# Our Walk through Time: 50 Years of WMA



One word for National Treasurer and DC-1 President Betty Moseley Brown-- OORAH! Photo courtesy Micaila Britto.

By now, you've probably taken off your walking shoes, rubbed your feet, and breathed a sigh of relief. From the Opening Banquet to closing night, we all felt the pride that only comes with being a United States Marine.

Ah, but don't rest too much. We have some more walking to do. You'll need to put those shoes back on because we are doing it again in Philadelphia in 2012. So, for now, sit back, relax a little more, and thumb through some of the memories from Denver in this issue of 'Nouncements.

Wanda Antoine Editor



Major General Timothy Hanifen takes time out for a photo with Marines after the closing banquet. Maj.Gen. Hanifen is Director, Expeditionary Warfare Division (N85), for the Chief Of Naval Operations. *Photo courtesy Micaila Britto*.



Do you see that lovely photo of the ladies on the left? Well, that's your new National Board of Directors, and thanks to Cpl. Lindsay Sayres, who traveled to Denver all the way from Afghanistan, we have a lot more of these photos on http://womenmarinesassocdenver2010. shutterfly.com. You can check out Cpl Sayres' album and upload your own photos.





There were so many nice photographs to comb through for this issue, and this would not be possible without the help of all of our great photographers. Many thanks go out to Micaila Britto, Wayne Markel, Cpl. Lindsay Sayres, Mary Karcher, Pam Cress and Lisa Perry of Blacktie Events, and many more who were all willing to share their gift of photography with the rest of us.



WMA National President Rhonda Lebrescu Amtower pictured with Col Sheryl Murray(Ret.) Murray was keynote speaker at the Opening Banquet and currently serves as Assistant Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.



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# President's Message: 50 Years, Still Going Strong



50 years of WMA and still going strong! Nearly 400 WMA and Loyal Escort members gathered in Denver in September to commemorate the Golden Anniversary of our Association. I had the privilege to

dedicate this convention to our original founders, and we were honored to have two of those special members, Barbara Meeks and Sue Sousa, present to represent all of those women who had the vision to create the foundation of our Association. It was their example, their leadership, their mentorship that has influenced WMA throughout the years and has brought us where we are today to commemorate WMA's 50th Anniversary. Unfortunately, we just learned that Barbara Meeks passed away recently after an accident in her home. Our hearts and prayers go out to her family and we are confident to know that she is guarding the gates for the rest of us.

I would like to extend my thanks to CO-1, the Colorado Columbine WM History Chapter for hosting this special event. The entire Convention was focused on the proud 50 year history of our Association and of women's service in the Marine Corps. The five meal events represented each of the five decades of WMA's history starting with the Opening Ceremony, 2012 Promotional Lunch, Recognition and Awards (R&A) Lunch, Installation Lunch and the Closing Banquet. The History Suite was an impressive display of the Women of the Corps Collection which presented the largest exhibit ever of women Marine memorabilia. Our two guest speakers, Mrs. Sheryl Murray, Assistant Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and Major General Timothy Hanifen, Director, Expeditionary Warfare, (OPNAV N85) provided us with a unique perspective of how women's service is instrumental to the Marine Corps' mission and in shaping its legacy.

The Hospitality Suite sponsored by our Loyal Escorts was the "place to be" in the evening up on the 37th Floor. Not only did we have an incredible view of the city of Denver, but the entertainment that CO-1 helped to provide was fan-

tastic, and the local USO supported the entire effort. What a great time we all had!

The Professional Development Workshops were a great success presenting information topics relating to all of our members regarding women's health issues, financial management, Veteran's Service Organizations, as well a very informative Marine Corps Leadership Panel. Many thanks to Colonel Laura Sampsel, Lieutenant Colonel Maria Marte, Sergeant Major Stephanie Murphy, along with Sergeant Major Irene O'Neal for being our active duty panel members. We added a special presentation from the Commanding Officer and Sergeant Major of the 4th Recruit Training Battalion on the current training program at Parris Island.

The presentation of the National Service Award to Mary Ann Merritt and Wendy Hopkins for their support to the new national website and the Planned Giving Brochure respectively was indicative of their dedicated service to WMA.

We all had a great time enjoying the camaraderie of our fellow members, but we also exemplified the true nature of the primary purpose of the Convention which was to conduct the business of our Association. We held two business meetings at which the membership voted to update some key changes to our Bylaws and Standing Rules. The meetings resulted in record setting attendance which only helped to reconfirm the dedication of all our members to support our effort to keep WMA relevant, integrated, and growing. (The Big RIG Theory).

We installed the new slate of officers to serve as the National Board of Directors for the next two year term of office, which included all but three new members from the last Board. I would like to thank Kathy Van Gorder, Lillian Cross and Mary Ellen Stone as the outgoing Area 1 and Area 10 Directors and National Secretary respectively for their dedicated service. They will be missed, but I know that their replacements Mitzi Manning, Kathy Wright and Joan Cordero will all serve to the best of their abilities to support you the membership. You can find the contact information for all of the Board members along with our new

Loyal Escort Board members in the front of this issue of '*Nouncements*, along with our WMA website at www.womenmarines.org

Two years ago, I was in awe of the unique honor and privilege I had to be installed as the 18th National President for WMA. This year, I accepted once again the trust and confidence that you have bestowed on me to continue to serve as your President. In Houston I spoke about 3 goals that I set for us to achieve. These goals were to emphasize sound fiscal management, focus on our public relations effort and to develop a short term and long range plan for WMA.

Over the past two years we made significant strides to increase our financial base to support our scholarship, education and history programs. Due in part to a Planned Giving Program created by the Ways and Means Committee, we have already seen the results in the form of major bequests to the Memorial Scholarship Fund, totaling over a million dollars.

The second goal that I set was to focus on our Public Relations efforts in order to educate the community about WMA and to enhance our image and appeal to all women who have honorably served in our Corps. The newly designed national website, along with our appearance on the various social media venues including Facebook, Twitter and the WMA Blog, all helped to increase awareness of our Association, create a positive image of WMA, its members and purposes, all of which are in line with our Public Relations campaign.

And finally, our Plans and Policies Committee is hard at work developing an Operational Management Road Ahead Plan that will encompass a detailed look at our vision, mission, goals, and objectives, all designed to help identify where we are going and how we'll get there.

We have turned the corner on a historical and successful 50 year run, and even though we have come a long way, we still have a long way to go.

Who would have thought back in 1960 that we would be where we are now with over 3,000 members? History is not just something that is in the past. We make history every day (*Continued on page 2*)

#### President's Message (Continued)

and we must always look to the future and make the necessary adjustments to our Association to meet the changing times.

We all have so much to be proud of, since

each one of us has made a difference to our unique history of serving in United States Marine Corps, and continue to work towards preserving that history as members of WMA. We must all work together and share our talents and time to keep WMA moving forward into the future.

Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower

# 1st Vice President's Message: 'They aren't crazy, they're Marines'



We are now in the season of football, pump-kins, and scarecrows. The 2010 convention in Denver is a beautiful memory with many thanks to Paula Sarlls, Nancy Wilt, and Sara

Phoenix and the CO-1 chapter for their "Mile High" hospitality. The convention team created an environment that reminded us of our WMA history starting in Denver 50 years ago. The CO-1 Women of the Corps History Project gave us a display of the collection and provided guided tours that brought the exhibits to life. At night, the USO was the place to be, providing a fun, festive entertainment venue. The USO was a big hit and very popular with WMA members and Loyal Escorts. Just because we were having fun, didn't mean we neglected the business of WMA. The business meetings were productive with changes to the WMA Bylaws and Standing Rules voted by the membership. Be sure and review the new Resources Manual and Membership Directory for the changes.

A new activity was held early Sunday morning, when a fun run was led through downtown Denver. Tamara Sanchez started the group off with a workout, before a large group ran into the morning, followed by the fast walkers, and lastly the group that moseyed along. The fast walkers tried to take the same route as the runners and when they passed a hotel employee several blocks away, someone asked if he had seen some crazy women run by. He replied, "They aren't crazy, they're Marines!"



The Area Directors have been tasked with providing a chapter status report for the Interim Board Meeting. They will need to coordinate with each of their chapters to determine which chapters are active, meet at least twice a year, and report to the WMA 1st VP each year with the chapter officers and a roster of chapter members. Each chapter can help with this report by working with the Area Director to determine the chapter activity level. Chapters determined to be inactive

will need to meet the requirements to become active, or consider other options.

The city of Denver was an exciting environment for WMA members. The "Taste of Colorado" was a popular attraction throughout the weekend with entertainment, food and shopping. The Rocky Mountains proved to be a star attraction, with many excursions by members to see the sites.

When the first WMA convention was held, it was born of the desire of the WWII women who wanted to maintain their camaraderie. That vision has been a huge success. The active duty and WMA members are still forging new friendships through their shared Marine Corps experience. It was this spirit of camaraderie that led a group of active duty members to set up a photo shop in "Tun Tavern" after it was closed. They did this after the closing banquet, by setting up several laptops where they could download cameras and memory cards, then share those photos with anyone who had a travel drive to load. Micaila Britto joined the photo sharing by providing cd's. Many thanks Marines for sending us home with wonderful photos of WMA in Denver 2010.

