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## Another Passing

For those of you who have not received the news, Area 8 Director and AZ-1 president Shirley Heckard passed away on 9 January after a valiant battle with cancer. Funeral services were held on 14 January at the United Methodist Church of Sun Lakes, AZ. The family requested that contributions be made to Hospice of Arizona, 2222 W. Northern Ave., Ste A-100, Phoenix, AZ 85021 in lieu of flowers. Shirley was 73.

Bettie Lerdall, Gwen Cochran, Gretchen Thibodeau, June Dempsey and Jeanne Botwright attended the service. Although they all thought they knew Shirley pretty well, they were amazed at what she had accomplished in her life and how much she was loved by her many friends and acquaintances. The rather large church was nearly filled and there were representatives from the many organizations to which she belonged. Her family placed some of her awards on a table for all to view. Prominent were certificates from WMA and her WMA cover. Many told them how much Shirley loved the Marine Corps and WMA.



**Shirley at the Installation Brunch during the 2004 Convention.**

### A Word

Shirley was one of the first National Officers I met when I became an Area Director and she befriended me right away. I remember her smile and sweet spirit well. She worked diligently in her post as Area Director and participated as much as she possibly could in board meetings and convention activities. She always made a point of including me and making me feel welcome. We talked about health issues and she always gave me good ideas that helped me feel better. I last saw her in Louisville this past Labor Day and she was just as sweet as ever, and even though I think she was tired, she walked downtown to have dinner with all of us after the board meeting and we laughed and really enjoyed some of her stories. She will be missed by all of us and WMA weeps for her loss and the streets of heaven rejoice in their new Marine.

Semper Fidelis, my friend. God bless you and your family.

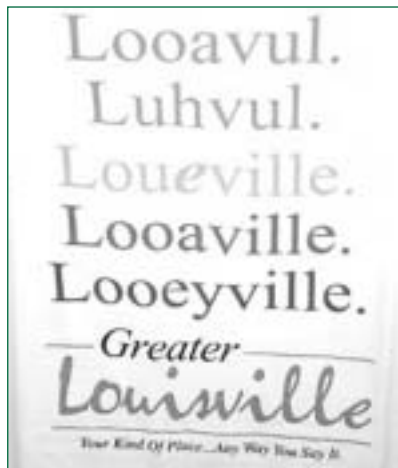
*Paula Sarlls*

## Giddy-up!

Whoa, filly! Have you given thought to going to the convention in Louisville this September? Well, if you haven't, the clock's a-tickin'. You've already missed one call to the starting gate; the first early registration for the convention just passed (1 Feb). It'll cost you \$3 more now!

And with that, this convention is rearing back on its hind legs and showing itself to be different from past conventions. From the registration right down to what we affectionately call "The Boutique", this is going to be a convention for the history books.

Let's start with the name...24th Biennial Convention and Professional Development Conference. I don't know about you, but that's a mouthful! No disrespect to the convention committee, but for space reasons, I'm just referring to it as the "convention" here. That should be your first indication that there will be more going on than during past conventions. Seminars are scheduled for every-



one, not just for the active duty in attendance. With my editor duties multiplying as it is at a convention, I think the committee is secretly trying to kill me. I'm going to be exhausted!!

It's in Louisville. However you want to say it, there are shirts available in gift shops with the different pronunciations. Louisville has a lot to offer by way of sights, which you'll see in upcoming

issues of the newsletter.

Home of Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby, the theme of this convention is "Race of the Decade". Everything relates to horse racing. Your hotel room is your "stall". And no, there won't be hay on the floor. The Boutique is now called the "Tack Room". No, space is limited, so no saddles or bridles or horse blankets. The banquet room is now the "arena" where we get to strut our stuff! And the hospitality room is now the "corral". The Loyal Escorts are in charge of keeping the "water trough" full.

I wonder if the registration area will be renamed the "paddock".

So why not pack your saddlebag with your favorite racing colors and gallop on over to the blue grasses of Kentucky. Mint juleps, southern hospitality and a bond and camaraderie only we as Marines know await. What a combination! Let's fill the Galt House with our own brand of Marine roses.

Tally ho!!

*Sondra Metzger*



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# President's Message

Happy New Year to all!

A new and exciting year lays ahead of us, ladies. We have much to be grateful for and much work to do. I hope you are all planning an Anniversary celebration and will enjoy your activity, whatever it is. Your Board of Director's is working on several exciting projects on your behalf. One of them is a new website with updated capabilities and information at your finger tips. Another is an updated membership brochure/poster as well as a membership campaign/contest. Your history committee is working diligently to complete their projects. I urge you to share your history with Nancy Wilt and the people on her committee. There are many ways to do this and it's important that your history be preserved. The book that Mary Bacon Hale was assigned to do is progressing, but your orders and histories are important and need to be shared with

her. The convention committee is hard at work, too. This promises to be a very exciting and unique convention and I urge you to attend if at all possible. It's scholarship application time – don't miss out on this opportunity. In short, every committee, representative, and officer of WMA is busy, busy, busy. We do so much

*I hope you are all planning an Anniversary celebration and will enjoy your activity...*

across the country that it's difficult to keep up with all of it. You have much to be proud of. And don't forget that elections are near. Think about what you can do for WMA. If there's an area where you can serve nationally please contact Rhonda Amtower, 2nd VP. Don't be shy!

Lastly, let me say that our rich history and proud tradition are things we have in common, no matter what our age or years of service. Reach out to new members and show your interest in them, engage them in conversation, be interested in their accomplishments and modestly share yours. Remember: *There was a definite process by which one made people into friends, and it involved talking to them and listening to them for hours at a time.* ~ REBECCA WEST (1892 - 1983)

I am continuing to study my position as President and learn more every day to serve you better. I remain Semper Fidelis!

*Paula Sarlls*



## 2006 Women Marines Anniversary Message from the President of WMA

As we approach this 63rd Anniversary of women in the Marine Corps, I am compelled to remember the exceptional contributions that women of the United States have made to this nation while serving in the United States Marine Corps, not to mention the incalculable ways in which our roles have changed since 1918.

Women served as "Marinettes" in World War I and though some of them learned about firearms, their roles were principally administrative in

nature. As Women Reserves in World War II women "freed a man to fight" to that point that the 6th Marine Division was able to be formed. Again, the role of female Marines was limited to the "home front" roles. Today as "Marines" women serve right along men in nearly every MOS and location that men serve in.

Noticeable in political and journalism speak is the change from saying

"men in uniform" to "men and women in uniform" and similar statements. The level of respect is a significant change.

I salute the women who have served and paved the road and those who now serve setting examples and making history that exemplifies our proud motto "Semper Fidelis!" When I see

the performance of young women in the Corps today, I am brought to tears thinking of the contrast in the struggle I had and the respect they now enjoy, not to mention their remarkable physical performance. It's overwhelming to see that profound progress and I am very proud to have been a minuscule part in our history. May God bless our Marines everywhere and the United States of America.

I remain yours, Semper Fidelis!

*Paula Sarlls*

## WMA History Book



The WMA Board of Directors approved Mary Bacon Hale to write the third installment in its commemorative book series documenting the history of women in the USMC. It has been 10 years since they last produced such a book. The success of this book depends on WMA members' support in supplying stories and photos. It is also dependant on our orders. You should have received a brochure by now explaining the project and giving order information. I urge each of you to share your history, no matter how recent or how old. It's all very important to preserve. WMA benefits from the profits of this book, too.

Bios should be sent to either Turner Publishing at Women Marines Association, c/o Turner Publishing Company, PO Box 3101, Paducah, KY 42002-3101, or to Mary Bacon Hale, 17115 Village 17, Camarillo, CA 93012-7401, email: MHale0724@aol.com.

*Paula Sarlls*

## History Book Flyer Error

The flyer that was prepared and mailed by Turner Publishing stated that you would be charged for bios over 150 words. THIS IS NOT TRUE. You will NOT be charged. You are NOT limited to 150 words. So please... tell us all about your service in as many words as you want to use.

# FDR's Funeral: The Response

I'm not sure which item in the last newsletter got the biggest response...the item about Molly, or FDR's funeral procession.

I'd like to thank everyone who responded to both stories. There's an update on Molly elsewhere in this issue; however, below is what I have received about FDR's funeral.

*"I was thrilled to read your account of President Roosevelt's funeral detail because it was my honor to be in the first squad of the funeral procession. This, of course, was due to the fact that I was 5' 10" tall.*

*My CO, Lt. Suzanne McWethy, asked me to select 40 of the tallest women in our company, Company G at Henderson Hall, to march.*

*I recollect that we were not behind the caisson, but behind a contingent of sailors who were behind the President's caisson. I had a photograph of us marching in front of the Navy Department...and have searched my house high and low for it. A note I had written to be put in an album with the picture read: '400 Lady Marines marched in President Roosevelt's funeral today on the way to the White House. Sailors and Soldiers were posted on guard from Union Station to the White House.'*

*I don't know what your plans are for this information...but I sure would like to find that picture and will continue looking. Most sincerely and Semper Fi... Peg Bandy, NY-5"*

Well Peg, someone else found one.



Thank you to Delores (Adler) Fix, who also marched that day ("third row – right guard") for both photos accompanying this story. Delores has a newspaper photo that shows the SPARS in front of the caisson.

And another...

*"Just received the fall 2005 issue of WMA 'Nouncements, and as usual enjoyed browsing through it. Especially enjoyed reading the article of the funeral detail: 14 April 1945 of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Which brought back my great memories of being a part of that elite platoon, participating in honoring a great President of the United States of America.*

*Yes, I was indeed a part of that platoon. I joined the Marine Corps in March 1943, went thru Boot Camp at Hunter College*



*and was then assigned to Marine Headquarters where I spent my entire Marine career. When the war ended I was separated in September 1945 so I could get home when my husband returned from his battle experiences in the European Theater of War.*

*Yes, marching in that platoon on that sad day was one of the memorable highlights of my Marine Corps experience. Sincerely, Margaret 'Meg' Thornley Williams"*

And lastly, from Audrey Pricher, which also came with pictures. You can find Audrey in the front row, fifth going from right to left.

*"I just finished reading WMA 'Nouncements about the Funeral Detail: 14 April 1945.*

*Yes, I marched in President Roosevelt's funeral down Pennsylvania Avenue. As you can see by the pictures the Lady Marines were right behind the caisson. I have marked my spot with an arrow. In the letter I wrote to my Aunt Jo on April 16, 1944 I said it was Constitution Ave. Just a slip up on my part. I also noticed in the letter on page 2 in the center—and I quote, 'Immediately in front of the caisson which held the President's casket were the WAVES and we proceeded them'. As I recall we were in back of the caisson. I had a mistake in the wording. I made a mistake in the wording when I wrote to my Aunt."*

Below is an excerpt of the letter Audrey wrote to her Aunt Jo.

*"At last I have something of interest to write about. I guess that is really what I have been waiting for and I know you will share my honor with me.*

*Tuesday evening I was chosen, along with 129 other Lady Marines to march in the funeral procession for the late President. I truthfully felt honored because there are 2500 Lady Marines here at Headquarters.*

*We started at Union Station and ended three blocks past the White House. As we went along Constitution Avenue there was no noise. The only thing that could be heard, above the thumping of one's heart, was the clicking heels as they hit the street all at the same time and Lieutenants calling the guard who, lined both sides of the street, to attention as the hearse came in view. Immediately in front of the caisson which held the President's casket marched the Waves and we proceeded them. So you can readily see why the soldiers snapped to attention when we passed. Thousands of people lined both sides of the street of all ages. Yes, it was a great honor I thought an experience I shall never forget."*

I've looked online for more photos, and found one that showed the WAVES in front of the caisson and vehicles behind it.

I also heard from Pat Kelly (DC-1), Virginia Anderson about the late Marjorie Lee Smith and Grace Hale, all who marched in the procession.

Thank you to all the ladies who responded. Your pride at having been asked to be a part of that sad day shows.

*Sondra Metzger*



# Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter



At next year's conference in Louisville, the Loyal Escorts will have two board meetings and two business meetings. Please take the time to attend the business meetings. We need all the support we can get and besides, it might even be fun. We will also be setting up and running the hospitality suite for three nights. Hope all of you will help your board of directors out by volunteering a little of your time to help out.

While on the topic of the conference, please remember to register for the Loyal Escort's meetings separately by sending a check to Jeanne Cantrell. You and your sponsor must use the WMA sign-up form for your meals and send this form to the WMA.

Let's get on a recruitment binge. Two new streamers were authorized to be

awarded for new sign-ups. One for the chapter that recruits the most new WMA members and one for the chapter that recruits the most new Loyal Escorts. Let's get out there and help the ladies recruit LEs and help ourselves at the same time.

We need a slate of 2006-2008 officers. We do not have a current nominating committee so I will volunteer all the current Loyal Escort officers to be it this year. Please get any nominations to one of the LE officers by the first board of director's meeting in Louisville. To nominate someone, the nominator must have that person's permission that he/she will accept the position nominated for if elected.

I sadly must report the passing of Loyal Escort William J. Billeb, SgtMaj, USMC (Ret), husband of former SgtMaj of Women Marines Bertha Peters Billeb, on 7 January at the age of 83. He spent

31 distinguished years in the Corps during WWII, the Korean Conflict, and four



**SgtMaj William J. Billeb**

tours of duty in Vietnam. Bill is survived by his wife Bertha, two daughters, a granddaughter, and many family members in Florida and numerous friends across the country. Bill's final resting place is the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, where a Military Memorial Service was held on 27 January. Semper Fidelis, Sergeant Major.

Time is flying the older I get and we must remember Louisville is right around the corner. To all, Happy New Year and hope to see all the LEs in Louisville this September. "Semper Fi" Dossin out...

