



## President's Message: Help Me Share Your Legacy

As I approach the end of my first year in service as your 19th WMA National President, I am reminded of discussions I have with our WMA National Historian, Nancy Wilt, that emphasizes how important our stories are...from Opha M. Johnson, Molly Marine to Carol Mutter... our stories continue to be our legacy.

It is that understanding that I'll use as my Presidential platform "Our Stories are the Foundation for the Future."

Every day I'm reminded how strong our Marine Corps bonds are.

It was breathtaking to stand at the podium during the Molly Marine Dedication on July 5, 2013 and look into the eyes of Generals, Admirals, WMA members, Young Marines and citizens...all present at our only National Museum of the Marine Corps to pay tribute to this symbol of Marine Corps strength.

Molly Marines were present at the dedication in large numbers...like our Military Guest of Honor, Major General Angie Salinas, and others who sat in silence, known only by their internal recognition that they, too, were part of Molly Marine.

But, as I reflected on my personal journey (while viewing audience members; even my family, and remembering Marines who continue to impact my life) it reminded me that we are all Molly Marines, holding the book of experience, with the binoculars of visionaries while looking towards our future, standing elegant in our uniform of lifetime service.

We are fortunate to be part of a Sisterhood that commemorates that we are women by gender and Marines for life. What a strong legacy!

We must continue to lay this groundwork for our future generations by docu-

THE WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION WISHES TO THANK  
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Mary StremLOW and Betty Moseley Brown pose with Molly.

menting our stories. On July 4, before the Molly Dedication, I solemnly visited Molly's statue. As I approached

her, there was a stunning figure echoing my footsteps towards Molly. We greeted one another, she recognized me, but I not her. I asked her name, she said "Mary StremLOW". Hearing her name and standing next to this WMA lifetime member reminded me of the treasure she is, and that each of YOU are. You are my Sister Marines, and each of us have earned the eagle, globe, and anchor.

It was a weekend of wonderful reunions, familiar hugs (and tears) and farewells, again.

As we prepare for our Biennial WMA National Convention in Kansas City, July 25-28, 2014, our theme will be "WMA at the Crossroads of America." This is perfect as we stand for this brief moment at the crossroads of past, present and future.

Help me share our legacy, YOUR legacy. Send me a picture of you in uniform and a current (or more recent picture, if available) with a few paragraphs about your dates of service, memorable experiences and nuggets of wisdom (what you would like our next generation to know).

Please share these items with me as I travel the states and visit your Chapters. Help me pave the future with your stories, our legacy.

Thank you to all who have documented our history in the past. We still need you! My mailbox is open...85 Monte Carlo Way, Charles Town, WV 25414.

I hope our journeys bring us together in Kansas City.

Again, thank you all for helping to raise our latest Molly Marine statue. Semper Fidelis!

**Betty Moseley Brown**  
WMA National President

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## July 5th, 2013: The Dedication at the National Museum of the Marine Corps



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## There's a New Girl in Town...

Hello again! Like a bad penny, I'm back! Don't get excited (either way!). Wanda is taking a maternity leave from the newsletter, so I'm serving as guest editor. She'll be back for the winter issue...if she gets any sleep between now and then!

So I have the honor of introducing you to Wanda's newest "staff" member, Isabel Victoria Antoine! Born on 23 May, she weighed in at a slender 5 lbs. 13 oz. and was 18.25 inches long. Other than lack of sleep (I hear all you mothers chuckling), Wanda is doing fine and Isabel is growing. The photo shows her at six weeks. I'm sure Wanda will have her proofing the newsletter when she returns to duty.

Nothing changes! Submissions should still be sent to [editor@womenmarines.org](mailto:editor@womenmarines.org). But please... be gentle with me. I've been gone awhile.

*Sondra Metzger*



# Relief and Appointment – 8th & I

As if becoming the first Barracks SgtMaj wasn't enough, what SgtMaj Angela Maness wore was an eye opener to a lot of Marines who are not within distance of 8th & I...a modified male dress blue uniform.

According to Marine Barracks: "Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., is conducting an ongoing evaluation of female uniforms and covers during the 2013 parade season.

The testing process, being conducted at the direction of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James F. Amos, is to evaluate the use of a modified male blue dress coat and dress cover on women who march in the Friday Evening and the Tuesday Sunset Parades. Female Marines who are in a ceremonial hosting capacity during these parades will only evaluate the dress cover.

Given the frequency with which Barracks Marines wear the blue dress uniform, the highly visible unit is uniquely positioned to evaluate the use of what are traditionally male uniform items on female Marines.

It's unknown at this time whether or not this change will be instituted on a Corps-wide basis.

At the end of this parade season, the command at the Barracks will gauge feedback from its diverse population of Marines and report this information to the Commandant. At that point, the way ahead will be determined."

What do you think, Marines?

*Sondra Metzger*



SgtMaj Maness relieved SgtMaj Eric Stockton as Barracks SgtMaj. SgtMaj Stockton also retired during the ceremony after 30 years of service.



What do you think of the male cover with our dress blues?



CONGRATULATIONS SGTMAJ MANESS ON  
YOUR APPOINTMENT AND YOUR PLACE IN  
MARINE CORPS HISTORY.

SgtMaj Maness during a sunset parade.

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# 1st Vice President's Message: A 2014 Convention Challenge

Summer is here and because of the change in convention times for 2014 and the future, we are looking at barely more than a year until we will gather again in Kansas City, MO. So many of you have joined since the 2012 Convention in Philadelphia...some of you



joining there on site, and many others joining after connecting on Facebook, through our web site, or as a result of attending the 70th Anniversary celebration at Parris Island. As you read this, you should shortly be receiving your copy...either electronic or paper...of the Resource Manual and Directory.

Every single time I receive a directory it means several hours of checking for names, trying to locate more old

friends who may have joined since the last directory. There is one thing even better than spotting those familiar names...

meeting up at National Convention. Over

the years I have reconnected with platoon commanders and instructors from my time in the Women Officer School at Quantico, recruits that I helped to train at Parris Island, women...and even a couple of men...that I worked with at Camp Pendleton, Camp Courtney, and Camp Elmore. Convention is business and banquets, panels and presentations, awards and applause, but most of all reuniting and remembering.



**Fun Run-2012 Convention in Philadelphia.**  
**The group is gathered at the site of the original Tun Tavern.**

I want to put a challenge out there to each and every member of WMA: between now and our Convention in Kansas City, July 24-29 2014, I challenge you to reach out to a Marine buddy and encourage her to join WMA and register

for the convention. The location is the most central location we have chosen in the last 14 years...right in the middle of the heartland...and our Convention Coordinating Committee has chosen the classiest hotel in the heart of the city. Put it on your personal "to-do" list to recruit a new member and invite them to meet you in Kansas City. Let's make Convention 2014 the biggest and best ever.

**Mitzi Manning**

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## Greetings and Thanks from the 2nd Vice President

Welcome to the quarterly edition of *'Nouncements*. Your Board members have been very busy conducting the business of the Organization.

We have been working on SOP changes, attending various Chapter meetings, getting the budget for next two years done, and just generally preparing for the Interim Board Meeting to be held at our Convention site in Kansas City in October.

Probably the most significant event was the dedication on July 5 of Molly Marine at the entrance to the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico. I'm sure that our President Betty Moseley Brown will be telling you all about that elsewhere in this issue.

One of my duties as 2nd Vice President is the oversight of several committees. These include Scholarship, History Committee, Women of the Corps Collection (WOCC), MCJROTC program, National Merchandise, VAVS Committee, and point of contact for the HQMC Liaison. In each of these areas I have outstanding committee heads that keep me informed and on target, or at least they

try. Each one of these individuals dedicates their time to make sure that WMA meets our obligations as it relates to their areas. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work. Without their efforts WMA would not be successful.

We have reached the one year mark of WMA "owning" the Women of the Corps Collection (WOCC) and are now in the process, with the Women of the Corps Foundation (WCF) of reviewing our current agreement and looking at processes and procedures that may be improved to make things more straightforward and better overall.

There are two folks that have done the "heavy lifting" on this. One is our WOCC Curator Nancy Wilt and the other is Sara Phoenix, the WCF representative. I thank them both for their tireless efforts. Managing the WOCC is a huge effort as you can imagine. You will see an article from Nancy as an update in this issue.

This year's MCJROTC program has been very successful in large part through the efforts of all the Area Direc-

tors working with Tammy Buchanan to make sure cadets received their ribbons and certificates and the membership in assisting with presentation of these awards. Thank you all.

Tammy has let me know that, unfortunately, she needs to step down as the lead for the MCJROTC program so I am actively looking for someone to take over this position. Now that the school year is over for most, the program activity is not as busy so a good time to learn the ropes. If you are interested in filling this position and helping WMA please let me know. Send me an email at 2VP@womenmarines.org with all your contact information.

As I said earlier, all of my volunteer committee heads are outstanding and if you are interested in becoming more involved with activities of WMA, please let me know.

I will be addressing the other areas of my responsibility in the next issue as we will be looking for your input in those areas as well going forward.

**Kathy Sheppard**



# Molly Marine Award Recipients



Recipients from Series 4012 Series, 24 April 2013, (l-r): PFC Jennifer Walker, Plt 4013, Roseville, CA; PFC Ashley Arvis, Plt 4012, Elmhurst, IL



Recipients from 4014 Series, 7 May 2013, (l-r): PFC Claire E. Dawson, Plt 4015, Ashland, OR; PFC Jasmine R. Sturdifan, PLT 4014, Chase City, VA



4016 Series, 22 May 2013, O Company's Molly Marine recipients in front of Plt 4016: (l-r): PFC Monica Hilpisch, Plt 4017, Stillwater, MN; PVT Mercedes Pollard, Plt 4016, Moyock, NC



O Company following the Molly Marine Award presentation...OOO-RAH!



Recipients from 4018 Series, 12 June 2013, (l-r): PFC Amelia J. Williams, Plt 4018, Bremerton, WA; PFC Jessica M. Winkowski, Plt 4019, Brookfield, WI



# Julia Sheriden: "She Served - She Deserves"

"I do this because somebody did this for me. Veterans have earned it. I would not be living up to honor, courage and commitment if I didn't help. I never quit."

On Valentine's Day of this year Julia Sheriden received a call from the Seattle City Club that she was one of five winners out of 200 nominations for the Jefferson Award in Washington State. On April 9th she found out she was selected as a national winner and went to Washington DC on June 18th to receive her award. Julia was anonymously nominated for her work as founder of Outreach and Resource Services (OARS) for Women Veterans. OARS is a 501(c) non-profit dedicated to the betterment of all women veterans.

The mission of the Jefferson Awards, founded in 1972, is to encourage and honor individuals for their achievements and contributions through public and community service. In the 40 years since, winners of the award have included five Supreme Court Justices, seven Secretaries of State, three first ladies, several Presidents of the United States, athletes and entertainers, Marine LtCol John Glenn and now WMA's own Julia Sheriden.

The Jefferson Award, also known as the "Nobel Prize of Public Service and Volunteerism", was co-founded by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Senator Robert Taft Jr, and Sam Beard and today their primary purpose is to serve as a call to action for volunteers in local communities. While in Washington DC last month Julia says she met people from all around the country who are empowering others through volunteering. She also met two people she says were on her bucket list of people to meet: Elie Wiesel, professor, political activist and author of 57 books, including one based on his experiences as a prisoner at Auschwitz and Dolores Huerta, co-founder of Farm Workers of America.

The seed of service to country began at home. Julia is the daughter, niece, granddaughter, great-granddaughter and sister of veterans. Her father was a Marine who served in Guadalcanal in 1942 and four of her brothers were also Marines. She joined the Marine Corps in February 1978 and served until March 1981 attaining the rank of Sgt. During her enlistment she was the first woman in the 3rd MAW, and possibly the Marine Corps, trained as a combat-ready field cook and also became the first woman Military Affiliated Radio Systems (MARS) Radio Operator. Julia, who describes herself as an "encyclopedia of veterans' information", says her biggest reward is not with awards recognizing her work but when a veteran she helped has a life.

