



Celebrating Phenomenal Women



Charlotte Plummer Owen

March is Women's History Month, when we celebrate those who contributed to our history as women and, in our case, as Marines. We just happen to have three phenomenal women to celebrate. And, unfortunately, to mourn.

Charlotte Plummer Owen, beloved director of the Women's Reserve Band, passed away on 18 December after taking ill in October. She is survived by her daughter, Susan, and two grandchildren. A memorial service was held for Charlotte in mid-February in Ann Arbor, MI.

Col Margaret M. Henderson (Ret),



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third Director of Women Marines, passed away on 28 December in Lubbock, TX. She is survived by several cousins and many friends.

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Her funeral was held 30 December with burial with military honors at Resthaven Memorial Park.



Col Barbara J. Bishop

Col Barbara J. Bishop (Ret), fourth Director of Women Marines, died in her sleep on 28 January in her home in Sandwich, MA. She requested there be no services and to be buried in the family plot in Peabody, MA. Donations may be made in her memory by contributing to the Col Bishop Chair in Patriots' Hall Theatre at the Women's Memorial. Make donation check payable to WIMSA, and mail to Dept 560, Washington, DC 20042-0560.

Don't worry, this isn't all. Turn to page 9 for more on these phenomenal women.



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Keepsake Photo Book

I wanted to give all of you an update on the Keepsake Photo Books from the San Diego Convention. If you ordered a book already, it should be on its way or already in your hands. I apologize for the delay, but there were so many wonderful photos of all of you to choose from, it was hard to narrow it down. For those of you who did not order a book yet, what are you waiting for?

This is a great photo summary of the 2004 San Diego Convention for anyone who did attend or for those of you who didn't get to. To order a book, send a check or money order for \$22.00 made payable to: Picture Works, 4390 10th Street, Ecorse, MI 48229.

A portion of the price goes to support the MI-2 Motor City Chapter. You can also still order photos as well. The prices are \$7.00 for a 5 x 7 or \$15.00 for an 8x 10. Send a detailed description of the photo or name of group with your payment. If you have questions you can also email me at ljtphoto@hotmail.com. Thank you for your time!

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From the President

The first thing I want to acknowledge is the effort of Sondra, our 'Nouncements editor, her volunteer shutterbugs, and ALL the many others of whom I'm not aware who contributed to the convention issue of 'Nouncements. We paid tribute to the past, now let's go out and challenge the future which will carry on the traditions of women Marines.

With new ideas being proposed by the board, as well as carry over issues from the past years, it is impossible not to get philosophical. As one who has been a member since 1960, I've often gotten restless over the last 40+ years at the pace we were growing and I remember a passage of a quote by Thomas Edison that reads "Restlessness is discontent and discontent is the first necessity of progress".

At a recent talk I was asked to give at a District Meeting of the California Women's Clubs, it was a pleasure to share the history of our organization. When I realize the faith it took to take those first steps in 1960, it's amazing what has been accomplished over the years.

This can be attributable to ALL who have served WMA. To some of you who have served years ago it was more than a "step"...it was a giant "leap".

The current board is no different as they work to continue to improve our Association. There are several projects in the works which will improve the process of managing WMA. Each member should have received a ballot requesting to change our IRS Code from a 501(c)(19) to a 501(c)(3). This change will improve our organization's ability to deal with tax deductible donations in a more equitable

way. That's just one of the benefits. There are other changes coming that will enable the entire membership to support and participate, which I know you will.

Every essential change will require hard work on the part of the board, and support from the membership. Just one example...the 1st Vice President is working on a change that hopefully will allow all former or present women Marines who for various reasons do not belong to a chapter or cannot attend meetings to stay connected and be more involved in WMA.

To those members who have called me or written about an issue of 'Nouncements missed or "I haven't received my membership card", I say, "hang in there...better days are 'a-coming" and in some cases are already here. Remember, the board is **HONORING the past and challenging the FUTURE.**

It is my sincere hope that each of you celebrated the 62nd Anniversary of Women Marines on 13 February, taking pride in your part of the Corps history. Semper Fidelis!

Lou Teixeira



Marine For Life Injured Support Program

The Commandant of the Marine Corps, in his White Letter No. 11-04 to all general officers, commanding officers and officers in charge, dated 31 December 2004, sent a tangible signal that Marines do take care of their own. Caring for combat wounded Marines and the families of Marines lost in combat is something that has been an issue for us for a long time. Now, the Commandant has directed the Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs to move forward in establishing a program to take care of wounded Marines and the families of those lost in combat. Following is the text of his White Letter:

Subj: Establishment of the Marine for Life-Injured Marine Program

1. The Marine Corps has a long history of caring for its fallen and injured Marines. As we all know, many Marines have recently suffered extremely serious combat injuries. Many of these Marines would not have survived in previous wars. However, because of our magnificent medical care and our ability to get our wounded treated so quickly, they are fortunately still with us. Nevertheless, their trauma still has a potentially devastating impact on them, their families and their future.

2. Although there has always been great concern for our wounded, there has been no formal program within the Marine Corps to address their special needs, and we have often relied upon other federal agencies to care for them

after they have left the Corps. After talking with many of these Marines, their families, doctors, and commanders and in conjunction with extensive research by HQMC, I have established the Marine For Life-Injured Support (M4L-IS) program. This program will be our direct link to these injured Marines and their families. The Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (DC M&RA) is the lead for M4L-IS. Implementation is already underway. M4L-IS will address all aspects of care for the Marine and family to include the very best medical care, travel and lodging for family members, coordination with external support agencies, retention in the Marine Corps if desired, transition support to Department of Veterans Affairs care, priority employment in the civil sector, continued monitoring after separation, and other forms of assistance as required.

3. To support this program with the urgency I believe is required, I have directed that we fully fund and man the M4L-IS program. I expect all HQMC staffs and field commanders to ensure their Marines are aware of this initiative to take care of our own. Quite simply, it is the right thing to do. Once a Marine always a Marine.

Keep attacking and Semper Fidelis.

Signed--
M. W. Hagee

From the First Vice President



Good things are in store for our members' convenience this year and we hope you will like the improvements and positive adjustments along the way. This message is especially for our national Members-at-Large (MALs): We want to be more supportive, available, connected, and relevant for our many MALs across the country - both at the state level and as your national organization. It would help us if you would take a moment in the next few days and email me with your thoughts, ideas, feedback on what would be help-

ful to you and what you would like to have our Association consider that would make it more likely you will stay involved and active with us throughout your lifetime. We have several good ideas ready to implement in the near future, but we want to hear from YOU so we get it right!

WMA has electronic new chapter formation documents that we can conveniently email any member who is interested in starting a new local chapter (you just need five willing members to plant your flag!). Please email or call me if you'd like me to send you these documents and we'll start the process!

Thank you all for your feedback and input into making our Association stronger for the future.

Lori B. Cousins

From the National Board

Major Changes Announced

Your National Board has recognized the reality of the magnitude of several of the jobs and the difficulty in continuing to find people both willing and able to devote the time necessary to those jobs. So the Board has voted to acquire some hired help – ABM Services. For the initial contract that's been approved, funds have been donated specifically for this purpose.

The Financial Secretary's main job has been to maintain the membership data base and provide needed information from that data base to a variety of "customers", to include this newsletter. Over the last five years we have had three Financial Secretaries who have each had to come up to speed on a fairly complex computer program while trying to keep everything up-to-date. We've also discovered that there are several major changes that need to be made to the data base to make it more use-able – like identifying "snow-bird" mailing addresses so you get your newsletter both winter and summer.

While looking at the entire membership process, a subcommittee of your National Board has come up with several changes that should make the process much faster and more efficient. By having hired someone who will keep things going on a day-to-day basis (to include some of the daily details of the Treasurer job), your Board, to include the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer, can focus on the larger issues and on making things better for the Association and our members. ABM Services is provided by one of our Loyal Escorts, so he understands us and our needs. Yes, he's our Treasurer, Doris Bell's husband; we have a detailed contract with him and will ensure the necessary oversight so there are no difficulties with an audit (or with our funds!).

Rest assured that we will have appropriate controls in place to ensure the contractor is taking care of WMA business the way we want him to. Yes, it's been some time since you've seen the New and Reinstated Members section in this newsletter. In fact, your new Resource Manual and Directory has been delayed so we can ensure all the information in it is current. (If you're looking for a Scholarship application, one was mailed in first class mail along with the Bylaws changes vote. It's also on the web site.) The RM&D will be out soon and you'll see all the current information. We've had some real delays over the last five years in getting memberships processed. But your Board is confident that contracting the routine work will keep things running smoothly while we make some long-needed changes to make our processes more efficient.

Convention 2004

R&A Judging

On 6 September, the Recognition and Awards luncheon honored those chapters and individuals who excelled in the areas of chapter newsletter, chapter history book, and chapter achievement in the areas of: 1) fostering the spirit of comradeship of women who have or are serving in the Marine Corps and sponsoring or participating in patriotic activities; 2) promoting activities that help community or charitable organizations function, by volunteering, soliciting contributions, etc; and 3) carrying out activities that improve the comfort convenience, education, and quality of life for elderly, disabled, needy and active duty women Marines. These activities may include providing entertainment, care and assistance to hospitalized veterans or members of the armed forces of the United States.

It was during the judging process for this year's award winners, conducted in July that I discovered how impressive the achievements of our sister Marines from all over the country really are. The Recognition and Awards Committee had judges from the Washington, D.C. area who were serving as Marines, had served as Marines, or who had particular expertise in areas being judged. The judges were, without exception, blown away by the commitment, caring, and energy portrayed by the award entries. Some of the comments of the judges included:

"I hate to have to pick a winner---it's obvious that a lot of heart went into all of these books."
~~ active duty Marine Major

"These women make me ashamed of the pid-dley little stuff I do for others." ~~ retired Marine Colonel

And my favorite----

"You must really be proud to be one of those women." ~~ active duty Air Force Lieutenant General

What the judges recognized as they went through each of the (*Continued on page 8*)

Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Seeks Backpacks

As many of you know, the MI-2 has been very active in taking care of those who serve. We learned that there is a HUGE need for filled backpacks. As many of you know when our service members are severely injured they are stabilized then medi-vac'd to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC), Germany. The number of injured has been huge. When these men and women get there, they have nothing. The backpacks provide a place to store the gear as well as items that are needed.

I have been in contact with the Marine liaisons there and help is needed. So once again I turn to all of you to please help. MI-2 has sent 32 filled bags already and today I picked up 2 large cases of donated backpacks which I will start to fill this week so we can get them shipped off. I ask that you each fill just one backpack and send it. It will make a difference.

LRMC is the largest American hospital outside of the United States and is the only American hospital in Europe. Items that are asked for:

• Sweatshirts, long-sleeved t-shirts, and

jackets in all sizes (they tell me that due to the drastic change of weather, the injured are constantly cold.)

- All toiletries to include:
 - deodorant (men and women's)
 - soap (bar and liquid)
 - shampoo (w/ and w/o conditioner)
 - toothbrushes
 - floss and floss handles w/replacements (the floss picks are great for those without hand injuries but are too tiny for those with)
 - toothpaste
 - brush w/comb sets
- Tube socks (Hanes sells a 6 pack that's perfect for their needs)
- Duffle bags and backpacks
- Music cds (the cd library is still very small with a very limited number of choices)
- DVDs (these guys are watching as many as five movies a day which the doctors promote because it helps keep many of them from withdrawing into their own world; action, comedy, and concert DVDs are favorites.)
- DVD players (5-disc DVD players and portable players are well received; one allows many movies to be loaded

at once and the portables are easily accessible)

- Portable cd players (if a rush of cds does come in, for now there won't be many players to go around)
- Magazines...car, motorcycle, men's fashion (yes seriously, men's fashion), sports, gaming (Xbox, Playstation, etc.), and outdoor magazines are among the favorites
- Get well cards (from individuals, classrooms, scout troops, etc)...the get well cards, letters, and homemade cards we handed out were very well received.

Please send your backpack of love directly to: Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, ATTENTION: MCEUL-CH/Chaplain's Office, CMR 402, APO, AE 09180.

Mary Ann Merritt

New Merchandise

The Phyllis Alexander Chapter (SC-1) is selling Soy Wax hand made candles to raise funds. They are wonderful and burn better than regular candles.

There are two sizes - 9 oz. (\$10 + \$5 shipping) and 16 oz. (\$15 + \$5 shipping) and come in the following



fragrances: lavender, white tea and ginger, rose, lemon and lovespell.

If you are interested, go to our Merchandise pages and look under Miscellaneous for the listing for more information. Light a candle for Phyllis!

CA-8 is offering a fleece throw with the eagle, globe and anchor centered on a red background, and an outer border of stars and stripes on blue background. The fleece throw is 48" X 60", unfinished border, for \$20.00 each (includes postage and handling).



Look in our Merchandise pages under Miscellaneous for more information about ordering a throw. What better way to keep warm than by wrapping yourself up in the Corps!

Hugs Project: Supporting Our Troops

Have you heard about The "Hugs" Project? It's a great group of people who are dedicated to sewing and sending evaporative cooling ties to our troops in the "sandbox". They have already sent out over 54,000 homemade "hugs", which sounds like a lot until you consider that we have over 165,000 people in the desert right now. Cooling ties are simple to make but the benefits are dramatic. They can lower body temperatures by 1 to 4 degrees. They can also be gently heated this winter to use as reusable hand/pocket warmers.

The group also has many members who knit, crochet and loom hats, slippers, neck warmers/sand scarves and other items for our troops also. Maybe you'd like to help in that way.

They need more people sewing and sending out "hugs" to our troops. They also need more knitting and crocheted items and machine embroidered pocket pieces. Right now they're working to outfit 700 Marines in one unit. They are in the midst of the fighting and they need a morale booster in the worst way. If you think you might be interested in helping out, please send an email to:

thehugsproject@cox.net and you'll be sent all the information needed to get you started. Each one of them is funding their own efforts, buying their own material and postage. Our homemade "hugs" don't cost that much to construct and mail and there is nothing I can think of that you could buy and send to the military people in the Middle East that they would appreciate more.

People can send letters and support directly to a soldier, Marine, airman or sailor who will distribute the "hugs" to the people most in need of love and encouragement. We would appreciate you for sending this to members of your mailing list who enjoy sewing. It's a great beginner's project for Girl Scouts, home schooled children, 4-H and church groups, VFW's, etc.

Thank you for taking time to read this message. It is a one time request for help. If you are willing to help spread the word, please post in your discussion groups, link to them on your website and forward to all your friends. It's so important that these wonderful young men and women know that they are NOT forgotten.

From the Loyal Escorts President

As many of you already know, our Immediate Past President of the Loyal Escorts from 1996 to 2004, Dan Christenson, passed away in January of this year. Please take the time to read his tribute in this issue of 'Nouncements. We all extend our heartfelt sympathies to his wife and sponsor, Ame.

One of the Loyal Escorts newest directors, Tabitha Cunningham, wrote the following article which makes a whole lot of sense and I pass it on in its entirety. I think the WMA will be hearing a lot from this dedicated volunteer for many years to come. Thanks, Tabitha.

Calling All Grandmas

The Loyal Escorts need your help. We are constantly thinking of ways we can better help the WMA, but with our aging membership we are limited in what we physically can do. To better help the WMA we need the help of all of those woman Marine Grandmas. Your young energetic grandchildren are the solution to our problem. Let's face it, they are the future of our organization. The sky is the limit if we could just get even a handful of women Marines to get their late teen, twenty something grandchildren, nieces and nephews involved.

Now, you may be wondering what we need them for. Well, we can always use young legs and strong arms for all the work we do at the conventions, but that's not all. We also need motivated and dedicated Loyal Escorts to help their local WMA chapters. For example, when I attend chapter meetings with my aunt, I usually help the ladies set up for meetings, clean up afterwards, but most



Tabitha Cunningham

importantly help the older ladies get around. I am sure there are a lot of chapters that have an aging membership that could use a couple of their own Loyal Escorts to help with activities.

There are incentives for these young adults to get involved. Personally, I get a great deal of satisfaction knowing I am helping giving back to those women who gave so much for their country, but there is another incentive. Loyal Escorts can also receive volunteer hours when helping the WMA.

I hope that at our next convention in Kentucky, I will see lots of fresh faces ready to help out and have some fun doing it.

President's note: A two year membership, \$25.00, makes a great gift and might be the impetus for the young to get involved with the old.

Paul Dossin

Update on Ame'

As you may or may not know, Ame' Christenson was hospitalized when Dan passed away and no one knew anything about her condition. Rumor was she was in critical condition in a "home". We later found out she was in Brooke Army Hospital in San Antonio, and she was, indeed, in critical condition in their ICU.

