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The Loss of Another Gem: Nita Bob Warner

Word has certainly spread that we have lost yet another treasure and one of our most cherished members.

Past National President Nita Bob Warner reported for final muster just in time for reveille, passing away at 0430 on 4 December. Some would say that would be just like LtCol Warner, arriving in time to fall out with her beloved Marines. Others might say she fulfilled the wish of every recruit who ever said "I'd rather die than get up at 0430 again!" And yet others might say that the late SgtMaj Mary Sabourin arrived, evaluated the situation and requested a commanding officer of LtCol Warner's caliber.

Me, I'd just rather say, "Damn."

For those of us who have been in WMA for awhile, you couldn't think of WMA and NOT think of Nita Bob. When I was contacted about the WMA throws we now have in National Merchandise, the first person I thought of was Nita Bob and how much she'd love one.

In my early days in the association, then National President Dottie Durkin used to kid with her and ask, "what's a Nita Bob?" I've come to the conclusion that Nita Bob was someone you never forgot once you met her. She loved life. She loved HER life and Marines in every clime and place. She was immensely proud of how far women have come in the Corps. From her knowledge and wisdom to her sea stories...you always came away from your meeting with something. For the younger Marines, you'll understand when I say Nita Bob Warner was WMA's Obi-Wan Kenobi. And yes, the Force was with her.

When Nita Bob became National Presi-

dent in 1976, she was burdened with following a decision that had been made two years before: that the WMA convention in 1978 was going to be a cruise convention.



Nita Bob at the Minnesota convention

She went to Miami to check out the different cruise ships. While debating on how many spaces to reserve, a cruise director asked her why she didn't just take the whole ship. Nita Bob agreed, bought out the 1,000-passenger ship for 850 passengers and signed the contract. When asked about collateral, she put up the five family farms she

owned in Arkansas. Many sleepless nights followed, but in the end, the cruise was a huge success, WMA actually made money, giving birth to a treasury and Nita Bob kept her farms. Told you the Force was with her.

At a later convention, one request from Nita Bob at a business meeting garnered \$1400 to be put toward the convention issue of the newsletter.



Don't you just love the shirt?

Nita Bob was 26 with a Master's degree in physical education and teaching at a small college in Arkansas when a male Marine recruiter showed up on campus looking for her. Eleven and a half weeks at Mt Holyoke and Camp Lejeune and she was a commissioned officer. After serving as a phys ed instructor and company commander for female recruits, she went to Motor T school. A tour at MCAS Santa Barbara, CA, followed, with a tour at MCAS El Toro afterward, where she served as Motor T officer and squadron commander for 800 women.

Many tours followed until she retired in 1966 as a lieutenant colonel.

In 2003, she established the LtCol Nita Bob Warner Endowed Scholarship at her

college alma mater, Hendrix College in Conway, AR. It is awarded annually to a student with demonstrated academic ability and/or financial need as well as acceptable personal character and leadership traits.

And if you ever get to WIMSA, there's a chair in the theater with her name on it thanks to contributions from those who served with her. There is another article in this issue about Nita Bob and one of those friends who passed 10 days after she did,



It never mattered where she went, Nita Bob always drew a crowd

LtCol Doris Kleberger, written by Pat Goss who served with both of them.

She was 92 when she passed away after suffering a stroke at the nursing center where she resided, having moved to

Florida when she retired in 1966. Born in Hoxie, AR, she was buried next to her parents in January. The family suggested donations to WMA's Scholarship Fund in lieu of flowers.

We're going to miss you and your stories and your smile and your wit.

Semper Fidelis, Nita Bob.

Sondra Metzger



LtCol Nita Bob Warner, USMC (Ret)

"Nita Bob was one of the finest people I have ever known. I met her when I was very new in WMA and she went out of her way to be welcoming and helpful. I once called her Colonel and she told me she was 'just' Nita Bob. She had a great sense of humor and I always felt comfortable with her.

~ Dorothy Durkin



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"A State of the Union" WMA Address

My fellow Marines, as we start off our 49th year as the Women Marines Association (WMA) we look forward to many great things to come. I would be remiss, however, if I did not acknowledge some recent major losses to our membership. Since the last issue of *'Nouncements* we received the sad news of the death of one of our staunchest WMA members, Nita Bob Warner. We also learned of the death of Evelyn Baker, our Centenarian from OR-1. They, along with the loss of Tony Sarlls, husband of our Immediate Past President Paula Sarlls and a Loyal Escort, were all dedicated supporters of WMA and they will be missed.

Let me tell you about some of the great plans for WMA in the upcoming year and how your National Board of Directors is working on your behalf. First of all, we are continuing to "GAS" up the Big RIG with some high octane fuel with our emphasis on public relations that will enhance our image and help to increase our recruiting effort. We added more than 100 new members to our Yahoo Groups listserv, an online discussion site for WMA members. As a result many of our Members-at-Large (MAL's) have expressed interest in initiating the formation of several new chapters

throughout the country. In addition, we created a WMA page on Facebook, an internet social networking site, which will help to educate and promote WMA on a broad base spectrum through the internet. Another exciting effort is the upgrade of our WMA website. We are working towards its "grand opening" by this March just in time for National Women's History Month.

In February we celebrate the 66th anniversary of the establishment of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. We have come from "freeing a man to fight" to serving alongside our fellow Marines fighting America's war on terrorism. We can be proud of LtGen Thomas Holcomb's confidence in us when in 1943 he said, "*They (Women Marines) don't have a nickname, and they don't need one. They get their basic training in a Marine atmosphere, at a Marine Post. They inherit the traditions of the Marines. They are Marines.*" We still hold true to these traditions and are proud to be part of "The Few, The Proud, The Marines".

Over the next couple of months the Board of Directors will be conducting the annual review of our budget. With the current economy we must all do our part

in helping to keep WMA financially viable. I want to thank you for your many contributions and donations that support the various WMA projects. Please read the article in this issue of *'Nouncements* that provides more details on these donation opportunities.

The Board of Directors is also working towards holding our Interim Board Meeting (IBM) this fall as we conduct the business of WMA on your behalf. I encourage you to contact your chapter president and area director with your ideas or issues that you would like us to address. This is the chance for your voice to be heard at the National level.

I am excited about what the future holds for WMA and I ask for your continued, dedicated support to our organization, to our country and to our Corps.

Semper Fidelis,

Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower



1st VP Message



The new year has brought increased popularity to the Women Marines Association for new members and requests for chapters. Nebraska, Kansas, and Alabama are states where WMA has never had a chapter, but now there is interest. Okinawa members have wanted a chapter in the past; now, they are willing to get the chapter formed. Being a member of WMA brings its own rewards, but being part of a chapter brings WMA home.

In our chapters, you will find all of the eras of service, along with the networking skills of people who serve with other veteran's groups, and members who have the active duty connections. There will be the WWII members who may need a ride to the meeting, while younger members may need to bring their children. In our chapters you will find the purpose of WMA in action... the many dedicated members who march in parades and participate in VA cemetery programs, who send packages to service members, support the Toys for Tots.

When you become a member of WMA, you make a choice to serve again. It is a commitment to the past and to the future of WMA. We all choose how we want to

serve, but once a member, that membership usually continues. Whether we choose to be a dues paying member or "bite the bullet" and become a life member, we all want to continue our association with WMA.

Recently at the convention in Houston, John Holvoet enrolled Hattie Kelly as a WMA life member. She has been a dues paying member of WMA for years; she is 85, but she wanted to make it permanent. It is not unusual to see women become life members after years of WMA service. Whenever you make that decision, we applaud you and thank you for your service. Congratulations, Hattie on your life membership. Keep going strong.

Judy Anderson

A-Ten-Hut Area 3!!

New Area Director on board...Linda N. Clark (Wolford) has assumed the duties as your Area Director. Due to business conflicts, Sheryl Young had to resign from the position.

Linda is a 70s era Marine, enlisting in 1972. She made #1 graduate out of Basic Personnel Admin School and spent her first enlistment at HQMC. She re-enlisted for three years and transferred to San Diego where she served as the first female admin chief for Recruiters' School.

At the end of her second enlistment in



Linda N. Clark

1978, she decided to get out but enlisted in the reserves and stayed for 11 years, getting out as a staff sergeant. She currently lives in Charleston, SC.

In 1996, a friend of hers called and asked if she had heard of WIMSA. She hadn't, and after receiving information on the dedication of the Memorial, she spread the word and at-

tended with seven of her Marine buddies. They had the time of their lives. It was there that she learned of WMA. She joined both WIMSA and WMA.

At the time, SC-1 didn't exist, so she joined GA-1 and served as its president from 2006-2008. Now that SC-1 is in Beaufort, she occasionally joins in their activities.

She is married to the love of her life, has a Master's degree in social work and is currently working with the Vet Center Program (VA) where she does individual/group therapy with combat veterans.

And Ten Days Later...

...Nita Bob Warner was joined by one of her best friends. Retired LtCol Doris (Dorie) V. Kleberger died unexpectedly in her sleep on 14 December in Santa Rosa, CA.



In a photo taken 15 years ago, Dorie Kleberger with Betty Lerdall and Mary Thompson at a Senior Women's Trans National Golf tournament at Arizona Golf Resort, Mesa, AZ.
Photo courtesy of Bettie Lerdall.

Dorie was a favorite among our WWII WRs, having entered the Marine Corps in 1943. She was among the first class of women to go to Hunter College. After com-

pleting boot camp, she was chosen to go to OCS and was commissioned a second lieutenant. For most of WWII she served as the station radar officer at MCAS Santa Barbara, CA. After the war, she went back to school, attending the University of Berkeley.

Women were once again called on to fill the ranks during the Korean War, and Dorie was one of the first to respond. After that she made the decision to make the Corps a career, retiring in 1966.

An avid golfer (which is putting it mildly) Dorie and long-time companion Mary Thompson settled in Oakmont, a retirement community with a great golf course.

Memorial services were held on 29 January in Santa Rosa. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be sent to the Alzheimer's Assn. 1211 Dutton Ave., Santa Rosa, CA.



Mary Thompson (left) and Doris Kleberger.
Photo courtesy of Bettie Lerdall.

Cards and notes may be sent to Mary Thompson, 301 White Oak Drive Apt. #122, Santa Rosa, CA 95409.

In commenting about her passing, someone noted that Nita Bob must have needed a roommate.

Col Kleberger was an outstanding Marine and a gracious lady who will be missed by many.

Semper Fidelis, Colonel.

Sondra Metzger

Another LE Gone

We must sadly report the passing of a favorite Loyal Escort.

Tony Sarlls passed away 11 January. The husband of Immediate Past President Paula Sarlls was diagnosed in November with lung cancer. He was 62.

