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LCpl Maria Lauterbach: One of our Own



The story of LCpl Maria Lauterbach was still unfolding at press time for the last newsletter. The sad news of her tragic death at the hands of another Marine was felt "to the Corps" by all of us.

You have seen and read all the news regarding this tragedy, including the news of the capture of her alleged killer in Mexico. This is not going to be re-hashed here.

This all too brief item is to remember a 20-yr-old woman who was adopted as a toddler and never sat still. The bold, lively child was

constantly climbing things and jumping off them. Maria loved sports, excelling in soccer and softball in high school.

Maria knew before she graduated from high school that she wanted to be a Marine, but did not like being so far from home. Home was very important to her, and joining the Marine Corps was her first venture away. The vivacious child who was hard to

keep down was remembered by members of her church congregation for her strength, vitality and independent spirit.

The flag-draped casket bearing her remains and those of her unborn son, Gabriel Joseph, were laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery, Vandalia, Ohio on 2 February.

LCpl Lauterbach was assigned to the 2nd Marine Logistics Group of the II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune when she and her unborn son were murdered. She joined the Corps in June 2006 and served as an admin clerk. She never deployed to Iraq.

The Lauterbach family requests donations be made to Vandalia Butler Foundation, Maria Lauterbach Athletic Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 722, Vandalia, OH 45377.

Semper Fidelis, Maria.

Sondra Metzger



Loyal Escort Passing

Loyal Escort Director Tony McPherson passed away on 1 May at the young age of 51 from pulmonary hypertension. Many of you may remember Tony from the Hospitality Room at the Louisville convention. He was a very supportive Loyal Escort and the love of wife Natalie's life.

Tony, like his wife, was also a former Marine, having served from December 1975 to January 1992 when he retired as a captain.

Along with his wife, he is survived by two children, his mother and three brothers. Funeral services were held on 5 May.

Condolences can be sent to Natalie and her family at: Natalie McPherson, 34835 Lakewood St, Chesterfield, MI 48047-4404.

Our thoughts go out to the McPherson family and to all those whose lives he touched.

Semper Fidelis, Tony.



Another Loss in Iraq



LCpl Casey L. Casanova

On 2 May we lost 22-yr-old LCpl Casey L. Casanova, McComb, Mississippi, to yet another roadside IED attack, along with three other male Marines.

LCpl Casanova joined the Marine Corps in December 2005 and was a field radio operator assigned to Combat Logistics Battalion 1, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I MEF, Camp Pendleton. She was deployed to Iraq with her unit on Valentine's Day of this year and was engaged to be married in September.

This news reached WMA right before the newsletter went to press, so more will be written about this Marine in the next issue.

2008 Convention Information

- Deadline Reminder:

01 August for tours, golf, fishing, etc. and paper registration

15 August for online registration

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A Word from the President

Women of the Corps,

I hope your Memorial Day activities were memorable! If you're ever in Colorado, I hope you'll make it a point to check out the Marine Corps Memorial in Golden where WMA has a boulder with a plaque dedicated to us on the Circle of Honor. We have long been a supporter of this memorial and every Memorial Day and Veterans Day present the wreath of remembrance and place flowers at the base of our boulder in remembrance of our sister Marines. Put it on your list of places to see when you come to Colorado in 2010!

I'd like to extend a welcome to some new people in leadership positions for WMA. Lillian Cross, Area 10 Director; Sara Hefty, Area 7 Director; Kathy Van Gorder, Area 2 Director and our new Legal Officer, Jennifer Spooner. Many thanks to their predecessors who so ably and wonderfully served WMA. Geradine Fiorello, Pam Grotegut, Alice Dolbear, and Denne Howard are all great WMA members whose service is greatly appreciated.

I know some of you may be in areas affected by the heavy snows, flooding, and mud slides. I hope this finds you well. If you need assistance from WMA contact your Chapter President or Area Director and we'll do what we can to assist.

Since I last addressed you all I have been to New Orleans for the anniversary (along with BGen Tracy Garrett), to DC for the MC Heritage Foundation Awards Dinner, and to the Southwest for meetings there. Everywhere I go I am continually impressed with the great service our women Marines perform in their communities. Service to our veterans is one of our purposes that should be at the top of our priority lists. Volunteering at your local VA and doing things for our veterans (especially Marines) has always been a hallmark of WMA.

You are absolutely energetic and committed and I thank you all so much for your support of WMA and our veterans.

One story I'd like to mention is of a young Marine. We met his mother-in-law, Linda, at our board meeting in September

and up to that point they'd had no support from the Corps. Travis Dowdy was electrocuted in Iraq and lived. While doing rehab in the states they discovered a fatal brain tumor. He and his wife Lindsay decided to get pregnant and were blessed to conceive twin girls. He passed away in November and in January we put the call out for baby shower gifts and support for his widow and the twins. An informal Marine group here called Cooper's Troopers immediately came up with \$5,000. The Marine Corps League Auxiliary hosted a shower in Denver with gifts from all over the country and many from WMA members. There were six 6 foot tables full of gifts and a huge basket with gift cards and well wishes from all over the country. The twins were born three days after the shower and are doing wonderfully. Sydney and Olivia were baptized on 13 April and they consider Marines everywhere their family. Thank you to everyone who participated with prayers and gifts. It really showed how we take care of our own.



Sydney and Olivia Dowdy.

WMA attended the last MC Expo this year in South Carolina and I'd like to thank Linda Priest and Brenda Moore for leading that effort. You'll see their article and photos later in this issue. My deepest thanks to Ken and Lillian Cross for their support in getting the exhibit from Camp Pendleton to Camp Lejeune and to Hardigg Corp for donating two carrying cases for this effort. The expo exhibit will be available for all to see at the Convention. Many thanks to Carol Mutter for suggesting the upgrade and to CO-1 for donating the story boards and coordinating this effort with National Historian Nancy Wilt. We have reached many active duty women and some inactive women who have joined WMA or will because of this effort.

Chapters, you have all received a letter

from me regarding your taxes. Beginning this year every chapter must file a tax return regardless of your income. IRS has changed the rules. This has nothing to do with WMA changing its tax status. If you need help with this, you can go to your local IRS office or tax preparer, or you can ask our Admin Contractor, John Holvoet. Check with your area director if you need help.

Also, each Chapter President and WMA member should endeavor to ensure that our database has correct information on all of our members, including next of kin information. We often forget to update that. You can do it online or by following the directions on Page 31 of this issue. These updates are needed prior to 1 October 2008 so that the RM&D can be published with correct information.

I look forward to seeing each of you at convention and know that you will certainly enjoy the event. TX-2 has done a wonderful job in putting this event together. I am especially looking forward to the Anniversary Party and the First Timers meeting, in addition to meeting all the living legends we have within WMA. Each of you is walking history and I love meeting you and hearing about what you're doing. Do try to attend.

And last, but not least, I'd like to congratulate Mary Bacon Hale on receiving the Julia E. Hamblet award given by the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation on behalf of WMA. The judges were author Sara Sheldon ("The Few, The Proud, Women Marines in Harm's Way"), Craig Sundquist (Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation Board), Bob Starke (Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Board), and Karen Reeves (2nd VP, WMA). They unanimously selected her and had glowing remarks about the work she's done and the support she's provided to make sure women Marines are remembered forever.

Paula Sarlls

Molly Marine Presentations



PFC Nicollette Sharp, PLT 4000, Lansing, MI; PFC Monica Mendoza, PLT 4001, San Diego, CA



PFC Danielle Cordova, PLT 4006, Cave City, AR; PFC Alexia L. Cather, PLT 4007, Jacksonville, NC



PFC Amanda Machey, PLT 4008, Mifflinville, PA; PFC Kristina Enriquez, PLT 4009, Germantown, MD

The WMA View From the 1st VP

Can you believe we are almost ready to start packing for convention again? Well ok, we still have a few months before we have to worry about that BUT as we head towards our national elections this spring and the convention this fall we have some important administrative housekeeping issues we need to clean up.

Area Directors have been working with their chapters to ensure that we have the new slate of Chapter Officers on record. Some chapters have not yet held their elections but will be doing so soon. Congratulations and good luck to all those who have been chosen to serve their chapters in officer positions. We will hold our national election this spring and will have a new

slate of National Officers to serve you, the membership, beginning in September. As you are aware the new National Officers will be installed at the convention Installation Ceremony on 2 September and will begin their new term of office the day after the convention ends. You will see some old and new faces but we are all here to serve the entire membership in supporting the goals of WMA.

One major issue we are focusing on over the next few months is ensuring that our membership database is as up to date as possible. This serves many purposes including ensuring that each member receives their quarterly issue of *'Nouncements* and their new Resource Manual and Directory (RM&D) in a timely manner. The RM&D will go to print using the information that is in the database as of 1 October this year so be sure to send in any updates of personal

contact information such as a change of address, next of kin, etc., as soon as possible. See the letter on Page 31 in this issue of *'Nouncements* for more details regarding updating your personal information. Chapter Presidents, you should send a current chapter roster to your Area Director as well as to me as the 1st Vice President. We will ensure that your information is forwarded to the Membership Secretary and our Database Manager.

I appreciate everyone's help with these administrative issues. Whether it is Area Directors, Chapter Presidents or "Members At Large" (MAL's), we all have an obligation to keep our organization running smoothly and effectively.

Rhonda Lebrescu-Amtower



Financial Advisory Committee Update

In continuing to enlighten you on the financial operations of WMA, I want to assure you that the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) is actively researching ways to streamline the funds and obtain the best return rates during these volatile times for investing to meet our budget objectives while protecting our capital. The three funds to be addressed here are the General, Life Member, and Scholarship Funds.

The General Fund was established to pay all authorized WMA expenses. This account is funded through earnings from the Restricted Reserve Fund, term dues, earnings from the Life Member Fund, and donations.

The Life Member Fund is funded by dues received for life membership. Per the bylaws (found in your Resource Manual &

Directory (RM&D)), the earnings are withdrawn annually (1 July) and transferred to the General Fund. The current one year dues amount (\$15.00) is transferred to the General Fund for each new life member and upon the death of a life member, \$50.00 is transferred to the Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of the deceased member.

The Memorial Scholarship Fund currently has five separate scholarship designations:

WMA Memorial Scholarship Fund was established from donations, earnings on the principal, and the Life Member Fund.

Ethyl and Amin Wiebke Memorial Scholarship established in 1987 from the estate of Ethyl Wiebke.

Lily Gridley Memorial Scholarship established in 1996 from the estate of LtCol

Lily Gridley.

LaRue Ditmore Music Scholarship established in 1999 from the estate of LaRue Ditmore.

The Major Megan McClung Scholarship established in 2007 by Dr. and Mrs. Michael McClung in memory of their daughter, the first female Marine officer ever killed in a combat zone.

Named scholarships can only be established upon receipt of adequate funds to award at least one \$1,500 scholarship per year for at least 10 years. Additional information on scholarships can be found in the RM&D.

*Karen Kelly
Chairman, FAC*

Chapter Thanks Watson



On behalf of the Sagebrush Chapter, Cheryl Gardner (right) presents a plaque to Carol Watson recognizing her for all her hard work on behalf of the Sagebrush Chapter.

Women Marines Travel Site

Just a quick update on our travel site. The checks have started coming in. They're not huge, but every little bit helps. Volume is what will help this site to become a good source of revenue for the History Project and the convention committees. I recently tried to book a trip to DC and found that our site was the least expensive of all and the easiest to use. I also used it for my other trips with good results.

Please pass the word to your friends and family to use www.WomenMarinesTravel.com for all their travel needs. Remember that you can do more than fly on this site. You can book hotels, rental cars, cruises, order flowers and much more. Go exploring when you have time and check it out.

We have not received questions to answer. If you have questions contact me at the address on Page 2 of this publication.

*Paula Sarlls
President, CO-1*

Women's Memorial Foundation Seeks Photos

The Women's Memorial is gathering photos - digital and prints - from its 10th Anniversary Celebration for possible use in future projects, including an upcoming issue of *The Register*. If you were there and took photos that you'd like to share, send them to the Women's Memorial Foundation.

Submission constitutes permission for unlimited use by the Foundation. Digital images should be saved as a JPEG file with 300 dpi resolution in 24-bit color and may be e-mailed to design@womensmemorial.org. Prints may be mailed to: Women's Memorial Foundation, Attn: Public Relations, 200 N. Glebe Rd, Suite 400 Arlington, VA 22203.

Please include your full name, address, phone number and e-mail address with all photo submissions. Also, please provide information to identify individuals in the photos, if known.

For more information or questions, e-mail design@womensmemorial.org.

Molly Marine Anniversary Event



LA-1 and guests.

It was a cold day on 13 February when Marines, veterans and honored guests met at the base of the historic Molly Marine statue in New Orleans. An ensemble from the Marine Forces Reserve Band filled the air with music.

WMA President Paula Sarlls gave her anniversary greeting. BGen Tracy Garrett was the guest speaker and offered the following observation among her comments: the city of New Orleans can be proud that the historic district is anchored on each side with a monument to a military woman. On one side is Molly Marine, on the other, the golden statue of Joan of Arc.

The program closed with a placing of the wreath by WWII member Marian Landry and Cpl Ivelisse Colon. Melanie Young was the event coordinator. The granddaughter of the sculptor, Enrique Alferez, was also in the audience.

Judy Anderson

Army Medic receives Silver Star



Spc Monica Lin Brown

Twenty-year-old Army Specialist Monica Lin Brown from Lake Jackson, Texas, a medic in the 782nd Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne

Division became the first woman in Afghanistan and only the second woman since World War II to receive the Silver Star, the United States' third-highest medal for valor.

After a roadside bomb detonated near a convoy of Humvees in the eastern Paktia province, Brown saved the lives of fellow soldiers in April 2007 by running through insurgent gunfire using her body to shield wounded soldiers while mortars fell nearby.

