



Salute to The Women's Reserve Band / USA-1

On 13 July 1943, General Alexander A. Vandergrift published an order which directed that "a Marine Corps Women's Reserve Band is to be organized for duty at Camp Lejeune, New River, North Carolina." The order also stated that "It is the desire to make this the most outstanding female band of the country." With these orders in hand, Capt. William F. Santelmann, Director of the Marine Band, set out on what seemed like a mission impossible because building a strong and skilled band normally requires years of work, and he was only given a few months in which to accomplish this mission.

When word of this new band hit the press on 29 July 1943, talented female musicians from all across the nation rushed to the closest recruiting office to get a shot at being selected for this very unique military band. One of the critical requirements for each band member was that they had to complete basic recruit training before they could become members of the WR Band. This ensured that those who were not selected for the band could serve in other assignments.

One of the women who joined the Marine Corps specifically to have a chance to join this band was Bonnie Smallwood Medin, who had majored in music in college, but during WWII found herself teaching other subjects because there was such a great shortage of teachers. Bonnie wasn't a percussionist by training, but when that was what the band needed, Bonnie stepped up and learned how to play the snare drum. She also sang in the vocal trio and played drums in the dance band that performed as a subset of the full band.

By December 1943, the band gave their first performance, which was quite good, much to the surprise of many who thought they would need more time to practice. The band consisted of 48 mem-

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bers and they gave a total of 543 performances over the next two years to include 172 concerts, 156 parades, 80 dances, 33 recruit trains, 32 guard mounts, 13 stage shows, 11 radio broadcasts, 1 telecast in Chicago, 3 tours and various other performances. They supported bond drives, visited the wounded in hospitals, and played on NBC Radio to celebrate the 1st Anniversary of the Womens Reserve on 13 February 1944.

In the two years they were together, the band became like family, and when WWII ended and almost all of the Wom-

en Reserves were discharged, the band voted to have Bonnie publish a newsletter to keep the band members informed and connected. Bonnie accepted this responsibility and has published a quarterly newsletter called The Quarter Note for the past 65 years. She has been the glue that has kept the 67 women who served in the band connected. On 7 August 1974, WMA President Ruth Broe issued a charter to the Women's Reserve Band Chapter and USA-1 has been represented in WMA for the past 36 years. The members of USA-1 were spread all across the United States and only women who had actually been WR Band members were eligible for membership. Sadly, most of the USA-1 members have passed or are unable to participate in chapter activities, so USA-1 had to disband in October 2010.

Bonnie never served as president of USA-1, but she performed all the duties required to keep the chapter active. She kept the band members informed and in touch, she organized regular reunions for WR Band members and she represented USA-1 at WMA conventions. Bonnie also made sure WR Band history was documented in a book she co-authored with Ellen Stone titled *Musical Women Marines: The Marine Corps Women's Reserve Band in World War II*.

The WR Band was unique because it was the only all female band that has ever existed in the Marine Corps. Because of the dedication of Bonnie Medin, WR Band members have remained a family of sisters for 65 years. We thank all of the WR Band members for their contribution to Women Marine history and we thank Bonnie Medin for making sure that history will always be remembered.

Kathleen Wright
AD10



Bonnie Medin carries the USA-1 flag at the 2006 Convention in Louisville.

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**We respectfully dedicate this issue to the
memory of Ouida W. Craddock, third
Sergeant Major of Women Marines, who
died 25 November 2010.**

From the Editor

WHEN I STOOD ON THOSE YELLOW FOOTPRINTS in April 1999, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. Well, I knew that I was joining the Marine Corps, but I knew very little about Marine Corps history. That, of course, changed, but even in my time in recruit training, history of women in the Corps beyond the mention of Opha Mae Johnson was pretty much non-existent.

In February, we celebrate the 68th anniversary of the USMC Women's Reserve. We have a rich history as women in the Marine Corps, and because of WMA, our stories are being told. One in particular, written by OR-1's own Golda Fabian, is in this issue, and was first featured on our WMA blog at <http://www.womenmarines.wordpress.com>. This blog gives us all a chance to tell our stories and allows us to see how our roles as women in the Marine Corps have changed over the years. We no longer have to "Free a Man to Fight" because we are also in the fight.

Women in the Corps today are flying combat missions, serving on Female Engagement Teams, and raising families. These things could not have happened 68 years ago, but because of women like Golda Fabian, they are now possible.

Happy Anniversary, Marines! Opha Mae would be so proud.

Wanda Antoine

I would like to thank Marianne Hughes and Tracy Crow for their help with this issue. This newsletter is a reflection of our organization and their willingness to assist in making 'Nouncements a better publication is greatly appreciated.

President's Message: We Need Everyone's Participation



Well, another year has come and gone and I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. We had a great year in 2010 with the major focus on celebrating WMA's 50th Anniversary, along with

conducting the Business of WMA at the Biennial Convention and Professional Development Conference in Denver, Colorado. As we turn the corner into the New Year, we have a lot to look forward to in making new history and ensuring that WMA continues to stay relevant, integrated and growing. To do that, we need everyone's participation.

Even though you may not be able to attend the Conventions, your involvement is vital to our Association. If I may amend a phrase from President John F. Kennedy in his Inaugural Speech given 50 years ago, "Ask not what your Association can do for you, ask what YOU can do for the

Association." We must all work together to make a difference, whether it be serving as an officer at the chapter or national level, supporting as a Member at Large in your local community or by providing your recommendations and opinions on how to improve our organization.

We all share a common bond of having served as United States Marines and the number one purpose of WMA is to preserve and promote the history and the traditions of all women in the Marine Corps who have served. WMA was founded to not only help promote and perpetuate the legacy of women who have served, but to build the bridges for those to come. You can help to support this effort by promoting WMA in your local communities, recruiting your fellow sister Marines to join our Association and to build new chapters that are the very foundation of our organization.

Our 50th Anniversary goes hand in hand with the celebration of the 68th Anniversary of the establishment of the Women's Reserve on 13 February 1943. Women have served in every clime and place right

alongside their brother Marines. As General Holcomb said back in 1943, "They [Women Marines] don't have a nickname, and they don't need one. They get their basic training in a Marine atmosphere, at a Marine Post. They inherit the traditions of the Marines. They are Marines." By celebrating this February Anniversary, we not only honor those trailblazing women who expressed their patriotism and love of country by joining the Marine Corps in those early years but we recognize those who are currently "making history" for future generations. We have a proud heritage and history that has been written over time and we must continue to commit ourselves to promoting these ideals, so today's (women) Marines can set the course.

I would like to thank each of you for your service to our Corps, our country and our Association. I hope that you will continue to support the WMA's efforts in preserving our history and laying the foundation for those to come. Semper Fidelis!

Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower

1st Vice President's Message: Commit to Finding Solutions



Happy New Year! I hope all of you enjoyed the holidays and had a good start to the year. As you know change is always a part of any organization and that is certainly true of the Women Marines Association. There is an old joke, if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans. The WMA Installation in Denver got the Board off to a good start for the new term, but as we enter the year, Karen Reeves, Sara Hefty and Dee Garcia have resigned for personal reasons. We appreciate their service to our organization. Saying goodbye to Karen, Sara and Dee means we will be saying hello to new board members.

Thanks to each of our new officers for stepping in to serve the remaining

term, after being appointed by the WMA Board. Kathy Sheppard will be the new 2nd VP, Kim McDonough will serve as the Area 1 Director, Doris Bell will serve as the Area 7 Director, Kathy Pothoff volunteered to serve as the WMA

Parliamentarian after Kathy Sheppard stepped up to serve as the 2nd VP, and Mary Broussard volunteered to serve as Chaplain. Please, join me in welcoming the new board members. Please note their contact information in this issue.

Instead of making New Year's resolutions, perhaps we should commit to finding solutions. We may not want to make

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changes, but exploring all possible solutions could help identify a path forward that benefits all. Let's make this a year where we find solutions ... growing our chapters; keeping the Next of Kin information current; maintaining current contact information for all members; and in ensuring all members are

motivated and enthused. Let me hear what your New Year solutions are.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Judy Anderson



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Our Convention in Denver



Area 6 Director Maria Crowley slows down for a moment to take a photo.



Golda Fabian won the Most Patriotic Hat award.



Betty Moseley Brown stops to chat with Capt. Faith Zimmerman during the final banquet.



Wanda Antoine catches up with the ever busy Mary Ann Merritt.

Wisconsin Winners!

WI-1 Wisconsin Women Marines chapter won the door prize presentation envelope contest in Denver. Natalie McPherson is shown holding the winning envelope. WI-1 members Linda O'Hara, Linda Danker, and Vera Roddy designed the contest-winning envelope.



Once again, Women Marines Aid the Sixth Marine Division

As in 1943 when women were called upon to join the Corps to "Free A Man To Fight", taking over many non-combat billets, thus enabling the Sixth Marine Division to be in the field, so now come members of the Women Marines Association to take over transportation duties for The Sixth Marine Division 2010 Reunion. The Sixth Marine Division held their annual reunion October 10-14, 2010 at The Orleans in Las Vegas,



Rosemary Gregorec looking for reunion attendees at the airport.

NV. The Women Marines Association's Battle Born (NV-1) Chapter stepped up to the plate to assist. The Battle Born women: Lisa Michael (chapter President), Rosemary Gregorec (chapter Treasurer) and member Annette Moser-Canos and Amy Kushneruk (representing the Marine Corps League Greater Detachment) collectively spent 5 days meeting the Marines, the widows and the families at the airport as each flight arrived.

They assisted with luggage and transportation to the reunion site at The Orleans Hotel and Casino. They also provided transportation to the outlet mall while still meeting arriving flights and members. In all the women of Battle Born greeted and transported approximately 92 of Marines and family in approximately 40 round trips for a total of 411 miles of driving.

"It was an amazing experience. I have been humbled and honored to have had



Lisa Michael and Rosemary Gregorec at the ready with the vans.

the opportunity to serve the Marines and their families of the Sixth!" said Rosemary Gregorec. She also said "These guys are amazing. Even at their advanced ages of 80 to 90 years old, I still had to fight them to let me carry their luggage. The fight was not because of their ages, but it was because they were gentlemen and they were not going to let a lady carry or lift a bag."

"I had at least three of them try to give me a tip" said Amy Kushneruk, a sentiment echoed by Lisa Michael who replied to each attempt "Your money is no good here."

All of them were very appreciative of the service provided by Battle Born. As Rosemary Gregorec was taking a group to the hotel, a Marine, his daughter and son-in-law, the son-in-law commented on how great this was that she would be doing this. Rosemary replied "It's what Marines do; we take care of each other."



Battle Born drivers Annette Moser-Canos, Lisa Michael, Rosemary Gregorec (not pictured: Amelia Kushneruk).

The rides yielded some stories of their time in the Corps, their time in China or Okinawa, antics of members from past conventions, who is still alive who is not. There was talk of politics, the Las Vegas job environment and economy, to

comparing our family lives, to what are the best shows on the Strip, all the way down to the weather. Sometimes all of the above in a 10 minute 4.59 mile trip.

As Annette Moser-Canos observed "It made me think of our young Marines and servicemen and women today that have been overseas. The stories, good and bad, that are burned into their memories and hearts. The sacrifices that ALL of our heroes of war have made. What will they tell their children and grandchildren or Woman Marine that comes to pick them up at the airport?"



Lisa Michael accepting certificate from Sgt Maj (ret) Pam Bloustine.