She has since been moved to a long-term care facility. Here is the address for cards and letters: Ame' Christensen, Regent Care, 3935 Medical Drive, San Antonio, TX 78229.



Dan & his wife Ame at the 2004 convention.



In Memory of 1st Sgt Daniel G. Christenson USMC Retired

March 28, 1924 - January 21, 2005

First Sergeant Daniel G. Christenson, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired, was born to Ernest F. & Clara A. (Sieble) Christenson on March 28, 1924 in Hammond, IN and passed away on January 21, 2005 at the age of 80. He and his wife of 60 years, Maude (Ame') (Rosen) Christenson were long time residents of Schertz, TX. He is survived by his loving wife, Maude (Ame'); his mother Clara; sons Joe Christenson & wife, Ann of San Antonio and Jeff Christenson & his wife, Jane of Harrison, AR; daughter Jan Davis & husband, Pat of Conway, AR and grandchildren, Chris and Genie Davis, Jennifer, Lauren, Cody & Chase Christenson.

First Sergeant Christenson retired from the U.S. Marine Corps after 20 years of loyal service to his country and continued that service by serving with the American Red Cross for 21 additional years. His commitment did not stop after retirement, working for many more years along with his wife, Ame', also a Marine, with the American Red Cross Disaster Service. Dan continued to serve his community as a volunteer throughout the remainder of his life as a Boy Scouts of America Committee Member and active volunteer with the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Many local children, Marines, and their dependents remember Dan as Santa Claus, which he dearly loved being since 1953

until last year.

We remember Dan as the President of the Loyal Escorts (LEs) of the Green Garter Association from September 1996 to September 2004. He was responsible for numerous accomplishments and moved the Loyal Escorts forward throughout his tenure as president. His failing health never stopped him from doing the things he said he would do. A man of his word, he made things happen because he cared for the WMA and the LEs. We now have recognizable Loyal Escort sashes to wear at official WMA functions. He started the LE pins for the conventions. When confronted about the association's name, he took the bull by the horns and made the appropriate changes. The funds in the LE treasury were increased significantly on his watch. Participation at the last convention was at an all time high and we now have more life members than when he took over.

Below are tributes to Dan from WMA members. We all are better off having known Dan, we appreciate all of his contributions to us and his beloved country, and we will miss him. May he rest in peace. Semper Fidelis, my friend.

Paul Dossin

"Dan loved life and lived it the best he could, and in the process made it better for people along the way. His health in recent years prevented him from physically doing much. But he never realized that his pres-



BGen Paxton and Dan at the 2004 convention

ence, alone, was a contribution. We'll miss you, Dan. Semper fi." ~ Sondra Metzger

"I'm pleased to have known Dan as we 'co-shared center stage' in the presentation of national awards and Loyal Escorts chapter streamers at the Awards Luncheons--- also while seated at the Grand Banquet table learning about his life and love for his wife, Ame'." ~ Sue Sousa

"In the short time that I was able to observe Dan and his Loyal Escorts, I can tell you that I was impressed by their professionalism and sense of duty. It is a lasting tribute to him that the Loyal Escorts have flourished. Thank you, Dan, for your dedication to this organization. We will never forget." ~ June Worden

"This is such sad news. I had the honor of dining with Ame' at the Closing Banquet and she shared a bit of her and Dan's history with me. They were young sweethearts and as was clearly evident that evening, still were. To meet a couple so devoted to one another was truly touching. My thoughts and prayers will be with Ame' and their family. God bless you and keep you, Dan. Semper fi!" ~ Sheryl Hobden

Chaplain's Corner

Every year we lose more of them, the giants upon whose shoulders we have all stood. They served their country competently, brilliantly - persevering through all kinds of obstacles. They shine in my memory because they made my way and yours an easier path.

Most were not tested on the battlefield but nevertheless had what Napoleon called, "two o'clock in the morning courage." They were alert and active in the wee hours when things could go wrong but didn't because they were there. It is their courage and foresight which has ultimately made a Marine Corps where women's gifts are acknowledged more and more.

We pray for their souls and ask for more like them.

Rev Bev Short

In Memoriam: Col Hazel E. Benn

Women Marines from WMA DC-1 and VA-1 chapters, as well as active duty women Marines from Henderson Hall and Quantico, plus retired Assistant Commandant E. E. Anderson and retired LtGen Steve Olmstead gathered at the Old Post Chapel, Ft. Myer, VA to bid farewell to Colonel Hazel E. Benn, USMC (Retired).

Col Benn was one of the first four women to be competitively selected to the grade of Colonel. In addition, on her retirement, she was the first woman Marine (other than one holding the billet of Director of Women Marines) to receive the Legion of Merit. While on active duty, Colonel Benn was instrumental in establishing the many educational programs that today provide Marine officers and staff non-commissioned officers with degrees and graduate degrees.

Her educational knowledge, management expertise, and dogged determination, ensured that the Marine Corps would fund education for the future leaders, planners, and legal experts needed to

lead the Corps into the 21st century. Among the programs that Colonel Benn helped to shape or influence were the Special Education Program, the Advanced Degree Program, MECEP, Staff Non-Commissioned Officers Degree Completion Program, and the Funded Legal Education Program.

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The service at Old Post Chapel and Arlington Cemetery was conducted by Rev Larry Marshall, Colonel, USAF (Ret.), assisted by Rev Mitzi Manning, Colonel, USMC (Ret.) and member of DC-1 chapter of WMA. The senior active duty Marine, Col Sheryl Murray (also a DC-1 member), presented the flag to Colonel Benn's sister.

Mitzi Manning



The caisson bearing Col Hazel E. Benn.



WMA members who paid their respects to Col Benn are, (standing l-r): Margaret Brewer, Aileen Maust, Mary Evelyn Bane, Eileen Scanlon, Sue Sousa and Pat Kelly. Kneeling, Mitzi Manning.

TAPS

November 2004-January 2005

LIFE MEMBERS

Benn, Hazel #168 (DC-1) died 16 December 2004
 Bishop, Barbara J. #134 (MA) died 28 January 2005
 Brinton, Ella (Smith) #389 (CA-9) died 30 October 2004
 Cole, Dorothy (Kurowski) #1801 (WI-1) died 11 November 2004
 Coons, Maryann (Shurtleff) #2016 (AZ-1) died 23 November 2004
 Cordray, Alwilda (Baker) #1564 (OH-1) died 28 October 2004
 Creighton, Harriet (Jolly) #300 (PA-3) died 15 November 2004
 Espergen, Hettie (Sandfort) #857 (CA-7) died 20 December 2003
 Gardner, Agnes (Morris) #529 (USA-1) died 6 January 2005
 Henderson, Margaret #12 died 28 December 2004
 Karges, Beverly (Locke) #902 died 2001
 Lohrman, Rosemary (Wooldridge) # 2078 (IA-1) died 15 November 2004
 Luke, Florence #1934 (TX-2) died 28 October 2004
 Owen, Charlotte (Plummer) #163 died 18 December 2004
 Rauh, Joan #2462 (CA-7) died 30 December 2004
 Strock, Marilyn (Nielson) #798 died 22 January 2005
 Sanders, Marguerite #2485 (CA-1) died 4 June 2004
 Schilling, Dorthea #617 (AZ-1) died 27 January 2005
 Webster, Thelma (Votaw) #274 died 20 September 2004

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Barker, Rosemary (USA-3) died 7 December 2004
 Blakeslee, Opal (AR-1) died 27 November 2004
 Fuller, Gloria (LaFramboise) (WA-1) died 29 January 2005
 Luther, Millie (Henderson) (IN-1) died 13 December 2004
 McDevitt, Mary Jane (Lewis) (FL-10) died 24 March 2004
 Stroble, Hildegard (CO-1) died 27 December 2004
 Webber, Eileen (Wall) (WI-1) died 25 October 2004
 Wooden, Eileen (Pope) (USA-3) died 7 April 2003

WIMSA Chair

Contributions Update

Update of contributions to WIMSA for Chairs in the Patriots Hall Theatre at the Women's Memorial as of 20 January 2005:

Director(s) of Women Marines	Contributions Received	Balance Needed
Col Barbara Bishop	\$4,982.00	\$5,018.00
Col Margaret Brewer	3,207.00	6,793.00
Col Julia Hamblet	5,031.00	4,969.00
Col Margaret Henderson	10,000.00	-00-
Col Ruth Streeter	10,000.00	-00-
Col Jeannette Sustad	10,000.00	-00-
Col Katherine Towle	11,500.00	-00-
Past National President(s)		
Helen Hannah Campbell	\$2,500.00	\$7,500.00
Theresa "Sue" Sousa	10,000.00	-00-
Nita Bob Warner	10,000.00	-00-

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WWII Marine recognized for outstanding volunteer service

Marines and other prominent members of the Greater Miami military community presented the prestigious Patriot Award to a World War II Marine, Ms. Mary Jane Kane, for her leadership in supporting our troops serving in Iraq and in a wide range of other key community organizations.

The Patriot Award is awarded by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve organization, in recognition of service to the Guard, Reserves, the community and to the nation's military men and women.

Kane enlisted in the Marine Corps in January 1944 and served on active duty until the war's end. Following the end of hostilities, she served an additional five years in the reserves. During World War II, her husband was serving in the Navy in the Asiatic Pacific Campaign, and her brother in the Army in the D-Day invasion. This didn't distract Kane from her goal, though, which was to become a Marine. "I never thought of the other services. From the time I was a little girl on, I always wanted to be a Marine," she said.

After she separated from active duty, she quickly developed a passion for volunteer work after an event that changed her life. "I belonged to the Curtis Park Aquatic Club. We taught American Red Cross swimming classes to school children, cerebral palsy patients, and the blind. One day a little boy who was blind exclaimed to me, 'Teacher, isn't the water beautiful!' That was the breaking point for me and I have been volunteering ever

since," she said.

Kane is an active member of the South Florida Women Marines Association. During her tenure, Kane has held office of treasurer, secretary, vice president and president. The chapter participates in many community events. Through their Veteran Affairs volunteer service, for years she provided greetings and goodies to hospitalized veterans at Miami VA hospital.

She also chairs a committee to produce annual holiday baskets for Safe Space, a housing facility for abused women. She worked numerous hours to open and manage a non-profit thrift store whose proceeds support Safe Space.

During a visit to the Florida Keys, she came across another group in need; the Island House, which provides housing for troubled teens. Once again, she gave of her time and energized fund raising events to support this organization.

Her most recent work included sending holiday care boxes to our troops serving in Iraq. "I'd compare them to the packages the troops receive from home," said Army Lt. Col. George Stewart, whose Florida National Guard troops benefited from her generosity during their recent deployment. According to Stewart, by far the most popular items in the care packages were her batches of homemade oatmeal cookies, which were a huge hit with the troops. "Ms. Kane is definitely a role model and a true patriot," he said.

Col. Bruce Gandy, chief of staff, U.S. Marine Corps Forces South who present-



Mary Jane Kane with Col. Bruce Gandy; U.S. Marine Corps Forces South chief of staff.

ed the Patriot Award on behalf of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve organization observed, "The Marine Corps returns over 40,000 Marines to their civilian communities each year. They are committed citizens and community leaders, but it would be difficult to find a better example of length, breadth and depth of service than Mary Jane Kane's."

This Marine spends countless hours in service to others. But when she takes some precious time out for herself, you can find her in the Florida Keys, where she fishes off the dock of her island home. Despite its relative seclusion, the place is hard to miss – it's the one proudly displaying the American and Marine Corps Flags.

*Story and photo by GySgt Mike Dougherty
Courtesy of MarineLink*

R&A Judging (Continued from page 4)

entries was that the sisterhood of WMA will do anything that needs to be done to benefit others. Whatever philanthropic, charitable, or otherwise caring activity that can be named, some chapter of WMA is hip-dip in it already---making a difference as only a fired up group of women Marines can.

Many have asked about what makes the difference in a winning entry and "just an entry," and this year that was no simple question. Most (but not all) chapter achievement entries this year were properly identified, attractively packaged, and represented significant achievement in an appropriate category. For newsletter entries, the balance of local WMA news, national news, and biographical informa-

tion about chapter members ran through the majority of the entries. The history book category showed the talent and dedication of the various historians, as most of them had a professional touch. The most frequent comments by judges about what distinguished a winner had to do with the variety and depth of projects chosen by the chapters and the number of chapter members participating. Other comments helpful to chapters who may want to compete in 2006 are listed below:

"Neatness always counts and the several entries that had ragged newspaper clippings stuck haphazardly under plastic did not compete well."

"Some chapters appeared not to have read the categories very well, as their entries did not always coincide with the

criteria stated in the rules."

"Several newsletters treated local news well, but did not include national WMA items. In other cases, most of the items were copied from other sources, not written by WMA members."

Overall, the competition was intense for the streamers this year and for the Ruth and Dick Broe Award, which was won for the second straight convention by TX-2, Texas Gulf Coast Chapter.

Congratulations to the winners, and for those chapters who did not have an entry for 2004, challenge your membership to pick one area in which to compete for 2006.

Mitzi Manning
R&A Chair

Paving the Way

Dear female warriors of the 21st Century:

I had the honor of meeting Col Henderson and Charlotte Owen at conventions. There they were...our history brought to life.

The women who paved the way for you are still attending the WMA conventions, although fewer in number. If you want to find out what the journey was like in the beginning, go to a convention, or even a chapter meeting. You can learn a lot about our courageous beginnings and how you got to where you are today. All 62 years worth of journey.

~~ Editor

Three women of great courage who were among those who started paving the path that all of us followed. Three women who all happened to be teachers both in the Corps and out. Three women who will forever be immortalized in Marine Corps history.

Margaret Monroe Henderson

Margaret Henderson was born in Cameron, TX, on 6 February 1911. After graduating from high school, she attended the University of Texas and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1932. She taught at several schools in Texas as well as Lubbock High School before her enlistment in the Marine Corps in 1943. She was commissioned a second lieutenant on 29 June 1943 at Mt Holyoke, MA



Col Henderson in 1999.

Captain Henderson was detached from active duty in May 1946 and returned to Lubbock where she served as an instructor at Texas Technological College for two years. In December 1948, she returned to active duty when she was selected as one of the first regular woman Marine officers.

Because of her business and teaching background, she was the logical choice to head 3rd Recruit Training Battalion at MCRD Parris Island, establishing women recruit training at PI. She and her staff of 19 women Marines set up

everything from classes to barracks to regulations to training schedules and were ready to receive the first recruits on 23 February 1949.

During her career she also served as Head, Women's Affairs Section, Division of Plans and Policies, Headquarters Marine Corps, where she played an important role in the return of women Marines to stations during the Koran War; and Commander of the Women Officers Training Detachment, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico. She was promoted to lieutenant colonel in January 1953.

From January 1955 to March 1957, Colonel Henderson served as Assistant G-1, at Camp Pendleton, CA. In April 1957, she was assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps as Head, Women Affairs Section, G-1 Division.

On 2 March 1959, she assumed duty as Director of Women Marines, with the rank of colonel, until 2 January 1964. Upon assuming this post, Colonel Henderson became the third Director of Women Marines. Knowing that enlisted troops would feel more comfortable talking to another enlisted woman than the Director, she worked to establish the billet of Sergeant Major of Women Marines. SgtMaj Bertha Peters Billeb filled that billet. They remained life long friends.

Upon completing her tour as Director, she served as Assistant G-1 (Personnel), MCRD San Diego, with the rank of lieutenant colonel. She was reappointed a colonel and placed on the retired list on 31 January 1966.

Her service didn't stop when she retired. She returned to Washington D.C. as Executive Director of the Navy Relief Society. Col Henderson loved her hometown of Lubbock, and in 1967, she was named Director of Lubbock's Community Planning Council and Volunteer Bureau, a division of the



Col Henderson and her SgtMaj, Bertha Peters at Bertha's promotion to SgtMaj.

United Way. Later that year she was invited to Washington, D.C. to witness the signing of a bill that removed restrictions on, among other things, rank women were allowed to hold in the service.

In 1998, when asked what she was doing now, she said, "My career can be summarized as follows: after 13 years in the educational field, 23 years in the Marine Corps, then nine years with the United Way of Lubbock as Executive Director of the Community Planning Council, I am now retired, retired, retired!"

Among her awards was the Legion of Merit, "for exceptionally meritorious performance of outstanding services as planner, administrator, and leader of women Marines throughout a distinguished career". In 1985, she received the Distinguished Citizen Award from Governor Mark White during a Texas celebration marking the 40th anniversary of the end of World War II. She also was the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Medal of Honor in 1972.

We have so much to thank this phenomenal woman for and little room to put it all in. We are a better corps of women for her service.