Judy Anderson

## From the Editor: If you were in Denver, you know why we are relevant

If you thought you knew everything about the Marine Corps, women in the Corps, and the Women Marines Association, you probably realized at the Denver Convention that you did not. Well, unless you are Nancy Wilt. I went into the History Suite at the Grand Hyatt and was MORE than impressed with the collection that has been put together. Sara Phoenix was an excellent tour guide and June Whitehurst was a joy to talk to. June was in the second class of Hunter College graduates in 1943 when women were given the chance to enlist in the USMCWR.

If you thought that WMA was just an organization reserved for WWII veterans, you probably realized at the convention that you were wrong again. Did you see all the active duty Marines there? At the active duty orientation, IPP Paula Sarlls told the women in the room "You are the future of this organization." She could not have been more right. What happens when all of our WWII era veterans pass on? Who is going to carry the torch for our wonderful organization? If we do not showcase our history, tell our stories, and serve in our communities, who is going to do it for us? As I read coverage of

the 2010 Memorial Service on a Denver website, I read a comment from a man who was upset at the fact that women DARE to have an organization that's all about them. What he fails to realize is that as women, we have different challenges than the men in the Corps. Many look at us and think we can't do something just because we are women, or that we get a "pass" or have it easier because we are women.

There are even some who believe that women shouldn't be a part of the Corps (or any other branch of service for that matter.) I have learned (Continued on page 4)



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#### If you were in Denver... (Continued)

not to let these peoples' opinions bother me. If you were in Denver, you know why we are relevant. We are here to stay.

If you joined WMA at the Convention, invite the Marines who were not able to attend to join. Just as recruiting is impor-

tant in keeping our Corps alive, it is also necessary for the survival of our organization. Active duty Marines, you really are the future of this organization. One day, you will be sitting where the WWII, Korea, and Vietnam vets now sit. You will be Polly Harms, Georgine Clontz,

and Annie Grimes. Years from now, there will be a PFC who will want to hear your stories about Desert Storm, OIF and OEF. Keeping the Women Marines Association alive and relevant is up to you. Will you accept the challenge?

Wanda Antoine



# **How To Volunteer - By the Numbers**

As a volunteer, you can have an impact.

Two hours a week is more than 100 hours a year.

- 1. Contact the Voluntary Services (VAVS) at the VA Hospital.
- 2. Register for a regularly scheduled assignment (RS). You will be photographed and fingerprinted for your ID card. You will also receive an orientation explaining VA policies that apply.
- 3. Select a position. Match your availability and skills to the available volunteer positions. The departments at the VA will have previously summarized their needs into position descriptions for use by the VAVS staff. The volunteer selects from these available positions.
- 4. VAVS staff schedules you per your request, for the assignment and arranges

an introduction to the supervising staff.

- 5. Once you begin, register your time to WMA each time you come to the hospital for your assignment.
- 6. If the assignment is not a good fit, you or the staff supervising may request reassignment to another position.

If a chapter wants to get involved, then it helps to have a coordinator. This person is the liaison with VAVS to find opportunities, a match of the hospital needs and the chapter's resources. They are also a conduit of information on changes at the hospital that members of the chapter might need to know. To be most effective, this person should be appointed

to the Volunteers Activity Committee, as the WMA Representative. The request for appointment comes from the chapter president (or Area Chair) to the WMA VAVS National Rep, who makes the official appointment to the hospital on behalf of WMA. (VAVS Handbook 1620.01 applies).

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### From the Chaplain

I would like to thank our President and the board members for their confidence in appointing me as your National Chaplain. Thanks also to the Chapter officers who have already contacted me with an email or death notice right after the loss of a member. When a family member's name and address were provided, I was able to get a WMA condolence letter out the same day.

Your continued support with timely information will help us honor our fallen sisters and let their families know of their value to us, their "other family" through their service in the Marine Corps and

their membership in WMA. An email with the member's name, date of death and next-of-kin name and address will help me get a letter to the family right away, but please follow up with the formal notice so our Membership Secretary has what she needs for her records.

My husband and I were honored to have spent the Marine Corps Birthday and Veterans Day as escorts for a Marine Corps WWII Medal of Honor recipient, CWO4(ret) Herschel "Woody" Williams. Woody visited Louisville to speak at several events. At one of them, each veteran was offered the opportunity to remember a fallen veteran. Woody had everyone

in tears by finishing his remembrance of two Marines who died on Iwo Jima with a tribute to their mothers and all of the mothers of that conflict and a remembrance of the anxiety they suffered, tears they shed and prayers they offered waiting for their sons to come home or otherwise learn of their fate.

Please take a moment right now to say a short prayer for our deployed Marines and a special one for their families at home who have no way of knowing from minute to minute of the dangers their loved one faces. They also are serving.

Mary Broussard

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Sgt Shellie Birden of LA-1 with Capt Vernice Armour.

# 'FlyGirl' gives breakthrough advice

Former Captain Vernice Armour made history by becoming America's first female African-American combat pilot, and during the Personal Success workshop in Denver, she motivated Marines and encouraged them to prepare for their passions. Armour brought what she calls a "breakthrough mentality" to the convention.

While preparing for your passion, you may hit a few stumbling blocks, but according to Armour, that is okay. Being a minority, and being a woman were two of her obstacles, but Armour did not let those facts deter her. Everyone faces obstacles, and Armour's advice is to "Acknowledge the obstacle, but don't give it power."

Armour told the Marines present that "Life is all about transition." We have to keep moving forward. After the workshop, Armour took time out to answer questions and take photos with Marines.

Wanda Antoine

#### **CA-3 Ruth and Dick Broe Award Winners**



Louise Tamayo, CA-3 President, accepts the Ruth and Dick Broe Award for Overall Chapter Achievement from Past National President Theresa "Sue" Sousa, and outgoing Loyal Escorts President, Ken Cross. *Photo courtesy Wayne Markel.* 

# Just for Fun: Hat Contest Winners



Golda Fabian, left, (most patriotic), Brandy Falcon (most unique), Sara Phoenix (most humorous), Melanie Young (most chic), Louise Tamayo (most beautiful). Photo courtesy Pam Cress of Black Tie Photos.

# **Recognition and Awards**

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# Historically Speaking: We Are 'Amazing' Women

Denver 2010 celebrated not only WMA's 50th Anniversary, but it was the site of the largest history exhibit ever done on us women who have earned the title Marine.

Over 70 uniforms were on exhibit along with every shoe, hat, purse, evening dress, tiara, boots, and accessories known. Our exhibit covered over 3000 square feet and was manned by an amazing group of individuals.

Former Marine and Denver resident Dave Jensen developed radio time for our historian to advertise the exhibit and convention. He found work crews, aided in developing a security plan for the suite, gave his time as a worker and made the job of our historians so much easier.

The Marine Recruiting Station Denver sent in Marine working parties to pack the truck, deliver the exhibit, unload and assist with set-up. They then returned and did the entire process in reverse getting the Collection safely home again. Thank you, Major Brown.

The Broomfield Veterans Museum (our exhibit partners) help with set up and then with 2 docents daily to work with our visitors and civilian guests. They were amazing, learning our women's history and then sharing it. They knowledge of handling the uniforms and display pieces added the historians greatly from set-up to pack -up.

Author Sara Sheldon spent the entire convention autographing her books and touring individuals through the exhibit. Sara, at the request of the Marine Corps, has written two books on Marines.

She spent two months with our women in Iraq. Preparing for her trip, Sara could be seen walking the hills of Boulder, CO wearing body armor to build her stamina...did I mention she was 70 at the time. Her contribution to our women and our exhibit at the convention are invaluable. From set-up to pack out, she was there for us daily.

My special thanks to our attendees who "just showed up" daily and quietly to assist with the set-up and take down as well as hours spent just being there to help when we were open. The list is so long, I won't mention names. To all of you, many thanks, you are truly Marines, with hearts of gold and bodies of steel to have done all you did.

June Whitehurst proved daily she was indeed one of these Marines made of a heart of gold and body of steel, she spent every day in the WWII section talking about her WWII experiences working for Women Marine Director, Ruth Cheney Streeter, a magnificent story. She must have been the most photographed woman at convention.

# **NEW TREASURES for the Women of the Corps Collection**

During convention, our members brought a steady stream of new treasures that tell more of our history. Boxes were needed to carry these many new collections back to their new home in the Women of the Corps Collection. Thank all of you for giving so generously of your unique stories. We have added 30-40 new collections to The Women of the Corps Collection.

**Did You Know?** (New info we learned while developing the Convention Exhibit.)

• On November 11, 1921 a platoon of World War I women Marines were called back to duty for one day. They marched as the honor guard unit during the dedication and interment of the first Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery. We have a picture of the formation standing about to step off.

Women of WWI signed up using a normal reserve enlistment. They were on active duty from mid-August 1918 until just after peace was declared in November 1919 but their reserve duty (inactive) did not end until August 1923.

The recall of this platoon in 1921 means that while only for one day, women Marines served during the 1920s. A new history fact.

- Women Marines in WWII were trained as Celestial Navigators, a very unique MOS. They were trained by the Navy to chart aviation courses using the stars and then taught our Marine pilots and navigators to do the same.
- Our women on active duty today have a magnificent history to share with us. Their stories held us spellbound

throughout the convention; I could not write fast enough. Promises have been made to send their stories and photos on to us, as well as many uniforms we have only one of, when more are needed to meet requests for exhibits. Their boot camp stories, the Iraq and Afghan convoys, engagement teams, shooting and range requirements and their pride in being Marines, is a book yet to be written in the Collection.

