop support project and pack/ship packages. I also work with the various veteran organizations in setting up troop support effort throughout

Michigan as well as other states when contacted.

- Helped a young man who is earning his Eagle Scout badge set up a troop support that benefited the 2ndMarDiv. He was from PA. To date have helped four different scouts earn Eagle Scouts and two Girl Scouts earn Silver and Gold badges.

- Worked with the postmaster to set up tributes for veterans by designing award certificates and co-hosting programs. Last one was one of the few unveilings of the USMC Stamps.

- Set up several programs at the various senior centers for our seniors to write to our men and women who are currently deployed. States include MI,

KY, Ohio and PA.

- Updated the press release kit that will be included for members who attend the convention.

- Working on media kits that will be sent out prior to convention to all media sources.

- Working on banners that can be used at various functions and in hotel to let visitors know who we are.

- Working on updating and making a complete PRO file. Setting up files for each area that will include any work that is being done within the area

- Working on a guide for area directors that will help them do PR for chapters in their area. Guide will include addresses for various media sources for

the states/areas they cover along with guides on writing a press release, donation requests etc. This guide to be used in conjunction with the WMA, "How To" manual. Just an added resource that members and AD can turn to when needed.

- Working on an ad that we can use for a reciprocal ad program. At later time will work on getting our ads into other publications at no cost to us.

- Actively pursuing ways to advertise WMA that will not be costly to WMA yet promote us in a favorable light to all who view.

Mary Ann Merritt

Parris Island, 1949: All Identified!

If this photograph looks familiar, it's because it was published in the Winter 2006 issue of the newsletter, but without identification. Since then, CA-7 member Marie Proulx has identified everyone in the photo, so here's who they are: back row (l-r): Marie Proulx, Col Jeanette Sustad, Capt Mary Jane Fisher, Capt Mary Jane Hale, Ruth Ryan, Ardella Wheeler (Butts), Mary Zabriskie, Agnes Thomas and Ginny Harrington. Middle row: Allis Wall, Bertha Peters (Billeb). Front row (l-r): Judy Andler, Dorothy Sullivan, Grace Mary Karl and Elsie Miller (Mills).

Thank you, Marie!



Our Silver Anniversary, 1968: Historic Gathering of Directors



Here's a step back in history.

The commemoration of the silver anniversary of women in the Marine Corps and the issuing of a stamp for said anniversary brought the Directors of the Women's Reserve/Marines together. Left to right are: Col Ruth Cheney Streeter, Col Barbara Bishop, Col Julia Hamblet, Col Katherine Towle and Col Margaret Henderson.

OCS Quantico, 1972



This photo, taken in December 1972 at Quantico, pictures the two female Marines selected for lieutenant general. Capt Carol Wiescamp, aka LtGen Carol Mutter (ret), is on the far left in the top row. She was the platoon commander. Candidate Frances Collins, now known as LtGen-Select Frances Wilson, is the third woman from the left in the middle row. And serving as "bookends" are members Mary Broussard (on LtGen-Select Wilson's left) and Linda Lacy (to the right of the Lt General).

Many thanks to Mary Broussard for sharing this photo with us.

Chapter Clippings

WMA AZ-2 Saguaro

Wow, summer surely is here in Arizona (hot, hot, hot). It has been a whirl wind for the Tucson Chapter. We planned two fundraisers for the summer. In May some of our members delivered flowers for Mother's Day. Our other fundraiser will be preparing our "pain away" bags to sell. These are wonderful bags that can go into the freezer or warmed in the microwave and an excellent way to bring some extra funds to the chapter.

In April we awarded two scholarships to MCJROTC cadets; one at Coolidge High School and the other at Casa Grande, for the outstanding female cadet. Our chapter gives awards to these schools every year.

The chapter got our basket ready for the Tucson Area Marine Moms to send hygiene items to support our troops overseas. Additionally, we sent support to the K-9 unit in Iraq with a box full of squeaky toys and pepperoni treats.

Many members are planning their vacations and preparing for the summer. Our chapter will be dark for the summer and our next meeting will be in September, where we will finalize preparations for the annual Women's Veteran Luncheon.

Our president, Tina Bostic, accepted a job transfer to Florida. By the time we meet again, Tina will be all settled in her new home. We will miss her and her contributions to our chapter. We wish you well, Tina!



Liberty in one of her last parades.

Alas, many of you saw the fall issue where we participated in the 2005 Veterans' Day parade and included a photo of our Tucson Chapter bulldog, Liberty, in her wagon (pictured again here). Sadly, Liberty passed away in her sleep on 30 May. She was 9-years old. She started her life as my husband's assistant on recruiting duty. She also participated in two veterans' parades with our Tucson WMA chapter, and we will surely miss her. We buried her wrapped in the USMC material that we used to decorate her wagon. She was a Marine at heart! Semper Fidelis, Liberty!

April Stephens

WMA CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

Six members of CA-3 joined Chapters CA-4, 6 and 9 at a luncheon in Rancho Cordova to welcome Ozell Barksdale. We all had a nice time and it was very interesting to meet Ozell. We all helped CA-4 celebrate their 41st anniversary at that luncheon.

Kathleen Wright and LaVerne Marts went to Mt Pleasant High School in San Jose to their MCJROTC awards ceremony where Cadet Sgt Lupe Guzman was awarded her citation and ribbon and the Semper Fi Charm from CA-3. It was a lovely service and the Cadets are so squared away and sharp. Lupe wants to go into a nursing career. We wished her luck.