*Paul F. Dossin*

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## Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Registration Form

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

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

Pre-Registration Deadline: 31 July 2006

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

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

Meals Registration: Use WMA meals form

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**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**

# N.C. Marine barracks helps wounded troops

From the first day of boot camp, a Marine is part of a team, rarely serving or fighting alone. That ends when a Marine is severely injured in combat and rushed from the field for medical care. Those without family to care for them at home can find themselves alone with no place to go.

"They don't even have uniforms," said Lt. Gen. James Amos, commander of the II Marine Expeditionary Force. "A lot of their stuff was left in Iraq or lost."

To give recovering Marines daily support and companionship, the military created the Wounded Warrior Support Section, a renovated barracks at Camp Lejeune.

There is nothing else like it in the Marine Corps, Amos said. Some battalion commanders were initially reluctant about the idea, he said, but the experience of wounded Marines living and recovering with each other has proven to aid their healing process.

"Some of these kids have seen things

that few humans will see in life," said Amos, whose commands include more than 47,000 Marines and sailors. "When you're in a huge gun battle, you come away with thoughts and memories. Some may struggle with it. What we found is these kids need to talk to one another."

The new facility has the look and feel of an all-suite motel, with carpeted hallways, separate bedrooms and sitting areas, and door handles and bathroom bars designed specifically for injured residents

In previous wars, most of those severely wounded in combat would have left the military. But leaps in medical technology mean that even amputees can return to the battlefield, which includes a Marine lieutenant with a prosthetic leg who is now leading a combat unit in Iraq. Up to 30 percent of those wounded will remain in the Corps.

Since the 2003 invasion of Iraq, 955 Marines from the II Marine Expeditionary Force have been wounded in combat, including more than 200 troops from

Lejeune that deployed in March. Most of the 200 are with parents at home or in hospitals around the country, Amos said, but others are without an obvious place to convalesce.

It cost about \$50,000 to upgrade the barracks on the ground floor of a building near Amos' headquarters on the New River.

Computers ready for Internet surfing greet incoming Marines in one room, while in another plush recliners and sofas line walls in view of a big-screen television.

In each suite, furniture donated by businesses in nearby Jacksonville creates a homelike setting. All have TVs with cable and telephone as well as a DVD player, a mini-refrigerator and microwave.

The Corps has plans to open a similar facility at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and at other bases.

*Excerpted from an article  
by Estes Thompson  
Associated Press Writer*

## An Update

Some time ago I sent out a request for cards and letters to LuVena (Peggy) Snyder Gannon in Wyoming. She's a WWII vet and lives alone. Her dog died and she broke her arm, has cancer, and a bad heart. Her friends and family are dwindling. Yet, she is always cheerful and sweet when I talk to her – a real gem of a woman.

She says she is not a former Marine but always says she is a Marine and proud of it! Her friends call her "Sarge".

She called and said that the cards and letters she received from us overwhelmed her and kept her going when she didn't

care if she lived or not. Everyday more cards came and she is slowly healing. Her birthday is in January and she tells people she's just 69! Her son moved from California to WY and her daughter lives there, too so she won't be alone for Christmas, but she is lonely.

She wanted me to write everyone and let them know how very much she appreciated our support. She didn't get it from the other veterans' organizations that she belonged to for years and worked so hard supporting, but "these sisters in the Corps are outstanding" and she really loves you all. She mentioned one prayer card she got from Missouri and said how she prays for

that woman daily and the card has given her great strength.

Ladies, I can't tell you how very much your thoughtfulness has done for Peggy and how proud I am of WMA that we step up in cases like this. Please pass this along to members on your contact list and let them know she loves and appreciates the support. May God bless each of you and give you a great Christmas and Holiday season!

LeVena (Peggy) Gannon, 2661 West Jackson St, Laramie, WY 82070, 307-745-4547

Semper Fidelis!

*Paula Sarlls*



In the fall issue, stories were published about the three service women who perished when the truck they were in was hit by a suicide bomber. The photo above shows the truck in the distance. Yes, it's the ball of flame.



This picture shows the difference in the old (top) and new (bottom) cloth chevrons for the female uniforms.

The new chevrons are 70 percent of the male uniform item.

*Photo by:  
Lawrence  
Giberson*

## Chaplain's Corner

I had a friend in high school named Linda. At graduation Linda wrote in the class will that she willed her ability to get into messes to her sister who had never been in a mess. Linda was saying something true about her life and she willed something very important to her sister.

Linda could get into messes but she knew when she was in one and was very creative about getting out of them. In fact, much of Linda's creativity and productivity proceeded out of the disorderliness of her life. I have often met people who are trying to make their lives perfect. Their houses are immacu-

late, their kids always washed, their lives are scheduled to the minute, relationships are kept tightly under control and when a crisis comes and destroys the order they often have difficulty coping.

Everyone gets into messes, no one is perfect. Spiritual growth and maturity are about overcoming the messes of our lives, not organizing them out of existence. The mess of a failed relationship, the loss of a job, the death of a loved one - all these things are inevitabilities of life and also the way we move to the final perfection promised by God.

So, go out and get into a mess or two. You may learn a lot.

*Rev Bev*

## Taps: June - December 2005

### LIFE MEMBERS

Adamoyurka, Jane (Taylor) # 295 (MA-2) died 3 August 2005  
Allen, Muriel (Jones) #1360 (IL-2) died 6 July 2005  
Anderson, Margaretta (Peterson) # 2444 (FL-8) died 21 September 2005  
Bowlins, Helen (Frey) #1521 (WA-2) died 1 May 2005  
Carmichael, Margaret (Allebrand) #221 (Area 10) died 10 July 2005  
Crowel, Patricia (Reid) #602 (CA-6) died 7 May 2005  
Dye, Rachel (Haire) #931 died 30 August 2005  
Fitz, Irene #19 (NV-1) died 25 September 2005  
Fredrick, Dorothy # 1477 (WA-1) died 30 June 2005  
Glover, June (Ditzler) #1433 (AZ-1) died June 2005  
Higley, Joyce (Young) #478 (NV-1) date unknown  
Hall, Margaret (Seysler) #2020 (CA-2) died 14 September 2003  
Jones, Louise (Stringfield) #719 (IL-2) died 24 October 2005  
Kiemele, Mary Elsie (Nelson) #2598 (GA-1) died 7 May 2005  
Kline, Janet (Needelman) #1263 (FL-3) died 5 September 2005  
Martin, Edna (Vache) #184 (CA-8) died 30 August 2005  
McCune, Dorothy (Kearney) #132 (IL-2) died 15 July 2005  
Noble, Elizabeth #75 (CA-2) died 25 May 2005  
Portlance, Evelyn #1734 (MN-1) died 29 January 2005  
Reuter, Hazel M. #439 (WA-1) died 5 October 2005  
Rose, Mary Anna (Bishop) #1895 (IL-2) died 30 October 2005  
Shaw, Eleanor (Whitehead) #125 (CA-2) died 29 May 2005  
Vaccaro, Catherine (McGuinness) #250 (NV-1) date unknown  
Waeiss, Gloria #1257 (MI-1) died 18 September 2005  
Woodruff, Claudine A. #1056 died 14 March 2005  
Zimmer, Betty (Singleton) #1317 (CA-7) died July 2005

### TERM MEMBERS

Brown, Edith (McCullough) (IA-1) died 8 July 2005  
Burnett, Trula (Johnson) died 3 November 2005  
Dooley, Louise (Minnick) (IA-1) died 5 July 2005  
Dowers, Elizabeth (Osterberg) (CA-2) died 7 April 2005  
Falbo, Rose Marie (MN-1) died Aug/Sep 2005  
Paul, Nancy Lee (Ashley) died 1 November 2005  
Woodrey, Lucille (Nielson) (CA-7) died 10 July 2005  
Zdan, Irene (Yakimovich) (MI-2) died 29 June 2005

### OTHER MARINES

Lucia Berruti Daugherty  
died 23 February 2004 (WWII)  
Margaret (Margo) Duggan  
died 17 April 2005 (WWII)  
Carolyn Orehovic Reuter  
died 19 February 2005 (WWII)  
Mary H. Donohue (Haveran)  
died 2 July 2005 (former member, WWII)



Arlington at Christmas

## WMA Co-sponsors Essay Contest

WMA is co-sponsoring an essay contest. Below are the criteria.

1. Must be educational and 1,500 words on any subject pertaining to women in the Marine Corps.
2. Open to any military author. Submission for the contest constitutes the author's permission to publish. It is the responsibility of the author to meet any requirement for prepublication review prior to submission.

**First Prize:** \$500, four-year membership in the Women Marines Association (if appropriate), one book from and free registration at the Women In Military Service to America (WIMSA) (if appropriate).

**Second Prize:** \$250, two-year membership in the Women Marines Association (if appropriate), and one book from and a free one-year membership in the Marine Corps Association.

**Deadline:** Postmarked by 1 June 2006 to WMA Essay Contest, Leatherneck Magazine, PO Box 1775, Quantico, Va. 22134; email submission to: w.ford@mca-marines.org -- date time stamped no later than 2349 1 June 2006.

**Co-sponsors:** Women Marines Association, Women in Military Service to America, Marine Corps University Foundation and Marine Corps Association

## Scholarship Chair

The Scholarship Chairman is Luann Weeks. Scholarship applications should be sent to her at: Luann Weeks, 251 SW 1300th Road, Chilhowee, MO 64733-8133, e-mail: ldweeks@pocketmail.com.

## HQ Liaison

Pat Bond McLane has taken over as the Headquarters Marine Corps Liaison as of 1 October 2005.

## Pending Promotions

BGen Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin's name is on the list for promotion to Major General. The promotion requires Senate confirmation that should occur sometime this summer. The general doesn't expect to be promoted for at least another year.

Col Angela Salinas has been nominated for appointment to the grade of brigadier general. BGen-select Salinas is currently serving as the chief of staff, Marine Corps Recruiting Command, Quantico, Va.

Reserve Col Tracy L. Mork has also been nominated for appointment to brigadier general. BGen-select Mork, currently the deputy commander, 4th Force Marine Logistics Group, New Orleans, is the first female reserve colonel to be appointed to brigadier general.

Congratulations to these outstanding Marines!

## WR Band Quilt

From the USMCWR Band which was active during WWII, came a group of women of remarkably diverse interests, work, and hobbies.



Jeanne Loy

One of these, Jeanne Nelson Loy, who played the oboe during her time with the band, has made her place in the world of quilting. Many others followed musical careers. Helen Hammond, a trumpet player, still plays with groups in the area around Lakewood, CA. Gil Grady, a saxophonist, is also still active with music. Charlotte Plummer Owen, until her recent death, directed, taught, and played her clarinet. Some took different roads. Jeanne Loy has made her mark in the world of quilts. Equally critical to the world of oil, watercolor, pen and pencil works of art is the intricate design and handwork of the quilter. A remarkably diverse balance of colors, placement, and dynamics done with cloth and hand-work, will be judged by experts in each entry in a variety of categories in the



The finished WR Band quilt in 1993.

world of the quilter's art. Jeanne is well-known and respected for the uniqueness and quality of her craft, and we are proud of her as we were proud that she was one of us during our time in the Women's Reserve Band.

In the early 1990's, some of the former WR Band members decided that a quilt made by all would make a good memorial item to celebrate their 50th anniversary in 1993. So of course, Jeanne was asked to take on the design and work of getting the pieces together. Diversity in blocks, colors, and expression made the task difficult, but the final product is unique and lovely, as seen. When shown the quilt is accompanied by the names of the contributors and pictures of the band taken during World War II.

The quilt with the circles has a unique history. Jeanne bought nine of the blocks which were in need of cleaning, repairing, and some replacement. She hand-embroidered around each fan, and then the circles, and finished by placing them in a "crazy" design. It took 2000 hours from start to finish. The outstanding



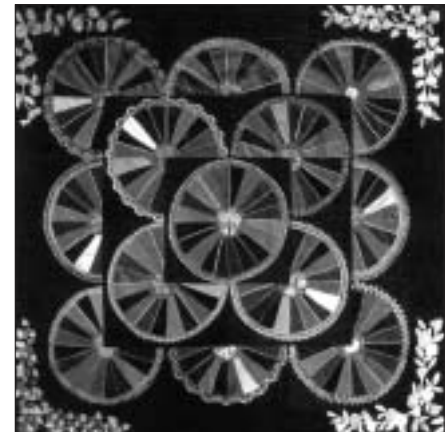
Jeanne with her "labor of love".

ing result is typical of her work. The National Quilting Society used a photo of the quilt for their first advertising, and also sold 5" metal boxes at their shows with the design on top. All the embroidery was done with a single strand of marlite thread from Germany. It was given a blue ribbon in Ohio for the NQA show.

I don't think Jeanne plays the oboe anymore. But I'll take a bet that her needles make music, and that her quilts are precious art to whoever receives one.

**Lorraine Miller McKinnon**

**WR Band Drum Major and tuba player**  
(Ed. Note: Our apologies to Jeanne and the Band for our inability to truly show the work on both these quilts due to black & white publishing. The colors and embroidery are exceptional, and the black & white version doesn't do either of them justice.)



The "2000 hour" award-winning quilt.

## Molly Marine Awards presented



Molly Marine Awards were presented to the following Marines: (photo 1) Pvt Hope Schooley, Corpus Christi, TX and PFC Shauna Paddie, Longview, TX; (photo 2) Pvt Lauren Steffen, Waterloo, Iowa and Pvt Monica Mendoza, El Paso, TX; (photo 3) PFC Yolanda Gonzalez, San Bernardino, CA and PFC Charlotte Edwardson, High Springs, FL. Capt Linda Priest (RET) is shown in her "vintage" dress blues making two of the presentations.

## Parris Island, 1949



These women were the first female Marines to staff the new Marine Corps recruit training center for women at Parris Island in April 1949.



