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Miriam in the 2007 Tucson Veteran's Day parade.

## 100 and Counting!

In 1907, Hershey Park opened in Pennsylvania, UPS started up, Oklahoma became the 46th state, and color photography was invented as well as the first domestic vacuum cleaner. The Army adopted an official song, "The Caissons Go Rolling Along". Federal spending was \$0.58 billion, unemployment was 2.8%, a 1st class stamp was \$0.02, eggs were \$0.29 a dozen, an annual teacher's salary was \$325, the average worker made \$12.98 per week for 59 hours. And ironically enough, a fall in the financial market caused a panic. Oh, one other thing...there was no such thing as a FEMALE Marine. For comparison, the federal debt is now \$9.2 TRILLION, unemployment was 5.0% in December, and thousands of women have earned the title MARINE.

Also in 1907, on 13 December, Miriam Cohen was born. Who's Miriam Cohen? Miriam Cohen is currently the oldest living female Marine by our count and a proud member of AZ-2.

Miriam joined the Corps in Brooklyn in March 1943. Training at Hunter College, she and the other recruits lived in apartments with four women to a room. While most of the women were discharged after the war, Miriam served another 10 years, going back to civil service work upon discharge. She also started volunteering at the veterans' hospital in Brooklyn, then later at the one in Tucson after moving there in 2000.

Along with being an active member of AZ-2, Miriam has participated in every Veteran's Day parade since moving to Tucson, riding in a snazzy blue Corvette in 2007.

So, we dedicate this issue of the newsletter to our first centenarian. Everyone, Atten-hut! Present arms! Happy Birthday, Miriam, from everyone in WMA!



Miriam as a young WR in WWII.



Blowing out her candles at her birthday party.



Miriam at the 2007 veterans luncheon.

Sondra Metzger

## Contest Results: Our First Winners

The winners of the first "Texas Graphic" contest are Katherine Smallman from Penn Valley, CA, and Georgine Clontz from Locust, NC!



This contest is going to run right up to the convention, so you have at least three more chances to win. Check this newsletter for the state of Texas. I don't think it will be as easy as the last time!

And don't forget: you need to submit the exact location, and include your address when you respond either by email or postal mail.

Thank you to all who submitted entries!

Sondra Metzger



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# President's Message

Women of the Corps,

As I sit here writing this letter to you I am thinking about yesterday – January 16th. I was in San Diego on a whirlwind one day trip to visit the Marine West Expo. There were so many wonderful women that I met and I wanted to tell you about each of them, but one, in particular, struck me as a real symbol of the energy and excitement that our active duty women bring to the organization. SgtMaj Barbara Titus – she was very engaging and had some great stories. BUT she has long promised to join the association and had some great ideas about the active duty women so I made her promise to join and told her I'd be out to haunt her if she didn't. CA-7 members were there, including Ellie Judge and Barbara Cogburn who said they'd keep after her. So next time I hope to see her story in this newsletter. Go Barb!

I also met the Commanding General of Marine Corps Bases West, Major General Michael Lennert and spent some time talking with his wife who is quite interested in

history. They are both impressed with the female Marines and our history and visited our booth at the expo.

And Lillian Cross and I met the National Commandant of the Marine Corps League, John V. Ryan and the Senior Vice Commandant, Jim Laskey. They are both very supportive of the women Marines and enjoyed our exhibit. And they gave us a few laughs along the way, too. We are looking forward to the time when the Loyal Escorts become a 501 (c) 3 to allow the Leaguers to join our auxiliary. In many places across the country we share our Marine roots and our organizations can only benefit from this association.

I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to Lillian and Ken Cross who took very good care of me on my trip out there.

Please see articles in the newsletter about the new Travel Site, Essay Contest and the Convention and if your chapter is interested in publishing the calendar next year, talk to Judy Anderson, Area 6 Director. It's a great publication and a fun project for a chapter.

And by the time you read this newsletter we will have all celebrated the 65th Anniversary of the Women Reserves. I trust you'll include stories and photos in the next issue. I will be visiting the Molly Marine Chapter on the 13th of February in New Orleans and look

forward to a great celebration there. San Diego is planning over 300 people at their celebration on the 9th. And Denver will host about 150 at their luncheon in Castle Rock.

Whatever your chapter is doing, be sure to submit photos and a story about your activities. We're an exciting group of women and we need to lift each other up and share our histories – especially if you're a new Marine. You're making history and we want to know what you're doing! We also want to support your efforts and careers. I know you'll enjoy the convention and the great camaraderie we have. Members of our organization span a 65 year gap and it's through these gatherings that we can bridge that gap and become a closer sisterhood! Join us and let's make it happen! God Bless each of you and Semper Fidelis!

*Paula Sarlls*



Barbara Cogburn, Gen Michael Lennert and Paula.



Paula with Cmdt John Ryan.

## 1st VP Scuttlebutt

A belated Happy New Year to one and all! How is everyone doing on your New Year Resolutions? I know we are all out there trying to lose weight, get organized, etc, right? Those are great resolutions we should all strive to accomplish but how about resolving ourselves to join in the recruiting campaign for WMA? Do you realize that if each one of us recruited only one new member we would double our membership just like that?! And what better time to "pump up the volume" than with all of those cash and award prize incentives from the "Recruiting Roundup" Contest that culminates in Houston this September at the 2008 Biennial Convention and Professional Development Conference. See the article inside this issue of 'Nouncements

for details but know that there are cash prizes for the best individual and chapter recruiters along with the ability to win a streamer for your chapter flag. There is even a cash incentive and special pin to recognize the efforts of the Area Director who organizes the most new chapters in her area. There is something for everyone!

So let's all resolve to recruit at least one new member and let's enjoy a TEXAS size RECRUITING effort this year!

*Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower*



## Award Nominations Solicited

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

Winner(s) could be male or female, civilian or military. Nominations are hereby solicited and should include the name, address, phone number and e-mail of the nominee(s) along with the accomplishment(s) that justify consideration for this award. Submissions should be in the hands of Nancy Wilt, 7679 Berkshire Lane, Castle Rock, CO 80108-8885, no later than 20 March 2008.

## Painting Presentation

Tim Lawn, the illustrator of the oil "At the Ready", has generously donated his latest watercolor of female Marines to the CO-1 History Project. The painting, "Fallujah Checkpoint", is an accurate rendering of the checkpoint activity outside the Fallujah Civil Military Operations Center (CMOC) in 2005.

BGen David C. Garza, Deputy Commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command, accepted the painting on behalf of the WMA on 20 December.

After the ceremony, women Marines present gathered around the painting for a photo.

The painting is made from several photographs taken in the summer of 2005 of female search teams in Fallujah. The Marines in the photo are (l-r): an unknown Iraqi policeman, Cpl Maria Toland, Sgt Kent Padmore (sergeant of the guard), Cpl Tanya S. Santana de la Rosa. This painting captures a time just before several of the female search team members were killed or wounded in a suicide bombing. Sgt Padmore was wounded in that incident and received the Purple Heart



and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with "V" for lifesaving efforts.

*Sara Phoenix*

## A Year in the Life of "The History Project"

It has been an exciting year in the preservation of our history. The generous support of Mary Bacon Hale has kept our project alive and very active during the last year. WMA members and the families of members sent what is probably thousands of pounds of memorabilia. Our collections have grown so much that we now have three temperature controlled storage facilities and are attempting to raise the funds for a fourth storage area.

Every item received has been greatly appreciated and we have filled so many missing parts of our history it's impossible to list all of them. Of special note are the following that we have received.

- Julia Hamblet has sent many documents from her two terms as Director of Women Marines. These included presidential notes of thanks, invitations to Washington receptions and a view of life from WWII through the 1960s.
- Kathleen Wright and her California crew kept a steady stream of items coming throughout the year. The items they send have all been lovingly preserved for decades and most of them have already been used in displays and at events.
- Former SgtMaj of Women Marines Grace

Carle has sent numerous uniforms and personal documents and treasures including her silver tea service and numerous retirement treasures.

- Helen Hannah Campbell has earned the all time collecting award. To date 37 or more packing boxes have arrived with her personal items. Many boxes weighing in excess of 50 pounds. Her collection covers WWII, her time as chaperone of the Women's All American Baseball League and her return to active duty in the late 1940s through her 1970s retirement.
- Sue Sousa and Eileen Scanlon arrived at the Interim Board Meeting and handed me an innocent looking bag. When opened it revealed one of the few existing pairs of WWI women's shoes. This is a true treasure and has inspired me to continue to follow every lead to get an entire authentic uniform for the collection.
- December 20, 2007 saw the addition of our fifth major piece of art. Artist Tim Lawn generously donated the painting to the collection. WMA member Sara Phoenix coordinated the presentation event.

Our collection has been viewed at the following venues this year.

- Modern Day Marine in Quantico by some

58,000 attendees. This event was staffed by me, WMA President Paula Sarlls and Col. Sara Phoenix with a huge assist from Area Director Alice Dolbear.

- A new exhibit at the Marine Memorial Club in San Francisco (will be on display 2 years).
- Marine West this January with the support of Lillian Cross and a fly-in visit by WMA President Paula Sarlls.
- Interim Board Meeting in Denver

A special thanks to the Historical Division at Quantico for allowing our Modern Day Marine workers to spend 3-4 hours a day before and after the exposition copying documents concerning Women Marines. Starting with WWI we managed to get through WWII and Korea and started the Vietnam era. Documents in the History Division Archive range from good condition to crumbling. This was considered our chance to ensure other copies were available to future generations.

So many have sent so much that we are working to catch up with the documentation and preservation. Thank you for your generosity.

*Nancy Wilt*

## Passings of Note

Announcing the passing of Major Jean Durfee on 1 January 2008 at Virginia Hospital Center, Arlington, VA. Maj Durfee played a major part in starting WMA.

Laura Jeanne Dennis died peacefully on 26 January 2008 in the VNA Hospice House in Vero Beach, FL. Laura was a

retired master sergeant, USMCR and a life member of WMA. Laura has represented the National Women Marines Association for many years on the Navy-Marine Corps Council. She also helped in the publication of "A History of the Women Marines, 1946-1977", which was published by the History and Museums Division in 1986. The author, Col Mary V. Stremow, USMCR (Ret) graciously thanked Laura in

the preface of the book for her painstaking, in-depth research.

Interment was in Arlington National Cemetery following a Memorial service held on 15 February. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in her name to the Women Marines Association History Project, PO Box 8405, Falls Church, VA 22041-8405 or VNA Hospice House, 901 35th Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32963.

# Operation Caring Friends

Operation Caring Friends was started in 2003 when member Mary Ann Merritt heard about Marines not getting any mail while deployed to Iraq after 9/11. A few boxes here and there soon became expensive as the Merritts spent close to \$5,000 of their own money. Thus Operation Caring Friends became a project for the Motor City Chapter. USPS Postmaster Alex Stubbs decided that this would be a great community project as well and joined in. Reporters wrote about the project, alliances were made with the VFW and voila! A total of 189 boxes were packed and shipped at the first official packing party. Money was raised in the community for the postage.

Now the packing is done at Mary Ann's home. Neither she nor Jeff has parked in the garage in the past five years as it is a drop off point for goods from the community, along with several others around town. Members donate time and energy to do pick ups and designate their homes as drop off areas. Many of the Motor City members drive over an hour to share the jobs of packing, writing out custom forms and getting the boxes ready for pick up. Volunteers from the community and the Eastern Michigan and Macomb County Young Marines also come to assist.



the garage and transport them to the post office.

Operation Caring Friends does more than just ship out boxes. Many units contact us with special needs that we try to meet. We have gotten two-way radios, blankets and pillows for hospital units. One unit wrote about their need for items to help take care of the children. Worried how they would meet the need for cribs, high chairs and infant items, Mary Ann begged via email and in no time the unit had two cribs, two high chairs, two swings, baby bottles, Sippy cups and a wealth of toys generously donated and shipped by Even Flo. The chapter's Beanie Baby and blanket drive helped supply the hospital unit with all of the requested items.

OCF made sure when the local unit of Marines from the 1/24 was shipped out that support was provided from send-

ing packages while they were deployed to finding a Santa suit and providing candy for LtCol VanOpdorp to pass out to his troops. When the time came for them to come home, MI-2 made sure they had a rousing welcome back.

Injured Marines at the Wounded Warrior Bn. at Camp Lejeune know OCF well, which has provided Marines with needed and wanted items. Currently we are working on providing 100 Radica Brain games for the unit.

Five Eagle Scouts earned their badges by making up special packages to ship to contacts that we arranged for them. Two Girl Scouts earned silver badges.

When the need came for backpacks in Landstuhl, we teamed with Mount Clemens General Hospital and with the assistance from various suppliers collected 50 filled backpacks. When an area bank found out, they donated 100 empty backpacks left over from a promotion. A flight attendant with Delta Airlines heard of our problem of getting the backpacks to Landstuhl, talked to her crew members and made arrangements to take everything over and deliver it to the hospital themselves. Delta made four trips with items plus had passengers write out cards and letters as they traveled the airways and delivered them as well.

When I MEF was in Iraq, they had no coffee mess, no pots, no cups and no coffee. The Merritts donated two 48-cup coffee urns. Members brought coffee and all of the fixings to their meetings. TV2 Fox News came out and filmed a story on the project and asked the viewers to be generous and support this project. Members and viewers from all over Michigan began to drop off coffee, travel mugs, sugar, creamers, teas and coffee flavorings. They brought Gatorade, Kool-Aid and anything that could be mixed with water. Boca Java coffee also donated and shipped many cases of coffee. When all was said and done, we shipped out over 1,025 travel mugs and enough coffee to make a good cup of joe for some time.

Girl Scout cookies are always in demand come spring. Working with MI-2 members and the various scout groups in Macomb and Oakland County, we ship thousands of



boxes of cookies each year.

This past Christmas we heard from WMA member SSgt Jennifer Zitani requesting soccer balls for her I-Care program that she started when she deployed. Over 100 soccer balls were donated to OCF and were gladly shipped out.



OCF has consistently supported the Iraqi Lioness Chapter, with items ranging from beauty spa items to chocolates.

One of our biggest successes is Operation Holiday Joy, where stockings are stuffed with goodies and shipped to Iraq. Now finishing our third year, we were honored to be included in *Leatherneck Magazine*, helping to make 2007 one of the most successful of our history.



Motor City has been blessed with a project that seems to be self sustaining. Just when we think it will end due to lack of funds or donated items, the garage and bank account start to fill once again. We are proud to say that 100% of the items we ship are donated. Unless designated for a special need such as buying coffee or spa items or current request we put a call out for, all of the other money goes to pay for postage. OCF's holiday mailing for Christmas 2007 was over \$6,000.

It is the letters that we get back that says it all and makes us want to continue our program as long as the need is there.

*Mary Ann Merritt*

# WIMSA Anniversary

The 10th Anniversary of the Women's Memorial Dedication was held 1-3 November. The celebration was fantastic and women veterans and their families came from all parts of the United States to join in this tribute.