Betty Lieser and LaVerne Marts joined Detachment 919, Marine Corps League, to place flags on the graves of departed members of the detachment on 29 May. Later that day Maggie Hart joined Betty and LaVerne at the services at Chapel of Chimes Cemetery where we posted our colors and placed a wreath for WMA. It was a very moving ceremony. The Marine MOMS were there with a table and were selling items with all proceeds going to the family of Brian Wells. Chapel of the Chimes was going to match 100% of all monies collected. I found out that there was \$1850.00 collected and was matched so that a total of \$3700.00 was collected to give to the Wells Family.

Maggie Hart, Betty Lieser, Kathleen Wright and LaVerne attended the second annual tea sponsored by CA-9. It was held at the Veterans Home at Yountville. The guest speaker was a retired sergeant major who invited all of the women to participate in a parade on 11 November in Fairfield, CA, that will be honoring women in service. Plans are being made to attend that enmasse.

Connie Guaraglia, Mary Standley and Nell Stevens have been on the sick list so we pray they will be up and around soon.

CA-3 is taking the summer off and will meet again in September after the convention. See you then! Semper Fidelis.

LaVerne Marts

WMA CA-4 North Central California

Our chapter celebrated the 41st anniversary of its formation on 23 May with a luncheon at the Ghana Gardens in Rancho Cordova. Ozell Barksdale, area 10 director, was our guest of honor. She was presented with a white carnation corsage which had blue and red ribbons on it. Several other chapters joined in the celebration. At last count, we had 27 members and guests in attendance. It was wonderful for all of us to meet Ozell and listen to her speak about her background, Marine Corps service and her involvement as a director.



Ozell Barksdale (left) with Lois Wilson.

Another important event in early May was the MCJROTC awards. Lois Wilson presented the award to Cadet Cpl Celeste Gonzales at Kennedy High School in the Sacramento area.

More often than not, we have been combining our meetings with luncheons. A St. Patrick's Day luncheon was enjoyed at Brother Olivers Restaurant in Carmichael. We were all happy to be wearing green to show our support of this occasion. Unfortunately, that same afternoon, our treasurer, Lucille Harness, fell and broke her hip. Thankfully, she is on the road to recovery, and is once again participating in our events.

We are anticipating a quiet summer, and looking forward to a great deal of involvement in the fall.

Lois Wilson

WMA CA-7 Edith Macias Vann S. California

Our May meeting also served as our installation of new officers for the next two years. The group recognized the outgoing,

long serving president, Lillian Cross, for all her efforts and mostly for her wonderful achievements over the past years. Lillian loves WMA and CA-7, but issues with her mother's health have forced her to step back and take care of those issues -- we will miss her solid leadership, but are pleased to have her lovely smile in our midst. Also long serving is outgoing secretary Ellie Judge. Ellie has worked magic with making our minutes come alive and will be a hard act to follow.

The incoming team brings some newer blood to CA-7 with President Kara Harris. Kara is no longer on active duty in the Corps and is now working on an electrical engineering degree. Thank goodness for some continuity with returning Vice President Isela Talamantes, who keeps busy with two active children while her green-garter husband, GySgt Talamantes, has returned for a second tour in Iraq.



CA-7 officers (l-r): Marie Proulx, Peggy Reiber, Isela Talamantes and Kara Harris.

Our secretary, Peggy Reiber, is a retired Marine and also the executive director of The Boys & Girls Club in Vista. And by far our most dedicated officer is Treasurer Marie Proulx. Marie has probably been the treasurer of CA-7 since it was founded. She does a meticulous job and we could find no one to come close to matching her abilities.

CA-7 is preparing for a couple upcoming events to include the combined veterans Memorial Day recognition at the Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside, and a visit for our June meeting from Past National President Carol Mutter.

Peggy Reiber

WMA CA-8 Palms to Pines



Cadet Sgt Danielle Bracamontes, WMA award recipient and Rosemary Abrego-Holmes.

Our chapter is going on summer hiatus but, before we go, we plan on attending some MCJROTC ceremonies.

The call to duty was sounded and Diane Cowell and Rosemary Abrego-Holmes answered the call. On 17 May in the auditorium of Fontana High School, Fontana, we had the pleasure of presenting the WMA MCJROTC Outstanding Female Cadet Award to Sgt Danielle Bracamontes. The bearing of those

seasoned students reflected the results of a lot of hard work. The fumbling of facing movements from the students new to the program brought a giggle and reminded me of many recruits in the first phases of boot camp. I have no doubt under the guidance of the military instructors they too will achieve the bearing demonstrated by the senior students. My cover is off to the military instructors who provide structure and discipline to a young generation facing challenges of courtesy and respect. These military instructors stand as an island of sanctuary in a neighborhood less than affluent.

On 19 May, Eisenhower High School in Rialto held their MCJROTC awards ceremony but unfortunately there was not a chapter member available to attend.

We have a few more schools within CA-8's jurisdiction. Murrieta Valley HS in Murrieta held their ceremony on 3 June. Ozell Barksdale, Area 10 Director and Rosemary Abrego-Holmes attended to present the award.

Lastly, Ramona High School in Riverside, CA has not set a date for their MCJROTC ceremony but we hope to have Ozell Barksdale present the award.

The installation of officers scheduled for April's meeting was postponed to the June meeting but we were able to present the outgoing president, Ozell Barksdale, with a gift. The gift was a 11x16 photo collage of all chapter members during her term 2004-2006. We included chapter members whom we lost during this period and those of us who remain in the rear with the gear.