After her medical discharge, homeless and deemed "unem-

ploable" by the Marine Corps, she went to the VA for assistance and was told "Go home and let your husband take care of you." Instead, she says, she became her own best advocate. She went to an employment office and met another woman veteran who worked there who helped her. Julia says this veteran told her "Right now things are tough. But, they'll get

better and when they get better I hope you'll remember me and help another woman veteran." She fought the VA for 18 years to get her claim accepted and that inspired her to start OARS.

The beginnings of OARS started approximately eight years ago when she began attending DAV meetings. It started simply; she wanted to help women veterans get the services they needed and were owed through the VA and their local communities. She realized women veterans were not attending the DAV meetings and the meetings were not addressing women's issues. Julia would go to restaurants wear-

ing a hat or shirt that identified herself as a Woman Marine and

connected with veterans who needed help navigating through the VA system. "I'm the thin line between a veteran not having a home and having a home. I help with claims, write letters, file stories, get their needs met, get them treatment. I encourage them, say nice things to them. I help them find something inside themselves. I'm their advocate, someone to believe in them."

In 2006 she began holding meetings at her house and later a rental hall to help women veterans learn about the resources available to them. Last summer Julia went to the Secretary of State of Washington and got 501(c) status for her organization. A month later, August 17, 2012, she held a meeting, attended by 20 women veterans, focusing on VA benefits and maneuvering through the system. The OARS web page says their philosophy is to help women veterans attain as high a quality of life as possible. "She Served - She Deserves".

Julia is a WMA Member-at-large in Washington State. To find out more about her organization: <http://www.oars4vets.org/>

To find out more about the Jefferson Awards: <http://www.jeffersonawards.org/>

*"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation."*

- GEORGE WASHINGTON

*Michelle Weaver*



**Julia standing front and center with the other award recipients.**

# Our History is *always* growing – Part 1

The Women of the Collection is amazed at how much new information continues to surface especially on our WWI and WWII women. The result is a change of format for the History Article in this issue. Hopefully you will enjoy and in cases be amazed at some of what you learn.

## World War I

**Did you know** that women Marines during WWI were members of the Marine Corps Reserve and their enlistment was of the same duration as that of their fellow male Marines? Their official designation was USMCR (F), and that all (with only one exception known at this time) continued in the inactive reserve after release from active duty.

As inactive reservists they received \$1.00 a month until discharge. As one WWI woman Marine has stated, “Enough to buy one pair of nice leather shoes a year”. The standard reserve enlistment was for a period of four years meaning our women served until 1922-1923.

**Did you know** that while it has always been believed that only 305 women served as Marines in WWI, recently discovered information indicate that 316 were actually sworn in?

**Did you know** that an issued, vital and beloved part of the women’s WWI uniform was the standard Marine Corps Campaign cover? (DI Cover)

The campaign cover was a favorite of the WWI women and worn for a variety of functions including morning drill, parade participation, during inclement weather (they had no uniform rain gear) and for standing post.

**Did you know** that the enlisted end strength of the Marine Corps in 1918 was 13,512 and that using the number of

316 USMCR (f)’s would result putting the women at .02 percent of the Corps.

**Did you know** that WWI nicknames for women Marines included “Lady Hell Cats” Skirt Marines, Lady Leathernecks and the most popular “Marinettes”? Recently discovered information indicates that name “Marinettes” was the brain child of the Secretary of the Navy.

The name was not liked nor authorized for use by Marines at direction of Commandant Barrett; however, it was very popular with the American press.

**Did you know** that only 8 women obtained the rank of Sergeant during WWI? (The highest rank authorized for the women). An additional duty of a number of these women sergeants was to conduct the morning drill; held on the Ellipse near the Washington Monument that was under construction at the time, drill was conducted 5-6 mornings a week. In the beginning only male sergeants were assigned the task of conducting the drill, however, as the women gained the needed training they conducted the drill as needed.

**Did you know** that Opha May Johnson typed her own enlisted document, X-ing out every reference to male marines, and male oriented issues? Opha was forty years old and had been married twenty years when she joined the Corps and it appears her husband had to give his approval/permission for her to enlist.

Opha worked for the Quartermaster General of the Marine Corps before and during the war and continued in that office to her retirement from government service in 1943. Opha died in 1955 at a VA hospital in Washington, DC.

**Did you know** that Private Elizabeth

Bertram, of the Denver Recruiting Office was the first known WM to shot the official Marine Rifle Course at the direction of her OIC Major Charles Guggenheim?

Reluctantly sending her, Maj Guggenheim ensured she qualified with the same weapon used by the male Marines. She qualified with an Enfield M-19-17.

Upon her return from the range having shot the entire course in drenching rain, the Major reviewed her score and then removed his own marksmanship medal and pinned it on Pvt Bertram’s uniform blouse.

WWI ended before her next trip to the range. Pvt Bertram like many other women Marines of that war never met another WM while on active duty.

If you would like an answer to a question or information on opening a collection of your own in the WOCC, the fastest and surest ways to contact me is 303-663-3747 or [niwilt@aol.com](mailto:niwilt@aol.com).

Semper Fi,

**Nancy Wilt**

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*(Ironically, because of that “growing history,” we had to split Nancy’s wonderful article into two parts. Part 2 will be published in our next issue. ~~ Sondra Metzger)*



**Opha M. Johnson**



**MajGen James A. Kessler, Vivian Price-Butler, and Young Marines National Executive Director Michael B. Kessler.**

## Young Marines Honor Price-Butler

The Young Marines organization has named 1stSgt Vivian Price-Butler, USMC (Ret) its national “Adult Volunteer of the Year” at the annual Young Marines adult leader conference in Reno, NV. 1stSgt Price-Butler, of the Central Maryland Young Marines, leads the only Young Marine unit for kids with special needs ranging from autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, brain injuries and/or intellectual disabilities. Besides teaching her Young Marines about the military and basic disciplinary values such as obeying one’s parents, the unit does its fair share of community outreach by holding toy collections, sending care packages to troops and visiting veterans’ hospitals. They also take place in color guard ceremonies and march in parades.



# One Molly Begins, Another Ends

The highest ranking female Marine, who spent nearly four decades breaking gender barriers, began her final day of active-duty service by dedicating a statue honoring women who served in the Corps.

Maj. Gen. Angela Salinas, director of the Manpower Management Division, dedicated a replica of the Molly Marine statue located at the National Museum of the Marine Corps. It was a fitting milestone at the end of Salinas' 39-year career in the Corps, which began when she joined as an enlisted Marine in 1974.

Salinas said that dedicating the Molly Marine statue at the museum brings female service members into the fold. But the statue has long had a personal meaning to her. She told the crowd gathered in the museum's atrium of the 12-inch Molly Marine statue that was given to her on her graduation from recruit training at Parris Island. The sculpture was awarded by the platoon to the female recruit who best exemplified the meaning of being a Marine. Since then, Molly has had a place in every office she's occupied.

"She stands as a constant reminder of my roots and the legacy that's been entrusted to me," she said, adding that the statuette gave her the confidence to reach beyond what she would have imagined herself doing.

"Molly connects our past with our present and gives us hope for the future," Salinas said. "People get to see her right



**Carol Mutter presents MajGen Salinas with a shadowbox commemorating her career.**

down the walkway from 'Chesty' Puller and others from the legacy of our Corps," Salinas said. "It really gives women the credibility I think they've been looking for for years."

Salinas broke through several barriers during her career. In 1989, she became the first woman to command one of the Corps' recruiting stations. In 2006, she was the first woman to be named commanding general of one of the recruit depots. She is also the most senior Hispanic Marine in the Corps, being the first female Hispanic Marine to be promoted to the rank of general officer.

Salinas is now ending her career at a time of historic change for women in the Marine Corps. The military is conducting research as officials examine whether to open jobs previously closed to women, including those in the infantry and special operations.

Leaving the Corps at this moment, when women are allowed to try for some of these jobs, makes Salinas feel like her career is complete, she said.

"I got to see everything that could possibly happen, happen during my time in the Marine Corps," she said. "For me personally, it's like I'm done. There's nothing else I could do to make it better for the next generation."

She said dedicating the Molly Marine statue gives her hope that young girls considering a career in today's Corps have something to look to. When she enlisted just after the end of the Vietnam War, it wasn't a very popular time to don a military uniform, she said. What's more, there weren't a lot of people doing so who looked like her.

But having the chance to command as a young officer and serving in roles in which no women had served before her, helped build credibility for women in the Corps, she said, which made leaders recognize that it was time to open more opportunities for women. The path has been paved for female Marines to do great things, she said.

"I look at a young officer now and say, 'There's nothing for you to do but take advantage of the opportunities before you,'" Salinas said.

*Excerpted from the  
Marine Corps Times and  
Quantico Sentry*

*Photo by Pam Biedenbender*

## Sergeants Major Prafke Retirements Make History

(Jacksonville, NC) Two married sergeants major made Marine Corps history when they retired in a dual ceremony Friday morning. With more than 60 years of combined service, Sgts. Maj. Bradley and Holly Prafke retired moments apart during a ceremony on the flight line of Marine Corps Air Station New River.

The Prafkes have been married for 27 years of their respective careers, and their dual retirement marks the first time the Marine Corps has conducted a same-day retirement of two Marines married to each other who both achieved the rank of sergeant major.

Both Marines were decorated Friday. Bradley Prafke received the Legion of Merit and Holly Prafke received the Meritorious Service Medal. Both received certificates of appreciation from



President Barack Obama and messages from the commandant and sergeant major of the Marine Corps.

Meeting when both were lance corporals, the two became best friends even before courting. The most difficult part of their careers and marriage came from the 11 years spent apart because of Marine Corps obligations, Bradley Prafke said.

"We didn't start out trying to make history," Bradley Prafke said. "...Through our career of getting promoted, she was always ahead of me. But I get the last laugh be-

cause I'm senior now."

*Story by Thomas Brennan, Daily News Staff  
Photo by John Althouse, The Daily News*



# June's Story: *My Memories of 1943, Part Two:* Hunter College and Link Training

BY JUNE DAISY JOHNSON WHITEHURST as told to Wanda Antoine

This was my second trip to New York City. The first was on a three day vacation with my girl friend when I worked in Washington, DC. This time, I was going to Hunter College for boot training as a U.S. Marine (WR)—an experience far less strenuous than a similar one today.

The male drill instructors really didn't know what to do with us. The worst penalty I saw given (and there were a few) was to a cute tiny girl—she probably stood on her tip toes to reach minimum height—as she was caught chewing gum during marching drill. The D.I. told her to stick it on her nose and make sure it stayed there for the rest of the day!

I remember doing a lot of jumping jacks and other exercises as well as drilling. There were also three flights of stairs to walk up and down each time we left and returned to our rooms. During orientation classes, we had it drilled into us that the Marine Corps was the best branch in the service, and 70 years later, I still believe this. We were told that we must continue the traditions and *esprit de Corps* of the courageous Marines who came before us. We learned to take an M-1 apart and put it back together, but never fired it.

We paraded and had a review for Madame Chiang Kai Shek, wife of the Chinese leader fighting the communists. Later, she visited the room I shared with three other young ladies. She was curious as to how we made up our double bunks and asked to tear one apart so she could be shown how to make it. (Thank goodness it wasn't mine!) She was charming and likeable.

Finally, just before Memorial Day, we were fitted for our green wool uniforms, which were issued a few days later. This was just in time for our two companies to be the first Women Marines to march down Broadway in a Memorial Day parade—a memorial time seventy years ago.

