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## Influence and Inspiration: Women Marines

I have some pretty big shoes to fill. Now that Sondra Metzger has stepped aside, I can only hope that I do half of what she has done as editor of 'Nouncements. When I joined WMA two years ago and got my first issue in the mail, I could not have imagined how much work goes into getting this publication out every quarter. Sondra has taught me so much, and I am still learning. As I said, she has stepped aside, but not away. You will be sticking around right, Sondra?

Well, I'll tell you a little bit about myself. I arrived at MCRD Parris Island and stood on the yellow footprints April 19, 1999. It had taken me seven years to get to Parris Island, and I wasn't going to leave until I earned the title, Marine. When I was in high school, I was editor of the school newspaper. One month we did a feature on students joining the military. After I interviewed recruiters from all the branches of service, I was sold on the Marine Corps. I could see myself in those dress blues, but my grandmother, who had raised me from infancy, could not. She would not hear of her "baby girl" joining the Marines. As a matter of fact, she said that the Marine Corps was no place for a woman. Opha Mae Johnson had joined the

Corps a year before my grandmother was born, so I knew the Corps was a place for women. It was at this point, that I gave up my dream. Well, at least for a moment. Things had changed by 1999, and I was on the bus, and on my way to become one of the fewer, prouder Marines.

As we approach the 67th anniversary of women in the Marine Corps, I can tell you that I was influenced and inspired by

truly lived it. Her success inspired me to be successful. SSgt Azur Squillace, now WO Squillace, showed incredible strength as a mother, and a Marine, who left her children behind for over a year in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

These are the women who make up the Corps. These are the women who prove my grandmother wrong. The United States Marine Corps is a place for women!

I also want you to influence me. If there is something you would like to see in 'Nouncements, do not hesitate to let

*As we approach the 67th anniversary of women in the Marine Corps, I can tell you that I was influenced and inspired by some great women Marines.*

some great women Marines. I still keep in touch with my Senior Drill Instructor, (now) MGySgt Beverly Thomas.

She has such a positive outlook on life and always has an encouraging word to share whenever I need one. I was inspired by CWO Lelia Jackson, who was truly motivated and dedicated. That may be a cliché to some, but she

me know. You can reach me by email, (editor@womenmarines.org) and you can also connect with me on Facebook under the name Wanda Jones Antoine. I look forward to this great adventure as your new Editor of 'Nouncements.

Happy Anniversary, Marines!

**Wanda Antoine**  
Editor,  
WMA 'Nouncements



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## President's Message

As I reported in the summer issue, the WMA National Board of Directors (BOD) prepared long and hard for the Interim Board Meeting (IBM) this past October in Kansas City, MO. We accomplished a great deal as we spent the entire week-end focused on conducting the business of WMA on your behalf. The agenda was full of detailed actions that resulted in a renewed sense of direction and purpose, while addressing the important issues and business of our organization. I would like to thank each and every one of the National Board members along with the Appointed Officers/Representatives, Committee Chairs, and invited guests who attended and provided their dedicated support.

We conducted a detailed review of the WMA Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and voted to incorporate key updates. The SOP assists the National officers in understanding their individual responsibilities and the working of WMA at the national level. Mary Ann Merritt, our website administrator and Public Relations Officer, gave us an exciting update on the new design of our national website. It is a fantastic new look for WMA so if you haven't had a chance to take a look at it, do so right away at [www.womenmarines.org](http://www.womenmarines.org). We also received a motivated presentation on WMA's renewed involvement in the Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service (VAVS) Program by our new VAVS Representative Kay Croll. She is reaching out to our membership for us to become more active in supporting the VA Hospitals in our local communities. See more information about the VAVS Program on our

website and contact Kay if you are interested at [vavs@womenmarines.org](mailto:vavs@womenmarines.org).

Some significant issues discussed included the plan to update and reprint the "How To" book by next year's convention. The "How To" book is a mini SOP type publication meant for use by the chapter officers. It was last updated in 2007, so if you don't have a copy, ask your Area Director who can ensure that you have the latest version. Another noteworthy issue discussed and approved was the change to our membership dues. It will mean a small increase in dues, but it will benefit individual members and the organization as a whole in the long run.

While the 2012 convention is still three years away, the Convention Arrangements Committee, chaired by Kathy Van Gorder, provided a wonderful insight as to their plans for an exciting trip back to Philadelphia, the birthplace of the Marine Corps. And of course, the 2010 convention with its theme of "A Walk Through Time, 50 Years of WMA" is just right around the corner. Paula Sarlls, the Convention Coordinating Committee Chair, told us all about the fun that is waiting for us next September in Denver. Be sure to read the articles in this and future issues of *Nouncements* for all the details. You can register online on our website at [www.womenmarines.org](http://www.womenmarines.org), or you can mail in your registration form also found in this issue. Come help us celebrate 50 years of WMA, as we return to its birthplace in Denver, CO September 3-7 2010.

And one last big announcement from the IBM was the presentation of a new chap-

ter charter to the "NV-1 Battle Born" chapter in Las Vegas, Nevada. Cheryl Gardner, the Area 8 Director, accepted the charter on behalf of the chapter president Lisa Michael and all chapter members. You can get more details about them at their website [www.battlebornwma.org](http://www.battlebornwma.org). Congratulations and a welcome aboard to our newest WMA chapter!

Let this new chapter also be a reminder that the Recruiting Contest is in full swing. There are cash prizes for individual and chapter recruiting, as well as for the recruitment of the most number of Loyal Escorts. Awards will be presented at the convention in Denver next September. Just think that if every WMA member would recruit just one new member we could double our size just like that!

The BOD will meet again next year in Denver at the Biennial Convention and Professional Development Conference. If you have any questions or issues that you would like to see addressed, please pass it up through your chapter officers, Area Directors and or any National Board member. As always, we are here to serve you, the membership, but we cannot do our job without your help. Stand up, make a difference and let your voices be heard.

*Semper Fidelis,*  
**Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower**



## 1st VP Message:



It is a beautiful fall afternoon in Houston as I write these words. As many of you know, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It may touch our mother, sister, or friend and it can even extend to husbands and fathers. One of our chapter members recently passed away at the age of 83; she was a breast cancer survivor for over thirty years. We acknowledge our members, family, co-workers and friends who may have experienced a personal battle with cancer. WMA members are seeking ways to show their support for fighting breast cancer. The Komen Race for the Cure is popular with many members who run as Marines or WMA members. All over our country, people are inventing new ways to raise awareness about early detection of breast

cancer, potential risk factors, and funding that will lead to a cure for this devastating disease.

Earlier this month, I met with the WMA Area Directors while we were attending the Interim Board Meeting in Kansas City. WMA President, Rhonda Amtower and 2nd Vice-President, Karen Reeves joined us for the Friday evening meeting. Delores Garcia and Linda Wolford-Clark were welcomed as new Area Directors. It was a good opportunity to discuss the many challenges facing our chapters and members.

Lillian Cross, Area 10 Director, has prepared a procedure for "Disbanding a Chapter;" the procedure is reprinted under the Chapter Tool Kit of this printing. "Disbanding a Chapter" needs to be available to all chapters considering this difficult decision. The procedure will be included in the new edition of the "How To Book," along with other updates.