## Letter to the Editor

Dear Madam Editor,

This is from the new Kentucky chapter Winning Colors. One of our young female Marines who served on embassy duty during her eight years in our beloved Corps is Susan Vogedes. Marine Corps League Detachment 729 (KY) has a Last Detail which pays respect to deceased Marines. My husband is the detachment chaplain.

On 9 November he read that on 10 November a 90-year-old female Marine, one of the first women to enlist in the Corps, was to be laid out. He summoned the detail and we called all of our female members of which we have two WWII WRs, one in a health facility and one a Captain, very active but could not attend the detail, and all the members of Winning Colors, of which some were unable to attend.

Arriving at the funeral home we were met by one of six of Lela Higgins'

daughters who were thrilled that we had come to pay our last respects to her mother. Attending were Richard Taylor, Charlie Unterreiner, Pat and Jim Spencer, Susan Vogedes, Mary Brossard, and myself, Helen Taylor. The family had tears of sorrow but they were also tears of love and a definite celebration of life. They welcomed us as family and after the short service wanted us to stay. It was very hard to leave them. I had an errand to run for the Vietnam Veteran's of America of which my husband and I are members or we would have stayed. Susan and I were talking with two of the daughters who said that their mother wanted to be buried in her Marine Corps uniform but they could not locate it and did Susan or I have any ideas on how to get one of the vintage uniforms. Susan and I looked at each other, and Susan asked who our contact at Ft. Knox is. I told her Maj Banning and she asked me to call him. Yes was my reply. I then had to leave.

Susan called me on the 11th asking if

I would be going to Cpl Higgins' mass. I couldn't due to a doctor appointment. Susan had recently moved from her mother's home to her own home. Most of her belongings were still packed. Susan had left the funeral home on the 10th and between running from her new home and her mother's had collected, pressed, polished, and returned to the funeral home with a complete set of greens for Cpl Higgins to fulfill her last wish. Her daughters were amazed and beyond thanks for Susan's act of "above and beyond". My heart was full of pride to know this Marine.

Cpl Higgins, I am sure, entered Heaven in her Marine Corps uniform as proud as she was on earth to wear it. To me, Susan is a hero and definitely provides the wind beneath my wings.

Semper Fidelis, to Susan, is exactly that... "Always Faithful".

*Semper Fidelis,  
Helen T. Taylor*

## One Marine's Story



I was the first female to belong to Security Force Company in Norfolk, VA. When I arrived from Okinawa I was a shock to the company because the barracks I would work in

was also the barracks the company lived in. There was not so much as a female

head for me to use. I had taped a manila folder to the door to alert the males that I was in there.

I lived in the Navy barracks where the female sailors lived until I moved outside of base shortly before my son was born. When I had my baby, still being part of this company, my son had many uncles. I had arrived at the company pregnant and that added a little twist on things but I was accepted by everyone there.

The uniform for the ceremonies that our company performed for the ambassadors of other countries was white trousers. White skirts were something that was not necessary until my arrival. They had skirts made special and then I

was able to participate in the future ceremonies.

My son took his first steps in the barracks and was accepted as part of the company family immediately.

I was soon followed by Cassandra Barrett who was to be the second female to belong to the company which made a trip to the field and such much easier. She and I got along well and she, too, took to my son and was very helpful with him when I needed it.

Being a single mom, belonging to a unit of all men was an experience to say the least but it was one I will never forget.

*Allison Talar*

## Operation Holiday Joy

I just wanted to let each of you know how successful Operation Holiday Joy was. I know that many sent stockings and boxes. I received an email from SSgt Ronna Weyland who informed me that Camp Fallujah alone received approximately 1,000 Christmas stockings.

Here is part of her email:

*Mary Ann,*

*I am pretty sure you made your 1,000 stocking quota. The amount of stockings we received was overwhelming.*

*Your efforts on this project were above and beyond. I truly believe every service member here on Camp Fallujah received a stocking for Christmas. Thank you so much for all you have done for us. Semper Fi,  
SSgt Ronna M. Weyland  
Press Chief/Editor  
II MEF PAO*

I have gotten a similar report from our contact with the 2ndMarDiv. Thank you all for your help. Thanks for



**Christmas at Camp Fallujah.**

making the holidays special for close to 2,000 Marines!

*Mary Ann Merritt  
WMA National PRO*

## 5th Marines Honored

On 13 December I had the pleasure of attending a luncheon at the Encinitas Elks Club, Encinitas, CA at which time Marines from the 5th Marines, 1stBn, were honored. These Marines had served in the Gulf War, Afghanistan and many more places. Although this is sponsored by the Elks, it was spear headed by our chapter member, Ruth Osborn and her husband Norman. This was the third luncheon that the Osborne's have been in charge of.

Of course, being Christmas, Ruth was in her Mrs. Santa Claus suit and there



One of the Marines with Ruth "Claus" Osborne.

Marines were seated between the members and some other guests, such as myself.



The Marines of 5th Marines, 1st Bn.

Col. Kelly, USMC (Ret) and Elks member hosted the event for all the Marines. Each Marine had to come forward introduce himself and give a short brief; you would be surprised at how "bashful" they were. Their ages were 18 to 27 approximately, except the 1stSgt who was soon to be promoted to SgtMaj. He was as proud of his Marines as we all were. A day soon not to be forgotten and a "JOB WELL DONE," to the Elks Club and the Osborne's.

*Ellie Judge*

## A Weekend of R&R

An event occurred Memorial Day weekend that can be compared in its rarity to that of the planets aligning. It brought together six women who spent eight weeks in 1976 "luxuriating" in the heat and sand flea infested paradise that is known as Parris Island, SC.

The occasion was the retirement of SgtMaj Debra K. (Canaday) Bowen after 28 years of honorable and faithful service and a reunion with five of her "sisters" from Platoon 7A. It was her biggest wish that she have as many of us at her retirement as she could get and with the exception of one (Viola Tovar) who had a previous family commitment, we were there!

Coming from California (Arlene Tapia), Florida (Joanne Reda), Georgia (Sheryl Young), Virginia (Beth Edgerly) and New York (Lorna Papke), we all congregated at Debbie's home in Newport, NC. Several of us had not seen each other since our last day on active duty some 25 years ago! In addition to her "sisters" from boot camp, there were other "sisters" from throughout her career as well as family and friends in attendance for the outdoor ceremony in her back yard under a breezy, sunny North Carolina sky. Members of her unit were not able to attend as they were deployed to Iraq for the 3rd time. Also by her side, as he has been for more than 24 years, was her husband George whose retirement ceremony the previous summer she had been unable to attend as she had been in Iraq on her second deployment.

At her request, the colors were carried by an all-female color guard and the ceremony officiated by Navy LtCmdr Glenda Sink (a former Marine). After several moving and emotional speeches from her



The "sisters" of 7A (l-r) Beth, Debbie, Lorna, Arlene, Joanne and Sheryl

closest friends, Debbie stepped forward and took us from tears one moment to laughter the next.

After things had quieted down a bit and most of the guests left, it was reunion time with the girls. Breaking out the photo albums and tapping into the memories and stories from days gone by, we sat on the porch and whiled away the hours laughing and catching up. Of the six of us who had gone through boot camp together, five of us had actually gone on to serve our first four years (76-80) of active duty together at HQMC in Washington. Joining in on the walk down memory lane was Julie Slominski who was a "DC sister" and had come from Arizona for the weekend. We talked about all the crazy things we did, the guys we had known and how those years formed bonds between us that are still strong. We also talked about where our lives had taken us since then; our joys and heartaches, successes and failures. It was a memorable time for all and before the evening ended we pledged to start making our reunions an annual event. None of this would have been possible without the tenacity Debbie had in keeping in contact with us or tracking us down if necessary. We are already planning next year's reunion and hope two of our DIs (Lynda Mercer and Marie Juliano) will consider joining us.

*Sheryl Hobden*

*Right: Sgt Alicia Brito, a member of the Sandia Chapter, NM-1, recently returned to Camp Pendleton after a tour or duty in Iraq. She serves as a Combat Videographer/Photographer and was stationed at Camp Taquaddum, Iraq. Along with her regular MOS duties, her additional assignments required her to participate in convoy duty and enemy prisoner of war (EPW) escort details. Sgt Brito participated in the Battle of Fallujah. She is scheduled to begin a second tour in Iraq in Feb. 2006. In the photo, (l-r) are: LCpl Jones, CMC Gen Michael Hagge, Sgt. Alicia Brito and LCpl Bussey. Submitted by Barbara Winslow, NM-1 (Ed. Note: This photo appeared in the fall issue with an incomplete caption. We apologize for the oversight.)*





## Cruisin' the Ohio

The Spirit of Jefferson is the name of the riverboat selected for a river cruise during the convention.

This is a buffet-style dinner cruise from 7 to 9 p.m. on 4 September. Dinner will consist of tossed salad greens or fresh mixed fruit salad, country styled green beans or herb roasted potatoes, smoked beef brisket or fried chicken, fruit cobbler, and complimentary coffee, iced tea and a variety of freshly baked breads and butter.

Cost for the cruise is \$33.00 for adults, \$21.00 for children ages 3-12.

Passenger capacity is 150 (we need 100 reservations for the cruise to be exclusively WMA). It features two enclosed climate controlled dining decks and one full open deck, a concession stand and bar, dance floor, stage, full on-board sound system, plus indoor and outdoor seating.

An ornamental sternwheeler, the Spirit of Jefferson has all the charm of an old-time riverboat, but with many attractive modern day touches.

To make reservations, send a separate check along with your convention registration and meals, payable to "WMA 2006 Convention" to Doris Keane, 818 Wild View Way, Knoxville, TN 37920-7609. Note in the memo section that it is for the dinner cruise.

## Free Admission to Continue

A tribute program that provided free admission to Anheuser-Busch theme parks to more than 900,000 members of U. S. and coalition armed forces and their families has been extended through 2006, company officials announced. Anheuser-Busch launched "Here's to the Heroes" in February 2005 to acknowledge the service of military men and women and the sacrifices made by their families, officials said.

The program provides a single day's free admission to any one SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park, Sesame Place, Adventure Island or Water Country USA for the servicemember and as many as three of his or her direct dependents.

Any active duty, active reserve or Ready Reserve servicemember or National Guardsman is entitled to free admission under the program. He or she need only register, either online at [www.herosalute.com](http://www.herosalute.com) or in the entrance plaza of a participating park, and show a Defense Department photo ID.

Also included in the offer are members of foreign military forces serving in the coalitions in Iraq or Afghanistan or in the United States attached to American units for training.

Inactive, standby and retired reserve members, military retirees, U. S. Merchant Marine and civilian DoD employees are ineligible for the program.

Three Anheuser-Busch parks -- SeaWorld Orlando, Busch Gardens Tampa Bay and SeaWorld San Diego -- operate year-round. The company's remaining parks are seasonal, with varying opening dates this spring. Each park's operating schedule is available online.

The company's other U.S. theme parks are Busch Gardens Williamsburg, SeaWorld San Antonio, Discovery Cove in Orlando, Sesame Place near Philadelphia, Water Country USA in Williamsburg and Adventure Island in Tampa.

## In Search Of...

Information of those who were in Platoon 17-A, 3rd Recruit Bn. The DIs were SSgt Greenwood, Sgt. D. L. Hermann, Sgt B. E. Booth, Sgt R.C. Schwab. In all these years I have never met anyone that went to boot camp with me. I must be the only one still living. How wonderful it would be to hear from some of these women.

I am Edith Ynacay (Graham). I traveled with Jo Green, Connie Valasquez,

Mary Rios and the name of the last woman escapes me, but she was of Italian decent. We left out of Los Angeles, but Connie and Mary were from San Diego I believe. I am losing my memory, but I still remember Jo singing "Blue Moon". When I hear that song I see Jo in my mind.

I can be reached at: Edith Ynacay, 1254 E. 35th St., San Bernardino, CA 92404, [eynacay@charter.net](mailto:eynacay@charter.net). Thank you!

*Edith Ynacay (Graham)*



MajGen-select Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin, representing the Commandant of the Marine Corps, accepts toys for Toys for Tots from Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.



Past National WMA President Helen Hannah Campbell (center) at the 2004 reunion of the All American Girls Professional Baseball League. Helen served as a chaperone for one of the teams.

## New Merchandise



Tired of people asking if your husband was a Marine? OH-2 has a shirt that will solve that problem for you. With "I'm The Marine In This Family" above the left breast, everyone will know. The shirts come in red or black, with a choice of a t-shirt, polo shirt, or sweatshirt.

Cost is \$15 for the t-shirt or sweatshirt and \$20 for the polo shirt. There's an added \$5 for shipping on all shirts.

The information for this shirt can be found in the Merchandise pages under Shirts and Sweats.

Another piece of new merchandise is offered by OR-3. It's a high quality 16oz stainless steel insulated travel mug with locking lid. The mug has a green WMA logo on both sides, a comfort handle and it fits a universal auto holder.

Cost of the mug is \$12, which includes shipping.

More information on this item can be found in the Merchandise pages under Miscellaneous Items.



# Marine Corps family legacy carries on as father, daughter reunite in Iraq

For many Marines, the Corps becomes a surrogate family as soon as young recruits step on the yellow footprints at Marine Corps Recruit Depots. But, for LCpl Shannon M. Flaherty, a Sewell, NJ, native, joining the Marine Corps was just another page out of her family's history book.

Flaherty, a 23-year-old, CH-53 avionics technician with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 466, is a third-generation Marine. Fate, chance or a combination of both recently brought Flaherty and her father CWO3 James M. Flaherty together for a few days in an unlikely spot for a reunion, Al Asad, Iraq.