Just before the end of boot camp, we were given liberty. As I had very little money, and knew no one in New York, I decided to walk in the nearby area to get a feeling of what it was like. After about an hour of walking, I came upon a Jewish delicatessen. In my mind, I saw a liverwurst on rye with a pickle. Inside, the smells and sights were a delight to my senses as I savored the delicacy.

During an interview after the Marine Occupation Test, I was told my scores were high enough that I could apply for any occupation I wanted, with the exception of air traffic control. (My depth perception is inaccurate. This disqualified me.) Officer Candidate School (OCS) was recommended. I said I had heard about link trainer instructor, and this intrigued me. Later, I was told that I was one of the eleven women in the two companies in our class who were chosen to go to the link trainer instructors school in Harris Field, near Atlanta.

Kate Smith, who introduced "God Bless America", sang for us during her live radio broadcast during one of our last evenings.



**After issuance of summer uniform I helped choose when working in Maj. Streeter's office. It was green and white cotton seersucker. This photo was taken for publicity purposes to send to my hometown newspaper.**

We felt real "salty" when we were issued sea bags just before we left Hunter. In a letter home, I wrote, "I can't imagine what we will do with them. They smell awful! I wouldn't want my clothes packed in one until it had a chance to be really aired out."

We left New York on a troop train for Atlanta (no air conditioning) on June 13, 1943. We wore our wool forest green winter suits, as summer uniforms would not be ready for nearly two months.

The scheduled 25 hour trip aboard a coach train stretched to over 30 hours because of engine trouble.

I was seated near the front of the train and could hear all this noisy commotion coming from the rear of the train. Some crazy, loud-mouth girl was showing off and acting ridiculous. Evidently, she was just trying to draw attention to herself. These were my first thoughts about the woman Marine who was to become my best buddy—Mary Arleen Henry.

I settled back in my straight-back, uncomfortable train seat, watched the countryside speed by, and dismissed the loud-mouth behind me. The dismissal was short-lived as we were alphabetically assigned bunks when we got to Harris Field. "J" does come after "H", as in June Johnson and Mary Henry. She did not let me choose the top bunk. We went to the mess hall together that evening. I found her to be a very interesting person to know.

Harris Field was a Naval Air Station. Our woman Marine lieutenant impressed upon us that we were Marines and to follow her orders- not Navy officers.

Our uniform of the day was our khaki shirts, unbuttoned at the neck with no tie, and men's' dungarees. Can you imagine how they fit our waist while large enough to fit our hips! We wore regulation khaki anklets.

We had no drill, only exercise in a gym every day. The food (as on most Navy bases) was so good. The trays and silverware were clean. Our meals included bananas for breakfast, along with Danish pastries.

On Fridays, breakfast included baked beans—a Navy staple. This was a big change from boot camp chow!



We had weekend liberty in Atlanta as long as our grades warranted it. Mary and I always stayed at the Grady Hotel and ordered watermelon and fried shrimp for lunch.

We rode a country bus from base to town. One day while waiting at the bus stop on Peachtree Street, a young lady stopped to ask if she could give us a lift.

Gasoline was rationed at that time and Harris Field must have been at least twenty miles away. We thanked her and told her we were going too far out of town.

True to "southern hospitality", she insisted she wanted to give us a ride.

During classes, we first learned about the physical aspects of the Link, which was named after its inventor, Edward Link. It was like a small piper cub with half the wingspan and sat on a vacuum box. It was controlled by the pilot in the cockpit moving the stick from side to side, forward or backward. The pilot was taught to climb, glide, or turn. There were maneuvers using Morse code "A" "N" signals when navigating the sky. We learned the mechanics needed to maintain and repair it. With that mastered, we learned to fly and perform the ma-



**On liberty in Atlanta, July 1943.**

neuvers ourselves. Then we taught the new class of students. A "crab" on a nearby desk tracked the movement of the "plane" so we could see how to instruct the flyer via microphone.

After finishing training and being promoted again to Pfc., I wanted to let my folks in St. Joseph see how I looked in my uniform. I decided to "hitchhike" by plane to my new assignment—Cherry Point, North Carolina. I had an "8 days en-route."

On the first lap from Harris Field, I flew in an Army AT7, a training plane. The pilot was a flight instructor. When he heard I had just finished Link school, he told me to "Take over the controls and fly by instruments" to Shreveport! So, I put the earphones on and my training to the test. Not being able to see the ground, and using instruments only, I flew from Atlanta to Shreveport. Of course, he took over the controls to land the plane.

My next hop was to Oklahoma City. Then I went on to Sedalia, Mo., where I caught a train to St. Joseph.



**After Link Trainer school. Notice the PFC stripe I received upon completion.**

## Online Donations to Wreaths Across America

Thank you to all who have already sponsored wreaths for 2013. You got us off to a great start and WMA has already made some money from wreaths that have been purchased for Quantico in 2013. Please note that all donations to Wreaths Across America (WAA) are tax deductible.

We are now able to sponsor wreaths directly through the (WAA) site as follows:

1 - Go to **[www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)**

2 - Near the top of the page, select **"STORE"**

3 - Then click on the **Sponsor a Wreath** page which allows you to select how many wreaths you want to donate (don't worry about the designation "family" or "small business" - just select the number you want.) Note: the site offers options to purchase 1, 2, 4, 8, 10 or 100 wreaths. Do not select the option to donate a wreath to Arlington because WMA does not get credit for such donations. Wreath donations are \$15 per wreath. Should you want to purchase a different number, please send a check to Kathleen Wright at the address shown below:

**Kathleen Wright**

**349 Howard Dr**

**Santa Clara, CA 95051**

4 - On the donation page, please ensure you select the states and organizations correctly as shown in the following sample.

Location state is VIRGINIA (This is the state where the cemetery is located)

Location cemetery is VAQNCT (This is the code for the National Cemetery at Quantico)

Group State is PENNSYLVANIA (PA) (The official mailing address for WMA is in Pennsylvania)

Group identification is PAWMANL01 (This code identifies WMA National as the sponsor)

5 - You may also elect to donate your wreath in memory or in honor of any veteran. Just follow the directions to provide this information.

6 - Provide payment information and you are done.

We encourage you to look over the site as there is a great deal of information available. They also have WAA merchandise available should you desire to purchase it. Also, you are encouraged to make this a family project, a church project, a veteran's group project or any other type of project to help us support our veterans buried at the Quantico National Cemetery.

If you prefer to sponsor one or more wreaths via the mail, you can still send checks to Kathleen Wright at the address shown above. Please ensure checks are made out to **Wreaths Across America** or **WAA**.

If you are unable to sponsor a complete wreath, you may send donations in any amount to Kathleen at the above address and your donation will be combined with donations from others to make up the \$15 sponsorship fee. Every little bit helps to make this project successful.

Thank you for helping WMA support this very worthwhile project. Always remember: *"To be killed in war is not the worst that can happen. To be lost is not the worst that can happen... to be forgotten is the worst."* - Pierre Claeysens (1909-2003)

Semper Fidelis,

**Kathleen Wright**

**WMA Coordinator for WAA**

# Taps

*"If the Army and the Navy ever look on Heaven's scenes, they will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines." (Third stanza of the Marines Hymn)*

Please take a moment to remember our departed sister Marines who have taken leave of this life to fulfill heaven's ranks. May their souls and those of all our departed members rest in peace.

## Life Members

Bakke, Joyce C.	MN-1	5/7/13	#3289
Bates, Mary (Haney)	FL-1	12/4/12	#466
Chenery, Mary (Herbert)	FL-6	10/1/12	#1299
Connelly, Emma (Haugan)	MAL OH	4/26/12	#2136
Coston, Shirley (Nishikawa)	CO-2	5/27/13	#2310
Davis, Barbara Lee	CA-10	5/27/13	#2694
Dooley, Mary Lu	MAL WI	3/12/11	#1269
Emsley, Mary C. (Ketchum)	MAL MI	4/10/13	#2036
Grogan, Shirley	FL-6	5/22/13	#2421
Harrison, Barbara (Marshall)	USA-1	2/13/13	#249
Helmer, F. Jean (Pearson/Oliver)	MI-2 & FL-6	6/1/13	#640
Hesser, Jeanne (Fey)	PA-2	6/16/13	#942
Hoadley, Bertha (Beers)	MAL NJ	11/5/11	#379
Hutto, Fern (Schirmer)	MAL TX	2/19/13	#905
Krager, Dorothy (Scharf)	OR-1	3/11/13	#497
Marmon, Janet (Futerer)	MAL OH	9/20/12	#2284
McKee, Jeannette (Hervin)	NM-1	Unknown	#856
Moore, Ruth (McCoy)	CA-10	5/4/13	#1047
Mutchler, Emma	MAL NJ	4/13/13	#1346
Negley, Sytephanie (Sawinski)	DC-1	5/9/13	#290
Norton, Virginia (Gleason)	MAL FL	9/16/10	#2779
Overlans, Madeline (Davis)	MAL FL	7/12/12	#1583
Olson, Ruth (Myers)	MAL CA	5/27/12	#1722
Popp, Alice D. (Roberts)	OR-1	5/12/13	#1289
Press, Naomi (Jordan)	FL-2	4/27/13	#802
Rowoth, Marjorie (Bodine)	NY-5	4/4/13	#1548
Shaklee, Esther Pearl (Morris)	MO-Kan 2	6/15/13	#1746
Stansbury-Turcek, Sally	MAL WI	2/26/13	#2171
Stapleton, Laura (Ellerman)	CA-5	2/16/13	#2273
Sullivan, Ruth	MA-1	6/5/13	#2997
Talbot, Joyce "Jo"	MAL VA	7/15/13	#1995
Thompson, Harleen "Tommy"	MN-1	4/30/13	#3287
Williams, Margaret (Thornley)	MAL UT	2/20/13	#1528

## Membership No.

## Term Members

Bartelt, Jeanne	MAL CA	5/22/13
Judd, Mary Le (Martin)	FL-7	4/27/13
King, Lorna J. (Eshelman)	PA-1 & PA- 2	5/25/13
Rindt, Gina Tipton	SC-1	5/17/13
Simmons, Shirley Gladys (Stapleton)	CA-2	5/9/13
Witt, Doris (Slade)	MAL WA	6/16/13



# Chaplain's Corner

*"There are two days about which nobody should ever worry, and these are yesterday and tomorrow." -- Helen Steiner Rice*

Such a simple statement, but I think many of us find it hard to live in the present and let yesterday and tomorrow take care of themselves. But think of how much more pleasant our days would be if we quit focusing on things in the past that we cannot change and worrying about things in the future that may never come to pass.





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## Where on the Web?- Some Useful Links to Keep You in Contact

As technology advances WMA must also tweak the way that they do business, connect and find our fellow Marines. In the matter of Social Media, WMA has reached out to our younger generation of Marines in this venue.

Much to our surprise we have found that many of our members are embracing this technology completely. Our oldest online member that we have found is Catherine Murray. At 96 she keeps in contact with many generations with just a key stroke.

You might be surprised what you find once you log in.

The WMA main webpage can be found at [www.womenmarines.org](http://www.womenmarines.org). You will find most of our basic information. Best of all you can send in your chapter events to be listed on the WMA calendar. A member can go deeper into our web once they log in and read *'Nouncements* and participate in the forums.

If it is lively discussion you want then you need to check out the Facebook page. We currently have over 3,700 members that span many generations. Yes, you need to join the Facebook community, but no worry, it is free. We are amazed at the connections that are made and the camaraderie are contained on these pages. Come check us out. I think you will be pleasantly surprised-  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WomenMarinesAssociation/>

### Pictures Pictures!

WMA National has been doing a great job in collecting pictures from the various events and functions. We have sites that cover our conventions, boot camp pictures, our Molly Marine Statues and the 4th BN celebrations. If you have pictures that you need posted you can send them to Mary Merritt at [pro@womenmarines.org](mailto:pro@womenmarines.org) or Valerie Shields Breidenbaugh at [sgtvshields@yahoo.com](mailto:sgtvshields@yahoo.com).

