

# WMA'NOUNCEMENTS

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### MISSION: HOUSTON

Ah, the good old days when gas was cheap (well, below \$3) and the Houston convention was just a glint in the eyes of the convention committee.

When we headed for what we thought was going to be a quiet luncheon in Louisville, we were greeted with Texas music, fun and games with prizes and even our very own astronaut.



Based on that luncheon, we are on the verge of what may be the wildest convention we've ever attended.

If you haven't decided whether to go or not, please decide soon. Costs are going up on a daily basis. Airlines are cutting back in some areas that may cause delays along your route, so please travel as prepared as you can for that possibility.

Houston itself offers a lot to do and see. But so does our convention. There's a stadium-sized room for the WMA-PX (Space Trading Center), a trip to NASA, workshops with outstanding individuals such as John Roberts with the Wounded Warrior program, and a panel discussion led by Vernice Armour. There's the homecoming, the anniversary party, Texas Road House Live!

And that's in addition to the usual stuff, such as the camaraderie, the awards, the active duty Marines,



the Hospitality Room (can Lou still carry a tune?), and the Past National Presidents (will Nita Bob be there? Will Helen Hannah Campbell add another year to her shirt?).



Then there's the guest speakers...BGen Angela Salinas opens the show on Friday night. BGen Salinas went from a private at Parris Island in 1974 to Commanding General, MCRD. She has more "firsts" in our history than anyone I know: the first woman in the Marine Corps to command a recruiting station; the first woman assigned as a combat service support ground monitor responsible for the assignments of over 1,000 senior officers; the first female assigned as a plans and policy officer for a major combatant command; the first woman to serve as a recruiting district commanding officer; and now the first woman to command the Marine Corps Recruit Depot/Western Recruiting Region in San Diego. Remember... a PRIVATE in 1974.

Then we have MajGen Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin. The last time she attended our convention, she was merely a brigadier. With her second star came a tour as Commanding General, Camp S.D. Butler, Okinawa, Japan. MajGen Krusa-Dossin was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in August 1975 through Officer Candidate School, and followed that with graduation from the Basic School at Quantico and Military Police Officers Basic Course at Fort McClellan, followed by more duty stations than we have



room to list. She will be accompanied by her husband Paul, who served as president of the Loyal Escorts until their transfer to Okinawa. We are all looking forward to seeing them both.

Last we have THE general of all Marines, Gen James T. Conway, Commandant of the Marine Corps. "Last" only because he will be speaking at the Closing Banquet.



Gen Conway is a native of Arkansas who was commissioned in 1970 as an infantry officer. He has served many tours in his 38-year-career, which included two tours in Iraq as the commander of I Marine Expeditionary Force (IMEF).

The general has made quite a few changes in our Corps since taking the reigns as CMC. It will be exciting to hear him speak.

The only thing missing here is an (active duty) three-star...LtGen (Frances) Wilson, care to join us?

Check out the convention schedule to see what else is in store. Make plans to attend today. If you can't be there for the whole convention, come for a few days. Don't miss it! Our 25th convention! Our silver anniversary! And believe me, those Texans know how to celebrate, but they need YOU to make it more fun!

So hey, pardner! Ya'll come down to Texas! Yee-hawww!!!

*Sondra Metzger*

### 2008 Convention Deadline Reminder:

- 01 August** for tours, golf, fishing, etc. and paper registration
- 15 August** for online registration
- A reminder about Galleria Parking: Self-Parking in the Galleria Parking Garage is **FREE**, Valet Parking is **NOT**!

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# A Word from the President

Women of the Corps,

As I write this message it hit me that this is the last time I'll be addressing you in 'Nouncements as the President.

It has been a true labor of love the last three years. Learning all that you do and all that WMA does is quite overwhelming at times. You are a magnificent group of women and I'm very proud to have served you. Together we've made

a number of big changes and I thank you for your support in accomplishing what we have. Unlike many veterans organizations our numbers have grown from 3146 in Sept. '05 to 3411 in May '08. We have had many deaths and this year our numbers dropped so we must do more outreach and I'm asking each of you to help with that.