To honor her, memorials are suggested to Macular Degeneration Foundation, Inc., PO Box 531313, Henderson, NV 89053. Collections for her chair in Patriots' Hall Theatre at the Women's Memorial are complete.

Barbara Janet Bishop

Barbara Bishop was born in Boston, MA, on 2 October 1920. She received her early schooling in nearby Everett, graduating with honors from Everett High School in 1938. Very much the artist, she attended the Scott Carbee School of Art evenings, and during summer vacations studied landscape painting. In September 1938, she entered Yale University where she completed a six-year course in five years, and was awarded a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Art in January 1943. She later earned her Master of Arts degree at the University of Chicago in June 1948. She accomplished her thesis on five Florentine Cassone panels exhibited in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and was working on her doctorate when she was recalled to active duty by the Marine Corps in 1948.

Colonel Bishop enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve on 18 February 1943 at Boston. She was assigned to active duty on 10 April 1943, reporting as a private to Mt Holyoke and was commissioned a Marine Reserve second lieutenant on 1 June 1943.

Throughout World War II, she held a variety of assignments: detachment officer with the Marine Training Detachment at the U.S. Naval Training School, University of Indiana at Bloomington; executive officer, Marine Aviation Detachment at NAS Atlanta, GA; commanding officer, Aviation Women's Squadron 21 at Quantico; the Division of Aviation at Headquarters Marine Corps as Officer in Charge of Secret and Confidential Files until she was assigned to an inactive duty status, 10 September 1946, with the rank of captain in the Women's Reserve.

With the passage of the Women's Armed Forces Integration Act in 1948, Capt Bishop was also one of the 20 officers returning to active duty as a regular. She was commissioned a captain in the Women Marines, 7 December 1948. Assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps, she assumed duty as Officer in Charge, Secret and Confidential Files, Division of Plans and Policies. While there, she was promoted to major in February 1951.

In February 1952, she was transferred to Hawaii where she served in the same capacity at Headquarters, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, until September 1953. On



Col Bishop

her return to the continental United States, she served as Commanding Officer, Woman Marine Company, Camp Lejeune. She was promoted to her permanent rank of lieutenant colonel in February 1955.

Colonel Bishop returned to Headquarters Marine Corps in May 1955 to serve as Head, Women's Branch, Division of Reserve, with additional duty as Deputy Director of Women Marines. From October 1956 through July 1959, she was assigned as Commanding Officer, Women Recruit Training Battalion, Parris Island. During this assignment, she was cited for exemplary performance of duty in a letter of appreciation by the Commanding General of the Recruit Training Command.

In August 1959, she was named Assistant G-1, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico. She served in this capacity through February 1962, and the following month reported for duty in Europe as Military Secretary to the Commander in Chief, Allied Forces, Southern Europe, Naples, Italy. On 3 January 1964, on assuming her new duties as Director of Women Marines, she was promoted to the temporary rank of colonel.

Upon assuming her new post, Colonel Bishop became the fourth Director of Women Marines. At the time, there were about 1,500 women Marines serving at ten posts and stations throughout the U.S. and in a few overseas billets. When she was relieved as Director, there were 2,600 women Marines serving 25 posts and stations as well as in Europe, the Philippines, Okinawa, Japan and Vietnam.

During her tour as Director, Col Bishop focused on improving living spaces of women Marines, increasing assignment opportunities and raising the retention rate. It was during this time that women officers were assigned to career military schools for the first time.

When President Lyndon Johnson signed Public Law 90-130, which removed certain restrictions to the promotion to field grade of women officers, Col Bishop was among the first group of women Marines to be selected for promotion to the permanent rank of colonel. She was the first Director to retain her rank when she was relieved as Director.

Col Bishop, who had assumed her assignment as Director of Women Marines on 3 January 1964, retired in August 1969 during ceremonies held in the office of the CMC General Leonard F. Chapman, Jr. Prior to this assignment, she



At the 25th Anniversary of Women Marines, Directors (l-r): Col Ruth Chaney Streeter, Col Barbara Bishop, Col Julia Hamblet, Col Katharine Towle and Col Margaret Henderson.

completed a tour of duty in Naples, Italy, as Military Secretary to the Commander in Chief, Allied Forces, Southern Europe. At her retirement ceremony, she was awarded the Legion of Merit, and presented with a citation lauding her for her service to women in the Marine Corps. It was signed by all active duty WM officers.

It was during retirement that the teacher part of her became apparent. She moved back to her home state of Massachusetts, living in Sandwich for the rest of her life. It allowed her to "pursue a life-long interest in early glassmaking in America since Sandwich was the site of a thriving glass industry in the 19th Century."

She became director of the Sandwich Glass Museum, and later a member of the Board of Trustees. She co-edited a book and several published articles on glass. And, her fascination with all aspects of the arts of Russia was revived. She was particularly interested in the decorative arts, opera and ballet. She made many trips to Russia, and attended the Faberge exhibits and performances of the Kirov and Bolshoi ballets and operas in New York and Washington, D.C.

It could be said that Col Henderson broke the ground for us, and that Col Bishop was the one who started paving it.

A very private person and the last of her family, Col Bishop did not want any fuss made over her, so was quietly buried in her family's plot in Massachusetts.

Her chair in Patriots' Hall Theatre at the Women's Memorial is not yet complete. Donations may be made in her memory by making a check payable and mailed to WIMSA, Dept 560, Washington, DC 20042-0560.



Col Bishop in retirement

Charlotte Louise Plummer Owen

The last time we saw Charlotte, she was singing with the "Sometimes Singers" at the Closing Banquet of the 2004 Convention, and watching her long time friend and band mate, Bonnie Smallwood Medin, perform a solo. Three months later, she was gone after 86 years of life. And what a life.



Born on 31 January in Minneapolis, Charlotte graduated from Eugene High School in 1935 where she captured one of the top championship ratings as a clarinetist in the state solo contest. In 1939 she graduated from the University of Oregon where, as a student teacher, she conducted her first band.

Charlotte then taught in the LaGrande, Oregon, school district followed by a stint teaching both vocal and instrumental classes in Portland.

With World War II in full swing, Charlotte decided to aid the war effort. Upon reading a brief newspaper article announcing the formation of a special Women's Reserve Band in the Marine Corps to replace men who were needed to fight in the war, she applied and was immediately accepted because of her outstanding recommendations as a clarinetist and her experience as a teacher.

Traveling alone by train, she arrived at Camp Lejeune late at night. The Marine guard on duty at the gate scoffed "Women's Band? There isn't a women's band." He held her at the guard house all night until the offices opened in the morning and confirmed her orders. Exhausted, she arrived at the barracks just in time for the usual daily Marine Corps basic training — a full day of difficult physical events and exercises which added to her exhaustion.

When the nationwide search for outstanding women musicians ended, the Women's Reserve Band was formed, and Charlotte Plummer was chosen as conductor. The band set about making history as the only all-women's band in the annals of the Marine Corps — and what a band it was. They had about 28 performances a month, including symphonic concerts, dance band gigs, parades, guard mounts, military reviews, war bond tours, three national network radio broadcasts and ceremonies for dignitaries such as President Roosevelt,

Admiral Nimitz, and others.

Not only was Charlotte the first woman band director in the armed services, but she also must have been the first person in the armed services to turn down an officer's commission. It would have given her a higher salary and more prestige, but to accept this commission, she would have had to move to the officer's quarters, and she insisted that she stay in the same barracks with the rest of her band. Therefore, she remained a Master Sergeant. That says a lot about her character.

In 1945, Charlotte married Charles Owen, principal percussionist with the Marine Band. They met when he and two other Marine Corps Bandsmen were assigned to train the women's band in the early days of its formation.

When the war ended, Charlotte and her husband stayed in the Philadelphia area. Charlotte was First Clarinet with the Arlington, VA, Symphony Orchestra. When her husband joined the Philadelphia Orchestra, she was Principal Clarinet in the Philadelphia Mainline Symphony and its Woodwind Quintet. She continued teaching in the Philadelphia school system. In 1972, Charles was hired as the percussion instructor at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. While raising their family, Charlotte taught private clarinet and saxophone lessons, continuing to do so until last May.

At age 67, she organized and conducted the Ann Arbor Civic Band, a 75-piece community ensemble, through the summer of 2001. Themes were her specialty as she introduced countless children to musical marches such as "The Teddy Bear Picnic". Instead of offering a wide selection of music, Charlotte arranged



The leader of the band.



The Women's Reserve Band playing at the Navy Yard, Washington, DC with Charlotte conducting.

concerts by themes such as the Big Band concert, the patriotic music concert and the very popular children's concert. Her "Teddy Bear Picnic" has become a tradition that the new conductor would never think of changing. As many as 2500 music lovers attended her concerts. A total of 15,000 usually attended during each summer session. The symphony will perform a tribute concert for her this summer.

Active in many organizations, Charlotte belonged to the Mu Phi Epsilon Professional Music Sorority for over 60 years; she was a member of the Marine Corps League, Rotary International, Women Band Directors International and a life member of the Association of Concert Bands.

Her career and activities earned her many awards and recognitions including receiving the Distinguished Alumna

Award from the University Of Oregon School Of Music in 2001, and on 30 September 2004, she was awarded the D.A.R. Woman of The Year Award. She was the first woman to have directed "The President's Own" Marine Band in Washington, D.C. Band. For the dedication of the Women's Memorial, she was chosen by the committee to direct the Alumni Band.



A memorial service for Charlotte was held in mid February.

Charlotte Owen was actively involved in teaching, performing and conducting for over 65 years.

She was a wonderful musician, excellent director, and a humble yet adventurous soul who was adored by thousands.

Chapter Clippings

WMA AR-1 Arkansas Diamond

Once a Marine, Always a Marine.

Do the current members of the Marine Corps understand this saying? Read the following and decide. Typed word for word as written by Mildred Homan.

"I want to thank the members of the Twin Lakes Marines who drove more than 30 miles in a downpour to attend the graveside services at the Crossroads Cemetery in Pineville for Opal Blakesley who served as a Marine during WW II, 1943-1945. Opal was in the first training battalion at Hunter College, New York City, in February 1943, at which time no uniform had yet been approved for that service. Opal was a charter member of the Arkansas Diamond Chapter of the Women Marines Association.

Members of the Twin Lakes Marines paid their respects to a 93 year old veteran Marine who some of them had never met. This respect exemplifies the indelible imprint on all Marines of the Corps' motto "Semper Fidelis", Always Faithful to our God, country and our fellow Marines. The Marine Corps honor guard consisted of three Marines (each less than 20) in their dress blues standing at attention in the rain, which gave evidence of the commitment of all Marines to the Corps and to all its members, regardless of generation, color or creed."

Margaret Deuster



The Toys for Tots bus.

the attendees candle holders. Kathi usually works weekends so this was a treat for her to be able to come.

Maggie Hart, vice president, resigned in December. She moved from the area and will find it hard to be with us. Connie Guaraglia volunteered to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. Thanks, Connie! We will all miss Maggie as she was always ready to do it all herself and she was my right hand. She will still be coming to our meetings when she can make it. Thanks, Maggie, for all your help over the last year.

Several of our members have been on Sick Call -- Mary Standley, Helen Valentino, Ann Molnar, Helen Ulricksen, Fran McMullen, and Regina Goss. I'm sure I have missed some and to all we wish them a speedy recovery.

LaVerne Marts

WMA CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

First of all, Happy New Year to all of you and hope it was a happy one for all!

Our "Stuff the Bus" day at San Jose in December was a huge success. The Marines did a fantastic job of collecting the toys for Toys for Tots. The bus was over half filled in the two hours that Betty Lieser and Laverne Marts were there. One gentleman donated ten bicycles in various sizes for both boys and girls. The bus was there every day for two weeks and was filled at least two to three times on the weekends.

Our Christmas luncheon was held at a local restaurant and 15 members attended. We had a good time and wished all of our members could have attended. Everyone received a Christmas decoration and a gift.

Our 62nd Anniversary luncheon (12 February) was held at a sports bar and restaurant. When this was written, our guest speaker was not confirmed, but I am sure she will commit to it.

We received two thank you letters, one from the USMC Archives Branch for pictures that Maryannette Schneider sent to the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter. The pictures were "Home Away From Home." The second was a letter from the Shriners Hospital thanking us for the toys that we donated to them.

Operation MOM is having a Casino Night on 26 February with proceeds from this affair to buy the needed supplies for patients at Bethesda and Walter Reed Hospitals. CA-3 donated \$200 toward this event.

Our January meeting was hosted by Kathi Carpenter at our local HofBrau that everyone seems to enjoy. Kathi gave each of

WMA CA-4 North Central California

The annual Sacramento 3-day Stand Down was held Oct 5, 6 & 7 providing vital services for homeless veterans with ten CA-4 members serving food chow-line style to over 400 participants and volunteers. It's an eye-opening experience and fun, too.

Six members attended another annual event, the All Women Veterans Luncheon, in Milpitas, sponsored this year by the Bay Area Wives, on 4 November. A half dozen CA-4's joined the Sacramento WAVES on their chartered bus to this classy and entertaining affair.

For the third year, we rode in Marine Corps vehicles in the Elks Grove Veterans' Day parade. The rain stopped just in time. Lea Cassidy had a great sign made for our lead hummer (see picture). The crowds waved, applauded and thanked us, which is very heartwarming.



Left to right: Lois Wilson, Dorothy Forman, Del Baeta, Lea Cassidy, Mary Blair and Lucille Harness at the Veterans' Day Parade.

Chapter Clippings Continued

We had a lively Christmas party on 6 December at the Golden Tee Restaurant with a good turnout and guests from the Bay Area, former member of CA-4 Alice Engle and friends. Our own Karen Wynette surprised and delighted us with several songs, playing her guitar and accompanied by Chris Hollinger on bass guitar. Karen has a beautiful voice, sings in a band, and plays drums. Lea Cassidy, Lois Wilson and Olive Claussen served dessert and Christmas presents were shared. A good time!

Dorothy Forman

WMA CA-5 Orange County

First, I want to tell you all about the Veterans' Day parade in Tustin. This wonderful little parade runs about two blocks and finishes in Peppertree Park where fun events take place all afternoon. Valerie Erskine and I participated as representatives of WMA. We had requested transportation and initially were going to be asked to climb in an enclosed transport vehicle. Seeing our dilemma, another CA-5er, Goldie Nannes who was representing another organization in the parade, stepped up and took the matter in hand. Before you know it, we were perched on the back of a BMW convertible blithely waving to the crowd!! Thanks Goldie! Vanda Bresnan rode in her convertible with husband Mike and dog Gabby representing Orange County Veterans Council. The absolute frosting on the cake was Florence Leach who rode with the Pearl Harbor Survivors in her WWII uniform. She looked great and had many photo ops with fellow vets from that era. I encourage more to participate in this fun event!

Our Christmas party at the Claim Jumper was outstanding. The food was great and Mary Ann's centerpieces were beautiful! Thanks to everyone for your generous support to Toys for Tots. It was an impressive array of gifts and will be appreciated by some lucky children! The gift exchange was lots of fun too. We were honored to have Lou Teixeira, our national President and Jeanne Botwright, our national Secretary with her friend June Dempsey with us for the festivities.

Our 13 February luncheon is at the same Claim Jumper in Fountain Valley.

Valorie Lephart

WMA CA-6 Mount Diablo

There were 18 present at our annual Christmas party luncheon on 1 December at the new Zio Fraedo Restaurant in Pleasant Hill.

We were fortunate to have two guests from CA-9. Doris-Panzer and Joyce Donegan drove down from the wine country to join us. It was great having them.

Armed with food and toy donations, we arrived at 11:30. President Dolores Callero opened the meeting. After Mary Joe King led the prayer and we pledged allegiance, Dolores told us our Area 10 Director, Denne Howard, had sent her a list of women now serving in the Corps in Iraq. She read a few of the letters she had received from them. The women's Marine Corps certainly isn't what it used to be. We can't brag about how much rougher it was for us, in the "old Corps."

She passed around the list, with note paper and pencil, so we could write to them too. I've sent copies of my book, "A Few Good Women" to a couple privates. They need to know folks back home haven't forgotten them.

Marylve Johnson was unable to attend, due to an injury. We hope it's not too serious, and she will be back, able to join us again at our next meeting.

Inga Ferris

WMA CA-7 Edith M. Vann So. California

We want to thank the many people who have written to us about how much they enjoyed the convention in San Diego. We were very pleased to have chaired this convention and were overwhelmed by the turnout and support given to us.

Since our last Chapter Clipping we have lost another member, Joan Rauh. Joan was a very enthusiastic person and was active in the VFW in Fallbrook. She passed away on 30 December. She was buried with full military honors on 6 January in Fallbrook.