Cheryl Gardner, AD8, received the new "Battle Born" charter for NV-1. Congratulations to Cheryl and the members of NV-1 as they become the newest chapter in the WMA family.

Below is a photo of the Area Directors attending the IBM; seated are Sara Hefty, Dee Garcia, and Linda Wolford-Clark. Standing are Cheryl Gardner, Lillian Cross, Kathy Van Gorder, and Ellen Leidy.

*Judy Anderson*





## From Membership Secretary: Stay Connected

At the recent Area 4 Conference, a member of the WAVES national reported their organization has had a significant reduction in membership over the past few years. They are not alone. Many veteran organizations are suffering the same fate. The challenge we have as an organization is to stay relevant to all our geographically dispersed members...delivering not only camaraderie and a shared appreciation of our history, but also education and substance.

We also have to be where the members are, which in the case of prospective younger members is on Facebook, LinkedIn, and now YouTube. Thanks to the redesign of our website and our participation in social networking sites, our membership numbers have remained relatively stable while other organizations continue to decline. Although

a couple of our chapters had to surrender their charters due to inactivity, a new charter was recently issued to NV-1 Battle Born (way to go Area 8!). Additionally, there are chapter organizing efforts underway in several other areas as well. I recently started a Women Marines in Business group on Facebook in the hopes of establishing a business-oriented chapter to capture the interest of professional women who might have filed their military service away in a bottom dresser drawer. Hopefully, supporting careers will help them connect with their inner Marine and they'll want to get involved with a local chapter. Connect with me on Facebook for more information.

Lastly, I'd like to challenge all chapters to implement CARE -- Calling All R Elders. To drum up participation for our Area

4 Conference and remind them of upcoming events, three of us from MI-2 called each and every member of our chapter. Members no longer able to attend meetings really appreciated being contacted by someone from WMA. OH-2 takes participation a step further and sets up projects for them to work on from their homes. I welcome your ideas, comments, and suggestions, and I'd love to hear about your organizing and membership involvement activities. Enjoy a Happy Anniversary, Marines! Semper Fidelis,

*Debra Drummond*



## WMA VA Veterans Service: A Call for Volunteers



Want to help your fellow veterans? Volunteer at your local VA facility. This is a good way for both chapter members and members at

large to help. Get yourself registered and scheduled for an activity, then invite your friends, neighbors and business associates to also register as WMA volunteers.

Organize activities under the auspices of the VAVS office at your local facility. Find out what the facility needs in terms

of volunteers, activities, and other needs. Remember WMA has matching funds for chapters to use in support of our VAVS program.

See the web site [www.womenmarines.org](http://www.womenmarines.org) for more info.

During this VA fiscal year, we had 65 regularly scheduled volunteers at 15 VA Facilities and WMA members attending the Advisory Committees at 9 of those facilities. Our goal is to have volunteers at 30 hospitals and to have WMA representatives on the Advisory committees at 15 of

those facilities.

Youth volunteers are eligible for the James H. Parke Memorial Youth Scholarship Award. It requires over 100 hours or regularly scheduled VAVS volunteer service during the calendar year. Next time you are at the VA, pick up a copy of the Award criteria. Use it as a tool to recruit student volunteers on behalf of WMA. Wouldn't it be nice to have a WMA volunteer as the Scholarship Award recipient at the facility where you volunteer?

*Kay Croll*

### *A Call to Serve!*

## Nominations for WMA National Officers Open

Nominations for WMA National office for the 2010-2012 term will open January 1, 2010 and close March 15, 2010.

Any WMA member, in good standing, may seek election to any National office.

Members desiring to serve are welcome and encouraged to complete and return the nomination form found at the top of Page 25 in the 2008-2010 Resource Manual and Directory.

If you will consider running for office, are interested in serving on one of our

many Committees listed on Page 18 of the Resource Manual and Directory, or would like more information on any position, please feel free to contact me either via telephone or email. You may also contact your Area Director or chapter president for assistance.

Please include a short bio and photo with your nomination form to be used on the election ballot.

WMA is always looking for leaders. Is now your time?

I look forward to hearing from members desiring to serve WMA!!

Semper Fidelis!

### **Return Nomination Forms to:**

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*Karen L. Reeves*

## Hamblet Award Nominations

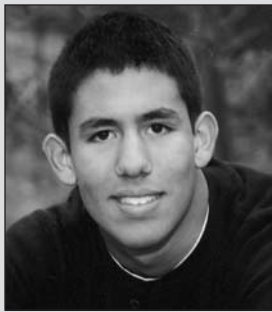
The National WMA Board has approved a \$500 Colonel Julia E. Hamblet Award to be given annually to the individual or team who has done the most to further the recognition of the history of women who have earned the title Marine. This award will be given annually at the

Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Dinner.

Winner(s) could be male or female, civilian or military. Nominations are hereby solicited and should include the name, address, phone number and e-mail of the nominee(s) along with the

accomplishment(s) that justify consideration for this award. Submissions should be in the hands of Eileen R Scanlon, 1415 Springvale Ave, McLean, VA 22101 no later than 5 March 2010.

# WMA Scholarship Recipients



(1) Ethel & Armin Weibke \$1500 Memorial Scholarship  
Gabriel Dylan Homan-Cruz, San Antonio, TX  
Texas A&M University  
Major: Mechanical Engineering  
Sponsor: Mildred Homan, Grandmother



(1) Lily H. Gidley \$1500 Memorial Scholarship  
Avionna L Baldwin, Monroeville, PA  
Duke University  
Major/Minor - Biology/Chemistry  
Sponsor: Marva Brown - Mother



(1) Major Megan McClung Memorial \$1500 Scholarship  
Julie Anne O'Meara, Clermont, IN  
Citadel Military College  
Major- English  
Sponsor - Diana Ward - Friend



6) WMA \$1500 National Scholarships  
Jocelyn Marie Christie, Ventura, CA  
University of California-Santa Barbara  
Major/Minor: Aquatic Biology BS  
Sponsor: Mary Bacon Hale - Community Member Sponsor



Kristopher Rene Lovette Jackson, East Hartford, CT  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Major/Minor: Aeronautical Science with Flight  
Option/Engineering  
Sponsor: Rita Roy - Mother



Susan Jeanette Greene of Ridgeway, WI  
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Major: Masters of Science in Nursing-Midwifery/WHNP  
Sponsor: Diane Durden - Sister



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Sponsor: Deborah Davis - Mother



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MN Leathernecks – MN-1 \$500  
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Pre-veterinary  
Sponsor: Mary Jantosik -Friend



Gulf Coast of Florida \$1000 World War One  
Memorial Scholarship  
SSGT Benjamin Ables, Tallahassee, FL  
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Sponsor: Sunny Montas - Fellow Marine



Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter \$500 Father  
Charles Covert Memorial Scholarship  
Robert Graham Littlejohn, Meadow Vista, CA  
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Sponsor: Theresa Hayes - Great Aunt

## Scholarship recipients not pictured:

(1) LaRue A. Ditmore Music \$1500 Scholarship  
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Sponsor: Karen Anthony - Mother

Gold Coast of Florida \$1000 Blanchard Miller  
Memorial Scholarship  
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Gulf Coast Community College  
Major/Minor - Elementary Education/Spanish  
Sponsor: Verna Strampe - Great Grandmother

# 2010 - A Walk Through Time

**CO-1 has been busy planning your 2010 convention and making headway on your behalf.** The hotel is secured and you may begin making reservations as of today at the Grand Hyatt in Denver 303-295-1234. If you require a handicapped room or an executive suite, you must call me once the reservation has been made. I will personally be allocating those rooms and they are all assigned to the convention committee. Call me at 303-766-9023 after you've reserved a regular rate room with the hotel. If you want a handicapped or executive suite you ***MUST*** register early.