The 2006-2008 chapter officers are: president, Rosemary Abrego-Holmes; vice-president, Diane Cowell (re-elected); secretary, Edith Ynacay; and treasurer, Ozell Barksdale.

Have a great, safe summer. See you in September 2006! Semper Fidelis.

Rosemary Abrego-Holmes

WMA CA-9 Redwoods

On 20 May we joined CA-4 at the celebration of their 41st anniversary. Doris Panzer, Charlotte Gilbert, Lucille Thyrring, Maggie Hart and Kathi Carpenter traveled to Sacramento where we met members of CA-3 and CA-6. We enjoyed lunch and the pleasure of meeting Area 10 Director Ozelle Barksdale who chatted with us about WMA National and some of the issues at hand. We shared the celebratory cake, congratulated CA-4 members on a job well done and helped them on to their 42nd anniversary.

On 31 May we held our Second Annual Women Marines Tea at the Yountville Veterans Home Lee Lounge. Eighteen WMA members attended including those from chapters CA-3 and CA-6 as well as several women Marine Home residents. With the guidance of Home Activities Director Karen Riddle, the room was nicely arranged and decorated and the refreshments proved to be tasty treats for all as we sipped and chatted.

CA-9 Vice President Charlotte Gilbert arranged for a special guest -- SgtMaj Jesse Branch, (Ret), a 30-year Marine veteran from nearby Fairfield where he is a community services commissioner. He invited us to take part in a military parade scheduled for 11 November in Fairfield where women in the military will be honored. This captured our attention and all three chapters responded with enthusiasm and plan to participate.

At the urging of member Maggie Hart, we authorized the replacement of our missing chapter flag, staff and banner. Maggie will carry it at the upcoming convention in Louisville.

Jane Silva of CA-6 suggested that we plan a joint Christmas party to include all chapters in the Northern California/Bay Area. Jane arranged a date at the Dead Fish in Crockett for 9 December. This great restaurant with the unsavory name was the site of our 63rd anniversary party and was overwhelmingly approved for this party. The growing popularity of area chapters joining together for meetings and events has proven not only practical in sharing our common goals but also great fun. We all benefit and are enriched from the widening circle of friends. We energize each other and even share memberships. Onward and upward!

Doris Panzer

WMA DC-1 District of Columbia

The chapter notes with sorrow the passing of Sarah "Sally" Geiger since our last report. Sarah served in WWII and married into a distinguished Marine family. Her husband was a colonel at retirement as was her son, Col Charles Geiger, who served at Headquarters Marine Corps with several members of the DC-1 and VA-1 chapters. Her brother-in-law was Gen Roy Geiger of "Cactus Air Force" fame in WWII.

The chapter spent a busy March-April with doll-making, chapter elections and putting on our best dress-up clothes to support the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Awards Dinner on 31 March. The dinner was the highlight of the spring as DC-1 Life Member Margaret Brewer received the first annual Julia Hamblet Award, with Julia Hamblet (also a DC-1 life member) in attendance.



Pat Kelly, Paula Sarlls and Mary Sue League at the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation dinner.

The April luncheon meeting was held at Ramparts Restaurant in Alexandria, and there were 18 members present including former National President Lou Teixeira and National 2nd Vice President Rhonda Lebrescu-Amtower, both of whom are members of DC-1 as well as their

home chapters. Officers for 2006-2008 were chosen: Lucinda Wilkes, president; Eileen Scanlon, vice-president; Bridget Young, secretary; and (for an unprecedented 11th year in the job) Aileen Maust as treasurer. The installation took place at our meeting on 17 June.

In the meantime, the crafters, tailors, cheerleaders, and other interested parties gathered at Lois Beadling's on 13 May to work on items for our boutique table for the Louisville convention. Hope to see y'all there!!

Mitzi Manning

WMA FL-6 Florida Gators

FL-6 is very active in all women veterans groups. We are a sisterhood that supports each other. We have a yearly luncheon in SW Florida each year sponsored by a different organization. This year it will be the WAVES in Venice in November. I have found that the women Marines are the most organized group and can do a great deal to help these other women keep up with their own groups, and ours.

In Naples, a woman organized a patriotic moment on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays in downtown Naples. It consisted of a short musical program honoring different organizations each time. One night it honored women veterans. We had a good turnout of women Marines, WWII nurses and others. "Taps" was played at sunset and we lowered the flag. It was very impressive.

The flag lowering was performed by (l-r) Loretta Farley, Army Nurse Corps (Vietnam); Mary Chenery, FL-6 (WWII); and Shirley Messano, FL-6 (Korea).



Our women in Ft Myers are also very active with other service women. Mary Holmes and Betty Capron were at a meeting there in March.

Shirley Messano

WMA GA-1 Dogwood Chapter

Whew! We've had a busy April and May. Kathleen Eidson kicked it off when she spoke to the Dunwoody Woman's Club on 11 April at the Museum of Patriotism. Although only five of their members were in attendance, they were entertained and informed about the women who served in WWII and women Marines in general. We will be working with them in the fall on an event honoring women veterans from all branches of the military.

On 18 April we hosted "Leading from the Front" a women's leadership workshop (again at the Museum of Patriotism) lead by Angie Morgan and Courtney Lynch, founders of Lead Star. Angie and Courtney, former Marine captains, on a book tour to promote their recently published book by the same title, generously offered their time to help us raise money for the chapter. The workshop, attended by a dozen women both with and without military backgrounds, was enlightening, informative and enjoyed by all.



Attending Remembrance Day event are WWII Veterans Nicky Baglio, Mike Walker, Anne Cooper and Viola Main.