It was a wonderful convention for us history folks, and we have a busy schedule ahead based on all the new collections and info gathered at convention.

This article would not be complete without a very special thank you to Leatherneck Magazine and the Marine Corps Association for asking WMA's historian to write an article for publication during our 50th Anniversary Celebration. "An Interview, A Waiver and the Birth of a Marine Division", the story of Ruth Cheney Streeter was published in the September issue along with a special note announcing WMA's 50th Anniversary. Thank you Colonel Walt Ford.

# **Continuing Projects of the WMA Historian:**

- An international radio broadcast on the Montezuma Red and Elizabeth Arden Story on Swedish National Radio in October 2010.
- Completion of a book edit on a new children's book on Women Marines by Capstone Children's Books.
- Continuing development and completion of the listing of WWI women Marines.
- Completing course work on Clothing Preservation.

The Women of the Corps Collection continues with its Women of Today exhibit, honoring our active duty women in Iraq and Afghanistan today. This exhibit is at the Broomfield Veterans Museum, Broomfield, CO. This gem of a Museum is a must see, if you are in the Denver area. It's open every Saturday.

Submitted by: Nancy Wilt WMA Historian Curator, Women of the Corps Collection



14 October 2010

As I prepare to turn command of the Marine Corps over to General James Amos, Annette and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the Women Marines Association for all that you do on behalf of the Marine Corps. Please know that your efforts to commemorate and recognize the service of female Marines and to support all who serve under the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor are important to all Marines and truly appreciated. The WMA's unwavering commitment to fostering camaraderie, supporting our Marines at home and in the fight, and assisting our Nation's veterans continues to have a lasting impact on our Corps.

Please extend our sincere appreciation to all members of this fine organization. As we move forward in the current conflict and prepare for future battlefields, your contributions to preserving our Corps' history and upholding our traditions remain invaluable and much appreciated. Thank you, and all the Thanks for all the best in the coming years.

Semper Fidelis,

James T. Conway General, U.S. Marine Corps Commandant of the Marine Corps

#### Friends Reunited, 55 Years Later



WMA members Ruth Schumaker and Sybl Acree were reunited at our Denver Convention. In the inset photo, both are pictured on bivouac at Bellows Field in Hawaii in 1955. Photo courtesy Wayne Markel; inset photo courtesy Sybl Acree.



Eileen Scanlon poses with Past National Presidents Theresa "Sue" Sousa, Paula Sarlls, and Carol Mutter in Denver.

# 'Oohrah' for the Ladies from Louisiana-1!

Two years ago, LA-1 put on an absolutely fantastic First Timers Meeting at the Convention in Houston. Little did they know that they would get asked to sign up for a repeat performance in Denver!! I don't know all the details, but I do know that just two short weeks before the convention, LA-1 got an emergency request to host the First Timers Meeting in Denver. Since they had no advance warning that this request was coming, they had to swing into high gear to prepare for this major event. Needless to say, LA-1 pulled it off in style.

They got the first timers enthused about the convention, relayed the infor-



mation attendees needed to prepare them

Rhonda and Judy join LA-1 members for a photo.

Photo courtesy Micaila Britto.

for all the upcoming events, and provided a good deal of entertainment in the

process. The ladies of LA-1 deserve a big Oohrah and thank you for stepping up and providing this critical support. LA-1 performed extremely well under very difficult circumstances and all the members who contributed to the preparation and conduct of this meeting should be commended for a job well done. If there was a teamwork award in WMA, LA-1 would most certainly be the winner for 2010.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to Melanie Young and LA-1 for support above and beyond the call of duty.

Kathy Wright

# **An Apology**

Marines,

The program book for convention contained a bio letter and congratulations from Sheryl Murray who was our guest speaker at the opening banquet. There were certain errors in her documents and may have been errors on other pages that occurred when the files were transferred in the electronic publishing process. Ms Murray was quite upset and rightly so. It is totally unacceptable.

We did review the documents, but only to see that they were there. I did not double check every dot of I or cross of T as I should have. At this point I can only apologize and if you were affected, beg your forgiveness. Thanks for your understanding and for your attendance and support during the convention

As you may know I had several (10 to be

exact) key people drop out for various (quite acceptable) reasons at the last minute. Without your support this event would not have happened and I can't tell you how much I appreciate each and every one of you. WMA and you, in



particular have been a true blessing to me over the last 10 years. God bless you and Semper Fidelis!

Paula Sarlls
2010 Convention Committee Chair



A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT DEPUTY COMMANDANT FOR MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS

To my fellow Marines, it is an honor to be your Guest of Honor at the Woman Marines Association's opening banquet of the 26<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention and Professional Development Conference. I am delighted to join you as you mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the WMA. I am proud of my 34 years active duty in the Corps and am forever grateful to the Officer Selection Officer (OSO) who convinced me that I should join the Corps for "travel and adventure"...he was so right!

Women in the Corps today are performing superbly around the globe. They are critical to the execution of the war in Afghanistan. They serve in the operating forces and in Headquarters staff positions. Their success can be attributed to the professionalism demonstrated by so many women who served before, going back to Lucy Brewer and Opha Mae Johnson. Each and everyone of you may be proud that you set the course for the women who serve our Corps today.

Thank you for your service to this great Nation and for your continued efforts to support our Marines. I hope you find this convention rewarding and fun, as you rejoin old friends and make new acquaintances.

Semper Fidelis,

SHERYL E. MURRAY Assistant Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs

# **WMA Scholarship Recipients**



Ethel & Armin Weibke \$1500 Memorial Scholarship Jena Catherine Glavy of Stafford, VA Washington and Lee University Major: Biology/Premed Sponsor: Jennifer Grieves -friend



Lily H. Gidley \$1500 Memorial Scholarship Juan Francisco Rivera of Merrillville, IN Purdue University, West Lafayette Major/Minor: Biomedical Engineering Sponsor: Sara Rivera - Mother



LaRue A. Ditmore Music \$1500 Scholarship Sean Thomas O'Donnell of Carlsbad, CA Indiana University Bloomington Major: Trumpet Performance Sponsor: Nanci Visser - Friend



Major Megan McClung Memorial \$1500 Scholarship Joannna M. Allord of Madison, WI University of Wisconsin -Madison Major: Nursing Sponsor: Lorraine Allord- Grandmother



WMA \$1500 National Scholarships
Kristopher Jackson of
East Hartford, CT
Florida Institute of Technology
Major/Minor: Aeronautical Science
with Flight Option/Engineering
Sponsor: Rita Roy - Mother



Ashley Catherine Dukatz of San Jose, CA Texas Tech University Health Science Center Major: Nursing Sponsor: Marjorie Dukatz - Grandmother



Jolean Alanna Brann of Swansboro, NC Meredith College Major: Communications Sponsor: Julie Brann - Mother



Christine Marie Clark of Toledo, OH University of Toledo Major: Psychology Sponsor: Colleen Clark - Mother



Julia E. Sheriden of Seattle Washington Edmonds Community College Major: Information Security and Digital Forensics AAS Sponsor: Self



Samantha Elizabeth Parrnelli of Wildomar, CA Cal State University, Chico Major: Pre-Nursing Sponsor: Irene O'Neal- Family Friend



Kaitlin Victoria Saunders of N. Canton, OH Norwich University Major/Minor: History/Studies of War and Peace Sponsor: Lora LeWay - Mother



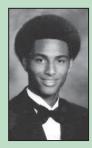
Oregon Chapters \$1500 Meg Dawes Memorial Scholarship Lauren Rochelle Reetz of Tacoma, WA University of Portland Major: Nursing Sponsor: Nanci Visser - Aunt

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\$1000 World War One Memorial Scholarship Angelia Dawn Holcomb of Cantonment, FL Jacksonville University Major/Minor: Pre-Nursing/ Nursing Sponsor: Tammy Holcomb - Stepmother

**Gulf Coast of Florida** 



Gold Coast of Florida \$1000 Blanchard Miller Memorial Scholarship Javon Michael Bostic of Dunedin, FL University of South Florida Major: Engineering Sponsor: Tina Bostic - Mother



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Charles Covert
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Dominic A Amato
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University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
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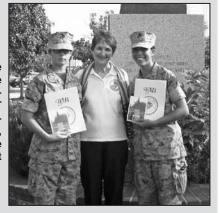
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#### Molly Marine Award Recipients

18 August: Molly Marine Award Recipients were (Right) PFC Carmela Salerno of Coppell, TX (PLT 4024) and (Left) PVT Shantay Brown of Crooksville, OH (Plt 4025). Molly Marine Award Liaison Linda Priest is at center.



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## From the Membership Secretary: Keep Getting the Word Out!

The Denver Convention was amazing and as a first-timer, I would HIGHLY recommend attending the 2012 Convention in Philadelphia. There is something very powerful about being in the presence of a few hundred female Marines, especially our WWII sisters!

Our recruiting efforts at Convention yielded 23 new members, including 21 active duty. During a training session, I announced that 22% of our new members are coming from social media and the internet, so our efforts are paying off on

that front. Nearly half of our new members still come from personal recommendations/referrals from existing members so keep networking and getting the word out about the great things we do.