Registration for the convention itself has started.

We have some *very* exciting events planned including:

- **Tun Tavern** for drinks in the hotel;
- The **"Mile High Market"** for chapters to sell their wares;
- Workshops, including **"Personal Success"** by Capt Vernice Armour, USMC, and others that the USMC will help us develop;
- A **hospitality suite** like none other decorated by the Rocky Mountain USO at DIA (*including a night of comedy, one of dancing, and one of music*);
- **First timers meeting** hosted by active duty women and coordinated by SgtMaj Barbara Titus, USMC (Ret), and Tanya Queiro from Camp Lejeune;
- The **Awards Banquet** will be a high tea that will include a hat contest (so ladies, pull out those old hats and let's see what you can do with them!); and
- We'll also have the largest history exhibit ever that will be open to the public (we're all working very hard on that, too).

## LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE IDEAS OR WANT TO HELP IN SOME WAY!

For **door prizes** that chapters normally send in, we are changing the format. In light of the financial times, and other factors, we are asking chapters to send a cash donation of at least \$10 and more if you can afford it. This will help members defray the cost of the convention and will make it easy to carry the prizes back with you. It will also give members money to spend at the Mile High Market! What we would like you to do is use a home made or fancy envelope with something of yourselves on it. It'll be fun to see what you develop for this project.

We will be working with the Quilts of Valor Foundation to perhaps have a quilt present that we will all sign for the Wounded Warriors as part of the convention, too.

WMA began in Denver and we are working very diligently to make this Golden Anniversary of WMA an event to remember. We hope you will each be planning to attend this very special **Convention and Professional Development Seminar.**

**Paula Sarlls, Convention Coordinating Chair**  
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*President, CO-1*  
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## Join the Women of the Corps Exhibit At Convention

Chapters or individuals are invited to be a part of the history exhibit at convention in 2010! Do you have a favorite uniform or someone you'd like to honor? Just register with Nancy Wilt (303-663-3747), historian for the CO-1 chapter, the Women of the Corps Collection and national WMA! Let her know who you want to honor and the type of uniform you want to use. The mannequin will be dressed in that uniform with a name plate honoring your selection. The number

of mannequins available is only limited by your generosity and whether or not we have the uniform in the Collection!

The uniforms need to be cleaned after convention in an archival preservative method and we need to purchase more mannequins for the exhibit; so once you clear it with Nancy that a uniform is available, send in \$150 to: Mannequins 2010 - 3066 So Granby Street, Aurora, CO 80014.





# Taps

## Life Members

Mary Lou Gregoire	13-Jan-10	# 1121	MN-1
Mildred M. Folmar	30-Dec-09	# 884	
Mary Ellen Hanley	17 Aug 09	# 458	
Mercedes L. Cerney	21 Apr 05	# 581	MN-1
Clarine Mazzetti	14 Aug 09	# 1806	CA-1
Connie Kochheim	21 Nov 09	# 1286	USA-3
Jean Currence	4 Nov 09	# 0111	OR-3
Florence Halladay	Dec. 08	# 182	MO
Helen Hester	24 Nov 09	# 1825	
Camella Colanton	9 Aug 09	# 1476	MA-1
Virginia Esler	??-??-09	# 179	CA-1
Miriam Cohen	11 Nov 09	# 419	NY-2, AZ-2

## Term Members:

Charlotte DeGroat	27 Feb 09	CO-1
Theresa Modafferi	28 July 09	NY-2
Marion Bush Charles	22 Oct09	NY-2
Ann Tacker	??-??-09	CA-10
Florence Moran	9 Dec 09	NY-2



## Hat Contest - Awards Luncheon

The Recognition and Awards Luncheon is going to be great fun for everyone! It will be a high tea based on one Julia Hamblet hosted long ago. You are requested to wear a hat of your choice and gloves if you like. This is a historic tradition that will be part of our walk through time and a memory of elegance and grace from a bygone era. Bring your own hat or come to the Mile High Market and make your own for \$10. There'll be a great prize for the best three hats! More later!

### Steps to take on your Walk to 2010

1. You'll want to begin your walk through time in Denver by helping the committee with a fundraiser. This is very easy; just send in your bid on our silent auction. The auction is for three days of golf to include cart and green fees and two nights of lodging for a four-some at North Shore Country Club and the Sneads Ferry Holiday Inn Express in Sneads Ferry, NC. Rounds may be used Monday thru Thursday only. Not valid on holidays. The item is good from Jan 1 through Dec 1, 2010. Bids must be postmarked before NOV 30, 2009 We'll contact the winner for payment. Value

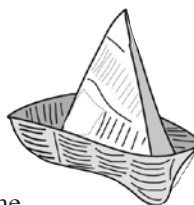
of the item is \$1400 and bids begin at \$700.

2. The next step is to get your chapter involved in supporting the convention. Past practice has been for each chapter to send a gift for a door prize. We are suspending that idea and trying something new!

Please ask your chapter to send a minimum of \$25 for door prizes. We will be giving cash prizes at every event if chapters can help us with this. In this economic time, we thought it would be a good idea and give people money to spend at the "Mile High Market." I'm sure there'll be great ways to put that door prize to good use.

Send the \$\$\$\$ to Door Prizes – 2010 3066 So. Granby Street, Aurora, CO 80014

3. Then take a giant step decide what days you'd like to attend! Go to [www.WomenMarinestravel.com](http://www.WomenMarinestravel.com) to buy airline tickets, please. Proceeds from that site help the Women of the Corps Collection, and if we all use it enough some \$ will come to the Convention Committee to improve that! If you're



driving, use it to register for hotels or rental cars, too. You can do a lot on that site. Support WMA by using it as much as you can and tell others to use it, too!

We do not recommend driving as parking at the hotel is currently \$17 a day and other downtown areas are quite expensive, too.

4. Stroll on over to [www.womenmarines.org](http://www.womenmarines.org) and register for the convention along with your Loyal Escort and friends. You can use the form provided in 'Nouncements, but we really prefer you use the web site if at all possible. It makes it easier for us. BE SURE TO COMPLETE EACH ITEM FULLY!

5. Next is the fun stuff. Think about bringing a very special hat with you for the Recognition and Awards High Tea. Modeled after a very special Julia Hamblet event, this is going to be spectacular! If you don't want to bring a hat, we have some limited supplies to create one – let Paula know if you choose to make the hat at convention so we'll have enough supplies on hand.



## Recognition & Awards: You Can't Win If You Don't Enter!

"I'm dreaming of more STREAMERS...to place upon my WMA Chapter Colors..." Come on, everyone, sing along with me!!!!