The first event was celebrated with the formal gala on Thursday at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C. with over 800 in attendance. The keynote address was given by the Honorable David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. The Mistress of Ceremonies was Cokie Roberts and closing remarks were given by BGen Wilma L. Vaught, WIMSA President.

On Friday, we went to the Armory for the reunion reception and WMA had our own banner displayed on the wall at our booth. Between Sue Sousa, Lou Teixeira and Pam Bloustine, seven new members were recruited!! All these new members joined us on Saturday for the Anniversary Ceremony and walked with us at 6pm for the Candlelight March and evening Service of Remembrance.

The Anniversary ceremony started with the U.S. Army Band, presentation of Colors by

the Armed Forces Color Guard and the Army Old Guard Fife & Drum Corps. Of special note were "the Voices of the Women". Each military service was represented by a woman of that service. LCpl Sona P. Babani represented our Marine Corps. She is presently stationed at Quantico. As a native of Iraq, she and her family fled the country in 1997 as part of Operation Pacific Haven, settling in Denver. She entered the Marine Corps in 2005 and became a US citizen in July 2007. She will soon be going back to Iraq as an interpreter.

The Anniversary Address was given by The Honorable Robert M. Gates, Secretary of Defense. The 10th Anniversary was dedicated to those women who had lost their lives in service to our country. There were 98 listed in the program and the 99th was added at the ceremony.

Later that evening was the Candlelight March and Service of Remembrance. As happened 10 years ago, the women assembled at the Lincoln Memorial and marched across the Memorial Bridge to the Women's Memorial carrying lighted candles. National 1st Vice President Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower called cadence as we were singing all the way!!

*Eileen R. Scanlon*



**Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower with members from MO-1.**



**WMA at WIMSA.**



**What a crew...getting ready for the march across the bridge.**

*Photos courtesy of Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower and Eileen Scanlon*

## Iraq Life

Back on base safe, sound, ready to go home, but also very glad that I came. This experience has taught me that if I had one wish it would be that grace and mercy not follow me, but guide my path all the days of my life. Sound cliché? Consider this:

Al Anbar is like the American Bible Belt, and cities like Fallujah are like Charleston, they are extremely conservative, religious and proud of their heritage. In the same way that you hear people in Charleston say things like, "we have to go to Iraq and stop the Jihadists, before they come to America and force us all to become Muslims and cover our women"; people in Al Anbar back in 2003 were saying "we have to stop the Americans, or they will uncover our women, and turn us all into MTV watching heathens". Under the premise of these fears common citizens became patriotic war fighters who riddled the streets with the bodies of the "unjust". Living in Fallujah has shown me the complexities of "justice" in ways that make me appreciate grace and mercy like never before. Amazingly, the opposing sides of justice have been brought together in grace and mercy, though because both sides love justice abiding in grace is a challenge that escapes words. Thankfully over time it has become second nature for most, leaving Fallujah more peaceful than anyone previously imagined possible.

In the picture I am standing with one of my Iraqi police (IP) counterparts. Given the history of Fallujah it is very likely that four years ago, instead of working with me at a check point set up at the gates of the city, he would have courageously stood poised



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to shoot me in the name of "justice". I actually know one IP who likes to "joke" about how many Marines he killed in 2003. He has a nice shrapnel scar to prove that he had a front row seat to the action. Walking hand in hand with those who at one time may have been our enemies, AK and M16 in hand, was such a struggle for everyone in the first few months of the deployment. In truth there is still an element of suspicion on both sides, but we are both exceedingly thankful for every day that we are able to abide in grace, and not called to justice.

Looking out on the Euphrates is a really humbling experience, especially as you drive through the rubble ridden streets to get there. The river runs dark and dirty with the murk thousands of years of blood and garbage, yet it is a beautiful oasis where lush trees grow, as though war has not ravaged this land since Biblical times. As I looked out on it I felt overwhelmed with hope, and rich with enlightened thoughts. There are many abandoned mansions in Fallujah, including the home of the late Qusay Hussein, Saddam's son. This man's family dedicated their life to the acquisition of worldly wealth and power that did not follow them into the hereafter. I felt like I had won the spiritual lottery as I realized that God in his mercy enlightened me to not only this thought, but the understanding that the only riches truly worth storing up are those in heavenly places. I pray as I head back to the states and out of the military, that I continue to store up my treasures in heavenly places, where it can follow me into eternity. That in all my getting I continue seek wisdom FIRST.

*SSgt Margo Ellis*

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 Peters, Shirley M., Waldorf, MD, died 11/1/07  
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# Chapters Looking for Members

*All our local chapters are looking for members, but we're going to bring a few to your attention:*

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## WomenMarinesTravel.com being used!

Women of the Corps,

Last time I introduced a new web-site that will benefit WMA in several ways. Earnings from this site will go to support the "Women of the Corps" History Preservation Project (WOTC), the Convention Coordinating Committee (CCC), and the general fund of WMA.

If you or your friends and family members travel and use the internet to arrange your travel you would benefit WMA by using [www.WomenMarinesTravel.com](http://www.WomenMarinesTravel.com). It works just like Orbitz or Travelocity and there are numbers to call for help on each page you access. In addition to airplane tickets, you can book cruises, hotels, rental cars, and much more on the site. Some of your National Board members have already used the site with excellent results.

The success of this site depends on YOUR participation and assistance. Anyone can use the site; it's not limited to women Marines. The more our members, your friends and family use this site, the more money that goes to the CCC and National.

I promised to print the Memorandum of Understanding between WMA National

and CO-1 once the board approved it and it is printed in this issue of 'Nouncements as promised. There were no questions, but if I get them, I'll publish them next time.

We have received our first check from the site and though it was small, it's a start. Thanks to those of you who used it. I used it to fly to San Diego recently with no problems.

The fares are competitive with other internet travel sites. I urge you to go to this site and compare rates. Many times rates are less on this site, but if you have a choice between travel sites and one is just a few dollars more, but benefits WMA, wouldn't you use that site? Please consider this when comparing rates.

You can also use this site to buy flowers and there's even a prototype program to buy cars. If you're booking travel to the Houston convention, please use this site to help support the Convention Coordinating Committee.

Please pass this information along to your chapter members and to all your family members and friends.

*Paula Sarlls  
President, CO-1*

### Memorandum of Understanding Between WMA and WMA CO-1 Regarding [www.WomenMarinesTravel.com](http://www.WomenMarinesTravel.com) January 15th, 2008

The Colorado Columbine Chapter of WMA (WMA CO-1) agrees to purchase and maintain the travel site [www.WomenMarinesTravel.com](http://www.WomenMarinesTravel.com).

WMA CO-1 agrees to pay all on-going costs associated with this site and to address all capabilities and issues regarding the site. CO-1 will bear full responsibility and WMA National will bear no liability regarding the business conducted on this site." The site is protected by a \$1 mil policy through YTB International.

WMA CO-1 agrees that all profits relative to this web site will be deposited in the CO-1 account and accounted for separately and clearly; and that the chapter will pay all pertinent taxes.

WMA CO-1 agrees that all profits will be distributed as follows:

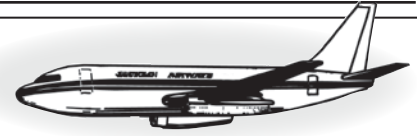
- 1 - Pay the costs of the insurance and storage units for the Women of the Corps History Preservation Project first.
- 2 - Pay all residual profits to the Convention Coordinating Committee. (This is the committee that is planning the immediate convention). Payment to be made by Feb 15 of the year following the CO-1 fiscal year end (December 31st). For example: Feb 15, 2008 for FY 2007.

WMA CO-1 will notify WMA National immediately when WMA CO-1 determines that, for what ever reason, the site is no longer viable.

WMA National agrees to publicize the web site in its publications and web sites. The web site is non-transferable when WMA CO-1 determines that, for what ever reason, the site is not viable.

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WMA National*



## Airport to Hotel Transportation

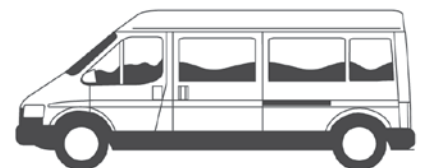
Houston has two major airports, Bush Intercontinental (IAH) and William P. Hobby (HOU). Passengers traveling on Continental Airlines will fly into Bush. Passengers flying on Southwest Airlines will fly into Hobby. Other airlines may fly into either airport.

Below is our group discount information, as well as some information on where to find SuperShuttle as you leave the airport:

- To receive the group discount, you can make your reservation **ONLINE** at least 24 hours in advance at [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com) and enter the group's discount code
- Discount Code: **H5JWK**
- To receive the group discount when making reservations by phone at 1-800-BLUEVAN (1-800-258-3826) or at an airport SuperShuttle ticket counter please reference the group's name:
- Group Name: Women Marines Association
- This code is valid for travel dates ranging from August 22, 2008 through September 7, 2008
- Through use of the discount code you will receive \$2 off one way fares and \$4 off round trip fares
- With use of the above discount SuperShuttle rates from the airports to the Westin Galleria will be:  
**Bush Intercontinental (IAH):** \$22 one way and \$44 round trip.  
**Hobby (HOU):** \$16 one way and \$32 round trip.

*How to get to SuperShuttle when you land:*

- After you claim your luggage at either Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) or Hobby Airport (HOU), proceed to a SuperShuttle ticket counter located in the baggage claim area at all terminals
- A Guest Service Representative will be waiting to assist you
- If wheelchair accessible vans are necessary for a member of your group, please make this request during the reservation process.



# R & A Awards Rules

Area Directors are the points of contact for awards information. Should they have questions that are not answered by this edition of 'Nouncements, the WMA Bylaws, the WMA SOP, or the How to Book, they should contact R & A Chairman Lynn Sparks.

There are three categories of awards: Best Newsletter, Best History Book, and Chapter Achievement Projects. There is a separate grand prize award (for "overall outstanding Chapter achievement") called the Ruth & Dick Broe Award. The Newsletter and History Book award consists of perpetual plaques held until the next convention when they are exchanged for individually inscribed award plaques. All chapters, large and small are strongly encouraged to enter the competition. The rules and prizes are delineated below. It's time to begin planning your entries! As R & A Chairman I realize how much time and effort you put into your entries and am very excited to be assigned this project. I wish you all the best of luck!

## Newsletter – 3 Awards (1st, 2nd & 3rd Place)

**Purpose:** To inform & stimulate interest in improving communications within and among chapters of the Women Marines Association.

**SUBMIT:** one copy each of two (2) issues created since the last convention (Sept. 2006).

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

### CONTENTS

#### Identification –

- WMA chapter, number, date, volume number, issue number, editor name, address and phone number. Also list each chapter officer.
- Masthead: artistic, attractive and original.

State number of newsletters issued during period.

#### Story Types –

- Contributor – number of articles that have bylines.
- WMA national news – not extensive – something to keep members current on national.
- Personalities: Biography of members.

Local chapter news – community involvement, volunteer work, meetings, etc.

- Personalize – Activities of members, trips, sick calls, etc.
- Special events.

**Layout** – Arrangement of copy: Should be neat, readable, orderly, pictures identified and graphics may be used. Does not have to be slick ad agency presentation.

### AWARDS

**1st Place:** A perpetual plaque inscribed "The Editor's Award for Outstanding Chapter Newsletter," which is to be returned at the next convention. When returned, the editor will receive a small individual award plaque bearing the winner's name and reading, "Editor Award for Outstanding Chapter Newsletter 2006-2008". Chapter will also receive a streamer for their chapter colors and a certificate. Plaque donated by Past National

President Sue Sousa. Streamer donated by Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter.

**2nd & 3rd Places:** Receive certificate for their chapter

## History Book – 3 Awards (1st, 2nd & 3rd)

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

**Period:** Should cover the biennial between conventions (2006-2008).

**SUBMIT:** Send your history book – well packaged to the address below.

## BOOK LAYOUT & JUDGING ELEMENTS:

Chapter name and number, layout of contents, cover page.

Article and photos should have names, places, and dates. Events related to your chapter should have names, chapter officers/historian, location, date. Remember the Who, What, When, Where & Why for publishing.

### AWARDS

**1st Place:** A perpetual plaque inscribed "Outstanding Chapter History Book Award", which is to be returned at the next convention. When returned, the chapter historian will receive a small individual award plaque bearing the winner's name and reading, "Historian Award for the Outstanding Chapter History Book – 2006-2008". Chapter will also receive a streamer for their chapter colors and a certificate. Plaque donated by Past National President Sue Sousa. Streamer donated by Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter.

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

## Chapter Achievement – 27 Awards Possible (1st, 2nd & 3rd place for each Class in each Category)

### Judging will be based on the following criteria:

Chapter properly identified, catalogued and indexed.

Material enclosed in an attractive cover.

Presentation and documentation (use of a descriptive brief of the project, newspaper clippings, photos, letters of thanks, etc.).

Degree to which project relates to category for which it is submitted.

Degree of involvement by chapter members. The more involvement the better.

Who, what, when, where, why of the activity or project identified.

### Quality of project(s).

Must cover the biennial between conventions 2006 & 2008.

**Categories** for which awards will be made are as follows:

- Fostering the spirit of comradeship of women who have served or now serve in the U.S. Marine Corps (regular or reserve) and sponsoring participating activities of a patriotic nature, particularly those that perpetuate the traditions and Esprit de Corps of the U. S. Marine Corps.

- Promoting activities that help community or charitable organizations function, such as office work, fund drive, volunteering, soliciting contributions, telethons and the like.

- Activities that improve the comfort, convenience, education, & quality of life for elderly, disabled, needy, or active duty women Marines. Or providing entertainment, care and assistance to hospitalized veterans and members of the armed forces of the United States.

**Classes** for each category are as follows:

5-20 members in a chapter.

21-45 members in a chapter.

46 + members in a chapter.

### AWARDS

**1st Place:** Each class and category will receive a certificate and streamer for displaying on the chapter colors.

**2nd & 3rd Place:** Receive certificate for their chapter. **Note: Chapters may enter any one or all of the categories for their class chapter size). Entries in each category & class require separate folders and entry forms.**

## RUTH & DICK BROE AWARD FOR OVERALL CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT

No separate entry is required for this award. This, the highest award is presented to the chapter who, in the opinion of the judges, has accomplished the most in keeping the objectives of the Women Marines Association as demonstrated by their entries in the above Chapter Achievement categories. It does not necessarily go to the chapter with the most awards. The quality of the project is the most important factor. The Chapter will be presented with a perpetual plaque inscribed "Ruth & Dick Broe Overall Outstanding Chapter Award", which is to be returned at the next convention. When returned, the chapter will receive a small individual award plaque reading, "Ruth & Dick Broe Overall Outstanding Chapter Award – 2006-2008". The Chapter will also receive a streamer for their chapter colors. Plaque donated by Past National President Sue Sousa. Streamer donated by Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter.

The award selection committee will consist of people cognizant of the Women Marines Association objectives. They may or may not be WMA members. Awards in any or all of the categories may be withheld when, in the judgment of the committee, no entry in a category warrants recognition. Constructive feedback will be given to each chapter who enters.

## THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL!

### DEADLINE for all awards entries:

Postmarked on or before July 15, 2008

Mail all entries to: Lynn Sparks,

Chairman, Recognition & Awards

1408 San Marino Dr., Pearland, TX 77581

Enclose a self-addressed stamped postcard to be returned as a receipt.

All entries must be displayed at the convention during the award banquet and for 1 hour afterward. Each chapter with a submission will be required to provide an escort for their entry during that time period. This escort will answer questions regarding their project as well as provide protection for their entry. The name(s) of the escort(s) should be submitted with the entry. Entries will only be released after the banquet to the Chapter President (continued on page 11)

or their designee.

**Website – 3 Awards  
(1st, 2nd & 3rd Place)**

**Purpose:** To inform members and recruit new members by showing the activities of the local chapters. To promote the ideals of the Women Marines Association.

**Submit:** Website address on application form.

**Judging:** Will be based on:

The amount of local information.

Site design – how appealing is it? Does it

catch your attention?

Appropriateness of the information. Does it meet the organization objectives?

How easy is it to navigate through the site?

**AWARDS**

**1st Place:** A perpetual plaque inscribed “Outstanding Chapter Website Award”, which is to be returned at the next convention. When returned, the chapter webmaster will receive a small individual award plaque bearing the winner’s name and reading, “Outstanding Chapter Website Award – 2006-2008”. Chapter will

also receive a streamer for their chapter colors and a certificate. Plaque donated by Sondra Metzger and Mary Ann Merritt. Streamer donated by Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter. There will also be a banner placed on the winning chapter’s webpage.

**2nd & 3rd Place:** Receive certificate for their chapter. Banners will be placed on the websites indicating prize.

**Women Marines Association**

**Official Entry Form for Recognition and Awards**

**WMA 2006-2008 Houston, Texas Convention • August 28 - September 3, 2008**

Date of Submission: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Rec’d by R&A \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter Name and Chapter Number

Chapter Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sender (Title) \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone # and /or email \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry (History Book, Newsletter, Chapter Achievement. If entry is Website enter address) \_\_\_\_\_

**Category and Class required for Chapter Achievement Entries (See Official Rules)**

Person assigned to accompany the entry after the luncheon and receive the entry from R & A

**Brief Description of entry:**

**Mail to: Lynn Sparks  
Recognition and  
Awards Committee  
1408 San Marino Drive  
Pearland, TX 77581  
DEADLINE: Postmarked by July 15, 2008**

**Report from the Financial Committee**

When you receive your Summer issue of ‘Nouncements and read the WMA Balance Sheet with our total Liabilities and Equity listed do you start to wonder how we got all the money, how it is expended, who authorizes the expenditures, and who is responsible for the management of the monies? Additionally, do your wonder where your membership fees go and what happens to donations that are received that are not designated for a specific fund?

In addition to the explanations listed in the

RM&D, in the next issues of ‘Nouncements, I hope to give you an understanding of the history, purpose, and uses of our six funds: General Fund, Restricted Reserve, Memorial Scholarship Fund, Life Member Fund, National Headquarters Fund and the Benevolence Fund.

The Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) members are:

Chairman - Karen Kelly

Members - Carol Mutter, Kay Miller

Advisor- Wendy Hopkins

Ex Officio Members - Third VP Betty Cook and Treasurer Shanda Elkins

Our funds are under the management of Financial Consultant Marty Evans, CWA of Hilliard Lyons (Trenton,MI office). Our checking account is with the Bank of America.

More to come...

**Karen Kelly  
Chairman, FAC**

**Women Marines Association Essay Contest**

The Marine Corps Association, in coordination with the Women Marines Association (WMA) and Women In Military Service for America (WIMSA), is looking for service members — active-duty, retired, reserve or veterans — and civilians employed by the Department of Defense to enter an educational essay contest. The subject must pertain to women in the Marine Corps, and the article should be no longer than 1,500 words.

Submission constitutes the author’s permission to publish; however, there is no commitment that the winning article will be published.

First prize is \$500; a four-year membership in WMA, if appropriate; a book from WIMSA and free registration with the Women’s Memorial, if appropriate. Second prize is \$250; a two-year membership in WMA, if appropriate; a book from the Marine Corps Association and a one-year

membership in the MCA.

Entries must be received by or postmarked no later than 1 June 2008. E-mail entries to w.ford@mca-marines.org, or mail them to WMA Essay Contest, Leatherneck Magazine, P.O. Box 1775, Quantico, VA 22134, (Attn: Col Ford), please include the text on a CD or disk in Microsoft Word.

WMA will announce the winners in conjunction with its biennial national convention, held Aug. 29-Sept. 2 in Houston.

## National Office Nominations

Nominations for WMA National office for the 2008-2010 term will open 1 January 2008 and close 15 March 2008.

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

Members desiring to serve are welcome and encouraged to complete and return the nomination form found at the top of Page 22 in the 2006-08 Resource Manual and Directory. (**NOTE: Please see the new name and address listed below for returning nomination forms.**)

If you will consider running for office, are interested in serving on one of our many Committees listed on Page 15 of the Resource Manual and Directory, or would like more information on any position, please feel free to contact me either via telephone or email. You may also contact your Area Director or chapter president for assistance.

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

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

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

**Karen L. Reeves**

### Return Nomination Forms to:

Karen L. Reeves  
Nominating/Convention Site Chair  
6923 Jessica Drive  
Springfield, Oregon 97478  
Tel: 541-741-1213  
Email: klro42@aol.com

## Convention Site Nominations

The Women Marines Association National Convention and Professional Development Conference returns to Region 1 in 2012.

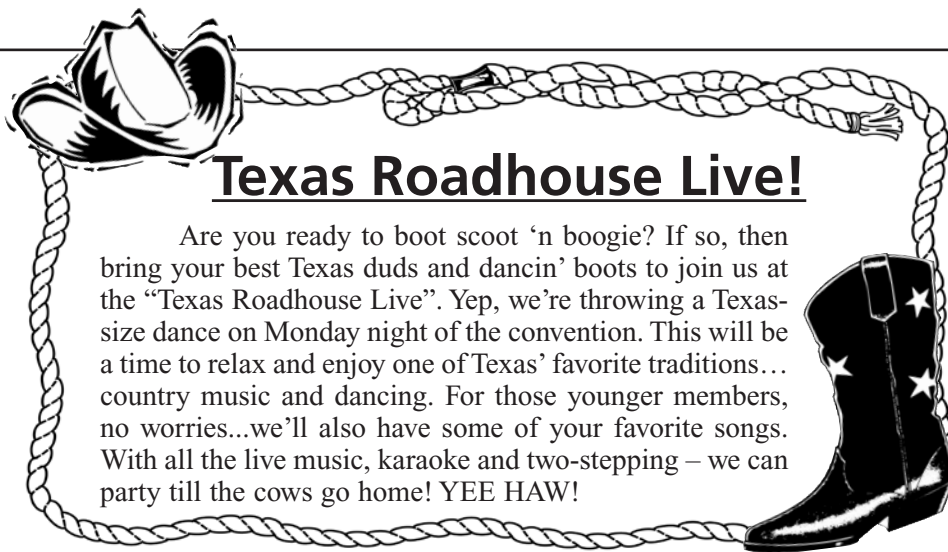
Region 1 (CONUS) is represented by:

- Area 1 (CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, & VT)
- Area 2 (DE, DC, MD, NJ, PA, VA, & WVA)
- Area 3 (AL, FL, GA, NC, SC, & TN)
- Area 4 (IN, MI, OH, KY, excluding IL)

Now is the time to submit your bid to host the 2012 National Convention! Your bids must be submitted by 15 March 2008.

If you or your chapter members wish to submit a bid to host the 2012 convention, or have questions regarding hosting a convention, please don't hesitate to contact me. Semper Fidelis.

**Karen L. Reeves**



Are you ready to boot scoot 'n boogie? If so, then bring your best Texas duds and dancin' boots to join us at the "Texas Roadhouse Live". Yep, we're throwing a Texas-size dance on Monday night of the convention. This will be a time to relax and enjoy one of Texas' favorite traditions... country music and dancing. For those younger members, no worries...we'll also have some of your favorite songs. With all the live music, karaoke and two-stepping – we can party till the cows go home! YEE HAW!

## WMA PX – Space Trading Center

**MISSION: 2008** - Your mission is to prepare for your Docking Station at SPACE TRADING CENTER 2008. The Space Trading Center will be located in the GALLERIA OF STARS, Houston, Texas. Copy that?

**"9-8-7..."** expect the most gigantic room for a trading center at the 2008 Galleria Space Center, Houston. How about a room as big as an indoor football field (well, almost that big) as the launching pad for our Space Trading Center! That's close to the size we'll have for our WMA Star Traders at the 2008 convention. There will be plenty of space and docking stations for each and every WMA chapter planet.



**"6-5-4 ..."** space traders can expect rocket boosters in the form of door prizes for the best space and star-studded decorated table. WMA stars, astronauts and aliens from all WMA planets will also be eligible for door prizes, just for walking through our Space Trading Center and Galleria of Stars. So, get working on your mission for the 2008 Convention! Sign up and send in your application and check made payable to WMA 2008 Convention to BJ Huggins, P. O. Box 1821, Pasadena, TX 77501.

**"... 3-2-1 - Blast-off!!!! Roger !!!"**

*(Translation –For those "unspace" oriented members, the WMA PX for this convention will be in the biggest room WMA has ever had, so get your reservations for space in as soon as possible! Decorate your table and win a prize! Walk through and win a prize! And yes, this also used to be called The Boutique.)*

## Space Trading Center Reservation Form **\$50.00**

*(aka, WMA-PX)*

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Items offered: \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Send in your application and check or money order (made out to "WMA 2008 Convention) for \$50 to: BJ HUGGINS, P. O. Box 1821, Pasadena, TX 77501

# CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

## 25th Biennial Women Marines Association Convention and Professional Development Conference August 28 - September 3, 2008



Mail completed form, along with payment to:

**BJ Huggins**  
**P.O. Box 1821**  
**Pasadena, TX 77501**

To be completed by Registration Chair

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-convention Registration must be received by 30 June 2008.**

*Each WMA registrant must complete this form. Please print legibly.*

### **Check all that apply to you:**

- |                                       |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> World War II | <input type="checkbox"/> Desert Storm                  | <input type="checkbox"/> National Officer/Director         | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility Impaired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea        | <input type="checkbox"/> UN Peacekeeping Forces        | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Officer                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Please assign me  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam      | <input type="checkbox"/> Current Active Duty           | <input type="checkbox"/> Attending my 1st Convention       | <input type="checkbox"/> a roommate        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NATO         | <input type="checkbox"/> Nat'l WMA Life Member # _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> I will help during the Convention |  |

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
MM/DD/YYYY

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Information: Primary Chapter & Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name to be printed on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Loyal Escort(s) & Guest(s) Name for Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

**A fee of \$10 will be charged for cancellation after 31 July 2008. Refund will be mailed after the Convention.**

Pre-Registration: deadline 30 June 2008 (\$40) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

On Site Registration: after 30 June 2008 at hotel (\$50) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am unable to attend, but wish to purchase a program. Enclosed, is my check in the amount of \$10, payable to "WMA 2008 Convention".  
Please send the convention program to me at the above address.

*Information on shuttle service and local transportation options will be added closer to the convention date.*

# MEAL REGISTRATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have special dietary requirements

(Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

ONLY current WMA Members and Loyal Escort members may take Package A or Option B.

Date	Event	Package A All Meals	Option B Individual Choice	Non Member Meals	Totals
29 Aug	Opening Banquet	Included	_____ @ \$46.00	_____ @ \$47.00	\$ _____
30 Aug	Recognition & Awards Luncheon	Included	_____ @ \$44.00	_____ @ \$46.00	\$ _____
01 Sep	2010 Convention Luncheon	Included	_____ @ \$42.00	_____ @ \$44.00	\$ _____
02 Sep	Installation Brunch	Included	_____ @ \$26.00	_____ @ \$28.00	\$ _____
02 Sep	Closing Banquet	Included	_____ @ \$62.00	_____ @ \$64.00	\$ _____
Cost:		\$210.00	\$220.00		\$ _____

Hotel meal costs include Service Charge, gratuity and TX sales tax - total 30.25%

**NOTE: Special events and tours will be added as finalized.**

## TABLE RESERVATIONS

We will provide reserved seating at the Opening and Closing Banquets, per the following guidelines:

Seating is limited to 8 persons per table, and will be assigned prior to the start of the convention.

Please complete the table seating request below.

If you have questions, feel free to contact BJ Huggins at [wmaroundup@yahoo.com](mailto:wmaroundup@yahoo.com)

## SEATING RESERVATION REQUEST - for opening and closing banquets (Note: limited to 8 persons per table)

We'd like to have group seating for the opening and closing banquets established by opening day. Therefore, if you have a group you'd like to be seated with, we request that you provide a list of names of persons in that group. Please confirm your list with each of the members, to prevent one name showing up on more than one list.

**Opening Banquet** (provide name and chapter)

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**Closing Banquet** (provide name and chapter)

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## HOTEL INFORMATION

Westin Galleria Hotel  
5060 West Alabama  
Houston, Texas 77056

Individual attendees must make their own room reservations directly through the hotel reservation system (713) 960-8100 or online at <http://starwoodmeeting.com/Book/wma25>

**Be sure to tell them you're with the Women Marines Association**

**Room Rates - \$99.00/Double or Single and \$169.00 for Parlour Suites** (subject to state & local taxes)

Please mail completed form, along with registration fees, to:

**BJ Huggins**  
**P.O. Box 1821**  
**Pasadena, TX 77501**

## Roommate Service:

Please provide information to assist in assigning roommates...

- \_\_\_\_\_ I request roommate assignment  
 \_\_\_\_\_ early to bed  
 \_\_\_\_\_ late to bed  
 \_\_\_\_\_ late riser  
 \_\_\_\_\_ early riser  
 \_\_\_\_\_ smoker (NOTE: The hotel is a NON-SMOKING facility)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ drinker  
 \_\_\_\_\_ like to party  
 \_\_\_\_\_ do not like to party

Do you want a roommate from your service era?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't matter

**Comments regarding roommate service:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# 2008 Convention Program Information and Ad Rates

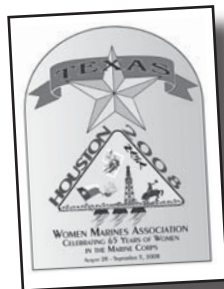
All members are encouraged to purchase and/or sell ads for the convention program. The program will have a memorial section where you can honor deceased members, family and friends, and corporate sponsors are welcome to advertise. We know each convention registrant will be proud to have a copy as a keepsake and/or purchase extras for those unable to attend.

The program will be in black and white, and the program size is 8 x 11" with half-inch margins (*see ad sizes below*). The two outside covers are designated for preplanned use. The advertising costs are detailed for members and non-members. All ads must be submitted in BLACK

and WHITE and submitted via email or disc **NO LATER THAN 15 May 2008**. Ads can be placed on discs at office supply stores (Office Max, Kinko's, etc). If ad copy is submitted in its original form and is not submitted via email or disc, please submit an additional \$10.00 for scanning fee.