Although it was a rainy day, 22 April found us at Falcon Field in Peachtree City for the 3rd Annual WWII Day – Boots, Wheels and Wings hosted by the Dixie Wing of the Commemorative Air Force. There were a number of exhibitors of WWII artifacts, re-enactors who staged a military skirmish near the airstrip and five vintage aircraft on display, as well as German and Allied encampments. Kathleen Eidson, Ellen Olander and Sheryl Young had a prime location for their display board of photos of women Marines from WWII which also included individual pictures of our own chapter members from that period. It was exciting to see a visitor come up to look at the exhibit and suddenly realize that one of the women depicted in a simple black and white photograph was standing right next to them. Kathleen enjoyed sharing

stories of her time in service and every now and again you could hear her break out in song.

Kathleen was called into service again on 27 April when she was invited by our WWII sister Mary Drew to be a guest speaker at Mary's Red Hat Society Club in Cumming. The ladies enjoyed Kathleen's songs and stories and laughed as she put on a baseball cap to tell the story of what each of the ball players do at their positions. Afterwards they all enjoyed punch and cake.

We kicked off May in full MCJROTC season with Alice Bennett presenting at J.O. Johnson High School on 2 May in Huntsville, AL. Alice, although no longer an active member of the Dogwood Chapter, has been presenting at this school for 15+ years. Laura Ward presented at Parkview High School on 5 May and Sheryl Young at Newton High School on 8 May. It should be noted that last year's recipient at Newton HS, Senior and Cadet Major Whitney Daggs, a member of the MCJROTC rifle team, distinguished herself over the past year by placing fifth in the Georgia High School Rifle Championship, third in the JROTC National Rifle Championship and first in the Marine Corps East Region Championship, in addition to being named to the All-State Team and learning that she will be competing at the American Legion National Rifle Championships in August at Colorado Springs. What an accomplishment! On 11 May, Ellen Olander presented at East Coweta HS and Rachel Bergstrom presented on 18 May at her alma mater, North Forsyth High School. The drill team from North Forsyth distinguished themselves by coming in first place overall at the 6th Marine Corps District Drill Meet and fielding an all female drill team, the first in six years.

May 13th, Sheryl was invited to the Family and Friends Day at Rachel's reserve unit in Rome where she spoke to several of the female Marines about WMA. The following Saturday, eight members gathered at the home of Lori Dashiell for a barbeque and chance to view the chapter's nearly completed scrapbooks before they were sent off for R&A competition. On 22 May Victoria Turney and Sheryl Young attended the 54th Atlanta Regional Military Affairs Council Luncheon and on 28 May we wrapped up the month with a Remembrance Day event at the Atlanta History Center marking the end of their "V for Victory" exhibit. On hand were Anne Cooper, Nicky Baglio (and her WWII Marine husband Joe), Beverley "Mike" Walker and Viola Main. We were able to put forth a much more robust display due to the wonderful contribution Mike Walker made of her uniforms. We are delighted to now have a set of seersuckers, dress greens and dress whites to use for display at historical and educational events.

On this Memorial Day we paused to remember the men and women of this great country who paid the ultimate price for our freedom and pray that those still fighting for freedom around the world are kept safe. God Bless them ALL!

Sheryl Young

WMA IL-2 Blanche S. Osborne

During early May the chapter held their spring meeting, and the 2006-08 officers were sworn in. One of our chapter's founding members and first president, Bernadette Kruszynski, who now lives in Ohio, installed the slate, using the ceremony with the mirrors. Very impressive, as she had each name and office engraved on the mirrors. Elected were Muriel Underwood, president; Mary Roa, vice president; Genevieve Bowen, secretary; and Rita

O'Reilly, treasurer.

The WMA awards given to the leading female JROTC cadets were presented by Carol Walters for Romeville High School, and Muriel Underwood, for the Chicago area high schools: Eisenhower, Curie Metro and Noble Street Charter.



Bernadette Kruszynski, Muriel Underwood, Mary Roa, Genevieve Bowen, and Rita O'Reilly

The month's activities ended with the Chicago Memorial Day Parade, one of the nation's largest. This year, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Hagee, was the grand marshal. Before the parade started, participating in the wreath-laying ceremony at the Eternal Flame in Daley Plaza, was Rita O'Reilly in dress blues who served in the reserves for eight years and was discharged in March. Chapter members again were privileged to ride in a humvee, courtesy of the 2nd BN, 24th Marines Training Battalion. Those participating in the fun were Helen Laukes, Genevieve Bowen, Betty Lewis, Rose Teipe, and daughter Alessia, Muriel Underwood, and Rita O'Reilly who joined us for the ride after the wreath-laying ceremonies.

Muriel Underwood

WMA IN-1 Indiana

Our chapter installed new officers. Shown in the photo, they are (l-r): Carol Mutter, installing officer; Shirley Barger, president; Kay Ross, vice president; Marianne Hughes, secretary; and Diana Ward, treasurer.



Marianne Hughes

WMA KY-1 Winning Colors

Chapter Vice-President Helen Taylor is also very active in the local Marine Corps League detachment where she chairs a twice weekly bingo that raises most of the revenue that the league uses for its charitable causes. She is an active member of the chapter's "Last Detail" that visits the families of deceased Marines in the Louisville metro area. For her dedication and hard work, she was selected as the detachment's Co-Marine of the Year.

In April Mary Broussard attended the convention planning meeting held in Quantico. May was a busy month with Mary, Marjorie Cox, Claudia Reeves and Carolyn Wren presenting WMA awards to cadets at four area MCJROTC units. The upcoming convention will be a first for many of the members who are eager to show off their hometown. They are looking forward to seeing so many women veterans in one place and possibly renewing friendships from their years of service.