WMA trooper Mary Sabourin (aka "Mighty Mouse") drove with her nephew Kelly to San Diego to join me in the WMA booth at the Marine West 2005 Military Exposition at the SNCO Club at Camp Pendleton. The Marine Expo also visits Camp Lejeune April 6-7 and Quantico September 13-15. We obtained 18 prospective new WMA and chapter members by promoting the purposes of WMA. We also displayed and took orders for the 2006 convention fund raiser, "We Are Marines". I also learned how Mary earned the nickname "Mighty Mouse"--the woman never quits!



Left to right: Lillian Cross, Mary Sabourin and Ellie Judge at the Marine West Expo.

For the month of February we are again holding the Anniversary celebration of WRs at the SNCO Club at Camp Pendleton. We are expecting another large turnout. For the month of March we are planning a field trip to the Pala Indian Casino and Resort compliments of the Casino. We will enjoy lunch and a talk with Tribal Chairman Robert C. Smith. The Pala Indian Band of Mission Indians has a very rich history. It will be interesting to hear how the Indians came to be where they are today, and their negotiations with our famous governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger.

CA-7 is again awarding scholarships for academic excellence for our local high school seniors. Letters have already been sent to the high schools.

Easter will soon be upon us. We hope that you will all enjoy the joys and blessing of this season.

Lillian Cross

WMA CA-8 Palms to Pines

CA-8 President Ozelle Barksdale has made contact with a woman Marine in Iraq who was able to provide us with a list of needed items. At our Christmas meeting our members brought bags of products for shipping to Iraq ranging from hair bands to personal hygiene. The items have already been shipped and take approximately three weeks to arrive. Ozelle has recently received another request for hand warmers. During Christmas our Marines in Iraq were dealing with 28 degree weather and the winter there goes on for about three months.

CA-8 members have also been working on some ideas for community service. Several of our members donate pop tops to Ronald McDonald House and several donate to a local JROTC. We have members on the Honor Guard at the National Cemetery at Riverside and a volunteer at the Jerry Pettis Hospital for veterans in Loma Linda. We are also looking to be of assistance in sponsoring the MCJROTC at Fontana High School in Fontana, and reestablishing making lap quilts for veterans in the hospital as we have done that program in the past. It certainly looks like our industrious Board has a busy year planned for us.

Mary Cowell

WMA CA-9 Redwoods

The Christmas holidays were celebrated on two different occasions. On 1 December Doris Panzer and Joyce Donegan traveled to Pleasant Hill to join CA-6 (Mt. Diablo) chapter members at their Christmas luncheon. Zio Fraedo's provided a wonderful meal, and the fellowship with the great gals in our neighboring chapter was terrific!

On 5 December six chapter members joined Lucille Thyrring at Paradise Valley Estates (PVE), where Lucille is a resident, for a holiday luncheon. Doris Kleberger, guest Mary Thompson, Betty Kelley, Doris Panzer, Bobbie Lee and Bernelle Stephens found PVE aglow with festive Christmas regalia including a gorgeous Christmas tree in the lobby of the community building. A fine lunch, which we could order off the generous menu, was the usual culinary treat. It was a nice way to celebrate the Christmas season, and we thank Lucille for arranging this pleasant occasion.

Member Joyce Anderson became Mrs. Robert Donegan on 9 November. Congratulations were extended to Joyce and Bob. We are pleased to announce that Joyce has agreed to fill the office of vice president, completing our officer roster.

We mourn the passing on 30 October of chapter life member Ella Brinton in Clinton, WA. She was a charter member of Redwoods Chapter and was very active during the early years.

Our 62nd Anniversary luncheon will take place at the Quail Inn at Oakmont, a retirement community located between Sonoma and Santa Rosa. Member Doris Kleberger is a resident and is making arrangements with the staff there. We are looking forward to this gathering in a beautiful lush green setting with a backdrop of the Sonoma County Mountains. Sonoma is the next valley west and rivals our own Napa Valley for excellent wines and beautiful scenery.

We extend Anniversary greetings to all, albeit belatedly! SEMPER FIDELIS!

Doris Panzer



Members of CA-15 and Girl Scouts.

We were assisted by a charming group of Girl Scouts (shown in the photo). We are all posing in front of pallets filled with the care packages we completed. CA-15 members shown are Nonie Lann, Louise Brown, Geri Fiorello, Virginia Moore, and Joan Vitale.

Continuing another project which we enjoy, we brought gifts to a Veterans Hospital, including lap-ropes, slippers, books, stationery and personal-needs items. 'Til next time, Semper Fidelis!

Joan Vitale

WMA CO-1 Colorado Columbine

Chapter member Debbie Brown has volunteered to be the new Area 7 Director.

Vice President Nancy Wilt arranged for roses to be placed at the Molly Marine Statue at Quantico on 13 February from the Colorado Columbine Chapter.

In August 2004, chapter member Roddy Godown arranged for the Legacy Quartet to perform at Fitzsimmons State and Veterans Nursing home. President Sarlls, Vice President Wilt, and Debbie Brown attended and assisted veterans in getting to the recreation room.

Several members of the chapter attended the convention in September – Marge Alexander, Jo Slater, Paula Sarlls and her husband, Tony (who became a life member of the Loyal Escorts). Anjoleen Baca of the newly formed Pikes Peak Mutter Chapter also attended and received their charter.

After the convention President Sarlls attended the "Price is Right" television show where she presented Bob Barker with a WMA pin. Unfortunately, neither she nor her husband were chosen as contestants.

President Sarlls was on the Rick Crandall radio show on 21 September speaking about WMA. She also attended the Veterans Salute at Buckley Air Field on 4 November with a table display for WMA.

Chapter Clippings Continued

Vice President Nancy Wilt taught a class on etiquette for the Young Marines on 5 October in preparation for their ball. President Sarlls and her husband, Tony attended the ball.

Member Penny (Mildred) Byrne was honored as the eldest Marine in the cake cutting ceremony at the Adams City High School MCJROTC Ball. The young people were quite smitten with her and her photo subsequently appeared in the newspaper. President Sarlls and her husband escorted Ms. Byrne to the ball.

President Sarlls attended the Colorado State Joint Budget Committee hearing on 21 September that voted \$4.1 million for Fitzsimmons State and Veterans Nursing Home because of the presence of veterans' organizations leadership.

Both Tarri Whitby and Miriam Thome had grandchildren who were granted WMA scholarships. We're very proud of these young people and wish them well with their education. Their grandmothers are very special ladies and provide shoes that are difficult to fill.

Tarri Whitby, Paula Sarlls, and the chapter adopted Marines and sent packages and letters to them. Shirley Brown and Marge Alexander contributed. They also sent shoes to the children in Ar Ramadi, Iraq.

The chapter held its Christmas brunch at the home of Vice President Nancy Wilt on 4 December. All had a good time and the turnout included members of both this and the new Pikes Peak Mutter Chapter.

The January meeting of the chapter was conducted at Fitzsimmons Nursing Home. An anniversary celebration will be held on 13 February.

Paula Sarlls

DC-1 District of Columbia

Since it has been a while, will try to bring you up to date as to our activities.

After the convention, we had our meeting in October. We celebrated the marriage of our chapter president (Capt) Karen Burchart to Capt Jeremy Brockmeier, USMC, with a special cake and lots of congratulations. We also told sea stories about the convention and the great time which was credited to the California gals who did a super job.

Our chapter meetings are held at the Henderson Hall Club, which will bring back good memories to many of you who read *'Nouncements*.

Prior to Christmas, eight of our members selected names of our troops in Iraq and sent packages. For Christmas we brought toys for Toys for Tots and had a surprise visit from Carol Mutter. Chapter member Mary Ann McKenzie read a letter she received from the 1stSgt she had mailed a package to in Iraq. She was married and her three children were being taken care of by their god-parents.

On 2 February, members of DC-1 gathered at the Old Post Chapel, Ft. Myer, to bid farewell to Colonel Hazel Benn, life member of WMA and DC-1 Chapter. Colonel Benn was one of four women first selected competitively for colonel (vice the Director of Women Marines who was appointed and held the grade only while serving in the billet). She was buried in Arlington with full military honors. Col Sheryl Murray (DC-1)



DC-1 at their Christmas party.

presented the flag to the family, and Rev. Mitzi Manning was one of two chaplains participating in the chapel service and graveside ceremony. Look for the photo from this service within this issue of the newsletter.

We will be celebrating our 62nd Anniversary at the Henderson Hall Club with guest speaker Capt Irma Lopez, who has had a tour in Iraq and will tell us of her experiences.

Eileen R. Scanlon

FL-8 Spaceport

It has been a long time since we reported in. Our four hurricanes can be blamed! We sure were hit hard in September 2004. But thank the good Lord we are coming back to normal. We had to cancel our September and October meetings. Members living in Barefoot Bay were really hit hard, and are still struggling to get back on their feet. Words cannot describe the destruction in that area. Most of Florida really took a big hit. Things will get better.

Happy New Year to all. We were so glad to get back together for our meetings. Had a great Christmas meeting/party. Mary Bevan held it in her condo's clubhouse. We had a pot luck buffet, and it was hard to taste everything as so much food was on the tables. Plenty of hurricane stories were spun, and we were all grateful to be back together and all mostly healthy.

Plans are being made for some sort of celebration for our 62nd Anniversary. Planning to bring in our old pictures from boot camp and duty stations. We will not put our names on the pictures and try to identify each other from years gone by.

Plans are in the making for our Brevard Stand Down, to be held on 26 March. It is a wonderful event and our chapter really gets involved each year. Mary Bevan is the co-host this year, with Dr. W. Vaiginos from the VA. Hopefully it will bring out more homeless vets than last year.

Florida is still trying to get back on its feet. Until next we meet again, Semper Fidelis!

Mary Bevan

GA-1 Dogwood

Happy 62nd Anniversary Marines!

In December, Sheryl Hobden and new member Susan Dickey visited the Atlanta VA Medical Center to hand out holiday gift bags. We identified three sister Marines who we hope will be attending future chapter events.

Mary Sabourin stopped by for a brief visit on 4 January on her way to the West Coast. Joining Mary for dinner was Kathleen Eidson, Sheryl Hobden and Sheri Sperin.

Chapter Clippings Continued

Sheri has been attending college working towards a degree in nursing. A project for one of her classes was to interview a senior citizen and create a scrapbook using photos and memorabilia. Sheri had chosen Kathleen as her subject and after dinner presented Kathleen with the scrapbook she had created. Kathleen was overcome with emotion when she saw the thought, care and creativity that had gone into the book, for which Sheri had earned an "A".

The second week of January, Capt Linda Long and LtCol Laura Ward of RS Atlanta hosted an Educator's Workshop at Parris Island. This workshop is designed to give educators an understanding of the training process and the transformation that takes place so they are better able to counsel young adults on a career in the military, specifically the Marine Corps. The group of 28 received a small taste of what the recruits experience when they first arrive at Parris Island by going through the "yellow footprints" drill. In addition to briefings they also had several opportunities to interact with some of the recruits. The educators consistently found that the reasons these young people choose the Marine Corps is for the pride and challenge of becoming one of the few, one of the proud. Witnessing the emblem ceremony, many were moved to tears when they saw the pride on the faces of the new Marines. It was an experience that won't soon be forgotten.

On 7 February, Sheryl Hobden visited Newton County High School in Covington, GA to give a presentation on the history of women Marines to five classes of MCJROTC cadets. According to instructors LtCol Rick Stanford and GySgt Sherman Smith, the only woman Marine history they knew was that Opha Mae Johnson was the first woman to enlist during WWI. Using publications from the Division of History and Museums, as well as the "We Are Marines" book put together by NC-1 and memorabilia and photos from her collection, Sheryl created a presentation that gave the students a more in-depth look at the history of women in the Marine Corps. Leaving the cadets with some resource materials, including articles related specifically to women Marines culled from MarineLink, the Marine Corps' website, she hopes they will develop an even deeper appreciation of the history and contributions made by women in the Marine Corps.



Sheryl Hobden and her class of MCJROTC cadets.

In celebration of our 62nd anniversary, the Dogwood Chapter made plans to have lunch at an Atlanta institution, Mary Mac's Tea Room, and enjoy some southern cooking. Then, in keeping with the spirit of the occasion, we will be visiting the National Museum of Patriotism to view exhibits on The Immigrant Experience; Hall of Patriots; U.S. Military; and the Gen Ray Davis Memorial, among others. It promises to be an enlightening afternoon.

Congratulations to Victoria Turney whose son, Chris Conkel, became a Marine on 4 December! We also received the happy news that our own LCpl Kamilah Keith had arrived home safely on 7 February from Iraq. We look forward to seeing her soon. We pray that Cpl Rachel Bergstrom and LCpl Samantha Wood will be kept safe during their deployment which begins the middle of February.

Our thoughts and prayers also go out to the families and loved ones of Past National President Sarah Thornton and Past Loyalty Escort President Dan Christenson. Their dedication and service to WMA were honored at the convention in September and we are deeply grateful for the example they set. They were the embodiment of Semper Fidelis!

Sheryl Hobden

WMA IN-1 Indiana



IN-1 members at our most recent meeting. The meeting was held in Indianapolis.

They say that "it is better to give than to receive". The Indiana Chapter agrees with this and we had a year of giving. We have donated funds to the Indianapolis VA Medical Center for the Women Veterans Clinic and we donated funds for a dialysis chair to the Indianapolis VA Medical Center. But, we didn't stop there; we also donated funds to the local chapter of the Young Marines, the Injured Marines Semper Fi Fund and to Volunteer Services at the Indianapolis VA Medical Center. We look forward to another year of giving.

Connie Hamm

WMA IL-2 Blanche S. Osborn

Late in November, over 30 members and guests helped celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday at our fall luncheon and meeting. Our speaker was Howard Hatch, an Iwo Jima veteran, who spoke of his experiences at Iwo and some of the battles preceding it. Howard is a neighbor of member Lavergne Novak. Among the guests the members brought were two special ones: Scan Connolly and his mother Maureen Connolly. Scan is a 5th grader. About three years ago, a daughter of Lucille Janssens, who is the principal of a school in Chicago, started a class project of pupils writing to World War II veterans. Lucille gave a list with addresses of the chapter members to her daughter who passed them on to the teachers. Scan had the name of Bernadette Kruszynski, our first chapter president and who now lives in Ohio. The two exchanged many letters since then. When visiting relatives here Bernadette decided to come to the meeting; she got in touch with Scan's mother and arranged for the two of them to join us at the luncheon.

Chapter Clippings *Continued*



Sgt Rita O'Reilly and all the toys.

Another member event was the Christmas Holiday and Potluck and Toys for Tots Collection. Over a dozen members came; others send money if they can't make it and Helen Laukes arranges to buy toys at a toy store near her. The potluck makes it a convenient time to gather all the toys at one time to take to the Marines Training Armory. It usually coincides with the thousands of motorcycle riders who form a parade miles long and ride from the far south side of Chicago to the north side and end up at the armory. One of the chapter's newer members, (Sgt) Rita O'Reilly, now on active reserve, was in charge of the city-wide collection this year. We collected the usual carload of toys, and Helen Laukes and Muriel Underwood drove up after the party to the armory. They got to see the amount of toys at that time.

Muriel Underwood

WMA MA-1 Bay State

Happy New Year to all!

We here in the Northeast are in the throes of winter. The snow, ice and cold keep coming, but we are a hardy bunch and spring is not that far away.

Our annual Toys for Tots effort wrapped up just when it seemed like we just got started! Chapter President Barbara Signor, Jean Jackman, Ruth Sullivan, Maria Alexander, Barbara Blount, Ellie Canty, Connie Libardoni and Pat Morrissette all volunteered their efforts to help make the 2004 campaign another success. Kay Carpenter again assumed the duties of Office Manager. This is one wonderful group of women, volunteering year after year for this great cause. Many thanks to them all.

Our sister chapter, CT-1, is hosting our Anniversary Dinner on 13 February. We are looking forward to attending.

With the busy-ness of the holidays and Toys for Tots behind us, we have some "catch our breath" time until the end of March.

Kay Carpenter

WMA MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks

Six of our members attended the San Diego 2004 Convention. Betty Capron and Mary McGee came a day early and signed up

for a side trip to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot and the Airfield Museum and the Field at Miramar. There were 40 on the tour and were picked up by the bus usually used for the Band and Silent Drill Team, very plush. First stop was at MCRD where they were entertained by the Band at the Morning Colors ceremony. Then brunch at the home of BGen Paxton and his wife, Diane, which was delicious, also enjoyed by younger Marines. Lots of fun sharing service stories with them. Many pictures were taken, also group pictures. After brunch, they were taken by bus to the parade grounds to watch the graduation of Fox Company from Guest of Honor seats right behind the general and his wife. On to Miramar where they met up with a male Marine Sgt. who took them on a tour, where they came upon a homecoming of our troops from Iraq which was very moving and exciting. Such a wonderful day!