Over the past two years, four new chapters were established: NV-1 Battle Born, INT-2 Iwakuni Torii, NAT-1 Women Marines in Business, and WA-3 North Sound. NATional non-geographic chapters can be started around special interests and some ideas for future chapters are members of the UAW, boot camp

platoons, Drill Instructors, etc. Additionally the Iraqi Lioness Chapter is in the process of being revitalized, so there's lots of great momentum and fresh new ideas.

In closing, I'd like to encourage chapter members to keep reaching out to your elderly members who cannot make it to meetings. They SO appreciate the opportunity to chat with a Marine again and we owe them a debt of gratitude for paving the way. Semper Fidelis.

Debra Drummond



# Chevrons, Rockers, and Stars...

SgtMaj Irene O'Neal, Marine Aircraft Group 13, MCAS Yuma, and Sgt Maj Stephanie Murphy, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, MCRD Parris Island, are examples of what women have achieved in our 67 year history in the Corps. These women inspire Marines to become great leaders.

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# To the Loyal Escorts



Hello to all Loyal Escorts.

Although the leadership of the Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter changed at the 2010 WMA Convention in Denver, our purpose and goals are unwavering.

If anything, I want to strengthen our commitment to assist and support WMA at both the national and chapter level. Yes, we will still focus on support at the WMA conventions, but I will be asking your Board of Directors to implement additional programs and procedures to improve our support during the time between conventions. I will use this forum to provide additional details over the next few issues of 'Nouncements.

My first order of business is to let you all know that we had a very successful support effort in Denver. More than 40 Loyal Escorts attended the Convention. As usual, your Escorts performed admirably. We assisted in the normal ceremonial duties, hosted the Hospitality Suite on three separate nights, provided doorguards for the two formal banquets, aided in set-up and tear-down for the banquets, staffed our sales table in the "Mile-High Market PX", and conducted our board and business meetings. As Ken Cross indicated in an earlier edition, the Loyal Escorts increased their participation in the Memorial Service by calling the roll and placing a flag for each Loyal Escort who passed away since the Houston Convention. It was a very moving ceremony that we will continue.

In our business meeting, we elected a new slate of officers and Board of Directors. The most significant change within the elected officers was the split of the Secretary/Treasurer position into two positions, Secretary and Treasurer. As you may recall, these two positions were combined in the past because we were unable to find candidates who were willing to serve. I am happy to report that not only could we find candidates, but we were also able to find enough qualified candidates to have contested elections.

Your new elected officers are John Holvoet, President; Dan Murray, Vice President; Helen Page, Secretary; David Wiszneauckas, Treasurer. Ken Cross remains on the Executive Board as Immediate Past President. The membership also elected three members of the Board of Directors. The three Directors are Donald Cannon, Tabitha Cunningham-Radzik, and Shaaron Wright. addition to the elected officers, we have three appointed positions that you should know about. Nancy Luebben remains as our Chaplain, Wayne Rennaker remains as our Parliamentarian, and Erin Holvoet is taking on the responsibility as WMA Liaison.

One of my primary goals is to improve communications, both within the Loyal Escorts and between the Loyal Escorts and WMA. I believe that the key to improving our internal information flow is to have good addresses and telephone numbers in our membership database. To that end, I would like to start with those of you who have e-mail addresses. Although we have an e-mail address for some of you in the database, many of them are not valid. The address may have changed, or we may have entered it incorrectly. To repair our e-mail address listing, I ask each of you who have e-mail to send a short message that tells us your name, physical address, phone number and e-mail address. Send the message to: LE@womenmarines.org.

As a final note in this, my initial column, I wish to give special recognition to Ken Cross and Chuck Ables for their exceptional service to the Loyal Escorts over the past two years. Through their efforts, Loyal Escorts was able to achieve charitable & educational organization status as recognized by IRS under Section 501(c)(3). This status will improve both our ability to support and to attract resources.

John E. Holvoet President Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

# Please Return The Gold Loyal Escorts Sash!

Escorts: If you inadvertently kept a gold Loyal Escorts sash that was loaned to you at the WMA Convention, please return it by mail it to: John Holvoet, PO Box 1244, Paonia, CO 81428-1244



# Loyal Escorts Directors and Officers

The Loyal Escorts Board of Directors and Officers gathered for a photo at the Denver Convention. Pictured in front (L-R) are Vice President Daniel Murray, Secretary Helen Page, and President John Holvoet. Second row (L-R) Immediate Past President Ken Cross, Directors Shaaron Wright and Don Cannon. Last row: Treasurer David Wiszneauckas, Director Tabitha Cunningham-Radzik, and WMA Liaison Erin Holvoet. Not present: Chaplain Nancy Luebben and Parliamentarian Wayne Rennaker. Photo courtesy Wayne Markel.



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# Thanks, Ken!



Outgoing Loyal Escorts President Ken Cross carries the Loyal Escorts banner in one of his last duties. We thank Ken for his outstanding leadership of the Escorts!

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## WMA Chapter Clippings

#### **CA-2 San Diego County**

The 2010 Air Show at MCAS Miramar flew in on the first weekend in October. Jet engines roared. The 3rd MAW Band jazzed. Passers-by asked questions about the Women Marines Association. WMA CA-2 shared information with youth wearing ROTC uniforms and with older, more seasoned passers-by. Even youngsters too young to become members of their local ROTC lingered at the WMA booth.



Most questions involved the history of the WMA. Photographs and flyers helped to explain the purpose of the association. Many youth picked up bookmarks bearing information and walked away to share their new knowledge with others. What a wonderful way to shed light on former, current,

and future women Marines. Perhaps some of the curious continued past the WMA booth to the recruiters' booth just a few yards away.

Information is a wonderful tool. It is also a much needed tool. Even now, after over half a century, some still carry a stereotype over the gender of Marines.

"Girls can be Marines, too?" asked one young girl, her eyes wide with wonder as she and her companion looked through the many photographs of women wearing the Marine Corps uniform. They turned away finally, a new light shining in their eyes. If information is a wonderful tool, empowerment is just as important. Who better to spread the information to potential future women Marines than the WMA?

Susie Spann

#### CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

Greetings from Beautiful Northern California. Our biggest activity for this period was attending the 50th Anniversary Convention in Denver and we had a great time. We would like to send out a big thank you and well done to Paula Sarlls and all the members of the Colorado Chapter for putting on such a great event. CA-3 members attending included Louise Tamayo and her husband, Pete; Kathy Wright, Susan Johnston, Barbara Naas, Natalie Firato and Betty Lieser. In addition, we had three Loyal Escorts attend including Shaaron Wright, Don Johnston and Sarah Rivera. The hotel was lovely and the staff treated us beautifully at all times.

The History Suite was absolutely wonderful. Nancy Wilt and Sara Phoenix should be commended for putting together the best display ever. It was beautifully presented and addressed all eras of service by Women Marines. One of the most enjoyable aspects of the History Suite was attending the story hours put on by Nancy Wilt. She is a fantastic storyteller and if you ever get a chance to sit and listen to her - take it. Another fun event was the salute by Patriot Guard riders from the Denver area. What a fun time we had with those fantastic riders. They were so kind to all the ladies

and let quite a few ladies sit on the bikes for pictures. It was an extra special treat for all who attended.

The entertainment in the USO lounge was great and everyone had a ball. Don't let age fool you, some of the older ladies can really cut a rug!! One evening, a trio that resembled the Andrews Sisters sang and during the performance, WMA's own Kathleen Eidson did about a 30 minute set that had everyone rolling in the aisles. She is a treasure. For us, the most enjoyable luncheon was the High Tea at the R&A Luncheon. Our own Shaaron Wright made us five wonderful hats that were very well received at the luncheon. It was a great event and everyone had fun enjoying all the various hats on display that afternoon. The most beautiful hat award went to our own Louise Tamayo who looked truly beautiful in her hat and matching outfit. Congratulations to CA-3's Barbara Naas for winning first place in the History Book category and to CA-3's Maryannette Schneider for winning 3rd place in the newsletter category. And a big congratulations to all the ladies of CA-3 for being so active and contributing to our winning three Chapter Achievement first place awards and the Ruth and Dick Broe award for the second time. Great job, Ladies!!! One of the unexpected treats was connecting with Laurel Hull who is a life member of CA-3. We had great fun with Laurel and can't wait to see her again in Philadelphia. We also discovered that Wanda Antoine and her husband are being transferred to Travis AFB in Fairfield and we are looking forward to having Wanda join CA-3 when she gets settled. Another good friend, Cheryl Gardner, won the Area Director award and we send a big congratulations to Cheryl. At the Installation luncheon, our own Kathleen Wright became the new Area 10 Director and her sister, Shaaron Wright, became a new Director with the Loval Escorts. Unfortunately, our past president, LaVerne Marts, lost her niece, Pam Marts, just before the convention. Pam was a CA-3 Loyal Escort and was looking forward to attending the convention in Philadelphia because she was a resident of Pennsylvania. We all extend our deepest sympathy to LaVerne.

We would like to send a big hello to Helen Hannah Campbell and Mary Bacon Hale as neither lady was able to attend this convention and we missed them both very much. And to all the active duty personnel who attended the luncheon - Oohrah! You ladies are the best! Semper Fidelis.

Kathleen Wright

#### **CA-5 Orange County California**

Our chapter has sent birthday wishes to our long time member Helen Campbell. She celebrated 95 happy years. Helen is a true Marine who has spent many hours contributing to WMA and CA-5. Thanks Helen!

The last get together was our picnic in August. We had 26 members and guests attend. After a delicious pot luck we had our usual games. Thanks to Larry Lephart for handling the BBQ.