Tony joined the Marines in the 60s and served two tours of duty in Vietnam. Paula feels his cancer was caused by exposure to Agent Orange.

Tony and Paula met in Tennessee. Paula was serving as a clerk until the Corps sent her to air traffic controller school. They were married in 1969 in Arvada. When he was honorably discharged in 1970, the couple settled in Houston. They moved to Aurora, CO, in 1988 when Paula was transferred by her employer, the U.S. Customs.

Tony will always be known for his generous spirit, always willing to give someone a hand, especially his #1 lady, Paula. He is also survived by his daughter Suzanne and his brother David.

Tony loved to make people laugh, so in his honor, I end this with a joke.

Private Jones was assigned to the Marine induction center, where he was to advise



Tony and Paula at the Houston convention.
Photo courtesy of Donna Perdue.

new recruits about their government benefits, especially their Serviceman's Group Life Insurance (SGLI). It wasn't long before the center's lieutenant noticed that Private Jones had almost a 100% record for insurance sales, which had never happened before. Rather than ask about this, the lieutenant stood in the back of the room and listened to Jones' sales pitch. Jones explained the basics of the SGLI to the new recruits, and then said. "If you have SGLI and go into battle and are killed, the government has to pay \$200,000 to your beneficiaries. If you don't have SGLI, and you go into battle and get killed, the government has to pay only a maximum of \$6000."

"Now," he concluded, "which bunch do you think they are going to send into battle first?"

Conventions will never be the same. Semper Fidelis, Tony.

Sondra Metzger

Thank You!

Women of the Corps and Loyal Escorts,

As many of you know my husband and special Loyal Escort, Tony was diagnosed with lung cancer on 3 November and passed away 11 January.

Thanks so very much for your kind emails, cards, letters, flowers and donations. Tony's passing was a real blow to me and I couldn't have made it through the whole ordeal without your support and kindness.

God bless each of you and Semper Fidelis.

Paula Sarlls
Immediate Past President

Serving with the Cream of the Crop

I was a young PFC just over 20 yrs of age when I arrived at the "country club of the Marine Corps" better known as MCAS Santa Barbara (Goleta) CA. It was January 1944, and I had just completed the Navy's 23 week course of aviation machinist mate so I was assigned to the machine shop in aircraft repair.

MCAS was a comparatively small base with only approximately 80 women reserves so it was possible to become acquainted with most of the women who were stationed there.

Soon after my arrival, I learned that one of the sergeants was organizing a women's softball team to represent our base in competition with local Marine bases and with some civilian women's teams. Having been active in most sports through high school, I became one of the first recruits.



Lts Kleberger (far right) and Warner (second from right) going to the mess hall at MCAS Santa Barbara.
Photo courtesy of Pat Goss.

During the formation of our team, I met Lt Doris Kleberger who had, with much reluctance, finally agreed to be the team's OIC. She knew absolutely nothing about the game of softball, but soon accepted her lack of knowledge about the sport and became one of us on our travels to and from our game sites. That attitude disappeared the following morning as we reported to our respective work places.

I don't recall my first meeting with 1stLt Nita Bob Warner as she was the assistant transportation officer at MCAS. I did know that she and Lt Kleberger were roommates at their quarters. Somehow, Lt Warner seemed to know that I, like her, was from Arkansas.

In the fall of 1944, we organized a women's basketball team and Lt Warner became our OIC. It was then that I began to learn something about her. She was always strict but very fair in dealing with the enlisted WRs. She seemed to be respected and even liked by the male Marines who came in contact with her. Respect for the WRs was something which was in short supply during those days.

I soon learned that Lt Warner served on the rating board as she asked me why my name had never been submitted for a promotion even though I had been at MCAS about nine months. I told her that the sergeant in charge of the machine shop had assured me that he submitted my name for promotion each time the list came

around. Somewhere between the sergeant and the board it evidently was removed. Lt Warner then asked "why don't you come to transportation and work for me?"

At that time, the Marine Corps was transferring WRs by rank and MOS from the northern bases with those stationed at Mojave because of developing health problems. I reminded Lt Warner that if I asked for a transfer to her department, I would probably be going to Mojave instead. Her answer was "let me worry about that".

About two weeks later I was told to report to our commanding officer. When I entered her office, she wanted to know how I pulled off a requested transfer by the head of transportation to his department, to which I could only say that I didn't know anything about it.



The softball team with then Lt Kleberger (back row, left).
Photo courtesy of Pat Goss.

When I reported to Lt Warner at transportation, she assigned me to a civilian instructor in a Quonset hut where I was given a 3-week crash course in automotive preventive maintenance, an MOS which no WR at Mojave had. Afterward, I was promoted to corporal.

I must admit, Lt Warner took good care of me. If we had a game to play that evening, she would tell me to go to the barracks and take it easy. During the early summer of 1945, she informed me that my name had been submitted for promotion to sergeant.

In July 1945 the Germans had surrendered and I took leave to meet my fiancé who was on his way home from Italy. Within a week we were married and he accompanied me back to Santa Barbara. Everyone anticipated the Japanese would surrender at any time, and we knew that we would be discharged when the war was over. On 27 September 1945, I was honorably discharged and returned to civilian life.

In 1946 my husband re-enlisted in the Army and I spent the next 20 years as a military wife and mother of three. After 30 years of marriage, I lost my life companion to cancer. My children were now grown, educated and independent, so I was free to do volunteer work for the Army at Fort Sill, OK, which I did for the next 25 years. When I became a charter member of WIMSA, I found out that there was an active chapter of the Women Marines Association in Oklahoma City, only 90 miles from my home. Pamela Bloustine had located me through WIMSA and invited me to attend their next meeting.

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Lt Warner (back row in uniform) with the basketball team.
Photo courtesy of Pat Goss.

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It was at this meeting that I learned that my two friends of long ago had re-enlisted in the Corps, served some 30 years and retired as lieutenant colonels. I was elated and decided to contact them even though our service together had been a long 53 years ago. Each one responded enthusiastically and we agreed to meet at the next WMA convention.

We had a wonderful reunion at the convention in Las Vegas in 1998. Nita Bob and I have attended two more conventions

in Minneapolis and San Diego.

Since then we have grown older, developed some health problems and just slowed down a lot! We have stayed in touch with each other through letters, cards and phone calls. I talked last with Nita Bob on 26 September 2008. It was her birthday and she did not sound like her old self. When we hung up, I placed a call to Doris Kleberger. She sounded fine and said that she had not talked with Nita Bob for some time, but would call her when we hung up.

It has been a rare and beautiful blessing to have had these wonderful ladies be a part of my life. The best part would have to be the past 10-12 years when they each warmly welcomed me back into their busy lives.

Nita Bob and Doris, I would like to think that God felt the need for two of the very best OICs and so in his infinite wisdom, has chosen you both to be just that in his army of angels. I hope you know that you were the cream of the crop and

you shall be sorely missed by all Marines whose lives you touched while you were here on earth.

God bless you both and a fond Semper Fi!

*Your eternal friend,
Pat Goss*



The author and Nita Bob at one of the conventions.

Another Star in her Eyes

BGen Tracy Garrett has been nominated by Defense Secretary Robert Gates to be promoted to major general.

Garrett is currently serving as commander of both Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa. Prior to this she served as Inspector General of the Marine Corps, the first female to hold that post.

Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa are responsible for coordinating Marine Corps related exercise, operations and humanitarian assistance projects in support of the US European Command.

Garrett has a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, Newport, RI.



BGen Tracy Garrett



BGen Tracy Garrett, commander of Marine Forces Europe (MFE), hands over the organizational colors to SgtMaj Joseph Leshinsky, MFE sergeant major, during a change-of-command ceremony in Stuttgart 30 September.

BGen Garrett assumed command from MajGen Cornell A. Wilson, Jr.
Photo by Matthew J. Thomas.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

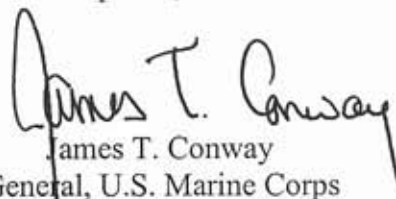
It is my distinct pleasure to extend greetings to the Women Marines Association as our Corps commemorates the 66th Anniversary of the official establishment of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. Though we no longer distinguish females into the category of "Women Marines," every Marine takes great pride in carrying on the legacy this remarkable group of women warriors helped build.

In the current War on Terror, female Marines are not only courageous warriors, they have also become invaluable in helping our military forces in Iraq respect cultural sensitivities regarding male and female interaction — risking their lives to bridge gaps between our servicemembers and the Iraqi people. To date, eight of our brave women warriors have paid the ultimate price in this Long War. Fifty-three have been injured. Their selflessness and willingness to sacrifice all in defense of our great Nation are a testament to the courage and strength of character that has shaped our Corps since its founding in 1775.

The Marine Corps has come a long way since the days of Lucy Brewer and Opha Mae Johnson, and we are stronger for it. As we celebrate the numerous accomplishments of female Marines past and present, Marines serving around the globe today salute you for your selfless sacrifice and unwavering patriotism. The Women Marines Association plays a crucial role in carrying on the traditions of our Corps. All who wear the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor sincerely appreciate your continued support of our Corps' veterans and our Marines serving at home and in the fight.

Many thanks for your dedicated service to Corps and country, and best wishes for a memorable anniversary!

Semper Fi, Marines!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James T. Conway".
James T. Conway
General, U.S. Marine Corps

Our Expanding History

The Women of the Corps Collection (WOTC) and the History Committee of WMA have been very busy since our last issue of *'Nouncements*.

WMA Christmas tree at the National Museum of the Marine Corps

WMA was asked to be one of the first three veterans' organizations to provide an inter-active and historical Christmas tree for the National Museum of the Marine Corps. (Please see a separate article with photos in this issue). My thanks to all who volunteered to be a part of this project.

NEW Women Marine Statue

As History Committee Chair I have been working with Col. Frank Plummer, USA, Ret, providing information and photos of WWII women Marines for the "Veterans War Memorial of Texas" in McAllen, TX. This new memorial salutes all wars and pays tribute to the 1.4 million men and women who have died in these conflicts. A bronze statue of a woman Marine and a granite 7ft x 3ft story of women Marines is now in position at the memorial. The bronze is unique in that the uniform parts are in color and that the Marine seems to be walking. This is a huge memorial and well worth a trip to see it in South Texas.

Collection Additions

We have received so many new additions in the last year that it is impossible to mention them all. A few of note that have been used in displays or on the Christmas tree are mentioned here to allow the givers to know their items are not only being preserved but used in displays and in talks.