Mail your disc with your name, chapter name, phone number, and size of ad along with a check made payable to WMA 2008 Convention (memo "Convention Program") to: **Karen Beatty, P.O. Box 1821, Pasadena, Texas 77501**, Phone (713) 419-7419, email: wmaroundup@yahoo.com.

## AD SPACE RATES and SPECIFICATIONS (Standard Black and White – Camera-Ready Copy Only)



	Ad Size	Members	Non-Members
Full Page	7 1/2 x 10"	\$200	\$350
Half Page (horizontal)	7 1/2 x 5"	\$110	\$250
Half Page (vertical)	3 3/4 x 10"	\$110	\$250
Quarter Page (vertical)	5 3/4 x 5"	\$60	\$200
Quarter Page (horizontal)	7 1/2 x 3 3/4 "	\$60	\$200
Standard Bus. Card	3 1/2 x 2"	\$30	\$125
Memorial Ad	2 1/2 x 1"	\$30	\$75
Scanning Fee		\$10.00	\$10.00

## 2008 WMA Recruiting Roundup

**Giddy up y'all!** It's time to roundup new members and open new chapters. The prizes below are your recruiting incentives and will be awarded at the 2008 WMA Houston Convention. To qualify for those prizes you must be a WMA member in good standing at the time of the awards. Only applicants postmarked before 1 August 2008 will be eligible for credit to win the big prizes. You need not be present at the convention to win.

**\*\*\*Contest Timeline: 2 Aug 2006 – 1 Aug 2008\*\*\***

**1. Individual Award:** For the individual who recruits the most new WMA members during the contest period. Your name **MUST** appear on the application form in the section "Enrolled By."

**Prizes:** Grand Champion \$250  
Reserve \$100  
3rd Place \$50

**2. Chapter Awards:**

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

**Prizes:** Grand Champion \$250  
Reserve \$100  
3rd Place \$50

Winners are also awarded a framed certificate of recognition and streamer for chapter flag, "Recruitment 2008." One award within each chapter size classes (i.e. Class I: 5-20 members; Class II: 21-45 members; Class III: 46+ members).

**B. Loyal Escorts:** For the chapter that recruits the most new Loyal Escort members during the contest period. One award will be given within each chapter size class as noted above. The affiliated chapter **must** appear on the application form in the section "Sponsor Chapter Code."

**Prize:** Loyal Escort Recruitment Streamer for Chapter Flag

**3. Area Director Award:** For the most new WMA chapters organized within her assigned area during the contest period.

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

**Let's GIDDY UP and roundup some new members!**

## REGISTRATION NOTE:

**Please don't call the 800 number for Westin to reserve your room.** Call (713) 960-8100 during business hours (0700-1700 Central), or use the web address listed on the same form:

<http://starwoodmeeting.com/Book/wma25>

The company that answers the 800 number does **NOT** have access to our contract information, and there is no telling what they will say. Only the hotel knows who we are, and what we've arranged for.

## Door Prizes

We are sending out this call for door prizes for the 2008 convention in Houston. Please donate small type prizes that are able to be packed in a suitcase and carried on an airplane. Gift cards would be an excellent choice and are easy to use and most people enjoy receiving them. Any dollar amount is good from \$10.00 on up.

If you choose to donate a door prize, please take it to the convention with you and deliver them during the registration. Looking forward to Houston and meeting you.

*Maureen Moehle*

## Donations Requested

The 2008 Convention Committee gratefully acknowledges receipt of monetary contributions from members to help fund the 2008 Convention in Houston. The committee encourages contributions from all of our members. Help make this the best convention ever.

To help in this major effort, send check or money order (made payable to 2008 National Convention & Conference) to: Lisa Huerta, Treasurer TX-2 Chapter, 4403 Pickering Place, College Station, TX 77845.

## 25th Anniversary Celebration: A WMA Night to Remember

It's the 25th WMA Convention! That means a Silver Anniversary Celebration; an occasion to look back at the past WMA conventions. It is an opportunity to honor the success of the WMA conventions and the WMA. When the WMA was formed at the first reunion at the Shirley-Savoy hotel in Denver in 1964, the future was unknown. However, what they did know was that a desire and bond of friendship was built from time in service...not just in the Korean War or WWII, but all the way back to WWI. Our charter members wanted a military veteran's organization that would honor their military service, provide a community service, and develop friendships based on a shared history.

As the convention "blasts off," the eve of the convention is a fitting time to honor the past conventions and host committees. Twenty-five conventions? Who has attended them all? How many have you attended? Since we don't have records, we are asking for help to answer these questions, and many more. To identify the highlights from past conventions, we are asking our members to send photos and stories that tell of their favorite convention experiences. Perhaps, the convention committee members will share some of their experiences. Wouldn't we all like to know their secrets? Please send your photos and convention stories to B. J. Huggins at the registration address.

We will have the celebration to recognize the success of our WMA conventions. It will be an interactive party hosted by TX-2. Because it is an anniversary party, it is important to have "toasts." Appropriate beverage and snacks will be provided, along with a pay-per drink bar. Make your plans to join us at the 25th Anniversary Celebration. It will be the most beautiful setting of the convention with a festive program. This will be a night to remember and we are hoping to have a Texas-size turnout!



## Women Marines Association 25th Biennial Convention and Professional Development Conference Schedule (Schedule Subject to Change) August 28 - September 3, 2008 Houston, Texas

### Thursday 28 August 2008

Registration/Information	1200 -1700
History Suite	To Be Announced
Golf	0800-1400
Anniversary Party	1900-2200

### Friday 29 August 2008

Registration/Information	0900-1700
Space Trading Center (PX) Set Up	0800-1100
Photo Room Set Up	0800-1000
WMA National 2006-2008 Board Meeting	0830-1130
Loyal Escorts 2006-2008 Board Meeting	0830-1130
+Workshop #1 - Wounded Warrior Program	1000-1100
John Roberts	
History Suite	To Be Announced
Photos	To Be Announced
Space Trading Center (PX) Open	1200-1400
First Timers	1300-1500
Flag Rehearsal	1500-1700
No Host Reception	1800-1900
Opening Banquet	1900-2300

### Saturday 30 August 2008

Registration/Information	0900-1700
History Suite	To Be Announced
Photos	To Be Announced
WMA Business Meeting #1	0830-1030
Loyal Escorts Business Meeting #1	0830-1030
Recognition and Awards Luncheon	1100-1330
Westin Entrance Bus Load	1400-1430
Space Center Houston (dinner included)	1530-2000
Texas 2 Road House - Loyal Escorts Hospitality Room	1500-2300
	(After the Tour)

### Sunday 31 August 2008

Registration/Information	0900-1700
History Suite	To Be Announced
Photographer	To Be Announced
Ecumenical Service in Hotel WMA Chaplain	0900-1000
+Workshop #2 - Women Heart with Lisa Tate	1000-1100
+Workshop #3 - Building Better Chapters *	1115-1245
Chapter Finances with Wendy Hopkins	
Parliamentary Procedure with Connie Pendergast	
Networking with Kathy Van Gorder	
Space Trading Center (PX)	1000-1200
+Panel Discussion - Vernice Armour	
"Changing Role of Women Marines"	1300-1530
+ "Homecoming"	1630-1800
Welcome Home to All WMA Members	
Cake Cutting Ceremony	
Texas 2 Road House - Loyal Escort Hospitality Room	1900-2300

## Conference Schedule *(Continued)*

### Monday 1 September 2008

Registration/Information	0900-1700
History Suite	To Be Announced
Photos	To Be Announced
Memorial Service	0900-1030
2010 Convention Presentation Luncheon	1100-1330
WMA Business Meeting #2	1430-1630
Loyal Escort Business Meeting #2	1430-1630
1st VP & Area Directors & Chapter President's Meeting	1700-1900
+Workshop #4 - Personal Finances, Including Preparing for Deployment - Wendy Hopkins	1700-1830
Space Trading Center (PX)	1700-1830
Texas Road House Live	1900-2200
Texas 2 Road House - Loyal Escort Hospitality Room	1900-2300

### Tuesday 2 September 2008

Registration/Information	0900-1700
History	To Be Announced
Photos	To Be Announced
+Workshop #5 - VA Benefit Forum*	0830-1030
WMA and Loyal Escorts National Officers Photos	1000-1100
Installation Brunch	1100-1300
Space Trading Center (Final)	1330-1530
Training for WMA 2008-2010 - National Board	1400-1600
Loyal Escorts 2008-2010 Board Meeting	1400-1600
No Host Reception	1800-1900
Grand Banquet	1900-2300
Texas 2 Road House	2200-2400

### Wednesday 3 September 2008

2008-2010 WMA Board Meeting (All 2008-2010 Board Members)	0800-1200
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\* The Space Trading Center is available for appointments with the presenters for more information on individual needs.

+ indicates required attendance by active duty Marines; all other attendees are welcome and invited to attend.



## Homecoming Parade

Everyone loves a parade... especially one that celebrates the homecoming of a loved one or hero.

As women veterans, we have not experienced a "Homecoming" parade. Therefore, we will hold our own. The Homecoming will be an over the top patriotic event celebrating every decade that women have served in the Maine Corps. We plan to have patriotic music, a special guest speaker, and a cake cutting ceremony to recognize the oldest and youngest Marine.

We encourage you to wear your uniform or red, white and blue, and join us as we welcome each of you "home."

**Welcome "First-Timers"! The ladies of the Molly Marine Chapter LA-1, Greater New Orleans Area invite you to**

## *"Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez"* (Let the Good Times Roll)

Let's break the ice Mardi Gras style. . . make new friends and learn about convention functions! Come with an attitude of celebration and leave with a neckful of beads, handful of doubloons and possibly a festive feathered mask! You must attend and celebrate the bond of sisterhood we all have in common - the Eagle, Globe and Anchor!

The New Orleans crew will present an introduction and overview of what's in store during this exciting convention. This meeting is designed just for you. You have so much to look forward to! You can expect fabulous door prizes with a New Orleans flare!

In addition to leaving with beads, beads and more beads, you will completely understand what's on the agenda.

### AGENDA:

- Processional (Molly Marine Chapter members w/quartet)
- Welcome (WMA President)
- "Roll Call" (Mardi Gras beads)
- Icebreaker (Individual TBD)
- Introduction of National Officers
- What is a First Timer?
- Conduct Meeting
  - How the convention operates (from Opening Ceremony to Closing Ceremony)
  - Memorial Service
  - Business Meetings (to understand workings of the Association, hear input given and vote on material presented)
  - Chapter Membership
  - Workshops
  - Get acquainted game/activity
  - Door prizes
  - Questions/Answers Period
  - First Timers Group Photos
  - Dismissal/Adjournment (Marines Hymn)



**Melanie L. Young**  
*President, Molly Marine Chapter*

## Chapter Clippings



### AZ-1 Arizona Roadrunner

We had 13 at our meeting in November and one of our newest members, a lovely WR, happened to have served with another of our WRs at El Toro and were in different squadbays. They did not recall ever knowing each other, but knew many of the same people. It was interesting riding to and from the meeting with them!

We had a sack lunch, and watched videos presented by June Dempsey of Molly Marine, past conventions and current recruit training.

We are still recruiting!!

*Jeanne Botwright*



### AZ-2 Arizona Saguaro



**AZ-2 in the Veteran's Day Parade**

Our chapter has been up to our usual shenanigans at this time of year.

We began the season by attending the annual Tucson Women's Veterans luncheon at the Viscount Hotel. As always, we had a great time. We contributed the door prizes and had a grand time handing them out to all the winners.

A week later, we participated in the Veteran's Day parade. It was attended by Miriam Cohen, June Berkey, Evelyn Carroll, Meloise Glommen, Ala Samaiel, Jean Hansen and April Stephens. After numerous turns and bad directions, we were finally directed to our place in line - right behind the beautiful blue Corvette that would carry Miriam Cohen, who turned 100 in December, through the parade. The applause kept Miriam smiling throughout the entire parade. Her presence helped us win a trophy!

On the heels of the parade came our most noteworthy event of the year - Miriam's 100th birthday party, which we held at Intermezzo's restaurant. Many members attended including some of Miriam's family and our special guest Phil, the commandant of the Green Valley Marine Corps League. Phil presented many plaques to Miriam, including one from the Commandant of the Marine Corps and one from the mayor of Tucson. Miriam was much honored. The day was enjoyed by all who attended. We felt so honored to be celebrating such a monumental occasion with one of the Marines' finest! We look forward to many more celebrations of our Marine Corps history! Semper Fidelis!

*April Stephens*



### CA-2 San Diego County

As mentioned in the fall issue, we were looking forward to a busy October, November and December and indeed it was a busy and fun time. In October, we welcomed Kirsten Holmstedt, author of "Band of Sisters".

November is always a busy month for all Marines, and this year was no exception. It began with the 18th Annual Military Women's Luncheon at Miramar Officer's Club on 3 November. There were 144 guests in attendance from all branches of service. On 6 November, 13 CA-2 members served cookies, nuts and punch at the VA Hospital in celebration of the Marine Corps Birthday. After a ceremony with the Marine Band and presentation of the colors, we cut a large sheet cake for residents of the hospital.

Then onto the parades! The first was the Veteran's Day Parade with four of our WWII veterans riding in a Humvee and waving flags followed by WMA members walking behind. We were also represented in The Mother Goose Parade, supposedly the largest parade west of the Mississippi. Several of us joined our Marine Corp League colleagues in two Marine vehicles following behind a very spirited Marine Band. On 17 November, approximately 30 gathered at the Holiday Inn Bayside for a Thanksgiving turkey luncheon and a business meeting. The most important business at hand was the election of the new officers to be installed in February. The incoming officers are: president, Angelique Esquivel; vice president, Cheryl Spencer; secretary, Frances Styles; treasurer, "Tex" Cornwell.

In December we did our annual decorating of the Christmas



**Randy Tidmore (left) and Angelique Esquivel.**

trees at the VA Hospital and helped take them down on 3 January. Also in December we had a luncheon to honor twenty-five women Marines soon to be deployed to Iraq, chaired by Cheryl Spencer. It was a beautiful day and was held on the patio of the

Officer's Club at Miramar Air Station. Fifty WMA members, guests and active duty Marines attended. Cheryl assembled 25 large Christmas stockings, full of useful travel items, to present to each of those scheduled for deployment.

We are all looking forward to celebrating the 65th Anniversary of the Women's Reserve in February. Many of us will travel north to CA-7's luncheon on 9 February at Camp Pendleton. Our CA-2 event will be held at MCRD in the Bay View Room on 22 February.

Happy New Year to all and happy anniversary women Marines everywhere!

*Randy Tidmore*



### CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

Well, another year has come and gone so to all a very Happy New Year and may 2008 be a year of peace and happiness to all.

Our Christmas party was held at the Ranch Restaurant in Hayward. The owner/chef always opens early for the women

Marines. He always has our room set up for our lunch-meeting at 11:30 and never rushes us out the door as some others have. There were 25 members present and four members of CA-6 joined us.