Mary Broussard



The Fern Creek (KY) MCJROTC Lady Leathernecks that we're so proud of who competed at the Masters Level of the National Drill Team Competition in Daytona Beach against approximately 200 other schools.

WMA MA-1 Bay State

Spring is leaving us and it is getting pretty hot here in the Northeast. Everything is green and growing like crazy. Plenty of work in the yards.

We are welcoming back our snowbirds from their winter homes. Nice to see them again.

We are involved in sending parcels to the troops in Iraq, with several parcels in the mail recently. The 1st Battalion, 25th Marines, our reserve unit from this area, was deployed just after Christmas. So we have many names to keep in contact with.

Looking forward to convention.

Kay Carpenter

WMA MI-1 Michigan

On 20 May the Michigan 1 Chapter held their spring meeting at J. Oliver's Restaurant in Owosso. Social hour was between noon and 12:30 and lunch was served at 1 p.m. The tables were decorated with miniature American and Marine Corps flags. Replicas of women Marines posters used in both world wars up to the present day were displayed.

Alice Haber spoke on the Veterans' Day ceremony she attended at the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial in La Jolla, CA, on 11 November. She also attended the 16th Annual Military Women Veterans Luncheon at The Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, which was sponsored by the CA-2 chapter.



Dean Frise, husband of member Muriel Frise, surrounded by Area 4 Director Betty Jean Cannon and members of MI-1 at their spring meeting in Owosso.

Betty Cannon, Area 4 Director, reported on the latest National convention news. There are six members of MI-1 planning to attend this 24th Biennial Convention.

It was voted to send a donation to the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in Lansing. Their assistant director, Katie Cavanaugh, recently gave a lecture on "The Role of Women in the Military in World War II." Some women from MI-1 have been interviewed by Kate. Their interviews are not only at the Michigan Women's Historical Center, but they also have been forwarded to Library of Congress Veterans Project.

The hostesses for this meeting were Genny Luckey and Alice Haber. Alice Phillips and Lucille Otis, of St. Helen will host the fall meeting.

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WMA MI-2 Motor City



Members of Motor City marched in the Memorial Day parade in Dearborn. Pictured are Esther Odom, Elsie Gleason and Kay German.

Our June meeting was hosted by Wendy Hopkins (who was absent due to emergency surgery) and was a huge success. If she does this well not being able to attend we can hardly wait to see what she can do when she can attend. She had great folders made up that highlighted the visit of Col Sara Phoenix as well as the award for Mary Merritt and a great address book and freebies for all who attended.

The convention was the topic for the day and we are concentrating on making this a very memorable day. To see what we have planned you have to attend. We promise you will love it. We are all ready for the great time that awaits us in Louisville. We hope to add at least one streamer to our flag this year. Lona Turner, our historian, did an awesome job getting our book ready for competition. Mary Merritt took care of getting the books ready for the chapter achievement and newsletter awards. Ribbon or no ribbons, we know that MI-2 has a winning team.

We collected so much this time for Operation Caring Friends that it took two vehicles to bring it back to Romeo. Lori Robinson with the help of the Flint Marine Corps League (MCL) filled Lori's SUV which in turn filled the two cars. Christine Tonegatto-Salo also came with a car load of items that she had collected in her community, add in items from each member and the result was fantastic. Our Marines will be very happy with this outpouring of support.

MI-2 past president, and current National PRO, Mary Merritt, was recently honored as one of the 12 Michiganians of the Year for her volunteer efforts and Operation Caring Friends. She also received a congressional award for these efforts.

The Marine Corps Band played in Clio, and Operation Caring Friends was the recipient of the event. Lori Robinson spearheaded this event to help bolster the support to our Marines. The Marine Corps League and Auxiliary were very active in supporting us.

We have been saddened by the loss of two of our members, Lou Ella Wiesensee and Maxine Magee, this past quarter. Both have been with our chapter for quite sometime. We hope to keep up the work that they started and follow through for generations to come. Semper Fidelis.

Mary Ann Merritt

WMA MN-1 Leathernecks

On 13 May, 23 members of MN-1 met to celebrate the 63rd anniversary of the women Marines at Casper's Cherokee Steak Room. This was a belated anniversary, due to the chapter voting to delay until the snowbirds could be present.

The food was great, the service superb and the camaraderie outstanding. Favors were obtained by our secretary, Julie Williams, who also made chocolate candies with the Marine Corps emblem. Table decorations were May pole candy favors made by Carol Lembrich.

There were drawings for door prizes that were donated by Fran Feiler, who made three blankets plus other gifts.

New officers (President – Ruth Klett, vice-president – Liz Whitbeck, Treasurer – Mary McGee, Secretary – Julie Williams, and Correspondence-Secretary – Emily Rodich) were installed by our Installing Officer Judy Austin. Every one had a great time despite the lousy weather.

Memorial Day Service was held 29 May at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery. This year they honored "Women in Service – Then and Now". All of the women veterans were seated in a special section to be honored by the assemblage.

The service began at 10:00 a.m. with the women veterans leading the parade behind their banner. There were canes and walkers but the gals proudly made it to the end amid loud applause and standing ovations. All the dignitaries spoke including Governor Pawlenty and Senator Dayton. The honored speaker was Col Jenny Johnson, Army Air Force and Minnesota National Guard, who retired this spring. Col Johnson is a nurse, a lawyer and a flyer. She recalled the importance of the women in the military from the time of the Civil War to the present. It was a great speech that made you proud that you were a woman veteran. The weather was in the 90s but the proceedings were so interesting that you forgot how hot it was.