We would love to see your old pictures too! It is just another way to preserve our history digitally.

So check out our links below:

WMA Website: [www.womenmarines.org](http://www.womenmarines.org)

WMA Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WomenMarinesAssociation>

WMA Twitter: <http://twitter.com/womenmarines>

WMA Shutterfly convention pictures:

<http://womenmarinesassocdenver2010.shutterfly.com>

<http://2012philadelphia.shutterfly.com/>

Molly Marine Statue Pictures:

<http://mollymarinethestatue.shutterfly.com/>

Boot Camp Plt Pictures:

<http://womenmarinesbootcamppictures.shutterfly.com/>

WMA Blog: <http://womenmarines.wordpress.com>

WMA Elist: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WomenMarinesAssoc>

## Deidre Fetz Receives Annual BGen Margaret A. Brewer Award

The BGen Margaret A. Brewer Award is presented at the annual Colonel William R. (Rich) Higgins Memorial Mess Night held on April 27, 2013. WMA Chapter KY-1 sponsors the award. This year it was presented to Deidre Fetz. Pictured left-to-right are: Col Kenneth Dunn, USMC (Ret), guest speaker; Deidre Fetz (and award); and Alison Porter, KY-1 President.



## CA-7 Wishes Happy Birthday to Alyce Williamson!

It has become a tradition for CA-7 members to honor their oldest member each year at their annual picnic. Alyce Williamson turned 97 on 22 July. Our celebration was her second, and she has two more planned. All agree that turning 97 years young is a fate that deserves many celebrations.

The picnic was a grand success with BBQ tri-tip and chicken, and many fabulous side dishes. In addition to birthday cake, there were brownies and key-lime pie for dessert. The event was held at the home of Norma Wohlforth in Vista on a gorgeous afternoon.

Shown in the photo are (seated, l-r) Nancy York and Alyce Williamson; (standing) Lillian Hegener, Arlene Dainish, Patricia Halderson, Mary Lou Voigt, and Dorothy Munroe.

*Peggy Reiber*



# KANSAS CITY, here we come!

Make your plans now to attend the

**28th Biennial Women Marines Association Convention & Professional Development Conference**

**When: July 24 - July 29, 2014**

**Where: Westin Kansas City at CrownCenter**

**More Info: [Convention@womenmarines.org](mailto:Convention@womenmarines.org)**

## **Recommended Accommodations:**

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1 East Pershing Road  
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## **Women Marines Association**

## **2014 Convention and Professional Development Conference Schedule of Events • 24 July - 29 July 2014**

### **Thursday July 24, 2014**

1500-1800 Registration  
1900-2100 No Host Reception-Cash Bar

### **Friday July 25, 2014**

0800-1700 Registration  
0800-1200 WMA 2014-2016 Board Meeting  
0830-1200 Loyal Escorts 2014-2016 Board Meeting  
1000-1200 PX Set up  
1300-1600 PX Grand Opening  
1230-1300 Active Duty Orientation\*  
1330-1530 First Timers Meeting\*  
1500-1600 Flag Ceremony Rehearsal  
1730-1830 No Host Reception  
1830-2130 Opening Banquet

### **Saturday July 26, 2014**

0800-1700 Registration  
0830-1030 WMA Business Meeting #1\*  
0830-1030 Loyal Escorts Business Meeting #1  
1200-1430 Recognition and Awards Luncheon\*  
1500-1600 WS #1\*  
1630-1730 WS #2\*  
1730-1800 PX Opens  
1900-2300 Loyal Escorts Hospitality

### **Sunday July 27, 2014**

0700-0830 3rd Bi-Annual Fun Run/Walk  
0800-1600 Registration  
1000-1200 1st VP/AD's/Chapter Pres+  
1000-1200 PX Opens  
1230-1400 WMA Memorial Service\*  
1430-1630 WMA Business Meeting # 2\*  
1430-1630 Loyal Escorts Business Meeting #2  
1900-2200 Loyal Escorts Hospitality

### **Monday July 28, 2014**

0800-1600 Registration  
0900-1000 WS #3\*  
1100-1200 BOD Photo  
1200-1400 Installation Luncheon  
1430-1630 WMA 2014-2016 Board Training  
1430-1600 Loyal Escorts 2014-2016 Board Meeting  
1730-1830 No Host Reception  
1830-2130 Closing Banquet

### **Tuesday July 29, 2014**

0800-1200 WMA 2014-2016 Board Meeting

#### **\* Mandatory Events/Workshops (WS) for Active Duty:**

- Active Duty Orientation \*
- Workshops 1-3\*
- First Timers Meeting\*
- WMA Business Meetings 1 & 2\*
- Recognition and Awards\*
- WMA Memorial Service\*

+ Denotes mandatory for Area Directors and Chapter Presidents

\* Denotes mandatory for Active Duty



## 2014 Convention Hotel Information, Services and Areas of Interest



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WMA Room Rate is \$99 per night plus tax. Cut-off date for reserving your room at the special rate is 5:00 PM central time on July 7, 2014. Room rate is available three days prior and three days after.

An early departure fee of \$75 will apply if a guest checks out prior to their checkout date that will be confirmed at check-in. This does not apply to any guest who might be called to active duty during the event dates.

You can make your reservations at  
<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/WMAC2014>

**Kansas City Accommodation:** We're excited to announce the completion of our \$8 million renovation. Work, dine, or just relax in our transformed Lobby. Inspire productivity when you plan your next Kansas City meeting in our reinvigorated meeting and event space. We hope our refreshed arrival experience and new amenities will allow you to leave our Kansas City hotel feeling well-rested and renewed.

#### Things to do in Kansas City

In addition to the many family attractions housed in Crown Center, there are many things to do in Kansas City for all ages. Take a walking tour of the city, grab a drink in the Power and Light District, or enjoy one of the many great Kansas City restaurants. Other upcoming local events

include Rockfest and concerts at Sprint Center.

- Liberty Memorial Kansas City
- Union Station Kansas City
- Bartle Hall Convention Center
- Over 80 acres of shops and restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.

#### Westin Workout Fitness Studio

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Whether you have time for a full body workout or light stretch our fitness is equipped for both. The Westin Kansas City at Crown Center offers a comprehensive fitness experience in our Westin Workout Fitness Studio. One room offers spinning cycles and the other treadmills. Both rooms are furnished with Pilates workout equipment and DVD instructional equipment.

Your workout may include the following:

- Free weights
- Treadmills
- Ellipticals
- Stationary bikes
- Exercise balls
- Weight training stations focusing on your upper and lower body

Traveling light? Inquire at the front desk about our New Balance Gear Lending program, including men's and women's workout gear.

#### Kansas City Missouri Hotel Information

Check-in: 3:00 p.m.  
Check-out: 12:00 p.m.

#### Internet Options:

- Complimentary wireless Internet in lobby and public areas
- Guestroom Internet available for \$9.95 per 24 hours.
- Premium Guestroom Internet available for \$19.95 per 24 hours: Maximize your connectivity to YouTube, Skype and other 2.0 sites. Reliably reach family and friends and business contacts through your favorite video chat service.

**Pet Policy:** Dogs up to 40 lbs. are allowed with no charge.

- 100% Smoke Free Hotel
- Outdoor, Heated Swimming Pool
- Track and Tennis Courts

#### Parking Options:

- Self-Parking: \$16.00 per day
- Valet Parking: \$21.00 per day; Parking charged to guest room.

#### Hotel Shuttle:

- Fee: Complimentary
- Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM, Monday - Saturday: 3:00pm - 10:00pm
- For the convenience of our business travelers, the hotel offers complimentary shuttle service between the hotel and the downtown government and financial districts as well as other local area businesses.

**Location:** Located in Hallmark's Crown Center right off I-70



Westin Crown Center-Kansas City

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- The Brassiere Bar & Restaurant - first floor
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# Criteria for Recognition & Awards Competitions

The convention article you all have been waiting for! Please read this carefully and follow whatever suggestions and requirements are listed for the various awards. I can tell you that one chapter missed out on a first place award because they did not.

## Two items of interest:

- To those who won 1st place at the last convention, a reminder that you WILL have to return the perpetual plaque before the convention so we can have them engraved.
- The cover form that must be included with every submission will be in the Fall issue of *'Nouncements* with mail to information. But know now that **the mailing deadline for all submissions is 1 June 2014.**

My chapter, OK-2, is chairing the R&A this time, which for me means that I will FINALLY get to see the submissions! I NEVER got to see them at conventions because I was so busy. I'm looking forward to this, ladies! You are all so creative and do such an excellent job of presenting your chapter.

So now that you have the guidelines, it's ready...set...GO!!

*Sondra Metzger*

## Chapter Newsletter

Purpose:

- To inform and stimulate interest in improving communications within and among chapters of the Women Marines Association.

## Submit:

- One copy each of two (2) issues created since last convention.

## Pages:

- No restrictions (brevity should be considered where appropriate). Newsletter will be judged on the following format and contents.

## Contents:

- **Identification** - WMA Chapter number, date, volume number, issue number, editor name, address, and phone number. Also list each chapter officer.
- **Masthead** – artistic, attractive, and original. State number of newsletters issued during period.
- **Story Types:**
  - Contributor – number of articles that have bylines
  - WMA national news – not extensive – items to keep members current on National
  - Personalities – biography of members
  - Local Chapter news – community involvement, volunteer work, meetings, etc
  - Personalize activities of members, trips, sick call, etc
  - Special Events
- **Layout** - Arrangement of copy - should be neat, readable, orderly, pictures identified, and graphics may be used. Does not have to be slick ad agency presentation.

## Awards

1st Place – A perpetual plaque inscribed “The Editor’s Award for Outstanding Chapter Newsletter,” which is to be returned at the next convention. When returned, the chapter editor will receive a small individual award plaque bearing the winner’s name and reading “Editor Award for Outstanding Chapter Newsletter” with dates. Chapter will also receive a streamer

for their chapter colors and a certificate.

2nd & 3rd Places – Receive certificates for their chapters.

## History Book

Purpose:

- History books tell the current story of your chapter. They should contain photos, newspaper clippings, program books, chapter memorabilia, and memories you wish to be documented. They should be informative, fun, enjoyable, attractive, meaningful, and interesting.

Period:

- Two-year period from fiscal year of convention to end of fiscal year before convention (July 1st to June 30th). Example for convention 2014: July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014.

Book Layout:

- Chapter name and number on cover page.
- Brief history of Chapter’s beginning.
- Table of Contents
- Identify Chapter Officers and members.
- Chapter activities should be told in chronological order. All important events and programs held during the year by the Chapter should be included.
- Examples of Chapter activities may include newspaper articles, thank you letters, activity programs, and photographs.
- Only one book per Chapter will be accepted for judging.

Format:

- Cover – 1 standard 3-ring binder for 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. Identification of Chapter in a creative way is encouraged.
- Name and address of compiler – inside front cover/lower left hand corner.
- Title page or cover page centered, double spaced.
- Table of Contents with page references.
- Page numbering for content.

Articles and photos should have names, places and dates. Remember the Who, What, When, Where, and Why. Blurry and foggy prints will **not** enhance your finished product.

Awards:

1st Place: A perpetual plaque inscribed “Outstanding Chapter History Book Award,” which is to be returned at the next convention. When returned, the chapter historian will receive a small individual plaque bearing the winner’s name and reading, “Historian Award for the Outstanding Chapter History Book” and the dates. The chapter will also receive a streamer for their chapter colors and a certificate.

2nd & 3rd Place: Receive certificate for their chapter.

## Chapter Achievement Awards

Purpose:

- WMA Purposes as listed in Article 3 of the By-Laws

Period:

- Two-year period from fiscal year of convention to end of fiscal year before convention (July 1st to June 30th). Example for convention 2014: July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014.