We are now planning our Christmas party on December 5th. Our members always make large contributions to Toys for Tots.

This past month our past secretary, Mary Lubben passed away. She was a life member. Members attended her services.

Mary Ann Rogers

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

Edith Macias Vann Southern California Chapter has been very busy. With two of our members afflicted with MS, 5 members participated in the Legoland walk on 25 April. The other members pledged for the group and \$700 was raised to help with this terrible disease. Hopefully it is the \$700 that will find the cure, or at least a great medicine! May brought our chapter, like many some new Officers for the 2010-2012 term. In June, we replaced our regular business meeting with a birthday party at Ellie Judge's house for Founding Chapter member Marie Proulx, who just returned home after an accident, surgery and a prolonged rehab visit.

#### **CA-8 Palms to Pines**

Summer is over and now everyone is almost back to the normal. It was a fun summer especially, the Denver Convention. Paula Sarlls really out did herself. Thanks Paula. Also congratulations to Nancy Wilt who did a marvelous job on the History Suite.

CA-8 had a good turnout. Sybl Acree, President, Johnnie Williams Vice President, Ozell Barksdale, Treasurer, and Mary Eliseo, Parliamentarian all attended. Also in attendance was Helen V. Page our LEGGS member who is now National Secretary of Loyal Escorts! Congratulations Madam Secretary!

For me the highlight of the reunion was to be reacquainted with Ruth Schumaker, whom I served with in Hawaii in 1954-55 and had not seen her since. Hope we can get together soon.

Now we have to get back to work on our projects. MCROTC awards, Toys for Tots, Wilma Wilson has been busy making lap robes for our female veterans at the VA hospitals and the various other things we do. Have a Happy Holiday Season. Semper Fi.

Sybl Acree

## **CA-15 San Fernando Valley**



Our chapter was delighted to have new member Teri Thompson be our flagbearer at the 2010 Convention and Professional Development Conference. At our bimonthly meeting held 30 September, she told us of her experiences at that outstanding Conference. We look forward to Philadelphia in 2012.

Joan Vitale

#### **CO-1 Colorado Columbines**

The CO Columbine-WM History Chapter of the Women Marines Association was proud to host the WMA Convention & Professional Development Conference, "A Walk Through Time," commemorating the 50th Anniversary of WMA, September 3 -7, 2010. This historic event was attended by nearly 400 people and with approximately 100 of those attendees being active duty female Marines.

The Women of the Corps Collection, the largest exhibit in the

history of Women Marines, was on-site during the convention and was a huge success! The exhibit was enjoyed by hundreds of people to include the local news station. Visitors were able to peruse the photographs, uniforms, mementos and more that were donated by the first women to serve in the Marines to women serving today. Marge Alexander, military folk artist and CO-1 member, was also highlighted on the local news station for her artwork and experience as a Marine during World War II.

You would have enjoyed the excellent hospitality suite hosted by WMA's Loyal Escorts! Three nights of excellent entertainment and laughs were had by all. The fun run on Sunday morning was great fun as was the Patriot Rider parade and greeting. The meals highlighted history and the 50th Anniversary theme of the event. Workshops and Business meetings were huge successes and thanks to all who made these events such a success.

The Convention was a huge success in large part to the many helping hands involved in everything from pre-planning, to set up and day-to-day operations. The CO-1 Chapter members would specifically like to recognize the tireless efforts of the following Loyal Escorts: Suzanne Sarlls-Hartwell, Fred and Meg Krebs, Len Smith and the Hefty family; Susie Riebe, daughter of former Marine and CO-1 member, Lela Riebe who recently passed away. Also a special thank you to members of LA-1 Chapter who hosted the first timers meeting with little notice to great success! If it were not for the help of these individuals and others like them ensuring everything ran smoothly the convention would not have been the success it was. We would also like to recognize those who are no longer with us - their absence was felt however, we know they were smiling down on the event.

CO-1 members were reminded of the importance our relationships with fellow veterans organizations are and how much support we can offer one another. Our fellow veterans helped with the convention and we are very thankful for all their assistance.

A special thank you to Paula Sarlls, CO-1 Chapter President. Without you the convention would not have been the success it was Thank you also to Nancy Wilt and Sara Phoenix for their tireless efforts working on the history exhibit.

**Amy Contreras** 

#### FL-2 Florida Gulf Coast

FL -2 Gulf Coast Chapter of WMA hosted Area 3's celebration of our 67th Anniversary 12 to 14 February 2010. We were privileged to have in attendance our National President Rhonda Le Brescu-Amtower and husband Jim, 1st Vice President Judy Anderson and Area 3 Director Linda Clark-Wolford along with approximately 35 WMA members from through out the state and Georgia.

Col. Davis's all female cadets of the MCJROTC from Clearwater High School posted our Colors and entertained us with a wonderful rifle drill at the luncheon on 13 February.

A big Saturday night at the Hard Rock Casino in Tampa proved lucky for several of us; especially Eileen, one of our new members Kathy, and Linda, our Area Director.

Everything is going well in our chapter as we will have some new members to tell about soon. Maxine gave an interesting VAVS Meeting presentation concerning all the new phases of Bay Pines VA Medical Center. If you ever need help and in the area we are A Number One.

Fl-2 Gulf Coast Chapter of WMA met at Stacey's on 11 September. Twelve members were present to hear all about the wonderful Convention attended by four of our members: Speedy Gibson, Karen Kelly, Kathy Potthoff and Kathy Sheppard. The two Kathys entertained us with a well documented talk of their first convention followed by a laptop picture show and a display of wonderful bags and gifts they had received as souvenirs. Made us all feel as if we had been there but also sorry we hadn't.



FL-2 members America Dones and Kathy Sheppard in Denver.

Kathy Sheppard was appointed as the new Parliamentarian and Karen Kelly received a certificate of appreciation for all her hard work for WMA. Congrats Marines!!

Maxine reported that Jackie Goldberg and Jeanne Alveraz had been involved in auto accidents but were do-

ing well. Kay Merrifield has been in the hospital, nursing home and is at home now doing well. Marie Halcomb who suffered a stroke is now in Rochester, MN. to be near her daughter. Marie's speech has been affected but otherwise is doing well.

We met at Stacey's 13 November to celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday. Our Christmas Party will be held at Pinecrest Assisted Living. Happy Birthday, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May it bring PEACE. Semper Fi

Maxine Cardinal Wehry

#### FL-4 Tampa Tarpons

A summer-fall newsletter went out to members a short time ago. We continue to collect clothes and other items for our community project "The Spring", a thrift store which sees many more customers in these trying times. We are planning a lunch meeting 16 October, 11:30 am at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Brandon. Veteran's Day ceremonies were 11 November at James Haley Medical Center for the patients and also at our Hillsborough County Veterans park for all military Veterans and active duty service personnel.

Laverne H. Myers

## FL-8 Space Coast

We were off for the summer months, and are just getting back into the swing of things. We still have faithful attending members, not getting "older", but better.

We sent some gift boxes to the Marines during the past year, and hopefully will start again. We hosted the All Women Veterans Luncheon last year, and it was a great time. This year, the Air Force gals hosted the event, and as it was the first time for them, they asked for our advice and help. No problem. In the long run, we are all joined together as veterans.

We worked on Stand Down, Brevard earlier this year. It is such a needy event, and this year we had more homeless vets attend than ever. Thank goodness, we had only three women vets register. Bridget Kennedy worked the registration desk. She has been most faithful in doing this job for many years. Mary Bevan served as Co-Chairman.

More next time. Semper Fi.

Mary Bevan

#### **IL-2 Blanche Osborne**

What an exciting time it has been for our chapter! A great honor was bestowed upon one of our members. Past President Muriel Underwood was named Illinois Veteran of the Month for March by the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs. On 30 March Muriel was honored in a ceremony in the rotunda of the James R. Thompson Center in downtown Chicago, complete with an Honor Guard of Marines from the 2nd BN, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division, resplendent in their dress blues, who posted the colors. A plaque was awarded to Muriel by Dan Grant, Director of the IL Department of Veterans' Affairs, attesting not only to her work in WMA, but also to her involvement in many other veterans activities and Chicago parades. Her cheering section included chapter president Mary Roa, treasurer Martie Nawrocki, retired Master Sergeant Carol Eubanks, Margaret Valentine, and vice president LaVergne Novak, as well as relatives and friends. Incidentally, it was Carol Eubanks who had nominated Muriel to be selected for this honor. After accepting the plaque, Muriel gave a short talk about her schooling at the Art Institute of Chicago and her duties in the Marine Corps through World War II. The ceremony was photographed by the Chicago Sun-Times and by ABC-TV and was featured on the channel 7 evening news.

At our February meeting, past president Ann DiValerio and her daughter, Loyal Escort Denise DiValerio, showed us some wonderful slides they had taken on a recent trip to Washington, D.C. Especially interesting were the pictures of the Marine Corps Museum and all the displays from across the years.

At our meeting last fall we had been entertained by Carol Eubanks playing her bagpipes, which she has been studying for several years. The good news now is that Carol has been accepted by the Chicago Highlanders Band and hopes to be marching and playing with them in a number of parades this summer.