Shannon deployed to Al Asad with the Wolfpack of HMH-466, based at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, CA, during September. James deployed to Fallujah in April. The 52-year-old infantry and engineer veteran works for II Marine Expeditionary Force's command element, traveling to sites across Iraq to assist in base planning.

The Marines' reunion put them at the opposite ends of a family career in the Corps. Shannon is on her first deployment with the Wolfpack while her father was reactivated from retirement during March, after 26 years of service.

With a grandfather who served in the Korean War and an older brother in the Reserves, Shannon is continuing a line of

service in the Marine Corps, despite her father's protests.

Shannon's brother, Sgt James P. Flaherty, an aviation information systems specialist with Marine Aircraft Group 49, returned to the states in January after serving at Al Asad. After relenting to his children's decision to join

out what their (military occupational specialties) were going to be."

Shannon's father also saw to it that her recruit training experience was physically comprehensive.

"I contacted her senior drill instructor and asked that all past grievances to me be paid back in full," Flaherty said.

"They got me pretty good (during physical training)," Shannon said. "He definitely hooked me up."

Having two members of the family deployed to Iraq was a challenge, but Shannon said her mother took it in stride.

"She felt better that Dad would be out here, in case I needed him I guess," Shannon said. "She's taking it pretty well, all things considered."

Many families may worry about their children joining the Marine Corps family, but James knows his children are in good hands.

"These are well-trained, hard-charging Marines," Flaherty said. "I know they can take care of themselves and the Marines around them. I may not have been happy about it when they made the decision, but it's hard not to be proud now. The good thing is that they couldn't run away from me by joining the Marine Corps."

*Excerpted from a story by Cpl. Micah Snead*



LCpl Shannon M. Flaherty and her father, CWO3 James M. Flaherty, together for a few days in an unlikely spot for a reunion, Al Asad, Iraq. Photo by: Cpl. Micah Snead

the Marines, James was determined to have at least some say in their career paths.

"I wanted them to get the most out of the experience," Flaherty said. "There aren't a lot of career opportunities for grunts. I wanted them to be able to succeed once their time was over. I called their recruiter and very specifically laid

## 2006 WMA Biennial Convention Program Journal

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

Ads will be accepted in BLACK & WHITE, camera ready hard copy, on disc or CD and electronically.

Electronic ads must be sent to: [Kyconvention@comcast.net](mailto:Kyconvention@comcast.net).

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# Schedule of Events

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Convention & Professional  
Development Conference  
1 – 5 September 2006  
Louisville, KY

“RACE OF THE DECADE”

## Friday, 1 September 2006

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

## Saturday, 2 September 2006

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

## Sunday, 3 September 2006

- Worship services of choice
- 0800 – 1200 \*Gallop N Trot Fun Run/Walk (ticket required)  
(Green on Green/WMA t-shirt)
- 1300 – 1400 Tier A Workshop: Scrap booking  
\*Tier B Workshop: Veterans Benefits

## Sunday, 3 September 2006 (Continued)

- 1400 – 1500 Tier A Workshop: Creating Newsletters  
\*Tier B Workshop: Marine Moms
- 1400 – 1700 Registration/Information
- 1500 – 1700 WMA-PX “Tack Room” Open
- 1500 – 1600 Tier A Workshop: History of Women in the Corps  
\*Tier B Workshop: Dress for Success
- 1600 – 1730 Area Directors & Chapter Presidents Meeting #1  
(current and incoming AD and chapter presidents)
- 1500 – 1700 Photo
- 1600 – 1730 Area Directors & Chapter Presidents Meeting #1  
(current and incumbent)
- 1800 – 1930 Marine for Life Seminar
- 1800 - ? Hospitality Suite “Stable” Open

## Monday, 4 September 2006

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

## Tuesday, 5 September 2006

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

## Wednesday, 6 September 2006

- 0900 – 1200 2006-2008 WMA Board Meeting

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

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

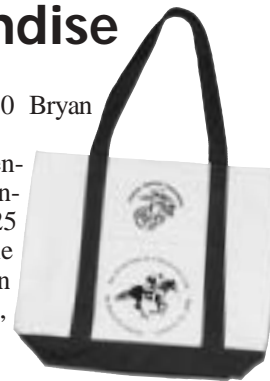


## Convention Fundraising Merchandise

Have you taken the opportunity to buy the 2006 Convention fundraiser, "We Are Marines"? Here's your chance to help with the convention and enjoy a book of wonderful stories by women Marines. For a donation of only \$25 plus \$4 shipping/handling, you can own your very own copy. Send your check payable to NC-1

Tarheel Chapter, to Mary Sabourin, 110 Bryan Court, Jacksonville, NC 28540.

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





# 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:

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

Name to be printed on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Check all that apply to you:

WMA Board Member

Current Active Duty

Life Member # \_\_\_\_\_

My First WMA Convention

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

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

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

### MEAL REGISTRATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 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](mailto:wmany5@yahoo.com). She will need your name, complete mailing address or email address, telephone number, and whether you are a smoker or non-smoker. Deadline for contacting June is 20 August 2006.



### Wheelchair Service

Manual wheelchairs will be available for \$15.00 per day at the convention. If you need this service, please contact Mary Sabourin, Convention Chairman, 110 Bryan Court, Jacksonville, NC 28540-6054, Tel: (910) 346-6553. Mary will make the arrangements for you to have the chair at The Galt House Hotel and will provide the information about payments.

## Convention Details

### Flag Ceremony

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

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

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

**CHAPTER PRESIDENTS:** Please send

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

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

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

credit card handy when making your reservations. The cut-off date for making reservations at the discounted rate is 31 July 2006.

Dates: 1 September – 5 September 2006

Place: Galt House Hotel and Suites

140 North 4th Avenue

Louisville, KY 40202

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

(502) 589-5200 (24 hours)

FAX: (502) 585-4266

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

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

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Attention: Sometimes Singers!

Well, here it is time to start thinking about what we will be doing in Louisville at the convention. So far we will only be singing at the Memorial Service. Please bring all your hymns and benediction music from the past three conventions. Just in case they are needed, also bring your patriotic music and Marine Corps songs.

This will probably be my last convention as the director of our group although I will continue to sing with you. My mind is still OK but my legs are shot.

Please bring your green shirts and white slacks/skirts and your music folders. If you are missing anything, let me know. I will be driving this time so will be able to bring what we need.

If you need to get in touch with me please call at 540-785-4531. My e-mail address is: [menin@aol.com](mailto:menin@aol.com) or write me at my home address: 6601 River Birch Court, Fredericksburg, VA 22407-3702. That rumor about my living in a nursing home was just that, a rumor. I do live in a retirement community called "Legacy Woods." It is not "assisted living" or a "nursing home", just a very active senior citizen complex with residents over 55.

It would be greatly appreciated if you will let me know whether or not you will be in Louisville with us. Also, if you are interested in joining the Sometimes Singers please contact me at any of the above addresses.

Looking forward to seeing and singing with all of you again.

*Betsy Menin  
Choir Director  
Sometimes Singers*

# Chapter Clippings

## WMA AZ-2 Saguaro

In October our chapter assisted in distributing donated goods and packing boxes for Katrina victims. We also sent some graduation year books from some of our members to Parris Island to be donated to the museum.

In Tucson we attended the annual Women Veterans Luncheon in honor of all women who have served. It was held on 5 November this year and we enjoyed lunch, parade of hats and many door prizes. Our chapter then geared up for the Veterans' Day parade in which our mascot "Liberty" was featured the next day in the *Arizona Daily Star*. We participated in the parade with our mascot in a wagon, followed by (from left to right) April Stephens, Ala Samaiel, Tina Bostic and Meloise Glommen in dress blues. Bobbi Alger, Helen Hunt and Margaret Kelly rode in a truck decorated with WMA paraphernalia.



In December we held our yearly Christmas luncheon. We took up a donation for Toys for Tots and elected next year officers. We also honored June Glover and Mary Ann Coons, who we lost this past year, with a moment of silence, and finished the day in celebration honoring Miriam Cohen, the oldest living female Marine who turned 99 (that we know of).

*Tina Bostic*

## WMA CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

First, Happy New Year to every one from CA-3! May it be a healthy, happy and a prosperous one for all.

November was a busy month for our chapter...our Marine Corps Breakfast was held 5 November, sponsored by the Frank Reasoner Detachment #919 of the Marine Corps League. Maggie Hart and LaVerne Marts were assigned the duty of the cake ceremony, cutting and serving the oldest, youngest and honored guest from China Marine Era.

After the breakfast, Maggie Hart, Betty Lieser, Alice Gunnerson and LaVerne Marts attended the All Women Veterans Luncheon in Berkeley, sponsored by the Golden Gate Waves. Everyone had a great time.

Veterans Day was celebrated in Alameda on 11 November at the Veterans Park. Connie Guaraglia, Betty Lieser and LaVerne Marts attended the service. After that Betty and LaVerne headed south for another memorial service that was held at the Veterans Memorial Park in Santa Clara. We met Alice Gunnerson there as she is on the Memorial Committee and was asked to raise the Marine Corps Flag during the service. She did a great job as this was the first time she had done this, and also the only woman on

the honor guard. Alice also designed the new street signs showing where the park is located. She also had a brick placed next to the Marine Corps Plaque dedicated to CA-3. Thank you, Alice! While we were there we met and signed up a new member, Kathleen Wright. Welcome aboard, Kathleen!

Then the next day, Maggie Hart, Betty Lieser and LaVerne went to another Marine Corps Breakfast sponsored by the Marine Corps League of Pittsburg. It was the 15th annual breakfast, and was held at the Yacht Club in Benicia. We enjoyed the breakfast of SOS, eggs, bacon, etc. After the breakfast was over, everyone was asked to tell when they served, and where they were stationed. Well, the three of us were the only women and we received the "cold shoulder" until we told them when we were in and where we were stationed. After that we were then part of the "good old boys club" and were invited back next year with the order to bring more of the women Marines with us.

Then it was off to a cruise down the river to Pittsburg where the celebration continued with the raising of the flag and lunch, and back on the boats to view the "Moth Ball Fleet". These are carriers from WWII that are setting in the water. Perhaps some day they will be museums as is our Hornet.

December was Toys for Tots month and at our Christmas luncheon we were asked to bring a toy for "Conies Kids". Seventeen members attended the luncheon that was hosted by Betty Lieser. San Leandro Mayor Sheila Young attended and had gifts for all of us. Connie collected a trunk full of toys and delivered them to the Davis Family Resource Center. Thank you, Connie!

Now it is time to plan the February anniversary celebration, which will be attended by CA-6, CA-9 and CA-12. It will be held at a restaurant in Pleasant Hills which will be about half way between us.

*LaVerne Marts*

## WMA CA-4 North Central California

First and foremost, I want to correct an error in the last 'Nouncements. Under the picture I inadvertently put Jeanne Bartelt's name when anyone can see that is definitely Janet Randolph. Mea culpa - sorry, Janet.

Now, on a very positive note, hear this...Karen Winnett has been appointed Commandant of the Young Marines for Northern California. We are so very proud of her. And thanks to Chris Hollinger for his continuing assistance to Karen in this endeavor.

We had an early fall luncheon on 27 August at the Español Restaurant, early because of our many fall commitments. At this meeting, new officers were elected for 2006: Lois Wilson, President; Jeanne Bartelt, vice president; Mary Blair, secretary; and Lucille Harness, treasurer. Great cast for our next term!

The annual Stand Down for homeless vets was held in September. On the 17th, our chapter served lunch to over 380 vets plus about 150 volunteers. The volunteers, including both



Alice Gunnerson raising the flag at Veterans Memorial Park.



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organizations and individuals, provided health-giving services as well as life-saving services, and lots of follow-through for them. This is our favorite program each year.

The All Women Veterans annual luncheon was held on 5 November at the Doubletree Hotel in Berkeley. The Bay Area WAVES do an outstanding job organizing this, and we also are indebted to the Sacramento WAVES for including us on their charter bus. I won't mention that the bus broke down and we were over an hour late arriving, but we suffered together and that's always fun.



Riding in the Veterans' Day Parade (l-r): Lea Cassidy, Del Baeta, Lucille Harness, Lois Wilson, Jeanne Bartelt and Dorothy Forman.

Our second most favorite annual activity is the Veterans' Day Parade in Elk Grove. They provided a little train complete with engine, engineer, two motorcycle escorts and no rain this year.

We had a great turnout of 27 for our Christmas party at the Golden Tee Restaurant. We were entertained by a charming and artful classical accordionist. We finished with a gift-wrapped raffle and a couple of hearty songs led by Jeanne Bartelt. Loyal Escort Mark Bole took numerous pictures and his wife Charlene made copies for all of us on her computer - a full-page collage!

At the last board meeting in October and the Christmas luncheon, all board members were in attendance. I am overwhelmed by their show of support and dedication, this being the last year end of my term as president. What a wonderful chapter!!

*Dorothy Forman*

## WMA CA-5 Orange County

We had 42 people come to the annual Christmas Party and, along with lots of toys for Toys for Tots, we had a great gift exchange and a wonderful dinner at the Claim Jumper. Our guest, Kenya Davis-Hayes, came with two of her university students and her mom. Both students are Marine reserve and one is now in Iraq.

I met Kenya on the internet through the WMA website as she's writing a paper on women of color in the Marine Corps. We met for lunch a couple weeks before the Christmas party. I'm very impressed with her ideas on this project. Anyone reading this who has input for Kenya is invited to email her (kdavis@calbaptist.edu) or write her (Dr. Kenya Davis-Hayes, California Baptist University, 8432 Magnolia Ave, Riverside, CA 92504). I shared my impressions and experiences of my service from 1959-1970 and even though I'm not a woman of color, I certainly saw the changes being made all around during that time. All history is important to preserve!