SPC Brown's efforts to first shield the wounded and then move them to a safer location several hundred meters away in order to assess and treat them, earned her the second Silver.

She was presented with the medal by Vice President Dick Cheney in a ceremony on March 21, 2008.

10 November, 2007: What a Ball!

For the first time ever that I'm aware of, all three key players at a Marine Corps Birthday Ball were female.

At the Las Vegas Marine Corps League Birthday Ball on 10 November, the guest of honor was LtGen Carol A. Mutter, USMC (Ret), the oldest Marine present was World War II veteran Betty Fox, and the youngest Marine present was LCpl Isabel Santillan.

There have been all female key players at balls and ceremonies at female commands, but this was definitely NOT an all-female birthday ball. There were over 1200 people present including a table full of World War II WASPs!

Carol Mutter



From left to right: LCpl Santillan, Betty Fox and LtGen Mutter.

Hamblet Award Recipient

The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation administers the Lotus T. Mort Fund for WMA and we use the interest annually to present an award to the person who has done the most to further the recognition of the history of women who have earned the title Marine. This is a very prestigious award. It's presented at the Foundations annual awards dinner attended by top Marine Corps and industry officials.

I am pleased to announce that Mary Bacon Hale is the recipient of the award this year for her work on the WMA history books and with other organizations that work to preserve our history as well as funding the CO-1 History Project. I'm sure Mary would join me in congratulating each of you as you provided your input for the books.

It is the third year we've had the award and Mary joins Gen. Margaret Brewer and Eleanor Wilson as recipients of the award. Mary will not be attending the awards dinner for health reasons.

Congratulations Mary!



Mary Bacon Hale

Paula Sarlls

Leadership Changes Announced

Geraldine Fiorello has been the chair of the Bequest Advisory committee for many years and has served WMA in other capacities over the years very well. It is with deepest gratitude and regret that we announce her resignation. Please send any information or request for the Bequest Advisory Committee to EVA REED of OR-3. Her contact information is: Eva Read, 2251 Devos Street, Eugene, Oregon 97402-1163. Tel#: 541-689-7878 email: bandmread@comcast.net.

Denne Howard also resigned as our Legal Officer and regretfully, we accepted as her health is an issue right now. She gave us an excellent recommendation to replace her.

I'd like to introduce our new Legal Officer, Jennifer Spooner. Her job is to advise the Board of Directors with

regards to legal questions affecting WMA. Jennifer's contact information is: Jennifer Spooner, 37970 Pointe Rosa, Harrison Township, Michigan 48045, (586) 630-0760, jenniferrspooner@yahoo.com. Please DO NOT call her with personal legal matters. Go through the chain of command if you have legal questions for her. She has young children and a new law practice to manage so we don't want to take advantage. Thanks for your understanding on this.

Also, please pass this word on to all members and chapter presidents.

Thank you, Geraldine and Denne for all of your service, and welcome aboard, Eva and Jennifer!

Paula Sarlls

Orsini named Wounded Warrior Program Director

Retired Marine, Patricia Orsini was named director of the House of Representatives' Wounded Warrior Program. The program first was announced last November, on the eve of Veterans Day, by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other lawmakers. The aim is to bring 25 people on board by the end of September and 50 more in the following year.

Orsini, 51, a 30-year veteran of the Marines from Bellmawr, N.J., is a retired master gunnery sergeant with considerable experience helping injured and disabled service members make the transition to civilian life. In addition to helping the wounded, she has honored the dead. Orsini in recent years has escorted the remains of fallen Marines from Dover Air Force Base



in Delaware to their hometowns for burial. Earlier in her career, she sounded "Taps" as the bugler at military funerals.

*Katherine Skiba, US News
Posted February 25, 2008*

Marine South Expo

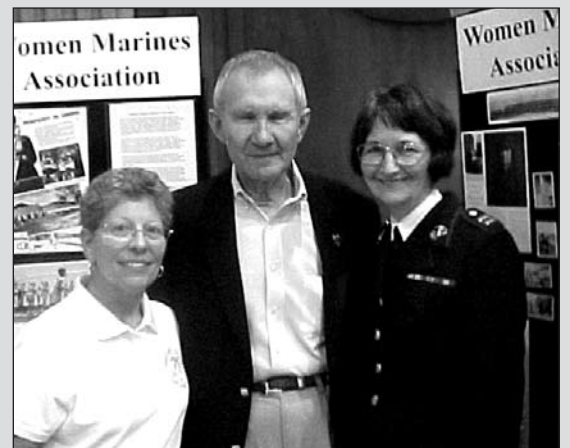
Brenda Moore and I traveled to Camp Lejeune to staff the WMA booth at the Marine South Exposition from 2 - 3 April.

We were delighted to have many great people stop by the booth and sign the guest book, but I was especially delighted to have MajGen Livingston (Ret) stop by because he is the gentleman who worked with Carol Mutter in getting the Molly Marine statues to PI and Quantico.

We were honored to be a part of the expo and touched to be invited to stay with a mutual friend, retired MGySgt Jean Gully and her husband Sam, also a retired MGySgt. Many of the Marines we spoke with knew something about WMA and had attended a dinner or luncheon for the anniversary.



Former SgtMaj of the Marine Corps, SgtMaj John Estrada, Brenda Moore, Linda Priest and MCL National Executive Director Mike Blum.



Brenda and Linda with MajGen Livingston.

We'd like to thank Lillian Cross and her husband Ken for the great job organizing and packing the displays from the Marine West Expo, and Shirley John, NC-1, who was kind enough to receive and hold the display boxes until Brenda and I got there.

Linda Priest

Oral History Program Wants You and Your Story!

In recent months I have seen so many great stories on the WMA listserv (present as well as the past.) Capturing, maintaining and preserving these articles helps us document our women's history. Nancy Wilt as the History Committee Chairperson is continually working this issue and looking for helpers, individuals as well as chapters.

WMA member Dian George has recently stepped up and will be responsible to pull stories of our women off of our Yahoo! listserv and saving them for eventual preservation in "The History Project Collection". No story is too small or insignificant for preservation. Dian has also been asked to pull from Yahoo! and maintain for preservation the obituaries posted on our members. These final looks at the lives

of our women Marines have valuable data in them. Obituaries are also saved by our National Chaplain.

WMA has a strong Oral History Program started by Eleanor Wilson utilizing the technology of the day (recorders). Our new lead of the Oral History Program, Loretta Krook, has moved us into the era of DVD visual oral histories. This new program will carry us forward with the technology of the present as well as the future. Loretta will be needing volunteers for the 2008 Houston Convention. Can you help? It will only add to your enjoyment of the convention.

A new project in need of volunteers is to take the autobiographies in the three WMA Pictorial Books done by Mary Bacon Hale and have chapters help with

recording of the stories provided by our women for inclusion in the many national oral history programs. Acceptance by the national programs for these read stories (a first) will save hundreds of stories that would have been lost. This project is only possible since the women wrote their own autobiographies, so it is their story in their own words.

Every one of us has a story and we need to hear about them. Put them on our WMA Yahoo! listserv site, or call Nancy Wilt, Loretta Krook or Dian George about getting your story saved. Be a part of it all and add to the stories of the women called Marines.

Paula Sarlls

B-24 Liberator Plane Crash

I am writing regarding an article in the WMA *'Nouncements*, summer of 2007. As usual, here I am putting it off till February of 2008 -- what a straggler!!! The article was one that Jane Baird Silva, formerly of OUR base, MCAS Miramar, wrote many, many years ago. This is an addendum to her article.

Jane wrote of two women Marines who crashed off San Diego in a Liberator bomber from Kearney Navy Base which was right next to Miramar. Those two women were PFC Edna Shaughnessy, originally from New Hampshire, and PFC Helen Breckel, (I think from Ohio but not sure). Edna and Helen lived in the same wing in the barracks as I did, and Edna and I worked together in the base switchboard office.

All of this was in WWII -- not sure of the actual dates but we were all there during late 1943 to 1946. On the date of the crash, Shaughnessy and I were to work together on a night shift at the office. I was on duty in the office at the appointed time -- no Shaughnessy. I knew she and Helen had intended to go up on that plane that morning and, since Shaughnessy was a most trustworthy gal and would not miss work, I just figured, just perhaps, they might have been gone longer than they had expected and decided not to call in her absence at work yet. Hearing nothing from her, finally I decided to call the flight line at Kearney to see if the plane had come in.

I made that call and was totally shocked to hear "the plane is presumed missing"!

Then I knew I had to make that call to the Officer of the Day. The plane the girls had been on was not even being heard from! My heart sank.

All of us in that wing in the barracks were awake whenever anyone came across the entrance to our wing -- could it be Helen and Edna? As Jane's article stated, prayers went up all over the base, not just in the barracks or the office. The rest of the story was in the article and in the newspaper article Jane had sent too. Finally seeing those two very familiar faces was a joy.

Many stories came out of that crash -- one that I remember was that, when the plane crashed, the girls lost their shoes and the island was a very craggy, rough place to attempt to walk and so they fashioned their purses into shoes in order to move across the island.

They had been so attacked by all the bugs on the island that their faces were as red as could be -- but faces that looked pretty beautiful to us and all of us so grateful for their lives having been saved by the fishing boat!

Sgt Betty Mahoney Raines

(P.S.: Now am so full of joy for having the Marine Corps experience -- I belong to OK-2 and am an active almost 85 years young WR who married the Commander of the Guard at Miramar, GySgt Bob Raines.)

Chaplain's Corner

Let us pray...

A couple of weeks ago, I presided over a funeral for a Marine, at Quantico National Cemetery. We all gathered at the Pavilion, with the honor guard present, and at a given moment the Coordinator, Veterans Administration, at the cemetery looked at me, and spoke softly, "Chaplain, you can begin now." After a brief moment, I spoke the invocation, "Let us pray."

All of a sudden, the honor guard came to attention, bowing their heads to the right, arms at parade rest, the attendees and veterans stood, coming to attention, head uncovered, hands over their hearts, and all others just looked in awe. What had I done? I stood in silence, almost afraid to continue, I heard the birds singing in the nearby trees, a car approaching, the Basic School Marines firing ordinance in the background, and almost all of us including myself took a deep breath. We did just that before continuing on, with, "Lord, bless us who have gathered here to honor, memorialize, and pray for this Marine" I was so overtaken I almost forgot what was happening. What did I do, by saying those three words, "Let us pray"?

It is my desire that we as Marines remember one another by beginning and ending each day with these words. How many times in your life as a Marine and since has a chaplain appeared before you and said, "Let us pray."

I begin and close each day as your Chaplain with the words, "Let us pray"FOR YOOOU.

Joan Hammond

Escort Scuttlebutt

Fellow Escorts,

Recently you should have received our mailing that went to 164 term members and 100 life members. Please read the paperwork and return the nomination form and bylaws approval form to the appropriate committee. If you or another Escort have not received this mailing, please let me know and I will send another mailing to you.

I really hope everyone reads and approves the new version of our bylaws and standing rules. The bylaws equate to our "constitution" and the standing rules are "orders of the day". The bylaws were rewritten to accommodate IRS requirements for 501(c) 3 status and require approval of the entire membership to change. The standing rules are also a part of the package but only require a majority of those in attendance at a general meeting (convention) to change them. So if you are in agreement with the bylaws but disagree with the standing rules, please send in approval of the whole package and submit your change of the standing rule(s). The change can be submitted by mail, email, or fax to me before August 23 if you are not attending the convention. Otherwise bring your change to the convention business meeting. My contact information can be found on the



inside cover of this issue. My fax number is the same as my phone number.

If you are planning on attending the convention in Houston, please send in your registration form to Jeanne Cantrell as soon as possible. The meals package is mailed to WMA as they are in charge of ordering the food. Ordering your meal package at the door puts the convention committee in a bind as they have a specific time table to place each meal. Their final

order for the meal is 72 hours (3 days) before it is served. It is appreciated by all that you order your meal package in a timely manner.

Sadly, Russ Dolbear has resigned his position as Parliamentarian due to the ill health of his wife, Alice. If you would like the position of Parliamentarian, have a very good working knowledge of Robert's Rules and are going to the convention, please contact me.

On a happier note I am pleased to tell you that our Immediate Past President Paul Dossin will be there with his bride MajGen MaryAnn Krusa-Dossin. It will be a pleasure to see them both again. This may be a first—three women Marine generals in attendance.

At this point I have little to report on the 501(c) 3 issue until tax season is

over. By the time convention rolls around, everything will be ready for submission to the IRS.

Again I ask, even if you are a life member, please fill out the new application so we can verify that our database is correct. Phone numbers, zip codes, email addresses, and mailing addresses change, sometimes on purpose, and sometimes not. Also if you are receiving two copies of 'Nouncements' and would like to help us reduce expenses, please notify John Holvoet, Director. Your \$25.00 two-year application fee is divided up to cover two \$500.00 scholarships, postage costs to mail 'Nouncements', and expenses to cover the convention (hospitality room and WMA awards). Needless to say once the scholarship money is taken out, there is very little left. It is only through the generosity of many Loyal Escorts that expenses are met, which is another reason why we are trying so hard to get the 501(c) 3 status in place. A tax incentive goes a long way when asking for donations.

I certainly am excited about the Texas convention. It should be a blast from outer space. We get to be Escorts again, and that's our job, that's why we exist, ain't it great? Remember to dress "Texan" even if it's only for a short time. See you there.

Ken Cross

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Registration Form

**25th Biennial Women Marines Association
Convention & Professional Development Conference**

Houston, TX

28 August – 3 September, 2008

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 30 JUNE 2008

ALL LOYAL ESCORTS MUST REGISTER SEPARATELY FROM
THEIR SPONSOR FOR THE CONVENTION.

USE THE WMA CONVENTION FORM FOR

MEAL REGISTRATION ONLY.

Please Print:

Name _____ WMA Sponsor Name _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Please word badge (First / Last name) _____

Pre-registration for Convention \$20.00

Meals Registration: Use WMA meals form (see Page 16)

Additional Information:

Hotel Reservations must be made directly to the hotel.