As you read this issue you will see the many changes that we will be voting on at convention. If you will be at the convention to vote and need further clarification on these issues, I invite you to contact your area director or myself to get more information. We'll be happy to talk to you. **It is very important for all that can to attend the business meetings at convention and for those who do attend to know what they're voting on ahead of time.** Plus, USA-3 has a very special gift for everyone who attends the business meeting! It's a surprise and I know you'll like it!

I'd like to congratulate the new officers elected in May. You'll see their listing later in this newsletter. I believe you'll be very happy with the new slate of officers and I look forward to working with them as the

Immediate Past President.

In 2002 when I attended my first convention the theme was "Passing the Sword".

It's been a difficult process for many to grasp and even more difficult to execute. Yet, we have made great strides in getting the next generation of Marines to take the reins and run this great organization on every level. It is up to the incoming members to realize

the great things we do and keep this "Big Rig" rollin' along!

We have had a high turnover rate the last three years. Folks had to resign for health, scheduling, or parent's health issues. All who served did their best and I'd like to thank them from the bottom of my heart. There were many who stepped up to the plate to take over positions they were unfamiliar with and have done a great job. We move forward because of the "OOH RAH!" commitment and dedication of all. The thread that has held our board of directors together and kept me sane is Carol Mutter. Special thanks to her and to each of the board members.

Each time I've asked for support on an issue or funds our members have stepped up in a big way. I want each of you to know that WMA is here because of you and for you and anything I can ever do to help you, don't hesitate to ask. I'll do whatever I can. Later on in this issue you'll see the article on the new Molly Rally point at the Museum of the Marine Corps. This is a great opportunity for WMA to be noticed and

show what women Marines can do. Generations of women going through Quantico as well as other visitors will stop and see this. It's one of the best PR moves we could ever make. I urge you to do your best to support this effort.

On a personal note, I have dedicated most of my free time to WMA for the last eight years and for the last four years to the History Project, too. As President of CO-1, I'd like to thank you for your continued support of our efforts to preserve the history of Women of the Corps and to support WMA in their purpose of doing the same. Nancy Wilt will tell you more about the progress later in this issue. Together, our chapter will continue to do our best to keep this effort going and appreciate the support we've received from WMA chapters across the country. It takes \$10K minimum annually to keep this project stored and catalogued so your support is crucial to its success. To that end, please use **www.WomenMarinesTravel.com** and keep the donations coming.

Finally, anytime you're in the Denver area, please give me a call and let's get together. As I travel the country in coming years, I hope to stop and see chapters along the way. Until then, God Bless you and Semper Fidelis!

*Paula Sarlls*



## View from the 1st VP

As I leave the office of 1st Vice President I can look back over the past two years and feel very satisfied knowing that we have accomplished so much in supporting the goals of WMA especially in our recruiting efforts. I would like to thank all the Area Directors and Chapter Presidents along with all WMA members who helped to increase the awareness of WMA in our communities as well as recruiting so many new members to our ranks. Not only did we have many new members but we experienced an increase in "reinstated" as well as new life members. This is a positive indication that the "word" is getting out about WMA and members are not only returning but extending their membership status.

As we head into the summer this will be the last issue of 'Nouncements you will re-

ceive before our 25th Biennial Convention and Professional Development Conference 28 August - 3 September in Houston. I hope that you all have made your arrangements to attend since I know the Convention Coordinating Committee has a wonderful program planned for us.

Since this issue of 'Nouncements is focused on convention related items I will not include my "Chapter Took Kit" column; however, let me leave you with one last reminder about the Flag Ceremony at the Opening Banquet. Since at convention we always display the U.S. national flag with an "eagle" topper ornament, WMA chapter flags should use either the "spearhead" or "ball" topper ornament. So don't forget when preparing to bring your chapter flag that you need to have the "spearhead" or

"ball" vice the "eagle" topper ornament.

I look forward to my continued service to WMA and I hope that you will all keep up the great work

in supporting our organization and will give your full allegiance to the new Board of Directors that have volunteered to serve you, the membership. Semper Fidelis!

*Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower*



# WMA Election Results

President - **Rhonda Lebrescu-Amtower** -- 1274 Votes  
1st Vice President - **Judy Anderson** -- 1331 Votes  
2nd Vice President - **Karen Reeves** -- 1332 Votes  
3rd Vice President - **Betty Cook** -- 1325 Votes

## Area 1 Director

**Ernestine Stowell** -- 127 Votes

## Area 2 Director

**Kathy Van Gorder** -- 178 Votes

## Area 3 Director

**Sheryl Young** -- 222 Votes

## Area 4 Director

**Ellen Leidy** -- 74 Votes

## Area 4 Director

**Natalie V. McPherson** -- 71 Votes

## Area 5 Director

**Deniese Elosh** -- 111 Votes

Secretary - **Mary Ellen Stone** -- 1339 Votes

Treasurer - **Lisa Huerta** -- 1346 Votes

Membership Secretary - **Debbie Barker** -- 1319 Votes

## Area 6 Director

**Janie Hamilton** -- 77 Votes

## Area 7 Director

**Sara Hefty** -- 44 Votes

## Area 8 Director

**Cheryl Gardner** -- 74 Votes

## Area 9 Director

**Heidi Tanada** -- 98 Votes

## Area 10 Director

**Lillian Cross** -- 245 Votes

## Convention Site 2012

Philadelphia -- 1250 Votes

Total ballots received: 1375  
Ballots returned due to bad address: 35  
Ballots returned due to death: 6  
Address corrections: 64  
Insufficient postage to Canada: 1  
Ballots received after June 1 Deadline: 9

## Love Shopping?

What are you interested in doing? What really turns you on? (Maybe we shouldn't go there!) It's people who do what they enjoy doing who get a lot done! We have examples within WMA:

- Nancy Wilt has a passion for our history and has breathed new life into the history committee while ensuring that our history is not lost.
- Nancy has others who enjoy shopping on eBay and buying up those items of our history that would otherwise be lost to us (like a framed copy of an ad for Elizabeth Arden Montezuma Red lipstick!)
- Sondra Metzger spends untold hours to put together a rather long and professional looking newsletter four times a year.
- Wendy Hopkins' vocation is financial advisor and she wanted to give back. We're very lucky she chose WMA as her target. She's done wonders in helping us with our finances.
- Mary Ann Merritt loves trolling internet sites and finding information on female Marines.
- Several of our members love to take

pictures – you've seen their handiwork in 'Nouncements convention and other photos.

- And there are many more examples!

Some of you are good at, or always wanted to try your hand at writing. Is working with people what makes you hum at the end of the day? Or would you rather work with numbers? Or travel? Or merchandising? Or web design and maintenance? How about setting up a blog? We can find people in WMA to do the tasks we need done to keep us a viable organization – remember RIG (relevant, improving and growing)! But it would be so much better if you would find US and let us know what you'd enjoy doing. And the more who volunteer, the lighter the load on each. Didn't see your passion in this list? Let us know anyway!

You've probably noticed that we had only one person run for each office for this next term (with the exception of the Area 4 Director, where we had two). And only one nomination for the 2012 convention site. It would undoubtedly be better for us as an organization if we had more competition in the process. And we're now trying to fill up the committees and appointments

with people who WANT to contribute. KNOWING the job doesn't matter nearly as much as having the desire; you can learn what you need to know and do a good job if you're just motivated. Many of those now elected would love to know of someone who is interested in helping them out – especially as a back-up when they're on vacation. Please let the one you'd like to help, or the 1st or 2nd VP (contact info on page 2) know of your interests.

Yes, we're all busy, to include your hard-working Board members. But if these busy people didn't make the time to do what they enjoy and what WMA needs, the organization would flounder and die. We have too much going for us to allow that to happen. We award thousands of dollars in scholarships every year; we help those with emergency needs; we help VA hospitals and veteran's groups; and much, much more! We can make a little time to do the things we love and that are worthwhile. So why not give it a try and contact the 1st or 2nd VP?