We kept busy at the convention with meetings, the Boutique, and seeing and hearing from the young Marines who were there. Also, some of us who were stationed there enjoyed revisiting familiar places.

Our Christmas Holiday Potluck was again in June Cirk's party room. We enjoyed a good variety of food and each brought a white elephant gift for our gift exchange and an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots. One of our members has a box at work to collect Toys for Tots. It was an enjoyable evening for all.

Many of our members are snowbirds so instead of having our Anniversary Luncheon in February, we'll have it in May when we'll have better attendance and better weather.

Doris Palmer & Snoopy

WMA MO-1 St. Louis

On 12 December the chapter held a Christmas party at the National Shrine of our Lady of the Snows, Shrine Restaurant in Belleville, IL. It was well attended and since it was a buffet luncheon, no one went away hungry.

Kathy Sutphen and her husband Bob moved to Tallahassee, Florida on 1 December.

A retirement ceremony honoring Maj Jean Bink-McGrath was held on 3 December at Scott Air Force Base.

TAPS - One of our former St. Louis Chapter members, Agnes M Gardner, died on 6 January. She was a life member of WMA.

Happy Anniversary!

Mabel A. R. Otten



MO-1 Christmas Party. Front row (l-r): Opie Owens, Mary Jantosik, and Patty Schindler. Back row (l-r): Mabel Otten, Jackie Rockamann, Betty Gonzales, Jackie Scialfa, Rachel Simmons, Georgia Rahmoeller, Loretta Borowski, and Betty Schlechte.

Chapter Clippings Continued

WMA MO-2 MO-KAN

The chapter met at Carnegie Village in Belton on 5 December. We had 17 members in attendance. Our president, Deniese Eloch welcomed the new Area 5 Director, Mary Ellen Stone. Mary Ellen



Olayinka Perry with her certificate.

then presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Olayinka Perry for her support at the MCJROTC awards banquet. Deniese passed that the "Youngest Marine" honored at the Mobilization Command (MOBCOM) Marine Corps Birthday Ball this year was our own youngest Marine honored at our celebration, LCpl Sara Pacheco. Deniese also thanked the chapter for approving the purchase of 36 turkeys that were donated to MOBCOM for food baskets that were given to families in need during Thanksgiving. MOBCOM had

a Food Hike which acquired and provided all the additional trimmings.

Our chapter also voted to continue to hold our chapter meetings at Carnegie Village the second Sunday of every other month at 1 pm. Thanks were passed to Tracy Myers for arranging our current meeting.

Tracy Myers won the raffle of a USMC windsock and car flag.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 13 February at which time we will be celebrating the 62nd Anniversary of women Marines. Deniese requested that all chapter members bring a guest.

Deniese Eloch

WMA NM-1 Sandia Chapter

In November 2004, our chapter hosted the Women Veterans Luncheon at Kirtland AFB with an attendance of 60 veterans. We had a lot of door prizes donated by local merchants which was well received by the attendees. Each year a different branch of the service takes on this task. Many thanks to all chapter members who helped to plan and follow through on the arrangements. We have a chapter that works well together.

We wish to welcome new members Anna Desposito, Tammy LaMere, and Faye Young to our chapter. We are always trying to recruit new members and we are doing very well. The VA Newsletter has helped us to get new members as they post the chapter contact for WMA and that is our big source for new members. A donation was made to the VA Hospital for the purchase of a park bench to be placed on the grounds of the hospital.

A memorial service was held in memory of Ruth Dockham who passed away in August 2004. Ruth was a gung-ho member of our chapter and she loved to wear her yellow chapter jacket.

I wish to thank all chapter members for their faithful attendance at meetings, participating in chapter projects and showing that Marines can be counted on to do their part. Thanks again and Semper Fidelis.

Barbara Winslow

WMA NV-1 Nevada Sagebrush

The Sagebrush Chapter made it through the Marine Corps Birthday and the Veterans' Day parades of November. As we moved into December we had our annual meeting and Christmas Luncheon. Yearly we collect for the Toys for Tots drive in our area, and it is also an opportunity to wish everyone well wishes for the season and the up coming year. We would like to pass on to our sister chapters our wishes for a very prosperous 2005.

The Sagebrush Chapter will be celebrating the 62nd Anniversary of Women Marines with a luncheon on 12 February. The "Women Veterans of Note" will provide live musical entertainment; we will have a guest speaker and the traditional cake cutting ceremony honoring our oldest and youngest Marines present.

Former President Mary Knapp in December had surgery again on her knee. She is doing well and in good spirits. Betty Elinoff, our former historian, is also still recovering from her recent surgery. Another member, Diane Dietrich, was diagnosed with brain cancer. In December she had successful radiation treatment which burned the tumors from her brain. As a result of this Diane has lost about 1,000 words from her vocabulary, but I am happy to report she still maintains her sense of humor and wit. Our continuous prayers go out to all of our members and members of our sister chapters who are going through health challenges.

Angela S. Melancon

WMA NY-3 Paumanok

Our chapter may be dwindling in numbers, but 11 of us met at Nocello's Ristorante to celebrate our 62nd anniversary. We missed the members unable to come due to illness, distance or other commitments, but we few celebrated with pride

Kudos to Alice E. Fay who planned the affair...well done, Alice! After champagne punch and a delicious meal, the restaurant provided a sinfully delicious/beautiful cake....a Duet Mousse.

Back in December and in conjunction with a local homemakers group, we bought enough personal items to send to women Marines in Iraq. The two boxes each weighed just short of 30 lbs. A local DAR chapter, wanting to help us, paid for the postage. Now that was team work! A beautiful thank you letter was received this past week from the 1stSgt who received the boxes, expressing her appreciation.

Muriel reported that we had received matching funds from national for the phone cards we sent to 12 women Marines back in October, so now we can send 12 more.

A report was given about the changes in scholarship applications.

We may be few but we are proud and we wish all women Marine veterans a Happy Anniversary.

Barbara Kruse

WMA OH-2 Ohio

What a busy winter we have had. We started our new chapter and did not miss a step by volunteering at the Marine Corps Reserve Center doing Toys for Tots and bell ringing for the Salvation Army.

Chapter Clippings Continued

Maj Jenny Potter has really been busy at the reserve center since our Marines moved out to 29 Palms. She helped organize the send-off for our Marines at a local high school. There were over 2,000 people who filled the gym and showed their support.

Our Loyal Escort members have been with us in all our events. We are having our first meeting on 12 February at the American Legion Post 281. The charter members are providing the anniversary cake and food. Being a new chapter we are excited about meeting new members and getting ideas for future projects. One of our members who just came back from Iraq, Brandie Huth Rodriquez, got married. We wish her many happy years. Until next time, Semper Fidelis.

Elva M. Pounders

WMA OK-2 Heartland

Our anniversary luncheon will be held on 19 February at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Oklahoma City. Our guest speaker is Mitzi Manning. We will again have the cadets from the MCJROTC at Grant High School as our color guard and cake escorts.

This luncheon is a bit different this time. It is a joint luncheon with the Oklahoma Women Veterans Organization. At some point in the program, they will conduct their installation of officers.

Afterward, chapter members are taking Mitzi to the National Memorial downtown and then out for a night on the town Heartland Chapter style!

Every two years we present someone in our chapter with our Chapter Service Award at this luncheon. It's the highest award a



Joan Willauer.

member can receive from our chapter, and it goes to the member who has contributed the most towards the chapter in the past two years. Past recipients vote on who will receive the award.

This year's award is going to Joan Willauer. She's a special lady who has done quite a bit for the chapter, including an award for our history book at the convention.

Hope everyone had a great holiday and a memorable anniversary!

Sondra Metzger

WMA OR-1 Lady Marine Rose

The OR-1 annual Christmas party at the Rheinlander Restaurant in Portland on 4 December was attended by forty-eight members and guests. President Hattie Kelley presided over the festivities and had attractively decorated the tables with miniature trees and snow men and women which were later awarded as raffle prizes. We were pleased to have several members of the 1st Marine Division and their spouses join us. Active duty Marine Sgts John Heine and Ben Hannigan were there to enjoy lunch with us and take the many toys to the base that members brought for the Toys for Tots drive.

The sale of raffle tickets for some special prizes and sales of Lorraine McCameron's highly coveted "Hobo Bread" brought in a tidy sum to add to our Meg Dawes Scholarship Fund.

Our first meeting of the new year was attended by 12 members and 2 guests. Most of the meeting was spent discussing plans for our 62nd Anniversary Luncheon which will be held 12 February at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Oswego. We are all looking forward to celebrating with our members and several members from OR-3 who have assured us they will be there. As we celebrate our 62nd anniversary of women in continuous service in the Marine Corps, let us all keep in our hearts and prayers our fellow Marines who are honorably serving our country. Semper Fidelis.

Golda F. Fabian

WMA OR-3 Eager Beaver

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest....

The end of 2004 was an enjoyable one for several of our chapter members. Carolyn Anderson, Eva Read, Deb Barker, Helen Juza, Dea Cutting, Eva McDonald, Mary Alice Sidwell, and Karen Reeves gathered for the annual chapter Christmas pot-luck at the home of one of our newer members, Helene Walker. Plenty of good food and drink, lively conversation, and a new practice brought good feelings for all. Instead of exchanging gifts, this year our chapter members decided to give food baskets to those less fortunate.

At our January meeting, photos sent to us from our six "adopted" women Marines serving in Ar Ramadi were passed around for all to see. They advised that our Christmas goodie boxes arrived unscathed and were thoroughly enjoyed. We're working on putting together another shipment to them before they rotate back home.

Our annual Spring Fling will be held in late April this year. Deb Barker, our vice president, is this year's chairperson. She has already started work on the arrangements for this fun-filled event.

Our sick bay saw Nadine White and Dea Cutting recently. We hope they are feeling better soon.

We were sorry to learn that for health and/or personal reasons, Lee Gremillion, Maggie Wise, and Jean Currence will be leaving OR-3. They all have made such lasting contributions to our chapter and will be missed by all!!

Hope everyone has a great spring and Happy Anniversary to all on February 13th! Until next time then...Semper Fidelis!

Karen Reeves

WMA RI-1 Roger Williams

Members of our chapter gathered at the Orchard View Manor in East Providence on 29 November to join in celebration of our co-founder and first President, Luisa M.P. Landi, 91, as she was presented four citations in honor of her service in World War II. The ceremony was well attended by her fellow residents and members of her family.

The awards were presented by Rhode Island's United States Senator, Jack Reed, and they consisted of the following: the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the Honorable Service Lapel Pin (otherwise known as the "Ruptured Duck") and her Honorable Discharge Button.

Chapter Clippings Continued



Front (l-r): Tom Pezzuli (Luisa's brother) and Luisa. Back (l-r): Carol-Ann Lantz, Jean Kesner, Norma Clauss, Martha Marshall and Senator Jack Reed.

Refreshments were served after the program, giving us all a chance to congratulate Luisa and mingle with the other guests.

Carol-Ann Lantz

WMA TX-1 Lone Star

We advised in the winter *'Nouncements* that we had begun our cookbook fundraiser to help us gather funds for placing a memorial monument at DFW National Cemetery. It was a terrific success. We had 320 books to begin with in October; they were all gone within a very short time and folks were asking us for more. By all accounts, our "customers" were extremely pleased with the cookbook. They seemed to be really happy to give us their support in our stated purpose. More than that they expressed delight to see the faces of those who had submitted recipes (placed in the front of the cookbook) - it tended to personalize the book for them, as did the fact that under each recipe the submitter had included her time of service and/or duty stations, etc. We give giant kudos to our most successful "donation getter" - Mary Alice Proctor-Payton. A big thanks goes to all of our chapter members who were involved in this fundraiser and we are very grateful to all who supported us in this effort. Now that the funds are in place, it is down to the business of hammering out the details for the event (see picture of our January session) at which the memorial monument will be dedicated.



Members of TX-1 sweatin' out the memorial monument details are (l-r): Maureen Moehle, Mary Alice Proctor-Payton, Gwen Darvin, Joan Wright.

Several months ago we "adopted" a young woman Marine stationed in Iraq - IstSgt Irene O'Neal. Maureen Moehle communicated with her and also sent her a box containing what we hoped were appropriate goodies.

We received a response from her thanking us for the support and telling us that she was due to be reassigned to the states soon. We will be looking to send our support to another woman Marine.

Social activities included in the past months: on 10 November the Marine Corps birthday celebration at the monthly luncheon of the Metroplex Marines - five of our members attended. In December we celebrated Christmas with a luncheon at a local eatery. On 12 February we marked the 62nd anniversary of the Women Marines by eating again. Oh well, we just like each other, and eating seems to be a good venue for fellowship and camaraderie.

That's all for now from D/FW. Semper Fidelis!

Joan Wright

WMA TX-2 Texas Gulf Coast

Hello, from the TX-2 Chapter!

Our December meeting was a great time of fun, food and fellowship. We gathered toys for the Toys for Tots drive, and sang Christmas carols around the piano, accompanied by fellow member Marion Harrison. The room was decorated beautifully by Marbrey Dunaway, and the food was delicious.

Many of us living on the Texas Gulf Coast got quite a surprise Christmas Eve and Christmas Day...SNOW! Kids of all ages loved it and played in it...building snowmen (some only a few inches tall) or throwing snowballs. The Sunday edition of the *Houston Chronicle* had pictures of snowmen on Galveston Island's beach, people sliding down hills in Corpus Christi (they got 4.5 inches) and a winter wonderland in Victoria (they had 10.5 inches). Amazing for an area that very rarely sees the white stuff.



Janie Daigle, Connie Pendergast, and Marbrey Dunaway at a meeting last summer working on the 2005 WMA Historical Calendar "Places We Called Home."

We want to remind you that the TX-2 Chapter still has a few of the 2005 historical calendars - "Places We Called Home" - for sale. The calendars are \$12.00/each plus \$3.00/each for shipping and handling. You can order them by sending \$15.00 (check or money order) for each calendar to: Judy Anderson, 726 Beachcomber, Houston, TX 77062. Be sure to include your return address, or the address to which you want the calendar shipped.

Until next time, enjoy all the sunshine you can get!

BJ Huggins

WMA USA-1 WR Band

Charlotte Owen, Bonnie Medin and Jeanne Bartelt attended the WMA Convention in San Diego. During the WWII luncheon, Charlotte and Bonnie sang with the "Sometime Singers" and Bonnie sang a solo, "I'll Be Seeing You."

Chapter Clippings Continued



Charlotte Plummer Owen at the 2004 Convention.

member and attended the convention in Houston in 1974 when Ruth Broe presented our charter for approval. We were the 50th chapter of WMA.

After the convention, Charlotte and Bonnie flew to San Jose then bussed to Salinas where they met two other band members for a weekend reunion. All California band members (about 12) were invited but too many problems prevented their attendance. THIS WAS SAD because Charlotte took ill suddenly in October and died on 18 December. We all feel a terrible loss after having been together for 61 years!

Barbara Harrison, life member from Olympia, WA, will take over as President of USA-1. Barbara was already a WMA

Bonnie Medlin

WMA VA-2 Hampton Roads

We had a wonderful Christmas party at the home of Annebel Lewis. Her husband provided us with a delicious Danish luncheon. Afterwards we had our annual gift auction and made a few dollars for the chapter.

At our December meeting, it was agreed that the chapter name will be changed to "Old Dominion". This is to better reflect the geographic area (central Virginia) we cover, and hopefully will attract some new members. Generally our meetings are held in Williamsburg or the Richmond area. If you'd like to join us, please contact Alice at 804-748-2101.

The chaplain that visited our exhibit at the State Fair is now in Iraq and has requested letters/cards that he can give to those that receive no mail. He has a number of young troops that are lonely and homesick and receive no mail. So at the Christmas party cards were distributed, and everyone filled out one. They were then sent to the chaplain. This will be an ongoing project for our chapter. We also continue to send letters to the Virginia women recruits at Parris Island. We've really enjoyed the warm responses that we've received.

Annebel Lewis

WMA WA-1 Evergreen

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest.

Our chapter luncheon-meeting for the holiday was held on 4 December at the Tacoma Elks Club. Twenty-one members attended. President Gerry Ahnstrom had the tables decorated with fresh Poinsettia plants and festive Christmas candy. There were some lucky winners who each took home a beautiful plant.

During the meeting, the members voted to donate \$200 to the Food Bank. A collection was made from members present and \$200 was raised to donate to the Injured Marines Semper Fi Fund.