At our spring meeting, chapter member LtCol Patricia Bacon Klop (USMCR) gave us a slide presentation and spoke to us about her recent tours in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

Later on in May, a number of members rode in the back of a Humvee in Chicago's large Memorial Day parade, with transportation furnished by the 2nd BN, 24th Marines Reserve Training facility on the north side of Chicago. This gave a number of the male Marines, Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, a chance to participate in the parade, and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

In July, it was the Summer Potluck Picnic in Gene Bowen's back yard on north side of Chicago. Only that day, with temperatures in the 90s, we elected to picnic in here air-conditioned housed.

The Denver convention was attended by chapter president Mary Roa, treasurer Martie Nawrocki, and long-time member Helen Ehlers who went for the first time and enjoyed it very much.

Muriel Underwood and LaVergne Novak

#### **IL-3 Grace Hall**

The Central IL Grace Hall chapter celebrated our 2 year anniversary and held an anniversary meeting in Pontiac, IL on 23 October. We were honored to have a special guest speaker, Pam Lovell, Chair for the Illinois Women's Military and Civilian Memorial (IWMCM). The chapter made a monetary donation to help IWMCM spread the word and erect the memorial in the Springfield, IL Oak Ridge Cemetery.

A significant part of this project is to establish a registry of current and former Illinois women who served their country from the time of the Civil War to the present. Illinois historical records about these women are nearly nonexistent. Over 40,000 Illinois women have enlisted in the Armed Forces from World War II to the present. Many more women veterans have moved here and now call Illinois home. The number of women who served in a civilian capacity is unknown.....The "Illinois' Own" registry will be the foundation of a historical archive that currently does not exist. Their web site for more information is www.iwmcm.org.



(L-R):Pat Wahls IL-3 VP, Connie Svoboda, IL-3 Secretary, DJ Weidler, IL-3 Treasurer, Pam Lovell Chair, IWMCM, Tina Cunningham IL-3 President.

#### **KY-1 Winning Colors**

The newly elected officers of WMA KY-1 celebrated Armed Forces Day together on Millionaires Row at Churchill Downs during which Humana Military sponsored the Louisville Armed Forces Classic. The sponsors generously offered us the opportunity to present the trophy to the winning jockey. It was the highlight of a great day at the track.

#### **LA-1 Molly Marine**

Spring is here and we are pleased to announce that our first fundraiser of the season was a huge success! Staff Sergeant Nichole Phares was the Lead in the Easter fundraiser in the cafeteria at Marine Forces Reserve in New Orleans. The Chapter raised \$278.50 over a two day period during lunch, selling candy filled plastic eggs with a chance to win an additional prize!

On 17 April, we had our monthly meeting at Ryan's Restaurant in Slidell, LA hosted by SSgt Nichole Phares.

Elections were held in April for a new Secretary, as Jamila shipped. These boxes Moore received orders to Norfolk. Sgt. Shellie Birden was elected, are filled with tons of and Cpl Brenlie Bohman Wilson was appointed special events cogreat items for our ordinator.

Eleven Chapter members were present during this meeting and one potential member attended also.

On 18 April, Chapter members decided to visit one of our sick and shut-ins. Georgia Hildebrandt is shut-in for the next few months due to injuries sustained from a fall. She was thrilled to have April Bell, Becky Bell, Tara Perez and Melanie Young to pay her a visit! April Bell provided food and the company of all was thoroughly enjoyed!

It is with heartfelt sympathy that the Molly Marine Chapter LA-1 announces the passing of one of our WWII veteran members. On 4 May 2010, at approximately 0830, Suzanne Olivier passed away.



Suzanne Olivier, Frances Hoffman and Melanie Young.

She served during 1944-1946. She attended recruit training in North Carolina and was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA. We love her and will miss her. Memorial services were held on Saturday, 26 June at Tharp-Sontheimer-Tharp Funeral Home in Metairie, LA. Suzanne is pictured in the photograph, along with Frances Hoffmann (WWII veteran member) and Melanie Young (Chapter President).

Our Chapter meeting on 15 May was a "Tea" hosted by SSgt Julia Edwards. It was a day of elegance and camaraderie that all members enjoyed!

Melanie L. Young

#### MI-2 Motor City

MI-2 had a great time at convention. We all came home winners. Both of the NSA winners are from the chapter, as well as coming home with awards for recruiting and newsletters.

We were honored to have Cpl Lindsay Sayres present us with a flag and certificate thanking us for the support we have been sending them. It will have a place of honor in our chapter.

The support is still going on strong and we were thrilled to have our ladies get together right after we got back to pack 92 more boxes to be shipped. These boxes are filled with tons of great items for our



MI-2 members packing boxes for our troops.

from conditioner to pedicure items. Our oldest member in attendance was Sally Rizzo and at 90 she ran circles around us. We also had several of our WWII Ladies in attendance.

We are currently working on our Operation Holiday Joy to send filled Christmas Stockings to our men and women in Afghanistan. We are hoping to get at least 3,000 stockings sent.

We are already gearing up for 2011 and then off to Philly. Our goals have been set and we aim to make them. Funding the Fallen Warrior Scholarship is one of our primary goals.

Have great holidays WMA!

Mary Ann Merritt

#### **MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks**

The MN-1 Chapter met at the Minneapolis VA Hospital on 8 May and discussed 2010 convention plans, Memorial Day activities at Ft. Snelling and parade participation in the 2010 Hutchinson Jaycee Water Carnival and the annual Chapter picnic on 10 July 10. Members plan to attend the 16 May Women Veterans Brunch in St. Paul and the fifth annual conference "From Boot Camp to Veteran" on 22 May 22, to be held at the Mall of America.

On 28 June, 1967, a group of men and four women were sworn into the Marine Corps at a Minnesota Twins baseball game receiving the nickname of The Twins Platoon. On 9 May, 2010, Chapter Member Mary McGee participated in the Metro Marines Twins Day Fundraiser at Target Field (Minnesota Twins 6 - Baltimore Orioles 0). Players also used pink bats to raise awareness about breast cancer.

MN-1 Chapter members enjoyed the annual Chapter picnic on 10 July, at the home of President Gayle Herseth and finalized travel plans for the 26th biennial convention.

Mary McGee, Betty Capron, Frances Haubrich, Gayle Herseth, Dot Witcher, Dianne Cupples, Liz & Bill Whitbeck, Doris & John Palmer and Vicki Latiolais were able to attend the convention.

The Chapter meeting on September 11 at the VA Hospital entailed attendees briefing other Chapter members on "A



MN-1 members in attendance at the Denver convention.

Walk Through Time" happenings. A very special thanks goes to Joyce Bakke and Mary Frances Feiler for their hard work on items for the Mile High Market.

The Chapter met again on 13 November for the final meeting of the year at the VA Hospital for discussion on Chapter participation in Toys for Tots, Wreaths across America and other activities.

The Chapter met on 4 December 4 for their annual holiday party and final collection for the Toys for Tots program.

Chapter happenings can be found on the website: http://www.minnesotaleathernecks.com.

Victoria L. Latiolais

#### MO-2 Mo-Kan

MO-KAN 02 held it's quarterly chapter meeting on Sunday, May 16, 2010. Thirteen members were able to attend, along with our loyal escort Tom Kennedy. During the meeting, elections were

held and we have the following new officers: President, Mary Ellen Stone; Vice President, Liz Beckett; Secretary, Yinka Perry; Treasurer, Selina Washington; Chaplain, Pat Kennedy.

In addition to the election of new officers, scholarship packages were reviewed for the awarding of the Annual WMA Scholarships. It was a difficult choice as many fine young men and women applied.

Liz Beckett

#### NAT-1 Women Marines in Business

We were excited to participate in the Denver Convention and formally receive our chapter charter as the first NATional non-geographic chapter. Now that the work of establishing the chapter is behind us, we can move on to fulfilling our mission which is to educate and share knowledge, to support each other's businesses, and to empower members to advance in their chosen careers.

Our chapter meets via conference calls and we have lots of exciting programs. September's program meeting featured representatives from the Marine for Life program, with whom we are hoping to develop a partnership. In October, a representative from S.C.O.R.E. discussed starting a business and our own Maria Crowley shared her expertise as a business owner. November brought a communications program with our own resident expert, Nora Ellis, and the year will wind down with a holiday conference call to plan 2011 programs.

We would love to have you join us on the calls on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings of each month. The 2nd Sunday is our business meeting and the 4th Sunday is our program meeting. Call 712-432-3900 just before 9 PM EDT, 8 PM CDT, 7 PM MDT or 6 PM PDT. The Conference Access Code is 202015#. Visit us on Facebook at Facebook.com/BusinessMarines for more information (but not a requirement for participation).

#### **OH-2 Chesty Puller**



OH-2 members in Denver.

We are back from the convention of 2010 and looking forward to Philly in 2012.

Our members had a busy summer with two fund raisers and our yearly Summit County Stand Down. Thank you for your help.... Lynette, Susan, Judy, Ellen and Lois.

Area 4 Director, Ellen Leidy, is now the Ohio State Commandant for the Marine Corps League. Rebecca Lee was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame and is Commandant of her Marine Detachment #830.

Loyal Escort Director, Tabitha Cunningham, was married in July and combined the WMA convention with her honeymoon. Her daughter Josie was the youngest Loyal Escort at the beginning of the convention, but another young lady, eleven days old joined before the convention was over.