Entries:

- Chapters may enter any one or all of the categories for their class (chapter size).

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- Entries in each class and category require separate binders and entry forms.

#### Classes:

- 5 – 20 members in a Chapter
- 21 – 45 members in a Chapter
- 46 + members in a Chapter

#### Categories:

- Fostering the spirit of comradeship of women who have served or now serve in the U.S. Marine Corps (regular or reserve) and sponsoring participating activities of a patriotic nature, particularly those that perpetuate the traditions and *esprit de corps* of the U.S. Marine Corps.
- Promoting activities that help community or charitable organizations function, such as office work, fund drive, volunteering, soliciting contributions, telethons and the like.
- Activities that improve the comfort, convenience, education, and quality of life for elderly, disabled, needy, or active duty women Marines; or, providing entertainment, care, and assistance to hospitalized veterans or members of the armed forces of the United States.

#### Book Layout:

- Chapter name, number, Class and Category on cover page.
- Table of Contents
- Chapter activities should be told in chronological order. All important events and programs held during the year by the Chapter should be included.
- Identify purpose to which the activity relates.
- Examples of Chapter activities may include newspaper articles, thank you letters, activity programs, and photographs.
- Only one book per Chapter for each Category will be accepted for judging.

#### Format

- Cover – 1 standard 3-ring binder for 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. Identification of Chapter in a creative way is encouraged.
- Name and address of compiler – inside front cover/lower left hand corner.
- Title page or cover page centered, double spaced.
- Table of Contents with page references.
- Page numbering for content.
- Articles and photos should have names, places, and dates. Remember the Who, What, When, Where, and Why. Blurry and foggy prints will **not** enhance your finished product.

#### Awards

1st Place: Each class will receive a certificate from WMA, plus a streamer donated by the Loyal Escorts for their chapter colors.

2nd & 3rd Place: Receive certificate for their chapter.

#### Website Awards

##### Purpose:

- To inform members and recruit new members by showing the activities of the local chapters.
- To promote the goals of the Women Marines Association.

##### Period:

- Two-year period from fiscal year of convention to end of fiscal year before convention (July 1st to June 30th). Example for convention 2014: July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014.

##### Submit:

- Website address on application form.

Identify chapter member webmaster.

##### Awards:

1st Place: A perpetual plaque inscribed “Outstanding Chapter Website Award,” which is to be returned at the next convention. When returned, the chapter webmaster will receive a small individual award plaque bearing the winner’s name and reading

“Outstanding Chapter Website Award” with dates. Chapter will also receive a streamer for their chapter colors and a certificate.

2nd and 3rd Place: Certificate for their chapter.

#### Recruiting Award

##### Individual Award

- For the individual who recruits the most new WMA

members during the contest period. Your name **MUST** appear on the application form in the section “Enrolled By or how did you hear about WMA if “enrolled by” was not completed.

##### Prizes

- 1st Place \$250
- 2nd Place \$100
- 3rd Place \$50

#### Chapter Awards

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

##### Prizes

- 1st Place \$250
- 2nd Place \$100
- 3rd Place \$50

Winners are also awarded a framed Certificate of Recognition and streamer for Chapter Colors.

One award within each chapter size (e.g. Class I: 5-20 members; Class II: 21-45 members; Class III: 46+ members).

#### Loyal Escorts

For the chapter that recruits the most new Loyal Escort members during the contest period:

- One award will be given within each chapter size class as noted above.
- The affiliated chapter must appear on the application form in the section “Sponsor Chapter Code.”

Prize: Loyal Escort Recruitment Streamer for Chapter Colors.

#### Area Director Award

For the most new WMA chapters organized within her assigned area during the contest period.

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



# From the Loyal Escorts: It's Time for Nominations

## What a great Summer!

I'm not sure about the rest of the Country, but it has certainly been a great summer in Michigan.



We've definitely had a couple of hot weeks, but overall, I can't complain. I sure hope everyone is enjoying their summer, and getting all of the summertime work out of the way, so they can have a lot

of summertime fun!

We have less than a year until our 2014 Convention, and as many of you may already know, it's during our 2014 Convention that we elect new officers. So I thought I would take this time to explain the different positions that are available on the Board. Nominations will begin in January of 2014, so if you are interested, we'll provide a way for you to nominate yourself, or someone you know, as long as they are willing.

## President

The president is responsible for ensuring that the Board of Directors and its members are aware and fulfill their governance and responsibilities; comply with applicable laws and bylaws; conduct board business effectively and efficiently; are accountable for their performance.

In order to fulfill these responsibilities, and subject to the organization's bylaws,

the President presides over meetings, proposes policies, practices, sits on various committees, monitors performance of Directors and Officers, submits various reports to the board when necessary, proposes the creation of committees; appoints members to such committees; and performs other duties as the need arises and/or as defined in the bylaws.

## Vice-President

The vice-president works closely with the board of directors and acts as a backup to the President, should the President be unable to perform his or her duties. The vice president plans, develops and enforces policies and objectives for the organization to ensure it maintains its values and meets its established goals.

## Treasurer

The treasurer is responsible for overseeing the management and reporting of the Loyal Escort's Finances. This includes Bank Account maintenance, financial transaction oversight, budgeting, financial policies, and scholarship disbursement.

## Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for ensuring that accurate and sufficient documentation exists to meet legal requirements, and to enable authorized persons to determine when, how, and by whom the board's business was conducted. In order to fulfill these responsibilities, and subject to the organization's bylaws, the Secretary records minutes of meetings, ensures their accuracy, and availability, proposes policies and practices, submits

various reports to the board, maintains membership records, fulfills any other requirements of a Director and Officer, and performs other duties as the need arises and/or as defined in the bylaws.

## Director

The duty of the Directors shall be to advise and assist the elected officers in managing the affairs of the Society and to promote the society objectives in a dedicated and energetic manner. Directors may also have other specific responsibilities, such as merchandise management & sales, convention event coordination, and more.

## Loyal Escort Recruiting Contest

Starting August 1st 2013, to July 1st, 2014, we will be holding a recruiting contest for all WMA & Loyal Escort Members. The prize will be determined by the number of applications received during this time period. The more applications received, the bigger the prize! If we can get at least 150 applications during this period of time, then the prize will be a Nexus 7 tablet. So get your applications in as soon as possible!

And as always, my door is always open, anyone may e-mail me at any time with any questions, concerns, ideas, thoughts, etc. We're always looking for new ideas and input.

**Michael Pearce**  
**President**  
**Loyal Escorts**  
**of the Green Garter**

## Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Merchandise Sales

**Item:** "I love my Woman Marine" pin ...\$1.00

**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



Shipping and handling will vary but should range from

\$2.00 to \$6.00

**Contact:** Shaaron Wright

349 Howard Dr.

Santa Clara, CA 95051-5812



# Application for membership in Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

The Auxiliary of the Women Marines Association

## LOYAL ESCORT MEMBER APPLICATION

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:		
Date of birth:	Phone:	Cell:
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Email:		
New Renew Reinstated Life <sup>1</sup> (Sponsor must be Life member)		SSN#
2 YR \$25 LIFE 40 AND UNDER \$175 41-45 \$145 46-60 \$125 61-70 \$100 71-80 \$75 81+ \$50		

### SPONSOR INFORMATION

Sponsor Name:	
Chapter Affiliation:	Do you live with sponsor Y N
Sponsor Life Member # if applicable	

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of a relative <b>not</b> residing with you:	
Address:	Phone:
City:	State:
Relationship:	

### SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE

Name:		
Date of birth:	Email:	Phone:

### SERVICE INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE

Dates of Service	
Branch:	How long?
MOS	
Duty Stations:	

### ABOUT MYSELF


### SIGNATURES

Signature of member:	Date:
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Make checks payable to Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

Mail to: David G. Wiszneaukas, 4914 Mulholland Drive, Lake Oswego, OR 97035-4394

### (Endnotes)

1 -- Must provide Sponsor Life member number

## WMA Chapter Clippings

### AZ-1 - Phoenix Metropolitan Area

In April, members Bettie Lerdall and Lynn Martin participated in their first Marine Corps JROTC presentation at Casa Grande Union High School in Casa Grande, Arizona. Upon being introduced to the large crowd of cadets, family, and friends as a woman Marine, World War II veteran, and former drill instructor, Bettie was given a standing ovation!

The WMA ribbon and certificate were then presented to a highly accomplished and very impressive woman cadet. It was truly a motivational event, both for the participants and the presenters.

*Lynn Martin*

### CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

This has been an eventful quarter for CA-3. We were honored, privileged, and delighted to have our National President, Betty Moseley Brown, as our guest of honor at our monthly meeting on 18 May. This event was hosted by Barbara Naas and her daughter, Sarah Rivera (LE), at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Redwood City. We had 38 members and guests in attendance and Betty made sure she personally spoke with each and every one of them. We were especially pleased to have Captain Gloria Chiu join us for this event. Gloria is stationed at MCRD San Diego and was visiting her parents in the Bay Area. Gloria had recently joined WMA and this was her very first chapter meeting. She was a delight and we



**CA-3 members Barbara Naas, LaDonna McTiller, Sheila Trevail, and Sarah Rivera are all smiles after meeting National President, Betty Moseley Brown.**

are so very happy that she joined us and had an opportunity to meet our National President as well. Betty's speech was wonderful and all our members were very impressed by both her words and her fantastic public speaking skills.

Many of our members are unable to

travel to convention so they never had an opportunity to actually meet our current National President.

Because Betty is so personable, each member felt comfortable in her presence and just about everyone got a photo taken with her to document this special visit. Some of our members who had never attended a WMA convention decided to attend the 2014 Kansas City convention because they were so moved by Betty's speech. We send Betty a big THANK YOU and hope she can return to the Bay Area often. She is always welcome at CA-3. OOO-RAH Betty!

Our chapter participated in the annual 4th of July parade in Redwood City. We joined an all Marine group composed of Marine Corps League, Young Marines and women Marines.

This group represents all eras from WWII to the current day. Redwood City is very supportive of those who have served and it is always a wonderful experience to be in this parade. This will be our fourth year and we are very excited to represent WMA and our sister Marines.

One of our members, Lucille "Lucy" Danielsen, suffered a fall in May and broke her leg. She is recovering in a nursing facility

and we miss her greatly at our monthly meetings. We wish Lucy a speedy recovery and will keep Lucy and all our sisters in our prayers.

CA-3 sends warm greetings to all our Marine sisters. Take care of each other and stay well. Semper Fidelis,

*Kathy Wright*

### CA-7 Edith Macias Vann - So. California



**Oceanside Freedom Day Parade participants (l-r): Peggy Reiber, Charlene Itchkawich, Clara Tucker, Dorothy Munroe, Shirley Downey, Lillian Cross, Jeannie Bonadio, and Clare Bonadio.**

The members of CA-7 are on a summer break. The summer picnic will be held at member Norma Wohlfarth's house again this year, so all are looking forward to the beautiful setting and fun times.

But we have been busy. Many of our members were present at the Veterans Association of North County (VANC) Memorial Day event, and also many of us rode on an antique mech museum 5-ton in the Oceanside Freedom Day parade.

Our next scheduled meeting will resume in September when we will get busy with shipments overseas, Toys For Tots, and anything else our members come up with.

This year CA-7 has made it a challenge to sponsor 1,000 wreaths for the Wreaths Across America program by the December wreath laying at Miramar National Cemetery! Wish us luck ladies!

There were three lucky recipients of \$500 scholarships awarded this year throughout San Diego County.

The chapter also made a green blazer available for purchase for those in the chapter that wanted them. We will proudly wear our blazers to upcoming events, so we can be recognized like our fellow groups such as MCL and American Legion. Oooorah!

*Peggy Rieber*

### CA-8 Palms to Pines

CA-8 was dark most of the summer. Ozell Barksdale will be on vacation in Texas all of August. We have our next meeting in September and hope everyone will be back ready to work.