We had two new members join us from CA-6. They joined CA-3 at our party held in Concord. We welcome Patricia Palmer and Marion (Sullivan) Fitchett. Betty Lieser was the hostess for the lunch and decorated the tables with wooden soldiers painted as Santa Clauses.

Plans are being made for the 65th Anniversary that will be held at Paradise Valley Estates in Fairfield. Lucille Thyrring, who resides there, is making the arrangements. CA-9 is hosting this party and the following chapters have been invited to attend: CA-3, CA-4, CA-6, CA-12.

We are looking forward to the convention in Houston and hope to see all of you there. Semper Fidelis!

*LaVerne Marts*

## **WMA CA-4 North Central California**

Five members participated in the Veteran's Day Parade in Elk Grove. This was our fifth year to join in on the festivities. They rode in a miniature train that had a great sign on the front of the engine which read, "Women Marine Veterans". Those who rode in the train were Delphine Baeta, Jeanne Bartelt, Lea Cassidy and Lois Wilson. Our fifth member, Karen Winette, escorted a group of Young Marines. Karen is a wonderful leader and very gung ho. As the parade passed the crowds, they waved, applauded, cheered and thanked the Marines for their service. It was really a fulfilling show of patriotism.

Our next important event was our Christmas luncheon, held at the Espanol Italian Restaurant in Sacramento. During the party, the slate of officers for 2008 was shared with the group. Those attending were asked to donate canned goods for a Christmas basket for the needy. The singing of carols provided closure to a very special event.

*Lois Wilson*

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

We have elected a board for 2008-2010. Our installation will take place at our 65th Anniversary lunch on 10 February. President is Valorie Lephart, vice president is Eileen Sampson, treasurer is Sonia Gryske and secretary is Mary Luebben.

Our Christmas party was well attended. The gift exchange is always an added attraction. Valorie does an outstanding job making it a success. Many toys for Toys for Tots were collected.

We have quite a few members in assisted living these days and send our wishes for their good health to all.

*Mary Ann Rogers*

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

CA-7 is very busy as the new year starts. We are helping fellow members who lost their home in the fire connect with the help they need to clear their property for the delivery of their new house. Members are also preparing to walk in the MS Walk in April with member Kathleen Ables who suffers from MS and "walks" with us in her scooter. Proceeds from the next three months' 50/50 drawing will go to the MS Society to support research for a cure.

A committee has also been formed to submit a slate of officers for elections to be held later in the year.

If that is not enough, there are eight members of CA-7 who have raised \$300 towards the convention contest, with plans to do much more! At last count CA-7 has 10 members excited about and looking forward to Houston in September, and that is expected to grow.

All in all, we had a wonderful January meeting with 25 people in attendance, and we are energized to complete our missions for 2008!

*Peggy Reiber*

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

Our Southern California fires were very devastating but all members of CA-8 made it through okay. We appreciated the article on the fires to let us know how our fellow WMA friends are.



**Chapter members, Loyal Escorts and our Toys for Tots representatives Sgt Villegas, Cpl Pittman, and Cpl Maceri at the December meeting.**

As is tradition at our November meeting we had a Marine Corps cake cutting ceremony. Wilma Willis Wilson, who served many terms as President of CA-8, was our guest of honor. She cut the cake and received the first piece. The second piece was presented to the oldest member present, Vivian Bolton, and the third piece went to our youngest member present, Rosemary Abrego-Holmes.

At our December meeting we presented 20 CD players along with batteries for the Toys for Tots drive. We have given CD players for the older children for the past few years as they are so often overlooked.

The WMA Outstanding MCJROTC Cadet Award was presented by Diane Cowell and Rosemary Abrego-Homes to Cadet Sgt Elizabeth Ortiz, Fontana High School. Ozell Barksdale and Eddy Stephens presented the award to Cadet Pvt Stephanie Rinas-Mocalis, Murrieta High School. Ozell Barksdale presented the award to Cadet Maj Heather Seals, Ramona High School. Cadet Cecilia G. Aguliar received the award at Eisenhower High School but no CA-8 representative could attend.

The January meeting was canceled because the restaurant where CA-8 has been meeting for years has closed and we are now looking for a new meeting site. Semper Fidelis.

*Sybl Acree*

## **WMA CA-9 Redwoods**

Redwoods Chapter has survived yet another crisis due to members Maggie Hart and Lucille Thyrring who took on the positions of president and vice president respectively. Maggie remains vice president of CA-3 and attends their meetings regularly. Betty Lieser, another CA-3 member, agreed to serve as treasurer for CA-9. I remain secretary so now our leadership needs are fulfilled.

There has developed a supportive, friendly relationship among the three chapters in the Bay Area (CA-3, CA-6 and CA-9) with some of us having memberships in all three chapters. This, I believe, is the source of Redwoods' salvation along with a healthy expression of support from our members in their response to my "crisis letter" and survey. The new officers are now discussing necessary adjustments of financial and other records and plans for the future. Our 65th anniversary is scheduled for 16 February when all three of the above chapters will join together for this celebration at Paradise Valley Estates in Fairfield and will include CA-4 and CA-12 chapters as well. Lucille is coordinating this event at PVE where she is a resident. The Third Women Marines Tea at the Veterans Home in Yountville has been suggested for the coming spring.

Redwoods members are indebted to Betty Kelley who held the position of treasurer for over 12 years. She managed our finances and records with skill and dedication and was a true comrade to me during my terms as president, and now secretary, giving every assistance and support during that time. We extend our thanks and appreciation to Betty for her many years of service and contributions to the chapter and to us, her friends. She remains a valued member of the chapter and a good friend.

In December several of us attended memorial services for CA-6 member Inga Ferris. She was remembered with love and appreciation from family and friends.

Also in December, some of us enjoyed the CA-6 Christmas party in Concord. It was a lovely party, a good lunch with lots of Christmas spirit and Toys for Tots.

TAPS: Long-time Redwoods member Connie Post passed away 9 December after an extended stay at the VA Medical Center assisted living facility in San Francisco. I expressed our condolences to her daughter in a telephone conversation.

I decided to check up on chapter life member Margaret Simpson and found out that she is now 92 years old and still living at a care facility in Marin County. Hooray for Margaret! We WWII veterans, myself included, are well into those "Golden Years." We may be old but we have stamina and that gung ho spirit!

*Doris Panzer*

## WMA CA-15 San Fernando Valley

The members of our chapter thanked our local veterans, as we do every December, by delivering gifts of toiletries, shirts, warm socks and throws to the men and women who live at the VA Ambulatory Care Center. We also delivered several hundred paperback books to the center's library, which ships many of the books to military personnel serving overseas.

Once again we were invited by Barnes & Noble Booksellers to spend a day gift wrapping their customers' holiday purchases. There is no charge for the service; but the store, which provides all the materials, sets out a clear slotted box with a sign, "Donations accepted with thanks" and another sign stating that we represent the Women Marines.

Three of our members (from left to right) Pat Murray, Joan Vitale and Nonie Lann, had as much fun as we did last year explaining to everyone that we really are Marines. The customers,



especially those who identified themselves as veterans, were very generous despite the fact that some of our wrappings were definitely less than professional.

*Nonie Lann*

## WMA DC-1 District of Columbia

DC-1 Chapter celebrated the holidays with their annual Toys for Tots Luncheon at Henderson Hall. As the members gathered, charter member and Past National President Sue Sousa brought two guests from the Armed Forces Retirement Home, Ms. Jean Beasley (pictured with Sgt Alexis Wilson and Sgt Jessica Kane) and Ms. Grace Mueller. Lori Cousins from VA-1 joined the festivities.

This year, the chapter received two extra special gifts of joy in dress blues. As the group prepared for their holiday celebration, President Betty Moseley Brown gave an update on deployed members. To the group's surprise, their deployed member, Sgt Wilson, had returned from Iraq and walked in as one of the Marines picking up the toys for Toys for Tots. Sgt Wilson was accompanied by Sgt Jessica Kane, both from the 4th Civil Affairs Group, Washington, DC. So, not only were many gifts collected for local children, but the DC-1 Chapter personally welcomed Sgt Wilson home and received Sgt Kane as their newest member.



*Betty Moseley-Brown*

## WMA FL-8 Spaceport

Our chapter continues to gather for monthly meetings. We meet at Mary Bevan's condo clubhouse in Melbourne.

Members took part in "Stand Up" in Wickham Park on 3 - 4 November. This was an effort to help current returning veterans get acclimated back into the neighborhood.

A birthday ball sponsored by the Barefoot Bay Marine Corps League was a sold out event. Several of our chapter members are also active in the MCL.



**Packing boxes for service women are (l-r) Betty-Jo Birney, Dottie Bridges, Bridget Kennedy, Mary Bevan and Mary Lou Demmond.**

The annual Massing of the Colors was held at BCC Cocoa Campus on 11 November. This is always a very moving event.

Our ongoing project has been the gathering of items and packaging them for service women in Iraq and Afghanistan. At both the October and November meetings, we packed and taped boxes - a total of 11. Mary Bevan continued the project until after Christmas, sending bags of candy.

Preparations are underway for the Annual Stand Down to be held on 15 March.

Bridget Kennedy reported on her visit to the Veterans Home in Daytona Beach in November.

A celebration will be held on 3 February at St. Sebastian by the Sea in Melbourne Beach honoring the four chaplains lost at sea

during WWII.

We are pleased to welcome three new members, Peg McCarthy, Lois Salyer and Terry Hess.

*Betty-Jo Birney*



## IL-2 Blanche S. Osborne

Fall activities started the end of October with a luncheon honoring the 232nd birthday of the Marine Corps: a friend of Muriel Underwood, Karen Weber, spoke to the chapter members about historical dress fashions of three time periods, late 1790s, 1850s, and 1870s. Karen has a Master's in costume design and brought three manikins showing the three different styles, and explained the workings of each, including the undergarments needed.

The following day the Chicago Police Marines Detachment (Marine Corps League) were also celebrating the Marine Corps Birthday. Genevieve Bowen and Muriel Underwood decided to take in the festivities. When it was time to cut the cake with the oldest and youngest, who should get the honors of the oldest in a hall full of men but Genevieve!

Back from a tour of duty in Iraq and Germany was long-time chapter member Patty Bacon.

Some of her experiences included being an election liaison officer for the 2005 National Iraqi Election. Another time she was in a convoy through downtown Fallujah to the Fallujah Medical Center to pass out stuffed animals, baby clothes, and toys to mothers and their toddlers in the pediatrics department.

Patty said her most memorable and significant experience was playing soccer with the Iraqis.

An Iraqi soccer team was escorted each day by a two-man Marine security team on Camp Blue Diamond. The team would sweep the streets of the base and do any other odd jobs, as determined by the base security Marines. When she walked from her office to her billeting area, she always noticed this soccer team as they played soccer during their break time.

Patty said she had played soccer all her life. She eagerly wanted to play with them, but was reluctant to join them for fear of offending them as a woman playing sports and wearing shorts. She finally had enough nerve to try to join them. They started playing and in one of the first kicks, she intercepted the soccer ball and scored on them. They were surprised and she felt she earned their respect. It was amazing to her how soccer, a universal game, bridged the gap of language, culture, and gender.

Patty returned to the states in April 2006 and was prepared to return to teaching when she was mobilized again. In August 2006 she was assigned as the Hospital Liaison Officer-in-Charge at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany for a year. She led a team of thirteen Marines and sailors. The mission of the team was to provide care and welfare to the wounded combat veterans medically evacuated from Iraq and Afghanistan. This past fall Patty returned to teaching elementary and middle school physical education and coaching soccer and is happy to be home.

The chapter's Holiday Potluck and Toys for Tots Collection in

early December was almost rained out, but not quite. A few hardy souls (we are Marines!) came and brought their offerings of favorite dishes and toys they had collected. We still managed to fill the back seat and trunk of a car with toys and take all to the Marine Corps Training Center.

*Muriel Underwood*

### NEW CHAPTER

**Congratulations to the members of the IL-3, Grace Hall Central IL Chapter for becoming the newest chapter in the WMA!**



## IA-1 Wild Rose of Iowa

To fulfill children's wishes at Christmas has always been a tradition for Marines. This year Iowa's Marine unit, who runs the Toys for Tots program in Iowa, was deployed in support of current world needs. WMA of Iowa members stepped in to ensure the program continued to be a success. In their local communities they volunteered to collect toys and deliver them to drop-off points throughout the state, such as Pleasantville. A WMA member coordinated with the schools and worked with the student council to establish central drop-off locations so the entire community could participate. The Pleasantville community was able to gather enough toys to fill a school bus. The photo includes students, an Iowa Marine, and local WMA member delivering some of the toys collected.

Wild Rose members wanted to help make sure smiles were on the faces of our children Christmas morning. This they did but discovered they too received a gift; the treasured feeling that comes when you help bring joy to others. Nice job, ladies, and Semper Fidelis to everyone.



*Sandy Martin*



## LA-1 Molly Marine

As the newly reconstituted Molly Marine Chapter of the Women Marines Association, we have been hard at work (and play) and wanted to share some information as to what we have been doing and what's in the works.

On 9 November, several members of the chapter attended the Marine Corps Ball at the Hilton. The ball was enjoyed by all!

On 8 December, Mary Draughn hosted a Christmas party/meeting at her home. A lot of valuable information was passed during the meeting. After the meeting the festivities began, followed by a gift exchange.

The new year is bringing a lot of excitement, events and fun activities for the chapter! During the 12 January meeting, hosted by Billie Rankin, most of the final details



**LA-1 rolling with the good times at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball.**

were completed for the upcoming 65th Anniversary of Women Marines This celebration will be held on 13 February at 1000 at the Molly Marine Statue in New Orleans. The statue is located on the corner of Canal and Elk Place, in the heart of the city. We look forward to seeing each of you there!

Mardi Gras season is in progress and the Molly Marine ladies started it out in grand style by participating in a mini Mardi Gras parade at the Naval Support Activity in New Orleans. The parade was to welcome the Commandant of the Marine Corps, along with other three and four star general officers to the area for the Executive Off-Site visit. The mini parade was great practice for the upcoming Krewe of Muses Mardi Gras parade the chapter will "roll" with in New Orleans on 31 January!

The chapter is definitely prepared to Laissez Les Bons Temps Roulez (Let the Good Times Roll)!! Be sure to send in your registration for the 2008 Women Marines Convention in Houston and you'll get to "Laissez Les Bons Temps Roulez" with the Molly Marine Chapter hosting the First Timers Meeting.

*Melanie L. Young*



## MA-1 Bay State

Hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and brought the New Year in with a huge bang. Winter is in full swing in this here part of the country and the snowbirds have packed up and headed to warmer climates until the spring.

Our chapter had a wonderful Christmas party on 10 December. Enjoyed a great meal and exchanged gifts. Now we are hunkered down until the end of March.

Kay Carpenter and her crew are wrapping up the last odds and ends for Toys for Tots. Another most successful season is behind us. Our new



MA-1's Christmas party

warehouse was a joy to work in. The roof never leaked, not even once and the consistent heat keeps us toasty warm.