Mary Pinter, 95, of New York City has sent us her Maine Corps photos and documents. We used two of the photos on the tree at the museum. Mary retired as a 1stSgt in 1966. She was one of the women who remained on active duty at the end of WWII and continued through retirement. Mary would like to send us all her uniforms but her age is slowing her down. Mary needs help to pack and mail the boxes, any volunteers in the New York City area?

WMA member Kathleen Drummond has sent all her uniforms to the collection. Two of her uniforms were on display at the convention in Houston and one has been used during a "Women in Service" Seminar at the United States Air Force Academy. One tree ornament contained a photo of one of her uniforms. Kathleen's uniforms are in pristine condition and are a wonderful addition to the collection. These uniforms will be photographed soon for the archives of two university WWII files. Needless to say, large parts of Kathleen's collection will be on display in 2010 at the Denver convention.

Mary Bacon Hale sent us a news article on a Marine couple who have had 67 years of wedded bliss. Jean (Gabel) and Keith Benedict have been married for 62 years. Attached is their Hawaii photo. Both are legally blind but care for themselves and have a zest for life. Their story will be added to the collection.

Our most unique new sources of items have been a box of ponchos from Marine Corps Supply and a box of current uniforms from the MCRD San Diego Museum. Both the ponchos and the

current uniforms were needed and are greatly appreciated.

Eleanor Childers, a retired GySgt, sent us a small envelope that tells a big story of her time in the Corps. Eleanor was a film projectionist in WWII. Her photos showing her and others busy on the job give us a wonderful insight into this MOS.

Active Research that Needs your Help

The Women of the Corp Collection is actively seeking information on the following individuals. The women were all commissioned in January of 1943 (before the announcement of the USMCWR). They were given direct commissions and came to the Corps with specific needed talents from their civilian jobs. Little is known about them. If you served with them, please let us know.

Capt Anne Adams Lentz

-Uniform designer and maybe a CO at Camp Lejeune

Capt Charlotte Gower

-Training

Capt Cornelia Williams

-Classification and detail

Capt Lillian O'Malley Daly

-West Coast Activities

Capt Helen O'Neill

-Asst. to the Director of USMCWR

1stLt Louise Stewart

-Public Relations and Recruiting

Last of this group was then Capt. Katherine Towle who became the second Director of the Women's Reserve. Any stories on Col. Towle from any time of her service would be very welcome.

It appears based on a variety of documents on the USMCWR that Capt Lentz was commissioned on 18 January 1943, Major Streeter on 29 January 1943 and the others on the first week of February 1943, days before the official announcement. Based on this information Capt Lentz was the first woman Marine to be inducted into the new USMCWR. Imagine these women were sworn in and then could not tell anyone (not even family or friends) until the public announcement was made on 13 February 1943.

The Collection Losses a Great Friend

It is with deep sadness that I report the Women of the Corps Collection has lost a great friend in the passing of Tony Sarlls. From the day the collection idea came into being Tony has worked to support us in every endeavor. From building the first museum displays with us to carrying the tons of boxes that have arrived, to helping set-up the storage areas of the collection, building uniform racks, packing and driving the exhibit to the last convention. Tony worked diligently to make our dream happen. His motivation to help us was his great love for his wife and her projects. Thank you, Tony for all you have done, you will not be forgotten.

Items Needed to Complete our Collection:

- WWII Lytle hose
- Montezuma Red lipstick any WWII cosmetics
- WWII-Korea undergarments
- Clear plastic rain boots
- WWII shoes (all types)
- Desert Storm era uniforms
- Current uniforms
- Iraq, Afghanistan and Desert Storm era photos
- Vietnam stories and photos

Nancy Wilt

WMA Historian

Chair of the History Committee



Museum Christmas Tree

If you read Nancy Wilt's history item first, you're probably wondering what an interactive historical Christmas tree would need to be "interactive".

When the call went out to be one of the first three organizations to decorate a tree at the Museum of the Marine Corps, Nancy Wilt, Sara Phoenix and CO-1's Pam Shelby answered the call by making 90 handmade ornaments for the tree. While they were busy making the ornaments, the Board of WMA worked furiously to find the funding needed to accomplish the project.

Each ornament was constructed of a red 4x8 WWII-style sea bag/luggage tag. Unique shaped cut outs of the "March of the Women Marines" and the "Anniversary Waltz" were added to the front of the tag. On that was added a historical picture of a women Marine or duty station and then on the back of the card the story about the picture. Ornaments ranged from Lucy Brewer to the women Marines of the 21st century.

Nancy, Sara and the ornaments arrived in



Eileen Mead and Nancy Wilt.

Quantico to assemble the tree on 3 December. They were joined by Donna Genovese, WMA member and museum volunteer docent; Eileen Mead, retired DC newspaper writer and widow of a Marine; Mary Karcher, staff writer for "Leatherneck"; and WMA President Rhonda Lebrescu-Amtower.

The tree was a huge success and Nancy has had many calls on how much it was enjoyed. The best sign of success was when the tree was finished, Nancy and Sara went to buy a few more flags. When they returned the tree was surrounded by a group of male NCOs reading the ornaments. Our history is getting around.



From left to right: Donna, Rhonda, Nancy, Sara and Eileen.



The front of each ornament.



The back with the story about the photo.



The Quantico tree.



Donna Genovese.

Making Donating Easy

Everyone has been affected by the financial crisis, including WMA. We're not receiving nearly as much income from our investments as we did before. The good news is that we haven't lost any of our invested capital because of our very conservative investment policies. But if you can see your way clear to donate even a small amount to WMA, we'll be better able to carry out important programs like scholarships, history preservation, and support for active duty Marines. Just \$10 from ev-

ery member would net us over \$30,000! Your donations are recognized in issues of 'Nouncements and on the inside cover page of the Resource Manual and Directory.

Think long term and consider donating a portion of your estate or asking friends and family to donate to WMA in your honor (while you're still alive) or in your memory. For example, Margaret V. Sudarth of VA-1, life member, obviously let many of her friends and associates know about her wishes to support WMA. We re-

ceived six donations (including some from other associations) totaling over \$600 in her memory. Similarly, we received 15 donations totaling almost \$800 in memory of Luvenia E. Holt of TX- 1, also a WMA life member.

For additional information on planned giving options, please contact Carol Mutter at cam.wma@sbcglobal.net or 317-852-4963. Her mailing address is in the RM&D.

Donations Report

For the Period From September 30, 2008 to January 25, 2009

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Wisznaukas Family Foundation - No specific honoree
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Estate of Margaret V Sudarth - No specific honoree
Gina Fallon - Donation to support History Preservation
Lyla M Spelbring - in memory of Nita Bob Warner and Doris Kleberger
Theresa M "Sue" Sousa - in memory of Nita Bob Warner
William Whitehurst - No specific honoree
Sandra K Allen - in memory of Nita Bob Warner
Dixie Lee Banks - No specific honoree
Jean L Benedict - in honor of her friend, Mary Bacon Hale
Lisa Buckley - No specific honoree
Roberta Eaton - in memory of Ada Dodson and Nita Bob Warner

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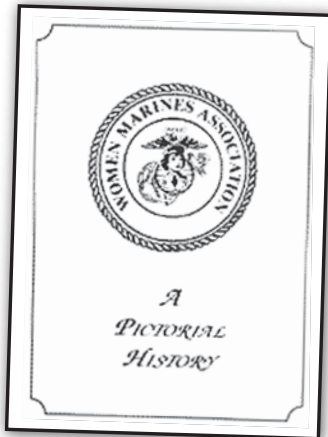
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"Women Marines Association" Vol.1, "A Pictorial History, "Women Marines Association", Vol. 2 and "Women Marines Association", Vol. 3 represent a walk through our illustrious history.

Women Marines bring this history to life with their uniquely individual recollections of our Corps. Stories of events, assignments, and friends are all shared so we can better appreciate our "roots".

Mary Bacon Hale did a superb job in getting our history in a format that can be handed down thru the generations. We all

owe Mary a debt of gratitude for her selfless work on this project. It is a must have for all women Marines and is a great gift idea.



A limited number of 3-volume sets are now available for purchase from WMA National Merchandise Sales. Order soon so you too can read about, The Fewer, The Prouder, The Women Marines!! When they are gone, they are gone forever. Get your complete set here.

A complete set of 3 volumes are offered at just \$40.00 plus \$10.00 shipping and handling. Please send your \$50.00 check made out to: WMA, c/o America Dones, Nat'l Sales Chairperson, 6506 Carrington Sky Drive, Apollo Beach, Florida 33572.

Hattie Makes Her Membership Permanent!



John Holvoet and Hattie Kelley, OR-1. Hattie took the opportunity to enroll as a Life Member at the WMA convention in Houston. A long-time supporter of WMA, we welcome Hattie to the ranks of Life Members.

Update: Molly Marine Rally Point



A very sincere thank you to all of you who donated to the Molly Marine Rally Point. (See article on page 21 of the Oct/Nov/Dec 2008 issue of 'Nouncements.)

As of December, the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation received \$1,300 in donations from WMA members and an additional \$1,000 from Indiana-1 chapter. These donations will effectively be doubled because of the matching funds that will be contributed by WMA National.

The IN-1 gift is especially noteworthy since they are a very small chapter and meet just two or three

times a year. Undoubtedly there are other chapters out there who could meet or exceed that amount.

The Molly Marine Rally Point is one of several rally points planned for the Semper Fidelis Memorial Park adjacent to the new National Museum of the Marine Corps near Quantico, VA.

It is important that female Marines be represented in a significant way at this special location for the Corps. After all, our contributions to the Marine Corps have been significant!

Please use the form below and send your donation directly to the MCHF address shown.

YES! I'm proud to support the Molly Marine Rally Point!

I am enclosing a gift of \$ _____ ☐ My check is enclosed ☐ Please bill my credit card

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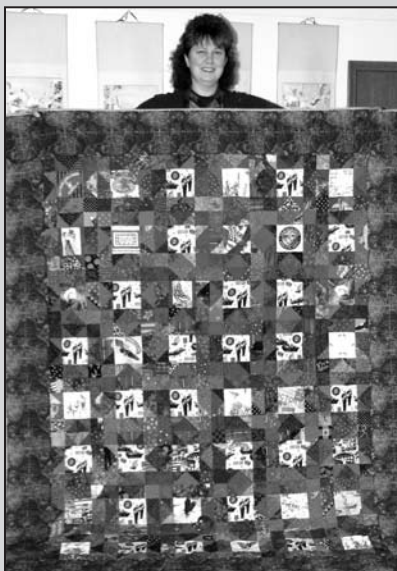
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For a Dedicated Marine

Joan Wright spends quite a bit of her time at the Dallas-Ft Worth Airport (DFW) as part of a USO group that greets troops as they come and go through the airport. On one day in February, Joan got a little more than she was expecting when she was presented with a quilt made by anonymous "quilt angels" who felt she deserved to be recognized for her service in the Marine Corps.