Special Diet needs should be included with your Meal Registration Form.

Mail Meal Registration form with check, payable to 'WMA 2008 Convention' to: **BJ Huggins, P.O. Box 1821, Pasadena, TX 77501**
Mail this registration form with remittance to:

Jeanne Cantrell, Sec. Treas., 11 Brown Street, Irving, TX 75061,
email address: jeannestoy1@yahoo.com

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

Mark Check: **"Registration"**

Our History on the Move

Our Traveling Exhibit

Since October 2007 our history exhibit has been on tour. First at Modern Day Marine in Quantico, then on to Marine West at Camp Pendleton and recently at Marine South. These are the largest Marine Corps exhibitions and the first time The History Project has provided the exhibit to be part of the WMA booth. What a success, new members, new corporate friends and viewed by all levels of our Corps. WMA would also like to send a special THANK YOU to the Marine Corps League that so generously provides us space at the exhibitions at no cost. Their continual support is greatly appreciated.

The following WMA members manned this exhibit at the various stops: Paula Sarlls, Sara Phoenix, Nancy Wilt, Lillian Cross, Shirley John, Jean Gully, Linda Priest and Brenda Moore. Our thanks to all of you for a job well done.

Convention 2008

The History Suite will be open this con-

vention with many, many new items and a number of our original treasures. We have been informed that the exhibit will be more convenient to the meeting area than in Louisville. We are hoping to continue the tradition of a reception one evening so we can gather more stories.

Oral histories will be taken by more than one individual at this convention. Please register beforehand by contacting Loretta Krook after 15 July at 720-344-1976 or email dnelsonviking@comcast.net. You can also register on arrival at the hotel. It is more important than ever that we continue the efforts of Eleanor Wilson and gather as many histories as possible. The oral histories are now being done in a DVD format to keep up with the latest technologies. Please take time to save your Marine Corps story.

A Special Convention Request

The generosity of our members is inspiring and every gift to the History Project adds to the story and history of the

women regardless of generation; however, convention is not the place to donate most items. Both in Louisville and at our recent Interim Board Meeting our historian and helpers have been inundated with numerous boxes of items, such as uniforms, a footlocker, hat boxes and large containers that we have to attempt to transport. In Denver at the IBM a second truck had to be used. In Louisville, UPS helped.

We want your items, but we just can't effectively receive large items at convention. If you bring a small item to share (photos or ads, etc.) with us and your sister Marines, please bring a copy with you for inclusion in the history collection since we will only have limited copying capability. Small items or photos for permanent contribution to "The History Project" will be accepted at convention.

Nancy Wilt



Women Marines Association Off-Site Tour Options

Saturday, August 30, 2008

Space Center Houston, NASA's Johnson Space Center

Space Center Houston offers a self-guided tour of interactive fun and adventure at Houston's #1 attraction; there is something for everyone.

Six major activities open onto the immense five-story plaza, which is the focal point for a variety of ever changing exhibits. Visitors will enjoy large format space films in the "Mazda-Space Center Theater." See actual space suits in the "Astronaut Gallery." Learn more about life on the International Space Station in "Living in Space." Investigate the various levels of the Space Shuttle inside an actual space shuttle mockup. Feel the force of a Space Shuttle



launch and learn more about NASA and the space program in the "AAA-Texas Mission Status Center." Touch an actual moon rock or walk inside the Skylab Trainer in the "Destiny Theater and Starship Gallery." Also offered, a "behind the scenes" tram tour of NASA's Johnson Space Center including the historic Apollo era Mission Control and the astronaut training facilities. Each of the attractions is designed as a "self-guided" activity.

With over 42 interactive, "hands-on" activities, Space Center Houston offers lots to do for every age group. As an indoor attraction, Space Center Houston assures a "no worries" event...no rain, no ants, no heat, and no mosquitoes.

Saturday, August 30, 2008, 1530-2000

The tour includes transportation, self-guided tour of Space Center Houston, Space Traders Gift Shop, a Texas Picnic, and an "out of this world" experience.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Special Needs: _____

Space Center Houston Tour _____ at \$50.00each = \$ _____

Please send this completed form for reservations along with your check payable to:

"WMA 2008 Convention", BJ Huggins, P.O. Box 1821, Pasadena, TX 77501

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations must be received in writing, via US Postal Service, or e-mail to wmaroundup@yahoo.com, by 01 August 2008. No refunds will be issued after this date. Please note: if, for a reason beyond our control, this event should be cancelled – refunds will be processed after the conclusion of the convention.

Recognition Letter from CMC



On 20 February National President Paula Sarlls went to the downtown Denver Recruiting Station with Jo Slater and Tony Sarlls to receive a letter from CMC General James T. Conway in appreciation for her contributions in support of the Marine Corps' recruiting mission during 2007. She also received a challenge coin from the CMC.

Chapters! Listen Up!!

There are going to be some one-time-only changes to the summer issue of the newsletter.

We're going to experiment with a slight format change. Where in the past we have published that issue with a "pull out" section featuring all reports and bylaw/standing rule changes, this year we are not going to do so. This year, all of that will be included within the regular pages.

This issue will be all convention. News items will be included if it is something of importance to the membership. And, we are not going to run Chapter Clippings.

Yes, you read that right. I said this is **ONE time only**. From the time you receive the spring issue until the deadline for the summer issue (2 June), there won't be much time to get a Clipping together. The summer issue must be in your hands 45 days prior to the convention. In order to do that, the deadline must be set for early June. Rather than force it and run late with the newsletter, we're not going to run Chapter Clippings until the fall.

HOWEVER!! I would like to run a new item in that issue. Chapters that will have space in the WMA-PX in Houston - please send me the list of items you will be selling and their cost. This will give our attendees an idea of how much money they will need for the WMA-PX as well as possibly creating more sales from members not going and asking those who are going to get them something.

You can either send your list via email (editor@womenmarines.org) or mail it to me. No phone calls, please. As much as I love talking to all of you, I want to make sure I get everything listed correctly and would rather it be in writing. I will take calls if you have questions!

Sondra Metzger



Rentals for Mobility Impaired

The convention committee has made arrangements with the hotel to make available certain mobility enabling equipment on a rental basis. The following pieces of equipment may be rented at the stated prices, by contacting the hotel Concierge, Shirley Jackson at 713-960-9100 (ext 6601), or email her at shirley.jackson@westin.com.

- Manual wheel chairs can be rented for \$6.24/day
- Electric "scooters" can be rented for \$150.00/for 2 – 7 days
- Walkers with seats can be rented for \$50/week

If you have questions, or want a member of the committee to help with this registration, feel free to contact Dottie McGary at 281-449-9595 (between the hours of noon – 6 p.m.), or you may contact her via her e-mail address wm.usmc@yahoo.com.

Sometime Singers Roundup



Calling all Sometime Singers (and those who want to be)! Its time to prepare for the WMA Show! Betsy Menin is back in the saddle again. Nancy Lubin is in a seminary program and will not be able to attend the convention. When Betsy heard the news, she said, "Houston, here I come!"

She has a HUGE rehearsal room and it needs to be filled with Sometime Singers or anyone that wants to be a Sometime Singer. Join the reunion with Betsy and make a joyful noise. Send your name and singing information to 1oldmarine@comcast.net.

Come fill our days with music!

This year, the Space Trading Center will feature a "Silent Auction" area. These items will be offered for bid with the highest bid winning the item.

The Convention Committee is asking for your help to make this a super starrng event. We have acquired some nice items valued at over \$100, but the search is on for still more items of this level. We are looking for high-value items that will generate interest in bidding by our members and guests. If you have a new or valu-

able item you'd like to donate, or if you know of someone who might be able to donate an item, please contact Maria Crowley at tdyl@aol.com or 361-297-5506.

Remember, these items should be light-weight and able to be carried on an airplane. If you're not sure if the item is appropriate for the auction, please bring or send it anyway, because we also need more door prizes. So we can use items for both areas - door prizes and auction.

Maria Crowley



Convention Workshop Presentations

There will be a series of workshops offered at the convention in Houston. The following are short bios of all the presenters.

Wendy Hopkins - served as unit diary clerk in the Marine Corps from 1986 to 1991 (Cherry Point, Camp Lejeune and El Toro); currently a financial advisor with Retirement Planning and Investment Services and holds her A.A.M.S (Accredited Asset Management Specialist) through the College of Financial Planning; also started her own business venture (with a partner) at Retirement Planning and Investment Services; member of WMA.

Gary Putinsky - served in the Marine Corps from 1968 to 1972, in Vietnam January 1969 through November 1969; appointed Assistant Director, Veterans of Foreign Wars Service Office, Detroit, MI, in 1996; earned a B.S. in Counseling Psychology from Rochester College (2008), studied nursing at Mott Community College (1998), and studied to be a paralegal at Blackstone Career Institute (2000); VA Specialized Certified Training in Long Term Cold Injury: Diagnosis and Management, VA Prisoners of War Case Management, American Ex-Prisoners of War, and Stewardship of Veterans Services; also the volunteer national service officer for the Chosin Few (Korean War).



Vernice Armour - commissioned as a 2nd Lt in the Marine Corps in December 1998; earned her wings in July 2001, ranked No. 1 out of her class of 12 and of the last 200 to graduate becoming the Marine Corps' first African-American female

pilot; during Operation Iraqi Freedom, recognized as America's first African-American female combat pilot by the Department of Defense; completed two combat tours in the Gulf before departing the Marine Corps; Camp Pendleton's 2001 Female Athlete of the Year, two-time titleholder in Camp Pendleton's annual Strongest Warrior Competition, and a running back for the San Diego Sunfire women's professional football team; departed the Marine Corps in June 2007; member of WMA.



Dr. Fleur Sack - graduated from medical school in South Africa prior to immigrating to the United States with her husband and two sons in 1976; completed her residency in family medicine at the University of Miami and was in private practice until joining the VA in 2005; an advocate for Women's Health issues, Dr Sack was the Medical Director for the Women's Health and Fitness Center at Baptist Hospital in

Miami; authored a book about women and AIDS in 1992 and was a recent editor of a monograph on osteoporosis.

John Roberts - served in the Marine Corps from 1982 to 1996; received a medical discharge following a prolonged recovery from wounds suffered in a helicopter crash in the seas of Somalia at the beginning of Operation Restore Hope, suffering third-degree burns over 80 percent of his body, resulting in the loss of use of his left leg and right arm; following military service, first job was with the Disabled American Veterans, working as a National Service Officer in the organization's office in Houston; Veterans Service Representative with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA); became Supervisor of the VA Regional Office; left the VA to become National Service Director of the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP); responsible for all WWP staff assigned in the field to major military trauma facilities across the country; leads WWP's Claims Program, as well as its WWP Outdoors and Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project programs.



Betty Moseley Brown - served in the Marine Corps from 1978-1992; VA career began at the San Diego Regional Office where she was a Veterans Benefits Counselor along with serving as the Women Veterans Coordinator; left the VA and worked for the Navy, Naval Facilities Acquisition Command in San Diego and as Director, Acquisition Career Management Center in Arlington; returned to VA in 2001, and worked as a Program Analyst in the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) Compensation and Pension Service; in 2002, served as the operational assistant and advisor to the Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Policy and Program Management; served on the Secretary's Seamless Transition Task Force, VA-DoD Benefits Executive Council, and was the VBA contact for the Army's Disabled Soldiers Support System; has a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Sarasota; currently Associate Director of the Center for Women Veterans.



Katherine (Kathy) Van Gorder - joined WMA in the early 1990s as a member at large; has since held the office of treasurer and news editor with PA-2 since its formation in April 2006; in 2007, accepted the appointment as WMA National Assistant Deputy VAVS Rep; life member of the Marine Corps League, she was asked to represent WMA as the WMA Liaison Officer to the League in 2006; in early 2008, accepted the responsibility as Area 2 Director.



25th Anniversary Celebration: A WMA Night to Remember

It's the 25th WMA Convention! That means a Silver Anniversary Celebration; an occasion to look back at the past WMA conventions. It is an opportunity to honor the success of the WMA conventions and the WMA. When the WMA was formed at the first reunion at the Shirley-Savoy hotel in Denver in 1964, the future was unknown. However, what they did know was that a desire and bond of friendship was built from time in service...not just in the Korean War or WWII, but all the way back to WWI. Our charter members wanted a military veteran's organization that would honor their military service, provide a community service, and develop friendships based on a shared history.

As the convention "blasts off," the eve of the convention is a fitting time to honor the past conventions and host committees. Twenty-five conventions? Who has attended them all? How many have you attended? Since we don't have records, we are asking for help to answer these questions, and many more. To identify the highlights from past conventions, we are asking our members to send photos and stories that tell of their favorite convention experiences. Perhaps, the convention committee members will share some of their experiences. Wouldn't we all like to know their secrets? Please send your photos and convention stories to B. J. Huggins at the registration address.

We will have the celebration to recognize the success of our WMA conventions. It will be an interactive party hosted by TX-2. Because it is an anniversary party, it is important to have "toasts." Appropriate beverage and snacks will be provided, along with a pay-per drink bar. Make your plans to join us at the 25th Anniversary Celebration. It will be the most beautiful setting of the convention with a festive program. This will be a night to remember and we are hoping to have a Texas-size turnout!