The Women Marines of Battle Born made such an impression on the members of the Sixth that they insisted the women attend their banquet at the end of the reunion. It was an honor that the women would not forget. At the banquet the Battle Born Chapter was honored with a certificate of appreciation from the Sixth Marine Division and was accepted by the chapter's President Lisa Michael. The Battle Born women continued their service by assisting with festivities throughout the banquet such as judging the "Close Order Drill Off" and running raffle prizes to the winners in the audience.

Battle Born Chapter was chartered in 2009 and is currently the only Nevada chapter and claims about 15 members. They are active in their community and keeping up a positive image of Women of the Corps.

Rosemary Gregorec

Active Duty Gallery



Medical Outreach

Lance Cpl. Riane Donoho, a member of the female engagement team assigned to 3rd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, interacts with children as they wait to be seen at a village medical outreach conducted by 3/25 Marines, members of the Danish Operational Mentor and Liaison Team, British Royal Air Force and the Afghan National Army in Boldak, Afghanistan, 22 November 2010. Afghans received care for minor injuries and illnesses; they also received personal hygiene products such as toothbrushes and shampoo during the program. *Photo by LCpl Marianne T. Mangrum, 3rd Battalion (3/25) Courtesy Marines.mil.*



Afghanistan Advisor

Staff Sgt. Tricia McBride an advisor with the logistical embedded training team and native of Wilmington, Del., is the first female Marine to graduate through Advisor Training Group to become an advisor to Afghan and coalition forces in Afghanistan. During her 1 year deployment to Afghanistan McBride will serve as an advisor to Afghan and coalition logistician instructors. *Photo by Cpl. Andrew S. Avitt Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command 29 Palms, Courtesy Marines.mil.*



Register Soon To Volunteer

February was VA National Salute to veterans. Hope you had a chance to be involved with the activities.

The National Wheelchair Games will take place August 1-6, 2011 in Pittsburgh PA. Most VA Hospitals will be looking for donations to sponsor their participants. If you live in the Pittsburgh area, they could use volunteers to help. Contact your local VA for information.

A recent e-mail cited problems with the women's program at a specific VA facility. In the last few years the VA has instituted many new programs especially

for women veterans. At the same time there is an influx of recently discharged veterans who are entering the system. This may increase delays for some older veterans. As always, the veteran must have the proper documentation to enter the VA programs.

Get your paperwork together now. Make sure you have your discharge paperwork, and that your family or executer knows where it is. Remember not everyone received a DD214, but you should have something that validates your service.

Veteran volunteers have a unique op-

portunity to present the women veteran's views to the staff and to observe the program. Volunteering also helps you understand the problems and limitations of the VA programs so register soon to be a WMA VAVS volunteer.

If you need any additional information, contact me,

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Taps

Life Members

Erma L. Anderson	WV-1	Died 8/23/10	LM #1038
Yolanda "Tommie" Buch (Malatesta)	NV	Died 11/29/10	LM#1860
Miriam Chandler (Reinhardt)	MAL FL	Died 8/25/10	LM#1276
Theodora "Teddy"			
Eschelbach (Thayer)	CA-10	Unknown	LM#2222
Maxine Florance (George)	AR-1	Died 7/28/10	LM#239
Frances Frickmann (Watrous)	CA-10	Died 12/17/10	LM#986
Vivian Greene (Grimsley/Wiley)	FL-2	Died 10/20/10	LM#32
Mary F. Holecheck (Scott)	MO-1	Died 9/9/10	LM#1546
Anne P. Kisla (Ovesen)	IL-2	Died 9/11/07	LM#923
Virginia Lupfer	MAL KS	Died 5/31/08	LM#840
Nina Ninas	MO-1	Died 10/19/10	LM#9
Lovey Powell (Glowatch)	MAL NJ	Died 12/4/10	LM#127
Catherine Prentice (Craig)	CA-8	Died 1/6/11	LM#1046
Grace Slagowski	WI-1	Died 10/9/10	LM#387
Mary L. Sorgea (North)	MAL CA	Died 11/8/10	LM#1353
Janet S. Spears (Anderson/Potter)	MN-1	Died 2/9/10	LM#2035
Hazel Strook (Miller)	WI-1	Died 10/18/10	LM#120
Phyllis Soulje (Oppe)	IL-2	Died 9/1/10	LM#2175

Term Members

Barbara Alger	AZ-2	Died 11/30/10
Marcia Moss		
(Wheeler/Fraser)	MAL CA	Died 3/30/10
Dorothy Boneysteele		
(DeMoney)	CA-6	Died 8/31/10
Maggie Davis	NY-3	Died 11/2/10
Rosemary "Chris"		
Favata (Huenckel)	FL-8	Died 10/7/10
Barbara Meeks (Kees)	CO-1	Died 10/18/10
Lori Robinson	MI-2	Died 12/28/10
Betty L. Steele		
(Mills)	CA-8	Died 10/26/10
E. Jean Stevens	VA-2	Died 1/3/11
Vera L. Sullivan		
(Cooper)	MAL-AL	Died 11/16/10
Billie Jean Thompson	CA-5	Died 1/5/10

From the Membership Secretary: Keep Us Growing in 2011!

Happy 2011 Marines! I hope the New Year brings you happiness, health and prosperity.

While many other veteran-based organizations are struggling to hold on, thankfully our member numbers have remained stable over the past year.

After tracking where our new members come from for a full 12-months, it's clear that half are from members or others who recommend WMA. Keep up

the good work and continue to get out the word about our great organization. Nearly twenty-five percent of our new members became aware of us from our efforts on the Internet in places like Facebook, Twitter, our blog and our website, and almost ten percent joined while attending the 2010 Denver Convention.

This year we have lots of work ahead of us, including rebuilding several chapters and retaining our current members. All

of us need to reach out to inactive members of our chapters as well as our members at large (the Area Directors have that list). Together we can keep WMA a strong, thriving, and very special part of all our lives.

Until next time...Semper Fi,

Debra Drummond

More of Our History

Command Visit

Joanie Schwartz-Wetter from the staff of the MCRD San Diego Command Museum spent a day touring the Women of the Corps Collection, and reviewing our data base and systems that we have in place. Sara Phoenix and I hosted Joanie and presented the Collection from our uniforms section through our document collections. Joanie expressed her awe for all we have accomplished and our plans for the future. The MCRD San Diego Command Museum has a collection within the Women of the Corps Collection. It was started a couple of years ago when Museum Director and WMA member Barbara McCurtis sent us some surplus uniforms she thought might be helpful to the Women of the Corps Collection. Having Joanie visit was the highlight of the year for the Collection staff.

Stumbling on Our History

Some of you may know that the www.womenmarines.org site gets inquiries from families and friends of former Marines. Many are trying to locate the stories of the Marines they know. I receive the inquiries that relate to history from Karen Kelly who monitors the site for WMA.

Just before Christmas, we received an inquiry from Lois Barry in Montana, a WWII Marine who has few individuals to share her memories involving her life as a Marine. I contacted her over the holidays and what a fantastic call. We talked 90 minutes and said our good-byes with sides sore from laughing and dry throats from talking. I stumbled on this fascinating history that might have been lost by not making this call.

Lois Barry joined the Marines and was in the first class at Hunter College. Lois boarded a troop train in California and ended up in New York City a full week later. Lois even has her train ticket stub, the only one I know of in existence.

Lois remembers her Hunter Platoon Commander Lieutenant Cook, who wore the uniform of a Navy Ensign, since Lt. Cook while a Marine Officer did not have her Marine uniform, as yet. Known as Cookie by her Marines, Lt. Cook was one of the 19 Navy Officer Candidates who opted to become Marine Officers

with the rank of First Lieutenant at the request of the Commandant the day before they were to be commissioned into the Navy. They became the instructors/platoon commanders for the first women Marine recruits at Hunter, while the remainder became our first women recruiters. The story of these nineteen women has been known for years. We even had a photo of some of them as a group, but no one has known their names or anything about them as individuals.

In mid 2010 while opening a incoming collection that had come to the Women of the Corps Collection, a set of orders containing all nineteen names, MOSs, first duty stations, and homes of record was found in the first envelope in the box that was opened. Now with the help of Lois Barry, we are learning more about one of these 19 Marines who have always been such a Marine mystery.

Lois, like many in her Hunter Class (perhaps 50 or so recruits) did not have uniforms by graduation and stood on the sidelines as the regiment of recruits (Navy and Marine) marched in their graduation parade. This first parade of the new Women Marines was covered by every major news and wire service. The graduating recruits who had not received uniforms were simply not allowed on the field.

Lois Barry became a recruiter based in MN, covering the states of MN, SD, ND, MT, WI and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. She spent her entire time in the Corps (1943-1946) on recruiting duty. Lois has generously offered the Women of the Corps Collection (WOTC) access to her photo albums, news photos of recruits and news articles for scanning. Please contact me at (303) 663-3747 or niwilt@aol.com if you were a WWII recruiter and would like to contact Lois Barry and share stories with her.

Another www.womenmarines.org contact has been made with a male Marine who has just received a female bulldog puppy that he named Opha after our WWI Opha Mae Johnson. After passing on answers to all his questions, plus much more info on Opha, he

asked a final question that I could not answer: "Where is Opha Mae Johnson buried?" If any of you know the answer,



Opha Mae Johnson
1900 - 1976

I would appreciate your assistance. I have checked with the VA and she is not buried under that name. Please let me know if you can help.

Be a Volunteer for Our History

At Convention 2010, an idea was put forth by Sergeant Major Irene O'Neal that women Marines past

and present could volunteer for 3-4 day weekends of work at the Women of the Corps Collection in Colorado. The idea is that 4 to 6 women fly/drive into Denver and stay with local WMA members Nancy Wilt and Sara Phoenix. (Breakfast and dinner would be provided daily). This crew would spend one to two days training with our archivist and curator, and the rest of the time would be spent data basing new collections and moving the existing collections into the final phase of archival storage for the future. Let's make this happen.

Please let me know if you are interested in such a project.

Requirements are few:

- A passion for our history
- Moderate computer skills
- A personal laptop would be of great assistance but not required.
- Ability to lift or be part of a lifting team

WMA on the Road (and in the Office)

• Kathleen Wright (Area 10 Director) set-up and manned a Veterans Day Exhibit on Women Marines at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital using story boards provided by the Women of the Corps Collection.

• The WOTC Curator and Deputy Curator were guest speakers at the City of Broomfield, CO Veterans Day 2010 celebration and then manned the Women Marine Exhibit at the city's Veterans Museum. A very well attended event.

• The Curator has assisted *Leatherneck* magazine with an upcoming story for February 2011.

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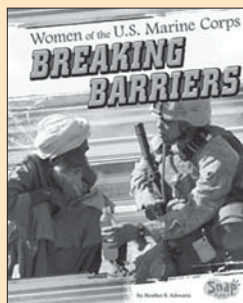
• The Curator made a visit to The National Museum of the Pacific War located in Fredericksburg, Texas, to view their new wing. This is an amazing Museum where it is possible to attend live firing demonstrations of all the major weapons of WWII (Marine Corps and Navy) A must see if you are in the San Antonio, Texas area.

Great Marine Books to Read

Women of the Marine Corps "Breaking Barriers" is at the printers now. By Heather Schwartz, this book is for

the 9-13 age group and is being published by Capstone Press. This book takes a look at the accomplishments and rich history of current and former women Marines.

The Illustrated Directory of the United States Marine Corps by Chester G.



Hearn, is a Salamander Book from MBI Publishing. A fascinating and fast reading book on the Corps history from day one, this book will make you a hit in every Marine conversation.