**Carol A. Mutter**  
*Past National President*



Our new throw!



(Detail)

## New National Merchandise!

We have a new product to show you that we're all pretty excited about. It's a throw with the WMA logo.

The throw is white with a green border, green logo and gold thrown in here and there. The fringe along the top and bottom edges is a combination of all three colors. The fringe along the sides is black and white. It's 100% cotton, machine washable, cool dry. I believe it measures 48" X 70".

Hopefully the close up photo shows the weave of this throw.

For now, these throws will be available at the convention for \$35.00. Sounds like a lot, but this is no average throw...the quality is incredible.

Watch for more information in the newsletter on how to order from WMA in the future!

**Sondra Metzger**

# Flag Ceremony

All chapters are invited and encouraged to carry and present their chapter flag at the convention Opening Banquet in Houston. However, all chapters will be recognized regardless of whether or not they possess their own chapter flag. Please check carefully that your pole, ornament, flag and streamers are all together. **NO INDIVIDUAL STAND IS NECESSARY.** All flags will remain posted until the end of the Closing Banquet.

Rehearsal has been scheduled from 1500 to 1700 on Friday, 29 August 2008, in the banquet room. Rehearsal dress will be casual. Banquet dress will be appropriate evening attire and WMA cap (optional) or, for active duty, Alpha's/DB"A"/Evening Dress.

Shipping of the flags should be scheduled to arrive no earlier than 25 August, and no later than 28 August, to ensure arrival in time for the rehearsal and opening banquet.

When shipping your flag, please mark container appropriately so that we can find them quickly after they arrive. Address them to yourself at the hotel...see next column for shipping instructions.

Each chapter should notify Karen Beatty at wma-roundup@yahoo.com of the name of the person representing the chapter during the ceremony at the Opening Banquet. Please place "Flag Ceremony" in the subject line of the e-mail.

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

**invite you to**

**"LAISSEZ LES  
BON TEMPS ROULEZ"**



**(Let the Good Times Roll)**

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

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

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

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

# Shipping Your Packages to Texas

There will be a handling and storage charge assessed to all packages received by and/or shipped out of the hotel. The amount may be applied to a guestroom folio or credit card.

The drayage charges are as follows: \$1.50 per envelope, \$2.50 per box and \$5.00 per case (plus the cost of any shipping materials needed, i.e. bubble wrap, tape and/or mailing labels). Please note that charges are not round trip, and will be applicable for receiving or shipping, or both.

All incoming packages should be addressed as follows:

**Your Name - (chapter - for example, TX-2)  
Women Marines Association Convention  
c/o Westin Galleria Hotel  
5060 West Alabama  
Houston, TX 77056**

Groups sending more than one box/case should mark them so each box displays the total number of packages and which number that package occupies - for example 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3, etc. Place the name and date of your convention prominently on each package:

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Following is an example of how the packages should be addressed.

### Return address

**Your Name (chapter ID)  
c/o Westin Galleria Hotel  
5060 West Alabama  
Houston, TX 77056**

**BOX 1 of 20**

**Women Marines Convention  
28 Aug - 03 Sept 2008**

There will be no charge for flags, so please mark those packages accordingly.

Please make sure all boxes are securely packed and taped. It would be a good idea to make sure you have enough bubble wrap, tape and shipping labels prior to your departure from Houston, to ensure your packing needs, and prevent a cost if the hotel has to ship for you.

Feel free to call if you have questions

**BJ Huggins**  
**713-473-2169**

## Another Reminder About Galleria Parking:

Self-parking in the Galleria parking garage is FREE...

VALET parking is **NOT!**

## TX-2 Observes Memorial Day

Members of TX-2 participated in the Memorial Day program at Houston National Cemetery. 1stSgt LaShan Bland presented the chapter wreath during the parade of wreaths and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson joined other speakers on the program paying tribute to those who serve our country. Over 1100 people visited the cemetery during the day.