Women Marines Association 25th Biennial Convention and Professional Development Conference Schedule (Schedule Subject to Change) August 28 - September 3, 2008 Houston, Texas

Thursday 28 August 2008

Registration/Information	1200 -1700
History Suite	To Be Announced
Golf	0800-1400
Anniversary Party	1900-2200

Friday 29 August 2008

Registration/Information	0900-1700
Space Trading Center (WMA-PX) Set Up	0800-1100
Photo Room Set Up	0800-1000
WMA National 2006-2008 Board Meeting	0830-1130
Loyal Escorts 2006-2008 Board Meeting	0830-1130
+Workshop #1 - Wounded Warrior Program	1000-1100
John Roberts	
History Suite	To Be Announced
Photos	To Be Announced
Space Trading Center (WMA-PX) Open	1200-1400
First Timers	1300-1500
Flag Rehearsal	1500-1700
No Host Reception	1800-1900
Opening Banquet	1900-2300

Saturday 30 August 2008

Registration/Information	0900-1700
History Suite	To Be Announced
Photos	To Be Announced
WMA Business Meeting #1	0830-1030
Loyal Escorts Business Meeting #1	0830-1030
Recognition and Awards Luncheon	1100-1330
Westin Entrance Bus Load	1400-1430
Space Center Houston (dinner included)	1530-2000
Texas 2 Road House - Loyal Escorts Hospitality Room	1500-2300
	(After the Tour)

Sunday 31 August 2008

Registration/Information	0900-1700
History Suite	To Be Announced
Photographer	To Be Announced
Ecumenical Service in Hotel WMA Chaplain	0900-1000
+Workshop #2 - Women Heart with Lisa Tate	1000-1100
+Workshop #3 - Building Better Chapters *	1115-1245
Chapter Finances with Wendy Hopkins	
Parliamentary Procedure with Connie Pendergast	
Networking with Kathy Van Gorder	
Space Trading Center (WMA-PX)	1000-1200
+Panel Discussion - Vernice Armour	
"Changing Role of Women Marines"	1300-1530
+ "Homecoming"	1630-1800
Welcome Home to All WMA Members	
Cake Cutting Ceremony	
Texas 2 Road House - Loyal Escort Hospitality Room	1900-2300

Conference Schedule *(Continued)*

Monday 1 September 2008

Registration/Information	0900-1700
History Suite	To Be Announced
Photos	To Be Announced
Memorial Service	0900-1030
2010 Convention Presentation Luncheon	1100-1330
WMA Business Meeting #2	1430-1630
Loyal Escort Business Meeting #2	1430-1630
1st VP & Area Directors & Chapter President's Meeting	1700-1900
+Workshop #4 - Personal Finances, Including Preparing for Deployment – Wendy Hopkins	1700-1830
Space Trading Center (WMA-PX)	1700-1830
Texas Road House Live	1900-2200
Texas 2 Road House - Loyal Escort Hospitality Room	1900-2300

Tuesday 2 September 2008

Registration/Information	0900-1700
History	To Be Announced
Photos	To Be Announced
+Workshop #5 - VA Benefit Forum*	0830-1030
WMA and Loyal Escorts National Officers Photos	1000-1100
Installation Brunch	1100-1300
Space Trading Center (Final)	1330-1530
Training for WMA 2008-2010 - National Board	1400-1600
Loyal Escorts 2008-2010 Board Meeting	1400-1600
No Host Reception	1800-1900
Grand Banquet	1900-2300
Texas 2 Road House	2200-2400

Wednesday 3 September 2008

2008-2010 WMA Board Meeting (All 2008-2010 Board Members)	0800-1200
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- * The Space Trading Center is available for appointments with the presenters for more information on individual needs.
 + indicates required attendance by active duty Marines; all other attendees are welcome and invited to attend.



Homecoming Parade

Everyone loves a parade... especially one that celebrates the homecoming of a loved one or hero.

As women veterans, we have not experienced a "homecoming" parade. Therefore, we will hold our own. The homecoming will be an over the top patriotic event celebrating every decade that women have served in the Marine Corps. We plan to have patriotic music, a special guest speaker, and a cake cutting ceremony to recognize the oldest and youngest Marine.

We encourage you to wear your uniform (in accordance with Marine Corps uniform regs - no parts of uniforms, please) or red, white and blue, and join us as we welcome each of you "home."

Women Marines Association

Official Entry Form for Recognition and Awards

WMA 2006-2008 Houston, Texas Convention • August 28 - September 3, 2008

Date of Submission: _____

Date Rec'd by R&A _____

From: _____
 Chapter Name and Chapter Number

Chapter Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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

Type of Entry (History Book, Newsletter, Chapter Achievement. If entry is Website enter address) _____

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

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

Brief Description of entry:

**Mail to: Lynn Sparks
 Recognition and
 Awards Committee
 1408 San Marino Drive
 Pearland, TX 77581
 DEADLINE: Postmarked by July 15, 2008**

Airport to Hotel Transportation Discount Offered

Houston has two major airports, Bush Intercontinental (IAH) and William P. Hobby (HOU). Passengers traveling on Continental Airlines will fly into Bush. Passengers flying on Southwest Airlines will fly into Hobby. Other airlines may fly into either airport.

Below is our group discount information, as well as some information on where to find SuperShuttle as you leave the airport:

- To receive the group discount, you can make your reservation **ONLINE** at least 24 hours in advance at www.supershuttle.com and enter the group's discount code
- Discount Code: **H5JWK**
- To receive the group discount when

making reservations by phone at 1-800-BLUEVAN (1-800-258-3826) or at an airport SuperShuttle ticket counter please reference the group's name:

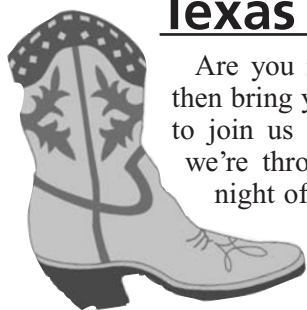
- Group Name: Women Marines Association
- This code is valid for travel dates ranging from August 22, 2008 through September 7, 2008
- Through use of the discount code you will receive \$2 off one way fares and \$4 off round trip fares
- With use of the above discount SuperShuttle rates from the airports to the Westin Galleria will be:

Bush Intercontinental (IAH): \$22 one way and \$44 round trip.

Hobby (HOU): \$16 one way and \$32 round trip.

How to get to SuperShuttle when you land:

- After you claim your luggage at either Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) or Hobby Airport (HOU), proceed to a SuperShuttle ticket counter located in the baggage claim area at all terminals
- A Guest Service Representative will be waiting to assist you
- If wheelchair accessible vans are necessary for a member of your group, please make this request during the reservation process.



Texas Roadhouse ...Live!

Are you ready to boot scoot 'n boogie? If so, then bring your best Texas duds and dancin' boots to join us at the "Texas Roadhouse Live". Yep, we're throwing a Texas-size dance on Monday night of the convention. This will be a time to relax and enjoy one of Texas' favorite traditions...country music and dancing. For those younger members, no

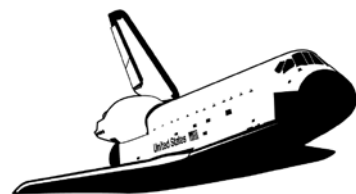
worries...we'll also have some of your favorite songs. With all the live music, karaoke and two-stepping – we can party till the cows come home! YEE HAW!

Call for Door Prizes

We are sending out this call for door prizes for the 2008 convention in Houston. Please donate small type prizes that are able to be packed in a suitcase and carried on an airplane. Gift cards would be an excellent choice and are easy to use and most people enjoy receiving them. Any dollar amount is good from \$10.00 on up.

If you choose to donate a door prize, please take it to the convention with you and deliver them during the registration. Looking forward to Houston and meeting you.

Maureen Moehle



WMA-PX – Space Trading Center

The WMA-PX for this convention will be in the biggest room WMA has ever had, so get your reservation for space in as soon as possible! Take this opportunity to sell your chapter merchandise to make some money for your treasury. Decorate your table and win a prize! And yes, this used to be called the Boutique.



Space Trading Center Reservation Form \$50.00

(aka, WMA-PX)

Chapter Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Items offered: _____

Special needs: _____

Send in your application and check or money order (made out to "WMA 2008 Convention") for \$50 to: BJ HUGGINS, P. O. Box 1821, Pasadena, TX 77501

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM



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Mail completed form, along
with payment to:

BJ Huggins
P.O. Box 1821
Pasadena, TX 77501

To be completed by Registration Chair

Date Received _____

Registration Number _____

Pre-convention Registration must be received by 30 June 2008.

Each WMA registrant must complete this form. Please print legibly.

Check all that apply to you:

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|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> World War II | <input type="checkbox"/> Desert Storm | <input type="checkbox"/> National Officer/Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility Impaired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea | <input type="checkbox"/> UN Peacekeeping Forces | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Please assign me a roommate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam | <input type="checkbox"/> Current Active Duty | <input type="checkbox"/> Attending my 1st Convention | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NATO | <input type="checkbox"/> Nat'l WMA Life Member # _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> I will help during the Convention | |

Full Name: _____

Service Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

MM/DD/YYYY

Mailing Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Badge Information: Primary Chapter & Name: _____

Name to be printed on Badge: _____

Loyal Escort(s) & Guest(s) Name for Badge: _____

A fee of \$10 will be charged for cancellation after 31 July 2008. Refund will be mailed after the Convention.

Pre-Registration: deadline 1 August 2008 (\$40) \$ _____

On Site Registration: after 31 July 2008 at hotel (\$50) \$ _____

☐ I am unable to attend, but wish to purchase a program. Enclosed, is my check in the amount of \$10, payable to "WMA 2008 Convention".
Please send the convention program to me at the above address.

Information on shuttle service and local transportation options is on the facing page.

Notice of Deadlines for Registrations

01 August - The deadline for all registrations for tours, golf, fishing, etc.

01 August - The deadline for paper registration for the C & DC

15 August - The deadline for online registration for the C & DC

All registrations made after the 15th of August, must be made in person at the hotel.

MEAL REGISTRATION

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ I have special dietary requirements

(Specify): _____

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

Date	Event	Package A All Meals	Option B Individual Choice	Non Member Meals	Totals
29 Aug	Opening Banquet	Included	_____ @ \$46.00	_____ @ \$47.00	\$ _____
30 Aug	Recognition & Awards Luncheon	Included	_____ @ \$44.00	_____ @ \$46.00	\$ _____
01 Sep	2010 Convention Luncheon	Included	_____ @ \$42.00	_____ @ \$44.00	\$ _____
02 Sep	Installation Brunch	Included	_____ @ \$26.00	_____ @ \$28.00	\$ _____
02 Sep	Closing Banquet	Included	_____ @ \$62.00	_____ @ \$64.00	\$ _____
Cost:		\$210.00	\$220.00		\$ _____

Hotel meal costs include Service Charge, gratuity and TX sales tax - total 30.25%

NOTE: Special events and tours will be added as finalized.

TABLE RESERVATIONS

We will provide reserved seating at the Opening and Closing Banquets, per the following guidelines: Seating is limited to 8 persons per table, and will be assigned prior to the start of the convention. Please complete the table seating request below. *If you have questions, feel free to contact BJ Huggins at wmaroundup@yahoo.com*

SEATING RESERVATION REQUEST - for opening and closing banquets (Note: limited to 8 persons per table)

We'd like to have group seating for the opening and closing banquets established by opening day.

Therefore, if you have a group you'd like to be seated with, we request that you provide a list of names of persons in that group. Please confirm your list with each of the members, to prevent one name showing up on more than one list.

Opening Banquet (provide name and chapter)

Closing Banquet (provide name and chapter)

REGISTRATION NOTE:

Please don't call the 800 number for Westin to reserve your room.

Call (713) 960-8100 during business hours (0700-1700 Central), or use the web address listed on the same form: [http:// starwoodmeeting.com/Book/wma25](http://starwoodmeeting.com/Book/wma25)

The company that answers the 800 number does **NOT** have access to our contract information, and there is no telling what they will say. Only the hotel knows who we are, and what we've arranged for.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Westin Galleria Hotel
5060 West Alabama • Houston, Texas 77056

Individual attendees must make their own room reservations directly through the hotel reservation system (713) 960-8100 or online at [http:// starwoodmeeting.com/Book/wma25](http://starwoodmeeting.com/Book/wma25)

Be sure to tell them you're with the Women Marines Association

Room Rates - \$99.00/Double or Single and \$169.00 for Parlour Suites (subject to state & local taxes)

Please mail completed form, along with registration fees, to:

**BJ Huggins
P.O. Box 1821
Pasadena, TX 77501**

Roommate Service:

Please provide information to assist in assigning roommates...

- _____ I request roommate assignment
 _____ early to bed
 _____ late to bed
 _____ late riser
 _____ early riser
 _____ smoker (NOTE: The hotel is a NON-SMOKING facility)
 _____ drinker
 _____ like to party
 _____ do not like to party

Do you want a roommate from your service era?

_____ yes _____ no _____ doesn't matter

Comments regarding roommate service:

2008 WMA Recruiting Roundup

Giddy up y'all! It's time to roundup new members and open new chapters. The prizes below are your recruiting incentives and will be awarded at the 2008 WMA Houston Convention. To qualify for those prizes you must be a WMA member in good standing at the time of the awards. Only applicants postmarked before 1 August 2008 will be eligible for credit to win the big prizes. You need not be present at the convention to win.

Contest Timeline: 2 Aug 2006 – 1 Aug 2008

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

Prizes: Grand Champion \$250
Reserve \$100
3rd Place \$50

2. Chapter Awards:

A. For the chapter that recruits the most new WMA chapter members during the contest.

Prizes: Grand Champion \$250
Reserve \$100
3rd Place \$50

Winners are also awarded a framed certificate of recognition and streamer for chapter flag, "Recruitment 2008." One award within each chapter size classes (i.e. Class I: 5-20 members; Class II: 21-45 members; Class III: 46+ members).

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

Prize: Loyal Escort Recruitment Streamer for Chapter Flag

3. Area Director Award: For the most new WMA chapters organized within her assigned area during the contest period.

Prize: Special Pin and \$150 (To help supplement the AD's budget for new chapter support.)

Let's GIDDY UP and roundup some new members!