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

Call for Nominations for 2011 Hamblet Award



Col Julia E. Hamblet

The National WMA Board of Directors has approved a \$500.00 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, held at Quantico, VA.

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

accomplishment(s) that justify consideration for this award.

Submissions should be in the hands of Eileen Scanlon, 1415 Springvale Ave, McLean, VA 22101 no later than 12 March 2011.



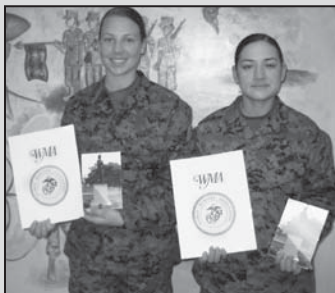
Alexander Selected Pennsylvania Veteran of the Year

Joan Alexander, member of WMA PA-2 was recently selected as the 2010-11 Veteran of the Year by the Pottstown, PA Joint Veterans' Council. Pictured is Joan Alexander with PA State District 146 Representative Tom Quigley.

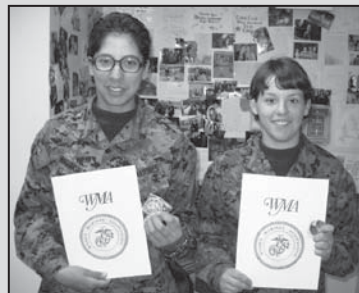
Joan recently served as Commander of the Pottstown American Legion and President of the PA-2 Liberty Belles Chapter of WMA. She has given dedicated and tireless support to the Pottstown Joint Veterans Council for the past several years. *Submitted by Kathy Van Gorder.*

Molly Marine Award Recipients

5 January 2011: 4000 Series Molly Marine Award Recipients were LtoR: PFC Mallorie Sain, Plt 4000, Point Clear, AL and PFC Elizabeth Rubio, Plt 4001, El Paso, TX.



19 January 2011: 4002 Series Molly Marine Award Recipients were LtoR: PFC Maria J. Magaña-Saldivar, Reno, NV; PFC Hannah L. Ramsey, Scottsdale, AZ



Golda's Story: Adventures of a Woman Marine in WW II

A MOMENTOUS DAY IN HISTORY, December 7, 1941, changed the lives of many people including myself. On March 2, 1944, in Seattle, Washington, I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and left for boot camp on April 28th, 1944. Boot camp was at Camp Lejeune, N.C where I was in Co. E, Plat 4, 32nd Bn, USMCWR. Prior to enlistment I was a lead girl in the payroll department at Boeing Aircraft Co. I felt I wasn't doing enough to help the war effort in my job and since I had a brother in the Army, I wanted to help get the war over before he got killed or wounded.

Realistically, I think I was also bored with my job. I have always loved uniforms (my first real crush was on a Boy Scout!), and since I have always been competitive, if I was going in the service I wanted to go into the one that had the highest requirements and was the most difficult to get into. The Marine Corps seemed to fit that bill. My mother, being an adventurous soul like myself, thought it was a great idea, but my father refused to give his consent, which I needed because I was only 20 at the time. I blackmailed him by threatening to never speak to him again if he didn't sign, so he reluctantly gave his permission. My brother also was against my going in the service but said, "I don't like the idea of your going in the service, but as long as you are determined, I am glad it is the Marine Corps you are joining." Incidentally, he was a 1st Lt. in the Field Artillery, was in the Battle of the Bulge and came home unscathed. Thank God.

Prior to going in the Marine Corps, I had served as a USO Junior hostess and also belonged to a group of Boeing Aircraft Company employees who banded together to give variety shows at war centers in the Seattle area. I played guitar and sang. When I joined the Corps, I donated my guitar to the Navy Hospital.

Our boot camp training was not nearly as rigorous as that of the women Marines today, but for someone who was never very athletic and had been working at a desk job for two years, it

was pretty formidable. The first week I thought I was going to die and the second week I was hoping I would. Our boot camp was filled with classes on military protocol,



Pvt. Golda F. Hammell, USMC
Circa 1944.

military history, history of the Marine Corps, close order drill and physical endurance training. The gas chamber drill was the worst experience and all of us remember that one vividly.

Throughout it all, it was emphasized that *we would be Lady Marines and would do nothing to disgrace the uniform of a United States Marine*. After boot camp I was given the assignment from Hell—two weeks of mess duty! I was washing trays from first mess in the morning until last mess in the evening, then the whole mess hall had to be cleaned up for the next day. The weather at Camp

Lejeune that time of year is anything but balmy. Where I was working, over large stationery sinks, the temperature sometimes got up well over one hundred degrees. If we managed to finish the dishes before the next mess, we would be given a break and we would lie down on the cement floor for a brief nap, as that was the coolest place in the whole building. There was no air conditioning or fans in those days in the buildings. We had to walk a mile from our barracks to the chow hall and back again, late in the evening, when we were dead tired from working all day. I lost ten pounds in that two weeks.

After my two week stint on mess duty, I was assigned to US Marine Corps Base in San Diego, Calif. where I went to Sound Motion Picture Technician's School at US NAVTRACEN on the Navy base which was adjacent to the Marine Corps Base. There were ten of us WRs, two WAVES and one SPAR training with one male Marine and twenty-four sailors. There we learned to operate the 35 MM projectors used in theatres, 16 MM projectors used for training film, set up sound systems and repair and maintain all of the equipment.

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WHEN WE HAD COMPLETED THE COURSE, the officer in charge told us that we all were competent enough to work in any theatre in the U.S. except, he added, “You women would never be hired because it is considered a man’s job.”

We were constantly being told by our superiors that in order to be accepted by the men we had to be twice as good as they were in our jobs, so we studied very hard and most of us exceeded the men in our grades. Toward the end of the war, one of the generals, who had been the most outspoken against having women in the service, was reputed to have said, “Send me one woman to work and I can let two men go fight.”

I graduated from SMPTS on September 15 and was placed on standby while waiting for further orders. Since the Marine Corps is not an organization that lets its members sit around idle, we were given various chores such as scrubbing out garbage cans, cleaning the area, moving linens from the downstairs linen closet to the upstairs and the next day reversing the procedure, and various other chores.

My orders eventually arrived and I was assigned to the United States Marine Corps Air Depot at Miramar, CA. There were three of us from the school sent there and upon our arrival we found that the SMPT duties were already filled so I was assigned to the directory service in the base post office which is where I worked until I was discharged on Nov. 23, 1945.

At that time, the base at Miramar was

not an airfield like it is now. It was the processing point for all Marine Corps Air personnel going to the South Pacific and coming back to the states for reassignment. Consequently, there was a constant flow of mail going both ways, which had to be re-addressed to reach the recipient. Since the mail was the life blood and morale booster of the men overseas, it was very important that they get their mail as rapidly as possible. I started in the post office re-addressing mail but was soon promoted to “Change Sheets.” There were five or six of us girls on that duty and we received all of the company rosters (called “change sheets” because they reflected all of the changes within the company, ie: killed, missing in action, wounded and sent to a hospital or home, transferred to other duty stations, punishments, etc.) Very interesting, but heartbreaking as in the case of the bombing of the carrier *USS Franklin*, when we lost hundreds of Marines on that one ship. The “killed in action” bags mounted up, but we weren’t allowed to send the mail back until the *Franklin* made it back into port, as they didn’t want the Japanese to know that they had not sunk it.

Every day we had to face a growing pile of “killed in action” mail when we came to work. Even now, it hurts my heart to talk of it.

Our job was to take the change sheets and make the changes on the IBM card the girls had in their files. All of this was done manually in those days so around the holidays, when we were flooded

with returned mail and packages, we sometimes worked 15 hour days and sometimes 7 days a week...and no overtime pay! There were two squadrons of women Marines at Miramar, AWRS-4 and AWRS-5, and we alternated on having the duty on weekends. If you had the duty that meant you couldn’t leave the base and had to work half days on Saturday. There were about 500 women Marines stationed there at the height of the war.

Since Miramar was a staging area for all Marine Air personnel going overseas and coming home, we had a lot of revues to stand when the men came back and farewell dances when there was a new group going over. I loved to march and would often stand in for one of the girls if she had a date and could get a liberty pass.

San Diego was sixteen miles from Miramar and the base ran a “cattle wagon” to transport Marines to and from there. This was a semi trailer with seats along the sides, which made for a rather rough ride when the driver was in a hurry to get there.

Most of us preferred to hitch a ride at a shelter outside the gate, which was termed a waiting station. It had painted in large letters on the side “Give ‘em a lift” and many people did. In San Diego, we went to movies, danced to name bands at Pacific Square, a large dance hall, and frequented the many bars. The town seemed to be populated mainly by Marines, sailors and soldiers with the

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USS Franklin, 19 March 1945.

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civilians just there to take care of their needs such as food and entertainment. If we had an overnight pass, we would usually go to an all night movie to spend the night as the USO was not equipped for women to stay there. When on the base, in our leisure hours we attended the base theatre or went to the "slop shop" where they served beer and sodas and there was juke box music to dance to. As I mentioned before, we had frequent base dances and sometimes they would run a bus to take us to dances at Camp Pendleton and Camp Elliott. Since I liked to dance, I was frequently on those buses.

At one of the trips to Camp Pendleton I met John Basilone, Medal of Honor recipient, who was on his way back to the Pacific where he was killed at Iwo Jima.

When I was stationed in San Diego I tried out for and made the drill team. We practiced many hours on the parade grounds, always in the evening when all of the rest of the activities were over. At one time we performed at the Balboa Stadium when the East-West units of the Redskins played their annual Shrine benefit game. The San Diego newspaper said, "Between halves the MCB band will play and a crack 40-unit WR drill team under the direction of Lt. Emily Schultz will perform." What never made the news was that we did not perform to the satisfaction of Lt. Schultz and when the game was over we got in the bus, went directly to the parade grounds and marched until dark. No chow, no break. From then on we were perfect.

At Miramar, they formed a women's pistol team with the idea that the other bases would also form teams and we would have competition. Since we had to be on the range at 4 a.m. on Sunday morning and the male Marines, who were our instructors, were not very happy about having to coach women Marines, that idea did not get very far. I was disappointed as I was a pretty good shot and was looking forward to being in competition.

In July, 1945, while swimming at the base pool, I dived from the 3 meter board, hit the water wrong, and broke my right arm. I was in sick bay from then until after the war ended. Even in sick bay, I was not allowed to sit around and feel sorry for myself. I had "the head" duty which meant I had to keep the rest rooms for the women's area clean. I was in sick bay from then until after the war ended.

Even in sick bay, I was not allowed to sit around and feel sorry for myself. I had "the head" duty which meant I had to keep the rest rooms for the women's area clean. I told the Navy nurse I had a broken right arm and her reply was, "You've got a good left arm so you are in charge of the head."

When I wasn't polishing mirrors and cleaning toilets they gave me capsules to fill with a medical powder and bandages to roll.

When I ran out of work, I did a lot of reading. When the war was finally over, one of the nurses brought in a bottle of liquor and two other girls, who were patients also, and myself got gloriously drunk.

When I got out of sick bay, I had some leave time coming, so I went to Georgia to visit a 1st Division Marine I had met when I was stationed at the Marine Corps Base in San Diego and whom I had kept up a correspondence with. A week after I got there we got married.

The following week I reported back to Miramar and put in for a discharge. I received my honorable discharge on November 23, 1945 and, after a brief visit home to Oregon and Washington, I returned to my husband in Georgia.