Ozell Barksdale and Sybl Acree gave the JROTC award at Tahquitz High School in Hemet in May. Ozell Barksdale also gave the awards at Ramona High School in Riverside and Murrieta Valley High School in Murrieta.

Helen Page and I will be leaving Maine 31 July after a wonderful vacation in Harpswell. Semper Fidelis!

*Sybl Acree*



## CA-29 Twenty Nine Palms

Our chapter was very fortunate to receive a flag that flew over the U.S. Capital building courtesy of our Congressman, Paul Cook. President Elaine Bowden presented the flag to the chapter at the April meeting. We will be able to display and pledge allegiance to our very own flag at all of our chapter meetings.

We voted to give a donation to the Mojave Vipers Young Marines in 29 Palms. Our member Kathy Arbaczewski is commander of a local unit. Many of these Young Marines escort the ladies at the wreath presentation portion of the Memorial Day ceremonies in Joshua Tree. They do a super job and are very attentive and dignified.

Members Brenda Roberts, Betty Laferriere, Elaine Bowden and Dorothy Angil attended the Women Marines Association 70th Anniversary 2013 luncheon at Camp Pendleton hosted by CA-7. They had their picture taken with WMA President Betty Moseley Brown.



Our photo is from Memorial Day when Dorothy Angil, Gwynn Sadlier, Betty Laferriere, and Elaine Bowden, representing CA-29 Palms and Mary Kay Sherry, US Navy retired, presented wreaths at the Twentynine Palms Memorial Service. Dorothy Angil and Elaine Bowden also presented a wreath at the Joshua Tree Memorial Service.

Our next meeting is Saturday, 24 August, at the home of Georgia and Bob Shirey.

*Barbara Pudinski*

## CO-1 – Colorado Columbine

The Colorado Chapter of WMA participated in the Memorial Day events including the Denver Parade, Ft Logan Ceremonies, the Marine Memorial Ceremony, and the dedication of the Colorado Freedom Memorial at the West Gate of Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora ([www.cfmf.net](http://www.cfmf.net)). The chapter is also a donor of the memorial and our president has been on the Board of Directors for the memorial for many years. The founder had a dream in 2000 and it was finally realized this year with great joy and reverence. WMA placed the wreath at the base of the Marine Corps flag pole during the dedication ceremonies. If you visit the Denver area, don't miss this unique memorial.

The dedication of the Colorado Freedom Memorial was a milestone for our chapter also as we hosted the 2001 Area Conference and raised some of the first funds for the memorial. Its founder Rick Crandall was our emcee at that event and has remained a great supporter of this chapter through his radio show on 1430AM KEZW! We helped plan the dedication and provided the link to the Young



**Young Marines with Rick Crandall**

Marines who were a GIANT hit at the event! The 1st Great Plains Regiment of the Young Marines supports many of our events and we provide educational opportunities for these fine young people. One young man, Dylan Eckhout, has been known by us since he was born and will enter active duty soon! We're very proud of him.

The CO-1 chapter is also a sponsor of the National Gold Star Wives of America Convention that was held in Denver July 10-14th.

We celebrated Marge Muzillo's and LaVerne Sarber's birthdays in June at the Bonnie Brae Tavern. We are also planning the 7th annual Marine Memorial 5K run on 21 September at the Aurora Reservoir! We're working closely with the Marines stationed on Buckley to support their events and their women participated in most of our events. We continue to also support the Aurora Veterans Home and homeless women veterans whenever the opportunity presents itself.

We are Semper Fidelis!

*Respectfully submitted by our chapter editor*

## FL-3 - Gold Coast of Florida

Hello again from FL-3. Our president, Mary Jane Kane, would like to thank everyone for their prayers and lovely cards during her rehabilitation. Our secretary, Natalie Champagne is currently visiting her daughter, LtCol Mary Otto in San Antonio.

Molly Manolakis, our treasurer, celebrated Memorial Day with her daughter, Vicki, and her granddaughter, Alexa. They attended the Tamarac Memorial Service. It was a beautiful service, where the local high school band played music including "Taps." There were wonderful speakers and a wreath-laying. Hospice provided refreshments.

Millie Shipski, member-at-large, was called as a WWII veteran to participate in the "Celebration of Freedom's Heroes". Twenty-four veterans were honored and she was the only female. She was later interviewed on camera and appeared on the six o'clock news.

Mary Jane's dear friend of 85 years, Marjorie Gallun, of Maryland Chapter was honored to speak to 250 Young Marines and be their guest at dinner.

We continue to hear from troops (and their families) with regard to the care packages we've sent. We wish a speedy recovery to Annette Leno. Stay well. Semper Fidelis!

*Mary Jane Kane*

## FL-4 – Tampa Tarpons

We welcome new member Vickie Taylor to our chapter. Our long humid summers discourage meetings but we will try a special date in October.

We are involved as volunteers at the James Haley VA Center and will attend their fall VA-VS meeting. Our mission to help abused

women and children with essentials continues.

Member Marcella Hoyt has moved to her son's home in Nutley, New Jersey.

*Laverne Myers*

## FL-6 – Florida Gators

We have been kicking back a bit this quarter. We get together every month to break bread and enjoy each other's company. We did celebrate Memorial Day at a local cemetery for their annual ceremony. They released doves, had patriotic songs and a 21-gun salute. It was a nice ceremony and very respectful of our veterans who have passed.

We lost a member, too. Shirley V. Grogan passed on 22 May. Shirley joined the Marine Corps in 1943 at Camp Lejeune. Shirley married Maurice Aguinaldo shortly after being discharged and they lived in Laguna Beach, California for 20 years. Six of us represented WMA at Shirley's memorial, spoke a few words and placed a red rose in a vase in front of the altar. It was a very nice memorial and I know that Shirley will be missed by her family and friends. I received a note from her daughter and they were very appreciative that we were at the memorial.

I also received a note from our snow bird, Marge Roehm. She is well and is planning a trip to Washington State to visit her son and daughter-in-law. She sent an article too. The article was about how she became a Marine and what she did while serving. She stays busy with her ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Eleanor Purser reported that she and Barbara Foerster attended the Military Heritage Museum, in Punta Gorda. A reception was held that honored women who served in WWII. She said it was very nice to be recognized for her service.

Barbara Foerster fell and broke her ankle, but is working real hard to become mobile again...please keep her in your prayers along with those who are still in harm's way.

We celebrated Marie Hillmyer's 90th Birthday at a local tea-room. We had three ladies over 90 at that celebration! That was the first lunch in a few years that Marie was able to attend. We are all so happy to see her and the ladies picked up right where they left off a few years prior.

Semper Fidelis!

*Louise Tamayo*



From left corner going down the left side and around the table are: Sally Goodall, newest member Becca Hilan, Louise Tamayo, Betty Capron, Carol Myer, Ty Moulds, and the birthday gal, Marie Hillmyer.

## FL-7 – Florida First Coast

FL-7 lost a treasure of a treasurer on 16 July when Emily Zimmerman passed away. She was our treasurer for nearly the life of the chapter and may also have been the National Treasurer for several years.

It was Emily's request that she be cremated and buried at sea. Semper Fidelis, Emily. We will miss you.

*Respectfully submitted*



## IN-1 – Indiana

The IN-1 Chapter gathered in late June for their meeting and were honored to have two Past National Presidents in attendance, Helen Moore and Carol Mutter.

IN-1 Chapter also had four members travel to the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico for the Molly Marine Dedication on 5 July. They were the largest contingent from the furthest away.

The members enjoyed the dedication ceremony, noting that it was a wonderful experience to have women Marines from so many different eras present at the ceremony.

Kay Ross and Mandy Smith were somewhat "star struck" by the Marines in attendance and enjoyed having their picture taken with them. They also garnered a few signatures! Diane Ward was interviewed and mentioned in the article the following morning in the Fredericksburg Free Lance newspaper.



The meeting photo (back row) Connie Hamm, Kay Ross, Mandy Smith, Marianne Hughes; (front row) Ethel Cotton, Helen Moore, Carol Mutter, Diane Ward

Following the ceremony, the members enjoyed a light reception where Carol Mutter presented Major General Angela Salinas with a beautiful shadow box to commemorate her retirement. It was quite an honor to be present at this ceremony for the dedication of Molly; a symbol that unites us all.

*Kay Ross*

## LA-1 – Molly Marine

The Molly Marine Chapter began the spring season with a meeting on Saturday, 20 April. The meeting was held at Bravo's Italian Restaurant in Metairie, LA. Following the meeting and lunch, members visited the nearby veteran memorials located on Veterans



Boulevard. Veterans Boulevard in Metairie, LA is well known for memorials recognizing servicemen and women of all eras. Memorials visited were the Armed Forces Memorial, Korean Memorial and Navy Memorial. Members and Loyal Escorts in attendance were Jodi Lara, MGySgt Judith Rivera, SSgt Hideshi Dyer, Cpl Elizabeth Damron, Monica Lewis, Darlene Graves and Clinton Dyer. Family members, Michael and Elicia Lara, also attended.

May was a busy month with members attending MCJROTC awards ceremonies at area high schools. Members that so graciously volunteered their time to present WMA certificates and ribbons are Mary Draughn, Darlene Graves (LE), MGySgt Judith Rivera, GySgt Dalia Robles and SSgt Hideshi Dyer. Presentations were made at Mandeville High School, New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy, Ponchartroula High School, Jesuit High School, Plaquemine High School and Gulfport High School.



**GySgt Dalia Robles and SSgt Hideshi Dyer present the MCJROTC Award to the "Outstanding" cadet at the New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy (NOMMA).**

This year's Memorial Day Observance was held at the Chateau de Notre Dame Nursing Home in New Orleans, LA on Saturday, 18 May. The "Chateau" is the residence of our eldest member, Marian Landry (93). The morning began with our monthly meeting, followed by refreshments. We visited the 28 veterans that reside at the nursing home, gave each of them an American flag and thanked them for their service. Members and Loyal Escorts that had the pleasure of enjoying this event were Jodi Lara, Elizabeth Damron, Mary Draughn, Terri Anderson, Vicki Haynes, Karen Williams, Marian Landry, Monica Lewis (LE), Darlene Graves (LE), Janie Beers (LE), Marvin Savage (LE) and Melanie Young.

On Memorial Day, the Lakeside Swim Club of Slidell, LA held a biathlon to raise money for the swim club. The club celebrated their 50th Anniversary paying tribute to all members of the Armed Forces. Mary Draughn, Molly Marine LA-1 chaplain, was one of the guest speakers; speaking on the importance of respect for the American flag and what it represents.

Our chapter is happy to say that on 22 June we visited the original Molly Marine Statue located in our beautiful city, New Orleans, for a beautification project once again! We policed the area surrounding the statue and then headed over to world famous Mother's Restaurant for lunch. Members that participated in taking care of Molly and/or had lunch at Mother's were Col Helen Pratt, CWO3 Jamila Moore, Sgt Chantel Williamson, Marian Landry, April Bell, Angela Merrell, Taneika Key, Susan Bourgeois, Terri Anderson, Linda Allen-Boseman (LE), Marvin Savage (LE) and Melanie Young. The Molly Marine Chapter would like to extend a "thank you" to Ms. Pat Murray of CA-15 for the kind letter we received. Pat is a 95 year old WWII veteran and sounds like a real sweetheart. We hope she enjoys the Molly Marine Chapter mementos we sent to her!

*Melanie Young*

## MI-2 - Motor City



**MI-2 at their last meeting**

Time never seems to stand still for our chapter. We have welcomed new members and enjoyed the company of all of our members. Not all has been fun and games. From packing boxes for our troops to raising funds for the WMA National Fallen Warrior Women Marine Scholarship fund, this chapter has been on its toes.

To date this year we have sent more than 2000 boxes filled with wonders big and small to our deployed service members.