Welcome "First-Timers"! The ladies of the Molly Marine Chapter LA-1, Greater New Orleans Area invite you to

"Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez"

(Let the Good Times Roll)



Let's break the ice Mardi Gras style. . . make new friends and learn about convention functions! Come with an attitude of celebration and leave with a neckful of beads, handful of doubloons and possibly a festive feathered mask! You must attend and celebrate the bond of sisterhood we all have in common - the Eagle, Globe and Anchor!

The New Orleans crew will present an introduc-

tion and overview of what's in store during this exciting convention. This meeting is designed just for you. You have so much to look forward to! You can expect fabulous door prizes with a New Orleans flare!

In addition to leaving with beads, beads and more beads, you will completely understand what's on the agenda.

Melanie L. Young
President, Molly Marine Chapter

Donations Requested for 2008 Convention & Conference

The 2008 Convention Committee gratefully acknowledges receipt of monetary contributions from members to help fund the 2008 Convention in Houston. The committee encourages contributions from all of our members. Help make this the best convention ever.

To help in this major effort, send check or money order (made payable to 2008 National Convention & Conference) to: Lisa Huerta, Treasurer TX-2 Chapter, 4403 Pickering Place, College Station, TX 77845.



Contest Results

It looks like Florida was the place to be from for the second "Texas Graphic" contest. The winners are Karen Kelly, Clearwater, and Mary

Richardson, Earleton.

We will be running this contest one more time in the summer issue, only this time I'm going to use all the entries submitted so far (except for the winners!) and select from them.

If you've never given it a try and want to, there will be a graphic of the state of Texas in the summer issue for you to find. Submit your entry either via email or postal mail. This time, all you have to tell me is what page it's on. But don't forget your name and address! My contact information is on Page 2 of this issue.

Thank you to those who submitted entries this time!

Sondra Metzger

Bye, Bye "Bucket"

The new female frame cap will be introduced to the recruit depots in FY09. The cap is similar to the male cap in that there is one frame and two crowns (one green, one white).



The braid for both caps will be black (no longer will we have the red braid with the service cap). The cost of the caps will be equivalent to the male caps. The caps should be available for purchase in the second quarter of FY09 and the mandatory possession date for the new cap and

phase out date for the old caps is 1 Oct 2012.

Membership Update

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Membership Totals

LIFE MEMBERS	2,147
TERM MEMBERS	1,344
HONORARY MEMBER	1
TOTAL MEMBERS	3492

Taps

1 February 2008 - 31 March 2008

Deceased Life Members

LM# 2429 - Helen Ahart, Tucson, AZ, died 20 February 2008
LM# 2688 - Dolores B. Badorrek, Holidaysburg, PA, died 6 March 2008
LM# 1125 - Isobel M. Baldyga, Madison, WI, died 3 March 2008
LM# 227 - Lea E. Cox, Las Vegas, NV, died 7 March 2008
LM# 1506 - Louise M. Ferris, Deerfield, IL, died 4 March 2007
LM# 1664 - Luvenia E. Holt, Sunnyvale, TX, died 29 February 2008
LM# 521 - Mary T. Kelley, Yonkers, NY, died 24 October 2007
LM# 390 - Willabelle S. Maloney, Los Angeles, CA, date of death unknown
LM# 501 - Louise H. McLaughlin, Olympia, WA, died 5 January 2008
LM# 1231 - Evelyn N. Murdock, Cedar Grove, NJ, died 12 October 2006
LM# 540 - Grace M. Murray, San Dimas, CA, died 24 February 2008
LM# 1249 - Betty L. Schlechte, Wright City, MO, died 27 March 2008
LM# 443 - Hazel E. Wagenhoffer, Pahrump, NV, died 12 November 2007
LM# 1803 - Marilyn W. Warner, Orchard Park, NY, died 24 March 2007
LM# 2270 - Theresa C. Yianilos, La Jolla, CA, died 24 March 2008

Deceased Term Members

Marianne A. Liesenfeld, Menomonee Falls, WI, died 22 February 2008
Lavada "Jo" Luman, Alpine, CA, died June 2006
Esther M. Malley, Houston, TX, died 6 March 2008
Ola T. Richbourg, Laurel Hill, FL, died 30 January 2006

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Reunions Scheduled

- Marine Air Groups Reunion, WWII to Present, Branson, Missouri, October 22-25, 2008. Contacts: James Jordan, james.m.Jordan@Hughes.net, (417) 535-4945; Bob Miller, (636) 327-5854.
- The 3rd Marine Division Association will hold its annual family reunion, 30 July – 3 August in Iselin, NJ. Headquarters hotel is Woodbridge Sheraton Hotel.

Anyone who served in, was attached to, or served in support of the 3rd Marine division at any time since it was formed on 16 September 1942 is eligible and cordially invited to attend.

For membership and reunion information, contact: SgtMaj Bill Krueger (Ret), home: 703-451-3844 or write 7622 Highland St., Springfield, VA 22150-3931 or visit our website at www.caltrap.com.

Chapter Clippings



AZ-1 Arizona Roadrunner

We are increasing our membership! At the last meeting we had two new members with more to come. One of our members made contact at her bowling banquet to have our upcoming meeting with National President Paula Sarlls and her husband Loyal Escort Tony as our guests. We will meet at Annabelle's Restaurant at the Arizona Golf Resort on May 3. Lunch will be from the buffet. Contact Bettie Lerdall at blerdall@cox.net or Jeanne Botwright at wma369@aol.com or bodem6@aol.com for directions. We have also invited the members of AZ-2 from Tucson. We hope to have a great turnout for our National President.

Jeanne Botwright



Bettie Lerdall, along with three other veterans and two women from the Arizona National Guard who served in Iraq were honored by Phoenix mayor Phil Gordon for their service. Each veteran received a copy of their names being entered into the Congressional Record commemorating their service.



CA-1 Greater Los Angeles Area

Three members - President Anna T. Brown, Treasurer Fern Hauss, and Ellen T. Grim - attended the CA-7 65th Anniversary luncheon held 9 February at Camp Pendleton. They reported it was a most enjoyable and informative event and also reported seeing several familiar faces including Helen Hannah Campbell who at one time was a member of CA-1 and is still remembered with special affection by our members.

CA-1 held its own anniversary luncheon on 23 February at Taix's French Restaurant on Sunset Blvd. Each member present shared the times and places she had served in the Marine Corps which brought back many fond memories. Ernest Jackson, public relations for the Montford Point Marines, spoke of their organization.

Honored guests were Major and Mrs. T.C. Richardson, USMC (Ret). Major Richardson is the senior military instructor for the John C. Fremont High School MCJROTC program and has served there for about 10 years. A representative from CA-1 makes a presentation to the outstanding girl in the graduating MCJROTC class each year. Our chapter thanks Major Richardson for coming and presenting an interesting and informative talk to our group.

Major Rosanna Reyes' assignment in Los Angeles ended during this past year and she was transferred to the Washington, D. C. area. She recently sent a letter and picture of herself and new husband Jon taken at her promotion ceremony on 1 February. Our double congratulations on a "major" promotion and on becoming a new bride! We will miss her and we wish them



Maj Rosanna Reyes and husband at her promotion ceremony.



CA-2 San Diego County

Saturday, 19 January, was a sad but proud day for CA-2 because we bid farewell at MCAS Miramar to several of our active duty members who were deploying to Iraq for the first time. Several of our members were at the armory and terminal to see them off.

On 9 February over 24 members, families and friends traveled north to Camp Pendleton's SNCO Club to celebrate the 65th Anniversary with CA-7. As usual CA-7 put on a bash. We all had a great time and are looking forward to next year.

Our installation ceremony was held at the Bay View on MCRD San Diego, 22 February, with Area 10 Director Lillian Cross serving as the installing officer.

On 8 March we attended and enjoyed the flawless precision performance at the Battle Color Ceremony on MCRD San Diego. Following the ceremony we were invited to a reception at the Command Museum hosted by the museum and the MCRD Museum Historical Society. The picture is of member Doris Johnson, 87, with a bugler from the "President's Own" at the ceremony.



Sad to say we attended memorial services for Eleanor Lida Craig and Theresa Karas Yianilos. Kay Miller read the WMA memorial service readings for Theresa.

On 13 March we were invited to attend the Post and Relief and Retirement Ceremony for SgtMaj of MCRD SgtMaj Bobby B. Woods, followed by a reception at BGen Salinas' house. SgtMaj Woods retired and relinquished his post to SgtMaj Brian K. Jackson, one of our Loyal Escorts.

Our next meeting and the first with our new officers was held on 19 April at the MCRD Command Museum followed with a tour from Museum Director Barbara McCurtis, a new member of CA-2.

Cheryl Spencer



CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

We started the New Year with a bang at our January meeting which was hosted by Kathy and Shaaron Wright at the Ranch Restaurant in Hayward. After completing our business meeting and lunch, we all settled down for a few games of bingo.

We also had five drawings for door prizes, so quite a few of the ladies went home with a little something to remind them of a fun day with their chapter friends.

On 9 February, LaVerne Marts, Betty Lieser and Kathleen Wright flew down to San Diego to attend the 65th Anniversary celebration at the South Mesa SNCO Club. It was a very large event with over 200 women Marines and guests in attendance and was a most enjoyable afternoon for all present. We would like to thank Angelique Esquivel and Randy Tidmore for providing transportation between the San Diego Airport and Camp Pendleton. We very much appreciated their kindness and thoroughly enjoyed their company.

On 16 February, Lucille Thyrring provided the facility for our joint 65th Anniversary meeting at Paradise Valley in Fairfield. The event was hosted by CA-9. Three local chapters joined in the celebration to include CA-9, CA-6 and CA-3. Between members and guests, we had about 40 in attendance.



We enjoyed a social hour prior to entering the dining area where CA-3 Chaplain Connie Davis led us in prayer and conducted a ceremony to remember those who had passed during 2007. We then watched LaVerne Marts install the new CA-9 officers. Congratulations to the new officers and we wish them a successful and enjoyable term in office.



Connie Hubach (left) and Robin Miller getting ready to cut the cake.

After lunch, we conducted the traditional cake cutting ceremony. Our oldest Marine was Connie Hubach of CA-6, who will be 90 years young in July and our youngest was Robin Miller, who drove down from Reno to join in our celebration. Robin saw our event listed on the Together We Served web site and decided to join us for the day.

Robin and other women Marines in the Reno area are working to start a chapter of their own, and we wish them every success with their venture. Thanks for joining us, Robin; it was a pleasure to meet you. The final event was a drawing for door prizes which is a popular conclusion to any meeting.

It is always wonderful to get together with other local chapters and to share an afternoon with the ladies we see so rarely. Semper Fidelis, ladies. Let's do it again next year!

March found us celebrating Easter at Harry's Hofbrau in San Leandro. The meeting was hosted by Mary Louise Berry. It was a beautiful day and everyone enjoyed spending the afternoon with

their sister Marines. In March, we also added our first Loyal Escort in the person of Shaaron Wright, sister of Kathleen Wright. Welcome aboard, Shaaron!

Kathleen Wright



CA-7 Edith Macias Vann So. California

Happy Spring to all from the wonderful ladies in the Edith Macias Vann Chapter here in sunny southern California.

Our 65th Anniversary celebration was wonderful. It was held at the newly renovated SNCO club aboard Camp Pendleton. They did a great job redecorating, and we did a great job celebrating, thanks to the hard work of our two wonderful co-chairs, Eleanor Judge and Lillian Cross, and many volunteers! It was a fun and memorable time for the 200+ people in attendance. We thank the many visiting WMA members from all over California and even Arizona.

If that did not keep our members busy enough in February, we played a large part in the success of a fundraiser for the Veterans Association of North County (VANC) held at Outback Steakhouse that



CA-7 at Outback Steakhouse. Seated (l-r): Dot Munroe, Marie Proulx, and Mary Anthony. Standing (l-r): Charlene Itchkawich, Barbara Cogburn, Alyce Williamson, Ken Cross, Shannon Cross and Lillian Cross.

raised over \$3,500 for the renovations to make a veterans' center in Oceanside. VANC is comprised of 27 local veterans groups working together to make the vet center a reality for all active, retired and former service members to enjoy.

So that brings us to upcoming election of officers for 2008-2010. They are: Barbara Cogburn, president; Charlene Itchkawich, vice president; Marie Proulx, treasurer; Lee Tusa, secretary. The installation will be conducted at the 10 May meeting.

Later this month we also have the MS fundraising walk and a Memorial Day event.

As always, we welcome new members and anyone visiting our area to join us on the 2nd Saturday of each month. For more information contact Marie Proulx at 760-433-1526. Semper Fidelis!

Peggy Rieber



CA-8 Palms to Pines

Unfortunately we had to cancel two meetings because we could not find a restaurant with a meeting room available at the time we usually meet. Our February meeting was held at Carrows restaurant in Banning. There was a fair turnout even with the added distance for most members. We now will be meeting at the Steer 'n Stein in Moreno Valley until we can find a more suitable place.

Election of officers for 2008-2010 was held. Rosemary Abrego-Holms will remain as president; Edith Ynacay, vice president;

Ozell Barksdale, treasurer; Rogene Cannon, chaplain; Eddie Stephens, secretary; Vivian Bolton, historian. Wilma Wilson is in charge of the Coupon Program and Dorothy Irwin is chair for the Sunshine and Shadow Club.

The members of CA-8 clip coupons and send them to the military wives stationed overseas. It helps the families subsidize their food bills. A military base in Japan sent a wonderful thank you card for the coupons they received. Semper Fidelis.

Sybil Acree



CA-9 Redwoods

CA-3, CA-6 and CA-9 gathered at Paradise Valley Estates in Fairfield on 16 February to celebrate our 65th anniversary. Forty plus members and guests attended including a special visitor from Reno, Robin Miller. CA-9 VP Lucille Thyrring, a resident of PVE, made the arrangements.



Those jolly bell ringers, the newly installed officers of CA-9.

President Maggie Hart hosted the proceedings during which CA-3 president LaVerne Marts installed our new officers for 2008-10: president, Maggie Hart; vice president, Lucille Thyrring; secretary, Doris Panzer; treasurer, Betty Lieser. We all four were "rung in" with bells which we sounded enthusiastically.