How does the chapter earn these streamers? Why, the Recognitions and Awards program, but of course! All chapters, large and small, are strongly encouraged to enter the competition in at least one category. Details can be found in the WMA "HOW TO" book.

Here's a brief of the FUN that is about to take place. There are three categories:

best newsletter, best History Book and chapter achievement, and a separate grand prize of overall chapter achievement - the Ruth and Dick Broe Award. If your chapter did not enter any category last convention, pick one and concentrate on submitting the best entry possible for this convention. Remember, you can't win if you don't enter! \*Entering\* is the FIRST step and that leads to winning!!!

Get into that "HOW TO" book and GET CREATIVE! Contact your Area Director, if needed, and let's make the Recognition

and Awards program at the 2010 WMA Biennial Convention and Professional Development Conference a grand time to be had by all! Again, details are found in the "HOW TO" book; if you don't have the 'latest and greatest' copy, PLEASE contact your Area Director TODAY!

*Semper Fidelis,*  
*Deniese Elosh*  
*Recognition and Award Chair,*  
*2010 WMA Biennial Convention*  
*and Professional Development*  
*Conference*

# 2010 WMA Convention Program Booklet Ad and Event Sponsor Information

Dear Veteran Supporter,

The Women Marines Association (WMA) will host our national biennial convention September, 2010 in Denver, Co. It is our hope that you will support this effort and purchase an ad, sponsor an event or make a contribution to our cause.

Formed in 1960, WMA is a non-profit, 501(c)3, veterans organization comprised of women who have and continue to honorably and proudly serve in the United States Marine Corps. WMA and her members work to preserve and promote the history and traditions of women Marines as well as those of the Marine Corps. We volunteer within our communities and provide assistance to those veterans in need along with conducting programs for charitable and educational purposes.

These ads will be in our 2010 Biennial Convention program booklet, which every registrant will receive. Your ad will be seen nationally. WMA has close to 100 chapters with members in every state. We range from our active duty Marines to our WWII veterans. These treasured mementos are then shared with family and friends back home who were not able to attend. It is definitely the place to advertise to gain a wide base of prospective clients. Event sponsors will be recognized in the program booklets for the sponsored event with a full page ad.

Ads will be accepted in **BLACK & WHITE**, camera ready hard copy, on disc or CD and electronically. Electronic ads must be sent to: [ConventionAds@womenmarines.org](mailto:ConventionAds@womenmarines.org).

Please be sure your check payable to **WMA-CO-1-2010** is enclosed or in the case of electronic ads, sent separately. Page size is 8 1/2" X 11", with half-inch margins on each side. All ads must be **postmarked by 15 July 2010** to enable time to do the layout and printing of the Program Booklet. Mail with your check to: **WMA-CO-1-2010, (memo "Convention Program") to: Paula Sarlls, 3066 South Granby St., Aurora, CO 80014-3833 303-766-9023, email: [ConventionAds@womenmarines.org](mailto:ConventionAds@womenmarines.org)**

**If ad copy is submitted in its original form and is not submitted via email or disc, please submit an additional \$10.00 for scanning fee.**

## AD SPACE COSTS and SPECIFICATIONS

(Standard Black and White - Camera-Ready Copy Only)

	Ad Size	Program Ads
Full page	7-1/2 x 10	\$200
Half Page	7-1/2 x 5	\$100
Quarter page	5-3/4 x 5	\$ 50
Stand Business Card	3-1/2 x 2	\$ 25
2 Line Ad	1 x 1	\$ 20
Name Only Ad	One line	\$ 10

## EVENT SPONSORSHIP

Opening Banquet Meet and Greet Sponsor	\$2,500 Only 3 available
Closing Banquet Meet and Greet Sponsor	\$2,500 Only 3 available
Decoration Sponsor	\$1,500 Only 2 available
Event Program Booklet Sponsor	\$ 500 Only 5 available

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please find enclosed my camera ready ad enclosed on disc

\_\_\_\_\_ I have sent my ad file via email on \_\_\_\_\_. Please verify when it is received.

**Please note donations to WMA are tax deductible as prescribed by law.  
Please check with your tax advisor.**



# Take the First Step on your Walk through Time!

## September 3-7, 2010

### Denver, CO



WMA  
2010 A Walk Through Time



A gathering of Marines in 1960 at the Shirley Savoy hotel in downtown Denver, Colorado was the start of what we all know now as the Women Marines Association (WMA). We hope to recreate that very "special" feeling of appreciation for our members in 2010. Step off the bus and enjoy the transformation recreating the beginnings of WMA and our history!

Though the Shirley Savoy no longer exists we have chosen The Denver Grand Hyatt Hotel to serve in her stead. The rooms are elegant and plush, the service is superb, and the food is absolutely fabulous! We were able to get historical \$99 room rates. They did this to honor your service and we are grateful for their generosity.

In honor of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary the Hyatt will offer three specially priced breakfasts for our members and their guests - The WMA breakfast, The WMA SOS, and the Beautiful American Marine breakfast. A special priced dinner will be offered each night when we don't have a banquet for the members.

You'll want to step back in time to TUN TAVERN to purchase a Marine drink developed especially for us! As in days of old this will be a very special meeting place.

Step back into time as you walk into the hospitality suite that will be decked out by the Denver International Airport USO in a fashion only they can do! Experience the same ambiance as our active duty when they take a break from it all. This is a gathering place for our members that will be run by our very own Loyal Escorts. Come enjoy a drink, sing a song or just enjoy some conversation.

The Mt. Sopris room is where the CO-1 Women of the Corps Collection will host the largest exhibit ever done on the history of women Marines. See our history in photographs, uniforms and mementos of your fellow Marines. A must stop place as you feel experience the past today.

The First Timers meeting will be on the 37<sup>th</sup> floor of the hotel with a spectacular view of the city and mountains. Get to know your WMA team and learn about all the great experiences that await you at Convention.

Opening and closing nights will require a stroll to the Imperial Ballroom for the spectacular banquets. Every event will have very special menus and programs based on historic items in the Women of the Corps Collection. You won't want to miss a single one!

The 2012 luncheon is based on historic flight lunches. The Recognition & Awards is a high tea with a grand high tea hat contest. The installation brunch will be based on an official Marine Corps Club sandwich.

There's just so much that I can't put everything in one article - And of course...we're working on a special golf course for you to visit! You know I just love to golf. So take the first step and register for 2010. It will be an unforgettable experience for all who attend. We look forward to seeing you all for this "Walk through time. See you soon



## **STEPS TO TAKE ON YOUR WALK TO 2010**



The first step to any convention is the fundraising. Our silent auction is for three fabulous pampered days of golf to include cart and green fees and two nights of lodging for a foursome at North Shore Country Club and the Sneads Ferry Holiday Inn Express in Sneads Ferry, NC. Rounds may be used Monday thru Thursday only. Not valid on holidays. The item is valid through July 2010. Bids must be postmarked before March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 We'll contact the winner for payment. Value of the item is \$1400 and bids begin at \$700.

You can check out the North Shore Country Club at

<http://www.northshorecountryclub.com>

Send them to Bids 2010 c/o Paula Sarlls, 3066 So. Granby St., Aurora, CO 80014



The next step is chapter involvement. We have come up with prizes that are easy to transport home and even easier to ship. CASH! Please ask your chapter to send \$25 per door prize they would like to donate. Cash Door Prizes will be given out at every event! We are sure there'll be great ways to put that door prize to good use. From our Mile High Market to your heart's desire, cash is your ticket to fun your way!