Our chapter nominating committee is working hard to assemble a slate of officers for the spring election.

Mary Moran passed in the fall after being ill for the past two years.

Chapter President Micaila Britto will be one of four women veterans to be featured in the next edition of the Massachusetts Veterans' Network newsletter. Quite an honor for her. This will be a new feature in the newsletter entitled "Women in Uniform".

October found some of us at the Brockton VA hosting a baby shower for another woman veteran. This is the third one we have given. The mother's are delighted with all the gifts, and we are delighted to get to ooh and ah over the tiny little ones.

Be well!

*Kay Carpenter*



## MI-2 Motor City

This year we hope will be a great one not only for the Motor City but also for our sister chapters. Last year ended on a gala note with the installation of our new 2008-2010 officers who will host

their first meeting in March as we celebrate our 65th anniversary.

Christine Tonegatto-Salo is our president; Wendy Hopkins, vice president; Debra Drummond, secretary; Isabel Bond, treasurer and Natalie McPherson, past president.

Once again our Toys for Tots Collection was phenomenal thanks to the members of our chapter with a HUGE special thanks to Michelle Ruth who champions a huge collection from her workplace for WMA. Our toys, again topping over 300 included everything from bikes to baby dolls.

Operation Caring Friends ended the year on a great note. Our Operation Holiday Joy program was highlighted in the December *Leatherneck Magazine*, thus increasing our success. We had five units that were included and all reported huge mailings that came their way. From Michigan over 1,000 stockings were packed and shipped to our various units including our Iraqi Lioness Chapter. We had several schools that collected items and stockings and stuffed them. One school needed a 4x6 trailer to bring everything over to us. For the year we shipped an average of 234 boxes a month. We continued with our Adopt a Marine Program as well as our regular programs of collecting Campbell Soup labels for the VFW Home for Children, supporting Habitat for Humanity Women Build, shipping coupons to the overseas bases, working with the Young Marines and Michigan Marine Cadets and assisting our fellow women Marines in Iraq with their programs.

This year we look forward to our Houston convention with hopes for a great streamer year for us.

Within our ranks we are also very proud to announce that 5 January brought to Sarah Lukes her promotion to Major. We are very proud of Major Lukes and look forward to many more years with her in our chapter.

This coming year we hope to expand our work in the community and be a positive force in the veteran arena. We are hoping to increase our work at the VA hospital as our membership increases. We invite any of our Michigan sisters to join us at anytime.

*Mary Ann Merritt*



## MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks



Those who braved the snow for MN-1's Annual Holiday Potluck are Judy Austin, June Cirkl, Liz Whitbeck, Julie Williams, Gail Herseth, Vicki Latilais and Mary McGee.

In spite of the cold temperatures we do our best to remain active.

Judy Austin hosted our annual holiday potluck in December where we got our first look at some of our WMA-PX inventory (the zipper pulls will be back) and the first snowstorm of the season!

Although our turnout was small we did manage to sign and send holiday cards (59) to those not in attendance (plus one to Kristi

Johnson's husband who is deployed to Iraq). Of course, Gayle Herseth collected toys for the Toys for Tots drive. We also sent out a special package to Kim Johnson and her Marines in Iraq.

Our next get together will be "cake and a meeting" in February for our anniversary celebration. Our attendance numbers seem to

run low but our prayers are always high for the many of our members who aren't as spry as they used to be and aren't able to meet with us as often as we'd like.

We are continuing our round up work for the convention and also on our Docking Station (pewter jewelry and ornaments too) at the Space Trading Center. See you in Houston!

*Julie Williams*

## WMA NC-1 Tarheel

All the area's WMA members along with students from the schools at Camp Johnson were invited to a Christmas Party (Dutch treat) on 9 December at Mai-Tai Restaurant in Jacksonville.

Our "old faithful" chapter members, Shirley John, Mary Ellen Laskowski, Naomi Malone, Virginia Painter, and Lillian Ragan were present as always. In all, 44 persons attended. Students along with staff members including their commanding officers arrived at 1130 hrs by bus. We were honored by the presence of Col Adele Hodges, Commanding Officer, Camp Lejeune. Kirsten Holmstedt, author of "Band of Sisters" also attended.



Col Adele Hodges, Kirsten Holmstedt, students in the center. Back row: Joan Maria Blanco-Cordero; LtCol Michael Cordero, Commanding Officer, Financial Management School; Linda Lacy, Mary Sabourin. Photo taken by LtCol Mary Augustitus.

There were three tables, one long one for 30 individuals and two smaller ones. Chapter members were placed at the long table between students so both generations could communicate with each other. Col Hodges sat at a table with seven students (men and women). Quite a treat for both students and Col Hodges.

A raffle was held with many items including cook books, history books and items for the young men attending.

The restaurant stayed open after 2 pm since everyone was enjoying themselves. Before leaving all were surprised when they were told their meal was not a Dutch treat but a Christmas gift from the Tarheel Chapter.

*Mary Sabourin*

## WMA NV-1 Sagebrush

As you may or may not know we are fighting for the life of our chapter!

I have begged for new board members and no one has stepped forward. I have had chapter meetings telling our members our problems and asked for their participation. I have written letters and so have our older members in our newsletter, with the hope that some of our younger members might take over. I have gone

to our RM&D and looked for names in our area that I might get to join our chapter. Letters upon letters have been written, but either I get no answer or they answer but say they do not have time for our chapter. I have

placed our chapter information with phone numbers on the bulletin boards at the VA in the Women's Clinic in hopes that other Marines might come forward. Our board has placed ads in the local newspapers but still no new members. I have requested assistance from National and they have tried. The problem being is the few women Marines in this town are either too young or too old! Remember, we are the Few and the Proud.

For two years I have tried to motivate our members to keep our chapter moving and of course, I have to say, I can't blame most of them. They have kept our chapter going since 1973, but due to age and health problems, they just don't have the energy to keep it going.

On 9 February when the VA holds a Women's Veterans Summit here in Las Vegas I am hoping there will be some women Marines who attend who will join our chapter. If that happens there is a chance for us to continue, but if not, we will have to dissolve our chapter.

Please keep us in your thoughts that we will survive this trying time.

*Carol Watson*

## WMA OH-2 Chesty Puller

We had our Stand Down, and OH-2 and North Coast Waves 21 had a table for homeless and needy women veterans. Our members on the Governors Advisory Committee helped with the Ohio Women's Health Conference and we had a great turnout. We are planning for our next conference in April 2009. Our members throughout the state attended the different Marine Corps Balls and had a good time. Ellen Leidy was busy picking up toys for Toys for Tots and Lois Cameron helped with the dinner dance at the American Legion. Elva Pounders helped at the VA Hospital wrapping Christmas gifts for patient family members.

Members Kelly Best was discharged from the reserves and is now a detective for the Cincinnati Police Department, Major Jenny Potter is back in Akron and is involved with the Wounded Warrior Regiment, Rebecca Lee from Circleville just returned from Texas where her son graduated from basic training for the Air Force, Sharon Mutch Jones just celebrated her one year wedding anniversary and Brandie Huth has moved from Hawaii back to Georgia.

Emma Holmes and Betty Smith are both in assisted living facilities and doing quite well. Barbara Mulkey's cancer has returned and we are keeping her in our prayers.

Ellen Leidy was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2007 and Elva Pounders was the first woman selected as Veteran of the Year for Summit County.

Lois Cameron was Marine of the Year for Chesty Puller Detachment, Marine Corps League and LCpl Marie Lauterbach



Members of NV-1 with LtGen Carol Mutter (ret) at the Nevada MCL birthday ball.

returned home for burial on 2 February in Dayton. There will be two caskets for Marie and her baby son, Gabriel Joseph. OH-2 makes every attempt to have at least one member go to the funeral home and a white rose and a copy of the Women Marines Prayer attached to present to the family.

We will be having our spring meeting at Artis Howell's home in Lancaster on 15 March and it will be good to see all our members.

We are looking forward to Houston, hope to see you there.

*Elva (Elvie) Pounders*



## OK-1 Sooner

OK-1 has a new motto – “We are survivors!” Yes, it was the devastating ice storm that came as a slam dunk on 9 December that affected a sizeable portion of central Oklahoma. Power outages ranged from two to 15 days. We are forever grateful for the states that came to help us.

Now to our chapter doings:

1. We sent two quilt blocks to Texas for the upcoming convention, one for the patriotic quilt and one for the chapter quilt.

2. On 27 October we went to the Claremore Veterans Center and visited with the eleven women patients and gave each one a lap robe and a box of Kleenex. The Kleenex was a prized gift to each one – they were so grateful.

3. On 12 November five members participated in Tulsa's annual Veterans Day Parade and met for lunch afterward.

4. Our annual donation of clothing and personal needs was made in December to the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless – just in time for the cold spell – lower 20s!

5. On 7 December we attended the dedication of the Women's War Memorial in Broken Arrow. It was a bone-chilling, wet, drizzly day, but at least 200 or more attended. Gen Wilma Vaught was the guest speaker and it is always a joy to see and hear her speak. The memorial is beautiful. If you're ever in the Tulsa area, go and see it. The dedication day was not a good photo-op day, so we have no photos to share at this time.

It was good to see friends from around the state and enjoy the luncheon after the program at the Broken Arrow Senior Activity Center, which was served by the Blue Star Mothers.

At this time, all members are well. Virginia Kruizinga did suffer a devastating fall, but has recuperated nicely.

Until next time, Semper Fidelis.

*Pietje Wall*



## OK-2 Heartland

I will try to give y'all a rundown on our activities since the last report. The ice storm that hit us around December 8th and 9th left me without electricity for about 11 days. In the process I lost my computer and had to get a whole new system and am still trying to re-create all my files.

Joan Willauer, Betty Raines and Sondra Metzger attended the Oklahoma Marine Corps Coordinating Council's annual birthday luncheon, and Joan also made it to the Marine Corps League festivities in Las Vegas where she got to ride on their float.

Our next adventure was the Annual Women Veterans Recognition Day Program which was held down in Lawton on Ft. Sill at the Patriot Club with our own BGen Angie Salinas as the guest speaker. The general was outstanding, as always, and we

thank her for coming to Oklahoma. Of course, one of the hits of the event, besides BGen Salinas, was the Hospitality Room at our hotel the evening before the program. Attendees also took a tour of the Field Artillery Training Center on Ft. Sill after the program Saturday afternoon. High five for a job well done to all the planners and “worker bees” for pulling this off!

In December the ice storm brought many planned activities to a screeching halt. Many of us were without power and phone service some of the time; communication was limited, as was travel for a few days. Some of us are still cleaning up tree limbs, playing catch-up and trying to get back to normal.

Our chapter had to postpone any thoughts of a December meeting and planning for 2008. Our president, Joan Willauer, hopes to schedule a gathering very soon to plan for our anniversary in February and set some goals for this year including some recruiting of new members. A St. Patrick's Day Dance is in the works for March, and we are also working on the plans to host the 6th Marine Division Reunion here in the fall.

Guess that's all this time around.

*Dorothy “Jingles” Rimbold*



**Brenda Blair, BGen Angie Salinas, Pat Goss and Pam Bloustine at the Hospitality Room in Lawton.**



## OR-1 Lady Marine Rose

Contrary to some of the national news reports on the recent windstorm in the Northwest, the whole state did not blow away. While it was quite a breeze, as far as I know none of our members sustained any damage to their property.

On 27 October, Flora Braunstein's family celebrated her 90th birthday with a party at a local country club. She was happily surprised with a bouquet of red roses presented to her by a Marine in dress blues — a visit arranged by some members of our chapter.

November saw our chapter busy with many Veterans' Day activities. Helen Haslett, who lives in The Dalles, was honored by being the Grand Marshal of the Veterans' Day parade held on 10 November. Hattie Kelley, Marcia Dean and Golda Fabian attended the annual Living History Day at Milwaukie on 5 November and spoke in the classrooms about their service experiences. As usual, the students went all out to honor the veterans and gave special awards to the veterans from the Vietnam era. Then on Veterans' Day, Hattie Kelley, Heidi Tanada, Golda Fabian, Sally Van Wie, Marcia Dean, Betty Workman, and Sandie Robertson, took part in the 33rd Annual Hollywood Veterans' Day Parade. After the parade, the members went to the Harborside McCormick and Schmidt's restaurant for a free luncheon, where they were joined by Ruth Falconbury who had been unable to be in the parade because of a prior commitment to her church.

November 15th saw Lorraine McCameron, Heidi Tanada, Hattie Kelley, Sandie Robertson, and Golda Fabian having lunch with the Columbia Ripples Chapter of the WAVES. This was their annual fund raiser and they were happy to have so many women Marines attend. On 16 November, Heidi Tanada and Golda Fabian attended the funeral for Pearl (Billeter)

Paul, a WWII Marine who was stationed at Mojave and was a parachute packer. Although she was not a member of WMA, we try to have some of our members attend the funerals or memorials of any women Marines in this area. The family is always very appreciative of our attendance. Also on the 16th, Hattie Kelley attended the Living History Day event at McNary High School in Salem.

December 3rd saw our group getting together for our annual Christmas party at the Rheinlander Restaurant. Although the weather was frightful with high winds and rain, 38 brave souls showed up for the festivities. SSgt Jorge Espinoza and PFC Cecily Mesa from the 6th ESB stationed at Swan Island were our guests and packed up the many toys that members brought for the Toys for Tots program. There also was a table laden with items to be sent for the Christmas stockings for the troops in Iraq. There was Christmas caroling and a gift exchange and much visiting and camaraderie among the party goers. It was a great way to start out the holiday season.

With that, I leave you with the warmest wishes for a very Happy New Year from all of us at OR-1.

*Golda Fabian*

## WMA OR-3 Eager Beavers

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest...

Happy New Year to all!!!

Our chapter finished up last year with the Veterans' Day parade and our annual Christmas gathering.

On 11 November, our "float" was the first one that parade viewers got to see on a spectacular sunny, dry Oregon day! Two very



large and beautiful Belgium draft horses, courtesy of TJ's Large Horse Farm, pulled the carriage that provided our very unique mode of transportation for our members. Accompanied by stirring music, our women (see photo) were well received by those attending the parade. Left to right: Marge Shelton, Susan Coleman, a Young Marine, Stephanie Wilcox, Maury Read (USMC ret.), Deb Barker, a Young Marine, Eva Read, and Sandie Morris.

In early December, several of our chapter members gathered at the home of Sandie Morris to exchange gifts of unique Christmas tree ornaments. Following tradition, our meal was of the potluck variety with plenty to go around. As we do each year, everyone contributed food items that we used to fill baskets and donate to WomenSpace, an organization that shelters battered/abused women in our area.

At our October meeting, our new slate of officers was elected. The officers for OR-3 for the 2008-2010 term are as follows: Karen L. Reeves, president; Deb Barker, vice-president; Sandie Morris, secretary; and Eva McDonald, treasurer. Eva Read was appointed as the chapter chaplain. These members will be installed in early 2008.