Cake cutting honors went to the oldest and youngest members present, CA-6 member Cornelia Hubach (Connie) and Robin Miller of Reno, NV. We all gasped when we learned that Connie is 90 years old! She is full of vim and vigor and certainly does not appear to be in her ninetieth year. Right on, Connie! We hope to follow your example. No age revealed for Robin, but she represented the younger generations with conviction. Both ladies wielded their mini sabers handsomely and delivered the first cut with style.

Past Treasurer Betty Kelley was honored for her 12-plus years of service to the Redwoods Chapter. Appreciation and thanks were extended to her along with a gift and a certificate which acknowledged her contributions to the chapter. Current Secretary Doris Panzer was recognized also for her services as past president.

Plans for the Third Women Marines Tea at the Veterans Home in Yountville had to be postponed due to extensive renovations of the Home's recreation building and change of staff in the activities department.

We are moving forward under Maggie's leadership and are now planning for a potluck at her home in American Canyon in May. Semper Fidelis!

Doris Panzer



CO-1 Colorado Columbinas

The Colorado Columbine/History Chapter celebrated the 65th Anniversary of Women Marines on 16 February with a special

lunch at the Castle Café in Castle Rock. Guests of honor included Secretary of State Mike Coffman and author of "The Few, The Proud, Women Marines in Harm's Way", Sara Sheldon, who shared her experiences in Iraq.

Colorado Senator Nancy Todd presented the chapter with a proclamation by Governor Bill Ritter recognizing the anniversary of women Marines. Vice President Loretta Krook and local recruiter Sgt. Renee Krusemark accepted the proclamation on the chapter's behalf. The Joint Session of Colorado Assembly also made a resolution to honor the anniversary.

Log on and check us out! The chapter has a new website at www.wmacol.org that is being managed by Treasurer Carron Barrella and Public Relations Officer Amy Contreras.

We are very proud of former vice president Pam Shelby who ran the 2007 Marine Corps Marathon. Ooh-rah!

The chapter is currently supporting the Expo projects of WMA by loaning our story boards.

Amy Contreras



FL-4 Tampa Tarpons

Our chapter had plans for the anniversary lunch on February 16 but due to illness and other problems, it was called off. Our officers remain the same for the next term. We are continuing to collect items for our project, THE SPRING, (a Thrift Store) and attend VAVS meetings.

Laverne Myers



FL-6 Florida Gators



Our members had a wonderful anniversary party in Ft Myers, as you can see by the photos. We cover so much territory, from Sarasota to Marco Island, that we try to select a midpoint meeting place.



Happy Anniversary to a really great group of women Marines!

Shirley Messano

Members of FL-6 in Ft Myers.



FL-7 Florida First Coast

The FL-7 chapter has elected new officers for the 2008-2010 year. We had our installation meeting on March 8 at the American Legion Post 129 in Jacksonville Beach. The new officers are as follows: Sheila Clifton, president; Betty Waters, vice president; Emily Zimmerman, treasurer; Bernie Klepac, secretary. Gayle Plant then called Emily "front and center" and presented her with a certificate of appreciation for continuous service as treasurer from the Marine Corps birthday 1989 until present.

On behalf of the chapter, Sheila and Betty presented Gayle with a plaque noting her 12 years of devoted service as our president, along with a leather USMC jacket, in thankful appreciation.

During our WMA Birthday celebration we celebrated our oldest and youngest Marines: Mary Le Judd who served in WWII and Bernie Klepac who served during Desert Storm.

Our website is: groups.firstcoastcommunity.com/wma, come check us out!

Bernie Klepac



FL-8 Spaceport

Greetings from Florida! We still meet monthly, and thankfully most of us are able to attend. The chapter has some really dedicated members who travel a long way to attend. Keep up the good work.

Got some welcomed results from all the packages that were sent overseas. It's amazing that the women over there are really interested in the WMA, and would like stories from long ago (and we sure have some good ones)!

Stand Down was a great success here in Melbourne. We had 135 veterans take advantage of the program. Our chapter had several members working both days. Bridget Kennedy, Marge Collins and Mary Bevan have been faithful to this program for many years.

We are pleased to welcome another new member to the chapter – retired Marine Linda Belanger. She had an interesting career in the Corps. Always on the look out for new “gals”. Most of us are from way back when, and are so glad that younger Marines are starting to join. One of our long time members, Lu Misurella, moved to Arizona and is still missed. She always had a big smile and a hearty laugh.

The picture is from the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Barefoot Bay Detachment, MCL, and includes Monica Steward, member of FL-8 (Marine on right with sword) and Millie Kelligher seated on the left, also FL-8, serving as bell ringer! Way to go, ladies!



Until next time, enjoy life, stay healthy, laugh a lot!

Mary Bevan



LA-1 Molly Marine

The Molly Marine Chapter maintained their high momentum in March with extreme motivation for the prolonged success of the chapter and upcoming events to include the WMA Convention.

Four of the chapter members, Linda Dixon, Tara Perez, Racheal Saucedo and Melanie Young, attended the March 1st Convention Planning Meeting in Houston.



One of our WWII veteran members, Suzanne Olivier, hosted our March meeting on the 8th. The meeting focused on the upcoming convention and the First Timers Meeting which (don't forget) the Molly Marine Chapter will be hosting.

On 15 March, several of our members participated in the Girl Scouts' Girls Fest in Independence. The theme was “Troops Helping Troops”. The girls brought in items for care packages to mail to the troops in Iraq. We displayed Marine Corps memorabilia, WMA magnets, Mardi Gras beads and personalized pencils for prizes. We gave presentations on women in the Marine Corps, WMA and the Molly Marine statue located in New Orleans. Pictured in the Girls Fest photo are LCpl Marianne Tone, SSgt Joyce Howard, CWO2 Allison Truelove and Melanie Young.

Our next meeting was held on 12 April at the Wine Market Restaurant/Wine & Martini Bar in Slidell.

Planned events include an April visit with one of our elderly WMA members (member at large) that is unable to get around. The plan is to treat her to lunch at her favorite restaurant and inform her of the latest chapter happenings.

The Marine Support Group (MSG) of the Greater New Orleans Area, Inc. invited our chapter to their Spring Rally Dinner on 22 April at Tulane University with NROTC students. LtGen Jack Bergman, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, was the guest speaker. The MSG is strong supporters of our chapter and the WMA.

During May, members will attend high school graduations throughout our area to present deserving MCJROTC students with the WMA Outstanding Cadet Award for demonstrating exceptional leadership abilities.

Melanie L. Young



MA-1 Bay State

Our winter hiatus is over. We met on 30 March for a lovely lunch and a meeting to catch up with the happenings since our Christmas party.

We pretty much have our slate of officers together for the upcoming two year term. We will finalize that in the next couple of weeks.

Some of our snowbirds are still enjoying the warmer areas of the country, and should soon be returning. All things considered, our winter didn't prove to be too bad. We all survived the cold.

Roni Noyes, our chaplain, is in rehab after a fall at home which resulted in a broken leg. She is progressing nicely and is anxious to be out and about.

We continue to collect items and pack up boxes in support of the troops overseas. We have had some great letters from the recipients. It's nice to know that we can all make such a difference doing these things. Looking forward to convention. Be well!

Kay Carpenter



MA-2 Peg Parda

The 65th Anniversary celebration was held at the MCL Building in Westfield on 16 February, opening with the salute to the flag and a prayer by our chaplain. The anniversary cake was made by Lynn Grise's daughter, Jill Murphy.

Our guest speaker was Rett Campbell, proud father of Rebecca who was commissioned last spring at Mt Holyoke. He presented two CDs put together of 1943 pictures of WRs to the present. We were the first group of Marines to view them.

As the celebration continued, Penny Seip presented knit hats for preemies as a community service project. Another member told about Jug Head Wine as a money-making project for scholarships for Marine recruits.

We closed with a song and socialization for the rest of the time.

Our spring meeting held on 12 April was to install our 2008 officers: president, Betsy Paulson; vice president, Lyn Grise; secretary, Rita Brunelle; treasurer, Ella Balchunas.

Rita Bruneller

WMA MI-2 Motor City

Even under the threat of six inches of snow, the Motor City Chapter had a great turnout for its anniversary meeting. We welcomed into our chapter Kim Crawford Skelton and Jennifer Spooner. We are thrilled to have added two such vibrant members to our roster. Jennifer has just recently been named as legal counsel for National WMA. Congrats Jennifer.

Much time was spent planning for our table for Houston and our upcoming events for the coming year. Many members will be in attendance this year and we know we will have a great time.

Don Cannon told of all the great things being planned and let us know that the June meeting will be hosted by the Loyal Escorts at Heck Park in Monroe. Heck Park has a fantastic military museum and is a great place for families. We will also use this as a great opportunity to recruit new members for Motor City and our Loyal Escorts.

Motor City continues to work in the community. We are working to help bring the Moving Wall to New Baltimore this summer. One of our Marines from 1/24 (which we supported) was shot by a sniper and has officially been told that he has been chosen to have a home built at no charge by Homes for Our Troops. MI-2 has already been busy helping get donations and spreading the word about this wonderful project. We still continue to send boxes to our Marines and those deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. We will also work the Stand Down and continue with our Sunday Coffee hours at the VA hospital.

We hope that we will see all of you in Houston!

Mary Ann Merritt

WMA MO-1 St. Louis Gateway

The Gateway Chapter met at the Pasta Bowl in St. Peters on 9 March for the 65th Anniversary of Women Marines. We had a great turn out. Thirteen members attended and three guests. One of our guests, Maxine Kiefer, a Marine who works for Jefferson Barracks VA Hospital, came to the meeting with an application in hand.

The Pasta Bowl offered a reasonably priced menu, delicious food, and great service. We look forward to returning to the establishment. In lieu of a cake, Betty Gonzales made individual servings of cheesecake, embellished with green kiwi to signify

Marine Corps green and to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

We look forward to the leadership of our new, youthful, president, Victoria Staten. Victoria was discharged from the Marine Corps in 2003 and her husband is currently serving in Iraq.

Maxine Kiefer was discovered at John Cochran VA Hospital and recently transferred to Jefferson Barracks VA Hospital. Welcome Maxine! We look forward to your support.

Mary Jantosik

WMA NM-1 Sandia

Our February meeting was held on 9 February at the Calico Cafe. We had 17 members in attendance which included new members Joni Seymour and Hilda Saavedra. We also had a guest, Diana Wong. The membership welcomed them aboard.

The chapter voted to sponsor three projects at the VAMC which consisted of a \$55.00 donation for tray mats for in-patients for the Veterans' Day supper trays. We also sponsored a youth volunteer for \$150.00 at the VA towards their scholarship program and \$75.00 for "Operation We Care" for the purchase of food items to help veterans and their families during the holiday season in November and December.

Our members also volunteered their time to present the MCJROTC awards at the eight high schools in New Mexico. We always have a good turnout for this event.

New officers for the 2008-2010 term were elected and then installed by June Brothers. They are: Cedar Sorrell, president; Barbara Winslow, vice president; Stella Delgado Kinnison, secretary; and Phyllis Young as treasurer. Billie Mitchell volunteered to do the "Chapter Clippings" from now on.



NM-1 newly installed officers (l-r): Stella Delgado Kinnison, Barbara Winslow, Cedar Sorrell and Phyllis Young

There were several door prizes donated by the membership. Marissa Dewyer drew the winning ticket for a special drawing for those who wore their dog tags. June Brothers was the winner for this drawing.

I want to thank all the members for their support in attending meetings and for volunteering to take part in chapter activities. As always - Semper Fidelis to all Marines, and be sure to keep our troops in your prayers.

Billie M. Mitchell

WMA NY-3 Paumanok

We met at the local MCL detachment house and celebrated the women Marines' 65th anniversary with lunch and then packing and shipping six flat rate boxes to Marines serving in Iraq.

In January, Kathleen Tarrant's daughter wanted to give Kathleen a birthday party. Instead of bringing gifts, family and friends were invited to celebrate her 83rd birthday with a bingo party and buying bingo cards at \$5.00 a card. With the money she collected she then purchased items which she brought to our meeting, celebrating her mother's birthday again. It was a great idea and we hope the idea will spread with other WMA families.

Barbara C. Kruse



NY-3 at their anniversary/packing party.



OH-2 Chesty Puller

We had our spring meeting at Artis Howell's home and what a meal! Artis had a fruit pizza and we made our own egg omelets. She had the counter full of food, anything we wanted to put in an omelet. We put everything in a freezer zip lock bag and put it in boiling water for eight minutes and it was the best omelet I ever made. Thank you for hosting our meeting in your lovely home.

Paula Rogers had a new hair style, because she donated a foot of it to an organization that makes wigs for the needy. She really looks great with the new style.

Betty Jean and Don Cannon drove in from Michigan for our installation of officers: president, Ellen Leidy; vice president, Marilyn Jones; treasurer, Lynette Gray; secretary, Lois Cameron; chaplain, Susan Daood. All our officers plan on the trip to Houston for the convention.

Our members are still working around the state on their individual projects. We have women doing cooking in food kitchens, working with the Girl Scouts, and knitting caps and scarves for our vets. We have groups helping organize the women's health conference, stand downs and honor field of flags. Our women are busy visiting and volunteering at our VA Clinics and hospitals. I think most of us do these things because there is a need and we feel we want to give back because that is what Marines do.

Our summer picnic will be at Ellen Leidy's house on 26 July. Ellen and Bob will be taking a retirement trip on 26 May to Rome and then cruise the waters of Italy, Spain and Tunisia. I hope they come back for our picnic.

We are still looking forward to Houston.