Our members are busy with their everyday lives. Lynette Gray now has her music studio and teaches piano. Susan Dobb is taking Marine Boot Camp. Paula Rogers is going to school, running and fund raising for cancer. Tania Oliveros is doing massages at the VA. LtCol Jenny Potter Jenkins is home from Quantico until her next assignment. Artis Howell has a new job. Sharon Jones is busy with the Hungarian Club. Lois Cameron continues her work with the Marine Corps League and American Legion. Donna Perdue is traveling and doing her paper projects. Maria Garcia just returned from the American Legion National Convention. The rest of our members, as far as I know, are doing just fine.

We are planning our next Ohio Women Veterans Conference for Oct 2011. We had over 700 women at our last conference and had three of our members Jan Kemmerer, Virginia Matthews and Dorothy Wolfe reunited.

We had one of our members, Lee McCutchan, on the May Honor Flight and had some of our members greet the September Flight which had five of the Waves from North Coast Waves #21.

We will be doing Toys for Tots, Marine Corps Balls, and various veteran Christmas parties at the VA and military organizations.

Safe travel to our Snow Birds and Happy Holidays, Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa to all our members of WMA.

Elva (Elvie) Pounders

#### **OK-1 Oklahoma Sooners**

It has been quite a while since we have submitted a clipping from OK-1. The year 2009 was not a good year for our seven member chapter. We are holding on, but health problems were devastating.

June Sanders was the first to be hospitalized—two short stays—with breathing problems. She is now well and doing fine. Next was Pietje Wall, who suffered a devastating fall at home and broke her right arm. Being right-handed proved challenging. She was hospitalized for five days for surgery. A metal rod with seventeen screws—elbow to shoulder—was implanted followed by twelve days in a therapy center, and sixty days of home therapy. All is well now, but will never be 100 percent—just have to live with old brittle bones.

Then, Virginia Kruizinga fell in her backyard and had hip surgery and extensive therapy. Nearly finishing that, she was undergoing a medical infusion when a conflict of medications resulted in her being hospitalized for forty-five days. She spent eight days in intensive care.

Thanks to the help and prayers of family, friends, and neighbors, we all are now doing well.

We did participate in the 2009 Tulsa Veterans Day Parade and some members were called to participate in a memorial service for women Marines who were not members of our chapter.

In November 2009 we attended the annual Recognition Day for Oklahoma Military Women in Oklahoma City. Gen. Wilma Vaught of WIMSA was the guest speaker.

Pietje Wall

#### **OK-2** Heartland

Happy fall everyone! I hope everyone had a memorable summer, and those who attended the convention had a great time and got home safe and sound. Congratulations to those who won awards!

May was a pretty busy month. On 4 May the WMA MCJROTC Outstanding Cadet Award was presented to Cadet Sonia Hoffman from U.S. Grant High School by Maj Jenny Storm, USMCR. The chapter shared a ride on a float with the Women Veterans Organization (WVO) in the Armed Forces Day parade in Del City on 15 May. On the 20th, Joan Willauer commanded a table at Oklahoma City University's Salute to Veterans event and signed up one new member, Sherea Martin, Welcome aboard, Sherea!



Cadet Sonia Hoffman (*Right*) receives the WMA MCJROTC Outstanding Cadet Award from Maj Jenny Storm, USMCR

After that, a 5 June meeting, a 19 June joint picnic with the WVO and a 31 July meeting to finalize plans for Vets Fest.

Vets Fest...a dance that is held by OK-2 and the WVO to raise money for the annual Oklahoma Women Veterans Recognition Day. This year the dance was held on VJ-Day, 14 August, which served as the theme. Twelve WWII veterans were honored; a DJ and live band played for everyone's pleasure, and "Rosie the Riveter" paid everyone a visit.

We gained another new member from the dance, Sgt Angela Glover. Welcome aboard, Angela! All in all, a good evening for everyone.

Our latest chapter meeting was 19 September where we elected new officers and were honored to have Area 6 Director Maria Crowley and Cheramie Law from TX-1 in attendance. After all the convention news (and gossip!), we discussed upcoming events and elected the following officers: Jenny Storm, president; Pam Bloustine, vice president/treasurer; Joan Willauer, correspondence secretary; Brenda Blair, recording secretary. And I, although taking a sabbatical from volunteering, am editor of the chapter newsletter again (look out, CA-3!) and Chapter Clippings, just in case any of you thought you were rid of me!

Members Pam Bloustine, Brenda Blair and Joan Willauer traveled to Las Vegas to run the 6th Marine Division Association reunion in October. These ladies just can't say "no" to a handsome group of Marines!

We held our annual Halloween party at the VA Hospital in Oklahoma City, and attended Oklahoma Women Veterans Recognition Day, where we had the general of all generals, Wilma Vaught, in attendance.

Till next time, Happy Birthday, Marines!! Semper Fidelis!! Sondra Metzger

#### **OR-2 Southern Oregon**

We met in May at the Roxy Ann dining room, Rogue Valley Manor, in Medford, Oregon. There were six of us who served in World War II and one who served in the Korean War. We had a wonderful time greeting one another and talking about our years gone by and in-between. Unfortunately, our President Eve Bloom could not be with us as well as four others.

Audrey Pricher

#### **OR-3** Eager Beavers

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest.....

Our chapter notes for this issue are a mixed bag. The chapter has enjoyed a bit of vacation time by taking the months of August and September off for travel, visiting with family, and attending the Denver Convention. But, it hasn't been all play and no work.

In mid-July several of our chapter members donned their gardening gear and huddled up at one of the veteran War Memorials located in Eugene, Oregon. As reported last time, OR-3 has volunteered to provide care and maintenance for the memorial. Armed with rakes, clippers, weed whackers, gloves, and plenty of enthusiasm, we were able to bring honor and a dignified appearance to the granite memorial bearing the names of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Those OR-3 members participating were Stephanie Wilcox (Loyal Escort), Jamie Strand, Deb Barker, Sandy Morris, and Karen Reeves, Tracy Pickering (Loyal Escort) and Jeanette Borge. Also helping that day was Loyal Escort, Mike

August brought a flurry of activity as chapter members held work parties of another kind. Several women met with Loyal Escort Stephanie Wilcox to fashion jewelry that was sold in the Mile High Market during the Convention. Those bracelets, key chains, bookmarks, and sun catchers were admired and purchased by those fortunate enough to attend the Convention.

In early September one-third of our chapter, or a delegation of 5, were pleased to attend Convention. Deb Barker, OR-3 President, her Loyal Escort daughter, Stephanie Wilcox, Sandy Morris, OR-3 Secretary and convention First Timer, Karen Reeves, OR-3 IPP, and Maggie Wise, chapter member who now resides in Reno, Nevada took in all the convention had to offer.

History was made during the Denver Convention!!! OR-3's Loyal Escort Stephanie Wilcox, signed up daughter, Aubrey, at age 11 weeks, as THE YOUNGEST LOYAL ESCORT!!! Ms. Aubrey was present at the OR-3 Mile High Market booth helping her Mom and Grandma, Deb Barker, woo and wow those who stopped by. What a trooper!! And what an honor!!

Our next meeting will bring stories, pictures, and memories of the Convention to those who did not get to attend. We are already talking about Philly in 2012!!

In November we participated in the Veteran's Day parade and the Marine Corps Ball. Our maintenance work will continue at the War Memorial along with our support for the battered women's shelter, WomenSpace.

Our hope is that everyone reading this will enjoy a wonderful holiday season with prayers for those whose service and valor continue to keep us safe.

Until next time, the members of WMA OR-3 are, Semper **Fidelis** 

Karen L. Reeves

#### PA-1 Susquehanna Valley

Our small chapter in Pennsylvania only has 9 members but big hearts. Ozetta Hirschmann and Lorna King celebrated their 65th anniversary of their graduation from boot camp at their June meeting. Ozetta and Lorna enlisted in March 1945 immediately after graduating from college. They were pleasantly surprised upon arriving at Camp Lejeune to be met by a brass band. They continue to serve veterans and their communities by being very active in the WMA . Also, PA-1 collected 56 suitcases that were donated to the Lebanon VA Hospital, Lebanon, PA. Susquehanna PA-1 continues to slowly grow and we have great plans for the future.

Cindy Klingaman

#### TX-2 Texas Gulf Coast

Texas Gulf Coast Chapter had our special summer heat meeting at our founding president, June Harris' beautiful house at River Plantations Estates in Conroe. It was a wonderful meeting with some of our missing WWII and Korean War members present. Betty Williams and her Marine husband John, Marian Ives and Claire Hokanson were able

Joan who was visiting from Austin. Eleanor holds our

to attend for the first time TX-2 World War II and Korean War era in years. Eleanor Gibbs at- members gather for a portrait. Front tended with her daughter row (L-R): Eleanor Gibbs, Claire Hokan-June Harris and Betty Williams.

record for faithful attendance. Judy Anderson was able to bring Marian, but we missed her Marine husband Dwight. The meeting was held in the huge sun room, where we were able to observe hummingbirds at play throughout the meeting.

Memories were thick as we acknowledged the transfer of Connie Pendergast and Mary Crowder to their final station. We all laughed at what a stickler Connie was for the rules and how by her example we have survived this long. Betty gave us a newer web site to look up the virtual wall of those lost during the Vietnam War; http:// www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm. We concluded the meeting and I led the way as we drove caravan style to the River Plantation Country Club Grill for lunch.

We ordered separately, but the portions were huge and delicious and June purchased a cookie of our choice for each of us as dessert. Many thanks to our host June Harris for a memorable time for it was more than just a meeting, it was a gathering of a family of sisters called Woman Marines.