Our chapter is looking forward to 2008 and discovering new ways that we can serve each other and our community. We want to wish all women Marines a happy 65th anniversary on 13 February.

We honor our past and look forward to an exciting future.

Several of our members are already planning their attendance at the 2008 WMA National Convention in Houston in August. It promises to be another great gathering of the women of the Corps!! See you there!!

Until next time then, Semper Fidelis!

*Karen L. Reeves*

## WMA PA-2 Liberty Belles

In October 2007, President Joan Alexander made a memorable trip to Parris Island with her MCL detachment members. Of course she didn't tell any of the rest of us until she returned!

So we now have her and her husband Mark (Loyal Escort applicant) putting together a bus trip for the rest of us to go to Arlington on 18 - 19 April to view the Marine Corps Museum, with an overnight stay at Quantico, and a visit to the wounded at Bethesda, MD. We have 12 rooms reserved, and will extend the invitation to join us to other WMA chapter members first, and then to the MCL detachments where we have members.

In November, seven of our members attended the Salute to Women Veterans luncheon at Coatesville



VA Medical Center. The photo shows (l-r) Joan Alexander, Mickey Robinson, Kathy Van Gorder, Liz Rawding and Lee Robinson. Our green WMA covers brought us a lot of attention!

Most of us were very busy in November, attending various USMC Birthday Balls, taking part in different Veterans Memorial services and ceremonies, and helping those who were unable to get around independently in order to enjoy some of these functions. Ginnie Rueber and Kathy Van Gorder sorted and packed five very large boxes of toys and delivered to the post office for shipment to a Marine unit in Iraq stationed near an orphanage to hand out as gifts to the kids.

In December, we agreed to pursue a bid for the 2012 Biennial WMA National Convention for Philadelphia, and held our first preliminary committee planning meeting to get organized. We attended the annual Christmas Party at the SE PA Veterans Center at Spring City where we helped with handing out refreshments and feeding some of the residents. We became Santa's helpers to deliver the gifts and we paid special tribute to our own adopted "Friend of a Veteran".

We are working on a mailing to try to assist one WMA chapter in our state to reorganize, and simultaneously working to start up a new one in another part of the state in early May with a blitz recruitment invitation in that area.

*Kathy Van Gorder*

## WMA PA-3 Mountain Laurel

Our primary activity for this quarter was filling and delivering Christmas gift bags to the women residents at the Gino Merli Veterans Center in Scranton. We chose colorful holiday bags and filled them with a variety of gifts, such as shampoo, body wash, powder, and other personal items. Each one contained a Christmas card signed by our chapter. We then delivered the gifts to the recipients. At the time there were 30 women residents, eight women veterans and 22 spouses of male veterans.

Shown in the photo, with the gifts all ready to be taken to rooms, are Anee Kish, Shirley McAndrew, Ginny Swartz, and Peggy Suarez.

We continue to host bingo and birthday parties for the residents. Each one who has a birthday in that month receives a gift and a card. The residents seem to enjoy the bingo and the refreshments. We often have as many as 60 players, so it keeps us busy serving and helping the guests with their bingo cards. We give one dollar prizes to every winner.

We are looking forward to spring, with the return of our "snow bird" president, Shirley McAndrew, and of course, the 13 February Anniversary of the Women's Reserve.

*Virginia Swartz*



## WMA SC-1 Phyllis Alexander Chapter

For the past few months the chapter has been organizing our annual 5K race that will be held on 9 February. It has been amazing the interest we have already had and how the word has gotten out this year. Looks like this could be our biggest race yet.

On 23 December, a few members of the chapter became some of Santa's elves and delivered baskets of fruits and candy to 1 BMP (Branch Medical Platoon) Marine and 18 other recruits that were spending their Christmas at the Beaufort Naval Hospital. They all seemed to enjoy our visit and were in high spirits hoping to return to training soon.

January 6th we had a great time meeting at 4th Recruit Training Battalion. We promoted our 5k race, did some recruiting for WMA, and shared some of our delicious finger food brought by the members. The purpose of the meeting was to put together something special for the Lioness Chapter for the upcoming anniversary from our chapter. The 4th Recruit Training Battalion Commanding Officer, LtCol. Jessup, and SgtMaj. Brown welcomed us along with some of the drill instructors, series commanders and company commanders. After the assembly line was set up we pumped, and labeled some of the chapter's specialty Molly Marine Soap and Lotions. The box of sweet smelling lotions should be in their hands before the anniversary. Thank you 4th Bn. for joining with our chapter and for the motivation we got to share that day. Bonnie Thompson also gets a big Thank You for creating and preparing the Molly Marine scented soaps and lotions for the chapter.

We are starting off strong in 2008 and hope to be seeing you all in Houston.

*Brenda Moore*



**SC-1 members with hospitalized female and male recruits.**



## WMA TX-2 Texas Gulf Coast

Happy New Year, from the TX-2 Chapter!!

Our December (Toys for Tots) meeting was held on the 1st, and we had a nice attendance – with a visitor joining in to become a new member...welcome to LaShan Bland!

The next week found several of us decorating one of the wards at the VA Hospital.

We not only get to spruce up the ward and make it look festive, but we also get to interact with some of the patients and their families. Women patients get our immediate attention, of course, but it's nice seeing the smiles on all their faces when we hang the wreaths on the doors. The medical staff had done some decorating, so we just added to the glitter, and the ward took second place in the contest!! A couple weeks later, we were back to undo the decorating.

Ladies, your convention planning team is up to its earlobes in planning. Be sure to check out various new ads and notices in the convention section of this newsletter.

One of the things you'll see is a very important notice regarding the scheduling of rooms at the hotel. Please don't call the 1-800 number for Westin to reserve your rooms. Call the 713 number listed on the registration form during business hours (0700-1700 Central), or use the web address listed on the same form. The company that answers the 1-800 number does not have access to our contract information, and there is no telling what they will say. Only the hotel knows who we are, and what we've arranged for.

Another thing you will see in the convention section is a notice of the special anniversary gathering/party we've planned for the night before the convention begins. Bring your appetite and some Kleenex. Comfortable shoes wouldn't hurt either.

You'll also see some information on our NASA trip. We hope you'll all be able to attend.

Well y'all, we've run out of space. From the members of TX-2, we sincerely hope that 2008 is the best year so far for each of you and your families!!

See you in Houston!! Semper Fidelis, y'all!!

*B.J. Huggins*

## WMA WA-1 The Evergreen State

Our October luncheon meeting was held at Andy's Diner in Seattle with nine in attendance.

We are saddened to learn that we have lost two more members - Dorothy Conner of Ocean Shores who served in the Corps January 1944 to January 1946. Eleanor Sweet was a long time member who lived in Marysville. Eleanor served in the Corps July 1944 to April 1946. We will miss these two lovely ladies.

At this October meeting, Zelda Barrows, our active treasurer, resigned due to personal reasons.

The December meeting was also held at Andy's Diner with 13 in attendance. It was a pleasure to have the Area 9 Director, Heidi Tanada, at the luncheon. Heidi gave greetings from National and also explained about all the activities done in her Oregon chapter. They are a busy group of women.

Over \$300 was donated by members for Toys for Tots and the food bank Northwest Harvest. A number of toys were brought which President Pat Karrasch delivered to the proper location.

President Pat announced that one of our members, Virginia Wright, offered to make a quilt square for the quilt being made by

the Houston chapter. A picture of the square was shown and it was an excellent drawing of the Northwest.

The Nomination Committee announced the following names as officers for the election in February: president, Pat Karrasch; vice president, Betty Strand; secretary, Barbara Betts; treasurer, Virginia Wright; chaplain, Honey Langdon.

The Christmas program was done by Vice President Betty Strand and many clever prizes were won by the members. It was announced that Hazel Elfering is very happy living at the Soldiers Home in Orting. Always good to hear from Evie Burns, Helen Campbell and Virginia Allred. Virginia is now residing in a retirement center in Walla Walla.

Best wishes to all for a happy year in 2008.

*Louise George*



## WV-1 West Virginia MARTCOTO

After a busy summer, our chapter had a quiet fall season. Unfortunately, we lost two of our long standing members. Sally C. Stear passed away on 18 April. Our chapter members attended the funeral services in Parkersburg. We had a small part in the service where we presented a Marine Memorial tribute to our fallen member and her family. Her husband had requested that the "Marines' Hymn" be played at her service. It was a beautiful service.

And then on 8 August we lost Nila Faye Monk. Once again, our chapter members gathered in Charleston for the funeral services. Pam Zilch, president; Dorothy Alderman, founder of our chapter; Cheryl J. Arbogast, Vice President; Ruth Ann Howard, Marie Munchmeyer and Velinda Spurlock were able to attend. We presented the Marine Memorial tribute for Nila's family and friends. For the first time, our chapter members served as pall bearers. We all were very honored to be a part of both services.

Other news for our chapter included our Annual Arts and Crafts Day. We participate in setting up a corn dog and soda booth. We had a lot of fun this year in spite of the losses in our chapter. It was a good time for us to gather and enjoy the company of our members.

We would like to thank Steve Zilch who came out and supported our chapter. He worked very hard and we appreciate his support!

*Cheryl J. Arbogast*



## WI-1 Wisconsin Women Marines

November is never dull for veterans, Marines in particular. At the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Connie Allord can't seem to find an older Marine so once again took part in the cake-cutting ceremony, escorted by a brand new and delightful young Marine. The Madison-based detachment was deployed but the I&I staff still provided a dress blues detail with all the pomp and ceremony. A great showing of past to present Marines and guests then enjoyed a wonderful dinner and dancing.

Next day being Veterans' Day found some Madison area WMA members at the capitol for the annual ceremonies, including many dignitaries. Marge Marshman gave the invocation and placed a rose for the Madison firing squad, Marion Forrer for WMA and Mary Lloyd for the Marine Corps League. Connie carried the WI-1 chapter flag in the parade of flags representing each veteran's organization in the ceremony.

On 19 November, a funeral for a Vietnam Marine who was

captured and killed in Vietnam 38 years before and was only recently identified when his remains were discovered, found a huge crowd of veterans filling the church. Mary Lloyd and Connie joined their Marine Corps League in presenting a "Fallen Warrior" memorial to the sister of the fallen Marine, the only remaining family member. The funeral procession, led by the Patriot Guard on their motorcycles stretched across all of downtown Madison to the cemetery where the fire department had placed a huge crane with a U.S. flag hung at half-staff at the entrance. During all of the ceremonies at the church and cemetery, Marines in dress blues provided a dignified and appropriate presence to conduct the ceremonies and honor one of their own.

December is filled with Toys for Tots activities even while the local Marines are in far-away Iraq. The I&I staff, aided by many volunteers, collected barrels and boxes of toys which provided a Merry Christmas to about 2500 families. One day as semi-trucks arrived on site, filled with the collected toys and unloaded, LtCol Julie Shaffer and Connie joined the many volunteers to unpack the toys and sort them for display. Julie wielded a mean box-cutter as she no doubt did her weapons during her deployment to Iraq. She also helped the staff at other times before the distribution. During that time Connie was on hand one day to escort family members in choosing toys for their little ones. The Salvation Army is a huge help in screening needy families and setting up schedules for pick-up. The work involved pales in comparison to the satisfaction resulting in knowing that so many children are not denied a very Merry Christmas.

At this writing plans are in progress for the Madison area women Marines to gather for a dinner in celebration of their 65th anniversary, at least seven of them enlisting in 1943. Where did the time go? Wisconsin winters can never guarantee a successful get-together for a state-wide celebration. However, plans are already gearing up for the upcoming WMA convention.

We hope that our members across the country are enjoying a terrific beginning for 2008 and we'll see many of you in Houston.

*Connie Allord*

## A Marine Pedigree



PFC Jasmin Gagnon entered the Corps with a distinguished pedigree... she is the great-niece of PFC Rene Gagnon, one of the Marines who raised the second flag on Mt. Suribachi. Gagnon will study communication at 29 Palms.

# Chapter Tool Kit: Updates, New "How To" Book

As we head into the new year it happens to be both our convention and an election year. Not only will we be voting for a new National Board of Directors but chapters too are required to hold their biennial elections. This is a time for us all to stand up and have our voices heard. All chapters will soon receive from your Area Directors a list of your current chapter officers. You should update this information with those officers who will serve during the upcoming 2008-2010 term of office and return this information to your Area Directors

as soon as possible. This information will help to update the membership database and in turn provide the updated information needed for the 2008-2010 Resource Manual and Directory (RM&D). Good luck to one and all in our election bids and may the best women win!

Another tool for your Tool Kit: Do you have the most recent copy of the "How To" book? If you don't, be sure to ask your Area Director. The "How To" was updated last fall and all Area Directors were given copies at the Interim Board Meeting in

Denver last September. Be sure to take a good look at all the great new information it includes. If you have any suggestions on what additional information you would like to see included in the "How To" please send your ideas and comments to me.

I look forward to seeing your new chapter officers at the 2006 Convention and Professional Development Conference in Houston 28 August – 3 September.

**Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower**  
*1st Vice President*

## Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter



Fellow Escorts,

Our Secretary, Jeanne Cantrell, has sent out 264 applications for renewal. Even if you are a life member we ask you to return the application completed so that we can update our rosters. Some of the information is new, such as email address. We want to keep our roster as current as possible as the Loyal Escorts pay postage for each copy of WMA 'Nouncements mailed. And, we need to know how many life members are still with us.

Registration information as well as meal and room information has been printed in the last issue of WMA 'Nouncements. Please remember that registration checks go to Jeanne Cantrell with a copy of the registration form as printed in 'Nouncements. Meal choices and monies go to the WMA Registration Chair. Mailing addresses are printed on each form.

I have been asked about our meetings time frame. A tentative schedule is printed in this issue. I will be in Houston a few days early and remain an extra day if another meeting is needed or someone would like a one-on-one meeting with me.

Elections for new Loyal Escort officers will be held at the convention. If anyone would like to be considered for any office, please contact our Nominating Committee chair Don Cannon or his committee of Tabitha Cunningham or Jeff Merritt. All offices are open for nominations. If you would like to be considered for an appointed office, please indicate your choice.

A kudo for Jeff Merritt. Jeff quit smoking and for three months saved his cigarette money. He donated it to the Loyal Escort General Fund in the amount of \$250.00. How great is that?

I look forward to seeing you in Houston. Wear your western clothes if you have them. This should be fun.