Virginia Cano, a very proud Marine Mom, handled the presentation. Joan's comment: "They captured my whole life in this quilt."

The item with the WMA logo is the presentation case the quilt was shipped in.



Quilt Angel Sandy holding up the quilt.

"They captured my whole life in this quilt"
- JOAN WRIGHT



Joan receiving the quilt from Virginia.



Joan and a group of soldiers who were also present at the event by virtue of passing through Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport.

The Passing of a General

On 29 December, the Corps lost another one of its heroes, LtGen Victor Krulak.

Known for his leadership in WWII, Korea and Vietnam as well as his book on the Marines, "First to Fight", LtGen Krulak died in San Diego after having been in declining health for several years. He was 95.

Considered a visionary by fellow Marines, LtGen Krulak was known for his bravery in combat, his brilliance as a tactician and as an organizer of troops. He disliked those senior officers who thought more of their careers and bureaucracy and lost sight of looking after their enlisted Marines and young officers. LtGen Krulak was not a lover of bureaucracy. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates is quoted as having said the following in a speech at the first annual Marine Corps Association banquet in 2007: "Victor Krulak's story and accomplishments teach us a good deal: (1) about learning from the experiences and setbacks of the past; (2) about being open to take ideas and inspiration from wherever they come; and (3) about overcoming conventional wisdom and bureaucratic obstacles thrown in one's path."

He picked up his nickname "Brute" at the Naval Academy, a joke by his classmates based on his 5'4" frame. The nickname was reinforced by his direct, no-nonsense style. Photographs he took in Shanghai in 1937 of a Japanese landing craft and his input to boat builder Andrew Hig-



LtGen Krulak

gins brought about the manufacture of the "Higgins boat", which played critical roles in the Normandy landings and amphibious assaults in the Pacific. He also played a part in the prototype of the Amtrack, which is still in use today.

As a lieutenant colonel in WWII, he led a battalion in a week-long battle as a diversion to cover the invasion of Bougainville. Even though he

was wounded, he refused to be evacuated and was awarded the Navy Cross for his bravery.

LtGen Krulak befriended one of the young Navy commanders of patrol boats that were sent to evacuate his wounded Marines. He promised the commander a bottle of whiskey. Decades later he would deliver the bottle and drink the whiskey in the Oval Office with that commander, John F. Kennedy.

He also joined other Marine officers who fought to keep the Marine Corps from being folded into the Army after World War II. They faced powerful opposition from President Harry Truman and Army Gens. Dwight Eisenhower and George Marshall.

His ideas on Vietnam clashed with those of Army Gen William Westmoreland. He opposed Westmoreland's decision to set up an outpost at Khe Sanh, which became the location of one of the bloodiest battles of

the Vietnam war.

LtGen Krulak had hoped to become Commandant of the Marine Corps. After not being selected, he retired in June 1968 and began a second career as an executive for Copley newspapers and as a columnist, which included serving as president of Copley News Service and vice president of Copley Press. He retired from Copley in 1977 but continued to contribute to their news service. His son Charles was selected and served as the 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps from 1995 to 1999. Gen Krulak shared his father's ideas as an innovator and champion of the enlisted Marine.

LtGen Victor Krulak is survived by three sons, four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. His funeral was held on 8 January in the chapel at MCAS Miramar. Burial was at Ft Rosecrans National Cemetery.



More than 400 people packed the chapel at MCAS Miramar to honor retired LtGen Krulak. One of his sons, an Episcopal minister, led the service. Photo taken by K.C. Alfred, San Diego Union-Tribune.

Bulletin Board

The Alliance for National Defense (AND), will award two \$2500 scholarships to current and future military women in 2009. The alliance is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization providing powerful advocacy and a positive voice for military women. AND encourages and promotes the vital role of military women and men in our nation's defense. AND directors, national council members and supporters include active duty military personnel and concerned veterans working alongside civilians interested in military issues to provide factual, thoughtful, objective information on military personnel issues to policymakers, legislators and the public.

Honoring BGen Evelyn P. Foote, USA, Ret., the Foote Scholarship is reserved for a currently serving enlisted woman who

is enrolled for at least six credit hours at an accredited college or university; the Sadler Scholarship, named for Capt Georgia Sandler, USN, Ret., is intended for a woman enrolled in her second year in an accredited ROTC program.

Scholarship winners will be chosen from among applicants representing any branch or component of the armed forces based on merit, academic potential, community service and need. Winners will be announced in July 2009.

Additional information and scholarship applications are available at the Alliance for National Defense website, www.4militarywomen.org. The deadline for applications for 2009 AND scholarship is April 15, 2009.

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The holidays may be over but it's not too late to give a gift of WMA membership. Know a female Marine with a birthday coming up or some other special date? Maybe the anniversary of her joining the Corps or completing boot camp! Use the membership form on the back of this newsletter to see the information that is needed; then mail it in or go online to our website (www.womenmarines.org) to sign up a friend or relative who qualifies as a member of WMA. You are familiar with the benefits of membership. Do her a favor and she'll thank you for your thoughtfulness in providing a gift that actually gives back!

Loyal Escort Scuttlebutt



It is my sad duty to report the passing of Tony Sarlls, husband of Paula Sarlls, Immediate Past President of WMA. Tony joined the Loyal Escorts in 2004 at the San Diego convention. He assisted Paula with so many things and could be seen moving boxes and displays at the conventions. He will be sorely missed by all, especially now that Denver is preparing for the 2010 convention.

On a more positive note I am happy to announce the application for the Loyal Escorts to become a 501(c)(3) has been prepared and mailed to the IRS.

Jeanne Cantrell, our loyal and faithful immediate past secretary, mailed all of her records to me. I have spent many hours filtering through all of the 3x5 cards that comprise our hardcopy database and comparing it to our computer database. It is important

to make sure that members are receiving their issues of WMA 'Nouncements if they are supposed to and that they receive any and all mailings as they occur, verifying term expiration dates, and that we are not mailing to those who have not renewed or who have passed away. By using the Social Security Number the member provides on the application form John Holvoet, Director and Database Manager can ascertain using IRS reports if our member is still with us or just has not renewed his membership. Thus we keep our membership roster as up-to-date as possible. Legible email addresses are also very helpful as well as the full zip code with the 4-digit extension.

We are developing a shirt with our embroidered logo on it. The shirt will be a polo type with no pocket. They will be in solid colors and all sizes available on a mail order basis. This eliminates investing in an inventory for us to maintain. Tentative cost is \$30.00. I will write more about this in my next article.

I was introduced to a potential Loyal

Escort, known as Doc, when I escorted my wife, Lillian, on her duties as the Area 10 Director to visit the Northern California chapters. According to her bio she is a civilian doctor under contract with the Marines in Iraq. She and 3 Marines were captured by the enemy and became POWs. She engineered a successful escape plan and took the 3 Marines with her. She has four sons, all of whom are Marines. Unfortunately three of them were killed, and two died in her arms within 24 hours of each other. This lady has more than given her share for her country. I heartily endorsed her application into the Loyal Escorts and applaud CA- 3 for bringing her to us.

Please note these changes: new email address for Ken Cross, President – ken-cross294@cox.net. New email address for John Holvoet, Director, Loyal Escort business – loyal_escorts@abmservices.com. Don Cannon, Vice President, new phone number – (734)777-5741.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ken Cross

Application for membership in Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

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Chapter Clippings



AZ-1 Arizona Roadrunner

AZ-1 Roadrunner Chapter of WMA is having their anniversary celebration on February 14th in the form of a brunch at the Golden Corral, McKellips and Power in Mesa. We are hoping to have a good turnout!

President Jeanne recently attended a meeting at the AZ State Veterans home, chaired by Joan Sisco. At that meeting plans were initiated to support a residence facility for homeless women veterans. It has all the promise of being a success due to the involvement of the many women's organizations in the Phoenix area. Joan is a member of WMA as is the Women Veteran's Coordinator, Lee Borgen. (Who just happened to be member of WMCo Camp Smith, Hawaii when I was the CO there, small world!) AZ-1 hopes to become involved as a chapter in this endeavor. With the help of our very able secretary-treasurer, Bettie Lerdall, we are growing...slowly, but growing.



Bettie Lerdall is escorted off the field after the coin toss at the Arizona Cardinals - Seattle Seahawks football game on 10 November when the Cardinals honored WWII veterans. She and her son were guests in the sky box along with a male WWII veteran for the game.

Jeanne Botwright



CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

Happy New Year to everyone from CA-3!

November 10, Maggie Hart, Betty Lieser and LaVerne Marts attended the Marine Corps birthday breakfast in Benicia for the third year. We enjoyed the usual SOS breakfast, then the cruise to the Pittsburg to do some exercises and then lunch. We should do more exercises after lunch and not before because the lunch they serve us is so delicious that you can't leave any on your plate.

November 11, Connie Guaraglia, Betty Lieser and LaVerne went to Hayward for the Veterans Day Parade. We decorated my car and were the only branch of the Women in Service entered into the parade. Found out that we were tied for second place and received an award on January 28. We were excited about that.

Our Christmas party was held at the Ranch Restaurant where we had a delicious lunch with eighteen present. CA-6 and CA-9 joined us.

Plans are being made for our anniversary lunch to be held at the beautiful Paradise Valley Estate. The lunch will be hosted by Maggie Hart, Doris Panzer and Lucille Thyrring.

CA-3 has two new members: Barbara Naas and Lauren Reisinger. Welcome aboard! Barbara is from Redwood City and is a friend of Maryannette Schneider, our CA-3 secretary. Lauren Reisinger is attending the University of Jordan on a Defense Department scholarship to study Arabic culture and language. In May she will receive a degree from Drexel in International Studies. In June she will earn her commission as a 2dLt. She was home for a couple days at Christmas but we did not get a chance to meet.

Our Larry Curtiss (Kathleen and Shaaron Wright's step father) passed away in November. He attended all of our luncheon

meetings and looked forward to coming to them to "see his girls" as Kathy said. We will miss his smiling face.

Happy New Year and Semper Fidelis!

LaVerne Marts



CA-5 Orange County California

Our Christmas party brought over forty members and we collected many wonderful toys for Toys for Tots.

Thanks to a few interested members, we are focusing on trying to attract younger members into our organization. We hope to have meetings at times that are convenient for people with families and do service projects that are easy and fulfilling. We look forward to breathing new life into our group and still honor our senior members.

Valorie Lephart



CA-7 Edith Macias Vann So. California

Greetings from sunny southern California! With this year's frigid weather across the nation, we will continue to enjoy the warmth and beauty we are blessed with.



CA-7 members all decked out for the holidays, and loads of toys that were donated to Toys for Tots!