I was promoted to the rank of PFC on September 13, 1945 and my pay at the time of my discharge was \$54 a month. I was given \$143.02 travel allowance to return home and a mustering out pay of \$100.00. I enjoyed my tour of duty in the Marines. It was one of the best times of my life and the pride I felt in wearing the Marine Corps uniform is indescribable. Semper Fidelis!



**Golda Fabian,
recent photo.**

Golda (Hammell) Fabian

This story was recently featured on the WMA blog at <http://womenmarines.wordpress.com/>. If you would like to submit your Marine Corps story, please send it to Mary Ann Merritt at pro@womenmarines.org. You can also mail it to her at the address on provided on page 4.

Marine recounts time with female engagement team

To quote the Rolling Stones, “Cool, calm and collected,” that’s the impression Lance Cpl. Sorina Langer, base operations flight clearance clerk, gives off when talking to her. Who would guess, listening to her soft voice and watching her movements, that she was a previous member of a Female Engagement Team?

Langer, a 21-year-old native of River Falls, Wis., returned to the states Oct. 14, 2010, and came back to the air station Dec. 4, 2010, after an eight-month deployment to Marjah in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, in support of operations there.

The FET is a milestone in United States Armed Forces history, as it has integrated females into infantry units, and for the first time combat the enemy. While females in the field are not new, the Lioness Program, which has females posted at key checkpoints in Iraq and Afghanistan, could be seen as the FET’s precursor—the FET expands a woman’s role in country.

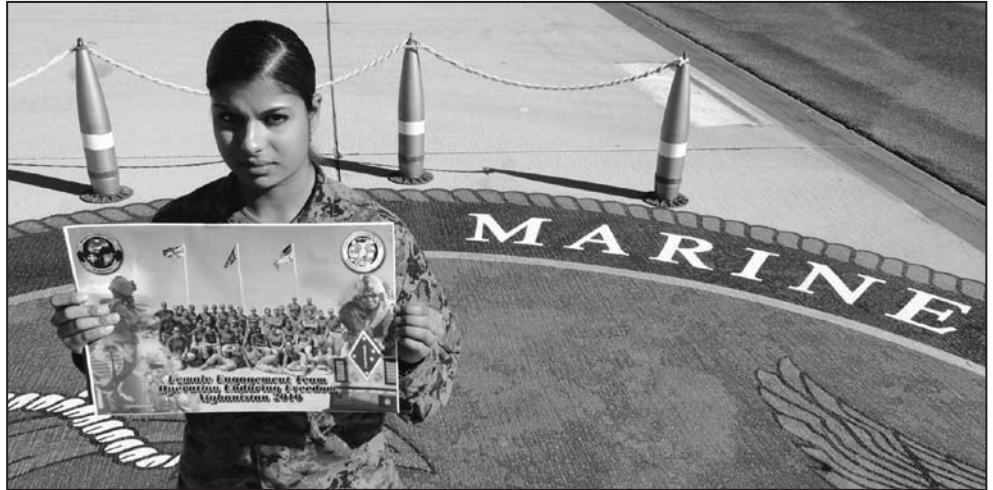
“The key difference (between the FET and Lioness Program) is we’re more engaged with the locals, and not as much searching,” said Langer. “We’re there to create rapport with the locals and our male Marines.”

In a war where psychological operations are seen as an essential component in victory, and dealing with a patriarchal culture presents major challenges, FETs are an indispensable asset to any ground unit.

“When you see a group of male Marines they’re usually there for one purpose, and they can be very intimidating,” said Langer. “We go in there to soften up the relationship.”

While some male and even female Marines might scoff at the idea of women in a combat-heavy environment, Langer said she encountered more problems with the locals than she did with 1st and 2nd Battalions, 6th Marine Regiment, whom she worked with.

“We knew what to do, and how to do it. The Marines didn’t feel like they had to protect themselves and us,” said Langer, whereas the male locals would hit the female Marines, spit on them and make



LCpl Sorina Langer, base operations flight clearance clerk, holds up a photo of the Female Engagement Team she was a member of at the flight line here, 18 January 2011. Langer returned to the states 14 October, 2010, and came back to the air station 4 December, 2010, after an eight-month deployment to Marjah in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, in support of operations there. While overseas, she helped establish rapport with locals and villagers. Because males are allowed virtually no contact with Afghan females, female Marines are often cast in the role of mediator between the two. Photo by Pfc Sean Dennison.

sexual slurs, translated by a linguist.

“The male Marines knew they needed us, and they knew that everyone on the FET volunteered for it,” said Langer.

Langer, nicknamed “Lil’ Mama” by her peers, did not let her gender interfere with her duties.

“Everything they wore, we wore. We went on patrols, clearing operations and missions. We didn’t know what to expect,” said Langer.

Langer didn’t just experience the physicality of field life, she also encountered its many dangers.

Improvised explosive devices, fire-fights and snipers were common at Combat Outpost Azaidi and during patrols, a colossal change from organizing flight schedules at the air station.

“I was blown up,” said Langer, shrugging. “I have two grazes on my neck. There were times where we were in fire-fights and you can hear the rounds whizz past your face. It’s scary, it really is.”

For her actions, Langer earned the Combat Action Ribbon. However, other struggles besides life and death existed in her world.

“By the end of my deployment, we were able to start a school,” said Langer, who also worked with civil affairs operators in the region.

At first, the teachers were being threatened and Afghan women were frightened

to come out. To top it off, the school was held inside a tent. But the Marines’ efforts ultimately paid off. Soon, the teachers were no longer being threatened. As for the school attendance, “half of them were females.”

“Last I checked with 2/6, they actually built a school building,” said Langer with a smile.

Carrying with her memories of a combat tour, an experience that few female Marines possess, Langer said she would like to continue being involved in the FET.

They want FET Marines to train newcomers, said Langer, who is hoping for another deployment.

“I think that females in the military need to step up, to stop using the fact they’re females as an excuse,” said Langer. “They need to take pride in their uniform, in their job title.”

After all was said and done, Langer revealed she had only one regret.

“I would’ve worked harder to extend my time there,” she said. “The hardest thing about deployment is not leaving your family, leaving your friends, it’s leaving the Marines out there, going back to the states and knowing they’re still there.”

**Story by Pfc. Sean Dennison
MCAS Yuma Desert Warrior
<http://www.yuma.usmc.mil>**

More Special Moments from our Convention in Denver



Anna Johnson and Past National President Helen Moore.
Photo by Wanda Antoine.



WMA National President Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower at the Installation Luncheon, escorted by GySgt Tatjana Omanovic. *Photo by Wanda Antoine.*



Left: Denver area poolers get sworn in during the installation ceremony. *Photo by Cpl Lindsay Sayres.*



Area 2 Director Mitzi Manning says a prayer before Marines embark on the fun run/walk.



Marines of all ages gather at 0600 for the 1st Annual Fun Run at the 2010 Biennial Conference in Denver. *Photo by Cpl Lindsay Sayres.*



Active duty convention attendees gather for a photo following the Active Duty orientation meeting.
Photo by Cpl Lindsay Sayres.

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To the Loyal Escorts: Help Us Grow, Improve Communications

Hello to all Loyal Escorts.

In this, my first column of the new year, I would like to recap 2010, which I believe was an outstanding year for our organization. The high points were:

(I) Loyal Escorts converted from a 501(c)(19) Veterans Organization to a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization. This change allows dues and donations to the Loyal Escorts to be considered tax-deductible contributions. The change also removed the degree-of-kinship membership restriction, which opened our membership to anyone who is sponsored by a WMA member.

(II) We had a very successful support effort at the 2010 WMA Convention in Denver. I detailed our efforts in the last newsletter, but I wanted to mention it here in the yearly highlights.

(III) We had what I consider an exceptional recruiting year. In 2010, we had 46 individuals join as new members. Eighteen of our new members joined as life members, twenty-eight joined as term members, and three former term members converted to life membership.

A new feature that I plan to incorporate in my quarterly column in 'Nouncements is a listing of new members. In this first report, I am listing those who joined at or since the convention in Denver.

As of December 31, 2010, our current membership is 284, comprised of 66 term members and 218 life members.

As our membership grows and our recruiting efforts evolve, we are taking steps to recognize Loyal Escorts who help us grow. As you may know, we currently recognize the WMA chapter that recruits the most new Loyal Escort members, but we have no system for recognizing Loyal Escorts who recruited new members. We are working to change that!

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Loyal Escorts Recruiting Award Established

Your Board of Directors recently passed a resolution that establishes an award to recognize recruiting efforts by existing Loyal Escorts members. The award will include a certificate of recognition presented to that member who recruits or influences the most individuals to join Loyal Escorts during the period between the biennial Loyal Escorts membership meetings. For purposes of the award, a member who is reinstated after a lapse in membership of more than six months shall be considered a newly joining member.

We want to implement the award immediately so that we can make the first presentation at the 2012 WMA Convention in Philadelphia. In order to gather information, we will be modifying the Loyal Escort application forms to include a section where the recruiting Loyal Escort can be named. Until we have modified forms available, if you recruit a new member, have them include a statement in the "About Myself" or "Comments" section of the existing applications. We will capture that data on any application received after January 1, 2011.



Strengthening Our Commitment

As I mentioned in my previous column, we want to strengthen our commitment to assist and support WMA at both the national and chapter level. In order to accomplish this improved support, your Loyal Escorts Board approved a resolution to establish a system of Loyal Escorts Area Coordinators (one for each WMA Area) to help provide support to the Area Director and Chapters during the period between conventions. We will provide the Area Coordinator with a roster of Loyal Escorts in the area. With that roster, the Area Coordinator can attempt to get volunteers to aid in activities to support WMA.

Area Coordinators Needed

We are looking for loyal escorts who are interested in Area Coordinator positions. If you are interested, please contact me. My phone number is (970) 399-7239, postal mail is PO Box 1244 Paonia, CO 81428-1244, and e-mail is LE@womenmarines.org. The primary goal is to get more members involved with WMA, and to improve the support that Loyal Escorts provides to WMA.

As I close this quarter's column, I wish to reiterate my desire to improve our communications. I still want those of you with 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.

John E. Holvoet
President

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

Loyal Escorts: Welcome Aboard, New Members!

Name	City, State	Name	City, State	Membership
Elaine Arnold	South Lyon, MI	Dixie M. Forrest	Yucaipa, CA	Life Members 218
Emmalee Ashland	Seattle, WA	Margaret L. (Meg) Krebs	Denver, CO	Term Members 66
Mary H. Curtin	Riverside, CA	Thomas E. Kruger	Westminster, CO	Total Loyal Escorts
Anthony D'Aprile	Riverside, CA	Aubrey K. Wilcox	Springfield, OR	Membership 284
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WMA Chapter Clippings

CA-2 San Diego County

The San Diego Chapter visited the Chula Vista Veterans Home in November. Our new Treasurer, Col. Stephanie Smith brought an abundance of cakes, pies and cupcakes and we had a bit of a gathering. We were also accompanied by numerous active duty personnel from MCRD San Diego and other potential members. Our current members were busy passing out sweets and keeping company with the residents. Chula Vista is home to several Women Marines and they really enjoy the opportunity to visit with past and present sister Marines.

A donation of 2000 new videos and a new VHS player was made to the San Diego Chapter by Sylvia B. Vargas, a retired video distributor and true supporter of the Women Marines Association. We have donated it all to the Chula Vista Veterans Home where it was truly welcome and gratefully received by the activities director and residents.

