



Major Megan McClung Leadership Awards Presented



Megan's Lasting Legacy of Leadership

Major General Tracy Garrett, Commanding General, 4th Marine Logistics Group, and Molly Marine Chapter member, presents Major Megan McClung Leadership Awards to Lt. Col. Katherine M. McDonald, Staff Judge Advocate, MCB Camp Lejeune; Capt. Lorena Childers, Marine Forces Reserve Staff Secretary; and Sgt. Maj. Laura Brown, MAG 36, 1st MAW, Okinawa, Japan.

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Marine Corps Recruiting Station Twin Cities, Ft. Snelling, Minn., held an all female poolee function recently to give future Marines a taste of Marine Corps training. Who knows? There may be several Molly Marines in this bunch! Good luck, ladies, on your quest to become one of the fewer, prouder! (Photo by Nikole Heikes)



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Marines pictured above gathered in San Diego at the Sea Service Leadership Association's Women's Leadership Symposium on 14 and 15 March. The two day conference theme was "Connect, Empower, Succeed" and focused on education and career development, while offering networking and mentoring opportunities for members. Area 10 Director Kathy Wright attended, and her report begins on page 4.



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Rosemary Gregorec (Battle Born Chapter) and Cheryl Gardner (AD-8) present the WMA Outstanding Cadet Award to Cadet Sgt. Bailey Adkins, of Basic High School Henderson, NV.

From the Editor

As women Marines, we share a special bond. That bond is a sisterhood that no one outside of us can ever know. I witnessed the strength that bond this summer. In June, I lost the woman whom I had called "Mommy" since I was nine years old. Her death was sudden and unexpected; it is hard for me to believe that she is gone. From the time of her passing, I never worried about myself. My sister and brothers were my main concern. I am the oldest and they were still at home with her. But while I wasn't concerned with myself, there were many of you who were. Thank you so much for all the cards, e-mails, and phone calls. I could not believe the mountain of sympathy cards that were awaiting me when I returned home from Maryland! As my Marine Corps sisters, you showed me how much you really care. Your gestures of kindness really mean a lot to me.

This issue encompasses some of what we do as an organization. AZ-1 is helping homeless women veterans and FL-4 is doing something similar in Florida. Our scholarship recipients are recognized and outstanding high school students (who are possibly future Marines) are showcased. Our history is being preserved and is on display at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Virginia.

With all the duties that come with serving in WMA, we still have the time to take care of ourselves and others. It doesn't matter when we served. The bond of our sisterhood is unbreakable. I am so thankful to be a part of it.

Wanda Antoine



MN-1: Veterans and 'Vettes!

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As always, our chapters have been keeping busy serving their communities, raising funds, and recruiting new members.

We'd love to know what your chapter has been doing... please submit news from your chapter, we'd love to hear from you! (And don't forget to include photographs.)

LA-1 celebrates a special birthday... Frances Hoffman turned 88 in April.



AZ-1 supports Mary Ellen's Place, a complex of semi-furnished efficiency apartments for homeless women veterans.



VA-1 races for the cure, once again.

President's Column: An Important Collection Changes Hands



As we head into the summer, your National Board of Directors (BOD) will be hard at work as we gather for the Interim Board Meeting (IBM) in Philadelphia at the Hyatt Hotel at Penn's Landing. This is also the location of the 2012 WMA Biennial Convention and Professional Development Conference. So we will be "killing two birds with one stone" so to speak as we meet to conduct the business of WMA and continue the convention planning process.

One big topic of discussion at the IBM will be the status and future disposition of the Women of the Corps Collection (WOCC). For your information, effective 2 June 2011 ownership of the Women of the Corps Collection, previously known as the CO-1 WOC History Preservation Project, was officially transferred from the CO-1 Chapter to WMA National.

Many of you saw a great representation of the Collection at the Convention last year in Denver. The CO-1 chapter began the project back in 2005 to help

support WMA's number one purpose of helping to preserve the history of women in the Marine Corps. The project quickly outgrew its original design and the decision was made to transfer the ownership and management control to the national level. This is a learning experience so we are taking our time to conduct due diligence and to develop appropriate procedures for its future disposition.

*Remember, the 2012
WMA Biennial
Convention is only
one year away.*

I would like to extend a special thanks to the CO-1 chapter for initiating this special project. They recently made a commitment to donate \$1,000 to WMA to initiate the new program and would like to challenge all chapters to donate \$50-\$100 a year towards the Collection.

If you would like to make a donation to the WOCC, please send your checks made payable to WMA to our national mailing address, P.O. Box 377, Oaks, PA 19456-0377. Please indicate that the

donation is specifically for the WOCC and it will be earmarked specifically and solely for that purpose.

Since WMA National is a 501 (c) 3 organization, your donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Every dollar counts so please consider a chapter or individual donation to help WMA in support of the WOC Collection.

Stay tuned for the next issue of *Nouncements* where I will provide a report on the results of your national team hard at work. Your Area Directors will also provide you with specific information that will affect your local areas. And remember the 2012 WMA Biennial Convention and Professional Development Conference is only one year away.

Thanks in advance to the Convention Coordinating Committee and to all the volunteers who are stepping up to support. This is a group effort and your support is most appreciated.

Have a great summer. Be safe and stay cool out there!

Semper Fidelis,

Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower

1st Vice President's Message: Chapter Survey Project Underway



During the 2010 convention in Denver, the Area Directors were tasked with determining the strength of their chapters.

Kathy Wright developed a Chapter Survey that has been used. The survey seeks information regarding the number of chapter members, frequency of meetings, membership status of the members, dues status of members, officer roles, and duties of the officers. Most Area Directors asked each chapter to complete the survey and return it to her. The Area Directors send the surveys to me for review and I will report to the WMA Board during the Interim Board Meeting. The

purpose of the survey is to determine the strength of WMA chapters, which ones are growing, which ones are stable and identify the ones needing help. The Membership Secretary and Public Relations Officer are available to chapter officers needing help getting visibility for their chapter. The WMA website, www.womenmarines.org, is available to all chapters for announcements of upcoming events and activities. The Membership Secretary and PR Officer can also assist chapters with identifying new members and how to reach out to active duty members.

As WMA does this evaluation, some growing pains should be expected. We had two chapters identified as candidates for revocation of their charter; there had been no contact from chapter officers during the past two years. When the

Area Directors contacted the members in the chapter about the possibility of losing the chapters, there was interest in keeping the chapter active and a search for chapter officers was begun. There may be other chapters in a similar situation, and we hope the chapter members will work to keep their chapters. It may not be an option for all chapters, but disbanding a chapter should be considered only when other options are not available.

Many thanks to Kathy Wright for preparing the survey, and sharing it with her fellow Area Directors. Her leadership with this project has been awesome. Thanks to the Area Directors and chapter officers for ensuring these surveys were completed.

Judy Anderson



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History That Keeps Growing

The Woman Marine and the RAF Story (Continued)

This proved to be a very popular story with so many calls and contacts on how much everyone enjoyed this look at World War II. Part of that story was locating Jack Misseldine, alive at 88 years young in the South of France.

Since the article, I contacted Jack and his family by email. Much to my surprise, as I was working on another Women of the Corps project, my phone rang and a very British voice introduced himself as Jack, calling from his home in France. What a surprise for me. It was a fascinating call; Jack remembered his time training in the States and getting to know Ann Workman. Jack has indicated that he will gather photos of that time in the US and send them on to us.

The Women of the Corps Collection (WOCC) has had Ann's scrapbook professionally copied and is sending it to Jack. Towards the end of the war, Jack and Ann lost track of each other and Jack was thrilled to learn what had happened to Ann. We are also putting Jack in touch with Ann's family (with their permission). This has turned out to be a wonderful story with many happy endings.

Once again, may thanks to Wanda Antoine for locating Jack.

WOCC Supporting 4th Recruit Training Battalion, PI, SC

Contacted by Colonel Marta, the Battalion Commander, and then by Captain LeValley, Executive Officer, the WOCC curator sent a database of photos (some 400) for selection and use in a de-decoration of the battalion lobby. Formerly decorated by the photos of past commanders, the area needed a refreshing look. The desired new photos have been selected and are being worked by PI's Combat Photo.

In addition all the old photos of the commanding officers and Sergeants Major for the battalion are being forwarded to the curator and deputy curator. These will be preserved and then placed in one or more archival scrapbooks for return to the 4th Battalion. Proper preservation of these photos will ensure many

decades of availability to future generations of Marines.

Assisting the curator was the collection's photographic and oral historian Micaila Britto, who volunteered to re-photograph historic photos to improve pixel quality for the photo combat unit as needed. Thanks, Mic.

Supporting the Sea Services Leadership Association (SSLA)

The Sea Services Leadership Association is open to women of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. This year their convention was attended by Area 10 Director Kathy Wright. (*Please see her report on the conference in this issue*).

Luckily, Kathy had told me of her trip and a few months later when contacted by the SSLA, I had full knowledge of them as an organization. The SSLA was requesting the WOCC help in developing a slide show of photos showing all the services from WWI to current day. The curator of the WOCC customized a selection of 156 photos covering World War I through our Female Engagement Teams in Afghanistan. Our photos will be combined with the Navy and Coast Guard pictures and will be presented at various programs and events, providing a unique look at the history of women in the sea services.

Off We Go to the National Museum of the Marine Corps

The curator, deputy curator and photographic specialist went to the National Museum of the Marine Corps in June to set-up our first exhibit at this venerable institution. Lin Ezill, Director of the Museum has had us busy for the last 3 months developing the Women of the Corps Exhibit that will be a companion exhibit to a national tour of *When Janey Comes Marching Home Again*, the stories of women currently in military services. The WOCC exhibit will consist of all eras of women Marines from World War I through today. This case exhibit includes a professionally designed backdrop of images and a timeline courtesy of Russ Slocum & Associates, a mannequin with complete World War I uni-



forms and some 21 other artifacts from the WOCC. WMA members and families of WMA members, who have generously donated these historical items, have been notified of their artifacts being on display.

You are all invited to tour the Women of the Corps Exhibit, which runs until 8 October, 2011 in the second deck exhibit area of the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, VA.

Semper Fidelis,

Nancy Wilt

WMA Historian

Curator, Women of the Corps Collection

Chair, History Committee

The Collection is searching for the following items:

- Montezuma Red Make-up of WWII
- Lyle Hose
- WWII garter belt or girdle
- 1950's-1970 slips
- Current uniforms and combat clothing and gear
- Peter Soderburg Books on Women Marines...4 total

Joint Women's Leadership Symposium

On 14 and 15 March 2011, over 100 active duty female Marines joined 1,200 other female service members in attending the Joint Women's Leadership Symposium which was hosted by the Sea Service Leadership Association (SSLA). Attendees representing the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard came together to CONNECT, EMPOWER, and SUCCEED which was the theme for this year's symposium. Day one found all 1,300 attendees meeting together to hear motivational speakers such as Ambassador Melanne Vermeer, Ambassador-at-large for Global Women's Issues and Ms. Geena Davis, American actress, film producer, writer, former fashion model, and a women's Olympics archery team semi-finalist.

At noon, all 1300 attendees moved into a large tent for lunch, the presentation of leadership awards and a speech by Ms. Tammy Duckworth, former Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs in the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Ms. Duckworth was an Army black hawk pilot serving in Iraq when a rocket propelled grenade struck her aircraft causing her to lose both legs.