The Women's Anniversary luncheon is right around the corner, so we are busy preparing for a fun day with all our members and WMA neighbors. This year is especially exciting since the guest speaker is BGen Salinas, and WMA National President Rhonda Lebrescu-Amtower is also attending.

Two weeks after the anniversary luncheon, the chapter will be the driving force behind a fund raiser at the Outback Steakhouse to raise funds for the Veterans Association of North County (VANC). These funds are to renovate a building given to us by the city of Oceanside that will serve as a veterans hall for veteran group meetings, events etc. The target grand opening of the building is September 2010. So there will be lots more work before then!

Peggy Reiber



CA-8 Palms to Pines

Sybl Acree, Edith Ynacay, Vivian Bolton and Juanita Cartwright along with Helen Page and Bob Ynacay (Loyal Escorts) on 8 November attended the annual Women Veterans Recognition lunch held at the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center. BGen Salinas was the guest speaker. There were over 100 women from all the Armed Forces present.

We celebrated the Marine Corps birthday with the cutting of a cake by the oldest member Vivian Bolton and our youngest member CA-8 president Rosemary Abrego-Holmes.

It is with sincere sympathy we announce the loss of two of our members: 94 year old Ada Dodson and Betty McGhee. We

(Right): Vivian and Rosemary cutting the birthday cake.



donated \$50 for each Leatherneck to the WMA General Fund. Semper Fidelis, our friends.

At our 17 January meeting we had 14 members, five Loyal Escorts and two guests. Vice President Edith Ynacay has been in the hospital but is now recuperating at home. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her at our next meeting to celebrate the 66th anniversary of the Women's Reserve.

Sybl Acree



CA-15 San Fernando Valley



CA-15 members welcomed Area 10 Director Lillian Cross, her husband Ken, and her brother, Dennis Kovats, who is CA-7's Official Escort of the Green Garter. Ken is National

President of The Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter, and he gave us a review of its functions and purposes. From left to right, back row, are Vice President Geri Fiorello, President Joan Vitale, Lillian Cross, Dennis Kovats, and Secretary Nonie Lann. Bottom row: Correspondence Secretary Ruth Horgan, Ken Cross, and longtime member Louise Brown.

Lillian Cross gave us general information about Area 10, which includes Iraq and Australia and has 16 WMA chapters. She reported to us on events at the convention and reminded us that the history project in Colorado is still in need of uniforms, photos and mementos.

Joan Vitale



CO-1 Colorado Columbine

It is with the greatest sadness that we announce the passing of Tony Sarlls, Paula Sarlls' wonderful and supportive husband. Tony passed away 11 January from cancer. Tony was not just our chapter president's husband and a former Marine; he was just as much a part of our chapter as any one of the members. Tony was at every event, banquet and fundraiser we held. He was always packing and unpacking the items for events and was our most dedicated supporter. Words can't express how much we will miss Tony and how sad we feel for Paula. Please remember her in your prayers and thoughts.



Runners of all types and sizes competed in the 5K Marine Memorial Run.

The Colorado Columbine Chapter held our annual 5K Marine Memorial Run in October with an increase in participants from last year. We also attended the Aurora Veterans Salute, the Medal of Honor Convention Banquet, and collected items for the troops deployed overseas from Buckley as part of our Christmas Party Project. Semper Fidelis!

Amy Contreras



DC-1 District of Columbia

DC-1 met for their Christmas luncheon at Joe Theismann's restaurant in Old Town Alexandria to celebrate, collect new toys for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots drive and to collect



Reservists present a certificate to Chapter President Betty Moseley-Brown.

2009 calendars to help with the VA project of providing a new calendar to every resident of the Veterans Home in DC. We were joined by six Marines and a Navy woman from nearby reserve units who accepted the toys with thanks. Members

of the chapter adopted the reservists and treated them to lunch.

Our plans for the anniversary in February include the VA-1 chapter. Our special guest and speaker will be Col Gail Jennings, who serves as the Deputy Director of the J-1, the Joint Staff in the Pentagon. National President Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower will also be present to help our chapter president, Betty Moseley-Brown, honor our guest of honor and the oldest and youngest Marines in a traditional cake cutting.

Mitzi Manning



FL-2 Florida Gulf Coast

It is with great sadness that members of FL-2 said goodbye to its longtime member, mentor, and friend -- Nita Bob Warner. She was a great leader and her influence will guide us, her spirit remains with us.

Plans have been made for the chapter to celebrate the 66th Anniversary of the Women's Reserves at a "mess hall" luncheon at the Armed Forces Museum located in Largo. A dining room reminiscent of a WWII Quonset hut will house the luncheon after which the members will have an opportunity to tour the facility.

The chapter now has its own website (Womanmarinefl2.org). It is now online and will try to keep all members informed of what is going on within the chapter.

Lucille Gunion



FL-8 Spaceport

Happy New Year to all! Boy, the years seem to be moving faster and faster. Hope that everybody had a great holiday.

We met at Mary Bevan's clubhouse to celebrate Christmas. It was a potluck affair. Nice to see all the gals in their Santa shirts and hats. We had a short meeting prior to the lunch to plan the coming year. We are still going strong, with some of us getting a little slower in body, but not in mind!

We celebrated the 233rd Marine Corps Birthday in several places this year. Some of the chapter members belong to the MCL in Barefoot Bay; they had a great party, with Millie Kelliher and Monica Steward attending. Monica once again was in the color guard, and Millie had the honor of being the oldest Marine attending and cut the cake. Mary Bevan attended the celebration here in Melbourne, with her MCL detachment. A great time was had by all.

At our meeting in January we started plans for the annual All Women Veterans Luncheon. It is the Marines' turn again. Since our chapter is getting smaller due to illness and moving, we weren't too sure that we could handle it this year, BUT we are "Marines" and going to do it. Figured that we have at least 8-10 able members and that's all it takes. Since it will be held in October, we plan to tackle at least two projects each month and get it done. We'll see how it goes.

There are plenty of events coming up. Stand Down will be held in March. Mary Bevan is the co- chairman again this year. It is a big event, with many military organizations getting together to help the less fortunate veterans in the community. More on that next time.

Keep well and happy. Semper Fidelis!

Mary Bevan

WMA GA-1 Dogwood

On 8 November, nine members of GA-1 and several guests gathered to celebrate the Marine Corps birthday. This was the first gathering of the group since our anniversary luncheon in February 2008. Everyone enjoyed catching up and hearing that Vice President Ellen Lamb's son, Cpl Davey Lamb, was currently spending time in Australia, while Sgt Chris Conklin, son of Victoria Turney, was on his second tour in Iraq. President Lori Dashiell cut the birthday cake and presented the first slice to Kathleen Eidson as the oldest Marine, and the second slice to Sgt Jody Moss, the lone male in attendance and the youngest.

On 19 December, members of GA-1 attended the commissioning ceremony of Sgt Rachel Abernathy at her high school alma mater. Rachel graduated from Columbus State University in Columbus on 13 December with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and this past summer attended Officer Candidate School where she graduated in the top 10 percent of her class. Rachel's former Senior Military Instructor, Maj Charles "Mac" Kelly read the oath of office and commissioned her a 2dLt in the Marine Corps. Rachel's parents, Sue and Craig Bergstrom, assisted by her youngest sister Leah, did the honor of pinning 2dLt bars on her uniform. SSgt William Abernathy, Rachel's husband, rendered the first salute and was rewarded, in time honored tradition, with a silver dollar.



Left to right: MIDN 1/C Katherine Bergstrom, 2ndLt Rachel Abernathy, and MIDN 1/C Sarah Bergstrom.

Also playing a major role in this ceremony as Masters of Ceremony were Rachel's younger twin sisters, Katherine and Sarah Bergstrom, Midshipmen 1/C at the U.S. Naval Academy. Upon their graduation in May 2009, Katherine and Sarah will be following in their sister's footsteps, much as they did when they entered the MCJROTC program at North Forsyth, when they too will become Marine officers.

Sheryl Young

WMA IL-2 Blanche S. Osborne

Reading the listing of new members on yahoo groups.com that are signing up for WMA, but seeing none for the Chicago area. Well, so we have a governor who was impeached and at least 12 inches of snow on the ground as of this writing, Chicago is still a great city. Five good ball teams, museums of all kinds, good public transportation, etc. But the active members of this chapter are WWII and Korean veterans, and we are wearing out.

At our fall luncheon program the usual members turned out to hear a Marine Korean War veteran speak about his experiences of fighting in that very cold winter. He is a neighbor of one of our members who lives in the Del Webb retirement community about

50 miles north of Chicago. (Most chapter members live in the suburbs, not in the city limits of Chicago.)

The Holiday Potluck and Toys for Tots Collection was held on the same day as the big motorcycle parade. It was another inclement weather day, but the members present still managed to fill a car load of toys for that very worthy activity. We're always glad to see Gwen DePinto at our meetings. Legally blind, her daughter drives her to the meetings. Gwen, with macular degeneration, has been helped by the Hines VA Hospital; she has been taught to be able to get around by herself, and to use a machine that enlarges print. She, in turn, has taught other veterans coming to Hines to use that machine.

Muriel Underwood

WMA IN-1 Indiana



IN-1 President Shirley Barger (left) and Vice President Kay Ross (right) present a \$500 check to the Indiana Veterans' Home. Accepting the check is Julie Haskell, Education Coordinator. The money was used to purchase beauty salon gift certificates for the women veterans, and

they were also given Christmas gift bags full of goodies, a door hanging and poinsettia.

Kay Ross

WMA LA-1 Molly Marine

Since the last issue of 'Nouncements, the Molly Marine Chapter has continued to stay highly motivated and very busy!

On 4 October, Angela Merrell and Melanie Young (Vice President and President) participated in the October Painting Project. Several houses in the Bywater and 9th Ward area were painted by volunteers across the nation. The home was on the final stages of being rebuilt after hurricane Katrina's devastation. The responsibility was to paint the exterior and interior of the residence. Also, light yard work was required. Participation in this community service project was extremely gratifying!

Several chapter members attended the Marine Forces Reserve Marine Corps Ball at the Marriott in New Orleans on 7 November. Six chapter members took a group photo. Members in attendance were CWO2 Allison Truelove, W1 Jamila Moore, GySgt Benisa Lucas, Cindy Garcia-McBride, GySgt Sonya Sellers, GySgt Joyce Howard, Mary Draughn, Sgt Nichole Phares, Tara Perez, Sgt Cara Tilton, Cpl Jonsheique Vaughn, Angela Merrell and Melanie Young.