We are very pleased to have new member Pat Karrasch of Kent, who has volunteered to pick up members in her area who need a ride. She brought Hazel Elfering and Viola Borstein this time. Thanks, Pat, for your support.

We sincerely appreciate the attendance of Lorre Wardyn and Jeannine Gray from the Portland area who drive 3 hours to attend the luncheon meetings. Our thanks, also, to the husbands of Eleanore Sweet and Honey Langdon, who make a special effort to drive our two members to Tacoma from Marysville and Snohomish up north.

The elected officers met on 5 January to prepare a new chapter budget and meeting dates for 2005. Dates have been set for 12 February, 9 April, 8 October and 3 December. The meeting place will be announced later, as well as the date for the races.

Our next luncheon will be on 12 February at Johnny's Restaurant in Fife, and we do hope you will make an effort to attend.

We are sorry to hear that Gloria Fuller, one of our long time members in Tacoma, is very ill and we pray that she will have a speedy recovery. Get well wishes also to Julie Sheridan who had surgery. Hope she will be back with us soon. Best wishes to all for the New Year. Semper Fidelis.

Louise George

WMA WA-2 Eastern Washington State

Spokane's Annual Toys for Tots program was again a huge success. The chapter members donated more than 287 hours in various tasks at the Toys for Tots warehouse.

More than 4135 families representing 9,230 children enjoyed a bountiful Christmas, thanks to the local Marine Corps I & I Staff and the different volunteer groups such as WMA.

Member Ann Whitney who is a stalwart at the computer, registers all families, children and the number of toys distributed topped the charts with the amount of hours she donated this year. Not only did she volunteer her hours, she commanded her daughter Jenny Williams and her granddaughter Kelsey, who came over from Seattle and spent a week volunteering their time as well!

Also volunteering from the chapter were Veronica Geyer, Maureen Schmahl and our chapter president, Stacia Douglas.

The chapter is looking at having their Spring Fling in April in Sandpoint, Idaho. It will be a weekend excursion with fun events and, of course, a meeting. If anyone has questions, please call Stacia Douglas at 509-218-5050.

We also had a wonderful, amazing sister who passed. Her name was Holly Jamison. We said a WMA prayer for her at our last meeting. We love and miss her dearly!

*Carol Hamm
Stacia Douglas*

WMA WI-1 Wisconsin

Our spread out chapter and Wisconsin winters usually don't mix for accomplishing very much. However, the Madison Marines faced a daunting challenge in December with Toys for Tots as the local deployed Marine company has a larger challenge in Iraq. The former Marines plus the whole community rose to that challenge for a total success. Over 30,000 toys were collected, 1900 families were served during the two day distribution and over 550 later. Over 500 volunteers worked on the project at one time or another. In charge was a SSgt remaining at company headquarters and he worked non-stop for a month to make it work. Connie Allord of WMA worked again and was amazed at how smoothly it went.

Chapter Clippings Continued

Mibs Ewald, Betty Gill and Connie, plus a few other women veterans were invited by the president of the over 700 member Madison Civics Club to a coffee at Annette Howards' house to discuss their February luncheon and program. They plan on saluting women veterans and those few will be their guests and represent all women who served in the military. In the meantime, Deb Glenn, the president, is off to Montana training for the Alaska Iditarod, a grueling trek of 1500 miles across the frozen tundra with her dog sled, the first Wisconsin woman to enter. After visiting with her we could only come to one conclusion: she'd have made one heck of a Marine! We look forward to our event on 19 February.

On 15 February will be the annual "Salute to the Legislature", a gathering in Madison of veterans from all over Wisconsin to

salute our legislators who will attend and a reception to follow. At that time there's an opportunity to visit with our representatives and, as usual, the topic of conversation is always VETERANS. The governor is usually there plus the WI Secretary of Veterans Affairs and officers of the various veteran organizations. Annette and Connie plan on attending again and will be meeting other women veterans. It will be held to coincide with the usual two day meeting of the Board of Veterans Affairs, Connie being on the State Finance Committee of that board.

Until we meet again we shall continue to wait for e-mails from Iraq which are always upbeat and positive from our Marines who report much progress with the citizens they meet and work with, as opposed to the gloom and doom media reports. We pray for their safety until they return after a job well done.

Connie Allord

Photo Gallery



Above: Dottie Alderman (second from left) and her friends, Alice Robles Mann, Violet Shamblin Hubbs with GySgt Debi Mangan and GySgt Christine Miller-Lane at the convention. It was the first time Dottie and her friends had seen each other in 50 years, since they were stationed at Camp Pendleton from 1952 to 1955. One member of the group, Romaine Zimmer, couldn't attend the convention due to illness. Have fun at a convention?? You bet! Try it some time!



Above: The United States Mint will be offering a commemorative silver dollar celebrating the 230th birthday of the Marine Corps. Surcharges from the sale of each coin are authorized for the creation of the National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico, Virginia, which is being developed as a partnership of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and the United States Marine Corps. Coins are tentatively scheduled to be released in summer 2005.

Right: Cpl Nina Dobias is stationed at Al Asad air base in Iraq where she went with all the other Marines to see the visiting celebrities. Someone in her unit, without her knowing, went up to Robin Williams and pointed to Nina and said, "That girl over there wants to kiss you." Robin immediately walked over to Nina and gave her a kiss and had his picture made with her. That is why she looks so shocked. Nina is the granddaughter of Florence Dobias, IN-1, and is also a member of WMA.



Above: Attaining the rank of chief warrant officer-5 in the Marine Corps is no easy task for anyone, and reaching this rank means the Marine is a true specialist in their field. WMA congratulates Chief Warrant Officer Toni M. Naro, division personnel officer for 2d Marine Division, who was promoted on 1 February, becoming one of a very small number of females to achieve this rank.

Story and photo by: Pfc. Christopher J. Ohmen



Above: For the friends of Sarah Thornton, here's a photo of the young Staff Sergeant taking her platoon to class at Parris Island.

Left: You gotta love the humor in our Marines. The sign says: "*Warning: US Marines...do not feed, avoid eye contact, do not provoke, no prolonged stopping, no flash photography, no French reporters."

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Carol Gaines of NM-2 and Barbara Winslow of NM-1 met up one day for surgery to have corneal transplants. Neither knew that the other was having this done.

Talking with each other, they found out they were both having the same surgery; they both had the same doctor and were scheduled 1/2 hour apart. They even had the same anesthesiologist. While Barbara was on her way to surgery, Carol was being readied for surgery in the next room. She asked the anesthesiologist to tell Barbara "Semper Fi". He was surprised that they were both Marines.

After the surgeries they both wondered what the possibility was that they would be sharing the corneas of the same donor. The doctor confirmed it the next morning – they did, indeed, receive corneas from the same donor. Even the doctor said how unusual the situation was.

Barbara said, "I know we are sister Marines, but now we have a closer bond and from now on we will be seeing eye to eye."

Use this link to access the on-line registration form for four free tickets to Bush Gardens anytime between 7 February and 31 December 2005: http://commerce.4adventure.com/store/os_application.asp

Complimentary admission is for active duty military, active and ready reservists, National Guardsmen, Coast Guard and/or up to three direct dependants. Valid for one complimentary single-day admission per person to one of the following Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks: SeaWorld Orlando, San Diego, or San Antonio; Busch Gardens Tampa Bay or Williamsburg; Sesame Place.

Fill out the on-line form, print it, sign it and present valid military/service ID and completed form for complimentary tickets to the ticket booth at the park of your choice. Operating days and hours vary by park. Please check with the specific park for current operating schedule.

The following bases were being considered under the Base Realignment and Closure round of 2005. The final decision on whether or not the bases on this list will close has NOT been made: MCAS Miramar, CA; Albany,

GA; Barstow, CA (realignment); Marine Corps Mountain Warfare School, CA; MCRD San Diego, (realign or close); and Marine Reserve Support Unit, Kansas City.

A new veteran's cemetery is being built in Georgia. The 775-acre site is located in Cherokee County approximately 40 miles north of Atlanta.

The 135-acre initial construction phase calls for 29,000 full-casket gravesites, plus a 3,000-unit columbarium and 3,000 burial sites for cremated in-ground remains. The plan also includes construction of an administration and maintenance complex, three committal service shelters, a public information center with electronic gravesite locator and public restrooms, a cemetery entrance area, flag assembly area, memorial walkway and donations area and infrastructure elements including roadways, landscaping, utilities and irrigation. Burials are expected to begin by late 2005 in an initial burial site to allow burials while cemetery is under construction.

Information on the Georgia National Cemetery is available by calling (770) 479-9300.

SSgt Jessica Gangi was one of nine Marines from the School of Infantry East (SOI) who were awarded meritorious promotions for their work as Marine Combat Instructors during 2004.

Congratulations, SSgt Gangi!

A convenient new pickup window at Gonzales Hall, MCAS Miramar, opened 4 January for servicemembers who don't have enough time to sit down and eat breakfast every day.

When using the window, servicemembers can simply make their selections and go, whether in uniform or not. They have their choice of any two sandwiches, a variety of side orders such as fruit and chips, and beverages like coffee, soda or juice.

Servicemembers can also look forward to grabbing their lunch and dinner at the window in the near future. Afternoon and evening meals should be available to customers by mid-February.

Senator John D. Rockefeller IV (D-WV) swore in Mary Schoelen as a Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Schoelen becomes the first woman ever to serve on the Court.

Schoelen has worked on Veterans' Affairs since 1997. She has served as Minority Counsel; Minority General Counsel; Minority Deputy Staff Director, Benefits Programs; and Majority Deputy Staff Director, Benefits Programs.

Prior to 1997, Schoelen served as an attorney for the Vietnam Veterans of America's Veterans Benefits Program from 1994-1997. In 1994, she first served on Veterans' Affairs as a legislative and legal intern, and from 1992-1993, she served as a legal intern at the National Veterans Legal Services Project.

Schoelen began her 15-year appointment immediately.

Cliff Smith of San Diego, founder and president of the Cookie Club of America, Inc., launched Stampers cookies this spring. The vanilla-almond cookies bear embossed emblems of the branches of the military.

It took two years to get the Cookie Club off and running after securing permission from the armed services to make the military-themed cookies.

Five percent of cookie sales are earmarked for the National Military Family Association, a nonprofit group dedicated to supporting servicemembers and their families.

The cookies can be found at 2,000 Kroger and A&P-affiliated grocery stores, as well as on the Internet. The cookies' store displays feature dog-tag cards so that customers can fill out messages for deployed troops. The messages are mailed to Smith's business and then are forwarded to troops serving overseas.

The Third Marine Division Association will hold its 2005 annual family reunion on August 15 - 21 at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, VA. Room rates are \$89 with free parking.

For additional information contact: SgtMaj Bill Krueger, 7622 Highland Street, Springfield, VA 22150; phone 703-451-3844.

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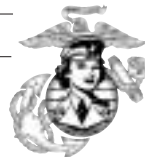
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Membership Reports from June 2003 to February 2005

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RAHFALDT	NANCY	M	10941 LYDIA	KANSAS CITY	MO	64131-3538	2469
SPICER	SUSAN	B	1808 W. CLAYTON	ARTESIA	NM	88210	2472
MACKENZIE	JACQUELINE	K	115 SUMMIT CT	FAYETTEVILLE	GA	30214	2476
FOERSTER	BARBARA	C	1292 GREEN OAK TRAIL	PT CHARLOTTE	FL	33948-3132	2529
DUNTLEY	BARBARA	J	238 IRVING ST	FALLS CHURCH	VA	22046-3001	2532
WATKINS	JOEL	D	12621 BENDITO DR	SAN DIEGO	CA	92128	2535
MUTCH	SHARON	A	351 WATERFORD ST	AKRON	OH	44311-1449	2536
SPANOS	MARY	B	834 LAKE ARROWHEAD DR, #1060	WALESKA	GA	30183	2537
BRENNER	DEBORAH	K	9470 LANDIS DR	BEAUMONT	TX	77707-1153	2538
ALLEN	JULIE	K	20942 THISLEBERRY LN	SPRING	TX	77379-2719	2540
COUSINS	LORI	A	7006 OLD BRENTFORD RD	ALEXANDRIA	VA	22310	2541
METZGER	SONDRA	L	3805 NE 141 CIRCLE	EDMOND	OK	73013-7221	2542
BARKSDALE	OZELL	W	5394 SIERRA ST	RIVERSIDE	CA	92504-2139	2544
SIEBERT	CONSTANCE	M	PO BOX 3819/ 1414 WILLOW Dr.	MILAN	NM	87021-3819	2552
HOBDEN	SHERYL	L	7158 AVALON DR	DOUGLASVILLE	GA	30135-5600	2556
BRUNI	MILDRED	I	4527 DONALBAIN	SPRING	TX	77373-6877	2570
MCLANE	PAT	B	111 SADDLE RIDGE CT	JACKSONVILLE	NC	28540-9159	2576
SAGER	ELIZABETH	A	5157 BONG AVE	BELTON	MO	64012-4003	2577
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WILLIS	EVA	M	PO BOX 543	GLEN St. MARY	FL	32040	2473
MC ENANEY	FLORENCE		603 MADISON AVE	CAMBRIDGE	OH	43725	2474
ACREE	SYBL	L	5015 PEDLEY RD	RIVERSIDE	CA	92509	2475
BARRETT	ELEANOR	A	955 KENTSHIRE DR	DAYTON	OH	45459	2477
LUCIO	MILO	P	318 RUTGERS STREET	ROCKVILLE	MD	20850	2478
SMITH	VENETTE	M	2456 CROOKED TRAIL RD	CHULA VISTA	CA	91914	2518
BACA	ANJOLEEN		3847 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE	COLORADO SPRINGS	CO	80922	2520
ALVAREZ	JEANNE	F	6070 80TH STREET N, #401	ST PETERSBURG	FL	33709	2523
LUTZ	CAROLYN	J	AUX GRANDS HUTTINS 1 CH-1296 Coppet	SWITZERLAND		1296	2531
REYES	ROSANNA		1020 GRANVILLE AVE, #203	LOS ANGELES	CA	90049	2533
RICKLEY	LOU ANN		23832 MATADOR WAY	MURRIETA	CA	92562-4696	2539
APPLEBY	EILEEN	D	16055 OLD GUEJITO GRADE RD	ESCONDIDO	CA	92027	2548
DEEM	NORRIS	D	210 N. MALL DR #12	ST GEORGE	UT	84790	2550
KEOWN	MARY	E	200 GLENVIEW DR	SAN FRANCISCO	CA	94131-1614	2551
ROTHSCHILD	NANCY	D	PO BOX 145	HAMPTON	SC	29924-0145	2558
MARCOTTE	ELIZABETH	S	410 CRAGMOR ROAD	COLORADO SPRINGS	CO	80907-4503	2563
FLEEGER	KATE	E	17161 ALVA RD, #932	SAN DIEGO	CA	92127	2566
CUNNINGHAM	SUZETTE	L	1587 DILLARD RD	STONE MOUNTAIN	GA	30088	2567
DEAL	SARAH	M	4657 BAY SUMMIT PL	SAN DIEGO	CA	92117	2568
ALLBEE	SUSAN	K	2319 CHINA CAT TERRACE	CHESTER	VA	23831	2569
ESTRADA	MILDRED		807 S. COURTHOUSE RD	ARLINGTON	VA	22204	2571
FOWLER	DEBRA	L	5266 CLARK	BELTON	MO	64012	2572
JOHNSON	NANCY	L	RR3 BOX 3090	MARSHALL	MO	65340-9152	2573
POPE	SYLVIA	A	2093 SANTA INEZ	ST CORONA	CA	92882	2574
LEE	PATRICIA	A	100 S. VAN DORN ST	ALEXANDRIA	VA	22304-4310	2575