There have been 15 female veterans buried so far this year, making a total of 1,172 at the cemetery. We just lost two of our WWII members, Lucille (Lucy) Mariz and Dorothy Nelson. We shall miss them.

Liz Whitbeck

WMA MO-2 MO-KAN

The MO-KAN 2 Chapter held their meeting on 30 April at Carnegie Village Nursing Home in Belton, MO. Fifteen members and our auxiliary were in attendance. Our guests for the meeting were Col Charles Delair, Cadet 1stSgt Natalie Boyd and Cadet Elvia Abarca from Ruskin High School MCJROTC in Kansas



MO-2 at their April meeting.

City, MO. After speaking with both cadets, Cadet Boyd desires to attend Annapolis, and Cadet Elvia Abarca is still contemplating her desires after graduation from high school.

Deniese Elosh

WMA NV-1 Sagebrush

On 22 April we had our regular meeting and a pizza luncheon. It was our first meeting at the Vietnam Hall Chapter 17, and a nice time was had by everyone. Some members attended the Wall that Heals, the Vietnam veterans traveling war memorial on 29 April. The MCJROTC programs were discussed and checks were made out for each deserving top female cadet. We mailed our application in for the Dolan Springs Loyalty Day Parade, and three of us marched in the parade. Our very own Laurene Quateman was interviewed by our *Veterans Reporter* newspaper and an excellent article was written about her. Our guest speaker for our meeting was Billie Dentremon of the Coast Guard SPARS. She spoke of her experiences and why she joined. She had lots of pictures to display.

In February 2006 we started working on our fund raising project. It's about to bear fruit and I am eagerly waiting to start printing and selling our raffle tickets. We were very fortunate to receive outstanding donations which should net us funds to continue the work we want to do for our veterans, both at home and in Iraq. One donation came from chapter member Cheryl Gardner who won a Richard Petty Driving Experience ride, which will be one of our best selling raffle tickets. Thanks Cheryl.

Our bylaws and the standing rules have been completed and were sent to National for approval. The committee did an excellent job.

In memory of Mary Knapp and Ethel Zabelski, \$100.00 was donated to the WMA General Fund. Ten prizes were sent to the convention to be raffled off in September.

Carol Watson

WMA OH-2 Chesty Puller

Memorial Day ceremonies were held in different parts of the state and our women did their part. We had members carry the colors in parades, organize local memorial services, plant flowers and volunteer where needed. We are scattered, but we all served.

We had our quarterly meeting and discussed the convention. We will be there with our OH-2 shirts, so everyone will know who we are. We are going in a caravan to Kentucky so we might pass you on the way.

Our president, Ellen Leidy, was selected to go to Washington, DC to be recognized for her work in government service. Ellen also received a proclamation from the governor for her work. We are proud of her. Ellen has been very busy getting ready for the

convention, but her biggest event will be getting ready for her daughter's wedding.

I would like to say "thank you" to all our members and Loyal Escorts for their work in their communities. Our members just do for others and don't ask for thanks or praise. We are Marines.

We had a wonderful time at the reception for Sharon Mutch Jones. She and new husband Dick made everyone feel good with good food, music, and drinks.

We hope our newest member Pat is settled in her new home, and hope Emma is feeling well. Until later, good wishes to all our friends in WMA and hope to see you in Kentucky.

Elva Pounders

WMA OR-3 Eager Beaver

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest...

Summer is nearly upon us and the gals from OR-3 are making plans for the remainder of 2006.

July this year will have several of our members travel north to Salem to share good food and auction fun with the women of OR-4. It's always a treat to visit and enjoy the pot-luck offerings of some of Oregon's best women Marine cooks!!

Since our chapter stretches from the Pacific Ocean to the mountains of the Cascade Range, we try to arrange one monthly meeting each year at these locations. So we all have some beautiful meeting places to anticipate.

August will see us visiting with members Dea Cutting and Nadine White who live "on the water" in Florence. The Pacific Ocean will be the backdrop for our meeting. After lunch, we always find time to peruse "Old Town" and consume a gigantic ice cream cone from which all calories have been removed!!

In September, Karen Reeves and Deb Barker will represent OR-3 at our national convention in Kentucky. After they return, our September meeting will take us to the small town of Blue River, high in the Oregon Cascade Range to the home of Helen Juza. There should be tons of interesting information for Karen and Deb to share with everyone.

At our May meeting, talk has already begun regarding having a guest speaker for our October meeting, having a table of women Marines at this year's Marine Corps Ball, and having another float in the Veteran's Day Parade. This year is flying by!

We welcome another new member this month. Peg Wilk has joined our chapter and we are very happy to have her aboard!!

I'm sorry to report we have one member in sickbay. Lucy Sawejko suffered a stroke in April. She is currently in rehabilitation and doing well. Lucy is one of our "ocean front" members and we all wish her a speedy recovery.

Recently Karen Reeves and Deb Barker took in a comedy show. The stand up comic was none other than our own member, Deb Newman. The show was a roaring success!!! If laughter is good medicine, then Deb and Karen should be well for a very long time!!!

All the women of OR-3 hope the summer is a refreshing time for everyone with lots of good memory making events. I'll let you know how our summer goes in the next issue.

Until then...