In spite of her injuries, the pilots were able to safely land the helicopter and prevent additional injuries to the crew. To say that she was an inspirational speaker would be an understatement. In spite of injuries which left her with two artificial legs, she refused to accept a disability pension, has remained in the Army Reserve, has earned a civilian pilot license and continues to work on behalf of military veterans every day.

The Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard presented leadership awards to their outstanding female leaders. The Marine Corps winners were presented with the Major Megan McClung Leadership Award by Major General Tracy Garrett who is currently serving as the Commanding General, 4th Marine Logistics Group, and is a life member of WMA. The senior officer award was presented to Lieutenant Colonel Katherine M. McDonald, Staff

Judge Advocate, MCB, Camp Lejeune; the junior officer award was presented to Captain Lorena Childers, MARFORRES Staff Secretary, Marine Forces Reserve and a member of WMA; and the senior enlisted award was presented to Sergeant Major Laura Brown, MAG 36, 1st MAW, Okinawa, Japan, and a life member of WMA. Congratulations to all of these exceptional Marines. The winners also received a two year membership from WMA in recognition of their achievements.

Day one also provided the attendees with two panel discussions that were informative and gave attendees an opportunity to ask questions. The morning panel was on "Women Building Global Security and Stability" and was moderated by Ms. Elisabeth Bumiller, a *New York Times* journalist. Panelists included several civilian women who work in various security fields and our own Lieutenant Colonel Julie Nether-

cot, two 2-star and one 1-star general officers including our own Maj.Gen. Tracy Garrett. The moderator asked excellent questions which the panel answered openly and honestly and then the panel fielded questions from the floor. It was very interesting to hear of some of the challenges these women had faced as they moved up in rank and were assigned to command organizations that were previously commanded only by men. Some of these women were married and had to handle both career and family demands and some were single. It just proved that women experience challenges at all levels and they can be met and overcome.

In the evenings, there were networking socials where women from all the services could meet, exchange experiences, develop new sources, acquire information from various sponsors and enjoy live entertainment. A Navy rock band called The Destroyers performed on

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cot, Commanding Officer, 9th Communication Battalion. Lt.Col. Nethercot was instrumental in forming and training the Female Engagement Teams currently performing so successfully in Afghanistan. She told the attendees that they expected the women to be successful in dealing with local women, but a surprise benefit was that the local men viewed the FET members as a "third" and non-threatening sex and were therefore willing to communicate with the women more openly than with the male Marines.

In the afternoon, LCDR Jean Marine Sullivan, Director of Naval Personnel's Office of Women's Policy, served as moderator for the Female General Officer Panel which included general officers from each of the major services. The panel was comprised of two 3-star,

the 13th and a combo from the USMC Southern California Marine Band on the 14th. Additionally, Tamara Sanchez, Randy Tidmore and Nancy Brock from Chapter CA-2 set up a WMA table at noon on the 14th and handed out many applications for WMA. In the evening, Tamara Sanchez and Kathy Wright, the Area 10 Director manned the table at the social and met many wonderful ladies from not only the Marine Corps, but also from the other services. Congratulations to CA-2 for a job well done.

On day two of the symposium, each of the services split and held sessions to address service specific topics. The Marine Corps started with a motivational speech by Lieutenant General Dennis J. Hejlik, Commander, U.S. Marine Forces Command. *(Continued on next page)*

Joint Women's Leadership Symposium (Continued)

The general discussed the importance of mentoring by officers, SNCOs, and NCOs. This is a topic of particular value to the female Marines because they are integrated into male dominated units where availability of female mentors is often very limited. This theme continued through presentations by Lieutenant General Carol Mutter, USMC (Ret) and Major General Angela Salinas, Director, Manpower Management Division, HQMC. We had female Marines of all ranks from Pfc. through Lt.Gen. representing commands on both coasts and Okinawa. They learned that there are also mentoring organizations such as "Academy Women" who can provide one-on-one mentoring by women of similar backgrounds.

In the afternoon, we split into officer and enlisted groups and this was where the rubber met the road. Instead of a formal panel discussion, all the enlisted personnel gathered in an informal set-



ting where junior personnel could ask any question relating to their careers and the questions were handled by the SNCOs. It was perhaps the first time the junior personnel had been given access to that much mentoring from women who had experienced all the same challenges they were facing and could offer meaningful solutions or suggestions. The questions addressed problems with online service records, handling child care issues, service on the drill field, getting stationed with or away from husbands, etc. It was a very

beneficial and informative session.

Next year, the Joint Women's Leadership Symposium will be held in Washington, D.C. This program is endorsed by the Marine Corps and HQMC funded 50 attendees to this conference. If you are interested in attending this excellent symposium, be sure to submit your request as soon as the MARADMIN is published because the openings are rapidly filled. Local commands may also sponsor attendance if they have available funding.

Kathy Wright
WMA Area 10 Director;
Photos by Angela Mink



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2011 Women Marines Association Scholarship Recipients



Agnes Sopcak Scholarship
April Deanna Littlejohn
University of California, Los Angeles
Major – International Development studies



Agnes Sopcak Scholarship
Elizabeth Christine Kendrick
Washburn University
Major – Elementary Education



Agnes Sopcak Scholarship
Erik Edward Uziemblo Nelson
University of Notre Dame
Major –Engineering



Virginia Guveyan Scholarship
Alexandria Paige Hunt
Carson Newman College
Major - Undecided



Maj McClung Scholarship
Andrew J. Kozain, Jr.
Los Angeles Harbor College
Major- Kinesiology



Ethel & Armin Wiebke Scholarship
Joshua Allen Townsend
Ohio Wesleyan University
Major – Engineering



Lily Gridley Scholarship
Megan Kelsey Flanary
Colorado State University
Major: Biological Science/Theater



Ditmore Music Scholarship
Michael Paul Blaha
Ohio State University
Major: Mechanical Engineering and Music Performance



Meg Dawes Scholarship
Kristina Patricia Cassidy
Western Oregon University
Major: American Sign Language



Memorial Scholarship
Danielle Lynn Shelton
Virginia Tech
Major: Biological Sciences



FL-2 Scholarship
Eric Gerard Redding
Oregon State University
Major: Forest Engineering/Sociology



FL-3 Scholarship
Jessica Smith
University of Michigan
Major: Nursing



Jeanette Sustad Memorial Scholarship
Brent Michael Crosby
Milligan College
Major/Minor – Biology



Father Charles Covert Memorial Scholarship (LE)
Kelly Marie Davidson
Butler University
Major/Minor – Pharmacy

Scholarship Helps Marine Realize Dream of Becoming an Officer

My husband, Second Lieutenant Joshua Welch, was first in contact with the Women Marines Association and Paula Sarlls back in 2009 when he ran their annual 5k. My husband returned from the 5k with Paula's business card and an invitation to apply for their scholarship: an invitation he was actively seeking. Joshua (then SSgt Welch), was going through the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP) at that time and was looking for opportunities to network, meet new people, exercise his opportunities for growth and find scholarships to cover some of the non-covered expenses of his experience at the University of Colorado Denver.

Joshua enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in May 2002, after attempts to apply to several academies were met with denial or without the right resources to go to. What I find so amazing about my husband (one of the things) is that at the moment he enlisted, he knew he would find a way to make his continued dream of being a Marine Corps officer a reality one day. In October 2006, he was accepted into the MECEP program and started at CU Denver the next fall.

Months later, Joshua received that scholarship through WMA. The following May, Joshua graduated with a



degree in Finance from CU Denver and commissioned from CU Boulder with the NROTC program. At the commissioning ceremony, he received the first ever 2ndLt James J. Cathey award, given to the commissioned Marine who exhibits exceptional leadership skills.

After commissioning, Joshua went on to complete the Basic School for Officers (TBS) in Quantico, VA followed by the General Supply Officer School

(GSOC) at Camp Johnson. At TBS, he placed in the top 10 percent of his class and was # 2 in his class at GSOC. We are now stationed at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, NC. Joshua works as a Supply Officer for 2nd Marine Regiment, Headquarters Company.



I am happy to write this article about my husband, his accomplishments and the opportunity WMA had to play in his success!

Lauren Welch

1 June, Series 4016 Molly Marine Award Recipients



The Molly Award Presentation for Series 4016 took place on 1 June. Plt 4016 recipient was PFC Cassie E. Brown, Joliet, IL. Plt 4017 recipient was PFC Paola J. DeLaCruz, of Ridgewood, NY.



To the Loyal Escorts:

Hello to all Loyal Escorts.



Our organization has accomplished several significant actions during this reporting period. Probably the most significant is the award of the Father Charles Covert Memorial Scholarship to Kelly M. Davidson of Cincinnati, Ohio. Kelly will use this scholarship to attend Butler University. Loyal Escorts provides this annual scholarship to a student who is selected through the WMA Scholarship Program.

Membership Cards

Another accomplishment during this period was the search for, and selection of, a new permanent life member card. In the past (up until the latter part of the last decade), Loyal Escorts provided life members with a metal card that designated life membership, but the card was not personalized. The card did have a space where the individual could have their name and life member number engraved, but it was up to the member to have this done. In our evaluation, we considered economic, personalization, and usability factors. Our search led us to choose a bonded plastic card that will be personalized to include the life member's name, life member number, and year that the member joined Loyal Escorts. The new card, which will include a full-color logo and a red border, is the size and shape of a standard credit card, but thinner.

Loyal Escorts New Members

Name	City	State
Karen A. Bellinger	Bellingham	WA
Charles H. Briggs	New Port Richey	FL
Max A. Bronson	Mesquite	TX
Paul W. Haines*	Milton	PA
Linda J. Kennedy	Apple Valley	CA
Monica R. Lewis	Slidell	LA
Gina Marbury	Corona	CA
Debra K. McCurren	*Alexandria	VA

* New Life member

For those life members who joined as, or upgraded their membership status to, Life Member in or after 2008, we will be sending you a permanent life member card over the next few months. For those life members who joined or upgraded their membership prior to 2008 and did not receive a permanent life member card, please contact me to arrange delivery of your permanent card. For those life members who received a metal permanent card and wish to replace it with the new permanent card, we will provide you with a new card for a fee of \$4.00 (covers the cost of production and mailing).

Still Seeking Area Coordinators

As I mentioned in previous columns, we are looking for volunteers to be Loyal Escorts Area Coordinators. I am pleased to report that Joseph Traumer (Jacksonville, NC) has volunteered to be the coordinator for WMA Area 3. We now have coordinators for Areas 3 and 10. We still need volunteers for each of the other eight WMA areas. If you are interested, please contact me by phone at (970) 399-7239, postal mail at P.O. Box 1244, Paonia, CO 81428, or e-mail at LE@womenmarines.org.

This period's new member report is shown in the table. The report lists those who joined since 31 March, 2010. As of 30 June, 2011 our current membership is 285, comprised of 65 term members and 220 life members. It saddens me to tell you that I received a report that Muriel Kleisch, another of our life members, has passed away.

One of my concerns is that individual Loyal Escorts do not receive the recognition that they deserve for tasks that they accomplish. Usually, the individual recipient of the support knows and appreciates the support, but the rest of the community remains unaware. With that in mind, a new feature that I plan to implement in this column, and in releases for Area Director and Chapter Newsletters, is the recognition of Loyal

Escorts efforts to support WMA, either at the national or local level.