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BEADLING	LOIS	J	5550 COLUMBIA PIK3 # 171	ARLINGTON	VA	22294-3181
MCCRORY	JEAN	M	3511 PEAR BLOSSOM DR	OCEANSIDE	CA	92057-8618
FLOYD-SAYLES	NORMA	Y	11560 HILL MEADE LN	WOODBIDGE	VA	22192-1158
TREAVIL	SHEILA	M	1152 ALEXANDRA DR	DINUBA	CA	93618
COOLEY	IDALMIS	C	4431 W RICE PL	DENVER	CO	80236
GREMILLION	LEOTA	M	89366 FERN DRIVE	ELMIRA	OR	97437
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WEBER	ROSEMARIE		7013 LEESTONE ST	SPRINGFIELD	VA	22151
CONDRICK	DIANE	M	13012 COLTON LN	DARNESTOWN	MD	20878-2108
BATES	CHRISTINE	B	3020 DAIRY DRIVE	GALLUP	NM	87301
GARLEY	ROSALIE	M	PO BOX 628	PERALTA	NM	87042
KONOPIFSKI	MARION	P	625 CHATHAM ROAD	FAIRLESS HILLS	PA	19030-2411
TAPPE	KRISTINE	L	W5332 STATE HWY 85	DURAND	WI	54736
MYERS	JO		74238 OLD PROSPECTOR	PALM DESERT	CA	92260
BANKS	DIXIE	L	21150 LAPEL RD	WAYNESVILLE	MO	65583
McCUTCHEON	CAROL	R	1631 E WELDON, #51	PHOENIX	AZ	85016
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MORENO	RITA		109 MARSHALL FARM RD	JACKSONVILLE	NC	28546
BAXTER	MARILYN	J	819 NE 122ND AVE #19	PORTLAND	OR	97230-2002
HUGGINS	BETTY	J	1605 E HARRIS	PASADENA	TX	77506-3721
HUTCHERSON	MARJORIE	M	12510 OLYMPIA DR	HOUSTON	TX	77077-5828
ENSOR	NANCY	H	11949 RIVERSIDE DR, AP 168	LAKESIDE	CA	92040
DOCKMAN	RUTH	I	USSAH,3700 N. Capital St NW	WASHINGTON	DC	20317
WILSON	JESSIE	M	5507 SCANDIA LN APT G310	KANSAS CITY	MO	64118-5835
WAER	MELISSA	J	9281 SW BOONES FERRY RD	PORTLAND	OR	97219
FORTUNE	LUPE	L	PO BOX 228	DERBY LINE	VT	05830
FALCO	SALLY	A	1722 CALLE PLATICO	OCEANSIDE	CA	92056
FORGET	MARIE		7437 E TOWNLINE RD P.O. BOX 922	WILLIAMSON	NY	14589
TUGGLE	APRIL	D	607 N FILLMORE	STERLING	VA	20164
WIETHOFF	ARLINE		8705 CHAMBER PL	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	87111
GETTY	VERONICA		955 108TH AVE NW	COON RAPIDS	MN	55433
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WARRENS	SHIRLEY	A	3435 BAY BERRY ROAD	CONWAY	AR	72034
MENEELY	SHERIDA	L	16410 W AVRA VALLEY RD	MARANA	AZ	85653-9613
MESAROSH	MARIA	F	PO BOX 4500	CHINO VALLEY	AZ	86323
MORGAN	SHANNON	D	9902 W. CROWN KING RD	TOLLESON	AZ	85353
STEELE	BARBARA	E	PO BOX 3960	CHINO VALLEY	AZ	86323
GLOMMEN	MEBISE	M	6 W CALLE MARTINA	GREEN VALLEY	AZ	85614-3421
STEPHENS	APRIL	L	13673 E OXMOOR VALLEY DR	VAIL	AZ	85641
COCKSEGE	GRACE		PO BOX 992	CHINO VALLEY	AZ	86323
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JEFFARES	DOROTHY	M	2877 W. FRUITVALE AVE	HEMET	CA	92545
MARTILLO SUAREZ	KATHERINE	C	6275-B YUCCA AVE	29 PALMS	CA	92277
SUAREZ	PEGGY		11384-3 PORTOBELLO DR	SAN DIEGO	CA	92124-4028
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MILLER-KINNEY	WENDELLA	M	P O BOX 1200, Veterans Home of CA	YOUNTVILLE	CA	94599-1297
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GARVEY	HILARIE	W	3984 BAJA VISTA DRIVE	OCEANSIDE	CA	92054
HARRIS	KARA	J	1766 CAPISTRANO GLEN	ESCONDIDO	CA	92026
SCOTT	CELESTE	M	1136 N. ESCONDIDO BLVD, Apt 103	ESCONDIDO	CA	92026
AGUILAR	VALORIE	J	3507 A CANNON ST	29 PALMS	CA	92277
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PRASCH TUNAGE	SHARI	L	7565 WOODBRIDGE WAY	SAN DIEGO	CA	92114
SEITZ	ELEANOR	E	PO BOX 311	FT BRAGG	CA	95437
STILLWELL	PHYLLIS	M	1966 GARRISON WAY	EL CAJON	CA	92019-2645
CLAUSSEN	OLIVE	J	7035 LOS OLIVAS WAY	CARMICHAEL	CA	95608
ROGUE	KATHLEEN	M	POB 10734	FULLERTON	CA	92838-6734
STAGE	RAQUEL		13732 WOODRUFF AVE	BELLFLOWER	CA	90706-2635
TAMAYO	LOUISE	F	14 LIBERTA DRIVE	DANVILLE	CA	94526
BROWNING	BERNICE	O	12471 DURANGO PL	VICTORVILLE	CA	92392
BLAND	LASHAN		251 WESTON CIRCLE	VISTA	CA	92083
HENDRICKS	KATHERINE		9555 GOLD COAST AVE	SAN DIEGO	CA	92129
HUBBS	VIOLET		332 N. PALM DR.	BEVERLY HILLS	CA	90210
SCRIVENS	JAMIE		260 AVENDIA VISTA MONTAN	SAN CLEMENTE	CA	92672
SALEIGH	JAUNTIANNE		23848 ARCHWOOD ST	WEST HILLS	CA	91307
KA	NOEUN		MCAS MIRAMAR,P.O. Box 4534546	SAN DIEGO	CA	92145
MALTESE	ANNA		2061 CHATSWORTH BLVD, #4	SAN DIEGO	CA	92107
RAMSAY	LAURA		PO BOX 453370	SAN DIEGO	CA	92145
SEIDERMAN	SARAH		8533 VILLA LA JOLLA DRIVE, #E	LA JOLLA	CA	92037
CARRY MOCCASIN	NAKIA	M	4855 70TH ST, #9	SAN DIEGO	CA	92115
CHA	CHIA	L	6990 1/2 GLIDDEN STREET	SAN DIEGO	CA	92111-7512
DE LA PENNA	GRACIE		1821 MORNING VIEW DRIVE	OCEANSIDE	CA	92084
MANINANG	DANA	L	3850 TRIPOLI AVE, Ste 518	SAN DIEGO	CA	92140
PALACIOS	MICHELLE	C	11123 VIA ABAJO, Apt F	SAN DIEGO	CA	92129
POHLKE	DOROTHY	J	9452 EL BANCO AVE	FOUNTAIN VALLEY	CA	92708
REDFIELD	DENISE	R	31065 IRON CR	TEMECULA	CA	92591
ROTA	CINDY	S	1425 VIA VENUSTO	OCEANSIDE	CA	92056
TAYLOR-RIDLEY	SHANITRA	M.	744 MARBELLA CIRCLE	CHULA VISTA	CA	91910
THOMSON	CORALIE	C	6343 RANCHO MISSION ROAD 2	SAN DIEGO	CA	92108-2004
WILLARD	LINDA	K	2791 MCBRIDE LANE, #179	SANTA ROSA	CA	95403-2765
BUSBY	MELISSA	A	10169 KEPPLER DRIVE	SAN DIEGO	CA	92124
OCHOA	MONICA		1450 NORTH FIRST ST, #24	SALINAS	CA	93906
BOSTON	TERRY	P	487 MILLS RANCH ROAD	WOODLAND PARK	CO	80863
LIEBOLD	CHRISTIE	M	1201 E 16TH AVE, APT #8	DENVER	CO	80218
PHOENIX	SARA		2910 N POWERS BLVD, #301	COLORADO SPRINGS	CO	80922
FINSTERLE	SUSAN	A	3474 FOXCROFT CIRCLE	OVIEDO	FL	32765-9222
BERG	PATRICIA	J	1499 SO BRANDYWINE, #219	FT MYERS	FL	33919
BANTOS	LUCIA	D	2431 NW 41ST AVE, APT 4312	GAINESVILLE	FL	32606
GUTH	KATHRYN	J	1530 LOCKE	TITUSVILLE	FL	32780-6270
TINYSZIN	OLHA	M	31 FARRINGTON LANE	PALM COAST	FL	32137-8205
WINTHROP	REBECCA	A	701 WYCKLIFFE PLACE	WINTER SPRINGS	FL	32708
BELZER	ROSEALEE		2238 WESLEY RD	YULEE	FL	32097
HALL	MARANDA	L	6331 ELMHURST DR	PINELLAS PARK	FL	33782
KAISER	MARY	E	14537 MOORING DR	SEMINOLE	FL	33776
TIMANUS	MARTHA		4600 SUNSET DRIVE	SOUTH MIAMI	FL	33143
HARRIS	BARBARA	B	100 TALLOKAS CT, #103	LEESBURG	GA	31763-5035
DIAMOND	GENEVA	N	746 VALLEY VIEW DR	STONE MOUNTAIN	GA	30087
BERGSTROM	RACHEL	M	5995 ROLLIN OAKS LANE	CUMMING	GA	30040
BRININSTOOL	SAVANNAH	R	104 SOCIAL CIRCLE	CUMMINGS	GA	30040
WHITTING	KADEITRA		3825 RIVER PARK WAY	DECATUR	GA	30034
STALCUP	WANDA	H	7420 STILSON LEEFIELD RD	BROOKLET	GA	30415
WALDEN	TRACY	M	206 NORTH NEWTON AVE	POOLER	GA	31322-2316
BRINSON	TRAYCEE	D	3421 AURELIA DRIVE	HEPHZIBAH	GA	30815
HENDRIX	PAULA	M	126 SILVER MAPLE CT	MARTINEZ	GA	30907-1264
HURSEY	KRISTA	L	HMH 463 AVI, MCBH KANEHOE BAY	KANEHOE BAY	HI	96863
MARLOF	MARLENE	M	2640 WEST 46TH STREET	DAVENPORT	IA	52806-5014

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MCKINNEY	KATRINA	E	2705 INGLEWOOD RD	BOISE	ID	83705-4625
BINK-MCGRATH	JEAN		1439 KINGSLEY DRIVE	O'FALLON	IL	62269
DROZ-RODRIGUEZ	DAMARIS		4928 W DIVISION ST	CHICAGO	IL	60051
SMITH	LORIE	L	650 BEAU CT, APT 1	DES PLAINES	IL	60016
GORDON-BOWEN	GENEVIEVE	R	4238 N LAWDALE AVE	CHICAGO	IL	606181
HARGREAVES	LOUISE	E	8658 W 26TH ST	NORTH RIVERSIDE	IL	60546-1227
NELSON	TIFFINIE	E	PO BOX 56	WORTH	IL	60482
O'REILLY	RITA	T	1608 WINWARD	NAPERVILLE	IL	60563
DEGENAIS-THOMAS	LINNIA		144 PLUM STREET	CHANDLER	IN	47610
GRAYLESS	CELIA	P	2119 E 153RD TERRACE	OLATHE	KS	66062-2914
CARLEY	CHERYL	A	9325 WIDMER ROAD	LENEXA	KS	66215
HOLSTEN	COVANEY	R	15303 ANDREWS ROAD	KANSAS CITY	KS	64147
ALLEN	ELIZABETH	F	1216 CHARLIE DRIVE	SLIDELL	LA	70461
DRAUGHN	MARY	E	64449 RADIO ROAD	PEARL RIVER	LA	70452
KUZMICK	CATHERINE	A	298 WEST FIFTH ST	SOUTH BOSTON	MA	02127
PATTERSON	JULIE	M	32 SYCAMORE ST	BOSTON	MA	02131
MORRISSETTE	PATRICIA	E	15 OAKCREST ROAD	S. WEYMOUTH	MA	02190-1405
HUDGINS	RUBY	M	3217 RAVENWOOD AVE	BALTIMORE	MD	21213
WEBB	SUZANNE		729 ROGER STREET	SALISBURY	MD	21804
MERGEN	KRISTIN	S.D.	4225 AUGUSTA STREET	WALDORF	MD	20602-3104
MCCOY	JUNE	D	12111 DEVILWOOD DRIVE	POTOMAC	MD	20854
MARTINEZ	JULIA	A	6 BONAFIDE ST. APT 2	LISBON	ME	04250
LUND	EDWINA	C	801 N MANSFIELD	YPSILANTI	MI	48197-2032
MCLELLAN	TIERRA	L	115 N. WHEELER ST	SAGINAW	MI	48602
MARIZ	LUCILLE	F	3255 80TH ST E #104	INVER GROVE HTS	MN	55076-4504
OMITES	SHANNON	M	12916 188TH AVE NW	ELK RIVER	MN	55330-1108
KLETT	RUTH		2655 RICE CREEK RD	NEW BRIGHTON	MN	55112
HOWARD	JOYCE	A	5366 STEWART AVE	BELTON	MO	64012
MESSENGER	SHANNON	L	123 E LAREDO TRAIL	RAYMORE	MO	64083
MOORE	ROSE	M	2423 SW 11TH TERRACE	LEE'S SUMMIT	MO	64081
SAGER	ELIZABETH	A	5157 BONG AVE	BELTON	MO	64012-4003
GIDDINGS	CASSANDRA		15303 ANDREWS RD	KANSAS CITY	MO	64147
WRIGHT	BELVA	I	209 JESI ST	HARRISONVILLE	MO	64701-3947
LINDSTROM	BRENDA	J	FLETCHALL, 314 DOUGLAS ST	ST JOSEPH	MO	64506
PILAND	LEAH	G.	RR# 3 BOX 385	BUTLER	MO	64730
NYE	MARJORIE	A	3134 KENNEDY AVE	BUTTE	MT	59701
MCGROGAN	CORINNE	F	205 ROCKFISH ST	EDENTON	NC	27932-9642
LENTZ	ABIGAIL	D	142 ASH COURT	HUBERT	NC	28539
ANTHONY	TERESA	J	192 CHURCH ST	WAYNESVILLE	NC	28786
O'NEIL	KELLI	A	104 TIGER WOODS PLACE	NEW BERN	NC	28560
KESTER	LAURA	J	132 PERRY DR	GOLDSBORO	NC	27530
HOUGH	CHRISTINE	A	510 BLACKBERRY CT	HUBERT	NC	28539
DRESP	CHRISTINA	D	103 McWAIN LANE	CARY	NC	27513-4036
MITCHELL	REGINA	J	257 SOCO ROAD	MAGGIE VALLEY	NC	28751
MCCORMICK	BARBARA	D	217 WOODCREST CT	JACKSONVILLE	NC	28540
ORRIS	MARTHA	B	1993 JACK RABBIT LANE	NEW BERN	NC	28562
FOLEY	JESSICA	G	135 JERRETT LN	HAVELOCK	NC	28532
HOUSER	AMANDA	M	2048 FOXHORN RD	JACKSONVILLE	NC	28546
TOMKO	ELIZABETH	F	592 DENNETT ST	PORTSMOUTH	NH	03801
WAITE	DIANA	L	PO BOX 1429	DERRY	NH	03038-6429
TENNISON	MARY	E	316 B DELAWARE AVE	PALMYRA	NJ	08065-2342
VETESI	BETTY		PO BOX 1397	ISLAND HTS	NJ	08732
ANTHONY	HELENA		POB 54	MEXICAN SPRINGS	NM	87320
MITCHELL	BILLIE	M	166 COUNTY RD A102	EDGEWOOD	NM	87015
YOUNG	PHYLLIS	J	1070 STOUALL AVE	BOSQUE FARMS	NM	87068-1070
AMICO	JEAN		PO BOX 947	PERALTA	NM	87042
DESPOSITO	ANNA	E	3705 33RD CIRCLE	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	87124
OYLER	JEAN	D	1525 CIMARRON CREST ST.	LAS VEGAS	NV	89144
PEJACK	KATHLEEN	A	3416 WINTERHAVEN ST, #102	LAS VEGAS	NV	89108
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DELANE	M.	K	3525 CALVER CT	LAS VEGAS	NV	89121
TOPPING	MARY	A	1740 CEDARWOOD DRIVE	MINDEN	NV	89423
GREEN	SUSAN		27 CHERRY LANE	HICKSVILLE	NY	11801-6231
WAGNER	FRANCES	M	2325 CENTRAL AVENUE	BALDWIN	NY	11510-2332
BOEHNER	CANDACE	R	5278 COBBLEGATE APT A	DAYTON	OH	45439
DENNING-LUDEMANN	LINDA		961 S REYNOLDS LOT 76	TOLEDO	OH	43615
GAGLIA	BARBARA	M	8509 BROOKRIDGE DRIVE	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	73132
SANDERS	EULA	R	4214 E 25TH PL	TULSA	OK	74114
SIMMS	KIMBERLY	A	1701 NE 48TH	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	73111-6203