*Valorie Lephart*

## WMA CA-6 Mt. Diablo

We held our Christmas Luncheon at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant in Pleasant Hill on 6 December. Twenty-two members and guests all enjoyed a fine lunch and the camaraderie. We were happy to see Inga Ferris in attendance as she has been sidelined by illness. We collected many toys for Toys for Tots and donations for the local Food Bank.

President Delores Callero concluded the festivities with wishes to all for fulfilling holidays and a healthy, happy 2006. Semper Fidelis!

*Jane Silva*

## WMA CA-7 Edith Macias Vann Southern California

From all of us to all of you, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Holiday Season!

We also wish to convey our deepest sympathy to Bertha Peters Billeb on the passing of her husband Bill on January 7. The first time I met him he was barking out orders at the flag bearers' rehearsal at the Las Vegas convention in 1998. It made me feel like I was in boot camp again and I enjoyed it so much!



CA-7 at their September chapter meeting

The ladies of CA-7 are in the final preparation stages of our 63rd Anniversary celebration of the Women Reserve at the Camp Pendleton Staff NCO Club at South Mesa. Originally we had limited seating but have now moved to the main ballroom, so please come one, come all, and bring your friends. Point of contact is Ellie Judge (760) 439-1447, or Lillian Cross (760) 724-9861.

For our January 2006 chapter meeting we had Charles Ables, husband of Kathleen Ables, speak on his journey through the Middle East and his adventures there. February, of course, is our anniversary celebration. March we are gearing up for chapter elections and going to convention. April we elect officers and have Grace Amy Carle as guest speaker. If you are in the area and would like to join us, please contact either Ellie Judge or Lillian Cross at the numbers above.

We are also investigating putting up a West Coast Molly Marine statue, either in Oceanside or one of the local communities. We would also like to put a bench or similar item at the Camp Pendleton monument park. The base park has size restrictions and is located outside the front door of the South Mesa SNCO Club.

The Marine Expo came to our area in January. If you ever have a chance to go to one, please do as you will find it extremely interesting. You will get an opportunity to view and talk to the vendors who are making the equipment for our Marines and other servicemen. Besides the educational part you will receive some great give-a-ways and fantastic posters. The Expo is sponsored in part by the Marine Corps League.

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We are so much looking forward to going to Louisville and seeing our old friends again. Get your reservations in early. See you there!

*Lillian Cross*

### **WMA CA-9 Redwoods**

October: Eight members and two guests from CA-3 came together for a business meeting/potluck social on the 29th at Betty Kelley's home. We elected officers for the 2006-08 term, as follows: Joyce Donegan, president; Charlotte Gilbert, vice president; Doris Panzer, secretary; Betty Kelley, treasurer.

Plans for 2006 meetings were discussed, including the 63rd anniversary luncheon. It was agreed that we should coordinate our date with those for CA-3 and CA-6 so that we don't overlap and will be able to attend each other's luncheons. From that suggestion grew the idea for a multiple chapter luncheon at a restaurant in Pleasant Hill, which is a central location for all of us. We continue to encourage contacts with nearby chapters and are enthused about building a rapport with them, sharing each other's activities and exchanging ideas. This is rewarded with great camaraderie.

Last year's Women Marines Tea at the Veterans Home in Yountville was such a success that it was suggested it become an annual event. We are hoping for a repeat performance this coming spring and will look forward to working with Karen Riddle, Activities Director at the Home, to organize a second tea which also will include other chapters.

This meeting concluded with a fine repast of tasty dishes brought by our culinary experts, and we all went home satisfied that we had accomplished our business and enjoyed a fun afternoon as well.

November: New member Maggie Hart's home chapter is CA-3 and she attends their meetings on a regular basis. I accompanied her to the November meeting in San Leandro. I had a great ride, in good company, and enjoyed getting better acquainted with their members.

December: Betty Kelley, Maggie and I attended the CA-6 Christmas party at Zio Fraedo in Pleasant Hill. We shared their Christmas festivities, an excellent lunch, and started the Christmas season in the right spirit.

*Doris Panzer*

### **WMA CO-1 Colorado Columbine**

We had a busy year in 2005. We are continuing to work on our women Marines history project. We reported in the last issue on the grand opening of the display in the Castle Rock Historical Museum in August 2005. To date, we have collected several historical items and have rented a large storage unit with enough room to store the items and to allow for workspace to inventory the items. This is a large ongoing project, and many thanks go out to the members who have volunteered so many hours, and continue to do so, to insure the success of this project. Many thanks to the members who have contributed or loaned their personal items for display purposes. If you wish to donate or loan historical items from your service years to this project, please contact Nancy Wilt, the national historian.



**Marge Alexander, Paula Sarlls, and LaVerne Sarber, at the Marine Corps Memorial on Veterans Day**

We also marched and drove our cars in the Denver Veterans' Day Parade, which is a very large event in Denver. After the parade, we all went out to lunch for some fun and were treated to free appetizers by the owner of the Blue Bonnet restaurant on South Broadway in Denver! We had a great time.

In December, we enjoyed a holiday luncheon at the home of Nancy and Ned Wilt in Castle Rock. Even though we had a blizzard that day, several members still made it to the luncheon. It was wonderful to have a chance to relax and get to know other members and their families.

Also in December, the chapter made a \$100 donation to the Fitzsimons State Veterans Nursing Home for their Christmas celebration. CO-1 member Paula Sarlls was appointed by Colorado Governor Bill Owens to the Fitzsimons State Veterans Nursing Home Advisory Board for the nursing home. As a result, WMA has a lot of input into the oversight of the nursing home.

Denver is in the long process of getting a new VA hospital and comments from members were presented to the Eagle Project, which is a group at the VA soliciting comments and ideas to make this hospital a flagship for the VA. Projected completion is around 2012.

The chapter also supports the Marine Corps Memorial Association in Golden. This association will be re-landscaping and resurfacing the Marine Corps Memorial in Golden. Donations are needed and accepted to keep this memorial looking good. To make a donation, go to [www.colomarinememorial.org](http://www.colomarinememorial.org) or contact Paula Sarlls. The WMA has its own memorial boulder and plaque at this memorial site.

The chapter also works with the Colorado Freedom Memorial, which is planning to build a memorial dedicated to all Colorado veterans who have died in military action while on active duty. The names of these veterans will be etched into a glass wall that is being planned. If you would like to submit the name of a Colorado veteran who died in military action while on active duty, or to make a donation, please go to the website at [www.CFMF.net](http://www.CFMF.net).

*Pam Garcia*

### **WMA DC-1 District of Columbia**

Our very successful December Christmas luncheon was attended by 30, including National Vice President Lori Cousins, VA-1 President Deb Beutel, Loyal Escort Gene Maust, and (hopefully) Loyal Escort-to-be Ron Brown. We collected two carloads of toys for Toys for Tots that were delivered to Henderson Hall for distribution. We also collected between 50 and 60 2006 calendars to add to the calendars collected at the Department of Veterans Affairs by VA lawyer and former-POW liaison Alice Booher. The calendars (650 so far) were delivered to the Soldiers Home in Washington D.C., where each resident will receive their own

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calendar. Due to the influx of Katrina displaced veterans who are now residing in formally closed buildings on the grounds of the Soldiers Home, more calendars were collected after Christmas and delivered in a second batch on 15 January.



**DC-1 Christmas luncheon at Ramparts in Alexandria.**

Margie Westerbeck, Parisa Fetherson, Dorothy Gordon, Karen Carlson, Sue Sousa, Eileen Scanlon, and Mitzi Manning attended. The 11 February luncheon will feature recently retired SgtMaj Parisa Fetherson as the guest speaker. We are hoping for a turnout of 150---we'll let you know!

*Mitzi Manning*

### **WMA FL-4 Tampa Tarpons**

Our meeting on 2 December turned out most unusual. Member Jean Tozer came down from Michigan with her family to her timeshare condo at Madeira Beach, so we met with her and enjoyed lunch together.



**Jean Tozer (left) and her daughter Dawn parasailing at Madeira Beach, FL.**

Jean and daughter Dawn prepared a delicious lunch after we listened to her account of their 2 weeks at the beach. Most interesting was her account of their parasailing 600 ft above the beach for 25 minutes! Pretty good for an 82-year-old woman Marine after bypass surgery in January, 2005. They also went to the "free" casino on a ship anchored in the Gulf on both an afternoon & evening. Their winnings were zilch! They missed picking strawberries since they won't be ripe until January.

We held our short meeting and decided we would meet 11 February for the 63rd Anniversary. We discussed our new roster; handed over our Toys for Tots gifts; and some donations for our project, The Spring store, (which helps homeless women and children after a domestic crisis). None of our members were affected by storms Katrina or Wilma.

*Laverne Myers*

### **WMA FL-5 Orange Blossom**

We opened our meeting with a surprise farewell lunch for our long time dear friend, Secretary Helen Wecera. She left us to move to Cincinnati to live with her niece. She wore many "hats", one of which was our long time secretary, which she did very well. She will be hard to replace. We will miss her, but know she

will be happy being with her niece. To our surprise, in walked Ruth Fitch with her son Glen. We had not seen her since she moved to Georgia last year. She looked great and said she felt fine. She is keeping busy with her church and family, who live nearby.

Our next meeting will keep us busy with the Marine Corps Birthday and Veterans Day, then Christmas donations.

*Barb Gibbs, Loyal Escort*

### **WMA FL-8 Spaceport**

It's been a long time since we reported in. For some reason, our last report didn't make it into the summer issue.

We had a small party to celebrate our 62nd Anniversary. President Mary Lou Demmond presented each member with a rose and candy. Members brought old pictures from long, long ago, and it was fun to try to identify each other.

We did the usual things earlier this year: the Moving Wall, Stand Down, Brevard, working in the VA Clinic, to mention a few.

We lost two members this year. Sue Pepe, a long time member of the WMA, and Peg Anderson, a recent member of our chapter. Members attended each ceremony in uniform. They will be missed.



**FL-8 at their meeting.**

We hibernated for the summer months, and our first meeting will be held on 14 October. Looking forward to seeing all the gals again. Due to the cost of fuel we will be meeting every other month. Some of our members come a great distance for the meetings. Sure missed seeing them, and hearing all the stories and adventures for the past five months. We do keep in touch via e-mail and phone.

The local WAVES chapter hosted the All Women Veterans Luncheon this year, which we attended. We have made some great friends within the various branches of women vets groups. It will be the Marines' turn this year, so planning has already started.

Massing of the Colors was held on 11 November and as usual we attended. The Palm Bay H.S. MCJROTC carried our colors. They are outstanding in the USMC Blues.

Hope everyone had a healthy and happy holiday this year. Until next time, Semper Fidelis!!

*Mary Bevan*

### **WMA GA-1 Dogwood of Atlanta**

GA-1 started off the last quarter of the year participating in the annual Hands-on-Atlanta Volunteer Day. We revisited a commu-

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nity mental health facility that we took on as our project last year and freshened up a large activity room and a couple of staff offices with a new coat of paint. They are always happy to see the Marines coming!

Toward the end of October Nicky Baglio, Eleanor Tuomi and Sheryl Hobden arranged a visit with Mary Drew, another of our WWII women who has been unable to attend chapter events due to her health. We enjoyed lunch with her at her assisted living facility and meeting some of the other residents. She was proud to introduce us all as Marines.



**Cpl Rachel Bergstrom with her parents Sue and Craig and youngest sister Leah.**

November is always eagerly anticipated because of the Marine Corps Birthday and this year, as we celebrated 230 proud years of tradition, the Dogwood Chapter hosted our first ever birthday celebration. Twelve members and 13 guests enjoyed an evening filled with tradition, good company and hearty Italian food. Our guest-of-honor that evening was Cpl Rachel Bergstrom, who had returned in September from a seven month tour of duty in Iraq. She was accompanied by her parents Sue and Craig Bergstrom and her youngest sister Leah. The evening was such a success we have decided to make this our annual tradition in place of our holiday luncheon.

Chapter member Victoria Turney also had very special plans to celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday this year. She flew to Japan to attend the Marine Corps Ball with her son, LCpl Chris Conkel, who is currently stationed in Okinawa.

On 11 November, Laura Ward, June Dukes, Kathleen Eidson, Lori Dashiell and Sheryl Hobden participated in the Atlanta Veteran's Day parade and braved brisk temperatures in an open, desert tan Humvee.

Cpl Samantha Wood, currently on active duty with 2nd MarDiv and serving in Iraq, came home for two weeks of R&R on 10 November and before returning spent an afternoon with Sheryl enjoying Chinese food, catching a movie and doing a little shopping. Samantha is scheduled to rotate home in March.

The Bergstrom family had a lot to be thankful for at Thanksgiving. Not only was their daughter Rachel home safely from Iraq, but their two midshipmen daughters, Sarah and Katherine, were home for a short four day break from the Naval Academy. It was the first time since January that the entire Bergstrom family was home at the same time.

We wrapped up the year supporting the Toys-for-Tots program by collecting toys from UPS stores around Atlanta and on 15 December spreading a little cheer to the patients at the VA hospital.

As 2005 begins to fade into memory, the Dogwood Chapter can look back on a year filled with many highs and some lows. Our active membership grew by six while we lost some past members, notably Rita Pryor-Jones, Virginia Burnhardt and Mary Kiemele. We were delighted to see the safe return from Iraq of LCpl Kamilah Keith and Cpl Rachel Bergstrom and anticipate the return of Cpl Samantha Wood in just two short months. We are looking forward to a fresh start in 2006 and wish everyone a year filled with blessings and hope for the future.