For this first report, Paula Sarlls has stated that we have several Escorts who have been dedicated to supporting the CO-1 Chapter of WMA by publicizing and attending events, donating time and property, and providing transportation to and from events. A list of Escorts who provided support is at the insert.

Loyal Escorts Who Supported CO-1

- Max Brown - Greenwood Village
- Barry Georgopoulos - Denver
- John Fitzgerald - Golden
- Fred Krebs - Denver
- Margaret (Meg) Krebs - Denver

My goal is to publicize the various things that individual Escorts or groups of Escorts do to support WMA. To do that, I will need support of both the individuals who are involved in the effort and the WMA members, chapters, or Area Directors who receive the support. I will be asking the WMA Area Directors to communicate the need for input to their chapters.

Loyal Escort Shirts Available

Ken Cross has informed me that some shirts embroidered with the Loyal Escorts patch are available for sale. If you are interested, call Ken at (760) 724-9861 for information regarding available sizes and colors.

E-mail Update

I am still trying to purify our e-mail and address list, so I still want each of you with e-mail to send a short message that tells us your name, physical address, phone number and e-mail address.

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John E Holvoet

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Each in your own way, please take a moment to remember our departed sisters. May their souls and those of all our departed sisters rest in peace.

Life Members

Aspacher, Dorothy (Roepke)	MAL OH	Died 4/24/2010	LM#1587
Banbury, Ruth F. (Falck)	CA-1	Died 1/13/2005	LM#139
Belta, Ida J. (Kriewaldt)	WI-1	Died 5/2/2011	LM#1647
Blakley, Edith (Franklin)	MI-2	Died April 2010	LM#1769
Blank, Elaine (Sevel)	MAL NY	Died 4/22/2011	LM1498
Brown, Margaret J. (Zemien)	NY-3	Died 5/19/2011	LM#2456
Collins, JoAnn (Bocchi)	CA-1	Died 3/25/2011	LM#1563
Dale, Lois M. (Healy)	CA-15	Died 10/10/2010	
Curtis, Marjorie (Conley)	MAL WA	Died 4/8/2011	LM#1698
Dodd, Bernice "Bee" (Wog)	OR-2	Died 5/11/2011	LM#980
Dominas, Patricia H. (Hagan)	MAL NY	Died 1/28/2011	LM#1823
Gove, Barbara E.	MAL NC	Died 1/13/2011	LM#371
Harrison, Marion (Allen)	TX-2	Died 6/24/11	LM#906
Heitmeyer, Dorothy B. (Bauk)	MAL CA	Died 6/12/2010	LM#1615
Hohmann, Pauline C. (Cook)	AZ-2	Died 12/10/2008	LM#1929
Howard, Jane Louise	MAL CA	Died 5/13/2011	LM#2559
Joesph, Nancy A. (O'Brien)	CA-10	Died 2/28/2011	LM#2227
McAndrew, Shirley I. (Noble)	PA-3	Died 4/16/2011	LM#3168
McAuley, Patricia Ann (Watson)	CA-7	Died 5/23/2011	LM#87
McDowell, Lorraine (Matterson)	MAL CA	Died 9/21/2010	LM#431
Monary, Angelina (Scarano)	CA-5	Died 6/9/2011	LM#974
Murray, Rosemary M. (Harvey)	CA-5	Died 6/2/2011	LM#1742
Painter, Virginia Ruth	NC-1	Died 4/17/2011	LM#280
Rendon, Gertrude "Trudy" (Wallace)	CA-1	Died 6/9/2007	LM#1485
Schumacher, Marion (Snyder)	CA-10	Died 6/7/2007	LM#1250
Smith, Lu V (Viehmann)	MAL WI	Died 5/15/2008	LM#1933
Tock Grace, Mary Jane (Olson)	CO-1	Died 4/11/2011	LM#1230
Tosdal, Jean (Jeffrey)	MAL CA	Died 6/16/2010	LM#140

Term Members

Artz, Jean (Jones, Hartung)	MAL PA	Died 5/11/2011
Christensen, Lorayne (McManus)	CA-3	Died 6/28/11
Giles, Katherine Faye (Kane)	MAL NC	Died 10/25/10
Gross, Ruth (Glazier)	NM-1	Died 3/2/2011
Hampton, Violet May (Rice)	MAL FL	Died 4/18/2011
Moffett, Stephanie R. (Straszewski)	OR-2	Died 5/11/2011
Norris, Bety L. (Smith)	MAL KS	Died 3/31/2011
Whitby, Tarri T. (Carrico)	CO-1	Died 3/17/2011

From the Chaplain

All of you are doing a super job honoring the memory of our sisters by keeping me informed. In fact you are so good, I need your help keeping my e-mail sorted. Sometimes I get 5 to 10 e-mail notes about the same member and most are titled "Sad news," "Another deceased member" or something like that. When you are reporting a death, it would help so much if you would please use the subject line in the e-mail to let me know WHO the member is, her date of death and her chapter.

A special thank you to those who have gone the extra mile to research and find those members whose deaths went unreported for as long as a couple of years.

Thought for today

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something and I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do."

-- Edward Everett Hale

I saw this on the wall in the office at a middle school recently and it made me think of my mom. I think she really understood that concept. When I was young, my dad traveled all week and had their only car. Mom loved to sew so she volunteered to make clothing for children in a nearby orphanage. She would get the fabric from the nuns and sew while I was in school and my brother napped. Dad continued to travel and we moved many times. In each city, Mom would find something to contribute, but was always home for her growing family.

Meeting many of you at convention and reading the chapter news in 'Nouncements, I see that many of you get that concept as well. You have served your country as a Marine and now you continue service in homes and communities all across our nation. If you are a member at large and don't have a chapter near you, I hope you have found or will find some kind of service you can do in your own community. It is not as important how much we do, but that we do something to better the lives of those around us.

Mary Broussard, Chaplain



1stSgt. Giles: Her Story Preserved

Katherine Faye Giles, a long time WMA member, died 25 October 2010 in Salisbury, NC.

Her history is preserved at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro library by the Betty H. Carter Women Veterans Historical Project.

First Sergeant Giles' file can be viewed online at <http://library.uncg.edu/dp/wv/collection.aspx?col=119>



Katherine (Kane) Giles,
Spring 1944.

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WMA Presents Awards to Outstanding MCJROTC Cadets



CO-1 President Sarlls, Senior Military Instructor (SMI) Sean Heery, and outstanding Cadet SSgt Alexis Cardenas at Adams City High School.



NV-1: Rosemary Gregorec (Battle Born Chapter) and Cheryl Gardner (AD-8) stand with Cadet Sgt. Bailey Adkins, of Basic High School MCJROTC, Henderson, NV.



Hawaii: Cpl. Marie Lombardo-Spence, presents the award to Cadet Sgt. Hemily Clement, of Castle High School in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

CA-3 was proud to attend the MCJROTC Awards ceremony at Mt. Pleasant High School in San Jose on 5 May 2011. Representing CA-3 were Loyal Escort Angie Fredekind, CA-3 President /AD-10 Kathleen Wright, and Loyal Escort Director, Shaaron Wright. The award winner was Cadet Staff Sergeant Katherine Bolantan who is a senior and will be entering the U.S. Army following graduation. Also shown is the Senior Military Instructor, LtCol M.F. Clough who does an excellent job leading this program.



Wanda Antoine (CA-3) presents WMA Outstanding Cadet Award to Cadet SSgt. Clayton Asada at John F. Kennedy High School in Sacramento. Senior Military Instructor is MSgt B. Miranda.



WMA MCJROTC award winners from three San Jose high schools are Samantha Gurierre from Del Mar High School, Valari LaRosa from Prospect High School and Mikayla Staipin from Branham High School. Also shown are Maj. Cross and GySgt Mobley, the SMI and MI for all three programs, and Kathy Wright of CA-3 who presented the awards on behalf of WMA at the joint ceremony held on 13 May 2011 at Del Mar High School.

WMA Presents Awards to Outstanding MCJROTC Cadets



CA-8 representative Ozell Barksdale presenting the Women Marines Association Award for Outstanding Cadet with \$50 from CA-8 to Clarice Sykes at Riverside Romona High School MCJROTC. Clarice placed 3rd in the public speaking competition "Sound Off" and is an outstanding student.



Sybil Acree, WMA CA-8 president, presented the Women Marines Association Award for Outstanding Cadet with \$50 from CA-8 to sophomore Gloria Achutegui at the awards ceremony at Tahquitz High School in Hemet.

CA-8 representative Diane Cowell presenting the Women Marines Association Award for Outstanding Cadet with \$50 from CA-8 to Carolina Hernandez of Fontana High School MCJROTC. Carolina is a junior and the liaison between the MCJROTC food pantry sponsored by CA-8 and chairperson Diane.



WMA CA-8 president Sybil Acree, presenting the Women Marines Association Award for Outstanding Cadet with \$50 from CA-8 to freshman Rebecca Lam at Murrieta Valley High School MCJROTC. Rebecca has a 4.0 GPA and is an outstanding student.



TX-1: Yet Another Victory...



TX-1 took first place honors for their themed booth at the Fourth Interservice Chili Cook off at VFW Post 8235 in White Settlement, Texas on 30 April. Their *Devil Dog Chili* also took first prize in the People's Choice category for the second time in three years of participation in the event.

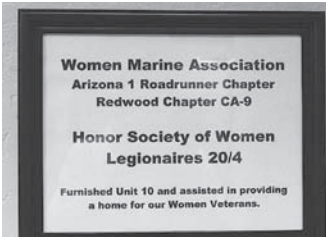
TX-3 Observes Memorial Day



TX-3 spent Memorial Day at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio. L-R: Trish Martin, Nicki Frey, Jeanne Varelas, Yoli Vega.

WMA Chapter Clippings

AZ-1 Arizona Roadrunner



On 14 May, Mary Ellen's Place, a group of efficiency type apartments was dedicated to homeless women veterans. A driving force behind the project was former USMC Sgt. Joan Sisco who partnered with the city of Phoenix, state Department of Veterans

Services and many military organizations, one of which is AZ-1 Roadrunner Chapter of WMA. The chapter has made Mary Ellen's Place the focus of their community efforts. The requirements for residency is that the woman veteran must be registered with the VA, drug and alcohol free and have no dependents. The monthly fee is \$350. The following has been provided to residents: All linens, service for 2 in dishes, stainless service, a toaster, microwave, slo-cooker, 2 burner hot plate, apartment size refrigerator, coffee pot, along with a recliner, CD/DVD Player, color coordinated shower accessories with the bedspread, dishes, etc. All units have wardrobe and private shower/bathroom facilities. There is also a handicap apartment available. There is a community kitchen, library, lounge with TV and a lovely yard with nice furniture, a barbeque, planters with rose bushes and garden area with a composter. There is a single entry from the parking lot which is secure and a manager's office on site. We hope this is just the beginning of such housing for women veterans all over the country.

Jeanne Botwright

CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

Summer greetings to all. This has been a mixed quarter for us with some happy events and a few sad ones as well. On the happy side, we have acquired a new member, Lily Brockmeier. Lily lives in San Mateo which is across San Francisco Bay from San Leandro where we normally meet. We are thrilled that Lily decided to join us and look forward to many happy years together. Welcome aboard, Lily.