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Then take a giant step, decide what days you'd like to attend! You will want to arrive in time for the WMA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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You will want to set aside time to take a leisurely walk through the Mile High Market and see the Chapter items for sale. Houston had many new items for sale at the Space Trading Center so we're thinking you will see even more at this event! Make sure your chapter registers for a table at the Mile High Market! There will be lots of fun for that, too!



You will want to saunter to the workshops we're planning. They will be pertinent to all attendees and have been cleared with Headquarters Marine Corps as appropriate for active duty Marines. They focus on personal success, health, finance, and community resources as well as updates from top Marine Corps leaders. Our very own Vernice Armour will do the session on Personal Success! You won't want to miss that!



Of course steps to the many sites in downtown Denver will surely keep you entertained while you're in between events. There are too many to mention them all, but I suggest you go to --- <http://cbs4denver.com/video/?cid=109> to peruse many things to do in CO and Denver.

We will have a guide in your gift bag, of course, but you could also contact our Chamber of commerce for more information. Check out Baseball and all the other sports in town, too.

The Marine Memorial Association will provide trips to the Marine Memorial in Golden for a small fee. And Denver may even have light rail to the Memorial by then. There are tour busses available to the Air Force Academy. There are also busses available to Central City for gambling. Local sites include: Aquarium, Museums, Art Galleries, Library, Capital building, Historic buildings, Denver has very sophisticated light rail and bus systems to get you where ever you want to go. And of course.....**there's always golf!**





# To the Loyal Escorts



Loyal Escorts,

Our IPP Paul Dossin and I have discussed chairing the Nominations Committee. He said he will do it for the 2010 elections. All offices are open. Those who would be willing to do the job should let Paul know. His email address is dossinpmam@aol.com. I am sure he will be looking for a slate of officers. So please step up to the plate and take your turn.

As for the Loyal Escort shirts, I have done all the leg work and made arrangement to have all this ready for you. I have financed 100% of it. I have about 46 multi-colored shirts with logo, the Loyal Escort patch as shown in National Merchandise Sales at the end of this issue. Please make a check out to Ken Cross for \$36 which will cover the costs with mailing and about \$9 will be given to our scholarship fund. You will get a receipt outlining the total cost of

the shirt. I have on hand the below listed colors and sizes, ready to go now. By the time you read this in January or February I should have about 25 more shirts. So please get your orders in to me with an alternate color listed in case your first choice has already sold. Should you have any question please call me at my home (760) 724-9861 and leave me a message and I promise to return your call.

The sizes that are available are Small, Medium, Large, XLarge, and XXLLarge. These are men's sizes, moisture wicking golf shirts. I was not able to obtain women's shirts and keep the prices reasonable. As of this writing (Nov 09) this is what I have:

**Small**--2 white, 1 med bright green, 1 black, 1 mink brown

**Medium**--1 lt. gray, 1 navy blue, 1 orange, 1 purple, 1 med blue, 1 lemon yellow

**Large**--2 med red, 1 maroon, 1 purple, 1 mint green, 1 lemon yellow, 2 black, 1 med grass green, 1 pea green, 1 royal blue

**XLarge** - 1 mink brown, 1 dark red, 1 black

**XXLarge** - 2 maroon, 1 royal blue

Please mail check to Ken Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, California 92056-4401 tele no. 760-724-9861

Unfortunately we have lost another Loyal Escort, Laura Lauder, Life #125. She was from TX-2 and passed in October 2009.

Now that we have become a 501c3 non-profit group if any of our members have some ideas on how to solicit corporate donations and has the know-how, please contact any officer. We could sure use your help.

This edition of WMA 'Nouncements should contain the information for the Denver Convention. I'm planning to be there; I hope you are too. See you there!

Semper Fidelis,

**Ken Cross**

PRESIDENT, LOYAL ESCORTS  
OF THE GREEN GARTER

## Application for membership in Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

THE AUXILIARY OF THE WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION

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

Life Membership (fee prorated by age)

☐ 40 & under ...\$175.00

☐ 61 to 70 ..... \$100.00

Sponsor must be a WMA Life Member

☐ 41 to 45..... \$145.00

☐ 71 to 80.....\$75.00

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

☐ 46 to 60 .....\$125.00

☐ 81 & Over ..... \$50.00

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

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

Charles Ables, Secretary and Treasurer

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E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact in case of emergency with address and phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Enclosed Amount of Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live with your sponsor? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Dues include 'Nouncements if not already received in household.

☐ 2 Years . . . . . \$25.00

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

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



13 February 2010

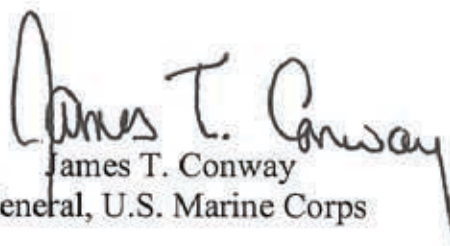
## **A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS**

On behalf of all Marines, I extend heartiest congratulations to the Women Marines Association as our Corps celebrates the 67th Anniversary of the official establishment of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. Each member of this distinguished group of Marines has played a large role in shaping today's Corps and the traditions and values that all Marines hold dear.

In 1918, the Secretary of the Navy announced that the first women would be allowed to enroll for clerical duty in the Marine Corps, and Opha Mae Johnson made history as the first to enlist. Since that time, women have answered the Nation's call and distinguished themselves during every conflict our Nation has seen. As we commemorate the numerous accomplishments of female Marines past and present, know that Marines serving around the globe today are proudly carrying on the distinguished legacy of valor, discipline, and steadfast fidelity that generations of Women Marines helped forge. As they did in Iraq, our female Marines will play a vital role in our mission in Afghanistan.

Your continued commitment to the Marine Corps and to your brothers- and sisters-in-arms is in keeping with the highest traditions and ethos of our Corps. All who wear the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor sincerely appreciate your support of our veterans and our Marines serving at home and in the fight. Thank you for your dedicated service to Corps and country. May you have a very memorable and enjoyable anniversary!

Semper Fi, Marines!

  
James T. Conway  
General, U.S. Marine Corps

# Marine Corps Triplets

From left, Lance Cpls. Andrew and Elizabeth Foltz were at Keesler Dec. 2 for the graduation of their brother, Lance Cpl. Samuel Foltz, an aviation basic calibration pipeline student in Keesler's Marine Corps Detachment. The 19-year-old triplets hail from Michigan. Andrew, a student at West Michigan University, serves as a water purification specialist in the Marine Corps Reserves and plans to attend Officer Candidate School this summer. Elizabeth is a motor transportation operator at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Sam is headed to Cherry Point, N.C., where he'll be calibrating aircraft tools. Their parents, Denise Vaughan and Tom Foltz, and 4-year-old sister, Jacquelyn, came from Michigan for the graduation ceremony. (U.S. Air Force photo by Kemberly Groue)



## Chapter Tool Kit: Disbanding a Chapter

### I. Chapter Activity

According to the WMA SOP and HOW TO BOOK, there are certain levels of activity that a chapter must maintain to be a viable chapter. This includes

- The chapter is meeting at least twice a year
- The chapter responds annually to the WMA 1stVP with a list of officers
- The chapter membership is at least 5 members
- The chapter officers are active

Another reason for inactivity is that the chapter members are unable or unwilling to hold chapter office. Whatever the reason, there comes a point in time when the chapter is not viable. When this happens, after all reasonable avenues have been explored to continue and build the chapter, and the chapter cannot continue, then

### II. Contact your Area Director

Keep your Area Director informed of all the steps you have taken and are taking. The Area Director information can be found in the current Resource Manual and Directory, or the inside page of the last issue of WMA 'Nouncements.