*Sheryl Hobden*



### IL-2 Blanche S. Osborne



**Melissa Josephson cutting the birthday cake.**

On 1 October, our fall luncheon was held which featured as speaker a new Chapter member, Melissa Josephson, whose WMA membership was originally listed in Maryland. Melissa, a sergeant in the reserves, is now studying for her doctorate at Northwestern University, but had been called up for active duty and served in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Melissa described the training she had, including weapons, the conditions in Iraq and the sandstorms. Being the youngest among us, she had the honor of cutting the USMC's 230th Birthday Cake — with an NCO sword owned by Denise DeValerio.

Marine Week here in the Chicago area was a week-long affair with many programs to attend. It started for members with Mayor Richard M. Daley's Salute to Veterans at the Cultural Center; Wednesday saw Mae Glassbrenner and Muriel Underwood going to North Chicago Veterans Hospital. Thursday was a breakfast at the Union League Club with featured speaker LtCol Mark A. Smith, who led the area's reservists in Iraq last summer. Getting up early enough to attend the 8:00 am breakfast was Helen Laukes, Muriel Underwood and Loyal Escort Vera Donlan.

December 4 was our holiday potluck luncheon and Toys for Tots collection day. Among the 16 in attendance was a new member, Rose Teipe. At an Armistice Day Ceremony, Rose, wearing her uniform, was there in a little park close to where she works. Muriel Underwood just happened to arrive at that time in a parking lot along side. Seeing this very sharp woman in uniform, moved closer, and when she saw the USMC emblems, introduced herself and told Rose about WMA and the Toys for Tots potluck.

A long-time WMA member who had been living in northern Indiana and recently moved to Chicago, Dorothea Bruno, joined

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our chapter and was able to come to the meeting. No longer with a car, she was picked up by Melissa, who lives “fairly close” relatively speaking for Chicago streets. Another member no longer able to drive, Gwen De Pinto relied on a niece.

The chapter members had donated enough toys to fill the back seat and trunk of a car. After the luncheon, Gene Bowen and Muriel took them to the 24th Marines Training Center, meeting briefly with a chapter member, reservist SSgt Rita O'Reilly, who always is on duty that day, and unable to attend our luncheon.

Sadly, the chapter has lost two more members since the last issue of 'Nouncements, Louise (Springfield) Jones and Mary Anna (Bishop) Rose passed away in October. That made a total of five chapter members lost since last May.

*Muriel Underwood*

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

The holidays have just galloped by. Hope everyone enjoyed them, and a very happy and healthy New Year to everyone. We have just passed through a most busy season and are now enjoying some down time. Two of our members are the proud grandmothers of WMA Scholarship recipients. Maria Alexander's granddaughter, Elyse Archila, is attending Tufts Medical School. This is her second scholarship award. Congratulations, Elyse! Jean Jackman's grandson, Derek Jackman, is attending Carnegie/Mellon. Congratulations, Derek! Our best wishes go to these two young ones and to their delighted grandmas.



MA-1 with Baby Aiden, back row (l-r): Pat Morrisette, Ellie Canty, Jean Jackman Kay Carpenter and Ginny Leahy; front row (l-r): Peter Olinski, Aiden and Laura Ann Glover.

In October, Ellie Canty, Kay Carpenter, Pat Morrisette and Ginny Leahy accompanied Jean Jackman to the Brockton VA Women's Health Center for the first “Welcome Baby Veteran” shower. Jean was instrumental in getting our chapter involved in this endeavor. Nice work, Jean. We collected new baby items and filled a large laundry basket with them. A lovely quilt was made by President Barbara Signor and presented along with the other gifts. Baby Aiden is the son of Laura Ann Glover and Peter Olinski. Laura Ann is a member of the Massachusetts National Guard and served as an Iraqi Freedom Fighter from May 2003 to August 2004. The young parents were delighted with the gifts and the donation to Aiden's college fund.

Five chapter members attended the Governor's Advisory Committee on Women Veterans Luncheon held 16 October at Hanscom Air Force Base. Keynote speaker was Kolleen Dickinson, a part time Command Sergeant Major with the Massachusetts National Guard who spoke of her 30 year hitch and her time spent on a tour of duty in Iraq.

Another event in October found Ginny, Ellie, Pat, Jean and Bette Hughes attending the bowling alley ribbon cutting ceremony at the Brockton VA Hospital. Our chapter was one of the donors responsible for this project, which renovated the existing alley.

November came along and the birthday of our beloved Corps along with it. November also found us in the middle of our Toys for Tots volunteering. Ellie, Jean, Kay, Maria, President Barbara Signor, Connie Libardoni and Barbara Blount formed the backbone of the office staff this year, with about 800 hours put in since 17 October. As I write this we are just about finished for another season.

The Women Veterans' Holiday Luncheon was held on 3 December with four of our members attending. We seem a pretty social bunch.

It is time to put our feet up and hunker down for the winter although the temperature was reaching in the 50s today. The snowbirds are heading south or are already there. The rest of us will enjoy the winter white of New England.

*Kay Carpenter*

### **WMA** MI-1 Michigan

The Michigan 1 Chapter held their fall meeting on 1 October at the Owosso VFW Memorial Post 9455 on South Chipman Street.

After the social hour, a delicious luncheon was served by the ladies of the VFW Auxiliary. Entertainment was provided by The Davisburg Jubileers Mountain Band which is sponsored by the Davisburg United Methodist Church. The instruments played by the musicians included fiddles, washboards, guitar, mandolin, spoons, mountain dulcimers, bowed Psalter, auto harp and whistles. After a very lively program which included some sing-alongs, the business program was held.

Four members attended the 19th annual All Services Women's luncheon hosted by The Military Women of Jackson County Memorial Post One. A second celebration was held at the Military Women's Monument in honor of its tenth anniversary.



MI-1 with toys collected for Toys for Tots

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Gifts for the Toys for Tots program were donated. They were given to the local Marine Corps League.

Phyllis Bradford of Davisburg, Eileen Borer of Sylvan Lake and Shirley Crook of Waterford were hostesses of the fall meeting. Alice Haber and Genny Luckey will host the spring meeting.

*Alice Haber*

### **WMA MI-2 Motor City**

The Christmas elves were very busy this year. We had an outstanding showing at our Christmas meeting. The Motor City Chapter elf, Michelle Ruth, organized a toy drive at her workplace that netted close to 300 toys. Our Marines who came were very surprised at the load that they took back. As our thank you we gave each female Marine a WMA membership.

All of our members brought toys as well. We also collected for the Veteran Food Pantry and the veterans at VA Hospital. We worked on our ongoing projects of the Campbell Soup labels and coupons for the commissaries overseas. All had a great time.

Our chapter participated in Operation Holiday Joy. We sent Christmas Stockings to II MEF, 2ndMarDiv and all of the Michigan Marines we had addresses for.



(l-r) LCpl Heidi Loreda, SSgt Ronna Weyland with Christmas tree, two unidentified Marines with boxes received from Operation Caring Friends.

WMA and Loyal Escorts. We have eight new members for last year and hope to get 100% Loyal Escorts this coming year. Don Cannon has taken lead of our MI-2 LE and we know great things will be coming from them all.

Semper Fidelis!

*Mary Ann Merritt*

### **WMA MN-1 Leatherneck**

Happy New Year to all from the Minnesota Leathernecks!

We ended 2005 with a busy November and December. Besides our regular meetings, we attended the Women Veterans of Minnesota fall luncheon on 12 November. There was a great turnout of women from all branches. The Director of the VA Medical Center, Mr. Steve Kleinglass, spoke on the Women's Comprehensive Center and the many advantages we women veterans have at our Minneapolis facility.

We also had a "first timer" guest, LtCol Deanna Germain, who spoke on her experiences as the Chief Nurse of Combat Support Hospital. She was in Iraq for 18 months and retired from service in September. The Army veterans hosted this luncheon, and the 2006 luncheon will be hosted by our chapter.

Our Toys for Tots project was headed by Gayle Herseth this year. She is a pro at it now that she has had two years experience. The toys were brought to the Christmas party in lieu of personal gifts. She arranged for the toys to be presented to the Marine Reserve. This was aired on NBC Channel 11, Minneapolis. It was a bitter cold evening with snow and ice. Not too many of our chapter members were able to make the presentation, as traffic was almost at a stand still - but some of our faithful members were there.

Our final social event of the year was our annual Christmas party, which was held on 10 December. Pepper Nypan hosted the event at her new condo party room, and it was a huge success as usual. The toys were brought, the food was delicious, and the comradeship was ever present. The gals all signed a card and Carol Lembrich sent it to me, and it was the highlight of my "away from MN" Christmas.



**MN-1 at their Christmas party.**

Shirley Jurgensen remains our volunteer of the year for all her many hours and duties at the VA Medical Center. She is there two days a week and when she is not there, you can probably find her at the VFW doing her bit there. This past summer, she was a volunteer at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games which were held in Minneapolis.

May 2006 be a healthy and prosperous year and until we see you in Louisville in September, we will be with you all in spirit. Until then, Semper Fidelis.

*Dot Witcher*

### **WMA NV-1 Sagebrush**

On 11 February, Carol Watson will be installed as President of NV-1, with Lee Kearney (vice president), Dottie Kiley (secretary) and Kelly Weymouth (treasurer). Another new member, Lisa Mitchell, will serve as editor of our newsletter *Sound-Off*. The chaplain of our group will be our very own Betty Fox. There are other positions that will need to be filled and your new board will be working on that project.

With the WMA mission statement in mind, we can start to build on what project we would like to do in 2006. We need to get our members to attend our meetings and bring the Esprit de Corps back to our chapter. We all know where there is a will, there is a way. We know we can do anything "TOGETHER".

Please plan on attending the 11 February meeting and if you need a ride call me at 240-6997 and I will make arrangements.

The chapter was saddened to hear of the passing of member Bertha Billeb's husband, Bill. He will be missed by one and all.

*Carol Watson*

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

The two big Cs...Christmas and Convention were the main theme of conversation at our December meeting which was held at the Pier 57 Restaurant in Liverpool.

June Worden, president and also Area One Director, related some of the convention program including the new addition of a silent auction. NY-5 has designed and crocheted a red, white and blue afghan and a red, white and blue lap robe for the event.

Charlotte Wallace and her husband Herman, also a Marine, Peg Zimmerman, Pea Sandy, Marge Rowoth with her daughter-in-law Linda, and Bev Taylor were in attendance. Come spring, we'll meet 15 April when June will update us more on convention...as we understand the new title..."Convention and Professional Development Conference".

*Peg Bandy*

### **WMA** OH-2 Chesty Puller

We had a very busy year in 2005. We celebrated our anniversary and displayed our new chapter flag and a new banner for our parades.

We marched in parades for both Memorial Day and the Cherry Blossom Festival.

We had a picnic at Ellen Leidy's house and had one big rain storm blow in. Betty Smith's granddaughter, Samantha, was in attendance just before she left for boot camp at Parris Island. Samantha graduated just before Thanksgiving and Betty went to the graduation.

Our women cut and sewed hundreds of Christmas stockings for the troops in Iraq. We sent stockings filled with items for both men and women. We had a large stocking that you could stand in filled with donated items that were raffled off to pay for the postage.

We sent boxes for a year to our men in Weapons Battalion 325 and were here to welcome them back. It was a sad day when we lost so many of our young Marines. On the bright side, we had some of our returned Marines on the television show "Three Wishes".

Again this year, Sharon Mutch organized the Toys for Tots dinner dance. WMA members and Loyal Escorts donated over \$700.00 for toys.

Several of our women met at the Waterloo Restaurant before New Years and had a surprise shower for our soon to be married Sharon Mutch. Sharon and Dick were married New Year's Eve at Akron's First Night Celebration. We now have a true Mrs. Jones.

Our members are still very active in different areas, i.e. running the museum at the Ohio Veterans Home, being involved at their senior centers, the Governor's Advisory Committee, honor and color guards, the Young Marines, and any other job where a Marine is needed.

*Elva M. Pounders*

### **WMA** OK-1 Sooner

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Our last chapter meeting of 2005 was held 15 December with six members attending. Yes, our chapter is shrinking, but loyalty endures. We get contacts for new members but family and working hours takes precedence. This we understand – been there, done that!

In response to a letter from Texas for Christmas stockings to be sent to Marines overseas, we sent 14 stockings filled with health aids, socks, gloves, pen and paper, hard candy, etc., plus small toys and games for the local children. "Good will" in a Marine's pocket has an impact on the younger generations and hopefully made Christmas a little brighter for a few children.

Harriet Frank and Wanda Graham attended the Marine Corps birthday luncheon in Oklahoma City in November sponsored by the Marine Corps Coordinating Council and enjoyed seeing some of our former members, the luncheon and the great speaker, BGen Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin.



Harriet Frank (left) and Wanda Graham at the birthday luncheon in Oklahoma City.

Virginia Kruizinga spent the Christmas holidays with her sisters Willa and Linda in the Dallas area, and Wanda Graham spent the holidays with various relatives in Texas.

We were not blessed with a white Christmas, but we really enjoyed the sunny and warmer days! Old bones take it better!

OK-1 member (Major) Jennifer "Jeep" Anthis sends us emails occasionally to keep us informed on her activities in South Africa. Very interesting! We are proud of her and wish her a safe return when her tour is over.

Until next time, Semper Fidelis.

*Pietje Wall*

### **WMA** OK-2 Heartland

Our November was as busy as anticipated in the last issue. We were honored to have MajGen-select Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin as our guest speaker at the Oklahoma Women Veterans Recognition Day program on 5 November. She and husband Paul spent the weekend and also attended the Marine Corps Coordinating Council's birthday luncheon on the 4th and the Recruiters' Birthday Ball on the evening of the 5th. The General served as guest speaker for both events. "Down time" was spent seeing the sights of OKC such as the National Memorial and our ever-growing entertainment area, Bricktown, which included a ride on the canal and dinner at Mickey Mantle's.

We thank MajGen-Select Krusa-Dossin and Paul again for coming to our fair city, and also congratulate her on her selection to Major General.