On Memorial Day, CA-3 participated in the services at Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward, CA. Connie Guaraglia, Kathy Wright, Shaaron Wright and Angie Fredekind represented CA-3 and we plan to continue supporting this event for many years. LaVerne Marts and Betty Lieser joined their Marine Corps League detachment in visiting the graves of league members at several cemeteries around the Bay Area to include the graves of Rosie Martinez and Mary Standley of CA-3. Additionally, Barbara Naas and Sarah Rivera attended the Memorial Day event in Redwood City, so WMA was well represented around the Bay Area.

In the last 'Nouncements, we reported that our President, Louise Tamayo and her husband Pete, were moving to Georgia. Sorry Georgia, but at the last minute, they decided to retire in Florida instead and are now happily living in Cape Coral, Florida while their new home is being built. We miss them and wish them both well. Following Louise's departure, Kathleen Wright became the new CA-3 President and Susan Johnston is the new vice-president.

Susan also serves as our Chaplain and she does an exceptional job. Thank you, Susan, for agreeing to serve as a chapter vice president.

In May, Kathy Wright, Shaaron Wright and Angie Fredekind attended MCJROTC awards ceremonies for Mt. Pleasant HS, Del Mar HS, Prospect HS and Branham HS. All of these high schools are located in or near San Jose, CA. Kathy Wright presented the WMA Awards to the four outstanding female cadets and also presented each winner with a gold EGA and chain from the chapter. Congratulations to all these fine young women. Additionally, Wanda Antoine represented CA-3 and presented the WMA Award and a Marine hat to the male cadet winner at the John F. Kennedy HS in Sacramento. This is a great program and we look forward to attending the awards ceremonies every year.

We would like to mention that CA-3 has five Loyal Escorts who provide exceptional support to our chapter. They regularly attend our monthly meetings and participate in almost all of our external events. We very much appreciate their contributions and consider them valuable members of this organization. Our Loyal Escorts include Shaaron Wright, Angie Fredekind, Donald Johnston, Sarah Rivera and Howard Antoine. We also have two "associates" who always support the chapter and they are Barbara Morgan and Cheryl Christensen. All of these folks are very valuable assets to our chapter.

Two of our long term members reported to their final command during this quarter and have now joined the Marines guarding the Gates of Heaven. Nettie Leonard of Oakland, passed on 28 March and Lorayne Christensen of San Lorenzo, passed on 28 June.

Additionally, our own Wanda Antoine lost her step-mother in June and we extend our deepest sympathy to the families of all these ladies.

Our hearts and prayers go out to all those affected by the tornadoes in North Carolina and across the South; the floods across the country; the fires in Arizona and other states; and to all our troops serving in harms way. We wish everyone a wonderful and safe Summer. Semper Fidelis,

Kathy Wright

CA-6 Mount Diablo California

Greetings to all our sisters across America. CA-6 had our quarterly meeting in Pleasant Hill on 28 May and everyone present enjoyed a very delightful afternoon topped off by a delicious Italian menu. Everyone went home with a small bouquet courtesy of Shaaron Wright, our favorite Loyal Escort Director.

On Memorial Day, our chapter president and WWII veteran, Dolores Callero, was one of the invited guest speakers at the 2011 Memorial Day ceremony held at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, CA. Dolores has long been a supporter at Golden Gate Cemetery because she has several family members buried there, including her husband. Golden Gate National Cemetery is located just south of San Francisco and is a very beautiful setting for all those who have served or who have given their all for their country. Over 120,000 souls are laid to rest at Golden Gate. Our chapter also joined CA-3 in sending a donation to help those Marine families affected by the tornadoes that struck the area around Camp Lejeune. Our prayers and best wishes go out to all

those affected by those terrible tornadoes. We send prayers and best wishes to all Marines currently serving and wish everyone a safe and healthy Summer. Semper Fidelis.

Kathy Wright

CA-7 Edith Macias Vann Southern California



The weather here in beautiful southern California has been kinder to us than to some of our wonderful sisters, and we are thankful.

It was a perfect morning on 1 May when a group of CA-7 members and a Loyal Escort participated in the MS walk. Two members of CA-7 have MS, so this is an annual event we try not to miss. Throughout May and June, members of the

scholarship committee were busy attending various events to present our gifts to four very fine students. We ended May without participation in the Veteran's Association of North County (VANC) Memorial Day ceremony, where our own WWII Veteran Dorothy Monroe presented a WMA wreath, and CA-7 Chaplain Charlene Itchkawich provided a moving benediction.

As I write this, we are busy preparing to decorate an antique vehicle to ride in the Oceanside Independence Day parade on 2 July. Then to add some excitement to our lives, CA-7 is working with the renowned photographer of Ginger Rogers to prepare an exhibit for what would have been Ginger Rogers' 100th birthday.

CA-7 is involved since Ginger Rogers' mother, Lela Librand went into the Marine Corps in 1918 when Ginger was 6 years old. By WWII they opened their ranch to Marines and other military members in need of rest and relaxation. The display will include historic poster boards of CA-7 members as well as Marie Proulx's dress uniform. Pictures to come in the next issue. The items will be on display from 16 July to September in Del Mar.

We ended the summer with our annual picnic on 13 August at the Ranch House aboard Camp Pendleton.

Peggy Reiber

CA-8 Palms to Pines

CA-8 has had a busy year. Eleven members and 4 Loyal Escorts rode in the Salute to Veterans Parade. They were Sybl Acree, Johnnie Williams, Eddy Stephens, Ozell Barksdale, Mary Eliso, Vivian Pranger and Juanita Cartwright with Loyal Escorts Helen Page, Mary Curtin, Bud Stephens and Clair (Juanita's sister). It was the hottest day of the year but we all survived.

LE Mary Curtin was able to acquire a parade wagon and driver through her friendship with John Smith, head of laborers union 1184, who is now a life member of CA-8 Loyal Escorts. We thank them both and our driver TC, who says he's ready for next year. It was so great having our own ride rather than riding with others and no one knowing who we were.

Diane Cowell assisted MSgt Harkley of Fontana High School MCJROTC with their rifle competition. Two of the graduating class have joined the Marines. Diane is chair of their food pantry program sponsored by CA-8.

CA-8 presented awards from National and \$50 from CA-8 to four of our five MCJROTC units. (One high school canceled). Diane Cowell presented the award to Caroline Hernandez of Fontana High School. Ozell Barksdale presented to Clarice Sytkes, Romona High School in Riverside and Sybl Acree presented to Glora Achutegule, Tahquitz High School in Hemet and to Rebecca Lam, Murrieta Valley High School in Murrieta.

Wilma Wilson completed 27 lap robes. Ozell Barksdale, Sybl Acree and LE Helen Page delivered them to the Veterans Home in Barstow. There are only 3 service women there. One (Sara Omari) is a Marine. The male veterans loved the robes; they say it gets cold in the desert at night. We had a nice visit with Sara and hope to visit her again soon.

CA-8 member Dorothy Jeffares was awarded the Quilt of Valor for her service in WWII presented by the Quilting Angels of the Inland Empire. Congratulations, Dorothy.

Gwen Herbert is still in assisted living but hoping to go home soon. She thanks everyone for their cards and letters. LE Bud Stephens (husband of our secretary Eddy) had 2 emergency surgeries in a week but is out of ICU and is looking forward to going home. LE Dixie Forrest had surgery and is recovering at home.

Welcome aboard new Loyal Escorts Linda Kennedy, Gina Marbury and John Smith.

In May we said goodbye to our Marine friend Ruth Ebey from Chula Vista Veterans Hospital, who never forgot she was a woman Marine. Semper Fi, our friend.

We are dark for 2 months, but our work still goes on. Ozell is busy with the Wreaths Across America fund raiser. Johnnie is busy recruiting, and Wilma will be sewing lap robes. The other ladies are busy with their projects and I'm going to Alaska. Have a wonderful summer. See you in September.

Sybl Acree



Dorothy Jeffares (right) showing her Quilt of Valor to Helen Page, Loyal Escort National Secretary. Dorothy received her quilt for her service as a Marine in WWII. Her dog, Baxter, looks on.

CO-1 Colorado Columbines

The CO Columbine-WM History Chapter participated in numerous events over the past few months. The photo shown was taken after the Memorial Day Parade in which we honored Gold Star Wives and helped arrange a Cadillac escort for them in the parade. The Young Marines escorted our group of women Marines. They were led by two outstanding YM's: Ssgt. Trujillo and Cpl. Eckhout. This group also performed the color guard and cake cutting for our Anniversary party in February. Cpl Eckhout published an article in Young Marines *Esprit* magazine spring edition with photos. We



Left to right : Carron Barrella, Paula Sarlls (also Gold Star Wife), Jo Slater, Gold Star Wives Charmaine and Jeanette Early, Marge Alexander, Cadillac Club escort John Evans, and Tami McVay. Young Marine Escorts at the table on the left.

are very honored to assist them in earning their ribbons and to receive their assistance at various events. They also helped with the honors ceremony on Memorial Day for Janet Taynor at the Marine Memorial in Golden, Colo. Her ashes were brought forward and memorial performed as the first step on her journey home to Yosemite National Park in California, where she will be laid to rest. CO-1 has the honor of escorting her remains to California for final dissemination.

The chapter has also provided chili and two trunk loads of food to the Aurora Veterans Home. Each meeting we collect food items and toiletries for these veterans who are transitioning from homelessness to productive members of society.

The chapter has also completed the turnover of the Women of the Corps Collection to National WMA. We will continue to support the collection financially as much as possible and challenge other chapters to do the same. As women of the Corps, if we don't support it, who will? If each chapter donated \$50 a year we could pay the rent for the collection. CO-1 donated \$1000. What will your chapter do? Send donations marked for the Women of the Corps Collection to National WMA.

Our next big event is the Marine Memorial 5K. Several of our members (Carron Barrella, Loretta Krook, and Tami McVay) participate in runs benefitting veterans throughout the year and we have donated to those events in support of other veterans. Among them, the Danielathlon and the Adventure Team Challenge that Carron and Tami participated in supporting wounded Marine Michael Van Deren. Our run will be 24 September at the Aurora Reservoir. It will be the 5th annual 5K and we are looking forward to a good turnout. Hope you can make it!

We also contributed to the Rocky Mountain Hyperbaric Outpatient Therapy treatments in support of veterans who receive this magnificent therapy for TBI and PTSD. To learn more, please go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBm3k63Qhkc>

Finally, the chapter has supported the MCJROTC at Adams City High School for many years. In fact, Jo Slater's late husband Bob was the SMI of the unit for a number of years. Thanks to the convention we were able to donate \$500 this year to the outstanding cadet. We are also providing an opportunity for the outstanding cadet last year, who is the incoming CO of the unit, Thalia Valenzuela, to intern for our chapter. She is databasing our contact info and helping to clean up and organize files and storage. They are wonderful young people and we are honored to work with them.

Paula Sarlls

FL-3 Gold Coast of Florida

Our chapter hasn't closed shop yet, but we are declining rapidly in size due to losing so many members this past year.

I was the only member in our chapter that was able to attend the convention in Denver and what a convention it was! A good group of WWII members were in the mile run. The present-day Marines ran circles around us — they would come back and cross us at the busy streets and then dash ahead to catch up to their own group. Oh, to have their energy and stamina again. I took our project book to the Denver convention and we were awarded a third place ribbon.