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EAGY	LAHNA	M	18430 SW TERRY AVE	LAKE OSWEGO	OR	97035
HUTCHISON	FAYE	A	1220 SW 3RD AVE, #579	PORTLAND	OR	97204
CHURCHILL	KIMBERLY	M	280 SW 10TH AVE	CANBY	OR	97013-4213
HOLLEY	A.	P	109 NICHOLAS CT	SUTHERLIN	OR	97479
HARTFORD	ELIZABETH	M	2650 STRATFORD ST	EUGENE	OR	97404-1938
MOORE	LAVERN	T	2889 SW 182ND #11	ALOHA	OR	97006-3926
WHITE	NADINE	A	88923 BAYBERRY LANE	FLORENCE	OR	97439
DIETRICH	LEANNA	L	17 E COOKE AVE	GLENOLDEN	PA	19036-1401
FUENTES	ESPERANZA	E	407 LEE DR	PENN HILLS	PA	15235
WILDENTHALER	CHRISTINE	M	3 MIRANDA CIRCLE	BURTON	SC	29906
MONROE	DORIS		2218 KENT RD	GEORGETOWN	SC	29440
MARZLUF	THERESA		46 BURLINGTON CIR	BEAUFORT	SC	29906
CHAMBERS	WENDY	L	PO BOX 68	LADSON	SC	29456
ARMSTRONG	NANCY	J	3201 HEMPSTEAD CT	CHARLESTON	SC	29414
DUTCHIN	HEATHER	D	23 CALICO COURT	BEAUFORT	SC	29906
VALENTIN	CYNTHIA	J	229 NICARAGUA ST	PARRIS ISLAND	SC	29902
SHOEMAKE	EVELYN	B	HC 71, BOX 108	GRAYSVILLE	TN	37338
BRAKE	POLLY	J	986 PONDER RD	KNOXVILLE	TN	37923
HOWARD	KELLY	M	7334 VILLAGE LAKE	CYPRESS	TX	77433-3205
GRUETZNER	CATHLEEN	U	PO BOX 182	LIBERTY HILL	TX	78642-0182
HADAWAY	LIONILA	P	1021 KAY LYNN	MANSFIELD	TX	76063
WALTHERS	ADRIAN	D	4119 JUDIVAN ROAD	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78218
RIDDLE	JANET	M	511 SARALVO RD	MIDLOTHIAN	TX	76065
SELLERS	SONYA	A	P O BOX 287	KEMAH	TX	77565
LOVELL-MCNAMARA	DAWN	M	23531 ENCHANTED VIEW	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78258-4318
DAIGLE	JANIE	S	9714 LAWNGATE DR	HOUSTON	TX	77080-1233
CARMICHEAL	CONSTANCE		1602 MARY MOUNT WAY	HOUSTON	TX	77058
DUGAN	ROSE	M.	17103 CLAY ROAD, #1311	HOUSTON	TX	77084
MODLIN	VICTORIA	M	810 GORMAN ROAD	GATESVILLE	TX	76528
MULLINS	TRACI	G	13130 NORTH PEBBLEWALK CIR	HOUSTON	TX	77041
IBHOLM	PATRICIA	T	PO BOX 522121	SALT LAKE CITY	UT	84152-2121
SANTY	MARIA	G	103 WENDY ST	STAFFORD	VA	22554-5318
JONES-PUGH	JACQUELINE	L	10 WATERMILL COURT	STAFFORD	VA	22554
O'KEEFE	BARBARA	A	11301 WESTBROOK MILL LANE	FAIRFAX	VA	22030
LINSCOTT	HILDUR	A	14 TURNER DRIVE	STAFFORD	VA	22556
PERKINS	AMELIA	D	9298 CARDINAL FOREST LN, #101	LORTON	VA	22079
RICHARDS	MARTHA	M	241 NORTH VIEW CIRCLE	WARRENTON	VA	20186
KOON	ROMA	J	801 15TH ST S, #1604	ARLINGTON	VA	22202
PRUSS	JULIE	A	2338 QUARTERS	QUANTICO	VA	22134
EVERETTE	PATRICIA		27 ST ADAMS DR	STAFFORD	VA	22556
CURRY	KARON	L	18315 CANDICE DRIVE	TRIANGLE	VA	22172
DRAG	TERESA	J.S	200 BROADWAY ST	QUANTICO	VA	22134
THAWLEY	CANDICE	A	8830 SWEET GUM PLACE	SPRINGFIELD	VA	22153
SHOLL	BERNADETTE	H	2000 HUNTINGTON AVE, Apt 904	ALEXANDRIA	VA	22303
ARTEGA	ELVIRA	C	706 EASTOVER PARKWAY	LOCUST GROVE	VA	22508
COY	JUDITH	M	777 WILLOUGHBY LK RD	BARTON	VT	05822
KURTZ	SHELLEY		7 SOUTH MAIN ST, Apt 14	NORTHFIELD	VT	05663
SMILEY	STEPHANIE	J	3725 114TH STREET SE	EVERETT	WA	98208
NUNN	JEAN	W	5322 N LEXINGTON ST	TACOMA	WA	98407-2253
KARRASCH	PATRICIA		25012 43RD AVE SO	KENT	WA	98032
KORDASH	CHRISTINE	V	W1388 TOWN HALL RD	SPRINGBROOK	WI	54875
FRANCIS	DOMINI	J	RR 5 PO BOX 194 B	BUCKHANNON	WV	26201
SPURLOCK	VELINDA	M	3535A WIRE BRANCH RD	ONA	WV	25545
NETHERCOT	JULIE		8 SPYGLASS HILL DRIVE	CHARLES TOWN	WV	25414
COREY-GRUBB	DEBORAH		703 PORTER AVENUE, #201	MARTINSBURG	WV	25401



Left: Another way to get new members: during the luncheon honoring our WWII WRs, the members at this table all chipped in and paid for the dues of Sgt Tamia Miller, who was part of the uniform pageant. Shown are (Standing, l-r): Mary Anthony, Randy Tidmore, Max Wehry, Rosemary Tranth, Pauline Smith, Golda Fabian (Seated l-r): Gwen Davies, Mary Zingg, Sgt Tamia Miller, Hattie Kelly.

Memorial donations from 16 February 2004 through 8 February 2005

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CA-12	Ethel Tunsen	Mary Lally	Evelyn Perkins
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IA-1	Rosemary Lohrman	WA-1	Betty (BJ) McCone
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		Sheryl L Hobden	Arla Young
		Fern P Hauss	Sarah Thornton
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FL-2	Harriet Creighton	Virginia Allred	Arla Young
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IA-1	Rosemary Lohrman	OK-2	Sarah (Jean) Baker
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Alice J Haber	Charlotte Owen	Leontone A Meyer	In Honor Of The 50th Wedding Anniversary of Georgia & Harvey Rathmoeller.

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WMA Patch, small\$4.00
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WMA Pin, Life\$3.90
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Bezel\$4.00
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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 7/8XSmall
21 1/4 - 21 5/8Small
22 - 22 3/8Medium
22 3/4 - 23 1/8Large
23 1/2 - 23 7/8XLarge
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WMA Lavalier, 24" chain\$7.20	Make All Checks Payable to WMA
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Books

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

Cost: \$5.75 (includes shipping)

Chapter: NC-1

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

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

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

Cost: \$3.00 (including postage)

Chapter: TX-2

Contact: Barbara Clark, 3539 Teakwood Drive, Pearland, TX 77584 or e-mail Brchoho@aol.com

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

Cost: \$17.00 (includes mailing)

Chapter: USA-1 (WR Band)

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

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Item: We Are Marines: History & stories from women who served & are serving (2006 Fundraiser)

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

Checks: NC-1

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

Cards/Stationery

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 (includes P&H); 15 for \$2.10 (includes P&H)

20 for \$2.60 (includes P&H)

Checks: CA-7, WMA

Chapter: EMVSC (CA-7)

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

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Item: One-sided Chapter Membership cards

Cost: 20 cents each (includes postage)

Chapter: WMA-NJ-1, Garden State

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

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Item: 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 Sarls, 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

Decals

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

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

Cost: \$2.25 each (includes shipping)

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

Cost: \$3.50

Chapter: Ohio Emerald (OH-1)

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

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Item: WMA Decal (Inside auto windshield)

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

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

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

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Item: Seals

Cost: \$1.25 for 10

Chapter: Make checks to FL-2

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

Shirts and Sweats

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

Cost: \$20.00 (Includes postage and handling)

Size: One-size-fits-most, short sleeve only

Chapter: Bay State, MA-1

Checks: Payable to Bay State Chapter, WMA

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

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Item: 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 sleeve style

Chapter: Texas Gulf Coast

Checks: Payable to TX-2 WMA

Contact: Judy Anderson, 726 Beachcomber, Houston, TX 77062

e-mail: gulfcoastwm@AOL.com

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

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

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

(Prices include shipping)

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

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Item: Golf shirt Dark (Hunter) Green with WMA logo (matches green

covers) embroidered in white. Available in sizes (S) to (XXL)

Cost: \$28.00 (includes postage)

Chapter: VA-1 Crossroads

Make checks payable to: WMA, VA-1

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

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

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Item: Red, 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)

Chapter: GA-1.WMA

Contact: Sheryl Hobden, 7158 Avalon Drive, Douglasville, GA 30135, 678-838-0620,

WMAGeorgia@yahoo.com.

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Item: Forest Green Sweatshirts, T-shirts, Short Sleeve Golf Shirts and Long

Sleeved Golf Shirts. All shirts are embroidered with WMA on the

left side & Women Marines Association is centered under WMA.

Embroidery is in white. Low profile Cap has only WMA embroidered in white

Cost: All prices include shipping and handling per item.

Sweatshirts: M, L and XL @\$26 ea; 2x @\$28

T-Shirts: M, L, XL, 2XL @\$16 ea;

Short Sleeved Golf Shirts: M, L, XL @ \$28 ea.

Long Sleeved Golf Shirts: M, L, XL @ \$32 ea.

Low Profile Cap: one size fits all is \$16 ea.

Checks: Payable to Old Dominion Chapter, WMA VA-2

Contact: Alice Alden Dolbear, 5521 Ecoff Avenue, Chester, VA 23831

e-mail: Chipmunk41@att.net

Item: Medium sage Green polo shirts with dark green trim around sleeves, collar and button plaqet. Two color logo on left chest (dark green and knaki). 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
 Please include your phone and/or email with order.

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
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Item: Pin "WOMAN MARINE"
Cost: \$10.00 (includes shipping)
Item: Marine Corps emblem pendant w/18" chain
Cost: \$18.00 each (includes shipping)
Chapter: New York Metropolitan
Checks: Payable to NY-2
Contact: Roberta Eaton, 18 Maple Court, New Hyde Park, NY 11040-3105
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Item: WMA Logo Earrings (matches gold bolo)
Cost: \$10.00/pair (includes shipping)
Chapter: Make checks payable to: TX-3 WMA
 Please designate one: Wire/Dangle Clip-on Post
 Note: Post can also be worn as a lapel pin.
Contact: Ane M. Collins, 519 Devine St., San Antonio, TX 78210-1505
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Item: WMA Ring. Jeweler - Jostens
Cost: 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
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Item: WMA Pendant on chain Size: 7/8 inches round
Item: WMA Lapel Pin Size: 7/8 inches round
Cost: \$19.75 each (including shipping)
Chapter: FL-7 First Coast
Contact: Gayle Plant, President FL-7, PO Box 463, Keystone Heights, FL 32656; (352) 473-7826
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Item: 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
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Item: Charm "Semper Fi"
Cost: \$15.00
Chapter: Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)
Contact: Cleary Creations, 2225 NE 130th Ave., Portland, OR 97230-1704
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Item: Red, White, Blue Austrian Crystal elastic bracelet
Cost: \$12.00 includes shipping
Chapter: IN-1
Checks: Payable to IN-1
Contact: Diane Ward, 8310 W. 88th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46278, 317-873-4113
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Miscellaneous

Item: USMC Antenna Balls (can be used on car, truck, RV radio antennas, kid's bikes, strollers or wheel chairs too)
Cost: \$1.00 each-red colored with yellow letters, "USMC"
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, 991-718-8324
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Item: Travel neck pouch, black w/two zippered sections on one side with clear section on reverse with WMA logo; adjustable strap; size 61/2x4 1/2
Cost: \$5.00 each (includes shipping)
Chapter: NM-1 (checks payable to NM-1 Sandia Chapter)
Contact: Stella Delgado-Kinnison, 204 General Patch NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123
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Item: WMA Logo Magnet. Ideal for gift. Size 2" long, 1 1/2" wide
Cost: \$2.00 includes postage
Chapter: NJ-2 **Contact:** Lorraine Nankivell, PO Box 208, 38 Point Pleasant Rd, Hopatcong, NJ 07843-0208
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Items: Challenge Coin, Women of the Corps
Cost: \$7.50 (includes shipping & handling)
Chapter: OK-2
Contact: Pam Bloustine, 2801 W. Redbud Ln, Edmond, OK 73003-2200; email, PamOKWM@aol.com
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Item: 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
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Item: WMA "Semper Fi" bumper sticker (for anyplace—boat, luggage, etc.). White w/green - 2" x 9"
Cost: \$1.50 ea. for 5 for \$6.45 or 10 for \$11.00; postpaid
Contact: Laverne H. Myers, 3803 Drexel Ave., Tampa, FL 33611-1517
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Item: Magnetic Telephone Index. 3 1/4" x 2 1/4" Flexible Satin Gold American Flag with God Bless America printed. Holds 42 names and addresses
Cost: \$3.00 including shipping **Chapter:** Orange Blossom, (FL-5)
Contact: Helen Wecera, 3553 Warbler Dr., New Port Richey, FL 34652-6464
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Item: WMA Umbrella, green with WMA logo, Automatic Open Button
 Size: Collapsed 15 inches long, open 21 inches long and 36 inches wide
Cost: \$17.75 (includes shipping) **Chapter:** FL-7 First Coast
Contact: Gayle Plant, President FL-7, PO Box 463, Keystone Heights, FL 32656 (352) 473-7826
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Item: WMA logo Rubber Stamps
Cost: Large stamp: \$9.00 (includes mailing) Small stamp: \$6.00 (includes mailing)
Chapter: CA-7 (Checks to: EMV, CA-7, WMA)
Contact: Marie A Proulx, 748 Pearwood Street, Oceanside, CA 92057-8618
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Item: Fanny Pack WMA Logo
Cost: \$10.00 **Chapter:** FL-2
Contact: Sylvia Morgan, 13662 87th Avenue, Seminole, FL 33776
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Item: Clear Vinyl Bag with Long Zipper, WMA Logo Women Marines Association. Green/White Size: 9" x 12"
Cost: \$6.25 (includes shipping) **Chapter:** NC-1
Contact: Mary Sabourin, 110 Bryan Court., Jacksonville, NC 28540-6054
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Item: US Marine Corps Bear. Stuffed bear, red with Marine Corps emblem on front
Cost: \$15.00 includes shipping **Chapter:** IN-1
Checks: Payable to IN-1
Contact: Diane Ward, 8310 W. 88th St., Indianapolis, IN 46278; 317-873-4113
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Item: Mouse Pad, 7" x 8", white background, WMA logo, "The Few The Proud" in green
Cost: \$10 **Chapter:** Bay State, MA-1
Checks: Payable to Bay State Chapter, WMA
Contact: Joyce Barden, 56 Poor Street, Andover, MA 01810
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Item: Molly Marine picture, 8 x 10
Cost: \$12 each (includes shipping) **Chapter:** AR-1
Contact: Vickie Davis, Treasurer, AR-1, 415 Maryland St., Benton, AR 72015
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Item: 2005 WMA Historical Calendar: "Places We Called Home"
Cost: \$12 each (plus \$3.00 S&H) **Chapter:** TX-2, WMA
Contact: Judy Anderson, 726 Beachcomber, Houston, TX 77062; email, gulfcoastwm@aol.com
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Item: Handmade soy wax candles (Lavendar, White Tea and Ginger, Rose, Lemon and Lovespell)
Cost: 9 oz. \$10 (plus \$5 Shipping)
 16 oz. \$15 (plus \$5 Shipping)
 (Two candles or more contact Bonniesbunch@yahoo.com or Rosa_rmr@yahoo.com for correct pricing)
Checks: WMA-Phyllis Alexander **Chapter:** SC-1
Contact: Rosa Robertson, WMA, P.O. Box 5296, Parris Island, SC 29905 or via email
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Item: USMC Fleece Throw, 48" x 60"
Cost: \$20 each (includes postage & handling)
Checks: WMA, CA-8
Contact: Ozell W. Barksdale, 5394 Sierra St., Riverside, CA 92504-2139; (951) 688-2806, ozell@pacbell.net
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