### III. Your chapter must vote to disband

A letter or email must be sent to each current member of your chapter.

- This can be done by any officer of the chapter with the knowledge and permission of the other officers.

- The letter should contain the reason why the chapter is disbanding.
- The letter should contain a return envelope and separate ballot with signature
- The letter should include a due date for the return.
- The letter can be sent via email

The recording officer will retain all ballots and create a summary of the vote. (See Attachment 1 for a sample letter to the membership with ballot).

### IV. Send a Letter of Intent to Disband to the Area Director

This will be a formal letter to the Area Director. (Please see Attachment 2 for a sample letter to the Area Director). This letter will include the minutes of the last meeting, the summary of the ballots received, and the reason for disbanding.

- The Area Director will write an endorsement and forward the letter to the WMA 1st VP.
- The 1stVP will add her endorsement and send to the WMA President.
- The WMA President submits the vote to disband the chapter to the WMA Board. This takes approximately three weeks.
- The President will notify the 1stVP who will write a letter to the chapter president with a copy to the Area Director and Membership Secretary with the results of the Board vote. (See Attach-

ment 3).

- All chapter members will now be Members at Large unless they designate another chapter as their primary chapter.

Contact your Area Director. Life members will remain life members of WMA and will continue to receive WMA publications. Term members must continue with their WMA dues or become Life members to continue to receive WMA publications.

### V. Disbursement of chapter assets

Once the Board approves the vote to disband the chapter, the chapter assets are dispersed.

- All liabilities and obligations shall be paid.
- Follow any provisions or procedures in the chapter bylaws or standing rules written for the dissolution of the chapter.
- The chapter records including the final minutes, final treasurer's report, and ballots to disband are sent to WMA Headquarters with their chapter flag if they have one.
- The chapter memorabilia is sent to the WMA National Historian.
- The chapter charter is sent to the WMA National Secretary.
- Any remaining assets shall be distributed to another qualifying group.
- File final 990EZ with IRS.

*Lillian Cross*



# Florida Regional Meeting for Area 3

The weather outside seems to be frightful in many of the states right now, so this is a great time to plan a little mini vacation in Florida. FL-2, Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, will be hosting a regional event and we hope you can all make it. It makes no difference what state you are from. All are invited to this little winter getaway as we celebrate the 67th Anniversary of women in the Marine Corps.

A Regional Anniversary Luncheon and Conference is planned for Saturday, February 13th, 2010 at 12:30pm. National WMA President Rhonda LeBrescu-Am-tower will be the guest speaker. Judy Anderson, WMA National 1st Vice President, and Linda Clark-Wolford, Area 3 Director, will be in attendance as our special guests. Cost for the luncheon is \$25.00 per person. More details will be forthcoming.

On Friday evening, we will have an informal gathering to enjoy each other's company and talk about any issues that are affecting us as chapters and members at large. It will be a great time to brainstorm on upcoming events and work towards boosting our membership, as well as awareness for our organization.

On Saturday night, after the luncheon, our destination will be the Hard Rock Casino (<http://www.seminolehardrocktampa.com>) in Tampa for a night of entertainment and fun.

On Sunday, we will gather to work on

any unfinished business, have breakfast, and then say our goodbyes.

We will be at the Best Western Clearwater Grand Hotel. (<http://www.clearwater-grand.com>). The Clearwater Grand offers a resort atmosphere and warm hospitality for a relaxing stay for work and play.

Enjoy all the energy of Central Clearwater, award-winning Clearwater beach and the exciting attractions of Tampa and St. Petersburg.

Whether you're traveling for a Florida meeting or Clearwater vacation, it's all waiting for you at the Clearwater Grand Hotel. The Clearwater Grand Hotel is located at 20967 US Hwy. 19 North, Clearwater,

FL.

To accommodate the overnight guests, on the 12th and 13th, rooms at the hotel have been blocked for \$60 per night, (2 double beds) and suites (sleeps 3 persons comfortably) for \$90. This also includes a Continental breakfast. Rooms can be booked directly with the hotel at (727) 799 1181 To receive the preferred rate you must tell them that you are with the Women Marines Association.

The Clearwater Grand Hotel provides a central location with convenient access to everything Clearwater and Tampa Bay have to offer: golf, the white sand beaches of the Gulf of Mexico, sports, shopping and the list goes on - all within a few short miles.

• Minutes to both Tampa and St. Peters-

burg/Clearwater International Airports. From Tampa International, take Rt. 60 West (Courtney-Campbell Causeway) to US 19 North - stay in right lane and service road will lead directly into hotel parking lot.

• From St. Petersburg/Clearwater International, Go north on the Bayside Bridge and exit onto 60 West - take Rt. 60 to US 19 N - stay in right lane and service road will lead directly into hotel parking lot.

• 15 minutes from beautiful, white, sandy beaches, golf courses and some of the area's finest shopping.

• 30 minutes from Raymond James Stadium, Busch Gardens, Adventure Island, Ice Palace, Ybor City, Game Works, Channelside, BayWalk, Lowry Park Zoo and Tarpon Springs.

• 75 minutes to Orlando Theme Parks.

Local attractions include the 300-acre Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, ranked among the top four zoos in the country; the Florida Aquarium; the Henry B. Plant Museum, which is the site of the old Tampa Bay Hotel and a national historic landmark; and the Tampa Museum of Art, which features the Southeast's largest collection of Greek and Roman art. You can come make it a mini vacation for you and your family.

Anyone needing further information at this time, or to make a luncheon reservation may call Lucille Gunion at (727) 584 8016. Please return the following form with your registration.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

When Served \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_

Days Attending: (please circle all that apply) Friday Saturday Sunday

I will be going to the casino: Y N

Please make your \$25.00 check payable to WMA FL-2 Gulf Coast Chapter and mail to:

Lucille Gunion, 1620 Parkview Lane, Largo, FL 33770

# Female engagement team helps establish connection between Marines and Afghan women

12/28/2009

**By Lance Cpl. Dwight A. Henderson, Regimental Combat Team 7**

HELMAND PROVINCE, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan — Throughout the Garmsir district in Afghanistan, Marines and sailors of 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, interact with multiple key leaders and locals to learn what the village needs.

However, there is one gap that is hard to bridge — the interaction between Marines and the females of these villages.

This is the problem that the Marines and sailors of the female engagement team, attached to 2/2, worked to solve, as they conducted multiple patrols through the village of Tajik Khar Dec. 16-20.

With the help from the Marines of Easy Company, 2/2, and local members of the Afghan National Army, the FET moved from compound to compound, hoping to speak to the females to discuss what medical care and humanitarian assistance was needed for them.