Our chapter project is still going strong. We send care packages out to the military and according to the letters we receive, it's very rewarding. One of the many people we send packages to is Lt. Col. Maryann Otto (picture attached taken in Iraq). She is Nathalie Champagne's daughter. Nat is our chapter secretary. We are fortunate to receive e-mails and pictures from her for our next scrapbook, hopefully for the

convention in Philadelphia.

Molly Manolakis, our treasurer, has opened her home for our meetings every other month. Thank you, Molly. Several of us recently went to dinner at Hollywood Beach, and afterward we had a beautiful walk on the boardwalk.

For Memorial Day we were all scattered. Jeannette Eno and Elvira DuNaier attended the memorial service in Boca Raton. Molly Manolakis and her daughter Kathy attended the memorial service in Tamarac. The Taravella High School band played and, of course, all the military veterans were recognized and honored.

Have a great summer and stay healthy. Semper Fi!

Jane Kane

FL-4 Tampa Tarpons

Our Tampa Women Vets Homeless Shelter is now in its third year of existence. The shelter houses women veterans from all branches of service who need help. These women are counseled, given information on veterans benefits and jobs, and get schooling through the Department of Labor or the VA. The shelter presently has four Marine veterans. Many of the women who do come for assistance have no transportation, funds, or clothing. They are allowed to stay up to 24 months if needed. Since there is no facility to house women veterans with children, an 18-unit is under construction specifically for these veterans.

On 10 September, there will be an all day stand down in Tampa for women veterans, and breakfast and lunch will be served. The shelter has found that employers are willing to hire combat (women) veterans.

The shelter caretaker has given us permission to put up a poster to advertise WMA. Maybe when these Women Marines get on their feet, they might want to join WMA.

Laverne H. Myers

IL-2 Blanche S. Osborne

The month of May is always a busy month for WMA activities. It starts with the spring luncheon and meeting, and we meet where Helen Laukes lives, in a large retirement complex. First, we celebrated Mae Glassbrenner's 90th birthday. She told us about one instance of her time in the Marine Corps and also her experience in owning and running an international court reporting school. Mae was working in the building in Cherry Point that caught fire and two WRs working there lost their lives along with several men. Her court reporting school was based on two floors of a building in Chicago's Loop. She also set up schools in diverse locations as Hong Kong, Northern Ireland, Jamaica and Nigeria, and dictated the World Championship Shorthand Contests in Istanbul, Turkey in 1993, in Amsterdam, Holland in 1995, and Lausanne, Switzerland in 1998. She was National Secretary for WMA 1992-94.

Also at the meeting, hostess LaVergne Novak invited Jeffrey Reis, a Marine Corps infantryman in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq during the first Gulf War. He talked about the sand storms and the difficulties faced with the terrain and fast forward movement of the troops; of supplies not keeping up with them. Now, one of Jeff's big undertakings is interviewing WW II veterans who live at another retirement home. He talks to them in front of his camcorder, so that he has a pictorial history of each one. Jeff is also part of a crew who welcomes the veterans back from Honor Flight tours. Several members also were involved in giving the WMA award to the female cadets in the MCJROTCs in the Chicagoland area of which there are five schools. One that has a large program is Curie Metropolitan High School; it was the school that member Martha Nawrocki's sons attended, and she gave the award there.

For Chicago's Memorial Day Parade, reputed to be one of the largest in the nation, our members were furnished again with a Humvee to ride in. It's decorated on each side with a banner identifying us as WMA and with our chapter name. With member LtCol Patricia Bacon Klop in her dress blues, and Mary Roa, Korean vet, Helen Ehlers, Gwen DePinto and Muriel Underwood, WW II vets, and two friends, who drove us downtown, we all waved small flags. And as always, the handsome Marines of the 2/24 BN Training Center helped us, and this time we were escorted by a 7-ton truck and another humvee with the revolving turret. The parade route is south on State Street for a mile, and being in the beginning of the parade, we were inside of a restaurant looking out when the rain began.

Not in our parade but marching in others about the same time, was Carol Eubanks with the bagpipe band, The Highlanders. She participated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Springfield, Illinois. Ann DiValerio rode in a convertible with other WW II veterans in the Sun City community Memorial Day Parade, at Huntley, Illinois.

Muriel Underwood

KY-1 Flying Colors

Members celebrated the Anniversary of the Women Marines on 20 February with a beautifully decorated cake made by our resident baker, Susan Vogedes.

Louisville will be hosting 50 or more of the living Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients and their families in the fall. Chapter

members have been invited to volunteer with the host committee and participate in events welcoming the heroes to our community. We discussed donating horseshoes for a "taste of Kentucky" basket each guest will receive.

Mary Broussard

LA-1 Molly Marine

April started out as a very busy month! Our visitation committee chairperson, April Bell, has been ensuring Frances Hoffmann (WWII veteran chapter member) is getting the necessary love and care required while making the transition from her home to the Lambeth House in New Orleans. Frances settled in on 11 April. One of the missions of the WMA is "to counsel, assist and mutually promote the welfare and well being of elderly, disabled and needy women Marine veterans, as well as women serving in the Marine Corps."

April has been the epitome of just that, along with chapter members Sgt. Shellie Birden, Georgia Hildebrandt and Melanie Young. The Molly Marine Chapter is always ready and willing... Frances is in good hands!

On 18 April, SSgt. Nichole Phares, Jodi Lara, Angela Merrell and Melanie Young got together to prepare the Easter eggs for the Annual Easter Egg Fundraiser. This is one of our most successful fundraisers! On 19 April, the fundraiser was held in the cafeteria at the Naval Support Activity in New Orleans.

SSgt. Nichole Phares was the lead for this fundraiser, once again. She was virtually a "one woman show," with the assistance of the chapter president, selling all of the eggs in a day, vice our usual two days. We raised \$211, another huge success! LA-1 commends Nichole for her hard work, dedication and esprit de corps.

On 30 April, Colonel Catherine 'Chase' Barker retired after 30 years of faithful service. Her retirement ceremony was at the Naval Air Station, Joint Reserve Base, Belle Chasse, New Orleans. Major General Tracy Garrett, CG of the 4th Marine Logistics Group, did the honors of retiring Col Barker. Both of these fine ladies are members of the Molly Marine Chapter LA-1! Several members were present to celebrate this happy, proud occasion. Members that attended were LtCol Renee Knippel, GySgt Mitchellie Verzonilla, Sgt. Lesley Corbin, LCpl Candace Windsor and Melanie Young.

April Bell, Treasurer/visitation committee chairperson, stated that "Those members who weren't able to attend Frances Hoffmann's birthday party on 9 May missed a great 88th Birthday Party at the Lambeth House in New Orleans."

Frances looked great and had on her WWII Mardi Gras beads. Frances enjoyed the company of the WWII museum co-workers and volunteers, friends from her church, and more than 20 residents from the Lambeth House. Frances recently moved into retirement living and our chapter took advantage of the opportunity to host a birthday party. This party was more than a celebration of 88 years; it also opened the lines of communication with her new neighbors.

Frances was amazed at how many people knew her and would come celebrate her birthday at her 'new quarters'. Good ole Frances, still used military terminology. One of Frances' good friends, Phyllis Reah, played a big part of coordinating the party and decorations.



April introduced Frances by giving Frances' bio and then asked everyone at the party to introduce themselves in such a way that included how they knew Frances. Then, Georgia Hildebrandt, Sgt. Shellie Birden, April and Phyllis served the guests cake and drinks. Frances told April the next day that it was a spectacular event and that she couldn't get to sleep that evening because she was still excited! Frances is featured in the photograph with her cake!

The chapter had a wonderful Memorial Day event at the WWII Museum in New Orleans on 26 May! The chapter funded the admission to the 4D WWII movie.

What a way to spend Memorial Day, remembering those who gave all! Members that attended this educational and fun event were Mary Draughn (with 2 guests), April Bell, Angela Merrell, Vicki Haynes, Sgt Shellie Birden, Frances Hoffmann, Darlene Graves and Melanie Young.

On 18 June, Cpl Ashley Spurlock hosted a Chapter meeting at her lovely home! She had a lot of delicious refreshments and the members in attendance had the opportunity to attend a Pampered Chef party immediately following the meeting. Ashley prepared 2 Pampered Chef gift baskets, valued at \$45 each, for door prizes. The lucky winners were Mary Draughn and Melanie Young! Ashley decided to donate a portion of the profit from the party to the chapter. A donation of \$55 was received. Thanks Ashley! Members in attendance were Sgt Shellie Birden, Mary Draughn, Jodi Lara, Brenlie Wilson, Angela Merrell and Melanie Young.

Melanie Young

MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks



The chapter met on 14 May, and discussed participation in upcoming events at Ft. Snelling for Memorial Day as well as other summer

activities including taking in a St. Paul Saints ball game, the annual summer picnic on 9 July and hosting the Minnesota Women Veterans Fall Luncheon on 15 October, 2011 at the Ft. Snelling Officer's Club in St. Paul.

Liz Whitbeck, Dot Witcher, Gayle Herseth, Dianne Cupples and Sandra Heredia participated in the Hutchinson Jaycee's Water

Carnival on Sunday, 19 June, 2011. Liz, Dot and Sandra were chauffeured on the parade route in a beautiful red Corvette, allowing them to interact with the crowd while Dianne and Gayle carried the banner. The chapter would like to extend a special thank you to Dot and Gayle for hosting the chapter attendees over the years on parade day as well as providing a terrific luncheon.

Vicki Latiolais

OK-2 Heartland

The summer heat is relentless here in Oklahoma this year, but despite that, everyone remains busy!

In May, Pam Bloustine, Brenda Blair, and Joan Willauer participated in the Armed Forces Day Parade in Del City, Okla. The ladies were riding proud atop a float in the parade representing WMA along with others from the Women Veterans Organization (WVO).

Dorothy Rimbold and I had the honor of presenting the National Women Marines Association Award and the Chapter's Outstanding Senior Cadet award and \$250 scholarship at the MCJROTC awards night for US Grant High School in Oklahoma City. The MCJROTC unit at Grant has had a great year, receiving and "Outstanding" on appearance and general knowledge for its Commanding General's Inspection and also performing exceedingly well in rifle competitions.

In June, the local vendor, Sgt Grit, had its annual GritTogether. As always, the event drew many Marines and others to enjoy a day of games, grilled burgers, and entertainment. Pat Goss, Pam Bloustine, and Joan Willauer were all able to attend and enjoy the camaraderie and festivities of the day!

On 23 July we met and enjoyed catching up with each other, rehashed what we've been involved in, and coordinated our busy schedules with more activities and fun in the name of WMA and the Marine Corps!

One of those activities was the Vets Fest on 27 August, an annual event with dancing, hors d'oeuvres, and other entertainment, that benefits the Oklahoma Women Veterans Recognition Day Program. There's plenty of coordination and planning that goes into it, but it's always a great evening, so it was well worth the effort!

Semper Fidelis!

Jenny Storm

OR-3 Eager Beavers

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest...

As mentioned in our last Chapter Clipping, the OR-3 chapter made the trip over to Florence, Oregon on 22 May to take part in the annual Rhododendron Parade.

This parade is well attended and included several military entries. Our Women Marines Association entry enjoyed having a contingent of Young Marines carrying our chapter banner. They also provided our color guard for the day.

The day turned out to be a spectacular Oregon Coast day with lots of sunshine.