Our past secretary and active duty member Sgt Mary Barrera has been promoted to SSgt and accepted to Warrant Officer School where she will be reporting this month. Godspeed and good luck Mary.

If there are any current members that have not received an e-mail or US mail an update to personal contact information, please provide your current information to the e-mail or address below.

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Tamara Sanchez

CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

Wishing a very Happy and Healthy New Year to all our WMA sisters. On 10 November 2010, Kathy and Shaaron Wright took a WMA History display to the VA Hospital in Palo Alto to help honor women veterans of all the military services. Nancy Wilt provided most of the material on display and was a great help in allowing us to pull together a display of Women Marine history spanning all of the major conflicts. This is an annual event at the VA and we hope to be able to participate every year to honor our women veterans. The Palo Alto VA hospital is a leader in providing health care services to women veterans and it was an honor and a privilege to support their event. We met many women veterans and spent a most enjoyable afternoon. On 20 November, we met to celebrate the 235th Birthday of our Corps. We held a cake cutting ceremony with Lillian Rufsvold and Bonnie Dabalos receiving the ceremonial first piece of cake as our oldest and youngest Marines present.

Our biggest activity for the last quarter of 2010 was sponsoring wreaths for Wreaths Across America. This is a wonderful program that allows veterans groups to sponsor wreaths to be placed in National Cemeteries on the graves of those who gave all for our country. We got a late start with this program, but plan to work much harder next year. CA-3 members who attended the wreath laying on 11 December at Golden Gate National Cemetery included Kathy Wright, Maryannette Schneider, Barbara Naas, Bonnie

Dabalos, Betty Lieser, and Dolores Callero who was selected to place the Marine Corps wreath during the ceremony. Also supporting CA-3 were three of our wonderful Loyal Escorts to include Shaaron Wright, Sarah Rivera and Angie Fredekind. Our Loyal Escorts are very active in our chapter and we value and enjoy their contribution to our chapter. On 19 December, we ended the year with a Christmas Party attended by 20 members and Loyal Escorts. Everyone was in good spirits and enjoyed a fun afternoon which included a gift exchange. We had two guests, Wanda Antoine and Pam Pree and are very happy to report that Wanda is now a member of CA-3 and we are thrilled to have her with us. Wanda's husband is in the Air Force and was recently transferred to Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, CA. Pam hasn't decided if she wants to join WMA yet, but we will keep working on that. We were also joined by Jackie Funcheon - the daughter of Mary Stanley who was one of our founding members. Jackie won one of our scholarships and has finished her Bachelor's degree and is now working on her Master's.

We ask that you keep two ladies in your prayers because they have been very ill in recent weeks. One is CA-3's Lorayne Christensen and the other is our friend in Massachusetts, WMA MAL Myra Tucker. We wish them both a speedy and complete recovery. Semper Fidelis.

Kathleen Wright



CA-3 members Shaaron Wright (LE), Betty Lieser, Sarah Rivera (LE), Bonnie Dabalos, Angie Fredekind (LE), Kathy Wright and Barbara Naas (in front) at Golden Gate National Cemetery in December.

CA-6 Mt. Diablo

CA-6 may only meet quarterly, but our members have been busy supporting the Wreaths Across America project. Our President and WWII Veteran, Dolores Callero, worked very hard on this task and managed to get 100 wreaths sponsored all by herself. Oohrah Dolores! To recognize her efforts, Dolores was selected to place the Marine Corps Wreath during the Wreaths Across America ceremony on 11 December, 2010 at Golden Gate Cemetery. CA-6 is located near CA-3 and these chapters share many activities. Many of our members belong to both chapters and there is an excellent camaraderie between the two chapters. Working together, the chapters sponsored a total of 289 wreaths for Golden Gate Cemetery which was about 50% of all wreaths donated for this cemetery. We hope to at least double that number for next year.

Several of our members, including Dolores Callero, have family members buried at Golden Gate and they were able to place wreaths on the graves of their loved ones.

After the Denver Convention, CA-3 decided to raffle off the fancy



hats they wore at the R&A Luncheon. As it turned out, Dolores won the beautiful blue hat and she looks absolutely fabulous in it. Congratulations, Dolores. The proceeds from the raffle went to the WMA History Collection. All the members of CA-6 wish our WMA friends a very Happy New Year. Let's hope this is a healthy, happy and prosperous year for us all. Semper Fidelis,

Kathy Wright

CA-7 Edith Macias Vann So. California



Happy New Year to all from CA-7! The year came to a close for CA-7 members with the usual December meeting being dedicated to Toys for Tots. Also see our annual chapter picture.

The fall found members busy finding items to ship to Afghanistan for our service women serving far from home in Operation Pac & Ship. The Chapter got local support from Avon and Escondido Sunrise Rotary to assist with goods to ship and shipping dollars.

Of course, in November, the chapter held a traditional cake cutting with the oldest member piece of cake going to Marie Proulx. Marie has had a remarkable come back from her health issues the past year. It was great to have her back at meetings!

All agree it was a very good year. Now for 2011. The chapter is busy sending invites and making final preparations for the Marine Corps Women's Reserve 68th Anniversary luncheon being held Saturday 12 February 2011 at the Shadowridge Country Club in Vista, CA.

Peggy Reiber

CA-8 Palms to Pines

Taps sounded for CA-8 founder Catherine Prentice, World War II veteran. It is not a good way to start off 2011. We will follow her vision to lead CA-8 into the future.

2010 was an active year for us. At the convention in Denver CA-8 Loyal Escorts member Helen V. Page was elected National Secretary of Loyal Escorts. Helen received a certificate of appreciation from CA-8 for all her hard work supporting CA-8 and manning our booth at the convention.

Our lap robe program is very successful. Wilma Wilson makes lap robes for wheelchair veterans at the veterans home and hospitals. Johnnie Williams did a wonderful job picking the toys for Toys for Tots. They were delivered to our local USMC Toys for Tots and were distributed in this area. CA-8 has adopted a world War II Woman Marine in the Chula Vista Veterans home and made sure she had cards and gifts for Christmas. Members of CA-29 as well as our Loyal Escorts joined in sending cards and we delivered gifts to her.

Ozell Barksdale, chairman of the effort to collect pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House, reports the project is going really well.



(L-R): Johnnie Williams, CA-8 VP, MSgt Harkley, USMC Toys for Tots, Sybil Acree, CA-8 President, Helen V. Page, Loyal Escorts National Secretary, Ozell Barksdale, CA-8 Treasurer, Dora Andersen (front) and Marty Anderson, Toys for Tots volunteer coordinators.

Our MJROTC programs are alive and well. One of our new projects is the food pantry set up by MSgt Harkley of the Fontana MJROTC to make sure his students have something to eat (many come to school hungry because there is no food at home).

The Riverside Veterans parade is coming soon and we have to get ready for that. We will continue with these programs and no doubt will add more as we get into 2011. Catherine would be proud.

The Riverside Veterans parade is coming soon and we have to get ready for that. We will continue with these programs and no doubt will add more as we get into 2011. Catherine would be proud. We closed 2010 doing what we do best with a Christmas party. Noted Magician Kevin Curtin entertained us. A great time was had by all. Semper Fi.

Sybil Acree

CA-15 San Fernando Valley

We attended the 5th annual "Honoring Women Veterans and Active Duty Military" at the VA Greater Los Angeles Sepulveda Campus. We always enjoy this event, with its excellent speakers (last year it was Gen. Wilma Vaught!), tasty lunch, and a wonderful "goody bag" for everyone. This time, goody bags contained beautiful hand knitted scarves. This year's speaker was Angela Madsen who, although wheelchair bound, earned the title of World Record Rower. She and an amputee named Frank Festor rowed across the Atlantic in the Woodvale Challenge-2007 Atlantic Rowing Race. You can learn more on her website, RowofLife.com.

Joan Vitale

CA-29 Twenty Nine Palms

WMA CA-29 Palms chapter recently met in November 2010, with the WMA CA-8 Palms to Pines chapter for a joint luncheon and to celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday together. The groups met in CA-8 'country' in Moreno Valley, CA. A return visit is planned in 2011 on CA-29 Palms turf in Morongo Valley.

Members of CA-29 Palms also attended the Marine Corps Pageant ceremony at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms as guests of the Commanding General and had the traditional Birthday lunch at the mess hall with the troops and other guests. Members of CA-29 Palms also attended USMC Birthday celebrations with the members of the Marine Corps League Detachment 1156 in Desert Hot Springs.

Member Dorothy Irwin and husband John were featured in the Palm Springs Desert Sun newspaper series article on "Honoring our World War II Heroes." Our members continue to be active in supporting many Marine Corps and veterans events and we invite all former, retired and active duty women Marines to join us. For more information, please contact President Elaine Bowden at 760-367-6187 or elbow29@earthlink.net, or Secretary Barbara Pudinski.

DC-1 District of Columbia

DC-1 whole-heartedly embraced WMA's mission of conducting programs for charitable purposes during the month of December. We kicked off the month with our annual Holiday Luncheon at Joe Theismann's Restaurant in Alexandria, VA with a total of 39 members and guests present! We even had several of our Army sisters there to help us celebrate! In the spirit of giving, DC-1 donated a very large number of calendars to the residents of the Soldiers and Sailors Home. Of course, we could not have a Christmas luncheon without donating lots of new shiny toys to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program. Sergeant Holly and Corporal Calhoun from the Inspector-Instructor Staff, Anacostia, Washington, DC accepted our generous donations and attended our motivating and festive meeting.

Right up until Christmas Eve, DC-1 members volunteered many hours working in various Toys for Tots warehouses sorting toys and fulfilling requests for toys while also participating at a number of community events collecting toys. In addition, the DC-1 ladies helped distribute toys to many needy children in the state of Maryland. Because the Marine Corps is currently spread very thin due to the high operational tempo this year, there were less Reserve Marines available to participate in the Toys for Tots Program, which has been around since 1947. In good old Marine Corps fashion, DC-1 stepped up to the plate and volunteered as much as possible to put smiles on the faces of numerous less fortunate children and families.

Additionally, the very bighearted DC-1 members also supported the Adopt-a-Family Program by donating toys, clothing, household goods, and monetary gifts to several underprivileged families in the Baltimore, MD area.

Lelia Jackson

FL-2 Gulf Coast

FL-2 Gulfcoast Chapter started the New Year off 8 January in a new meeting place with Lucille Gunion presiding. We thank the MCL Dixon Detachment of Clearwater who so graciously offered us their new building in which to hold our meeting. Hopefully this will be a permanent arrangement. There were 9 members present. The members brown bagged their lunch or some opted to go out after the meeting.

A big OORAH to Kathy Sheppard who resigned as National Parliamentarian to replace Karen Reeves as the 2nd Vice President. Kathy Pothoff has replaced Kathy Sheppard as Parliamentarian.

WAY TO GO MARINES!! We are so privileged to have these two in our Chapter.

Our February Anniversary Party will be held 12 February. Complete arrangements will be mailed to the members. While there, plans are being made to get some oral histories from our members. It is important to have our stories listed for the future.

The Charity Committee continues our yearly contributions to several worthy organizations as well as veteran's groups including Bay Pines Medical Center's Hospice and Women's Clinic.

Our May meeting will possibly be a picnic at the Taylor Park in Largo. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MARINES EVERYWHERE.