# Loyal Escort Scuttlebutt

Fellow Escorts,

We had a nice front page article in the winter issue of WMA 'Nouncements concerning the passing of our Loyal Escort Director, Tony McPherson. Now we are experiencing a different kind of loss. Our long time Secretary/Treasurer, Jeanne Cantrell, is unable to continue in her position because of health issues. We will be electing officers for the coming term at our general meetings in Houston. All offices are open so if you would like to run for an office,



that Don Cannon will be heading the Hospitality Room with Lyn Sparks and

please let it be known.

This will be the last time I will encourage you to send in your registration money for the convention. Please send it to Jeanne Cantrell. Her address is located on page 2 in this issue of WMA 'Nouncements and on the registration form itself. Don't forget to send in your meal reservations also to the address on the form.

I am pleased to tell you

her husband. We would like to start a tradition for the Hospitality Room. Please bring a framed photo of your passed Loyal Escort, loved one or friend to be placed on a table reserved for it. We will call it our Remembrance Table and people can make a toast and share good memories about them. Please place their name and your name on the reverse side of the photo.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the convention. It should be a fun time meeting new people and greeting old friends. See you there!

**Ken Cross**

## Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Registration Form

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

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

USE THE WMA CONVENTION FORM FOR  
MEAL REGISTRATION ONLY.

Please Print:

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

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

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

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

Pre-registration for Convention \$40.00

**Meals Registration:** Use WMA meals form (see Page 16)

### **Additional Information:**

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

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

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

Mail this registration form with remittance to:

**Jeanne Cantrell, Sec. Treas., 11 Brown Street, Irving, TX 75061,**  
email address: jeannestoy1@yahoo.com

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

Mark Check: **"Registration"**

## **Airport to Hotel Transportation Discount Offered**

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

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

- To receive the group discount, you can make your reservation **ONLINE** at least 24 hours in advance at [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com) and enter the group's discount code
- Discount Code: **H5JWK**
- To receive the group discount when

making reservations by phone at 1-800-BLUEVAN (1-800-258-3826) or at an airport SuperShuttle ticket counter please reference the group's name:

- Group Name: Women Marines Association
- This code is valid for travel dates ranging from August 22, 2008 through September 7, 2008
- Through use of the discount code you will receive \$2 off one way fares and \$4 off round trip fares
- With use of the above discount SuperShuttle rates from the airports to the Westin Galleria will be:  
**Bush Intercontinental (IAH):** \$22 one way and \$44 round trip.

**Hobby (HOU):** \$16 one way and \$32 round trip.

*How to get to SuperShuttle when you land:*

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

# Membership Update

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Adair, Ann G., LM# 2845, Stella, NC, died 12/24/07  
Adukaitis, Anne F., LM# 1783, Glenview, IL, died 3/30/08  
Boulanger, Felicia A., LM# 1149, Landisville, PA, died 7/18/07  
Butrica, DorothyAnn M., LM# 1786, Fishkill, NY, died 5/25/04  
Caudle, Mary P., LM# 950, Amherst, NY, died 8/18/07  
O'Connor, Natalie W., LM# 2336, Shelton, WA, died 3/29/08  
Payne, Marie L., LM# 1644, Sacramento, CA, died 4/5/08  
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Rapaport, Irene R., LM# 2008, Sharon, MA, died 1/24/07  
Rexon, Elizabeth H., LM# 1858, Santa Barbara, CA, died 5/11/08  
Schaefer, Mary A., LM# 1496, Spencerport, NY, date of death unknown  
Suddarth, Margaret, LM# 1640, Bealton, VA, died April 2008  
Sullivan, Catherine B., LM# 230, Las Vegas, NV, died 4/30/08  
Wimmer, Elizabeth J., LM# 2763, Fullerton, CA, died 2/18/08

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Maccabe, Mary V., Dobbs Ferry, NY, died 11/25/07  
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## 2nd Annual Hoosier Women Veterans Conference

The 2nd Annual Hoosier Women Veterans Conference on 10 May provided a backdrop for some photos from Carol Mutter, such as the group of female Marine veterans attending the conference and BGen Wilma Vaught.