Karen Reeves

WMA PA-3 Mountain Laurel

We are sad to report the death of Maude (Holgan) Gottlieb on 4 April. Maude was a WW II Marine. She had still remained active in the chapter, working at our activities at the Gino Merli Veterans Center in Scranton, participating in the Armed Forces Week events, and faithfully showing up for all of our WMA anniversary parties. She was 89. In her last parade she insisted on marching, not riding, because her great grandchildren were waiting at the finish line to watch her march by! We represented WMA at her memorial service, reading the traditional Memorial for a Woman Marine and The Marine Prayer. Though severe loss of hearing made communication difficult, Maude maintained her sense of humor and her Marine pride and spirit until the very end. We will miss her.

Armed Forces Week again kept us busy. We attended the local luncheon and participated in the annual parade.

We are happy to introduce to you our newest member, Donna (Muraski) Gronski. Donna's active duty dates were 1953-1955 at Cherry Point. We are very glad to have her aboard.

Hope to see many of you at Convention!

Virginia M. Swartz

WMA SC-1 Phyllis Alexander

This quarter has been a little sedate after all that "action" we saw in the spring. Our chapter started "working the kitchen" at the local VFW Fairgrounds for the auction held once a month. This provided our chapter with the funds to pay for the use of our beautiful float for the Memorial Day Parade as seen courtesy of the *Beaufort Gazette*.

Sgt Kelly Carter from MCRD/ERR Parris Island was selected to receive our chapter's Phyllis Alexander Active Duty Woman Marine Scholarship for \$1000.00 for the 2006-2007 school year.



We continue to march forward with national's Molly Marine Award presentation at 4th Recruit Training Battalion.

Our whole executive board is planning to attend this year's convention in Louisville. We are planning to bring lots of wonderful items for our table in the Tack Room. We look forward to seeing you all then. A correction to our previous submission to the 'Nouncements - Mary Gluck was incorrectly identified in our clipping and picture caption. It should read Betty Cotney.

Maria Knox

WMA WI-1 Wisconsin

Activities within the WI-1 WMA during the winter, especially with the widespread membership, was very quiet but several members continued with their various other veterans organizations.



Shown pictured with several Marine Corps League (MCL) members on Memorial Day were Connie Allord on the left and Annette Howards on the right, flanking the "Fallen Warrior" Memorial at the Marine Reserve Center in Madison where it was dedicated a year ago in memory of the four Marines of the Madison detachment who were killed in Iraq. The MCL commissioned a sculptor in Milwaukee to make the memorial which was then presented to the Marine Corps. Miniatures, about 10" tall, were presented to the families of the fallen Marines. The miniatures will now be available through various PXs around the country as well as several companies who sell military memorabilia.

Earlier on Memorial Day, Marjorie Marshman gave the invocation on the Capitol steps during the ceremonies where Governor Doyle spoke and Raymond Boland was the keynote speaker. He is the past Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Madison and now the newly appointed assistant to the Army advisor in Washington. Annette placed a white rose for all of the women who have served in the U.S. military. Connie represented the women Marines on the Madison Veterans Council which plans the Memorial Day and Veterans Day observances. Marge represented the Madison Firing Squad where she has been a member for many years, now their Chaplain.

The Wisconsin Chapter met in Fond du Lac on 6 May with a good turnout. The happy camaraderie among members we don't see often tops even the good food. Hazel Strook seems to have

become our "hostess in residence" in planning the meeting and providing the door prizes. Stories and pictures are shared as well as planning our future, especially the upcoming convention. Hazel will be presenting our chapter colors at the opening ceremonies. We thank her for her dedication.

Before Memorial Day there were about 1500 flags placed on veterans' graves at Resurrection Cemetery in Madison by the MCL and volunteers such as two Boy Scout troops. It is a beautiful sight to see the many flags fluttering in the breeze, each one representing a veteran who has served our country and who has been remembered, and Connie's husband among them. She has been fully involved for many years in planning, placing the flags and in their removal to be stored for another year.

At the recent spring conference of the MCL held in Oconomowoc it was learned that Maureen Hornung of Jackson, WI had been named the Marine Of The Year of the Badger Detachment. Way to go Maureen!

We're sure that many other WMA members throughout the state have been "doing their thing" in various veterans organizations but we don't hear about them. Whoever and wherever they are we're sure they proudly represent the FEWER, THE PROUDER, THE WOMEN MARINES. Semper Fidelis.

Connie Allord

Update:

Awards Presented to Female Marines

Awards presented to female Marines for their service in Operation Iraqi Freedom:

Purple Hearts - 22

Navy and Marine Corps

Commendation medals with "V" - 9

Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medals with "V" - 7

Bronze Stars - 18

WMA National Merchandise Sales

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

- NEW** WMA insulated travel mugs (red with USMC emblem on both sides). . \$8.00
- NEW** WMA insulated travel mugs (green with WMA patch on one side and the USMC emblem on the other side). \$8.00
- WMA Cap (3 months delivery). \$30.00
- Chapter designation: _____ - _____
- Example: CA-1 (4 spaces only except USA-1,2,3.) Size: (1" above ears - allow for hair style)
- 20 1/2 - 20 7/8 XSmall 22 3/4 - 23 1/8 Large
- 21 1/4 - 21 5/8 Small 23 1/2 - 23 7/8 XLarge
- 22 - 22 3/8 Medium 24 1/4 - 24 5/8 XXLarge
- Golf shirts, white, sizes M, L, XL (ladies sizes) \$28.00
- Each shirt embroidered with WMA logo and name (if desired)