In keeping with tradition with the recognition day program, we had a speaker from the VA side of the house. Betty Moseley Brown, Associate Director, VA Center for Women Veterans (and member of DC-1!) graced us with her presence and experience with the VA. It was also an honor to have her with us and hope she visits again. Our door is open anytime! Thank you, Betty, for

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making the trip. We hope you enjoyed our Oklahoma hospitality.



(l-r) Yevonne Fielty, MajGen-select Krusa-Dossin, Brenda Blair, Paul Dossin, Linda Waldrup and Betty Moseley Brown taking a trip on the "wild side" on the canal in Bricktown.

are in order for member Brenda Blair on the purchase of her new house. Which means another place to invade for meetings!

And our sincere sympathies go out to Bertha Billeb on the loss of her husband, and to the family of Area Director and Chapter President Shirley Heckard, as well as all those who recently lost loved ones.

We hope everyone had wonderful holidays and have begun 2006 happy and healthy.

*Sondra Metzger*

### **WMA** OR-1 Lady Marine Rose

OR-1 would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year with a special wish to the ladies of KY-1 for a successful WMA convention. Some of us are eagerly looking forward to enjoying your hospitality. Mint juleps, anyone?

The annual Semper Fi Golf Classic, sponsored by the Marine Corps Coordinating Council to benefit Marine Corps related charities, was a huge success this year. Hattie Kelley and Golda Fabian were on hand to assist organizers Eric and Nanci Visser with miscellaneous chores. As one of the recipients of their donations, OR-1 will receive \$500 for their Meg Dawes Scholarship Fund.

Once again the students of Milwaukie High School excelled in staging their Living History Day event for all veterans. This year, after their USO type show, they recognized the 60th anniversary of the end of WWII by bestowing medals on each of 102 WWII veterans attending. Edie Aanderud, Hattie Kelley, Golda Fabian, Marcia Dean and Betty Thompson were the women Marines who were honored by a student who placed the medal, inscribed "A Grateful Milwaukie Remembers - 60th Anniversary WWII", around their necks with hug and a "Thank you". A very moving and memorable experience.

On 11 November, a blustery and cold day, our members again marched in the annual Ross Hollywood Chapel Memorial Parade. Our youngest member, Kristina Tindall, marched with us, proudly pushing her fifteen week old daughter, Jessica Marie, in her baby cart. Despite the cold weather, Jessica was a real trouper and seemed to enjoy all of the attention she garnered along the parade route.



OR-1 WWII Marines with their medals, (l-r) Hattie Kelley, Marcia Dean, Edie Aanderud, Betty Thompson and Golda Fabian.

Our annual Christmas party was held on 3 December at the Rheinlander Restaurant. Attending were thirty-four members and guests. Sgt Christopher Callier and PFC Jessica Coyle from the 6th ESB stationed at Swan Island were honored guests who came to pick up the many gifts members donated for Toys for Tots.

Long time member Maggie Wise has moved to Reno to be nearer family. She says she doesn't miss the Oregon rain but does miss her many friends. We miss her, too. However, we did get a new member, Dorothy Forman, a friend of Nadine Liebertz, who will be moving to the area from Sacramento soon.

Happily, we now have a new meeting place. Member Dolly (Yandle) Ruble had recently moved into a retirement facility, Parkrose Chateau. They have a room set aside for residents to use for various activities and graciously gave Dolly permission for us to have our monthly meetings there. The manager, a veteran of the Royal Air Force, warmly greeted us at our first meeting and said he was "honored and humbled" to be in the presence of women Marines. The facility furnishes fresh pastries and beverages for us and truly makes us feel very special.

With the winter doldrums upon us, we can lift up our spirits by looking forward to our February luncheon celebrating the 63rd anniversary of the Women Marines. Since this is an election year, we will be installing our new officers and those of Eugene's Eager Beaver Chapter OR-3. As all of you celebrate this anniversary with your own festivities, let us remember our troops in Iraq and around the world with a special prayer for their safety, and for peace and understanding in this unsettled world.

*Golda F. Fabian*

### **WMA** OR-3 Eager Beaver

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest...

Our summer started off with four of our members attending the annual picnic potluck/auction put on by the OR-4 chapter. What can you say? We had tons of good food, lively bidding, and wonderful comradeship.

We saw one of our long standing members, Maggie Wise, move to Nevada to be closer to family. We sure do miss her!!

In the fall, the Vietnam Veterans' Moving Wall made a stop in western Oregon. Our chapter was able to help out with both a donation and having our member, Deb Barker, volunteer to help while in our area.

Early November saw several of our gals taking part in the Veterans' Day parade. This year we rode in a classy carriage drawn by two large, beautiful Belgium horses.



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OR-3 in the Veterans' Day Parade.

ter historian, Mary Alice Sidwell.

The annual Christmas party was held at Karen Reeves' home. While everyone enjoyed a great potluck meal, we gathered enough extra food to make up food baskets for two needy families in the community. Our chapter also presented a check to the Toys for Tots campaign again this year.

Our focus continues to be on adding monies to our Aby Hamilton Memorial Scholarship Fund. Aby was one of the founding members of our chapter and loved art. We keep getting closer to the time when we can start granting awards to aspiring art students at a local college.

Plans are in the works for our Annual Spring Luncheon and there will be more to report about this event next issue.

Until then, hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Years. Semper Fidelis.

In November, our chapter elected officers for the next two years. Re-elected as president was Karen Reeves; vice president is Deb Barker; secretary/treasurer is Carolyn Anderson. Eva McDonald is our new chaplain. And we now have a chap-

*Karen Reeves*

### WMA PA-3 Mountain Laurel

On Veterans' Day, President Bush was at Tobyhanna Army Depot to address veterans and employees. Anee Kish and Shirley McAndrew represented us. After his address, he mingled with the audience. He shook hands with Shirley. She spontaneously said, "Semper Fi" to him and he promptly replied, "Semper Fi." The event was carried on national television.



Shirley McAndrew in front of President Bush after he shook her hand.

We continue to volunteer at the Gino Merli Veterans Center in Scranton. Each of the six state sponsored veterans' homes in Pennsylvania has an Advisory Council composed of members who have been individually recommended by the state commanders of their respective veterans' organizations, considered by the State Veterans' Commission, voted on, and then sent to the governor for a final decision. If approved, the member is officially installed as a member of the Advisory Committee, which meets bi-monthly along with the Adjutant General and official representatives who are associated with many aspects involving State Veterans' Homes and who report on current topics of general interest. Anee Kish was nominated by the Commandant of the

Pennsylvania Department of the Marine Corps League to represent the League, and appointed by the Governor in June 2005. She is vice president of the Council.

In addition, each of the veterans' homes in Pennsylvania maintains a "Hall of Fame", which consists of a plaque listing the engraved names of veterans in the community who have made special significant contributions to the cause of veterans and/or served the community with honor and distinction. Veterans who have been recommended for recognition on the "Hall of Fame" must submit a resume of accomplishments to the Pennsylvania State Veterans Commission for a final decision. Imagine how proud we are that Anee also earned this honor! To list just a few of the items among her credentials: Adjutant and Past Commandant of the local MCL detachment; recipient of the Chapel of Four Chaplains award; member of the Lackawanna County Council of Veterans; Marine Corps Distinguished Service Award. In 2002, she was the honored guest and speaker at the local Marine Corps Ball.

Our November semi-annual meeting was combined with a work session where we packed Christmas gift bags for all 29 women residents at the veterans' center. We are always looking for new projects and involvement, and find that reading about the activities of other chapters in 'Nouncements and on the internet Yahoo group offers lots of fresh, relevant ideas! Semper Fidelis.

*Virginia Swartz*

### WMA TN-1 Rocky Top



Trula Johnson Burnett

Trula Johnson Burnett passed away suddenly on 3 November. Trula was born on 22 September 1916 in Maynardville, TN. She grew up in Knoxville with her aunt and uncle, Jane and Walter Campbell. After graduating from Knoxville High School, she worked at Goodall Men's Clothing Company until she enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1943. While in the Marine Corps, Trula worked as an airplane mechanic until she was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant in 1946.

She attended nursing school with her GI Bill at Fort Sanders Hospital until she married Lee Burnett, a twenty year naval veteran who retired with the rank of Chief Boatswains Mate to become an agent for National Life Insurance Company. They had three children and were married until Lee's death in 1977.

Trula was active in the Cactus Club and the Rocky Top Chapter of the Women Marines Association, as well as a long time member of Asbury United Methodist Church.

She is survived by son Walter Burnett and his wife Karen, of Sherman Oaks, CA; son Robert Burnett and wife Sylvia of Knoxville; daughter Jane Burnett Romines and grandchildren Sarah and Jimmy Romines of Decatur, AL.

The family received friends at McCarty's from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. The funeral was officiated by Rev. Wallace Newman and Rev. Larry Dial of Asbury United Methodist Church at 11:00 Monday, November 7. Interment was in Asbury Cemetery with full

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Military honors provided by the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment #924, Marine Corps League Honor Guard.

Trula was a charter member of the Rocky Top Chapter. She will be missed by all who knew her.

*Doris Keane*

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

On 10 November eight of our chapter members participated in the Marine Corps birthday celebration sponsored by the Metroplex Marines organization. After a really tasty lunch of prime rib with all the fixins', the traditional custom of determining the oldest and the youngest Marine in attendance took place. To our pleasant surprise (because she has one of those perpetually young-looking faces) it turned out that our own Vera (Dietel) Crawford was the eldest Marine in attendance, and she and a very young male Marine had the honor of cutting the first pieces of the celebratory cake. Atta girl, Vera!

After finding out about some Marines who had not received any communication/care packages during their first couple of months of deployment in Iraq, members of the chapter put together appropriate "care" packages and got them off for arrival before or by Christmas. Such a small thing to do but one sent with admiration and appreciation beyond words for what these young people continue to do and the sacrifices each is making.

A couple of our chapter members participated in the sorting, counting and packaging of stuffed animals collected in the North Texas Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots campaign of 2005. Part of the joy of this exercise was becoming acquainted with some of the active Marines stationed at nearby Naval Air Station/Joint Reserve Base in Ft. Worth. We always get a chuckle from seeing the reactions of some of the active duty women when they learn we were in the Marine Corps - I'm thinking the looks of incredulity we see on their faces might just be that it's difficult for them to believe some of us were ever young enough. At any rate, it's fun to share some of our experiences with them.

Polly Weidenkopf has been keeping close tabs on Marines (particularly the women) who have been assigned to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio for treatment and rehab of wounds sustained in Iraq. In December Polly participated in a Christmas party given for the young people and their families. It was reported that the party was a huge success thanks to several organizations: a delicious meal served by the Knights of Columbus; Toys for Tots responded with toys for the children in attendance; donated gift cards that Polly distributed to individuals. The John Yancey Detachment of the Marine Corps League here in the Metroplex sent two laptop computers with Polly for distribution to those most in need of a computer. With regard to the picture, we can identify for sure Polly (on the far right) and Santa in the middle; the young lady next to Santa is one of the Marines at Brooke who received gifts (unfortunately we are



unable to identify her by name), the other folks in the picture are associated with the Alamo Detachment of the Marines Corps League in San Antonio. The members of that Detachment have been heavily involved in the Helping A Recovering Marine (H.A.R.M.) program sponsored by the Department of Texas Marine Corps League and they stay in constant contact with the Marines at Brooke to give support wherever needed. TX-1 is proud to have Polly as a chapter member!

Our first meeting of 2006 was a planning session to outline some of the things we want to accomplish this year - projects/programs that will keep our chapter busy this year.

Semper Fidelis and best wishes for a healthy and happy 2006 to all of you!

*Joan Wright*

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

All the members of the TX-2 chapter want to wish each and every one of you a grand and glorious Happy New Year!!

Well, we're off and running in this new year. Don't know how many of you ladies pay attention to the weather reports from other areas, but we've been having wonderful spring-like weather here in the South Texas area. This is my idea of winter!

TX-2 has been busy since our last newsletter. In August, we started selling our historical calendars, and they are moving nicely. In September, many of us were forced to leave our homes in the anticipated path of Hurricane Rita. Some of our members did receive damage to their homes, but, thankfully, there were no critical injuries. In November, we provided a presence in the Veterans' Day parade (in convertibles, no less). Throughout this time, we've met with several area hotels in scouting out a location for the 2008 convention. In December, several of us had a lot of fun decorating the volunteer office at the VA Hospital here in Houston. We held our annual Toys for Tots drive during our regular meeting, and enjoyed each other's company for a tasty lunch and raffle. It's always so exciting to see what is brought for a raffle at some of the meetings.

Accompanying this article, is a picture of Connie Pendergast, one of our faithful volunteers at the VA Hospital here in Houston, standing in front of a shelf donated (by TX2 chapter) to be used in the patient rooms. We have several members who are dedicated to making sure that our fellow veterans receive courteous care and see a smiling face when they report for treatment at the facility. Their service is truly appreciated.



After the last newsletter article, we started to receive the first of the recipes for the upcoming cookbook "Cooking with Marines". I'm looking forward to giving some of them a trial run. If you haven't sent yours in yet, please type them (or print legibly) on an 8-1/2 by 11 size sheet of paper. Be sure to take care in the transcribing of the measurements and their abbreviations (it wouldn't do to have 12 tbsps of pepper when it should be 1/2 tsp).

Forward recipes to: BJ Huggins, P.O. Box 1821, Pasadena, TX 77503.