*Ken Cross*

## Loyal Escorts Membership Update

### New Life Members

#351 Robert S. Trebbe, 1562 San Luis Rey Ave, Vista, CA 92084, CA-7  
#352 Carolyn R. Cox, 1516 Gregory Ave, Wilmette, IL 60091-3238, IL-2  
#353 Helen V. Page, 5015 Pedley Rd, Riverside, CA 92509, CA-8

### Term to Life

#350 Charles K. Ables, 4940 Park Dr., Carlsbad, CA 92008, CA-7

### New Term Members

Paul M. Lowry, 67 Folly Road Blvd, Charleston, SC 29407, sponsor: Edna Myers  
Erdley L. Wright, 3426 Edson Ave, Bronx, NY 10469, sponsor: SSgt Margo Ellis  
Mark S. Alexander, 9 East Vine St., Stowe, PA 19464, PA-2



## Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Registration Form

**25th Biennial Women Marines Association  
Convention & Professional Development Conference  
Houston, TX  
28 August – 3 September, 2008**

**PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 30 JUNE 2008**

**ALL LOYAL ESCORTS MUST REGISTER SEPARATELY FROM THEIR SPONSOR FOR THE CONVENTION.**

**USE THE WMA CONVENTION FORM FOR  
MEAL REGISTRATION ONLY.**

Please Print:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ WMA Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please word badge (First / Last name) \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-registration for Convention \$20.00

**Meals Registration:** Use WMA meals form

### Additional Information:

**Hotel Reservations** must be made directly to the hotel.

**Special Diet** needs should be included with your Meal Registration Form.

Mail Meal Registration form with check, payable to 'WMA 2008 Convention' to:  
BJ Huggins, P.O. Box 1821, Pasadena, TX 77501

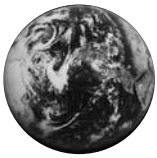
Mail this registration form with remittance to:

**Jeanne Cantrell, Sec. Treas., 11 Brown Street, Irving, TX 75061,**

email address: jeannestoyl@juno.com

Make check payable to: **Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter.**

Mark Check: **Registration**



# Women Marines Association Off-Site Tour Options

## Saturday, August 30, 2008

### Space Center Houston, NASA's Johnson Space Center

Space Center Houston offers a self-guided tour of interactive fun and adventure at Houston's #1 attraction; there is something for everyone.

Six major activities open onto the immense five-story plaza, which is the focal point for a variety of ever changing exhibits. Visitors will enjoy large format space films in the "Mazda-Space Center Theater." See actual space suits in the "Astronaut Gallery." Learn more about life on the International Space Station in "Living in Space." Investigate the various levels of the Space Shuttle inside an actual space shuttle mockup. Feel the force of a Space Shuttle launch and learn more about NASA and the space program in the "AAA-Texas Mission Status Center." Touch an actual



moon rock or walk inside the Skylab Trainer in the "Destiny Theater and Starship Gallery." Also offered, a "behind the scenes" tram tour of NASA's Johnson Space Center including the historic Apollo era Mission Control and the astronaut training facilities. Each of the attractions is designed as a "self-guided" activity.

With over 42 interactive, "hands-on" activities, Space Center Houston offers lots to do for every age group. As an indoor attraction, Space Center Houston assures a "no worries" event...no rain, no ants, no heat, and no mosquitoes.



#### Saturday, August 30, 2008, 1530-2000

The tour includes transportation, self-guided tour of Space Center Houston, Space Traders Gift Shop, a Texas Picnic, and an "out of this world" experience.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_



Space Center Houston Tour \_\_\_\_\_ at \$50.00each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send this completed form for reservations along with your check payable to:*

"WMA 2008 Convention", BJ Huggins, P.O. Box 1821, Pasadena, TX 77501

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations must be received in writing, via US Postal Service, or e-mail to wmaroundup@yahoo.com, by 01 August 2008. No refunds will be issued after this date. Please note: if, for a reason beyond our control, this event should be cancelled – refunds will be processed after the conclusion of the convention.

## WMA National Merchandise Sales *Your Purchases Support The Association!*

WMA Patch, small ..... \$4.00  
 WMA Patch, large ..... \$4.50  
 WMA Pin, Hat (pin or clutch) .... \$3.00  
 WMA Pin, Life ..... \$3.90  
 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 insulated travel mugs (red w/ USMC emblem on both sides) \$8.00  
 WMA insulated travel mugs (green with WMA patch on one side and the USMC emblem on the other side) \$8.00

WMA Cap (3 months delivery). ... \$30.00

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

Sizes for WMA Caps:

20 1/2 - 20 7/8 ..... XSm

21 1/4 - 21 5/8 ..... Sm

22 - 22 3/8 ..... M

22 3/4 - 23 1/8 ..... L

23 1/2 - 23 7/8 ..... XL

24 1/4 - 24 5/8 ..... XXL

Medallion, '90 Denver Conv ..... \$3.00

50th Anniversary Medallions ..... \$5.00

50th Anniversary Paper Weights ... \$10.00

### Loyal Escorts of the

### Green Garter Merchandise

Item: USMC ribbon magnet, yellow and red ... \$3.00

Item: Marine Corps emblem antenna toppers, black or silver & gold (please specify) ..... \$5.00

Item: Streamer holder for Chapter Flag ... \$7.00

Item: Loyal Escort ball caps ... \$8.00

Item: Loyal Escort Patch ... \$5.00

Item: "I love my Woman Marine" small bumper sticker ... \$2.00

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

Item: "I love my Woman Marine" round button ... \$2.00

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

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



### Make All Checks Payable to WMA

Contact: Gloria Nix, Merchandise Sales Chairman

3802 North 12th Ave., Pensacola, FL 32503-3162

Cell: (850) 936-2016 Home: (850) 433-5292

email: [wmadixidust@cox.net](mailto:wmadixidust@cox.net)



## Chapter Merchandise Sales

Send chapter ads to Sondra Metzger, 3805 NE141 Circle, Edmond, OK 73013-7221, Editor@womenmarines.org. When WMA sales items are no longer available, notify Sondra 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: Mary Sabourin, 339 Bear Creek Rd., Hubert, NC 28539-3409



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"x7-1/4")

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

Contact: Barbara Clark, 3539 Teakwood Drive, Pearland, TX 77584 or e-mail Brchoho@aol.com



Item: We Are Marines: History & stories from women who served & are serving

Cost: \$25.00 (\$4 shipping & handling) Checks: NC-1

Contact: Mary Sabourin, 339 Bear Creek Rd., Hubert, NC 28539-3409



Item: "The American Flag" Booklet

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

Chapter: Palms to Pines

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



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

Signed copy by author Lisa Cordeiro

Cost: \$16.95 (\$3.95 shipping)

Chapter: MA-1

Contact: Lisa Cordeiro, 35 Berkeley St., Watertown, MA 02472 or order online at [www.lisacordeiro.com](http://www.lisacordeiro.com) <http://lisacordeiro.com>



Item: "Cooking With Marines", a collection of recipes from Marines (2008 Fundraiser)

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

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

### Cards/Stationery

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

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

Contact: Sylvia Morgan, 13662 87th Avenue, Seminole, FL 33776



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: Eleanor L. Judge, 282 San Dimas Avenue, Oceanside, CA 92057



### Decals

Item: "My Grandmother was a Marine" decal for t-shirt

"My mother was a Marine" decal for t-shirt Cost: \$2.25 each (includes shipping)

Item: Women Marine Rose Decal (1 large, 2 small)

Cost: \$3.50

Chapter: Ohio Emerald (OH-1)

Contact: Mary Lou Gruber, Treasurer, 30427 Wolf Road, Bay Village, OH 44140



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, 13662 87th Avenue, Seminole, FL 33776

### Shirts and Sweats

Item: Night Shirt/VCoverup, White, knee length, round neck, WMA logo "The Few, The Proud" in green

Cost: \$20.00 (Incl. postage and handling)

Size: One-size-fits-most, short sleeve only Chapter: Bay State, MA-1

Checks: Payable to Bay State Chapter, WMA

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



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

Cost: T-Shirts- M, L, XL and XXL @ \$10.00; Sweatshirts - M, L, XL @ \$24.00,

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

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



Item: Golf shirt Dark (Hunter) Green with WMA logo (matches green covers) embroidered in white. Available in sizes (S) to (XXL)

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

Make checks payable to: WMA, VA-1

Contact: Lori B. Cousins, 2220 Wildflower Way, Locust Grove, VA 22508 (540) 399-9925 Email: [BronsonLC@juno.com](mailto:BronsonLC@juno.com)



Item: Medium sage Green polo shirts with dark green trim around sleeves, collar and button plaquet. Two color logo on left chest (dark green and khaki). Personalization with name and/or chapter affiliation available. Please specify.

Cost: \$35.00 includes shipping and personalization

Size: S, M, L, XL and 2XL (If you don't want it snug, suggest a size up)

Chapter: GA-1 WMA

Contact: Sheryl Hobden, 7158 Avalon Dr., Douglasville, GA 30135. 678-838-0620 [WMAGeorgia@yahoo.com](mailto:WMAGeorgia@yahoo.com). Please include your phone and/or email with order.



Item: "I'm The Marine In This Family" t-shirt or sweatshirt; Your choice of red or black.

Cost: T-Shirt, \$15 plus \$5 postage; Polo shirt, \$20 plus \$5 postage; Sweatshirt, \$20 plus \$5 postage. Size: S-XXXL

Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller

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



Item: Blue Denim Shirt Eagle, Globe & Anchor in gold and silver embroidery over left pocket, Women Marines Association in red print left of logo, individual's name printed on right side.

Cost: \$35.00 plus \$5.00 for shipping

Size: S, M, L, and XL (shirts run large) specify short or long sleeve style

Chapter: Texas Gulf Coast Checks: Payable to TX-2 WMA

Contact: Judy Anderson, 726 Beachcomber, Houston, TX 77062 e-mail: [gulfcoastwm@AOL.com](mailto:gulfcoastwm@AOL.com)



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

Cost: All prices include shipping and handling per item.

Sweatshirts: M- XL - \$26 each; 2X - \$28 each

T-Shirts: M - 2XL - \$16 each; Short sleeved golf shirts: M - XL - \$28 each

Long sleeved golf shirts: M - XL - \$32 each

Low profile cap: one size fits all - \$16 each

Checks: Old Dominion Chapter, WMA VA-2

Contact: Mickey Jennings, 6486 Lark Way, Mechanicsville, VA 23111

E-mail: [mickeyjennings@hotmail.com](mailto:mickeyjennings@hotmail.com)

### 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, 519 Devine St., San Antonio, TX 78210-1505

**Item:** Pin "WOMAN MARINE"  
**Cost:** \$10.00 (includes shipping)  
**Item:** Marine Corps emblem pendant w/18" chain  
**Cost:** \$18.00 each (includes shipping)  
**Chapter:** New York Metropolitan **Checks:** Payable to NY-2  
**Contact:** Roberta Eaton, 18 Maple Court, New Hyde Park, NY 11040-3105

**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, 519 Devine St., San Antonio, TX 78210-1505



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



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



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



**Item:** Red, White, Blue Austrian Crystal elastic bracelet  
**Cost:** \$12.00 includes shipping **Chapter:** IN-1 **Checks:** Payable to IN-1  
**Contact:** Diane Ward, 8310 W. 88th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46278 (317) 873-4113

### 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:** \$8.00 (postpaid) **Chapter:** FL-4, Tampa Tarpons  
**Contact:** Laveme 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:** High quality 16 oz Stainless Steel Insulated Travel Mug w/locking lid, green  
 WMA logo on both sides, Comfort handle, fits universal auto holder.  
**Cost:** \$10.00 each including shipping & handling  
**Chapter:** OR-3 **Checks:** Payable to WMA OR-3  
**Contact:** Karen L. Reeves, 6923 Jessica Drive, Springfield, OR 97478  
 (541) 741-1213 e-mail: klro42@aol.com



**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:** Marie A Proulx, 748 Pearwood Street, Oceanside, CA 92057-8618

**Item:** Fanny Pack WMA Logo **Cost:** \$10.00 **Chapter:** FL-2  
**Contact:** Sylvia Morgan, 13662 87th Avenue, Seminole, FL 33776

**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:** Mary Sabourin, 339 Bear Creek Rd., Hubert, NC 28539-3407

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

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



**Item:** 2007 WMA Historical Calendar:  
 "Strike Up the Band"  
**Cost:** \$15 each (includes S&H)  
**Chapter:** TX-2, WMA  
**Contact:** Judy Anderson,  
 726 Beachcomber, Houston, TX 77062 • email, [gulfcoastwm@aol.com](mailto:gulfcoastwm@aol.com)



**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:** Marie Proulx, 748 Pearwood St., Oceanside, CA 92057-8618



**Item:** Woman Marine cover cross stitch pattern, with backstitch  
 eagle, globe and anchor.  
**Cost:** \$2.50 each (includes shipping) **Chapter:** OH-1  
**Contact:** Janet Lascko, 3157 W. 82nd St., Cleveland, OH 44102 or  
[janlascko@yahoo.com](mailto:janlascko@yahoo.com). Payments can be made through PayPal at  
 this same email address.



**Item:** 2006 convention Luggage Tags; Green vinyl with white lettering  
**Cost:** 2/\$5.75 (includes shipping & handling) **Chapter:** Rocky Top Chapter, TN-1  
**Contact:** WMA, TN-1, 818 Wild View Way, Knoxville, TN 379207609

**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](mailto:VanGorders2@aol.com) Fax: 610-489-4383

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

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

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## WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION

Application for Membership (PLEASE PRINT) Check Applicable box: ☐ New ☐ Renewal ☐ Reinstated ☐ New Life ☐ Life

Dates served \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ How did you hear about **WMA**? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (M.I.) (Last Name Used On Active/Reserve Duty)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip+4)

SSN \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
(mo/day/yr) (i.e., CA-7)

Molly Marine Award Recipient \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, year \_\_\_\_\_ MOS/Special Skills \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Please add Email to WMA Communications List \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues include *Nouncements* and the Resource Manual and Membership Directory. Please check your membership level  
Annual Dues: ☐ 1 Year \$15 ☐ 2 Years \$25 **Life Dues** (pro-rated by age): ☐ 30 & Under \$220 ☐ 31-45 \$190 ☐ 46-60 \$155 ☐ 61 & Over \$120

I certify that by my signature that I am now serving or have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, regular or reserve components.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Enrolled by: (member/chapter) \_\_\_\_\_  
Please provide Next of Kin information in case of an emergency.

Next of Kin \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to WMA and mail with application to: **Women Marines Association**

P.O. Box 8405 • Falls Church, VA 22041-8405

## Application for membership in Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter *The Auxiliary of the WMA*

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

(Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

City and State with Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (zip + 4)

Telephone with area code: (winter) \_\_\_\_\_ (summer) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State)

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day / Month / Year (Necessary for machine accounting)

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor's Chapter Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Is Your Sponsor a [a] \_\_\_\_\_ Friend [b] \_\_\_\_\_ Relative? Do You Live with Sponsor?: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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

Dues include *Nouncements* if not already received in household.

### 2-year Membership - \$25

#### Life Membership

(Fee pro-rated by age)

(Sponsor must be a WMA Life member)

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

☐ 40 & under ...\$175.00 ☐ 41 to 45 ...\$145.00

☐ 46 to 60 ...\$125.00

☐ 61 to 70 ...\$100.00 ☐ 71 to 80 ...\$75.00

☐ 81 & Over ...\$50.00

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

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

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

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

Jeanne Cantrell, Secretary/Treasurer  
Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter  
11 Brown Street  
Irving, Texas 75061-6000



Address Service Requested

Women Marines Association  
P.O. Box 8405  
Falls Church, VA 22041-8405