Elva (Elvie) Pounders



OK-1 Sooner

In February the Marine Corps League invited us to join their meeting and honored us with a birthday cake and cake-cutting ceremony in true Marine Corps fashion. Five of our seven members were able to attend – Harriet Frank, Wanda Graham, Virginia Kruizinga, June Sanders and Pietje Wall. I believe the men enjoyed the visiting as much as we did. Former OK-1 member Grace Meyers had a display of "then and now" uniforms and one of the MCL members brought his dress blues complete with all his medals from WWII.

Virginia Kruizinga and Pietje Wall have been attending meetings with the Veterans' Day Parade committee in planning for the 2008 parade. Tulsa has the fifth largest parade in the nation, so planning for the next one begins immediately after the current

one ends.

In May we plan to visit the ladies at Claremore Veterans Center as we were iced out in December and other commitments interfered in February.

One lady at Claremore died on 2 April. She was the daughter of Olympic gold medal winner Jim Thorpe. Grace Thorpe was 86 and was an Army veteran. We enjoyed visiting with her in November.

Now that spring is here, flowers blooming everywhere, birds "pairing up" and everyone feeling good, we wish everyone a great year ahead.

Pietje Wall



Women's War Memorial in Broken Arrow that was dedicated in December.



OK-2 Heartland

Since we last met here in the winter issue, OK-2 members and guests gathered on the afternoon of 10 February to celebrate the anniversary at the Hometown Buffet in south Oklahoma City and had a great time visiting, eating and enjoying an informal cake cutting ceremony as well as an interesting history presentation by Sunny Dryden. We were really thrilled to have three of our WWII members present: our president, Joan Willauer; Pat Goss; and Clare Trotter.

Joan, Pam Bloustine and Brenda Blair have been doing most of the reconnaissance necessary to put together the plans for the 6th Marine Division Reunion in September, and that project is moving forward on schedule.

On 16 March, WMA members together with the Women Veterans Organization held the "First Annual St. Patrick's Dance and Karaoke" at the Del City American Legion. Our Loyal Escort Clara Mark and Brenda Blair did a great job of supervising the decorating crew and had the place looking great by show time. This event was a fundraiser for the Women Veterans Recognition Day on the first Saturday in November.

Some of our group is planning to head up to Branson for the mid-May Women Veterans Week festivities on the heels of taking part in the 10 May Annual Del City Shriners Armed Forces Day Parade, which is billed as one of the largest Armed Forces Day events in Oklahoma.

OK-2 is continuing its quest to find and recruit new members and we will have some glowing things to report in the next issue. Semper Fidelis.

Dorothy 'Jingles' Rimbold



(l-r): Joan Willauer, Pat Goss and Clare Trotter at the anniversary luncheon.



OR-1 Lady Marine Rose

Welcome from the Pacific Northwest! This is the year for some new changes and some not so new.

The not so new is the re-installation of officers such as our wonderful President Heidi Tanada (also Area 9 Director) and treasurer, Esther Bish. Our new officers are: Vice President Sandie Robertson and Sally Van Wie is the new secretary. Installation of these officers was done beautifully by Karen Reeves, National Second Vice President, with Dorothy Schultz effectively installing the new officers for OR-3. This was done at our 65th anniversary luncheon, held at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas. Our oldest Marine, Dorothy Wages from OR-4, and our youngest Marine, Tina Birch, cut the anniversary cake. Karen Reeves and her members from OR-3 and many from OR-4 were present for the anniversary celebration. Ruth Falconbury and Hattie Kelley were in charge of the luncheon and popular bake sale. Hats off to the two of you for all the hard work you did! SALUTE!!



Oregon members representing all eras of women Marines are (l-r): Golda Fabian, Ruth Falconbury, Sally Van Wie, Nancy Visser and Tina Birch.

It is with a sad note that I mention the passing of Evelyn Kalian on 7 December. Evelyn was a WWII WR serving under the name of Evelyn C. Desler. She was a life member of WMA. Yet again, we were saddened by the loss of our dear friend Andy, husband of Golda

Fabian. He was always a willing chauffeur and aide for our events. He will be sadly missed by all of us.

On a bright note, we wish to welcome our newest and youngest member, Tina Birch, and our newest Loyal Escort, Judith Rankin, who is the daughter of member Dolly Ruble.

We all hope you have a terrific summer, but remember our troops that are all over the world in your thoughts and prayers always. Semper Fidelis.

Sally Van Wie

WMA OR-3 Eager Beavers

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest...

Several of our members once again ventured north to share the day with the gals from OR-1. Each year the Lady Marine Rose Chapter hosts the women Marines anniversary celebration.

Karen Reeves, OR-3 president, presided over the installation of the new officers for the Lady Marine Rose Chapter. She presented each new officer with an American flag and a plaque denoting their office.

By the time you are reading this latest issue of 'Nouncements we will have enjoyed hosting our annual Spring Fling. This year's theme was "Warm and Cozy". Each person attending was greeted and presented with a cozy fleece throw. After the visiting and catching up on all the news was finished, everyone enjoyed sampling, then choosing, the favorite soup of their choice. As always, the auction and raffle was full of surprises.

Summer is right around the corner and the convention will soon be here. Several of our members will be making the trip to Texas and are looking forward to meeting up with old friends and making lots of new ones.

We hope "Y'all" have a great summer and stay safe while doing fun things. Until next time then...I remain...Semper Fidelis.

Karen L. Reeves

WMA TX-2 Texas Gulf Coast

Happy Spring, ladies!!

Our February meeting was held on the 2nd at Bayland Community Center in Houston. We had a great time of remembrance and celebration. We also had a great lunch and one yummy cake!

Convention reservations are coming in at a steady rate, and the on-line reservation link is now up and running. Please be sure to read the updated deadlines in all those forms in the middle of the newsletter. Basically, what they say is that we need all **mail-in registrations** (for all activities) by **1 August**. On-line registrations need to be completed by 15 August. Any tours or extras you want to sign up for should be completed by **1 August** so we can firm up the transportation details. We will need to give the hotel our meal information early August as well, so get those registrations in as soon as you can.

Taps – It is with great sadness that we sound taps for two of our members - Esther Malley and Margil Benedict – both WWII vets. It's hard to say goodbye to people you've come to respect and appreciate. Though I didn't get to know Margil, I've heard she was a really nice lady. Esther Malley was the one of whom I have the most memories. She always had a big smile for everyone, and always a joke to share. You could tell she liked to laugh. There was such a sparkle in her eyes. Both ladies will be greatly missed.

See you in Houston!! Semper Fidelis, y'all!!!

BJ Huggins

WMA WA-1 The Evergreen State

Our first meeting for 2008 was held on 16 February at the Berkshire Restaurant in Seattle. This was our anniversary celebration for women Marines. The following members and guests were in attendance: Pat Karrasch, Betty Strand, Gerry Ahnstrom, Marian Lavrinec, Honey Langdon and husband Art (Loyal Escort), Rose Marie Sillence and husband, Julie Sheridan, Zelda Barrows and Louise George. The tables were decorated with pots of beautiful primroses (provided by President Pat) and nut cups. Dessert was provided by V-P Betty Strand - a delicious cheesecake.

Election of officers was next on the agenda and the following were elected and installed by Chaplain Honey Langdon: Pat Karrasch, president; Betty Strand, vice president; Marian Lavrinec, secretary; Zelda Barrows, treasurer; and Honey Langdon, chaplain.

The next meeting of the chapter was held on 19 April at the Berkshire Restaurant.

Our annual day at the Emerald Downs racetrack will be on 26 July. We are always honored with one race named for WMA. We are expecting the OR-1 chapter to meet with us at the racetrack that day. This should be a fun get-together.

A cheerful note to all members who are unable to attend meetings. We think of you often. Semper Fidelis!

Louise George



The highlight of a brutal winter was a gathering of women Marines in the Madison area at Fitzgerald's Supper Club in Middleton on 13 February to celebrate the

65th Anniversary of Women Marines. Pictured are Renee Schlick, Ellen Healey, Annette Howards, Dee Fix, LtCol Julie Schaffer, Connie Allord and Mibs Ewald. Julie brought a beautiful cake and the group - four WWII and three of more recent times - had a wonderful time exchanging stories.

March being Women's History Month, the WDVA sponsored a noon program at the impressive Veterans Museum on Capitol Square. This was the year for women Marines and the program was "Women Marines, Then and Now". Renee Schlick was mistress of ceremonies. Mibs Ewald presented her stories of life in the Corps from 1943 to 1945 and LtCol Julie Schaffer, presently in the reserves after having served a tour of duty in Iraq, shared her stories of life in the Corps today. After the great program a group of women veterans (mostly Marines) continued their camaraderie over lunch at the Concourse Hotel Restaurant just around the corner.

February's biggest veterans' event is the Salute to the Legislature, preceded by the regular meetings of the Board of Veterans Affairs, their committees and council and then a Stakeholders Conference at the Monona Terrace, the regular Salute, attended by the governor and legislators, and followed by a very large reception which included any veterans who wished to meet their legislators. Connie is on the Council of Veterans Programs and Annette joined her there for the Salute. Ellen Healey and her husband were among the attendees.

In every chapter some rain may fall and it did. On 22 February we lost a very dedicated member, Marianne (Noeske) Liesenfeld of Milwaukee, a WWII veteran. She was a past president of the WI-1 chapter twice, and was always involved and attended chapter meetings. She and her husband ran a very successful lakeside restaurant for many years and she was also a realtor. Ruth Holman and Bernice Smith represented the chapter at her funeral.

On March 8 we learned of the sudden death of Marion Forrer's 50-year-old daughter, Jeanne Halverson, a blow not only to her family but many friends. Annette and Connie attended her very

sad but beautiful funeral services in Stoughton, hometown of the family.

Also in March we lost another WWII member, Isobel (Sim) Baldyga, who had lived at the Veterans Home in King for several years. She was born in Rhode Island, served as a SSgt in communications in Hawaii in WWII and later married Chester Baldyga, also a Marine. She later moved to Madison to be with her only daughter, Phyllis (who also married a Marine) and her family. A lovely military memorial service was held in Middleton with Dee Fix, Annette Howards and Connie representing WMA and were joined by members of the Marine Corps League in an opening ceremony to honor her life and service to her country. We express our heartfelt sympathy to the families of all those who we lost in this short time. May our welcome springtime bring fond memories and happier times in the months to come and on to the convention in Houston.

Connie Allord



CA-29 Twenty Nine Palms

The members of CA-29 met in April at the home of President Elaine Bowden in 29 Palms for a light buffet, short meeting and program by member Dana Ogle on her recent tour of duty in Iraq. Dana brought pictures, uniforms and some of the gear that she and other Marines, both women and men, wear while serving in "the other desert". This very informative program was enjoyed by the members that had served during WW II, Korea, Vietnam and the first Gulf war. Members tried on the 20-plus pound Kevlar vest, helmet and other equipment and compared notes of what the uniforms were like when they served.



Dorothy Angill, WWII WR, giving the combat gear a trial fit.

Future events in May that the chapter will be participating in consist of Memorial Day services at the 29 Palms cemetery, where a wreath will be dedicated in honor of all the women veterans that have served and died for our country. Denne Howard will represent the chapter at a MCJROTC award program at Desert Hot Springs High School where the outstanding female cadet will be awarded a \$100.00 savings bond by CA -29.

The next chapter meeting will be in August and all women Marines, (active duty, retired and former), are invited to us. Contact Elaine

Bowden for date, place and time.

Elaine Bowden

SC-1 Hosts 3rd annual Molly Marine Run/Walk

And what a race it was! More than 100 registered runners, walkers, stroller pushers and youth of all ages came out to support the Phyllis Alexander Chapter's 3rd annual Molly Marine Run/Walk.

The race was held on Parris Island. The weather was the best we have ever had and the turn out was great. The overall winner, Capt. Josh Rogers, came in with a time of 17:43.

We could not have done it without the tremendous support we receive from the command and our local community supporters. We appreciate all their support.

The chapter also hosted a dinner in honor of the 65th Anniversary. Everyone had a great time telling stories, sharing history and

winning donated door prizes.

A big thank you goes out to all the Marines in the chapter, sponsors, race workers, participants and our caterer that helped make another great race and dinner.

Brenda Moore





USMC: A Small World

The Marine Corps "small world" syndrome strikes again! Does anyone recognize the two players on the back row left in this photo? This is the Okinawa All-Star softball team. Convention Co-Chair Karen Beatty is the first one after the coach. The player beside her is Rhonda Lebrescu-Amtower. Maybe one of them can fess up with a date on the photo!



Does anyone know any of the other players?

Chapter Tool Kit

Well, we are in full swing for convention planning. I hope that each chapter takes advantage of the WMA PX/"Space Trading Center" to sell your chapter merchandise to make some money for your treasury. Space is not a problem since the Space Trading Center is definitely TEXAS size and there is more than enough room for every chapter to participate. It would be wonderful to see representation from each of our 80

plus chapters. So if you haven't done so already, send in your reservation for your table now!

Remember my first Took Kit Tip? It regarded "Flag Etiquette". Since at convention we always display our national flag with an "eagle" topper ornament, WMA chapter flags should use the "spearhead" topper ornament. So don't forget when preparing to bring your chapter flag that you need to have

the "spearhead" vice the "eagle" topper ornament.

And one last reminder and good luck wishes go out to those who are competing in the Recognition and Awards program. Don't hesitate to submit an entry in the different categories. Last convention we didn't have enough entries for all of the categories so remember **YOU CAN'T WIN IF YOU DON'T PLAY!**

Rhonda Lebrescu-Amtower

WMA Caps: Supplier Informs of Price Increase

I received a letter from the company that makes the WMA Caps, (Lancaster Uniform Cap Co. INC.) Their news is not good. The Lancaster letter reads as follows:

"March 20, 2008

Due to increasing prices over the past years, we are forced to increase the prices of the caps that we will be providing for you. As you know, we have not changed the price since 2000. Starting on May 1.