We have already started to gear up for "Operation Holiday Joy." Boxes of holiday treats and cards will be packed up in November for safe arrival in December. Our keystone item of course will be the filled Christmas stockings we have become known for. Each holiday we pack up around 1,500 filled stockings, a few small Christmas trees, decorations and lots of love to let our men and women who are serving know that they are not forgotten.

Our annual golf outing turned out great with more than \$5,000 raised this year for the Fallen Warrior Scholarship. We are to the half-way point now and hope that within the next three years we will have successfully paid up the \$35,000 to make it a perpetual scholarship.

Our chapter is blessed to have members ranging from our two Hunter College Marines to our active duty. The chapter that was started by Pat Gebhardt in the 1970s is still strong and viable and is working hard to be the chapter she envisioned and loved.

*Mary Ann Merritt*

## MN-1 – Minnesota Leathernecks

The chapter met at Elsie's in northeast Minneapolis on 9 March and were grateful to have had one more opportunity to be with our Chapter President, Joyce Bakke.

Joyce, diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS), had received several rounds of chemo.

Following our event, she was again hospitalized for additional chemo treatment while awaiting a bone marrow transplant. Sadly, she passed away on 17 May after a courageous battle. Graveside services were held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on 31 May with many chapter members in attendance.

The chapter also lost long-time member, Harleen (Tommy) Thompson on 30 April. Services held on 2 May.

Liz Whitbeck, Sandra Heredia, Vicki Latiolais and Loyal Escort Mary Frances Feiler attended the Memorial Day services at Ft.

Snelling where Lt. Col. Mark Weber gave this year's inspiring keynote address. Lt. Col. Weber, a St. Paul native was fighting Stage IV stomach cancer and passed away on 13 June. Lt. Col. Weber wrote the book "Tell My Sons: A Father's Last Letters".



**Seated (l-r): Mary Frances Feiler, Judy Austin, Liz Whitbeck; standing (l-r): Vicki Latiolais, Sandra Heredia, Carol Isnardi, Mary McGee**

The chapter held their 11 May meeting at Vice-

President Liz Whitbeck's home. On 4 June Liz's husband Loyal Escort William (Bill) Whitbeck passed away. Bill was a mainstay for the chapter, delighted us with stories on any subject and attended many chapter events as well as national conventions. Services are scheduled for 14 August at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery.

Liz hosted the chapter picnic on 13 July at her daughter and son-in-law's home in Stillwater. Attendees enjoyed a tour of Betsey and Jim's home, seeing and tasting produce from the organic gardens and the chance to socialize.

Upcoming events for the chapter will be the meetings scheduled for 14 September and 9 November, locations to be determined. The chapter will also be assisting the Women Veterans of Minnesota with the annual fall luncheon at the Ft. Snelling Officer's Club on 12 October. Please contact [vlatiolais@comcast.net](mailto:vlatiolais@comcast.net) for more details concerning any upcoming MN-1 activities.

***Vicki Latiolais**  
MN-1 Chapter Secretary*

## NC-1 – Tarheel



The members of NC-1 had a great time cooking out at Rosa Frank's house. LE member Dan Joy manned the grill as well as related his personal account of the Beirut Bombing. On 23 October it will be the 30th anniversary and there will be a large celebration here to commemorate it.



From there Shirley John and other members reminisced about their experiences in the Corps. It was a great day and a HUGE thank you goes out to Rosa for opening her home and being a superb hostess!

***Chapter Editor***

## OH-2 – Chesty Puller

Ohio members have been busy within the state by helping within their communities. We are working with the Young Marines, getting ready for a Stand Down, running in marathons for cancer, volunteering at the VA Clinics and VA Hospitals, and doing other community outreach.

We have attended many meetings and collected money for our upcoming Ohio Women's Conference. The conference is 28 September in Columbus.



**OH-2 President Tania Oliveras and Treasurer Lora LeWay enjoyed golf lessons at Clearview Golf course in E. Canton. Professional golfer Renee Powell offers free lessons to women veterans through the Clearview**

**Hope program.**

Our member Emma Holmes was honored with The Colonel Julia E. Hamblet Award. We are very proud of Emma and her work for WMA.

Please remember our young women and guide them, but don't forget our older women and all they did to keep Women Marines strong... Semper Fidelis.

***Elva Pounders***

## OK-2 – Heartland

Our chapter has been kind of quiet so far this summer. Since we're chairing the Recognition & Awards luncheon at the 2014 convention, most discussions have centered around "what were we thinking???" Just kidding. We're looking forward to it. "Queen of Hoopla" Pam Bloustine is in charge of the luncheon, so look out!

Member Pat Goss got the "royal" treatment in the Armed Forces Day parade in Lawton. Being the only female and WWII veteran in her Marine Corps League detachment, they made a special place for her to sit on their parade float...a throne! So our Pat was Queen for a Day.

July was set for the annual pool party at Pam Bloustine's home. It was great! There was a ton of fun, laughs, swimming, eating...even arm wrestling!

Our chapter president (Major) Jenny Storm spent almost all of June being a Marine between training and attending the Joint Women's Leadership Symposium in National Harbor, MD. On top of that, she had drill the weekend of the pool party. The woman can't catch a break!

Our busy time of the year is coming up. September 21 is our annual fundraiser, Vets Fest, a dance to honor all veterans.



**Our WWII WRs at the pool party: (l-r) Betty Raines, Joan Willauer, and Pat Goss**



If you're going to be in the area, let us know! After that will be the Oklahoma Women Veterans Recognition Day in Tulsa.

Till the next issue...

*Sondra Metzger*

## OR-1 – Lady Marine Rose

Greetings from Lady Marine Rose Chapter OR-1!

The 70th anniversary of Women in the Marine Corps was celebrated 10 February at the Monarch Hotel in Milwaukie. About 70 Women Marines from OR-1, OR-3, Loyal Escorts, family members, and guests attended the luncheon. The oldest Marine from the Eugene Chapter and the youngest Marine from OR-1 received the first piece of cake. Chapter officers were installed after the luncheon. They include: President, Heidi Tanada; Vice President, Hattie Kelley; Secretary, Sally Van Wie; and Treasurer, Golda Fabian. Irish dancers from the Murray School of Dance provided the lively entertainment. A good time was had by all.

Bill Call from Bill's Place in Clackamas provided the lunch and meeting place for the April meeting. He invites our members to his vintage car and Marine memorabilia museum every year. The highlight in the museum is a mural of some members of OR-1 painted on the wall. Bill is a proud supporter of Marines.

Whitney Doner is the newest and youngest member of OR-1. She met her husband (also a Marine) when they were stationed in Okinawa. They have two young children.

The chapter will collect snacks, toiletries, and "surprise" items and send care packages to Whitney's former unit currently serving in Afghanistan. Welcome, Whitney!

"Living History Days" is celebrated by two high schools in the Portland area. Golda Fabian spoke at Aloha High School. Sally Van Wie joined Golda at Glencoe High School to share their experiences serving our country while in the Marine Corps. Both were impressed with the questions and positive attitude from the students.

Our June meeting was a Strawberry Social at the park-like backyard of Golda Fabian. Two Marines from Swan Island, future Marine recruits (Kelsey Moore, Nhashara Locke, and Ashley Campos), and family members enjoyed the luncheon after the meeting.

Several members participated in the 4th of July parade in Hillsboro. Heidi Tanada, Hattie Kelley, Golda Fabian, and Whitney Doner rode in a convertible and handed out candy to children. The weather was sunny and warm with lots of appreciation hand clapping and cheering from the parade-goers along the four-mile route!

We are sad to report that four OR-1 members died this year. They are: Florence Gapp, Alice Popp, Dorothy Krager, and Dorothy Schultz. Florence was a past newspaper editor and Dorothy was a Past President of OR-1 1998-2002, past Area Director and past Co-Editor of the newsletter. Farewell, proud Marines and thank you for your service. You will be remembered.

Three members of our Chapter have been participants in Honor Flight of Oregon to Washington, DC. They are Hattie Kelley, Golda Fabian, and Muriel (Dolly) Brown. They all enjoyed the opportunity to fly to DC and visit the WWII Memorial. If I may add a note...I was very proud to accompany my Mom (Dolly) on the Honor Flight last September, 2012. It was an honor to be a participant along with 51 WWII veterans and their sponsors. My mom was the only woman and one of four Marines on the trip.

I can truly say, this was a trip of a lifetime and will always be re-

membered with awe, appreciation for our WWII veterans, a smile, and a humbled heart. Thank You, to all veterans!

Most of our meetings are at The Hazelwood, home to Dolly Ruble. We meet the 4th Saturday (with several exceptions!). We look forward to getting together again after the summer break. As always, we wish everyone a happy and healthy day!

*Judy Rankin, Loyal Escort*

## TX-2 – Texas Gulf Coast

"What's up?" The Texas Gulf Coast Chapter of Woman Marines and the heat, hot and humid is the weather and motivated and dedicated are the Marines.

Along with our regular bi-monthly meeting at the Bayland Community Center in April and June, we gathered on 26 May with the "Flags for Fallen Vets" group to assist in the placing of flags on every grave in the Houston National VA Cemetery. TX-2 members Betty Huggins, Janet Gravino, Lynn Sparks and Beverly Franklin were present. Betty Huggins brought her brother, Vernon Prytz, and her grandchildren Allison, Noah and Hazel Davis along to



help, while Beverly had her nephew Richard Kincaid with her and Lynn brought her husband Butch. The flags were provided through donations to the program and more than 2800 people showed up to place the flags. All the volunteers were set up in different groups to cover different sections of the cemetery. VA Cemetery protocol was covered with each group prior to the placing of the flags and in less than an hour, more than 66,000 flags were in place.

It was a rewarding experience for all that attended and I know that Memorial day, when I was able to attend the annual celebration, it was well received by all in attendance. I don't believe there have ever been more pictures taken at the cemetery than this year. It was a cool 85 degrees and so a lot of veterans and families were in attendance. It was a beautiful scene and Houston stood proud.

*Marti Raney*

## WA-3 - North Sound Chapter

The members of WA-3 in NW Washington are moving ahead with enthusiasm and plans for our chapter's future. Meetings were held on 8 February and 25 May, 2013 at the Village Inn Restaurant in Marysville and were well attended.

At the February meeting, Chaplain Karen Bellinger told about the history of the flags carried through the years by members of the Marine Corps. Special guests were Cadets Emily Howell and Katy Spiker from the MCJROTC program at Snohomish High School. We were very pleased to have them in attendance.

At the May meeting Karen Wheeler gave a report on the Care Package Project and it was agreed that we proceed with this great idea. There is much to be worked out on the procedure.

President Betty Strand discussed providing a booth at the 28th Biennial Women Marines Association Convention. Virginia Wright, Bettie Glassey, Sue Duncan and others had many ideas.

Betty Strand and others will again make plans to visit our new members, Lucille Daniels and Arlene Swinford, who cannot attend because of distance and transportation. We are making a strong effort to keep in touch with all members.

Our best and get well wishes to Honey and Art Langdon and Pat Karrasch. Semper Fidelis!

*Louise George*

## WI-1 - Wisconsin Women Marines

A busy summer started off with WI-1's luncheon meeting in Oshkosh. A nice gathering of members enjoyed exchanging news, ideas, photos and business along with their tasty lunch. In spite of a non-stop rainy season, the trek to and from remained surprisingly dry but there was water, water everywhere.

Before Memorial Day, Annette Howards and Connie Allord joined the Marine Corps League's annual placing of flags on the graves of nearly 1500 veterans at Resurrection Cemetery in Madison.

That same night Annette and Connie were at the airport to help welcome home the Badger Honor Flight as they returned from Washington after visiting the WWII Memorial and others.

On 26 May an annual event billed as "The World's largest Brat Fest" was held in Madison near the Veterans Memorial Coliseum. The Marine Corps League was included in their own distribution of mini-roses to raise money for their Fallen Warrior and other programs. Annette and Connie helped until they actually ran out of roses but it was a huge success.