*BJ Huggins*

## CHAPTER CLIPPINGS *(continued)*

### **WMA** VA-2 Old Dominion

We celebrated Christmas in style. Santa didn't come but two very handsome young Marines did — LCpl. Raymond Draughn and Cpl. Jason Torres. They are from the Marine Corps Reserves, Hotel Battery #314 and represented Toys for Tots. They spent the whole afternoon with us. Women Marines had just reported to their unit for the first time, and they were full of questions about what this would be like, how they should treat them and what would the women expect. Since Christina is the most current Marine (the first Gulf War) in our group, they really appreciated her advice and hearing about her experiences. They leave for 29 Palms after New Year's, and then will be stationed in Iraq. We had lots of toys for them, and hugs and best wishes for a safe return. We promised to stay in touch. Their presence made this a very special party.

In January, we were invited by the Virginia War Memorial to take part in the Veteran Documentation Project. This is a wonderful way to be sure our stories are there for future generations, and that women's stories are part of the Virginia War Memorial files.

In February, we're hosting an open house to celebrate the women Marine anniversary. So here's an open invitation to all you Central Virginia women Marines to join us and share in our activities!

*Annebel V. Lewis*

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

It was a beautiful summer — lots of sun and not much rain! However, looks like we are getting back to normal.

We had a real fun day at Emerald Downs Racetrack on 13 August. The following members and guests were in attendance: Gerry Ahnstrom, Zelda Barrows, Barbara Pratt, Maxine Gonce, Juanita Leighton, Betty Strand, Connie Holden, Pat Karrasch, Jeanne Emerson, Viola Borstein and Louise George. Connie Holden, our member now residing in South Carolina, spent the afternoon with us, along with her sister-in-law Lois.

It was great to have a good crowd for our special day at the races. A number of our gals had their picture taken with the winning jockey and horse of the special women Marines race. So good to see Betty Strand from Bellingham. Thanks, Betty, for making the long drive to be with us.

Received a surprise call from Helen Hannah Campbell who was in town on business and was staying with Marian McNamara in Kirkland. Helen sounded like her usual perky self. Mac would like to hear from some of our members so give her a call.

Many thanks to Zelda Barrows for all her work in preparing our newsletter and keeping us informed on chapter news as well as national news.

The 8 October luncheon meeting was held at Johnny's in Fife. We celebrated the 95th birthday of Alice Bond, who served in the Corps from 10/43 to 6/46.

A brief memorial service was held at the meeting for long time member Hazel Rueter. Hazel passed away the first week of October. She was such a well loved member. Hazel entered the Marine Corps in November 1943 and was discharged in August 1946 as a Sgt, and served both at El Centro and Miramar. Hazel

served at various times as president, vice president and treasurer of our chapter. Rest in peace, and God bless.

The 3 December luncheon meeting was again held in Fife and it was a very festive meeting with many poinsettias which were selected by our president, Gerry Ahnstrom. The flowers were beautiful and a number of lucky members won them. Many toys were donated by members for Toys for Tots, and \$200.00 was given by the members to the food bank.

Our next luncheon meeting will be held 11 February in Fife and will be the celebration of the 63rd anniversary along with the election and installation of officers.

Best wishes to all WMA members for a happy and healthy new year.

*Louise George*

### **WMA** WI-1 Wisconsin

October 1 was a gorgeous fall day for the WI-1 luncheon meeting in Fond du Lac, and once again Hazel Strook did a fabulous job with the planning and door prizes. We're so grateful to have some young ladies to whom we've passed the sword and who will carry on for the older generation who are getting tired but still willing to help when needed. After all, it's been over 60 years since most of us were discharged.

The Marine Corps Birthday Ball, held on 5 November at Monona Terrace in Madison had a record attendance with the Madison Reserve Company back from Iraq - over 550 in attendance. Once again Connie Allord was the oldest Marine, escorted by 18 year old Mike O'Leary, a handsome young man in his dress blues. The cake-cutting ceremony went off in the best tradition of the Marine Corps but the band was definitely of the new age.

Veterans Day at the state capitol in Madison found Annette Howards placing a rose during the ceremony with Roger Boeker, MCL, escorting and Connie with Ralph Brooks, MCL Commandant escorting.

Toys for Tots got off to a flying start now that the Marines are back from Iraq and over 45,000 toys were collected. Annette and Connie wrapped gifts one day at the mall, along with six Marines, the donations going to buy toys.

During distribution Connie worked one day escorting families around the well-stocked toy set-up and many, many families had toys under their trees for Christmas. Marines unloaded semi-loads of toys.

We hope that everyone is off to a good 2006 and looking forward to meeting in Louisville.

*Connie Allord*



Denne Howard went to Moultrie, GA to pick up her new "baby" - a Maule MXT-7 180A airplane. Then she and her flight instructor, former Marine Dan Curry, flew it back to Bermuda Dunes, CA with stops along the way. One photo shows Denne with her Maule; the other is of Denne and Dan in the cockpit on the way back.

# Longer Lives, Smaller Paychecks Put Women on a Novel Track

The arc of a woman's life is different than that of her brother's. If history is any guide, she will live an average of seven years longer and earn an average 30 percent less.

These demographic realities mean that women are on an entirely different trajectory than men where finances are concerned. During their careers, women must prepare for a longer retirement, and they must do so with a wage that is narrowed by cultural bias.

To see how much money being female might cost you over the course of a career, go to the AFL-CIO site on the Internet and type in your age and wage. The union's online calculator will project the price of gender bias over a period of 30 or more working years. If you want to see some federal data on the topic, go to the U.S. Department of Labor website. It says that the average American woman will earn \$420,000 less than her male colleagues over the course of her career.

Care-giving responsibilities also lead to economic vulnerability. To care for young children and aged parents, some women step out of the workforce, or work fewer hours for a period of years. This time-out can be very expensive when retirement time comes along.

In light of these facts, what's a woman to do? Hilliard Lyons recommends the following:

1. Get started investing in your future. One helpful website is [www.businessweek.com/](http://www.businessweek.com/). Go to the BWInvestor menu and click "Hers.online." Once you know the size of the nestegg you will need in retirement, make a plan for building it. That's where Hilliard Lyons can help. Begin with an appropriate mix of stocks, bonds and other investment vehicles. The structure of your portfolio will be determined by your age, wage and risk tolerance, among other factors. Again, a financial consultant is invaluable at this stage.
2. Don't wait. Doing nothing may be a fast track to poverty in old age. If you procrastinate and wait until 50 to begin investing, you can never make up for the compound interest that is lost by starting so late.
3. Dedicate yourself to learning more about personal wealth and how to build it. Begin reading the business pages in the newspaper or subscribing to magazines oriented to the novice investor. So what if you don't understand the jargon or concepts in the beginning. Do you need to be a doctor to seek medical advice?
4. If you have a full house, you may need several accounts to address your family's investment needs. In the mix will be your IRA, your spouse's IRA, plus a college fund for each of your children. To the spouse in your life, we offer this advice: "Men, join your spouse in financial planning so that if you die, your wife has a financial plan to sustain her."

5. And what if illness, divorce or downsizing throw a monkey wrench in your plans? Statistically speaking, they probably will. Chances are good that one or more of these life events will cross your path. Don't despair. There are procedures and products to address these circumstances too; your financial consultant can recommend solutions to any situation that life may throw your way.

6. As for children, start your daughter on the path to financial literacy while she is young. Girl Scouts USA, for example, teaches girls the basics of earning, budgeting, investing, savings and philanthropy. The name of the curriculum is "Money Smarts." For another option, contact your local chapter of Business and Professional Women. The international women's lobby also has an economic curriculum for girls. Its "Choices" program prepares girls to be independent. The lessons in money management are designed to guide participants toward a career that will sustain them financially. The National Coalition of Girls' Schools is also working on financial literacy. At a meeting scheduled this fall, educators will hear from groups such as:

- Project Greenpurse for Girls ([www.greenpurse.com](http://www.greenpurse.com))
  - Girls, Inc. ([www.girlsinc.org](http://www.girlsinc.org)), and
  - The Womankind Educational and Resource Center, Inc.
- Whatever you decide to do, do something. Doing nothing is the biggest risk of all, experts say.

*Wendy Hopkins  
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*(Note: Wendy Hopkins is a financial consultant and member of WMA)*

## Parris Island, 1967



Holly Holman (left) and Paula Sarlls, Parris Island, August 1967, wearing the light blue skirt over shorts and light blue shirt, a uniform that was worn throughout most of boot camp. Does anyone else have photos in this uniform or know when it was "traded in" for cammies? Let us know!

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 WILDENTHALER, CHRISTINE M 3 MIRANDA CIRCLE BURTON, SC 29906  
 WINTHROP, REBECCA A 701 WYCKLIFFE PL WINTER SPRINGS, FL 32708  
 ZEYEN, IRENE M 2278 PARKHILL RD., W PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO, CANADA K9J6X4

## 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](mailto:Dixidust@bellsouth.net)



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

**Books**

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



**Item:** A limited edition booklet of line drawings portraying Women Marines, signed and numbered by the artist, Marion A. Allen, 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



**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

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

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



**Cards/Stationery**

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

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

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

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

**Decals**

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

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

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

**Shirts and Sweats**

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

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

**Item:** Golf shirt Dark (Hunter) Green with WMA logo (matches green covers) embroidered in white. Available in sizes (S) to (XXL)  
**Cost:** \$28.00 (Includes postage) **Chapter:** VA-1 Crossroads  
**Make checks payable to:** WMA, VA-1  
**Contact:** Lori B. Cousins, 2220 Wildflower Way, Locust Grove, VA 22508 (540) 399-9925 Email: [BronsonLC@juno.com](mailto:BronsonLC@juno.com)

**Item:** Red or white short-sleeve T-shirts with a gold WMA logo on the left breast pocket-side and the letters WMA printed in gold beneath the logo; sizes M, L, XL.  
**Cost:** \$13.00 each (includes shipping)

**Item:** Medium sage Green polo shirts with dark green trim around sleeves collar and button placket. Two color logo on left chest (dark green and khaki). Personalization with name and/or chapter affiliation available. Please specify.  
**Cost:** \$35.00 includes shipping and personalization  
**Size:** S, M, L, XL and 2XL (If you don't want it snug, suggest a size up)  
**Chapter:** GA-1 WMA  
**Contact:** Sheryl Hobden, 7158 Avalon Dr., Douglasville, GA 30135. 678-838-0620 [WMAGeorgia@yahoo.com](mailto:WMAGeorgia@yahoo.com). Please include your phone and/or email with order.

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

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

**Jewelry**

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

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

**Jewelry** continued

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

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

**Item:** WMA Ring. Jeweler - Jostens  
**Cost:** Lustrum (non precious white) \$181.00  
 Questra (non precious gold) \$218.00  
 10 Karat Yellow Gold \$325.00  
 14 Karat Gold \$395.00 (Cost includes three initials inside ring & shipping)  
 Note: Include ring size and phone number when ordering

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

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

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

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

**Miscellaneous Items**

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

**Item:** Travel neck pouch, black w/two zippered sections  
 on one side with clear section on reverse with  
 WMA logo; adjustable strap; size 6-1/2" 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

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

**Item:** Handmade soy wax candles (Lavendar, White Tea  
 and Ginger, Rose, Lemon and Lovespell)  
**Cost:** 9 oz. \$10 (plus \$5 Shipping)  
 16 oz. \$15 (plus \$5 Shipping)  
 (Two candles or more contact Bonniesbunch@yahoo.com or Rosa\_rmr@yahoo.com for correct shipping)

**Checks:** WMA-Phyllis Alexander **Chapter:** SC-1  
**Contact:** Rosa Robertson, WMA, P.O. Box 5296  
 Parris Island, SC 29905 (or via email)

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

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# Women Marines Association



## Application for Membership

(Please Print)

Check applicable box:    New    Renewal    Reinstated    New Life    Life



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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Last) (First) (M.I.) Service/Maiden)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Street) (City/State) (Zip+4)

SSN \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

(Mo/Day/Yr) (i.e., OK-2)

Next of Kin \_\_\_\_\_

(Name) (Relationship)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Street) (City/State) (Zip+4)

Dues include "Nouncements and the membership Directory. (Check one box)    1 Year...\$15    2 Years...\$25

Life (Pro-rated by age):    30 & Under...\$220    31-45...\$190    46-60...\$155    61 & Over...\$120

Enclosed Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enrolled by (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

"I certify that I am now serving or have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, regular or reserve components.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

make check payable to WMA and mail with application to: **Women Marines Association**

**P.O. Box 8405 • Falls Church, VA 22041-8405**

## Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter The Auxiliary of the WMA

Application for Membership (Please Print)

Check applicable box    New    Renewal    Reinstated  
 Regular    Life-Sponsor must be  
a WMA Life Member

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

(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

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

(Street) (City) (State) (zip + 4)

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Day / Month / Year (Necessary for machine accounting)

Sponsor's Chapter Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Relationship to Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Live with Sponsor:    Yes    No

Enclosed Dues Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dues include 'Nouncements if not already received in household.

2 Yrs.....\$25.00

### Life Membership

(Fee pro-rated by age)

(Sponsor must be a WMA Life member)

Sponsor's WMA Life Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

40 & under ...\$375.00    41 to 45 ...\$145.00  

46 to 60 ...\$125.00

61 to 70 ...\$100.00    71 to 80 ...\$75.00    81

& Over ...\$50.00

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter is an organization of close relatives of WMA members. Persons related within two degrees of kinship; i.e., spouse, sister, brother, parents, grandparents, children & grandchildren.

Non-relatives who are current members may remain as members as long as their dues are current, but cannot vote or hold office.

**A LOYAL ESCORTS OF THE GREEN GARTER MEMBER MUST BE SPONSORED BY A WMA MEMBER**

Make check payable to Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter. Mail to: Jeanne Cantrell, Treasurer, Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter, 11 Brown Street, Irving, Texas 75061.



Address Service Requested

**Women Marines Association**  
P.O. Box 8405  
Falls Church, VA 22041-8405