Maxine Cardinal Wehry

FL-4 Tampa Tarpons

On 3 December, several of our members met at the Colonnade Restaurant in Tampa for lunch & a short meeting. We hope to get enough memorabilia together for future display at our County Veterans Museum being planned for all five of the military groups. Donations were made for Toys for Tots. We represent the Women Marines at our James Haley VA Medical Center VAVS and attend their quarterly meetings. This hospital is one of four in the US who treat severely injured War Patriots and is a very busy place. The Fisher House accommodates many visiting families and throughout are many opportunities to volunteer. At this time, plans for our 68th Anniversary Day, 13 February are incomplete.

FL-7 Florida First Coast

Fourth-Congressional District veterans who served in the military between 1941 and 1979 were invited to receive certificates of Special Recognition from Congressman Ander Crenshaw in a ceremony 5 November, 2010 at Naval Station Mayport.

"It is my desire to honor all who served in our armed forces," said Crenshaw. "These men and women answered the call of duty. Some served during war time; some kept the peace. All were willing to put their lives at risk to protect our freedom and democracy. This ceremony will help show our appreciation." Women Marines from FL-7 Chapter attended as a group and received their recognition.

Bernie Klepac



From center: Vivian Davis seated & Mary Lee Judd WW II veterans
Back row L to R: Margie Cumming, Viet Nam, Sharon Russell Viet Nam to Desert Storm, Arddy Farrell Viet Nam to Desert Storm, Betty Waters Korea veteran.

IN-1 Indiana



IN-1 participated in the Marine Corps Birthday here at the Richard Roudebush VA Medical Center, Indianapolis on 10 November 2010. Diane Ward, Treasurer has helped plan this event for the VA for many years. This year Helen Moore, a member of Chapter IN-1 and past National President was the oldest Marine present and was presented the first piece of cake. Also attending and helping with refreshments, were Connie Hamm, President, Marianne Hughes, Secretary and Shirley Barger, past chapter president.

Marianne Hughes

LA-1 Molly Marine

On Friday, 21 May, a few of us decided we wanted to do what we do best and that is show those who paved the way just how much we appreciate them! April Bell, Virginia Stockton, Sgt Shellie Birden, Frances Hoffmann and Melanie Young decided to take a road trip to visit, none other than our eldest member, Marian Landry in Lafayette, LA. For those of you that know Marian, she's still as classy and sassy as ever! The Chapter treated both Marian and Frances Hoffmann, each WWII veteran members, to lunch at the Blue Dog Café. The Blue Dog Café was inspired by local and nationally known artist, George Rodrigue, who also has an art gallery in the city of New Orleans.

On Saturday, 19 June, Cpl Brenlie Bohman hosted our meeting at her lovely home. She had a wonderful theme: "Life's Too Short, Let's Eat Our Dessert First!" The meeting was a Dessert and Wine Meeting! Chapter members had the opportunity to show off their baking skills. Following our meeting, everyone partook in the delicious desserts and wine. Members that attended this fun-filled day were Allison Truelove, Cpl Ashley Anderson, Sgt Nancy Polley, Frances Hoffmann, April Bell, SSgt Mitchellie Verzonilla, Sgt Shellie Birden and Melanie Young.



The 50th Anniversary of the Women Marines Association was celebrated at the Naval Support Activity, Marine Forces Reserve, New Orleans on 25 August! We were honored to have MajGen Tracy Garrett (Molly Marine Chapter member) as our guest speaker and guest of honor! Many distinguished guests were present.

There was a history table and fundraising table set up for the event. Following MajGen Garrett's motivational speech, refreshments were served! SSgt Julia Edwards did a superb job of decorating the Port-O-Call and catering the refreshments. Several members participated to make the celebration a success.

September had to be the best month ever! Thirteen members attended the 2010 WMA Professional Development and Leadership Conference in Denver, CO, 2-7 September.

Our chapter hosted the First Timers Meeting and every first timer had a great time. The Molly Marine Chapter is proud to say that we received 3 awards during the Recognition and Awards Luncheon. We received 1st Place Chapter Achievement, Category B and received a certificate and a streamer for our colors; 2nd Place Chapter Achievement, Category A and received a certificate; and to our total surprise, we were awarded the 1st Place Recruiting Award, receiving a \$250 check and a streamer for our colors. Members in attendance at this wonderful conference were: Judy Anderson, Wanda Antoine, April Bell, Sgt Shellie Birden, Georgine Clontz, Frances Hoffmann, GySgt Jodi Lara, Cpl Elizabeth McQueary, Angela Merrell, CWO2 Jamila Moore, Tara Perez, Virginia Stockton, Allison Truelove and Melanie Young.

On 16 October, Sgt Gwen Sorrell hosted the Chapter meeting at "Bad to the Bone" Restaurant in Slidell, LA. The meeting was a very festive one, where Cpl Brenlie Wilson (Special Projects Officer) made Halloween cupcakes, candy filled pumpkins and a candy corn guessing game to win a prize. Ten members were in attendance.

Happy Birthday Marines! Chapter members attended two Marine Corps Balls this year; the Marine Forces Reserve Ball on 30 October and the RS Baton Rouge Ball on 6 November. Tara Perez, Melanie Young, Sgt Gwen Sorrell, Jodi Lara and April Bell had a group photo taken at the Marine Forces Reserve Ball.

The Molly Marine Chapter LA-1 had the pleasure, once again, to participate in the Slidell annual Veterans Day parade on Sunday, 7 November. The Chapter shared a decorated trailer with the Jans Hursey Detachment, Marine Corps League of Slidell.

On the 235th birthday of our Corps, several members attended the Marine Support Group Greater New Orleans, Inc. birthday luncheon. On this day, 10 November, Frances Hoffmann (WWII veteran/Chapter member) was recognized as the oldest Marine present and received the first piece of cake. PFC Kelsie Owens was the youngest Marine present. PFC Owens graduated from recruit training on 5 November.

The Christmas holidays were great in New Orleans beginning with a Chapter Christmas party on 11 December, hosted by Cpl Brenlie Wilson! There were lots of Christmas desserts and a White Elephant Gift Exchange. A time enjoyed by all.

Melanie L. Young

MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks

The MN-1 Chapter struggled with Mother Nature and cancelled their November meeting due to the snowfall and weather conditions.

On 4 December 2010, the Chapter met at Liz & Bill Whitbeck's residence for our holiday party. Dianne Cupples delivered the Toys for Tots donations. Party attendees signed holiday cards to send to both military serving overseas and for members who couldn't be with us. Joyce Bakke also collected and mailed donated

Christmas cards to troops so that they could select cards to send to friends and family.

We miss our "snow birds" and look forward to them rejoining us in the spring for meetings once again.

The Chapter will gather on 12 February at Caspers' Cherokee Sirloin Room in St. Paul to celebrate the Women Marines Anniversary.

Our next Chapter meeting will be 12 March at 10:00 a.m. at the Minneapolis VA Hospital.

Vicki Latiolais

Nat-1 Women Marines in Business

NAT-1 began 2010 as a small Facebook group and ended the year as an organized, chartered WMA chapter. Our mission is "Leveraging our *Semper Fidelis* attitude in the business community. Transforming successful female Marines into successful civilians through mentorship and networking."

Women Marines in Business meet via conference call twice a month from the comfort of your own home. Business meetings are the second Sundays and Program meetings are the fourth Sunday. Last year our monthly program meetings covered new business start-ups, communication, recruiting, Marine For Life, and others. We kicked off the 2011 program series with a presentation on the new tax changes, with programs in social marketing, leadership, career planning and a few special guests planned in the coming months.

We would love to have you join us on the calls on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings of each month. 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, or email or call Debra Drummond (DebraDrummond@gmail.com or 248-974-6210) for more information.

Debra Drummond

NC-1 Tarheel



On 6 November, Shirley John, SSgt Natalie Brewer, and Linda Lacy drove the red convertible in the Veterans Day Parade in Jacksonville, NC. They stayed in town for lunch and then Shirley talked about WMA and Linda gave some history. Rose Noel was on the veterans' panel. Gail

Horn and Joseph Traumer joined us at our display of WMA at the mall for a public radio show. Lil Ragan, Mary Laskowski, and Shirley John attended Veterans Day program at the DAV.

On 13 November, Gail Horn, Shirley John, Sylvia Fry, Naomi Malone, Lil Ragan, Mary Laskowski, Delores Hamrick, Elizabeth Horn, GySgt Alicia Logier, and Joe Traumer helped to pack 17 extra large boxes to be sent overseas at the USO. They celebrated the USMC birthday by enjoying a birthday cake. The VFW #9133 and the USO graciously supported us.

Our lady Marines were recognized in the "Daily Newspaper" by

a picture and list of names. On 15 November, Shirley John picked up our award honoring all veteran organizations at the City Hall. Lil Ragan was also honored. On 16 November, the Veteran of the Year award from each organization was given to Naomi Malone from our chapter. The Mayor of Jacksonville presented each winner with a pen.

The months of November thru December found Shirley John, Mary Laskowski, Linda Lacy, Lil Ragan, Dolores Hamrick, and Sylvia Fry (Loyal Escort) volunteering at the Salvation Army. Mary Laskowski has served for 40 years. Shirley John for 16. On 25 November, Mary Laskowski and Shirley John ate Thanksgiving dinner with the troops at the USO. On 7 December Linda Lacy attended the annual Pearl Harbor remembrance ceremony at the American Legion Post. On 11 December, our Christmas Party was very well attended with our members, guests, Rolling Thunder and some of the Gold Star Mothers. In the evening, Shirley John and Linda Lacy were guests of the Commanding Officers at Camp Lejeune where they enjoyed a holiday reception. We are planning our February Anniversary in town and with the Combat Infantry and New River Air Station active duty.

Linda Lacy

NM-1 Sandia

Sandia NM-1 Chapter would first of all would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. Our chapter is still in the process of trying to recruit new members.

We had a great annual luncheon-hosted by the Air Force last year. Our chapter had our final meeting for 2010 in November and celebrated "Our Birthday." We had a great potluck lunch and really enjoyed the CAKE!

We have donated monies and toys to the Marines Toys for Tots again this year as we always do - and the local Marines distribute these toys to local needy children so they can also enjoy their Christmas with a present under the tree.

I will close in again saying Happy New Year to our troops and fellow sisters who are serving or have served proudly.

Billie M. Mitchell

OK-2 Heartland

The beginning of a new year, and we hope everyone started it safe and sound and full of holiday memories that will warm your heart during the cold winter chill.

Our last chapter meeting was held in December at the Biltmore Hotel where I installed our officers for the coming term. Shown in the photo are (l-r): Brenda Blair, recording secretary; Joan Willauer, correspondence secretary; Jenny Storm, president; Pam Bloustine, vice president/treasurer. Also during that meeting, plans were



discussed for a chapter presence online, a design for a sign to be used at functions, and the anniversary luncheon in February.

Jenny Storm contributed her time with helping our local reserve unit with Toys for Tots. Members brought toys to the last meeting for donation as well. Brenda Sutton and Dorothy Rimbold staffed

a game at the annual VA Halloween Party, giving away a ton of items to the veterans.

Members were stunned at the news of the passing of not one but two spouses on the same day. Mary Louise Glann lost her husband Jim after a valiant battle with lung cancer on 14 December. They met at a V.A.U. Navy/Marine Corps unit when Jim was in the Navy. The couple married in 1953. Jim is survived by Mary Louise, their six children, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and by his two brothers. Jim was 83.

The other spouse was Bob Raines. Marine Raines met wife Betty at Miramar. He served in the South Pacific with the 1st Marine Division. Bob and Betty were married 64 years and had two children, a son who pre-deceased Bob and a daughter. Bob was 86.