On Memorial Day at Wisconsin's beautiful state capitol, Marge Marshman opened the ceremonies in her role as chaplain. Ellen Healey, Annette and Connie were each escorted during the rose ceremony in placing a white rose in memory of various wars or groups of veterans who have served and gone before us.

June 8 at the Middleton Memorial VA Hospital in Madison was a muster day for the IRR (Individual Ready Reserve) for recently discharged Marines from the southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois area. Annette and Connie again joined the Marine Corps League at a table set up to welcome and hopefully recruit members and to assure them that the Marines were still there for them if they needed some help. And we didn't forget to recruit for WMA!

On a sadder note, word was received of the passing of Rosemary Catherine Kelley, age 96, and the oldest member of WI-1. She resided at Milwaukee Catholic Home where her memorial service was also held. In the early years of the chapter she had been an active member but years do take their toll. The WWII members are sadly becoming fewer. Rest in peace, Rosemary, and Semper Fidelis.

*Connie Allord*

## Chapter Tool Kit: What Chapters Need to Keep on File

As long as a chapter of WMA exists, our SOP, Standing Rules, and ByLaws require that certain documents and other written materials are required to be retained in chapter files. The bare minimum of items that should be in the chapter files are as listed below:

- Chapter charter-original charter, signed by National officers when the chapter was established.
- Minutes of each regular chapter meeting.

- Chapter Bylaws
- History books
- Copies of tax returns- should retain seven years' worth (Support for tax return information if no return is required to be filed, as well as bills, invoices, receipts pertaining)

- Audits and financial statements
- Although not carved in stone (or even specifically in officer job descriptions), when new officers are installed, files should be turned over to the new officer

holder...copies of minutes and original chapter charter and bylaws to the Secretary; tax information to the Treasurer, with history books maintained by the chapter historian (if the chapter has one).

The President should always have a copy of the bylaws, but the original, with any subsequent changes should be maintained by the Secretary.

*Mitzi Manning*  
*1st Vice President*



## "I Pledge" Update

Just a short time ago we started "I Pledge". This new campaign is for those who would like to continue to support WMA on a regular basis with either a monthly or yearly payment. If you are interested in joining "I Pledge" you can have an automatic draft sent from your bank or mail a monthly check. Use the account # GFD001943 or write **I Pledge** on a check you mail in. All donations to the General fund should be mailed to: Women Marines Association P.O. Box 377 Oaks, PA 19456-0377

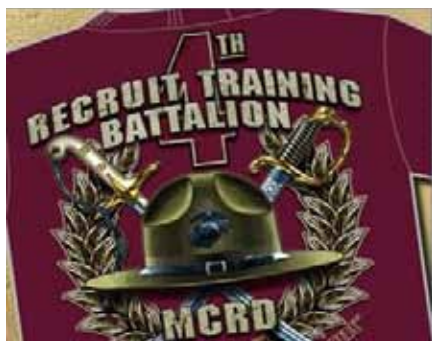
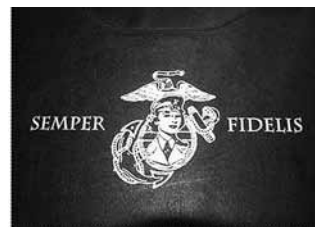
SUPPORT WMA  
*Pledge Today!*



# MI-2 Chapter Offers New Merchandise Items



Padfolio \$25.00  
Cover features WMA logo and  
"Semper Fidelis"  
Size is approximately  
10" x 14"



4th BN Shirt \$15  
Available in Burgundy or Black  
Sizes Medium to 2XL  
*Specify size and color preference*



Fallen Warrior Coin \$12

*Prices include Shipping*

**Send check or money order to:**

WMA - MI-2

c/o Adrienne McLarahmore

1922 W. 12 Mile Rd

Royal Oak, MI 48073

Questions: [mclarahmore@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mclarahmore@sbcglobal.net)

## WMA National Merchandise Sales - Your Purchases Support Our Association!

WMA Patch, small . . . . .	\$4.00	Denver 2010 Convention Coin . . . . .	\$12.00
WMA Patch, large . . . . .	\$4.50	Philadelphia 2012 Convention Coin . . . . .	\$15.00
WMA Pin, Hat (pin or clutch) . . . . .	\$3.00	50th Anniversary Medallions . . . . .	\$5.00
WMA Pin, Life . . . . .	\$4.00	Woman Marine Matted Quote . . . . .	\$10.00
WMA Flag . . . . .	\$182.00	WMA Digital Drawstring Bag . . . . .	\$10.00
50th Anniversary Medallions . . . . .	\$5.00	WMA Digital Briefcase Bag . . . . .	\$25.00
Book, "Above & Beyond: Former Marines Conquer the Civilian World" . . . . .	\$20.00		
WMA Afghan Throws. . . . .	\$45.00		



WMA Cap (3 months delivery time). . . \$40.00

Chapter designation: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Example: CA-1 (4 spaces only except USA-1,2,3.)

Size: (1" above ears- allow for hair style)

**Sizes for WMA Caps:**

20 1/2 - 20 7/8 . . . . .	XSm	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) 498-8062

email: [America.Dones@gmail.com](mailto:America.Dones@gmail.com)

## WMA Chapter Merchandise Sales

Send chapter ads to Wanda Antoine, 3020 Puffin Circle, Fairfield, CA 94533, [Editor@womenmarines.org](mailto:Editor@womenmarines.org).  
**IMPORTANT, PLEASE NOTE:** When WMA sales items are no longer available, please 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](mailto:nmalone@ec.rr.com)



## WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

**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



**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](http://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 WMA

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

### Candy

**Item:** WMA & Letting 3" Insignia/Logo Green, White, Milk Chocolate or Special Order

**Cost:** Singles .....\$1.50

Box of 8 .....\$6.50

Box of 15 .....\$13.50

Mints Box of 12 .....\$10.50

**Item:** WMA Mint 1" round Insignia/Logo

Green, White, Milk Chocolate or Special Order

Singles .....\$1.50

Box of 12 .....\$10.50

**Chapter:** CA-11 - Central Coast

**Contact:** Soledad Kennedy, 4062 Capella Street, Lompoc, CA 93436

Fax/Office: (805) 733-2175 Cell: (805) 588-0650 [centralcoastwomenmarines.com](mailto:centralcoastwomenmarines.com) [usmcrfemale@yahoo.com](mailto:usmcrfemale@yahoo.com)



### Decals

**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

### Scarf



**Item:** Patriotic Ruffled Scarf - Red white and blue. Many other combinations & solid colors. Can email photos of samples. Contact chapter with desired colors. Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery. **Size:** Approximately 58" long, 4" wide **Cost:** \$20 - includes postage. Checks payable to WMA KY-1

**Contact:** Mary Broussard, 4500 Dakin Court, Louisville KY 40299 (502) 267-4776 or email: [twomarinefamily@gmail.com](mailto:twomarinefamily@gmail.com)

### 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, XL @ \$24.00, XXL @ \$25.00 Pay to: WMA PA-2 Liberty Belles (Price includes shipping)

**Contact:** Kathy Van Gorder, 584 Barrington Rd., Collegeville, PA 19426

### Shirts and Sweats

**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](mailto:mickeyjennings@hotmail.com)

**Item:** White golf shirt with embroidered green WMA logo circled by the phrase, "More Than A Woman A 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 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

**Item:** A dult, Youth & Infant/Toddler Shirts, 3 embroidery options, prices include shipping.

Adult	Ladies Polos (S-XL) \$30.00 (2XL) \$31.00 (3XL) \$32.00 (4XL) \$33.00 (5XL) \$35.00 (6XL) \$36.00	Short Sleeved T-Shirt (S-XL) \$17.00 (2XL) \$18.00 (3XL) \$19.00 (4XL) \$20.00 (5XL) \$22.00 (6XL) \$24.00
Youth	Youth Polo (S-XL) \$22.00	Short Sleeved Tee (S-XL) \$15
Infant/Toddler	Long Sleeved T-Shirt (6M-4T) \$16.00	Short Sleeved Tee (6M-4T) \$15.00

#### Embroidery Options:

Option 1:

Option 2:

Option 3:

**Website:** <http://home.comcast.net/~or-3/> to see shirt specs, color options and pictures.

**Contact:** Make checks payable to WMA OR-3 and mail to: Stephanie Wilcox 336 S.71st St, Springfield, OR 97478; call (541) 554-6015 or email [or-3@comcast.net](mailto:or-3@comcast.net) for information.

### Jewelry

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



**Item:** Charm "Semper Fi"

**Cost:** \$15.00

**Chapter:** Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)

**Contact:** Cleary Creations, 2225 NE 130th Ave., Portland, OR 97230-1704



## WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

**Item:** WMA Ring. Jeweler - Jostens

**Cost:** Lustrium (non precious white) \$181.00  
 Questa (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:** 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 payable to WMA-Chapter NM1)

**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 "WOMEN MARINES ASSOC" with emblem. Includes a green and white "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" 2" x 9" green and white bumper sticker (for anyplace—car, boat, luggage, etc.).

**Cost:** \$1.50 ea. for 5 for \$6.95 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:** EMVSC 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)

**Checks:** Payable to EMVSC CA-7 WMA

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



**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 WMA-Chapter NM1)

**Contact:** Phyllis Young, 1070 Stovall Ave., Bosque Farms, NM 87068

**Item:** EGA Zipper Pull (1 inch EGA, 2 inch total length, EGA Yellow Ribbon Lapel Pin (1 inch length), Marine Mascot Christmas Ornament (red ribbon, 2.5 inches in length), EGA Christmas Ornament (red ribbon, 2.5 inches in length), Red EGA Necklace (chain, 18 inches in length).

**Cost:** \$6.00. \$5.00, \$8.00, \$8.00 or \$9.00 (plus \$3.00 USPS 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:** \$7.00 (includes shipping & handling)

**Chapter:** OH-2 Chesty Puller

**Contact:** Ellen Leidy, 1107 Columbus Ave., Barberton, OH 44203  
 (330) 825-8935 email: leidyrun@aol.com



**Item:** This item has been officially licensed by the US Marine Corps.

**Item:** Ornament "The Fewer" Size 2 3/8" x 3 1/8" Limited 3-D, only 300 minted, 24 Karat Gold on Brass

**Cost:** \$29.75 (Includes Shipping).

Portion of proceeds go to "Paws and Strips".

**Cost:** 24 Karat Gold on Brass \$29.75 (includes shipping)

Portion of proceeds go to "Paws and Stripes".

**Make Money Order or Cashier Check to:** Katherine M Lorenz Townsend

**Chapter:** TX-1 "The Lone Star State"

**Contact:** Katherine M LorenzTownsend and mail to: 4025 Tortoise Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76135 Orders can now be placed on line using a credit card at: www.womenmarineskeepsake.com



**Item:** Red "Women" Marine Apron and hotpad and oven mitt combo

**Cost:** \$29.95 (Includes Shipping)

Make Money Order or

Cashier Check out to:

Katherine M LorenzTownsend

4025 Tortoise Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76135



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### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name:

Current Address:

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State:

Zip Code:

Date of Birth:

Home Phone:

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SSN:

### ALTERNATE ADDRESS INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

E-mail:

Reason for Alternate:

Start Date:

Stop Date:

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of a relative not residing with you:

Address:

Phone:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Relationship:

### SPOUSE INFORMATION

Name:

Date of Birth:

E-mail:

Phone:

### MILITARY INFORMATION

When Served:

Name (s) Served Under:

Maiden Name:

Plt. and Series:

MOS:

Molly Marine: ☐ Y ☐ N

### RMD PREFERENCES

After 2012 the Resource and Member Directory (RMD) will be sent in CD format. If you prefer another format please check below.

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