On 9 November, the first annual Veterans Day Parade was held in Slidell. Members who participated in this patriotic event were CWO2 Taneika Key, CWO2 Allison Truelove, W1 Jamila



Moore, GySgt Benisa Lucas, Cindy Garcia-McBride, GySgt Sonya Sellers, GySgt Joyce Howard, Mary Draughn, Sgt Nichole Phares, Tara Perez, Sgt Cara Tilton, Cpl Jonsheique Vaughn, Angela Merrell and Melanie Young.

Pictured in the photograph are W1 Moore, Sgt Sorrell, CWO2 Truelove, Melanie, Linda and CWO2 Key.

The Marine Support Group of the Greater New Orleans Area, Inc. invited the chapter to their Marine Corps Birthday luncheon on 10 November in Gretna. Members of other veteran organizations attended, along with recruiters from Recruiting Station Baton Rouge and NROTC cadets from Tulane University. A time enjoyed by all! Chapter members in attendance were Frances Hoffmann and Melanie Young.

The Christmas Party is always something we look forward to. We had the party at the Southside Café in Slidell. The café is owned by a former Marine and its walls are filled with an abundance of Marine Corps memorabilia; very motivating! Members in attendance were Linda Dixon, Georgia Hildebrandt, Angela Merrell, Sgt Gwen Sorrell, April Bell and Melanie Young.

To spread Christmas cheer we decided to do a community service event during the month of December. Angela Merrell, Sgt Cara Tilton, Georgia Hildebrandt and Melanie Young visited the Woodland Village Nursing Home. The visit to Woodland Village was very inspirational to the members in attendance. Sgt Tilton being the make-up expert of the group assisted a resident with the application of her make-up. She was waiting on family to pick her up for a Christmas Party. All of the residents were as appreciative as we were to be in their company. We handed out Christmas cards and candy canes. We also spent time with the residents talking and listening to them.

We are proud to announce that GySgt Benisa Lucas was selected for the grade of Master Sergeant and Joyce Howard was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant on 1 December.

The chapter decided to hold meetings every other month vice monthly. The first meeting of the new year was held at the lovely home of CWO2 Allison Truelove.

The Molly Marine Chapter would like to wish each of you a prosperous, happy New Year!!!

Melanie Young



MA-2 Peg Parda

Our summer picnic was held under the trees in the gracious yard of Lynn Grise in Wilbraham. Grilled burgers and hotdogs as well as wonderful salads were enjoyed by all while we caught up on each other's news.

Our fall meeting was held at the Marine Corps League in Westfield. League members have welcomed our chapter for all our meetings. The ladies of the kitchen always serve a great luncheon. At this fall meeting we shared memorable experiences while serving in the Corps.

During the holiday season a number of us took a half day at the mall to wrap shoppers' Christmas gifts for the benefit of Hospice.

The League invites us to join the Westfield Memorial Day Parade made up of marching bands and marchers from boy and girl scouts to veterans. A really great occasion and well attended.

This year our spring meeting at the League will celebrate the Anniversary of Women's Reserves one day late...14 February.

Betsy Paulson



MI-2 Motor City

Motor City is still revving to go onward after all the GAS we got at convention.

It is our pleasure to announce that MI-2 will be sponsoring a new scholarship for WMA. This scholarship will be in memory of our women Marines who have made the ultimate sacrifice while deployed in harm's way. Our year will be full of working to raise

the \$35,000 needed to make this a perpetual scholarship. Once we finish up the details we will let all know how to donate. It will be known as the Fallen Women Marines Memorial Scholarship.

This past year was a busy one for us. We branched out to take care of our homeless veterans this Christmas. With the generosity of our members we supplied 42 veterans with pants, shirts, shoes, sweats, socks, towels, washcloths and all personal hygiene items. We once again did our Toys for Tots and had a great response with about 100 toys collected. We took care of 50 children from Macomb County who otherwise would not have a Christmas. So all in all, we hope we made a difference this past holiday season.

This year we will be collecting for the area animal shelter, still doing our troop support and planning the All Service Women Luncheon and a WMA regional conference. When you add in events for our scholarship you know that we will be in that BIG RIG rolling forward.

Mary Ann Merritt



MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks

The chapter met on 13 December at the residence of Judy Austin for a holiday potluck, installation of new officers, and sign holiday cards for those members not in attendance. Calling cards were collected and forwarded to two Marines currently serving in Iraq.

Liz Whitbeck discussed the trip with the Honor Flight Program and encouraged other WWII veterans to apply to participate in the program.

Liz Whitbeck and Mary McGee were among other Minnesota veterans honored for their service by the Minnesota Timberwolves with dinner, great conversation with players and other organization members, gifts and photo opportunities. They had a great time and enjoyed the outing immensely.

On 10 January the chapter met at the Minneapolis VA Hospital and planned the 66th anniversary luncheon for 21 February at the Ft. Snelling Club.

Victoria L. Latiolais



NM-1 Sandia Chapter

Happy New Year!

Our November meeting was held on the 8th - there were 17 members present and one guest. The meeting was held at the Calico Cafe - a must visit if you are in Albuquerque.

Our toys for tots went very well. Our members were very generous with donations and toys.

We talked about the upcoming women veteran luncheon that we will be hosting, which will be held at Kirtland AFB Mountain View Club in November 2009. Plans are going well. If you are going to be in the area, give us a call and plan to attend. Contact Billie Mitchell (BillieUSMC@hotmail.com), (505) 281-7492.

We are planning a website for our chapter that should be up and running around 1 February.

We would like to thank our chapter members for being supportive of our goals and attending the meetings.

Our next meeting will be held 14 February again at the Calico Cafe. Always remember our troops that are protecting our freedom.

Billie M. Mitchell



OH-2 Chesty Puller

We had members from Cleveland, Columbus and Akron gather at the Akron Marine Corps Reserve Center as we began our quilting party. We made fabric hands and put them on different colored

fabric squares. We had people writing names on the squares, ironing and sewing. We had a great time. These quilts will be going to military women in the hospital or overseas.



One of the OH-2 quilts with (l-r) Donna Perdue, Diane Durben, Lois Cameron and Ellen Leidy.

The Ohio Department of Veteran Services Women's Advisory Committee is planning our third women's conference in Columbus. All women veterans and active duty women are invited to join us and welcome our guest speaker, our own Vernice Armour. The date is 4 April and cost is \$5.00 for a box lunch. Please go online to register at www.veteransaffairs.ohio.gov.

We would like to give a shout to all our members in OH-2; we appreciate everything you do for our chapter and your commitment to your communities. Keep up the good work.

If any warm chapter would like some of our cold or snow, just let us know. We've had 44 inches of snow in January. We are looking forward to the crocus, tulips and spring.

Elva (Elvie) Pounders

WMA OK-1 Oklahoma Sooners

Hello from Tulsa, Oklahoma!

Yes, we are still alive and active. Last year was a busy year for us.

In February the MCL and the VFW invited us to join them at their combined meeting and honored us with an anniversary cake served in our customary sword-cutting way. The men enjoyed the camaraderie as much as we did. Did we feel old? You bet! Especially when a few said, "Gee, you were in and out before I was born."

May was busy with MCJROTC award presentations at two high schools. It was interesting to hear the direction the recipients plan to take in their futures.

In September Wanda Graham was the only member attending the 2008 Convention. At our October meeting she gave a report on all the activities she attended.

In October we lost another charter member, Joanne Brown. She was inactive due to business obligations she and her husband (a Pearl Harbor survivor) owned. Virginia Kruizinga and Pietje Wall went to the visitation and were surrounded by family members who were surprised and so grateful that we were there.

In November the Tulsa Veterans' Day parade was dedicated to the women in service. The oldest member of each branch of service served as grand marshal. It was a cold, windy, drizzly day and we rode in 1942 jeeps. Not a perfect parade day, but it was fun.

Also in November Virginia and Pietje were asked to participate in a memorial service for a woman Marine we did not know (Agnes Mulholland).

And, on 15 November, Virginia, Pietje, Harriet Frank and June Sanders were in Oklahoma City for the annual Women's Recognition Day when the Woman Veteran of the Year is chosen. It's also a good time to see friends we don't see very often.

In December Pietje went with Navy friend Lynn Coley to the Talihina Veterans Center to take hats made by her son for the patients and 20 lap robes Lynn made for them.

December also took us to the Claremore Veterans Center to take Christmas gift bags to the eleven women veterans there. The only woman Marine there (Ruby Celeste) is the sister of Claremore's famous singer Patti Page.

The members of OK-1 extend their condolences to OK-2 and the family of Dale and Clare Trotter on the occasion of their passing. Clare was a member of OK-1 for many years before transferring to OK-2.

We look forward to 2009 and wish everyone a year of good health, safe journeys and many blessings.

Pietje Wall

WMA OK-2 Heartland

We are still getting "rave reviews" from members of the 6th Marine Division Association in the aftermath of hosting their reunion here in OKC back in September. It seems the consensus is something like "the best one ever" and "it will be hard to top". Pam Bloustine, Joan Willauer and Brenda Blair did a great job of planning and networking, and in the process, made a lot of people very happy that they attended.

The next BIG event of 2008 was a joint venture with the Oklahoma Women Veterans Organization and the VA – our 24th Annual Oklahoma Women Veterans Recognition Day Program on 1 November. Our "hoopla team" of Pam, Brenda and Joan were instrumental in putting this one together too. This annual event is getting bigger every year thanks to their continuing efforts and has, over time, proved to be an excellent recruiting tool. The event is free to women veterans and includes a very nice lunch. This year the guest speakers were MajGen K.C. McClain, USAF, Commander, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, TX and a native of Oklahoma, and Francie Wright, Assistant Director, VARO, Muskogee. One of the highlights of Recognition Day is the naming of the Oklahoma Woman Veteran of the Year. The selectee this time around was Marie Mayo, a US Army Veteran from Ponca City.

The day before Recognition Day was the Annual Halloween Party at the VA Medical Center. This year Dorothy Rimbold, Brenda Sutton and her retired Marine husband Phil were the ones who operated the WMA booth running our popular "Wheel of Fortune-Five Card Stud Poker Game" which the veterans play to win prizes donated by our chapter. The rest of the chapter kept busy getting things ready for Recognition Day.

Almost on the heels of Recognition Day came all the Marine Corps birthday events and then The 4th Annual Salute to Veterans Starlight Dance & Benefit Show on 15 November at the American Legion Post #73 in Del City, hosted by WMA and WVO. It is one of the fundraisers that help us sponsor the Recognition Day program each year.

Our December chapter meeting took place at Fire Mountain Restaurant in Oklahoma City on 28 December. We had a nice buffet luncheon and visited before settling down to business and setting up a slate of officers to be installed at the 66th anniversary meeting on 15 February. The new officers of OK-2 are: President-Dorothy Rimbold; Vice President – Brenda Sutton; Treasurer – Pam Bloustine; Secretary – Jenny Storm. Pat Goss has agreed to be our "Sunshine Person". During the business meeting we discussed various recruiting and fundraising strategies and made a

few plans. All we need to do now is convince Pam to go on TV along the other members of the "Hoopla Team".