(Left:) BGen Wilma Vaught stands in front of the display of women's uniforms from WW I in the museum within the Indiana War Memorial in Indianapolis. The sign in front of the female Marine uniform says: "US Marine Corps 'Marinette', Summer Field Service Dress, Donated by Mrs. Minnie Arthur Kistler, Indiana's 'First Woman Marine'"



Seated in front are Diana Ward and Carol Mutter. Behind them (l-r) are Connie Hamm, Ashley Roberts, Sapphire Dickinson, Kay Ross, Shirley Barger, Melissa Jacobs, and Sharon Salathe.



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**01 August** - The deadline for paper registration for the C & DC  
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01 Sep	2010 Convention Luncheon	Included	_____ @ \$42.00	_____ @ \$44.00	\$ _____
02 Sep	Installation Brunch	Included	_____ @ \$26.00	_____ @ \$28.00	\$ _____
02 Sep	Closing Banquet	Included	_____ @ \$62.00	_____ @ \$64.00	\$ _____
Cost:		\$210.00	\$220.00		\$ _____

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

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

## TABLE RESERVATIONS

We will provide reserved seating at the Opening and Closing Banquets, per the following guidelines: Seating is limited to 8 persons per table, and will be assigned prior to the start of the convention. Please complete the table seating request below. *If you have questions, feel free to contact BJ Huggins at wmaroundup@yahoo.com*

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

We'd like to have group seating for the opening and closing banquets established by opening day.

Therefore, if you have a group you'd like to be seated with, we request that you provide a list of names of persons in that group. Please confirm your list with each of the members, to prevent one name showing up on more than one list.

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

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

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## REGISTRATION NOTE:

**Please don't call the 800 number for Westin to reserve your room.**

Call (713) 960-8100 during business hours (0700-1700 Central), or use the web address listed on the same form: [http:// starwoodmeeting.com/Book/wma25](http://starwoodmeeting.com/Book/wma25)

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

## HOTEL INFORMATION

Westin Galleria Hotel  
5060 West Alabama • Houston, Texas 77056

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

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

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

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

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

## Roommate Service:

Please provide information to assist in assigning roommates...

\_\_\_\_\_ I request roommate assignment

\_\_\_\_\_ early to bed

\_\_\_\_\_ late to bed

\_\_\_\_\_ late riser

\_\_\_\_\_ early riser

\_\_\_\_\_ smoker (NOTE: The hotel is a  
NON-SMOKING facility)

\_\_\_\_\_ drinker

\_\_\_\_\_ like to party

\_\_\_\_\_ do not like to party

Do you want a roommate from your service era?

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

**Comments regarding roommate service:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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# 2008 WMA Recruiting Roundup

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

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

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

**Prizes:** Grand Champion \$250  
Reserve \$100  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$50

**2. Chapter Awards:**

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

**Prizes:** Grand Champion \$250  
Reserve \$100  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$50

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Texas Roadhouse ...Live!



Are you ready to boot scoot 'n boogie? If so, then bring your best Texas duds and dancin' boots to join us at the "Texas Roadhouse Live". Yep, we're throwing a Texas-size dance on Monday night of the convention. This will be a time to relax

and enjoy one of Texas' favorite traditions...country music and dancing. For those younger members, no worries... we'll also have some of your favorite songs. With all the live music, karaoke and two-stepping – we can party till the cows come home!

YEE HAW!

## Women Marines Association Off-Site Tour Options Saturday, August 30, 2008

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## WMA-PX – Space Trading Center *(formerly the Boutique!)*

The WMA-PX for this convention will be in the biggest room WMA has ever had, so get your reservation for space in as soon as possible! Take this opportunity to sell your chapter merchandise to make some money for your treasury. Decorate your table and win a prize! And yes, this used to be called the Boutique.

### Space Trading Center Reservation Form *(aka, WMA-PX)*

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

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

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

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

Items offered: \_\_\_\_\_ Special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Things you *won't* find in the Galleria

Following is a list of some of the items a few of our chapters are selling in the Space Trading Center (WMA-PX) in Houston.