Peace has come to both of these wonderful men. The chapter extends sincere condolences to both families. You are all in our thoughts.

Our next meeting will be 5 February. Happy anniversary everyone!

Sondra Metzger

OR-1 Lady Marine Rose

Greetings from the City of Roses. We haven't submitted anything for Chapter Clippings in a while, but that doesn't mean we haven't been busy. We've marched in parades, sent care packages to our troops, raised money for our Meg Dawes Scholarship, collected toys for Toys for Tots, and supported one another on a daily basis. After our annual Strawberry Festival in June, we gave our members a two-month break to enjoy the beautiful summer weather in Oregon. Then, after several of our members returned from the 2010 Convention in Denver, we regrouped in September to plan our annual Chicken 'n Dumplings Feed in October.

We didn't have as many guests as last year for this luncheon/auction, but we raised an admirable amount of money for our Meg Dawes Scholarship which WMA awards annually. In November, we celebrated the USMC's 235th birthday at two birthday balls in Portland and also marched with our chapter's banner in a Veterans' Day parade.



Sally Van Wie, Golda Fabian and Malinda Buckles singing Christmas carols.

December found us at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas where 40 guests donated toys to the 6th Engineer Support Battalion's (6th ESB's) Toys for Tots drive, enjoyed a gift exchange, and sang Christmas carols (see photo). PFC Yalonda Braun was our guest and transported the toys to 6th ESB after the luncheon. This was the first Christmas luncheon that WW II Marine Hattie Kelley has

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missed -- and for good reason. She had a heart attack on 20 November and then quadruple bypass surgery three days later to repair five blocked arteries. After a stint in an excellent rehabilitation center, she is recovering at home now. She is grateful for all of the love and support from family and friends.

Our chapter meets on a monthly basis except for July and August, so we are currently planning our Anniversary luncheon which will take place at the Monarch Hotel on 13 February. Congratulations to our sister Marines on 68 years of continuous service to the Marine Corps!

Nancy Visser

OR-3 Eager Beavers

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest...

Our list of events to report on, since the last issue of *'Nouncements* is pretty short.

As reported last issue, our chapter participated in our area's annual Veterans Day parade with welcoming cheers all along the route from young and old alike. It is so gratifying to see so many residents come out in the inclement weather to show their support for all the veterans.



Sitting left to right: Deb Barker, President, Jeanette Borge, Vice President. Standing left to right: Karen Reeves, Eva McDonald, Treasurer, Gwen Hadd, Marge Shelton, Sandy Morris, Secretary, and Audrey Pyatt

In early December, several of our chapter members gathered for our Christmas gathering. This year was special since chapter Vice President Jeanette Borge hosted the party. Jeanette showed her Marine Corps bravado given that she took possession of her new home less than 12 hours before we all arrived for the get together. Seems like there were some last minutes glitches and it was only at the last minute that she got the keys to her new home. But, that didn't stop her from welcoming us all for another great gathering. Hats off to ya, Jeanette for showing that "can do" spirit! Everyone shown here had a great time!

I'll wrap up this news by sharing how excited all our chapter members have been over the success of our University of Oregon football team, the Ducks!! I wanted to send a special message to our past *'Nouncements* editor, Sondra Metzger...."So how do you like our Ducks now?????" If you all remember, it wasn't all that long ago when Sondra saw fit to edit our words of enthusiastic support of the team in our *'Nouncements* article after Oregon defeated her Oklahoma team. I sure hope she has come to realize that the Ducks are for real and she will join in celebrating our success this year!! Although we didn't win the BCS championship game, we are thrilled with the Ducks repeating as PAC-10 champs and having a 12-0 season!

As we start this new year 2011, OR-3 looks forward to growing our chapter, helping our community, and being thankful for the safety and freedom that our active duty Marines provide for all of us each day.

Until next time then, we remain, Semper Fidelis!!!

Karen L. Reeves

PA-1 Susquehanna Valley

Gloria Salter is a member of Susquehanna PA-1. Her platoon has a very extraordinary story – they have kept in touch with each other for 50 years! Maybe with this story, they can contact the 3 members they have never been in contact with.

Parris Island, SC, 23 October 1960, 41 girls from all over the United States met for the first time. Their goal was to become a Woman Marine. They were Platoon 15A, 1960. They became Marines, sisters and friends who stayed in touch over the years.

When WMA held their 1990 convention in Denver, the platoon planned to meet and there were 15 present. 23 October 2010 we held our 50th reunion and there were some that had not seen each other since boot camp. Fourteen members were present.



Standing left: Gloria Matthews Salter. Left to right: 1st row: Earlene Van Ness Miner and Ellen Stout Davis. 2nd row: Sharon Mc Clymonds Wantuck, Roberta Lavoie Spevak, Barbara Creduer Michel and standing: Annie Vickers Noel. 3rd row: Barbara Warning, Sandy Noel Meek, Mary Lo Stevenson Tselee, Carol Buffington. 4th row: Shirley Tipton Patterson. Judy Ray Aymiller, Roberta Ryan Eaton

We know where all members of the platoon are except for three who have never been located they are Dolores Cummings, of NC; Laura Jane Kesterson, of NM; and Barbara (Tina) Michael, of NY. Seven members are deceased.

One member of the platoon made a wall hanging with pictures of each Marine in our yearbook. The wall hanging will be sent to WIMSA for display.

Cindy Klingaman

PA-3 Mountain Laurel

Our major activity for the season was our annual distribution of gifts to all female residents at the Gino Merlo Veterans Center in Scranton. We filled colorful gift bags with a variety of small personal items. There were 29 residents; five were woman veterans and the remainder were spouses of veterans.

Shown in the picture are, left to right, Anee Kish, Virginia Swartz, Doris Keeler, two volunteer helpers, and Shirley McAncrew. The young helpers are Sydney Spott and Emily Cook, the daughter and friend of Shirley McAncrew. With our chapter so small, the girls were indispensable with their cheerful, capable help.



PA-3 members and volunteers delivered gifts at Scranton's Gino Merlo Veterans Center.

On the same day, we installed our new officers: Shiirley McAncrew, President; Anee Kish, Vice President; Virginia Swartz, Secretary; and Doris Keeler, Treasurer. We used the Color Ribbon installation format.

With winter upon us, our snowbird, Shirley, will soon be heading to Florida. The rest of us can only envy her and THINK SPRING!

Virginia Swartz

VA-2 Old Dominion

Happy New Year from Old Dominion VA-2!

We had a great year spending time with our veterans at Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center. It is a true honor to visit with these veterans to share treats with them while they share their stories with us. It is definitely one of our favorite outings.

During a Memorial Day celebration, our chapter donated a USMC flag to the beautiful new USO facility located in the Richmond International Airport. It stands proudly along with the other flags representing the remainder of the military branches. The airport anticipates this USO to accommodate over 3,000 troops annually.

We also had a wonderful opportunity to participate in our local Patriot's Day event. What an outstanding tribute to our vets and wounded warriors. Charlie Daniels along with many other bands participated in this spectacular event to raise money for our Virginia Wounded Warriors.

In a joint effort with one of our senior communities, a shower was held to prepare holiday care packages for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. We were able to ship fifteen packages to our men and women overseas.

On the local front, we participated in local Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots toy drive. This annual event was well supported by our members and help to bring joy to many area little boys and girls.



World War II veteran Jean Stevens.

Photo by Kelli Craig.

And we have some sad news to report. This year began with the passing of one of our World War II veterans, Jean Stevens. Jean was our treasurer and historian for many years and participated in just about every event we had. We will miss Jean, but we know she is standing guard proudly at the Pearly gates.

Semper Fi,

Mickey Jennings

WA-3 North Sound

Two celebrations took place on 13 November, 2010. We met for the first time as a newly formed WMA Chapter. At convention in September we received our official certificate and became the WA-3 North Sound Chapter. Many thanks go to Betty Strand and Virginia Wright for a great job setting everything in motion.

We also celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday with a lovely cake. The first piece was shared by the oldest member – Honey Langdon and the youngest – Bettie Glassey as per tradition.



Honey Langdon and Bettie Glassey celebrate the Marine Corps birthday.

The meeting was well attended by six veteran members, 3 Loyal Escorts and our guest speaker, Laura Olsen USAF, Ret. Laura gave a very interesting talk about her duties on active duty in the Air Force.

During the meeting we developed goals for our new chapter outreach as well as ideas for increasing membership. We also were able to fill all of the open positions on the board.

All in all it was a great start!

Bettie Glassey

WI-1 Wisconsin Women Marines

When members convened in Fond du Lac in October for the fall meeting of WI-1, everyone wondered at the absence of our faithful “hostess in residence”, Hazel Strook.

Efforts to contact her were futile. Later someone tracked down one of our members to inform us that she had passed away some time before and the funeral was over. It wasn't until December that there was a memorial service in Fond du Lac which several of our members attended. After the spring meeting there, we will surely visit her grave for a small ceremony and placing of flowers.

In October we also learned of the passing of Grace Slagowski who had lived in Eau Claire, WI but had been in a nursing home in Winona, MN which was her home town and where she still had relatives. Grace's niece informed us that her dying wish was to have her WI-1 friends at her funeral so five members from the Milwaukee and Madison area drove to Winona to attend the beautiful funeral mass and impressive military funeral at a cemetery at the base of one of the Mississippi river's famous bluffs. Both Hazel and Grace were WWII Marine veterans.

Later in October, the annual “All Wisconsin Women Veterans

Conference” sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, was held over a weekend at Ft. McCoy. We enjoyed the speakers, various workshops, good food and camaraderie. It's always an enlightening experience.



Veterans at the Marine Corps Memorial. Photo courtesy of Badger Honor Flight, Madison, WI.

November began non-stop events in the veterans community. By that time there had been two Badger Honor Flights out of Madison, so there was a reunion for both at Rex's Inkeeper in Waunakee, which was donated by them for the WWII veterans on both flights, as well as the Guardians and volunteers - about 300 in all. The Women Marines, in their “uniforms” stood out and were well recognized.

The annual Veterans Day parade in Milwaukee was attended by Madison and Milwaukee WI-1 members, having 2 vans (1 red and 1 white), bearing magnetic signs which Mibs Ewald had made and donated and told who we were. Some of the younger gals walked ahead or beside the vans, also bearing banners. The viewing public provided constant applause as we passed. At the end of the parade a hot lunch for all the veterans was awaiting at the beautiful War Memorial on the shores of Lake Michigan. The place was packed and exuded the pride of service to our country.

November 10 is OUR DAY - observed, not by a big ball, but by the Marine Corps League with a wonderful dinner at the Elks Club for Marines and guests. Who cannot enjoy that!

The usual Veterans Day observance at our beautiful State Capital was another day to remember with guest speakers, pledge, national anthem and rose ceremony in remembrance.

Marge Marshman from the Madison Firing Squad gave the Invocation. Connie Allord represented the Women Marines Association, escorted by Ralph Brooks of the Marine Corps League. Mary Lloyd was escorted by her Marine Corps League husband, Bob, and she presented a rose for the League. After all was over Connie and Ralph were joined for one of the various “free lunches” for veterans which are becoming more popular each year - yes, there really are “free lunches” - then again, maybe we had earned them.

Toys for Tots was the big December event and this year 3600 families in the Madison area were served. The local Marine Detachment does the really heavy work and the Salvation Army does the screening and scheduling. Annette Howards and Connie spent one day unpacking and displaying the toys as the Marines drove in huge truckloads of toys. Another day they both escorted the Moms (or Dads) around the displays to choose toys for their kids. It's a heartwarming and “addicting” experience.