Pictured is our float carrying chapter members and Loyal Escorts. The parade route was long and each entry was welcomed by shouts of "Thank you for your service." It was a fun day for everyone and capped off with enjoying lunch together before heading home.

Pictured left to right: Deb Barker (standing), Lois Price with grandson, Tracey Pickering (Loyal Escort), Jeanette Borge, Karen Reeves, Sandy Morris, Dea Cutting (standing), Jamie Strand (Loyal Escort), and Stephanie Wilcox (Loyal Escort).

Our June meeting saw the chapter making plans to sign up for a community service project. This effort is being led by our Vice President, Jeanette Borge who works in the Eugene, Oregon Parks/ Recreation Department and coordinates our activities with them. We have just learned that OR-3 will provide the woman power to clean and paint a large sculpture the children play on.

We will be taking August off this year since most members have vacations planned. We hope that everyone will enjoy doing lots of fun activities this summer and come back refreshed in the fall.

We know that the Board of Directors will be meeting this August to conduct the business of the Association. We wish them all the best and thank them for their service to and for the membership.

Until next time, enjoy the summer and do stay safe.
Semper Fi,

Karen L. Reeves

PA-3 Mountain Laurel

We are sorry to report the sudden death of our chapter President, Shirley McAndrew, on 15 April. Shirley served in the Marine Corps from September 1955 to September 1957 at Camp Pendleton. She and Eugene, her husband of 54 years, were both very active members of the Northeast Detachment of the Marine Corps League. She also volunteered at the Gino Merli Veterans Center in Scranton, and worked for many years with Toys for Tots. Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery. She was an exemplary asset to our chapter, our community, and our Corps. She will long be remembered as a model Marine, mother of five, and our dear friend and sister Marine.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for October, and we look forward to our Area Director, Mitzi Manning, visiting us at that time.

Virginia M. Swartz



TX-1 Lone Star State

The ladies of TX-1 Lone Star State won first place for their themed booth at the Fourth Interservice Chili Cookoff at VFW Post 8235 in White Settlement, Texas, on 30 April. The event, sponsored by the Bluebonnet Detachment of the Marine Corps League, marks the second time the ladies have won Best Booth, and the second time they've received first prize in the People's Choice category for their culinary creation (*aptly titled Devil Dog Chili*) in the three years they've participated. Despite the heat and humidity, a glorious time was had by all!

The ladies of the Lone Star State chapter normally meet the second Saturday of each month at American Legion Post 453, 2755 Bachman Lake Drive, Dallas, TX 75220 at 1100. They'd love to see you there! For more information, please contact Chapter Secretary Anne Kowalski at (972) 569-8814 or via email at anne.kowalski@pepsico.com.

Anne Kowalski

VA-1 Crossroads

VA-1 elected its current officers in October 2010. They are President, Parisa Fetherson; Vice President, Capt. Jennifer Ballard; Secretary, Deb Beutel; and Treasurer, Lamira Fields. Appointed officers include Historian, Patricia Lee; Events Coordinator, Dorothy Gordon; and Public Relations Co-Chairs, Angel Chestnut and Tiffany Mansfield. We are excited about the energy, dedication, and talents the current officers bring to VA-1.

After the holidays were over and everyone came out of winter hibernation with a renewed spirit, VA-1 embarked on the spring season with a WMA Awareness and Information Luncheon on 29 April, at The Clubs of Quantico. During Women's History month *The Quantico Sentry* (base newspaper) did an article on WMA and it was amazing the number of women Marines at Quantico who had not heard of WMA or had heard of it but didn't know what it was. Therefore the leadership of VA-1 decided to hold a luncheon to bring awareness to WMA and provide information about the organization and upcoming VA-1 happenings.



The turnout was great with a balanced mix of active duty and veteran women Marines. There were even a couple of active duty male Marines who came to check out what WMA is all about. The keynote speaker was our very own Area-2 Director, Mitzi Manning. We also had VA-1 member Tiffany Mansfield (past Chapter Treasurer) speak about her experiences with WMA and VA-1 and what a delightful and eloquent

speech it was (a hidden talent none of us knew she possessed). The highlight of the luncheon was our special guest Colonel (Ret) James Strock, who is the son of Marilyn Strock, one of 3 women Marines whose likeness was used to create the face of our beloved Molly Marine statue. Col. Strock shared wonderful stories about his mother's "adventures" as a woman Marine, her love for the Marine Corps, and her pride in being a woman Marine.

Many thanks to Col. Strock for that historic and enlightening treat. The luncheon ended with an invitation to participate in the annual Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure. Overall it was a very successful event as we gained 5 new members and 2 member renewals at the luncheon.

On 4 June, 35 members, friends and family members of VA-1 stormed onto the National Mall in Washington, D.C. for the Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure. We had a great time making new friends, getting reacquainted with old friends, and the best part of all, singing cadences, chants, and dittys as we strolled the streets of DC to raise funds for a worthy cause. Overall VA-1 raised \$2,510. Our top fundraiser was GySgt Tawanda Hanible who raised \$1000 and our 2nd place fundraiser was Angel Chestnut who raised \$320. We are looking forward to next year's race with even more participants than this year.

For more information on VA-1 follow us on FaceBook at: Women Marines Association, VA-1 Crossroads Chapter | Facebook.

Angel Chestnut

WI-1 Wisconsin Women Marines

Spring began in Madison, Wisconsin with its 3rd Honor Flight to Washington with WMA member Marjorie Marshman aboard. Another flight of a lifetime and a packed air terminal for their Welcome Home. The regular spring luncheon meeting scheduled in May at the Country Inn Buffet in Fond du Lac turned out to be one of the biggest surprises - more like a bomb shell. When Mibs Ewald, Annette Howards and Connie Allord arrived earlier than usual, they found the restaurant locked and permanently closed without notice and no way of notifying the membership, some of whom were already on their way. Quickly the old Marine training kicked in. A lone sentry (Annette) was left at the site and Mibs and Connie took on the "Recon" role and set off to scour the area for an alternate place to meet. Without success, they returned to find that more members had arrived.

They gathered more information and set off again, this time being welcomed by Robbins Restaurant which opened a private dining room. Back to the gathered group, leading the way to Robbins where a slightly shaken but chatty group enjoyed the luncheon and meeting. The experience only deepened their feeling of loss after

the passing of Hazel Strook who had diligently made the plans and hosted many of the meetings in the past several years.

However, after the meeting, a caravan set off for a planned visit to her grave where a little ceremony was performed and flowers placed on her grave. The chapter is also donating a Marine flag pole in her memory which will be placed with other service flags in a veterans memorial area at the cemetery. Stay tuned for fall meeting plans.

As Memorial Day approached, the Marine Corps League, including Annette and Connie, placed over 1200 flags on Resurrection Cemetery's Veterans' graves, now also helped by faithful Boy Scouts. After Memorial Day, the same detail picked up, sorted, counted and stored the flags for next Memorial Day. Just before Memorial Day, Mary Lloyd and her husband planned and headed a fund-raiser for the MCL "Fallen Warrior Project" at the much-touted "World's Largest Brat Fest." Annette and Connie manned their post during a busy shift. It was a successful event. On Memorial Day itself, the ceremonies were held outside the WI state capitol on a beautiful day. Marjorie Marshman gave the invocation and Mary Lloyd was escorted by her Marine husband in placing a memorial rose as were Annette and Connie who were also escorted by MCL members. Marge had to quickly exit to attend ceremonies at her American Legion post where she is Commander. In the afternoon Annette and Connie joined their Marine Corps League in ceremonies at the Marine Reserve Center's Fallen Warrior Memorial where Governor Walker was the guest speaker.

The Milwaukee WMA Marines were represented in a parade in Elm Grove by president Linda O'Hara and Vice President Linda Dancker, escorted as they marched by their chauffeur male Marine friend. They were cheered by parade attendees and even heard comments like, "We didn't know there were women in the Marines." Just how long will it take?!

On a sadder note, we have lost another WWII member, Ida Belz. Major Jean Bink-McGrath represented the chapter in her dress blues at the funeral, making quite an impression. She was also thanked by family and friends for the flowers from the chapter.

It has also been noted that, because of the great need, a new Fisher House will soon be built on the grounds of the Zablocki VA Medical Center and will be the largest in the country and fund raising is in progress.

Connie Allord

Tea with First Lady Michelle Obama

Imagine receiving a personal invitation to have tea with First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden at the White House. Now imagine being presented a small white envelope with a gold seal on the back and your name on the front and inside you find your table number: #1! Well, DC-1 Member Pat Kelly had this amazing honor. She and her guest, DC-1 member Mary Sue League, were among 200 guests invited to tea at the White House on 6 May in recognition of Military Spouse Appreciation Day. Gold Star Wives, spouses, and their guests from all across the United States enjoyed a large assortment of sweets and loose teas. Pat Kelly commented that the tables were beautifully adorned with pink and lavender flowers and gorgeous '08 china. She also went on to say that guests were allowed to stay afterwards for as long as they wanted.



Pat Kelly (r) and Mary Sue League (l)

Tea with First Lady Michelle Obama

Mrs. Obama told the families that the invitation was a small way to say thank you. Dr. Biden told those gathered that the entire nation is proud of the families. Adorning her Ann Hand Eagle, Globe,

and Anchor pin, Pat Kelly, World War II Era veteran, connected with several Marine spouses. She said she considered it an honor, but it was probably even more of a treat for those spouses to meet trail

blazers like Pat Kelly and Mary Sue League.

*Lelia Jackson,
DC-1*

DC VA Medical Center Hosts Welcome Home Celebration

More than 1300 Veterans participated in the Welcome Home American Veteran Celebration at the Crystal Gateway Marriott on 14 May. The Washington, D.C. VA Medical Center held a Joint Forces Health and Job Fair for Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and New Dawn veterans, active duty service members and their families. A number of employers were present to take interviews and accept resumes from them.

Additionally, VA enrolled veterans into the Veterans Healthcare System, conducted readjustment counseling and provided community and educational resources. Veterans benefits staff members were also on hand to assist with VA claims and benefits.

Ginny Bueno, Lelia Jackson, Gloria



Ginny Bueno, Lelia Jackson, Gloria Cano, Anne Woodson, and Pat Hackbarth

Cano, Anne Woodson, and Pat Hackbarth arrived early to roll up their sleeves to help. It was especially motivating to see such a large number of

Marine service members and veterans. They spoke the same "Ooh Rah" language! Since it is such a small Corps, some of the DC-1 members ran into Marines they knew from active duty. They also did a little recruiting for the Women Marines Association of the women Marines that were present at the event.

Pat Hackbarth surmised that between the 5 of the DC-1 volunteers present, there was "119 years of faithful and honorable service to God, country, and Corps, not to mention some really good times."

*Lelia Jackson,
DC-1*

What we don't record, we lose!

The Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA) is the only major national memorial honoring all women who served in our nation's defense throughout history. Their patriotism and bravery are a part of our nation's collective heritage and are finally recognized in the memorial through exhibits, films and the memorial register, which guarantees each registered woman's individual story has a permanent place in America's history. Currently, the individual histories of nearly 250,000 of these women come to life in the memorial register. The register is an interactive computer database that allows memorial visitors access to military histories, photographs and memorable military experiences of registered service

women. However, registration is NOT AUTOMATIC!

Every woman's story is important and any information is better than no information. It is individual experiences that make up America's collective history. Make sure the story of women serving in defense of our nation is recorded and never forgotten. Register online or call to register and/or donate to the Circle of 500.