Our chapter would like to give a special salute to Loyal Escort Clara Mark for all her help this past year and to the guys from the Marine Corps League who helped so much during the 6th Marine Reunion.

As the new year gets underway, our sincerest condolences are offered to those who lost loved ones since our last posting, especially to our own Sondra Metzger following the passing of her mother; Paula Sarlls, our Past National President, who only recently said goodbye to her husband Tony; and the family and friends of Nita Bob Warner. When our "young" chapter held an area conference in the 90s, Nita Bob attended bringing her wit, her wisdom, her knowledge, her friendship and some really great sea stories. It was a great time with a great lady and Marine, and we shall miss her.

Our chapter also lost a very treasured member and her husband, Clare and Dale Trotter. Clare was in the first class at Hunter College, and she and Dale, a Marine she trained to replace her at the end of the war, have been strong supporters of our chapter. They were married almost 63 years. We will miss them very much.



Dale and Clare Trotter

After our meeting on 15 February, one of our next programs/events will be a St. Patty's Day party/fundraiser on 14 March.

'Til next time... Semper Fidelis 'y'all!

Dorothy "Jingles" Rimbold



OR-1 Lady Marine Rose

Where do I start when there is much to say but so little space to write? With the color of the leaves changing it was right to have our Fall Harvest luncheon in October. The hard work of assembling the luncheon was started by President Heidi Tanada with help from Vice-President Sandy Robertson, Golda Fabian and Hattie Kelley. It was so successful the Oregonian newspaper picked it up and wrote an article about us. This raised a large amount of money towards our scholarship fund.

Several high schools in the Portland area held a Living History Day to honor our local veterans Golda Fabian and Hattie Kelley. McCormick and Schmick Restaurants provided a free lunch or dinner to all that have served in the Armed Forces. There are several other restaurants in the area that began to continue this tradition.

With the cold and rainy weather, it was a marvel to see the Vancouver and the Hollywood Veterans' Day Parades attended by so many groups and organizations. Heidi Tanada, Sandy Robertson, Golda Fabian and Sally Van Wie with Loyal Escort Joan Morey participated in the Vancouver parade and we added Marcia Dean and Hattie Kelley to the Hollywood parade. What a turnout! Just in time, the inclement weather cleared for the Hollywood parade to begin. With umbrellas in hand, many people turned out to watch and cheer from the sidewalks. At the end of the parade, we were honored to have Portland's Chief of Police, Rosie Sizer, request a picture with us.

The 233rd Marine Corps Birthday Ball with time honored traditions and customs was celebrated. Attending for our chapter was Hattie Kelley, Golda Fabian, and Tina Birch along with WO Kristina Tindall.

On 7 December we had our Christmas luncheon at the Rhinelander German Restaurant. The food was delicious and a white elephant gift exchange made our Christmas luncheon feel

great. Our chapter helped sponsor a Marine family in need during the holidays. Many people added to the family's basket of goodies. Our annual Toys for Tots gift drive could not be missed! Marine LCpl Shoop honored us with her presence and picked up the toys. In addition to the Christmas luncheon we also collected many needed items for our troops overseas. We sent the package to Sgt. Aurora Gandy who is the liaison officer in Iraq.

On a sad note, the last issue of *'Nouncements* was dedicated to our member Evelyn Baker who was 100 years young. She was born 9 September 1908 in Wilmot, S.D. Her family moved to Castle Rock, WA when she was a child. After the Marine Corps opened the ranks to women on 13 February 1943, Evelyn was sworn in at the recruiting office in Seattle on 3 March that same year. She was sent to Hunter College in New York, for boot camp. Upon completion, she was assigned to the USMC Procurement Division in Atlanta. Later, she applied and was granted a transfer to 2nd HQ Battalion, Headquarters, Marine Corps in Washington D.C. After the war, Evelyn was discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant. She passed away in her sleep from natural causes on 25 December 2008. She will be greatly missed not only by our chapter but many others.

Sally Van Wei



OR-3 Eager Beavers

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest.....

The waning months of 2008 treated the members of OR-3 with mild temperatures, beautiful fall foliage, and several events that were both heartwarming and fun.

Our October meeting was spent sharing with members, who could not attend the Houston convention, stories about how much fun was had by those members who did attend: Karen Reeves, Maggie Wise, Deb Barker, and Loyal Escort Stephanie Wilcox. After hearing about all the good times that were had at convention, it sounded as though OR-3 may be well represented at the 2010 Denver convention.

Shortly after our October meeting, we were shocked to learn that member Hellene Walker had passed away. Hellene was a kind, warm, and wonderful person. She is greatly missed by all her sister Marines.

Again this year, our chapter took part in the Veterans' Day parade. We had the distinct pleasure of being transported in a carriage pulled by beautiful, and big, Belgian work horses. The day was cool and crisp and chapter members were gratified with the warm response afforded them by the folks along the parade route. Several of our chapter members attended the Marine Corps Ball this year. It's always inspiring to share the evening with other Marines.



The year ended with Deb Barker and her hubby Mike hosting our annual chapter Christmas gathering at their log home in the woods. We shared a delicious potluck meal and hoped that 2009 will be another good year for our chapter. Shown in photo are, sitting (l-r): Eva Read, Eva McDonald, Sandy Morris, Karen Reeves, and Marge Shelton. Standing (l-r) are: Jeanette Borge, Deb Newman, Lois Price, and Deb Barker.

The early months of 2009 will see our chapter sharing in the celebration of the 66th Anniversary of the Women's Reserve and hosting our annual spring luncheon in late March. We'll share our times at those events in the next issue.

OR-3 members wish everyone a "Happy Spring" and until later, I remain, Semper Fidelis!

Karen L. Reeves



PA-3 Mountain Laurel

On Veterans' Day we met for lunch, and then continued on to visit Joyce Severs at the personal care center where she is living.



We wore our blazers and covers and surprised her. We did not know it in advance, but the center was planning a Veterans' Day program for all the residents at about the same time we arrived, so of course we all joined the ceremonies as a small group. There was a sing-a-long of patriotic and military music,

along with reminiscences of several of the veterans present. Shown in the photo are (l-r) Joyce, Shirley McAndres, Ginny Swartz, and Anee Kish. Doris Keeler took the picture.

At Christmas time, we packed and distributed gift bags to all the women residents at the Gino Merli Veterans Center in Scranton. We included personal items like hand lotion, soap, tissues, and shampoo.

We were deeply saddened by the loss of the mother of Sondra Metzger. Sondra is a Pennsylvania native and a secondary member of our chapter, as well as the daughter of a Marine, so it seemed like a deep family loss to all of us.

Our president, Shirley, has taken flight southward as a snowbird, and at this point we can't help envying her!

Virginia Swartz

(Thank you, ladies. ~ Sondra)



SC-1 Phyllis M. Alexander

What a great convention!! We have five ladies that had a great time. Texas, you did a great job!

We have kept busy this year with members taking part in numerous activities, from Memorial Day to Veterans' Day parades. The chapter is in the planning stages of our 4th annual Molly 5K race and anniversary dinner to be held on 14 February.

This December members of the Phyllis Alexander Chapter took part in decorating a Christmas tree in honor of women Marines. With a white dress blue cover as our tree topper we added red ribbon, lights and lots of cut out pictures from old platoon book inserts. Pictures covered the time frames of the 1970's to current training. It was a great time and we won the OOHRAH Tree Award. The tree was donated to the Fourth Recruit Training Battalion for the Christmas holidays.



We are proud to announce that we have a new chapter website and hope everyone gets online and checks it out. Be sure to check out our link to Phyllis. Just go to www.wmabeaufort.com.

Semper Fidelis!

Brenda Moore

SC-1's Christmas tree.



TN-1 Rocky Top

Although the Rocky Top Chapter never seems to get any news into the newsletter (our fault), that doesn't mean we haven't been busy!

Knoxville held their 83rd Veterans' Day Parade and for the FIRST time in those 83 years, it was dedicated to women veterans. We scrambled and put together a float and a color guard and invited women veterans from all areas of the state to join us. A large busload from Nashville arrived along with approximately 150 other women veterans from the city. The Rocky Top Chapter had new sweatshirts made by one of our own members (Lindsay) to wear and Angie proudly wore her dress blues. The gold shirts say "Proud member of the OORAH sisterhood" in blue and scar-



let. Those members who "marched" the route are Theresa Walls, Barbara Chagnon, Lindsay Long, Angie Heidbrink, Laura Ward and Doris Keane. Our brightly decorated float with flags and red, white & blue streamers

and a banner proclaiming Women Marines Association, Rocky Top Chapter followed close behind and included members Betty Rye, Thelma Burns and Eileen Neiler, along with a few other women veterans who needed a ride.

We welcome all women Marines who reside in the Knoxville and surrounding areas to please consider joining our chapter. Although you don't read much about us in these pages, we assure you we are an active chapter, busy trying to make WMA a household word in East Tennessee.

Doris Keane



WI-1 Wisconsin Women Marines

The fall season began with a meeting of WI-1 in Fond du Lac on 4 October, Hazel Strook again hosting. A nice turnout was enjoyed by members who don't often get together. LtCol Julie Schaffer, chapter president, conducted the meeting after another delicious buffet. Hazel, the only member who made it to the Houston convention gave a report on the convention and near-miss of a hurricane - a glowing report.

She was also the recipient of the Devil Dog award, well deserved for her faithful hosting of many luncheon meetings, providing door prizes and for her continued contributions to the women Marines. Ooh Rah, Hazel!

The President's Own Marine Corps Band visited Middleton, a Madison suburb, and gave a rousing concert in the Middleton High School auditorium to a more-than-enthusiastic audience. Dee Fix, Annette Howards and Connie Allord were there to enjoy the nostalgic music, bringing back memories of their service years.

The annual luncheon meeting of the All Women Veterans was held in Madison and hosted by the United Women Veterans. A great speaker and former Marine was a nun who always delights her audiences. While serving at various veterans' facilities she became fondly known as "Sister Sarge" and the name stuck. She is always welcomed and veterans of all services look forward to her presence as a guest speaker.

Veterans Day at the Wisconsin State Capitol is a highlighter for veterans of all services, eras and genders. It is hosted by the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and the Madison Veterans Council. Marge Marshman acted as chaplain. Lt Col

Julie Schaffer carried the WMA banner and posted it during the opening ceremonies. Then Julie and Connie were escorted by Marines as they placed roses during the Rose Ceremony.