Cap prices are:

\$32.50 per cap with 'Women Marines Association'

\$29.50 per cap for over 100 shipped to you

\$3.50 per cap lettering (chapter number and state ID name

\$2.50 per cap shipping (if ordering four or more, normal UPS charges will apply)

We will no longer be holding stock here for you. However, you are welcome to order 100 or more shipped to your address. Because the ordering is slow, it is too difficult to keep track of stock on these caps.

Thank you, (signed)

Martha Aguilar

Lancaster Uniform Cap Co"

WMA is working to locate a new supplier for the WMA caps. Please watch this newsletter for more information.

Gloria Nix

WMA National Merchandise Sales *Your Purchases Support The Association!*

WMA Patch, small \$4.00
WMA Patch, large \$4.50
WMA Pin, Hat (pin or clutch) \$3.00
WMA Pin, Life \$3.90
WMA Clock (10 3/4" diameter gold toned frame, green lettering and logo) \$10.00
Bezel \$4.00
WMA Flag \$182.00
Chapter Streamers (36" red ribbon embroidered with chapt. designation and name)..... \$35.00
Book, "Above & Beyond, Former Marines Conquer the Civilian World" (shipping & handling included) \$30.00
WMA insulated travel mugs (red w/ USMC emblem on both sides) \$8.00
WMA insulated travel mugs (green with WMA patch on one side and the USMC emblem on the other side) \$8.00

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

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

Sizes for WMA Caps:

20 1/2 - 20 7/8 XSm

21 1/4 - 21 5/8 Sm

22 - 22 3/8 M

22 3/4 - 23 1/8 L

23 1/2 - 23 7/8 XL

24 1/4 - 24 5/8 XXL

Medallion, '90 Denver Conv \$3.00

50th Anniversary Medallions \$5.00

50th Anniversary Paper Weights ... \$10.00

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Merchandise

Item: USMC ribbon magnet, yellow and red ... \$3.00

Item: Marine Corps emblem antenna toppers, black or silver & gold (please specify) \$5.00

Item: Streamer holder for Chapter Flag ... \$7.00

Item: Loyal Escort ball caps ... \$8.00

Item: Loyal Escort Patch ... \$5.00

Item: "I love my Woman Marine" small bumper sticker ... \$2.00

Item: "I love my Woman Marine" round magnet ... \$3.00

Item: "I love my Woman Marine" round button ... \$2.00

Shipping and handling will vary but should range from \$2.00 to \$6.00

Contact: Tabitha Cunningham, 2393 Hillstock Ave., Akron, OH 44312, 330-784-4648 • tlcmenagerie@hotmail.com.



Make All Checks Payable to WMA

Contact: Gloria Nix, Merchandise Sales Chairman
3802 North 12th Ave., Pensacola, FL 32503-3162
Cell: (850) 936-2016 Home: (850) 433-5292
email: wmadixidust@cox.net

Chapter Merchandise Sales

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

Books

Item: Not "Just Another Cookbook" More than 100 recipes by food grouping. Size: 6"x9"
Cost: \$5.75 (includes shipping) **Chapter:** NC-1
Contact: Mary Sabourin, 339 Bear Creek Rd., Hubert, NC 28539-3409



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



Item: We Are Marines: History & stories from women who served & are serving
Cost: \$25.00 (\$4 shipping & handling) **Checks:** NC-1
Contact: Mary Sabourin, 339 Bear Creek Rd., Hubert, NC 28539-3409

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



Item: "Parris Island: A Woman's Memoir of Marine Corps Boot Camp"
 Signed copy by author Lisa Cordeiro
Cost: \$16.95 (\$3.95 shipping)
Chapter: MA-1
Contact: Lisa Cordeiro, 35 Berkeley St., Watertown, MA 02472 or order online at www.lisacordeiro.comhttp://lisacordeiro.com



Item: "Cooking With Marines", a collection of recipes from Marines (2008 Fundraiser)
Cost: \$12.50 (includes shipping) **Chapter:** TX-2
Contact: B.J. Huggins, (WMA) P.O.Box 1821 Pasadena, TX 77501



Cards/Stationery

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

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

Decals

Item: "My Grandmother was a Marine" decal for t-shirt
 "My mother was a Marine" decal for t-shirt **Cost:** \$2.25 each (includes shipping)
Item: Women Marine Rose Decal (1 large, 2 small)
Cost: \$3.50
Chapter: Ohio Emerald (OH-1)
Contact: Mary Lou Gruber, Treasurer, 30427 Wolf Road, Bay Village, OH 44141

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

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

Shirts and Sweats

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

Item: White Sweatshirts and T-Shirts Women Marines' logo in green (WWI, Current, WWII) Courtesy of Col Charles Waterhouse
Cost: T-Shirts- M, L, XL and XXL @ \$10.00; Sweatshirts - M, L, XL @ \$24.00, XXL @ \$25.00 Pay to: WMA PA-2 Liberty Belles (Price includes shipping)
Contact: Kathy Van Gorder, 584 Barrington Rd., Collegeville, PA 19426

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

Item: Medium sage Green polo shirts with dark green trim around sleeves, collar and button plaquet. Two color logo on left chest (dark green and khaki). Personalization with name and/or chapter affiliation available. Please specify.

Cost: \$35.00 includes shipping and personalization
Size: S, M, L, XL and 2XL (If you don't want it snug, suggest a size up)
Chapter: GA-1 WMA
Contact: Sheryl Hobden, 7158 Avalon Dr., Douglasville, GA 30135. 678-838-0620 WMAGeorgia@yahoo.com. Please include your phone and/or email with order.

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

Item: Blue Denim Shirt Eagle, Globe & Anchor in gold and silver embroidery over left pocket, Women Marines Association in red print left of logo, individual's name printed on right side.
Cost: \$35.00 plus \$5.00 for shipping
Size: S, M, L, and XL (shirts run large) specify short or long 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

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

Jewelry

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

Item: 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
Contact: Anne M. Collins, 519 Devine St., San Antonio, TX 78210-1505



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



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



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



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

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

Miscellaneous Items

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



Item: Travel neck pouch, black w/two zippered sections
 on one side with clear section on reverse with
 WMA logo; adjustable strap; size 6-1/2"x4-1/2"
Cost: \$5.00 each (includes shipping)
Chapter: NM-1 (checks payable to NM-1 Sandia Chapter)
Contact: Stella Delgado-Kinnison, 204 General Patch NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123

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



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

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

Item: High quaity 16 oz Stainless Steel Insulated Travel Mug w/locking lid, green
 WMA logo on both sides, Comfort handle, fits universal auto holder.
Cost: \$10.00 each including shipping & handling
Chapter: OR-3 **Checks:** Payable to WMA OR-3
Contact: Karen L. Reeves, 6923 Jessica Drive, Springfield, OR 97478
 (541) 741-1213 e-mail: klro42@aol.com



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

Item: WMA logo Rubber Stamps
Cost: Large stamp: \$11.00 (includes mailing) Small stamp: \$8.00 (includes
 mailing) **Chapter:** CA-7 (Checks to: EMV, CA-7, WMA)
Contact: Marie A Proulx, 748 Pearwood Street, Oceanside, CA 92057-8618

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

Item: Clear Vinyl Bag with Long Zipper, WMA Logo Women Marines
 Association. Green/White Size: 9" x 12"
Cost: \$6.25 (includes shipping) **Chapter:** NC-1
Contact: Mary Sabourin, 339 Bear Creek Rd., Hubert, NC 28539-3407

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



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

Item: 2007 WMA Historical Calendar:
 "Strike Up the Band"
Cost: \$15 each (includes S&H)
Chapter: TX-2, WMA
Contact: Judy Anderson,
 726 Beachcomber, Houston, TX 77062 • email, gulfcoastwm@aol.com



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

Item: "Proud To Be A Marine" ribbon magnet, 8"x 3"
Cost: \$6 each (includes postage)
Item: WW II magnet, 3-1/2"x 2-1/2", red lettering on white
 background with blue border
Cost: \$2 each (includes postage)
Contact: Marie Proulx, 748 Pearwood St., Oceanside, CA 92057-8618



Item: Woman Marine cover cross stitch pattern, with backstitch
 eagle, globe and anchor.
Cost: \$2.50 each (includes shipping) **Chapter:** OH-2
Contact: Janice Lascko, 3157 W. 82nd St., Cleveland, OH 44102 or
janlascko@yahoo.com. Payments can be made through PayPal at
 this same email address.



Item: 2006 Convention Luggage Tags; Green vinyl with white lettering
Cost: 2/\$5.75 (includes shipping & handling) **Chapter:** Rocky Top Chapter, TN-1
Contact: WMA, TN-1, 818 Wild View Way, Knoxville, TN 379207609

Item: "Koozie" Bottle or Can size sleeve for sweat absorption, foldable foam, green,
 with WMA logo in white on one side, other side in white letters: "No Sweat, the
 WOMEN Marines are on duty" **Cost:** \$4.00 each, or 20 for \$75.00 (Price includes
 shipping)
Contact: Kathy Van Gorder, 584 Barrington Rd., Collegeville, PA 19426
 e-mail: VanGorders2@aol.com Fax: 610-489-4383

Item: Bumper sticker, The Few, The Proud, The Women Marines
Cost: \$1.50 each (Price includes shipping) **Chapter:** NM-1 (checks payable to Sandia
 Chapter)
Contact: Phyllis Young, 1070 Stovall Ave., Bosque Farms, NM 87068

Item: Pewter zipper pulls, yellow ribbon pin, heart necklace or ornaments all with
 the eagle, globe and anchor.
Cost: \$6.00. \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$9.00 (plus \$3.00 shipping per item)
Chapter: MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks (make checks payable to MN-1)
Contact: Mary McGee, 2652 Marshall St NE #301, Minneapolis, MN 55418
 (612) 788-1216

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Tell Us Who/Where You Are!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The new Resource Manual and Directory will be published in approximately six months with information in our data base as of 1 October 2008. We need your help to make it as accurate as possible.

Please fill in all the entries on the membership form on the reverse of this page, mark it "UPDATE INFORMATION", and mail it to the address shown. We especially need your next of kin information to be updated (even though it's not printed in the RM&D) and your birthday (we don't print the year, but it's very helpful to have in our data base). Similarly, it's very helpful for us to have Social Security Number, phone number and email address in our data base (which is very secure and accessible by no more than three people).

While you're at it, please check your membership expiration date (to the left of your address on the reverse) and go ahead and send in your renewal, with all the information filled in, saving us postage to mail you a renewal notice. Ensuring your mailing address is up-to-date will also help us to avoid returned postage charges.

As stated in previous issues, postage and printing of *'Nouncements* and the RM&D is expensive and our dues are a bargain compared to other organizations. Any (extra) funds you could send in along with this information would be put to very good use, whether in the General Fund for normal expenses (to include printing, postage, database maintenance, advertising and web site fees) or in other specific projects noted below.

Please also consider remembering WMA in your estate planning. We have received bequests in the past and will work with you if you want to set up a gift annuity, a donor advised fund, or make other special arrangements. Contact Carol Mutter (see *'Nouncements* Page 2) for additional information.

Enclosed is my donation of \$_____ to the Women Marines Association.

I desire it to be applied as follows:

Amount

General Fund.....
Headquarters Fund
Inheritance/Emergency Fund
Memorial Scholarship Fund
Major Megan McClung Memorial Scholarship.....
In Memory of
In Honor of
Women of the Corps History Preservation Project.....

***Thank you for your contribution to the important work of WMA
and helping us keep the database accurate!***

WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION

Application for Membership (PLEASE PRINT) Check Applicable box: ☐ New ☐ Renewal ☐ Reinstated ☐ New Life ☐ Life

Dates served _____ to _____ How did you hear about **WMA**? _____

Name _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.) (Last Name Used On Active/Reserve Duty)

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip+4)

SSN _____ DOB _____ Chapter Code _____ Phone (_____) _____
(mo/day/yr) (i.e., CA-7)

Molly Marine Award Recipient _____ If yes, year _____ MOS/Special Skills _____

Email Address _____ Please add Email to WMA Communications List _____

Annual Dues include 'Nouncements and the Resource Manual and Membership Directory. Please check your membership level
Dues: ☐ 1 Year \$15 ☐ 2 Years \$25 Life Dues (pro-rated by age): ☐ 30 & Under \$220 ☐ 31-45 \$190 ☐ 46-60 \$155 ☐ 61 & Over \$120

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

Signature _____ Date: _____ Enrolled by: (member/chapter) _____

Please provide Next of Kin information in case of an emergency.

Next of Kin _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

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

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

Application for membership in Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter *The Auxiliary of the WMA*

Check applicable box ☐ New ☐ Renewal ☐ Reinstated ☐ Regular ☐ Life (Sponsor must be a WMA Life Member)

(Please Print)

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Address: _____
(Street)

City and State with Zip Code: _____
(City) (State) (zip + 4)

Telephone with area code: (winter) _____ (summer) _____

e-mail address: _____

Contact in case of emergency with address and phone: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____
(Street) (City) (State)

DOB: _____ SSN: _____
Day / Month / Year (Necessary for machine accounting)

Sponsor's Name: _____ Sponsor's Chapter Code: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Is Your Sponsor a [a] _____ Friend [b] _____ Relative? Do You Live with Sponsor?: _____ Yes _____ No

Enclosed Amount of Dues: \$ _____

Dues include 'Nouncements if not already received in household.

2-year Membership - \$25

Life Membership

(Fee pro-rated by age)

(Sponsor must be a WMA Life member)

Sponsor's WMA Life Membership # _____

☐ 40 & under ...\$175.00 ☐ 41 to 45 ...\$145.00

☐ 46 to 60 ...\$125.00

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

☐ 81 & Over ...\$50.00

Signature: _____

Date: _____

LOYAL ESCORTS MUST BE SPONSORED BY A WMA MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

Make checks payable to Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter and mail to:

Jeanne Cantrell, Secretary/Treasurer
Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter
11 Brown Street
Irving, Texas 75061-6000



Address Service Requested

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