Ways to Give: Circle of 500

The *Circle of 500* has been established as an exclusive nucleus of 500 individuals and/or organizations who are coming together at a critical time to financially help the Women's Memorial Foundation. Membership is exclusive in that it is limited to the first 500 individuals

and/or organizations that each contributes a minimum of \$1,000 to the *Circle of 500*. These custodians of the memorial's future will be known as the Circle of 500 Guardians.

Your gift will make a huge difference in keeping the Women's Memorial a viable center for learning about women's service to the nation for generations to come. Besides a monetary gift, you may want to give a gift of securities or a life income gift. For more information, contact Ann Marie Sharratt at 703-533-1155 or 800-222-2294. All donations of any amount will be appreciated and are tax deductible.

*Sue Sousa,
Past National President of WMA*

Memory of 9/11 First Responders Honored

The city of Pueblo, Colo. and the Center for American Values honored the memory of the 9/11 first responders at an event on 6 August. Frontier Airlines was the sponsor thanks to Greg Aretakis, a vice president whose father and 4 uncles were Marines in WWII.

FDNY was represented by 9 firefighters flown in for the event as well as the Pueblo Fire & Police Departments. They were honored by speeches from Medal of Honor recipient Drew Dix and actor Gary Sinise. Mr. Sinise is a tireless advocate for first responders and the military. Woman Marine and author Carron Barrella presented Sinise

and Dix with her book "More than 36 Days", which Drew Dix endorsed.

IPP Paula Sarlls attended the event and presented Sinise with Women of the Corps challenge coin along with our gratitude for all he does for the military. Mr. Dix received the coin in November at the opening of the Center.

Jody Newton, creator of the Hero Bar, was with these two Marines (Paula and Carron) at the event and she presented the Hero Bar to both men. Mr. Dix will be featured on the upcoming series of Hero Bars. You can learn more about the products and the center by visiting these web sites.

<http://www.morethan36days.com/>
<http://www.herobar.com/>
<http://www.americanvaluescenter.org>

Photos of the event can be seen at:

<http://www.militaryevents.us/photos/photodetail.cfm?id=3252>
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Paula Sarlls,

Past National President of WMA

Hesitation Kills: Marine Writes an Unforgettable Narrative of Her Iraqi Experiences

This riveting memoir is the first book written by a female Marine about the war in Iraq and one of the only books written by a woman who has experienced combat firsthand. Deploying to Iraq in 2003, Jane Blair's aerial reconnaissance unit was assigned to travel ahead of and alongside combat units throughout the initial phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Throughout her deployment, Jane kept a journal of her and her fellow lieutenants' combat experiences, which she draws on to convey the immediacy of life in the military, not just for a woman but for all Marines.

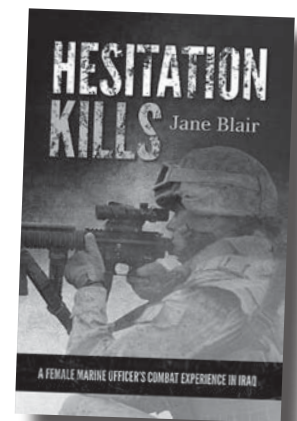
Jane's stories highlight the drama and chaos of wartime Iraq along with the day-to-day challenges every Marine faced: from spicing up a "pasta with alfredo sauce" military ration to trying to stay clean after weeks without a shower. She also copes with a bullying superior officer while trying to connect with local civilians who have long been viewed as "the enemy." She recounts the struggles specific to women, including learning how to be respected as a Marine rather than dismissed as "the weaker sex" and learns strategies from other officers in her unit how to effectively battle the prejudices of male Marines who don't believe women belong in uniform. And always, she fights the personal loneliness of being separated from her husband, balanced with the challenge and joy of stealing a private moment with him when, by chance, his unit is nearby.

Jane describes not only her experiences as a young lieutenant and as a woman but also those of her fellow Marines, whom she lauds as the true heroes of her story. Ultimately, she learns from her commanding officer, and her fellows in arms, what it truly means to be a leader, both in the military and in life. Weaving her story together with the experiences of the ordinary people of Iraq, this book offers compelling insights into the profound impact of the war on the lives of service members and civilians alike. Jane also weaves in the narrative her impressions of the Iraqis and draws the reader in to her changed perceptions and growing understanding of Muslims and Iraqis as a whole. Her unforgettable narrative bridges the gap between those who have experienced the Iraq War firsthand and those in America who could only follow its life-altering events from a distance.

You can purchase *Hesitation Kills: A Female Marine Officer's Combat Experience in Iraq* by following the link below.

http://www.amazon.com/Hesitation-Kills-Female-Officers-Experience/dp/1442208767/ref=cm_cr_pr_product_top

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COOK, ARLINE G 1065 TARTAN DRIVE APT B PALM HARBOR, FL 34684
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GARFINKEL, PENELOPE L 1155 23RD STREET N.W. UNIT 2-A WASHINGTON, DC 20037
STEPHENS, APRIL LYNN 13488 S SONOITA RANCH CIRCLE VAIL, AZ 85641
STREMLow, MARY L PO BOX 36 LAKE VIEW, NY 14085
THOMPSON, HARLEEN A 3600 CANTERBURY DR. BLOOMINGTON, MN 55431

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BURKS, BRIDGET 6202 MOJAVE AV. 29 PALMS, CA 92277
CAMPBELL, ELEANOR F 3953 S PRAIRIE HILL LN APT 301 GREENFIELD, WI 53228
FRANK, THELMA 3855 W CARIBBEAN LN PHOENIX, AZ 85053
GLYNN, CHRISTINE M 23 MILL CHASE RD. SOUTHAMPTON, NJ 08088
GREEN, DEHRA L 58 AMARA LN. WESTAMPTON, NJ 08060
HASLETT, HELEN D OREGON VETERANS HOME 700 VETERANS DR. THE DALLES, OR 97058
HOLLIDAY, KARSHA R 3344 FLETTON WAY SUMMERVILLE, SC 29485
HUGHES, MAMIE A 3604 GOVALL AV. AUSTIN, TX 78702
KNAPP, JOYCE E PO BOX 421 ETHEL, WA 98542
LANE, TOKISHIBA K 4637 CROWDER BLVD. NEW ORLEANS, LA 70127
LAW, CHERAMIE E 1800 JASON DR APT 134 DENTON, TX 76201
LEWIS, BETTY H HABERSHAM HOUSE #218 5200 HABERSHAM ST SAVANNAH, GA 31405
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MARTIN, JENNIFER LAUREN 33 SANDPIPER AV. SAN CLEMENTE, CA 92672
MCCLARY, KELLY A 11327 W. 64TH TERR APT. 1106 SHAWNEE, KS 66203
MEAIRS, BABS M 11650 CALLE PARACHO SAN DIEGO, CA 92128-4288
NETHERCOT, JULIE 7035 ASHLEIGH MANOR CT. ALEXANDRIA, VA 22315
NEWTOWN, VERA W KY VETERAN CENTER, TRUMAN UNIT 926 VETERAN DR. HANSON, KY 42413
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PORTER, ANGELA RENEE 2202 SARDINIA CT. NAVARRE, FL 32566
RIDDLEHOOVER, SHIRLEY ANN 829 SADDLEBACK TRAIL RD. CHESAPEAKE, VA 23322
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SOLOMON, VIVIEN R 1919 CORONET AV. SP 163 ANAHEIM, CA 92801
WESTLAKE, LOUISE M 128 FIDDLER AV. WINCHESTER, VA 22603
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Total	2852

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Marines in Afghanistan run in honor of fallen sister

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan — More than 500 U.S. Marines and deployed troops participated in a 5-kilometer memorial run to honor the life and service of Maj. Megan McClung at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, Aug. 13.

McClung, a public affairs officer, was the first female Marine Corps officer to die in combat in Iraq. She was killed Dec. 6, 2006, by an improvised explosive device in Al Anbar province, where she served with I Marine Expeditionary Force.

Lt. Cmdr. Rachel Oden graduated with McClung from the United States Naval Academy in 1995. Oden, a physical therapist with the Concussion Restoration Care Clinic on Camp Leatherneck, organized the memorial run here with the help of other volunteers.

"To be able to say I knew her and to be here doing something to honor her memory and all the good things she did is a big honor for me," said Oden, a native of Casa Grande, Ariz. "Megan was a big runner.

She was an avid athlete and tri-athlete. It's just something she loved doing."

In 2002 while serving as a public affairs officer with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, McClung was named as athlete of the year for Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

During her yearlong deployment to Iraq, which ultimately ended in her death, McClung helped to organize a variant of the Marine Corps Marathon for deployed troops. She also ran in the race, finishing second amongst female competitors.

The first memorial run in McClung's honor was held in 2007 at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash., near her parents' home in Coupeville. The race has been carried on annually in Washington, with deployed troops simultaneously participating in Iraq in 2009, and Afghanistan in 2010 and 2011.

"There was a memorial run last year on Leatherneck and her folks are putting together a run in her hometown this week-

end as well," said Oden. "People around the world are running to honor her memory. I would love for us to continue this tradition."

"It's always great to run in memory of someone," said Master Sgt. Michael Noble, the senior enlisted advisor for Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 2, and a native of Suffolk, Va. "The amount of people that ran today for her is great."

Prior to the start of the race at Camp Leatherneck, Oden asked for any runners who knew McClung to raise their hands. Dozens responded.

"There were quite a few people that knew Megan and even more that know her story," said Oden. "The fact that her spirit is still alive and inspiring people is awesome."

*By Cpl. Samantha H. Arrington,
2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Fwd)*



Afghanistan-Marines and coalition troops begin the Maj. Megan McClung 5-kilometer memorial run at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, Aug. 13.



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan—Lance Cpl. Ashley Sallee and Lance Cpl. Kimberly Gastelum pose in front of the II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group's supply compound at Camp Leatherneck, Helmand province, July 13. The identical twin sisters, 23, of Bakersfield, Calif., have been serving in Afghanistan for the last several months.

Bakersfield, Calif. twins serve together in Afghanistan

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan — Serving in Afghanistan usually means being away from family for several months. For identical twin sisters Lance Cpls. Ashley Sallee and Kimberly Gastelum, however, being deployed to Helmand province has brought them closer together.

The 22-year-old sisters, of Bakersfield, Calif., are currently serving together at Camp Leatherneck. Sallee is deployed with II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group's Maintenance Platoon as a clerk, while Gastelum is a construction wireman with Alpha Company, 8th Communication Battalion.

"I got here in late January and Ashley got here in February," said Gastelum. "I was glad when I heard she was coming out here. It was a nice surprise."

Despite being with different units, the sisters find plenty of opportunities to see each other.

"We usually work out and eat lunch together," Sallee explained. "And Saturdays we usually get together for breakfast. It's nice being able to talk with my sister about work and stuff going on at home. It helps a lot."

The two sisters ended up being deployed together by chance.

"I wanted to do a deployment here," said Gastelum. "I wanted to try something different."

"I knew my sister was going over here, but I was initially told I wouldn't be deploying," Sallee said. "Then out of the blue, my chain of command told me I was going to Camp Leatherneck, and I couldn't believe it."

Both sisters have found their work here tough, but rewarding.

"I enjoy it," Gastelum said. "I get to crawl around in ceiling vents and dig trenches for the telephone lines. Somehow we make it fun."