Also in November, Dee Fix was invited by the "50 Club" of St. Bernard's Catholic parish to present a breakfast meeting talk on her days in the Marine Corps. Connie was there and can assure that the attendees went away with a much better eye-opening knowledge of what women Marines did during WWII. Dee is a Middleton area native and well known, especially as a post-war champion bowler and inductee into the Wisconsin Women's Bowling Hall of Fame.

December is always Toys for Tots and this year the number of families escalated to 3,200 with an estimated number of 9,000 children receiving toys. Marine Golf Company, which spearheads the huge task, was back from their deployment and did a superb job, as Marines always do, of collecting, sorting and distributing the toys. The Salvation Army is a perfect partner, screening the applicants and scheduling the distribution times. Connie was the only WMA member this year available to help and reports a most successful and Merry Christmas for many needy children. Now it's on to a new year and new challenges.

Connie Allord

Chapter Tool Kit

Hurray for Chapter Officers!!

As we celebrate the Anniversary of Women's Reserves, it is a time many chapters choose to hold their elections. Perhaps, your chapter forms a committee and holds elections at the next meeting, or perhaps, the vote has been held and the installation is done. As we celebrate our anniversary, let's be sure to thank our chapter officers for the work they do. Serving as an officer is a sacrifice of time, resources and often money.

Serving as a chapter officer requires service and dedication. It means giving of your time to prepare for meetings, contacting members, representing the chapter at other veteran's programs and community events. It means keeping records, where members live, who has paid their chap-

ter/national dues, or how much money is in the bank. It means storing the chapter files since it was chartered. It can mean documenting the chapter activities with photos, programs, and printed material. It can be challenging to identify chapter fund raisers and make them profitable. It can require some cheerleading to motivate members to participate. It can mean speaking up in the community for women veterans and the Marine Corps.

To all of you, who serve WMA as Chapter Officers, please accept a well deserved, "Ohh Rah." You are the cornerstone of WMA. You are the foundation of our organization. Thank you for your commitment and thank you for your service.

Judy Anderson



J. Pamela photo.

Correction:

The photo on page 19 of the last issue of 'Nouncements of Marine Corps University-sponsored active duty attendees at convention should have read "Marine Corps University Foundation-sponsored active duty attendees". The Foundation provides resources to Marines and Marine schools that enhance and enrich professional military education and leadership.

To find out more about the Foundation, please go to www.mcuf.org.

Taps

LIFE MEMBERS:

DANIELS, Rita M., Died 19 October 2008, #2894, FL
 KEANE, Margie L., Died 6 August 2007, #811, Ohio
 MARIKOS, Rose M., Died 28 September 2008, #349, OR
 MCKENNA, Nona D., Died 20 October 2008, #1022, MI
 SABOURIN, Mary A., Died 18 October 2008, #1086, NC
 STAPLETON, Glenna L., Died 21 August 2008, #964, CA
 VAUGHN, M. Virginia, Died 24 July 2008, #2634, CA
 WALSH, Rita Mary, Died 01 August 08, #313, FL
 WARNER, Nita Bob, Died 04 December 08, #8, FL
 WYLIE, Eleanor C., Died 24 October 08, #1938, WV
 THIBODEAUX, Gretchen, Died 21 December 2008, #2400, AZ
 KLEBERGER, Doris, Died 14 December 2008, #1656, CA

TERM MEMBERS:

BRICKELL, Ruth A., Died 04 July 2008, WA
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 JOHNSON, Carol S., Died 4 March 2008, CA
 MATTLI, Louise, Died 05 October 2008, MO
 WALKER, Hellene I., Died 28 October 2008, OR
 WEISKOPF, Evelyn L., Died 02 October 2008, CA
 BAKER, Evelyn, Died 25 December 2008, OR

Chaplain's Corner

A PROMISE AND A SONG

*Whenever we get on our feet,
 Life knocks us down once more.
 At times we'd rather stay in bed,
 Afraid of what's in store.*

*Yet we struggle through our tears,
 Stand up each day and fight,
 And ask the Lord for patience
 When we go to sleep at night.*

*We know life would be easier
 If God divulged our plan;
 Then we'd expend our energies
 In doing the best we can.*

*And so we pray for courage
 to keep us brave and strong,
 To let us start each morning
 with a promise and a song.*

- Angie Monnens

I hope this passage will help everyone that has lost loved ones in '08 and early '09. I believe if we place our lives in God's hands we will be able to conquer anything life may give us. To Paula and Sondra, all our prayers and hopes that it won't be too long before you can find God's blessings in this hour of great sorrow.

BettyJean Cannon

Leading the Band

Staff Sgt. Alexandra Perkins leads the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps from Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., during the "Starlight Parade" at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas, Oct. 7. Perkins is the first female to lead the Drum and Bugle Corps from a Drum Major position. Photo by Sgt. John J. Parry.



A Chapter Luncheon... In Iraq!

Here are some photos from a chapter luncheon in Iraq that Cpl C.J. Sosinsky sent to us.



GySgt Perez doing a question and answer .



Marines line up at the Lioness Chapter luncheon.



Capt Noyes (center) & others.



Cpl Sosinsky talking with Capt Noyes.

More Convention Leftovers!

Those stylin' ladies of LA-1 have a few items left over from the convention.

(Left): Molly Marine Pin, 1 inch high, \$3.00 each plus shipping.

Collection of boxes and trays with state and WMA logo, \$20.00 each plus shipping & packing.

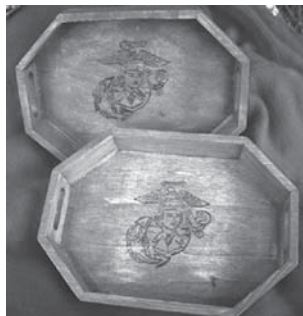
Small trinket box with WMA logo, \$15.00 each plus shipping & packing.

Small decorative tray or wall hanging, \$15.00 each plus shipping & packing (sm_trays.jpg)

Pen Holder, \$15.00 each plus shipping & packing.

If anyone is interested in purchasing any

of these items please have them notify April Bell, Treasurer, Molly Marine Chapter LA-1 at april.bell@usmc.mil, (504) 579-3023 (cell) or mail payment to 628 Markham Drive, Slidell, LA 70458. Make checks payable to "Molly Marine Chapter of WMA".



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These beautiful 48"x70" throws are 2.5 layers of machine washable cotton weave in impressive colors of natural, gold, and shamrock green (see photo). Vendor requires a minimum of 10 for each order. Please send your order information (name, address, phone number/email address) to: America Dones, Nat'l Mdse Chairperson, 6506 Carrington Sky Drive, Apollo Beach, Florida 33572, or call 1-813-810-3437, or email: America.dones@gmail.com

Total Cost: \$42.00 (includes shipping via USPS Priority mail)



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WMA Patch, small \$4.00
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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
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WMA Cap (3 months delivery). . . \$32.50

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

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20 1/2 - 20 7/8 XSm
21 1/4 - 21 5/8 Sm
22 - 22 3/8 M
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- 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



Make All Checks Payable to WMA Contact: America Zarate Dones,
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Phone: (813) 810-3437 • email: America.Dones@gmail.com

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Women Marines Association **MERCHANDISE SALES**

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: Joan Cordero, 203 Londonberry Lane, Jacksonville, NC 28540 (910) 546-9903 lalatina1@hotmail.com



Item: A limited edition booklet of line drawings portraying Women Marines, signed and numbered by the artist, Marion A. Alien, a Regimental Artist during WWII. The original art is now a part of the U.S. Marine Corps Art Collection at the Museums Branch, Washington, D.C. Printed in Forest Green ink.

Size: 12-Page Booklet (10" x 7 1/4")

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

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



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

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

Contact: Joan Cordero, 203 Londonberry Lane, Jacksonville, NC 28540 (910) 546-9903 lalatina1@hotmail.com



Item: "The American Flag" Booklet

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

Chapter: Palms to Pines

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

Item: "Parris Island: A Woman's Memoir of Marine Corps Boot Camp" Signed copy by author Lisa Cordeiro

Cost: \$16.95 (\$3.95 shipping)

Chapter: MA-1

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



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

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

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



Cards/Stationery

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

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

Contact: Sylvia Morgan, 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: Shannon Cross, 516 Pusan Dr., Oceanside, CA 92058

Decals

Item: WMA Decal (Inside auto windshield)

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

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

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

Item: Seals

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

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

Shirts and Sweats

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

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

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

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

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

Make checks payable to: WMA, VA-1

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

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

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

Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller

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

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

Cost: All prices include shipping and handling per item.

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

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

M - XL - \$28 ea

Long sleeved golf shirts: M - XL - \$32 ea.

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

Checks: Old Dominion Chapter, WMA VA-2

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

E-mail: mickeyjennings@hotmail.com

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

Cost: \$34.00 Includes postage and handling.

Checks: EMVSC, CA-&, WMA

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

Jewelry

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

Cost: \$20.00 (includes shipping)

Chapter: Make checks payable to TX-3, WMA

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

Item: WMA Logo Earrings (matches gold bolo)

Cost: \$10.00/pair (includes shipping)

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

Please designate one:

☐ Wire/Dangle ☐ Clip-on

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



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Item: WMA Ring. Jeweler - Jostens

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

Questa (*non precious gold*) \$218.00

10 Karat Yellow Gold \$325.00

14 Karat Gold \$395.00 (*Cost includes three initials inside ring & shipping*)

Note: Include ring size and phone number when ordering

Chapter: FL-7 First Coast

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



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

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

Cost: \$19.75 each (including shipping)

Chapter: FL-7 First Coast

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



Item: Charm "Semper Fi"

Cost: \$15.00

Chapter: Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)

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



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

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

Chapter: CA-3

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

Miscellaneous Items

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

Cost: \$5.00 each

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

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



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

Cost: \$5.00 each (includes shipping)

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Item: WMA logo Rubber Stamps

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

Contact: Shannon Cross, 516 Puson Dr., Oceanside, CA 92058

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: Joan Cordero, 203 Londonberry Lane, Jacksonville, NC 28540 (910) 546-9903 lalatalina@hotmail.com

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

Checks: Payable to Bay State Chapter, WMA

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

Item: Molly Marine picture, 8 x 10

Cost: \$12 each (*includes shipping*) **Chapter:** AR-1

Contact: Vickie Davis, Treasurer, AR-1, 415 Maryland St. Benton, AR 72015



Item: 2007 WMA Historical Calendar:

"Strike Up the Band"

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

Chapter: TX-2, WMA

Contact: Judy Anderson, 726 Beachcomber, Houston, TX 77062 • email, 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: Shannon Cross, 516 Puson Dr., Oceanside, CA 92058



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

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

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



Item: 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 Fax: 610-489-4383

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller

Contact: Ellen Liedy, 1107 Columbus Ave., Barberton, OH 44203 (303) 825-8935 email: leidyrn@aol.com



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