Happy New Year to all!

Connie Allord

Chapter Tool Kit: Keep Membership Records Current

As we kick off our new year, each Women Marines Association chapter has obligations to fulfill in the first quarter. Keeping our chapters in the good graces of the Internal Revenue Service is critical. I can't emphasize too much, how important it is for chapters to comply with the IRS. The WMA Treasurer, Betty Moseley Brown, will provide IRS guidelines to each of the chapters; contact Betty if there are any questions relating to chapter tax status.

Also during the first quarter, each chapter should prepare a roster of their officers with contact information, including name, address, email, phone number, office position and chapter dues status. Along with the officer roster, a roster of chapter members with addresses is requested. These two rosters should be sent

to the 1st VP, Judy Anderson, Membership Secretary, Debra Drummond, and the Area Director. Our chapters and organization are constantly changing; that usually means people are moving...going and coming; death and illness. One of the biggest challenges to the WMA Membership Secretary is keeping membership records updated. The quarterly Area Director Report is provided to each Area Director identifying the chapters with members and all the area MALs. The goal is each area director will provide the report to the chapters. The chapters should verify the chapter members and contact information and return any corrections to the Area Director. When the Area Director receives these reports, they should be forwarded to the Membership Secretary for corrections. It is

hoped that reconciling these reports quarterly will keep the membership records current.

Providing the rosters during the first quarter is just another way to ensure chapter membership information is current.

Things to do in the first quarter for WMA chapters:

1. Provide roster of chapter officers to WMA 1st VP, Membership Secretary and Area Director.
2. Send roster of chapter membership to 1st VP, Membership Secretary, and Area Director.
3. Maintain chapter membership files with dues paid status.
4. File the annual IRS 990-N, also known as the e-postcard.

Judy Anderson



GOLD CERAMIC COVERS

The gold Woman Marine covers

that were used as centerpieces at the closing banquet are available for \$75, plus shipping/handling from:

**The Mud Hut
7870 Federal Blvd.
Westminster, CO 80221
(303) 428-4140**

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2010 WMA Convention & Professional Development Conference Items available in exchange for a donation to CO-1

If you would like one of the following items please make a donation to CO-1 to cover the cost of shipping and buying the item. Your generosity is appreciated. We don't want to keep these around forever, but shipping is expensive, as was the cost of the items.

Send your check along with the address you want the items you want and where you want them shipped.

- _____ Convention gift bag with program and other goodies
- _____ Christmas ornament memento in red velvet box
- _____ 50th Anniversary Pin and Denver Pin in gold pillow box
- _____ Irish coffee mug with Gold WMA Logo

**Mail donations to: WMA CO-1 • 3066 So. Granby St.
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WMA National Merchandise Sales Your Purchases Support Our Association!

WMA Patch, small	\$4.00	Medallion, '90 Denver Conv	\$3.00
WMA Patch, large	\$4.50	50th Anniversary Medallions	\$5.00
WMA Pin, Hat (pin or clutch)	\$3.00	50th Anniversary Paper Weights	\$10.00
WMA Pin, Life	\$3.90	WMA insulated travel mugs (green with WMA patch on one side and the USMC emblem on the other side)	\$8.00
WMA Clock (10 3/4" diameter gold toned frame, green lettering and logo)	\$10.00		
Bezel	\$4.00		
WMA Flag	\$182.00		
Chapter Streamers (36" red ribbon embroidered with chapt. designation and name)	\$35.00		
Book, "Above & Beyond: Former Marines Conquer the Civilian World" (shipping & handling included)	\$30.00		



WMA Cap (3 months delivery) . . . \$38.50

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

Sizes for WMA Caps:

20 1/2 - 20 7/8	XSm	22 3/4 - 23 1/8	L
21 1/4 - 21 5/8	Sm	23 1/2 - 23 7/8	XL
22 - 22 3/8	M	24 1/4 - 24 5/8	XXL

Make All Checks Payable to WMA

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

WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Merchandise

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



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

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

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

Books

- Item:** Not "Just Another Cookbook" More than 100 recipes by food grouping. Size: 6"x9"
Cost: \$5.75 (includes shipping) Chapter: NC-1
Contact: Naomi Malone, 218 Sunset Rd., Jacksonville, NC 28546-7045 (910) 545-7154 nmalone@ec.rr.com
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Item: A limited edition booklet of line drawings portraying Women Marines, signed and numbered by the artist, Marion A. Alien, a Regimental Artist during WWII. The original art is now a part of the U.S. Marine Corps Art Collection at the Museums Branch, Washington, D.C. Printed in Forest Green ink.
Size: 12-Page Booklet (10" x 7 1/4")
Cost: \$3.00 (including postage) Chapter: TX-2
Contact: Barbara Clark, 3539 Teakwood Drive, Pearland, TX 77584 or e-mail Brchoho@aol.com
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- Item:** "The American Flag" Booklet
Cost: \$4.00 (includes shipping) Payable to: CA-8, WMA
Chapter: Palms to Pines
Contact: Ozell Barksdale, President, 5394 Sierra Street, Riverside, CA 92504 (951) 688-2806 e-mail: ozellb@pacbell.net
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- Item:** "Parris Island: A Woman's Memoir of Marine Corps Boot Camp" Signed copy by author Lisa Cordeiro
Cost: \$16.95 (\$3.95 shipping)
Chapter: MA-1
Contact: Lisa Cordeiro, 35 Berkeley St., Watertown, MA 02472 or order online at www.lisacordeiro.com
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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
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Cards/Stationery

- Item:** Name Tags, White w/ green border and logo; Two lines (name and organization); 3"x 1"
Cost: \$8.00 Chapter: Make checks to FL-2
Contact: Sylvia Morgan, 4525 Cove Circle, Apt. 102, St. Petersburg, FL 33708

- Item:** WMA Postcard - 5 1/2" x 4 1/4" Wide green stripe top & left margins. WMA logo in upper left corner
Cost: 10 for \$1.60; 15 for \$2.10; 20 for \$2.60 (prices include P&H)
Checks: CA-7, WMA Chapter: EMVSC (CA-7)
Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056-4011 (760) 724-9861
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Decals

- Item:** WMA Decal (Inside auto windshield)
Cost: \$1.00 ea. (*includes postage*). **For Chapters:** \$20 for 25 decals
Chapter: Make checks payable to Gold Coast of Florida (FL-3)
Contact: Ruth Beisner, Lyndhurst E-99, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
Item: Seals
Cost: \$1.25 for 10 Chapter: Make checks to FL-2
Contact: Sylvia Morgan, 4525 Cove Circle, Apt. 102, St. Petersburg, FL 33708

Shirts and Sweats

- Item:** White Sweatshirts and T-Shirts Women Marines' logo in green (WWI, Current, WWII) Courtesy of Col Charles Waterhouse
Cost: T-Shirts- M, L, XL and XXL @ \$10.00; Sweatshirts - M, L, L @ \$24.00, XXL @ \$25.00 Pay to: WMA PA-2 Liberty Belles (*Price includes shipping*)
Contact: Kathy Van Gorder, 584 Barrington Rd., Collegeville, PA 19426
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Item: Golf shirt Dark (Hunter) Green with WMA logo (matches green covers) embroidered in white. Available in sizes (S) to (XXL) Red and also Khaki solid polo shirts. WMA notation spelled out under acronym.
Cost: \$28.00 (includes postage) Chapter: VA-1 Crossroads
Make checks payable to: WMA, VA-1
Contact: Dorothy Gordon, 93 High Ridge Dr. Stafford, VA 22554
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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; low profile cap has WMA embroidered in white.
Cost: All prices include shipping and handling per item. Sweatshirts: M- XL - \$26 ea ; 2X - \$28 ea. T-Shirts: M - 2XL - \$16 ea; Short sleeved golf shirts: M - XL - \$28 ea Long sleeved golf shirts: M - XL - \$32 ea. Low profile cap: one size fits all - \$16 ea.
Checks: Old Dominion Chapter, WMA VA-2
Contact: Mickey Jennings, 6486 Lark Way, Mechanicsville, VA 23111 E-mail: mickeyjennings@hotmail.com
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- Item:** Dark Green Windbreaker Jacket with WMA logo on front left side. Sizes: Available in Medium Size Only
Cost: \$34.00 Includes postage and handling.
Checks: EMVSC, CA-7, WMA
Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4401
 ☆

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

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

Jewelry

- Item:** WMA Bolo w/ WMA Logo and cord in gold finish (*also available bolo with USMC Emblem only*).
Cost: \$20.00 (*includes shipping*)
Chapter: Make checks payable to TX-3, WMA
Contact: Anne M. Collins, 4707 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209 (210) 829-8522



WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

Item: WMA Logo Earrings (matches gold bolo)
Cost: \$10.00/pair (includes shipping)
Chapter: Make checks payable to: TX-3, WMA
 Please designate one: ☐ Wire/Dangle ☐ Clip-on
Contact: Anne M. Collins, 4707 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209
 (210) 829-8522



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



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



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



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



Miscellaneous Items

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



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



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



Item: New aluminum license plate in distinctive RED
 lettering on white. Includes a Semper Fi sticker
Cost: \$9.00 (*postpaid*) **Chapter:** FL-4, Tampa Tarpons
Contact: Laverne H. Myers, 3803 Drexel Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611-1517



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



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



Item: WMA logo Rubber Stamps
Cost: Large stamp: \$11.00 (*includes mailing*) Small stamp: \$8.00 (*includes mailing*) **Chapter:** CA-7 **Checks to:** EMV, CA-7, WMA
Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056-4011
 (760) 724-9861

Item: Clear Vinyl Bag with Long Zipper, WMA Logo Women Marines
 Association. Green/White Size: 9" x 12"
Cost: \$6.25 (*includes shipping*) **Chapter:** NC-1
Contact: Naomi Malone, 218 Sunset Rd., Jacksonville,
 NC 28546-7045 (910) 545-7154 nmalone@ec.rr.com



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



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



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



Item: "Proud To Be A Marine" ribbon magnet, 8"x 3"
Cost: \$6 each (*includes postage*)
Item: WW II magnet, 3-1/2"x 2-1/2", red lettering on white
 background with blue border
Cost: \$2 each (*includes postage*)
Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056-4011
 (760) 724-9861



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



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



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



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



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



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More Photos from Denver



LA-1 members Frances Hoffman and Georgine Clontz chat before the First Timer's meeting. *Photo by Wanda Antoine.*



WMA Secretary Joan Cordero and husband, Col Michael Cordero. *Photo by Micaila Britto.*



WMA National President Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower presents Major General Timothy Hanifen with a mug during the closing banquet in Denver. *Photo by Cpl Lindsay Sayres.*



Loyal Escorts Director Shaaron Wright is dressed to a "T" -- or is it FOR a tea? *Photo by Wanda Antoine.*



A Young Sgt attentively listens to June Whitehurst in the History Suite. *Photo by Cpl Lindsay Sayres.*



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27TH BIENNIAL WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION CONVENTION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

"WHERE IT ALL BEGAN"

When: August 31 - September 4th 2012
Where: Hyatt Regency, Philadelphia, PA

Hyatt Regency Penn's Landing
201 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd
Philadelphia, PA 19106
www.hyattregencyphiladelphia.com
215-521-6557

More Info: Convention@womenmarines.org

Rooms are \$119.00/room (plus tax) for 1-4 guests
This is a 4-Star Hotel on the waterfront



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Plan to attend our next Convention - Philadelphia 2012