“This is extremely important,” said 2nd Lt. Carly E. Towers, the officer in charge of the FET. “Our mission out here as (International Security Assistance Force) is to talk to and work with the locals to build cooperation and security.”

Because of the local Afghan culture, male Marines are not allowed to look at,

let alone talk to, any local females. Even the ANA is not supposed to talk to the women of any compound, so the female Marines’ efforts do not only benefit other Marines, but the local ANA, as well.

“It is good news for us,” said Sgt. Shokorunnah, a soldier with the ANA. “The female Marines came and talked to the women and found out their problems. I am very happy.”

Before the all-female team can even enter a compound, they must first talk to the owner, generally a male who is not used to interacting with Marine females.

“The general perception has been ranging from positive to dumbfounded,” said Towers, from Modesto, Calif. “We’ve had a lot of success in the past few days. They’ve been interacting with us like male Marines.”

Once they have received the blessing of the owner, it is time for the FET to do their work. They slip through the doorway of the compound to begin their discussions.

“We just try to sit down, talk to them, and get to know them a bit,” said Towers, a Naval Academy graduate. “We ask them if they have any questions for us. We’re trying to build rapport.”

The team understands that respect to the culture is very important, so whenever they enter a compound, they remove their

helmets and don a headscarf to cover their hair.

This shows a respect towards the culture, which may otherwise keep the FET from being successful.

“Without the scarves, the women would be shamed from the families,” said Shokorunnah.

Through their interactions over the past few days, the FET has encountered many different females, including those who claim to have never left their compound for fear of the firefights and improvised explosive devices.

“We hear a lot of things from the women that we wouldn’t hear from the men or that would be said in a different way,” said Towers.

Towers added that they get a lot of questions about medical care, and they have a female corpsman with them, which allows them to offer medical care for basic sicknesses.

The cooperation built through these interactions can help build a stronger relationship between all Afghans and Marines.

“If we are sending the same message to the (Afghan) females as the male Marines to the (Afghan) males, then at the end of the day, when they’re talking, they can (help).” said Towers.



**Lance Cpl. Autayvia K. Mitchell, a Marine with the female engagement team, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, interacts with local children during a patrol through Tajik Khar, Garmsir, Afghanistan, Dec. 18. With Easy Company, 2/2, and local Afghan National Army providing security, the FET team moved from compound to compound, hoping to speak to the females to discuss what medical care and humanitarian assistance was needed for them. (Photo by Lance Cpl. Dwight A. Henderson ).**

# Molly Marine Award Recipients

Plt 4036 recipient PFC Megan Phibbs of Cantonment, FL and Plt 4037 recipient PFC Elizabeth States of Los Alamitos, CA, flank Linda Priest. Awards were received on November 18.



Plt 4038 recipient PFC Chelsea Kiefer of Celeste, TX and Plt 4039 recipient PFC Megan Kage of Woodbridge, VA. Series 4038 received their awards on Dec. 2.



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Send chapter ads to Wanda Antoine, 10213 Lake Forest Drive • Ocean Springs, MS 39564,  
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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



**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:** "The American Flag" Booklet

**Cost:** \$4.00 (includes shipping) Payable to: CA-8, WMA

**Chapter:** Palms to Pines

**Contact:** Ozell Barksdale,  
President, 5394 Sierra Street, Riverside, CA 92504  
(951) 688-2806 e-mail:ozellb@pacbell.net



**Item:** "Parris Island: A Woman's Memoir of  
Marine Corps Boot Camp"

Signed copy by author Lisa Cordeiro

**Cost:** \$16.95 (\$3.95 shipping)

**Chapter:** MA-1

**Contact:** Lisa Cordeiro, 35 Berkeley St.,  
Watertown, MA 02472  
or order online at  
www.lisacordeiro.comhttp://lisacordeiro.com



**Item:** "Cooking With Marines", a collection of recipes  
from Marines

**Cost:** \$12.50 (includes shipping) Chapter: TX-2

**Contact:** B.J. Huggins, (WMA)  
P.O.Box 1821  
Pasadena, TX 77501



### Cards/Stationery

**Item:** Name Tags, White w/ green border and logo;  
Two lines (name and organization); 3"x 1"

**Cost:** \$8.00 Chapter: Make checks to FL-2

**Contact:** Sylvia Morgan, 4525 Cove Circle, Apt. 102 St. Petersburg, FL 33708

**Item:** WMA Postcard - 5 1/2" x 4 1/4" Wide green stripe top & left margins.  
WMA logo in upper left corner

**Cost:** 10 for \$1.60; 15 for \$2.10; 20 for \$2.60 (prices include P&H)

**Checks:** CA-7, WMA Chapter: EMVSC (CA-7)

**Contact:** Shannon Cross, 3505 Driftwood Place, Oceanside, CA 92056  
(760) 305-2307

### Decals

**Item:** WMA Decal (Inside auto windshield)

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

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

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

**Item:** Seals

**Cost:** \$1.25 for 10 Chapter: Make checks to FL-2

**Contact:** Sylvia Morgan, 4525 Cove Circle, Apt. 102 St. Petersburg, FL 33708

### Shirts and Sweats

**Item:** White Sweatshirts and T-Shirts Women Marines' logo in green  
(WWI, Current, WWII) Courtesy of Col Charles Waterhouse

**Cost:** T-Shirts- M, L, XL and XXL @ \$10.00; Sweatshirts - M, L, L  
@ \$24.00, XXL @ \$25.00 Pay to: WMA PA-2 Liberty Belles  
(Price includes shipping)

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

**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:** "I'm The Marine In This Family" Black Polo Shirts.

**Cost:** \$20 plus \$5 postage. Size: S-3XL

**Chapter:** OH-2 Chesty Puller

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

**Item:** Forest Green Sweatshirts, t-shirts, short sleeved golf shirts,  
long sleeved golf shirts and low profile cap. All shirts are  
embroidered with WMA on the left side and Women Marines  
Association underneath. Embroidery is in white;  
low profile cap has WMA embroidered in white.

**Cost:** All prices include shipping and handling per item.

Sweatshirts: M- XL - \$26 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

**Item:** Dark Green Windbreaker Jacket with WMA logo on front left side.  
Sizes: S- XL (Sizes run larger than usual)

**Cost:** \$34.00 Includes postage and handling.

**Checks:** EMVSC, CA-&, WMA

**Contact:** Charline Itchkawich, 536 Mimosa Ave.,  
Vista, CA 92081-9117

### Jewelry

**Item:** WMA Bolo w/ WMA Logo and cord in gold finish (also available bolo with  
USMC Emblem only).

**Cost:** \$20.00 (includes shipping)

**Chapter:** Make checks payable to TX-3, WMA

**Contact:** Anne M. Collins, 4707 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209  
(210) 829-8522

**Item:** WMA Logo Earrings (matches gold bolo)

**Cost:** \$10.00/pair (includes shipping)

**Chapter:** Make checks payable to: TX-3, WMA

Please designate one:

☐ Wire/Dangle ☐ Clip-on

**Contact:** Anne M. Collins, 4707 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209  
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**Item:** WMA Ring, Jeweler - Jostens