Marti Raney

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#### WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

#### Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Merchandise

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

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

Item: "I love my Woman Marine" bumper sticker ... \$1.00

Item: Grandma's Loyal Escort My Wife's Loyal Escort Mom's Loyal Escort... \$1.00

Item: Loyal Escort Hat... \$8.00 Item: Loyal Escort Patch ... \$5.00

Item: Loyal Escort Cup w/lid and

straw... \$5.00

Item: Marine Corps emblem antenna

toppers, silver/gold

or black (please specify) . . . . . . . . \$3.00

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

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

Send chapter ads to Wanda Antoine, 3020 Puffin Circle, Fairfield, CA 94533, Editor@womenmarines.org. When WMA sales items are no longer available, notify Wanda so they can be removed.

#### **Books**

Item: Not "Just Another Cookbook" More than 100 recipes

by food grouping. Size: 6"x9"

Cost: \$5.75 (includes shipping) Chapter: NC-1 Contact: Naomi Malone, 218 Sunset Rd., Jacksonville,

NC 28546-7045 (910) 545-7154 nmalone@ec.rr.com

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Item: A limited edition booklet of line drawings portraying Women Marines, signed and numbered by the artist, Marion A. Alien, a Regimental Artist

during WWII. The original art is now a part of the U.S. Marine Corps Art Collection at the Museums Branch,

Washington, D.C. Printed in Forest Green ink.

**Size:** 12-Page Booklet (10" x 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>")

Cost: \$3.00 (including postage) Chapter: TX-2

Contact: Barbara Clark, 3539 Teakwood Drive, Pearland, TX 77584

or e-mail Brchoho@aol.com

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Item: "The American Flag" Booklet

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

Chapter: Palms to Pines Contact: Ozell Barksdale,

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

Item: "Parris Island: A Woman's Memoir of

Marine Corps Boot Camp"

Signed copy by author Lisa Cordeiro

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

Chapter: MA-1

Contact: Lisa Cordeiro, 35 Berkeley St.,

Watertown, MA 02472

or order online at

www.lisacordeiro.comhttp://lisacordeiro.com

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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

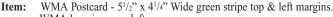
Pasadena, TX 77501

#### 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



WMA logo in upper left corner

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

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

Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056-4011

(760) 724-9861

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#### Decals

Item: WMA Decal (Inside auto windshield)

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

Item: Seals

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

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

#### Shirts and Sweats

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

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

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

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Item: Golf shirt Dark (Hunter) Green with WMA logo (matches green covers) embroidered in white. Available in sizes (S) to (XXL) Red and also Khaki solid polo shirts. WMA notation spelled out under acronym.

Cost: \$28.00 (includes postage) Chapter: VA-1 Crossroads

Make checks payable to: WMA, VA-1

Contact: Dorothy Gordon, 93 High Ridge Dr. Stafford, VA 22554

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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;

Association underneath. Embroidery is in white; low profile cap has WMA embroidered in white.

Cost: All prices include shipping and handling per item.

Sweatchirts: M- XI - \$26 ea : 2X - \$28 ea

Sweatshirts: M- XL - \$26 ea; 2X - \$28 ea. T-Shirts: M - 2XL - \$16 ea; Short sleeved golf shirts:

M - XL - \$28 ea

Long sleeved golf shirts: M - XL - \$32 ea. Low profile cap: one size fits all - \$16 ea.

Checks: Old Dominion Chapter, WMA VA-2

Contact: Mickey Jennings, 6486 Lark Way, Mechanicsville, VA 23111 E-mail: mickeyjennings@hotmail.com

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

Cost: \$34.00 Includes postage and handling.

Checks: EMVSC, CA-7, WMA

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

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

Cost: All sizes (S) to (XXXL) \$28.00 (price includes shipping)

Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1

Contact: Heidi Tanada, 17103 S.W. Eldorado Dr. Tigard, OR 97224-2075

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Item: Light gray t-shirt with small green WMA logo on front and large logo on back; both circled by the phrase, "More Than A Woman A Woman Marine"

Cost: Sizes (M) to (XXXL) \$16.00 (price includes shipping)

Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1

Contact: Heidi Tanada, 17103 S.W. Eldorado Dr. Tigard, OR 97224-2075

#### **Jewelry**

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

Cost: \$20.00 (includes shipping)

Chapter: Make checks payable to TX-3, WMA

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



#### Women Marines Association Merchandise Sales

Item: WMA Logo Earrings (matches gold bolo) Cost: \$10.00/pair (includes shipping) Chapter: Make checks payable to: TX-3, WMA

Please designate one: ☐ Wire/Dangle ☐ Clip-on

Contact: Anne M. Collins, 4707 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209

(210) 829-8522

Item: WMA Ring. Jeweler - Jostens

Cost: Lustrium (non precious white) \$181.00 Questra (non precious gold) \$218.00 10 Karat Yellow Gold \$325.00

14 Karat Gold \$395.00 (Cost includes three initials

inside ring & shipping)

Note: Include ring size and phone number when ordering

Chapter: FL-7 First Coast

Contact: Gayle Plant, President FL-7, PO Box 463, Keystone Heights, FL 32656;

(352) 473-7826

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

Item: WMA Lapel Pin Size: 7/8 inches round Cost: \$19.75 each (including shipping)

Chapter: FL-7 First Coast

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

Item: Charm "Semper Fi"

Cost: \$15.00

Chapter: Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)

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

Item: Lapel pins, "United States Woman Marine" and WMA,

1 inch in diameter

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

Chapter: CA-3

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

#### Miscellaneous Items

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

Cost: \$5.00 each

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

Contact: Pat Murray, 40701 Rancho Vista #92 Palmdale, CA 93551 (661) 718-8324

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

Cost: \$5.00 each (includes shipping)

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

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

Item: WMA Logo Magnet. Ideal for gift. Size 2" long, 11/2" wide

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

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

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

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

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

Item: WMA "Semper Fi" bumper sticker (for anyplace—boat, luggage, etc.).

White w/green - 2" x 9" Cost: \$1.50 ea. for 5 for \$6.45 or 10 for \$11.00 (postpaid)

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

Item: WMA Umbrella, green with WMA logo,

Automatic Open Button Size: Collapsed 15 inches long, open 21 inches long and 36 inches wide

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

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

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

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

Item: Clear Vinyl Bag with Long Zipper, WMA Logo Women Marines

Association. Green/White Size: 9" x 12' Cost: \$6.25 (includes shipping) Chapter: NC-1 Contact: Naomi Malone, 218 Sunset Rd., Jacksonville, NC 28546-7045 (910) 545-7154 nmalone@ec.rr.com

Item: Mouse Pad, 7" x 8", white background, WMA logo, "The Few, The Proud" in green Cost: \$10 Chapter: Bay State, MA-1

Checks: Payable to Bay State Chapter, WMA

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

**Item:** Molly Marine picture, 8 x 10

Cost: \$12 each (includes shipping) Chapter: AR-1 Contact: Vickie Davis, Treasurer, AR-1, 415 Maryland St.

Benton, AR 72015

Item: Handmade soy wax candles (Lavender, White Tea and Ginger, Rose, Lemon and Lovespell)

Cost: 9 oz. \$10 (plus \$5 Shipping); 16 oz. \$15 (plus \$5 Shipping)

(Two candles or more contact Bonniesbunch@yahoo.com or Rosa\_rmr@yahoo.com for correct shipping)

Checks: WMA-Phyllis Alexander Chapter: SC-1

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

email)

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

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

Item: WW II magnet, 3-1/2"x 2-1/2", red lettering on white

background with blue border Cost: \$2 each (includes postage)

Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056-4011

(760) 724-9861

Item: Woman Marine cover cross stitch pattern, with backstitch

eagle, globe and anchor.

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

Contact: Janice Lascko, 3157 W. 82nd St., Cleveland, OH 44102 or

janlascko@yahoo.com. Payments can be made through PayPal at

this same email address.

Item: "Koozie" Bottle or Can size sleeve for sweat absorption, foldable foam, green, with WMA logo in white on one side, other side in white letters: "No Sweat, the

WOMEN Marines are on duty" Cost: \$4.00 each, or 20 for \$75.00 (Price includes shipping)

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

e-mail: VanGorders2@aol.com Fax: 610-489-4383

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

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

Sandia Chapter)

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

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

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

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

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

Item: "Woman Marine" Ribbon Magnet, 8" x 4" **Cost:** \$6.00 (includes shipping & handling)

Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller

Contact: Ellen Liedy, 1107 Columbus Ave., Barberton, OH 44203

(303) 825-8935 email: leidyrun@aol.com

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Micaila Britto steps from behind the camera to stand with Col Sara Phoenix, and 3rd VP Betty Cook.



Members of the Patriot Guard pose with WMA members. The Patriot Guard rode their bikes in honor of the Women Marines Association during the Convention.



These nine leaders are today's Marine Corps. From Staff NCOs to Officers, there are no limits in what we can achieve.



"Your story is about the transformation of our country and women's rights...
Your record of service, from WWII to the present, has set a standard to which all Marines strive."

-- MajGen Timothy Hanifen



Patriot Guard member hugs WMA member to thank her for her service.



Convention Co-Chair Paula Sarlls applauds at the Installation Ceremony. We applaud Paula and CO-1 for an outstanding Convention!

# See you in Philadelphia in 2012!