"My job has ups and downs," Sallee added. "But for the most part, I enjoy it. I think it's been a good experience."

Gastelum was the first of the pair to join the military.

"I joined about three and a half years ago," she explained. "I joined because I wanted to do something new."

"I joined about a year later," added Sallee. "Kim talked me into joining the Marines because initially I was thinking of going to the Air Force. I'm glad she talked me out of that."

The two sisters have always had a close relationship.

"We were both in choir and band together when we were kids," Sallee said. "We would even fool our grade school teachers into thinking we were the other sister."

Even when deployed, the sisters can't seem to avoid being mistaken for one another.

"When we first moved into our new office, Kimberley came here to install the phone wiring for us, but I mistook her for Ashley," said 1st Sgt. Matthew J. Grither, first sergeant for Task Force Belleau Wood's Headquarters and Service Company. "Even after she explained to me who she was I was still skeptical. I had to call over to her shop to verify who she was."

The sisters have used their bond to overcome the hardships and deal with deployed life.

"She's a good emotional outlet," said Sallee. "She lets me vent about things that are troubling me. It's like when we're home together."

"She's definitely helped me deal with my homesickness," said Gastelum.

"I'm really glad that she's here. It wouldn't be the same without her."

By Petty Officer 2nd Class Matthew Snodgrass, II MEF (FWD)

Chapter Tool Kit: Area Director Reports Useful

Area Directors and chapter officers, WMA needs your help. Each quarter the WMA Membership Secretary forwards the Quarterly Area Director Report to the Area Directors. The Area Directors need to forward that report to the respective chapters; a chapter officer needs to review the report. It will identify the members in each chapter, with their address, national membership status, and (if appropriate) life membership number. Verify the national address and chapter address are correct; review the national and chapter dues status. Are the dues current? Is there a discrepancy? Any noted corrections need to be forwarded to the Area Director, who will forward them to the Membership Secretary. When the next report comes in, verify the corrections have been made. With each report, the corrections should become minimal. This is also a good time

to review the next of kin information for the chapter member. If any corrections need to be made, forward them to the WMA Chaplain and Area Direction.

*Your help will correct
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membership. We are still
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for renewal.*

Your help with this will correct bad addresses and lapsed membership. We are still getting incorrect dues for renewal. The new national dues have been in place over one year, but incorrect amounts are still being submitted. Some members even submit old applications with the

wrong dues. WMA needs help from the chapter officers to resolve this issue. As a chapter officer, if you are not receiving the quarterly report, ask your Area Director for it.

The Area Director Report is a good opportunity to identify new WMA members in the area of your chapter. The contact information on the report can help generate new members for the chapter. Chapter members often ask how they can get new members. This is an excellent recruiting tool.

The Area Director Report is a win-win for everyone. It is a great way to keep both the chapters and National updated, **but no one benefits if the reports are not used.** Please help!

Judy Anderson

New Item: Ornament Offered by TX-1

Item: Ornament "The Fewer" Size 2 3/8" x 3 1/8" Limited 3-D, designed by Former Marine, National Artist Gene Roncka
Cost: 24 Karat Gold on Brass \$29.75 (Includes Shipping). Portion of proceeds go to "Paws and Stripes".

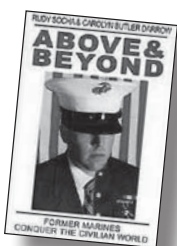
Make Money Order or Cashier Check out to Katherine M LorenzTownsend
Chapter: TX-1 "The Lone Star State"
Contact: Katherine LorenzTownsend, 4025 Tortoise Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76135. GyS-gtLTUSMC@aol.com subj line: "The Fewer"



WMA National Merchandise Sales

Your Purchases Support Our Association!

WMA Patch, small	\$4.00	Medallion, '90 Denver Conv	\$3.00
WMA Patch, large	\$4.50	50th Anniversary Medallions	\$5.00
WMA Pin, Hat (pin or clutch) . . .	\$3.00	50th Anniversary Paper Weights . . .	\$10.00
WMA Pin, Life	\$3.90	WMA insulated travel mugs (green with WMA patch on one side and the USMC emblem on the other side)	\$8.00
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 Cap (3 months delivery). . . \$38.50

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	22 3/4 - 23 1/8	L
21 1/4 - 21 5/8	Sm	23 1/2 - 23 7/8	XL
22 - 22 3/8	M	24 1/4 - 24 5/8	XXL

Make All Checks Payable to WMA

Contact: America Zarate Dones,
6506 Carrington Sky Drive, Apollo Beach, FL 33572
Phone: (813) 810-3437
email: America.Dones@gmail.com

WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Merchandise

- Item:** "I love my Woman Marine" pin ...\$1.00
Item: "I love my Woman Marine" magnet ...\$3.00
Item: "I love my Woman Marine" bumper sticker ... \$1.00
Item: Grandma's Loyal Escort
 My Wife's Loyal Escort
 Mom's Loyal Escort... \$1.00
Item: Loyal Escort Hat... \$8.00
Item: Loyal Escort Patch ... \$5.00
Item: Loyal Escort Cup w/lid and straw... \$5.00
Item: Marine Corps emblem antenna
 toppers, silver/gold
 or black (*please specify*) \$3.00



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

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

Send chapter ads to Wanda Antoine, 3020 Puffin Circle, Fairfield, CA 94533, Editor@womenmarines.org. When WMA sales items are no longer available, notify Wanda 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: Naomi Malone, 218 Sunset Rd., Jacksonville, NC 28546-7045 (910) 545-7154 nmalone@ec.rr.com
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Item: A limited edition booklet of line drawings portraying Women Marines, signed and numbered by the artist, Marion A. Alien, a Regimental Artist during WWII. The original art is now a part of the U.S. Marine Corps Art Collection at the Museums Branch, Washington, D.C. Printed in Forest Green ink.
Size: 12-Page Booklet (10" x 7 1/4")
Cost: \$3.00 (including postage) Chapter: TX-2
Contact: Barbara Clark, 3539 Teakwood Drive, Pearland, TX 77584 or e-mail Brchoho@aol.com
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Item: "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.com



- Item:** "Cooking With Marines", a collection of recipes from Marines
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, 4525 Cove Circle, Apt. 102, St. Petersburg, FL 33708

- 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: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056-4011 (760) 724-9861
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Decals

- 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, 4525 Cove Circle, Apt. 102, St. Petersburg, FL 33708

Shirts and Sweats

- 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, L @ \$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
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Item: Golf shirt Dark (Hunter) Green with WMA logo (matches green covers) embroidered in white. Available in sizes (S) to (XXL) Red and also Khaki solid polo shirts. WMA notation spelled out under acronym.
Cost: \$28.00 (includes postage) Chapter: VA-1 Crossroads
Make checks payable to: WMA, VA-1
Contact: Dorothy Gordon, 93 High Ridge Dr. Stafford, VA 22554
 ☆
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 ea ; 2X - \$28 ea.
 T-Shirts: M - 2XL - \$16 ea; Short sleeved golf shirts: M - XL - \$28 ea
 Long sleeved golf shirts: M - XL - \$32 ea.
 Low profile cap: one size fits all - \$16 ea.
Checks: Old Dominion Chapter, WMA VA-2
Contact: Mickey Jennings, 6486 Lark Way, Mechanicsville, VA 23111 E-mail: mickeyjennings@hotmail.com
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- Item:** Dark Green Windbreaker Jacket with WMA logo on front left side. Sizes: Available in **Medium Size Only**
Cost: \$34.00 Includes postage and handling.
Checks: EMVSC, CA-7, WMA
Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4401
 ☆

- Item:** White golf shirt with embroidered green WMA logo circled by the phrase, "More Than A Woman A Woman Marine"
Cost: All sizes (S) to (XXXL) \$28.00 (price includes shipping)
Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1
Contact: Heidi Tanada, 17103 S.W. Eldorado Dr. Tigard, OR 97224-2075
 ☆

- Item:** Light gray t-shirt with small green WMA logo on front and large logo on back; both circled by the phrase, "More Than A Woman A Woman Marine"
Cost: Sizes (M) to (XXXL) \$16.00 (price includes shipping)
Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1
Contact: Heidi Tanada, 17103 S.W. Eldorado Dr. Tigard, OR 97224-2075

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, 4707 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209 (210) 829-8522



WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

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, 4707 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209
 (210) 829-8522



Item: WMA Ring, Jeweler - Jostens
Cost: Lustrium (*non precious white*) \$181.00
 Questra (*non precious gold*) \$218.00
 10 Karat Yellow Gold \$325.00
 14 Karat Gold \$395.00 (*Cost includes three initials inside ring & shipping*)
Note: Include ring size and phone number when ordering
Chapter: FL-7 First Coast
Contact: Gayle Plant, President FL-7, PO Box 463, Keystone Heights, FL 32656;
 (352) 473-7826



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



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



Item: Lapel pins, "United States Woman Marine" and WMA,
 1 inch in diameter
Cost: \$5.00 each (including shipping and handling)
Chapter: CA-3
Contact: Kathleen Wright, 349 Howard Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95051



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: \$9.00 (*postpaid*) Chapter: FL-4, Tampa Tarpons
Contact: Laverne 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: 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: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056-4011
 (760) 724-9861

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: Naomi Malone, 218 Sunset Rd., Jacksonville,
 NC 28546-7045 (910) 545-7154 nmalone@ec.rr.com



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: 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: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056-4011
 (760) 724-9861



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: "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



Item: "Woman Marine" Ribbon Magnet, 8" x 4"
Cost: \$6.00 (*includes shipping & handling*)
Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller
Contact: Ellen Liedy, 1107 Columbus Ave., Barberton, OH 44203
 (303) 825-8935 email: leidyrun@aol.com



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Funding Needed for Molly Marine Rally Point at the National Museum of the Marine Corps

The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation has been expanding the National Museum of the Marine Corps. A key element of the expansion is the Semper Fidelis Memorial Park, a place for remembrance and reflection within which Marines, family members, and friends may honor those who served - and sacrificed - in our Corps. The park consists of a network of paved trails connected to several rally points, and is located on beautifully landscaped high ground adjacent to the National Museum. It includes a chapel and various features evoking our maritime tradition.

Marine fraternal organizations will have the opportunity to honor their comrades-in-arms through the placement of memorials and statues at select locations throughout the park, the most

prominent of which will be the rally points. We're very pleased to say that one of the larger rally points will be centered around a Molly Marine statue. The funds to cast the Molly statue were provided by Patrick and Phyllis Taylor of New Orleans, who also helped with the Molly Marine Restoration project in 2000-2002. That effort resulted in the placement of new Molly statues at Paris Island and in front of the Gray Research Center at Quantico.

The Marine Heritage Foundation is encouraging all the fraternal organizations of the Marine Corps to join in sponsoring the expansion and completion of Semper Fidelis Memorial Park. WMA could help in the effort, and would be recognized in the park through its sponsorship of the Molly statue if we con-

tribute significantly to the project. The total cost to complete Semper Fidelis Park is roughly \$15M. Our recognition will be proportionate to the amount of funds we raise and contribute.

I would ask that each of you decide on how much you can contribute to this very worthwhile, long-lasting and visible project. Send your donations directly to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation on the below form. Using the form below will double your contribution, since WMA provides matching funds.

Carol Mutter,
Past National President of WMA



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As a WMA member, I'm proud to support the
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