**Cost:** Lustrium (*non precious white*) \$181.00

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**Note:** Include ring size and phone number when ordering

**Chapter:** FL-7 First Coast

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



**Item:** WMA Pendant on chain Size: 7/8 inches round

**Item:** WMA Lapel Pin Size: 7/8 inches round

**Cost:** \$19.75 each (including shipping)

**Chapter:** FL-7 First Coast

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



**Item:** Charm "Semper Fi"

**Cost:** \$15.00

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

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



**Item:** Lapel pins, "United States Woman Marine" and WMA, 1 inch in diameter

**Cost:** \$5.00 each (including shipping and handling)

**Chapter:** CA-3

**Contact:** Kathleen Wright, 349 Howard Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95051

## Miscellaneous Items

**Item:** USMC Sun catchers (*also have other military branches*)

**Cost:** \$5.00 each

**Size:** 4" round w/suction hanger **Chapter:** CA-15

**Contact:** Pat Murray, 40701 Rancho Vista #92

Palmdale, CA 93551 (661) 718-8324



**Item:** Travel neck pouch, black w/two zippered sections on one side with clear section on reverse with WMA logo; adjustable strap; size 6-1/2"x4-1/2"

**Cost:** \$5.00 each (includes shipping)

**Chapter:** NM-1 (checks payable to NM-1 Sandia Chapter)

**Contact:** Stella Delgado-Kinnison, 204 General Patch NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123

**Item:** WMA Logo Magnet. Ideal for gift. Size 2" long, 1 1/2" wide

**Cost:** \$2.00 includes postage **Chapter:** NJ-2

**Contact:** Lorraine Nankivell, PO Box 208, 38 Point Pleasant Rd, Hopatcong, NJ 07843-0208

**Item:** New aluminum license plate in distinctive RED lettering on white. Includes a Semper Fi sticker

**Cost:** \$9.00 (*postpaid*) **Chapter:** FL-4, Tampa Tarpons

**Contact:** Laverne H. Myers, 3803 Drexel Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611-1517



**Item:** WMA "Semper Fi" bumper sticker (*for anyplace—boat, luggage, etc.*). White w/green - 2" x 9"

**Cost:** \$1.50 ea. for 5 for \$6.45 or 10 for \$11.00 (*postpaid*)

**Contact:** Laverne H. Myers, 3803 Drexel Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611-1517

**Item:** WMA Umbrella, green with WMA logo, Automatic Open Button **Size:** Collapsed 15 inches long, open 21 inches long and 36 inches wide

**Cost:** \$17.75 (*includes shipping*) **Chapter:** FL-7 First Coast

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

**Item:** WMA logo Rubber Stamps

**Cost:** Large stamp: \$11.00 (*includes mailing*) Small stamp: \$8.00 (*includes mailing*) **Chapter:** CA-7 **Checks to:** EMV, CA-7, WMA

**Contact:** Shannon Cross, 3505 Driftwood Place, Oceanside, CA 92056 (760) 305-2307

**Item:** Fanny Pack WMA Logo **Cost:** \$10.00 **Chapter:** FL-2

**Contact:** Sylvia Morgan, 4525 Cove Circle, Apt. 102 St. Petersburg, FL 33708

**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:** 2007 WMA Historical Calendar:

"Strike Up the Band"

**Cost:** \$15 each (*includes S&H*)

**Chapter:** TX-2, WMA

**Contact:** Judy Anderson,

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**Checks:** WMA-Phyllis Alexander **Chapter:** SC-1

**Contact:** Rosa Robertson, WMA, P.O. Box 5296, Parris Island, SC 29905 (*or via email*)

**Item:** "Proud To Be A Marine" ribbon magnet, 8"x 3"

**Cost:** \$6 each (*includes postage*)

**Item:** WW II magnet, 3-1/2"x 2-1/2", red lettering on white background with blue border

**Cost:** \$2 each (*includes postage*)

**Contact:** Shannon Cross, 3505 Driftwood Place, Oceanside, CA 92058 (760) 305-2307



**Item:** Woman Marine cover cross stitch pattern, with backstitch eagle, globe and anchor.

**Cost:** \$2.50 each (*includes shipping*) **Chapter:** OH-2

**Contact:** Janice Lascko, 3157 W. 82nd St., Cleveland, OH 44102 or [janlascko@yahoo.com](mailto:janlascko@yahoo.com). Payments can be made through PayPal at this same email address.



**Item:** 2006 Convention Luggage Tags; Green vinyl with white lettering

**Cost:** 2/\$5.75 (*includes shipping & handling*) **Chapter:** Rocky Top Chapter, TN-1

**Contact:** WMA, TN-1, 818 Wild View Way, Knoxville, TN 379207609

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**Contact:** Kathy Van Gorder, 584 Barrington Rd., Collegeville, PA 19426 e-mail: [VanGorders2@aol.com](mailto:VanGorders2@aol.com) Fax: 610-489-4383

**Item:** Bumper sticker, The Few, The Proud, The Women Marines

**Cost:** \$1.50 each (*Price includes shipping*) **Chapter:** NM-1 (*checks payable to Sandia Chapter*)

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

**Item:** Pewter zipper pulls, yellow ribbon pin, heart necklace or ornaments all with the eagle, globe and anchor.

**Cost:** \$6.00. \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$9.00 (*plus \$3.00 shipping per item*)

**Chapter:** MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks (*make checks payable to MN-1*)

**Contact:** Mary McGee, 2652 Marshall St NE #301, Minneapolis, MN 55418 (612) 788-1216

**Item:** "Woman Marine" Ribbon Magnet, 8" x 4"

**Cost:** \$6.00 (*includes shipping & handling*)

**Chapter:** OH-2 Chesty Puller

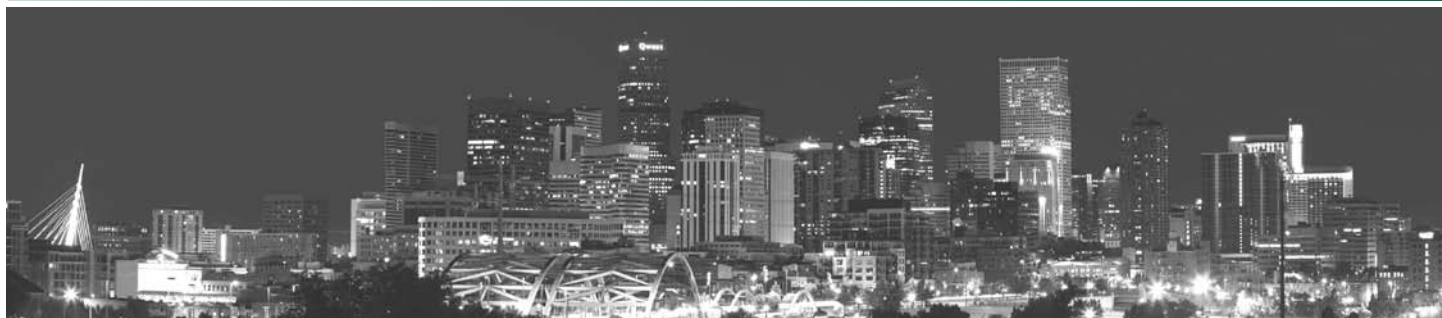
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