40% Sale on Selected Items - supplies are limited

- Medallion, '90 Denver Conv \$3.00
- Individual bezels \$4.00
- 50th Anniversary Medallions \$5.00
- 50th Anniversary Paper Weights . . . \$10.00

Make All Checks Payable to WMA
 Contact: Gloria Nix, Merchandise Sales Chairman
 3802 North 12th Ave.
 Pensacola, FL 32503-3162
 email: Dixidust@bellsouth.net

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

Books

Item: Not "Just Another Cookbook" More than 100 recipes by food grouping. Size: 6" x9"
Cost: \$5.75 (includes shipping) **Chapter:** NC-1
Contact: Mary Sabourin, 110 Bryan Court, Jacksonville, NC 28540



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Item: A limited edition booklet of line drawings portraying Women Marines, signed and numbered by the artist, Marion A. Alien, a Regimental Artist during WWII. The original art is now a part of the U.S. Marine Corps Art Collection at the Museums Branch, Washington, D.C. Printed in Forest Green ink.
Size: 12-Page Booklet (10" X7-1/4")
Cost: \$3.00 (including postage) **Chapter:** TX-2
Contact: Barbara Clark, 3539 Teakwood Drive, Pearland, TX 77584 or e-mail Brchoho@aol.com



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Item: History Book of WRs and the MCWR Band in WWII
Cost: \$17.00 (includes mailing) **Chapter:** USA-1 (WR Band)
Contact: Bonnie Medin, 3585 Round Barn Blvd. #334, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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Item: We Are Marines: History & stories from women who served & are serving (2006 Fundraiser)
Cost: \$25.00 (\$4 shipping & handling)
Checks: NC-1
Contact: Mary Sabourin, 110 Bryan Court, Jacksonville, NC 28540

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Item: "The American Flag" Booklet
Cost: \$4.00 (includes shipping) Payable to: CA-8, WMA
Chapter: Texas Gulf Coast
Contact: Ozell Barksdale, President, 5394 Sierra Street, Riverside, CA 92504 (951) 688-2806 e-mail:ozellb@pacbell.net



Cards/Stationery

Item: Note pads- 3"x5" green border and WMA logo in the center on a light yellow background. These are unique!
Cost: \$3.50 for a pack of 3 pads which includes postage
Checks: CO-1, WMA **Chapter:** Colorado Columbine
Contact: Paula Sarlls, 3066 So. Granby St., Aurora, CO 80014

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Item: Name Tags, White w/ green border and logo; Two lines (name and organization); 3" x 1"
Cost: \$8.00 **Chapter:** Make checks to FL-2
Contact: Sylvia Morgan, 13662 87th Avenue, Seminole, FL 33776

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Item: One-sided Chapter Membership cards
Cost: 20 cents each (includes postage) **Chapter:** WMA-NJ-1, Garden State
Contact: Winifred Reuschle, 49 Scott Drive, Bayville, NJ 08721-1224

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Item: WMA Postcard - 5 1/2" x 4 1/4" Wide green stripe top & left margins. WMA logo in upper left corner
Cost: 10 for \$1.60; 15 for \$2.10; 20 for \$2.60 (prices include P&H)
Checks: CA-7, WMA **Chapter:** EMVSC (CA-7)
Contact: Eleanor L. Judge, 282 San Dimas Avenue, Oceanside, CA 92057

Decals

Item: "My Grandmother was a Marine" decal for t-shirt
 "My mother was a Marine" decal for t-shirt
Cost: \$2.25 each (includes shipping)
Item: Women Marine Rose Decal (1 large, 2 small)
Cost: \$3.50 **Chapter:** Ohio Emerald (OH-1)
Contact: Mary Lou Gruber, Treasurer, 30427 Wolf Road, Bay Village, OH 44140

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Item: WMA Decal (Inside auto windshield)
Cost: \$1.00 ea. (includes postage). For Chapters: \$20 for 25 decals
Chapter: Make checks payable to Gold Coast of Florida (FL-3)
Contact: Ruth Beisner, Lyndhurst E-99, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442

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Item: Seals
Cost: \$1.25 for 10 **Chapter:** Make checks to FL-2
Contact: Sylvia Morgan, 13662 87th Avenue, Seminole, FL 33776

Shirts and Sweats

Item: Night Shirt/VCoverup, White, knee length, round neck, WMA logo "The Few, The Proud" in green
Cost: \$20.00 (Includes postage and handling)
Size: One-size-fits-most, short sleeve only **Chapter:** Bay State, MA-1
Checks: Payable to Bay State Chapter, WMA
Contact: Joyce Barden, 56 Poor St, Andover, MA 01810

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Item: White Sweatshirts and T-Shirts Women Marines' logo in green (WWI, Current, WWII) Courtesy of Col Charles Waterhouse
Cost: Sweatshirts: L, XL \$20.00; XXL \$22.00 T-Shirts: L, XL \$9.00; XXL Sold Out (Prices include shipping)
Contact: Jeanne Hesser, 217 Laurel Ct, Swatara Village, Pine Grove, PA 17963

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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

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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)

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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.

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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-XXXX
Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller
Contact: Ellen Leidy, 1107 Columbus Ave., Barberton, OH 44203 (330) 825-8935 e-mail: leidyrun@aol.com

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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

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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 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

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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

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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



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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



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Chapter: FL-7 First Coast
Contact: Gayle Plant, President FL-7, PO Box 463
 Keystone Heights, FL 32656; (352) 473-7826

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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



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



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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



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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" x4-1/2"
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

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

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

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



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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

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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



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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

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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

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

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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

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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

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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

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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



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

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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)

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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**
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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 ...\$175.00 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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