**CA-3:** USMC pins, Women Marine pins, WM patches (for jackets etc), book marks

**CA-7:** a Marine Corps throw to raffle off; car magnets--Proud to Be Marines; crocheted crosses made by one of our members; notes cards with pictures of old fashioned women Marines; WMA rubber stamps; WMA green wind breaker jackets

**DC-1:** covers (USMC) for boxes of tissues; needlepoint lighthouses; and a raffle for a Longaberger basket

**LA-1:** Pralines, Molly Marine pins, lapel pins, decals (USMC emblem), pillows, wooden trays, magnets (doubloons), coasters (made w/logo stamp), USMC scrapbook (raffle item), Molly Marine photo in frame (raffle item), Louisiana gift bags, Molly Marine Chapter beads, Molly Marine Chapter medallion magnets, hand-made decorated cowboy hats (raffle items), Mardi Gras masks.

**MI-2:** Challenge coins, window clings, scarves and taking orders for a woman Marine poker chip set.

**MN-1:** Pewter zipper pulls, heart with emblem pewter necklaces, yellow ribbon with pewter emblem pins and pewter emblem and bull dog ornaments.

**OH-2:** Shirts “I’m the Marine in This Family” (T-shirt - \$20, polo shirt - \$25, sweat shirt - \$25), cammo Aprons (price not yet determined)

**OR-3:** 16 oz stainless steel travel mugs w/WMA logo, jewelry in WMA colors, and key chains with various Marine Corps images.

Shop early! There will be raffles by some chapters and prizes for just being there. And chapters, if you haven’t done so, send in your form for space in the Space Trading Center! *(see above)*



#### (Silent Auction Items)

This year, the Space Trading Center will feature a “Silent Auction” area. These items will be offered for bid with the highest bid winning the item.

The Convention Committee is asking for your help to make this a super starring event. We have acquired some nice items valued at over \$100, but the search is on for still more items of this level. We are looking for high-value items that will generate interest in bidding by our members and guests. If you have a new or valuable item you’d like to donate, or if you know of

someone who might be able to donate an item, please contact Maria Crowley at [tdy1@aol.com](mailto:tdy1@aol.com) or 361-297-5506.

Remember, these items should be light-weight and able to be carried on an airplane. If you’re not sure if the item is appropriate for the auction, please bring or send it anyway, because we also need more door prizes. So we can use items for both areas - door prizes and auction.

*Maria Crowley*

### Donations Request for 2008 Convention & Conference

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

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

# In the blink of an IED

Winters...Charette...Valdez...Navarro... McClung...Parcell...Harris.

Honorable women doing an honorable thing: serving their country. Women who all loved being Marines, as has been said at their funeral services. And now...Casanova.

LCpl Casey Casanova was killed in a roadside IED attack in Anbar Province on 2 May. A radio operator with I MEF, she deployed to Iraq on Valentine's Day. She died along with three male Marines who were in the same vehicle. She became the first female service member from Mississippi and the 97th female to die in Iraq. She turned 22 in March.

Casey Casanova didn't plan to become a Marine. She was encouraged by her mother to get away from their small town of McComb, MS, and give herself some options in life. The only child of Paula Caruth surprised her mother when she said she was joining the Marine Corps to give meaning to her life. According to friends, the move changed her from being someone who wouldn't stand up for herself to a woman who was strong-minded, strong-willed and much more independent.

Some would not agree that young Casey didn't have meaning in her life before the Corps. She spent a lot of time volunteering to feed the hungry. In high school, she spent summers as a junior youth camp counselor and worked as a volunteer with various social organizations. At the end



of her tour in the Corps, she was going to become a nurse and raise a family with fiancé Cpl Brandon Henderson, whom she was to marry in September.

*A family friend said Casey's love for others and her ambition were extraordinary.*

But it's her smile, her selflessness and her musical abilities that she will be remembered for the most. After graduating from a Seventh - Day Adventist school in Lumberton, MS, Casey enrolled in Southwest Mississippi Community College on a full music scholarship, putting her love of music to work as a steel drummer and singer in the stage band. She had incredible musical talent, displaying that by singing the national anthem at Marine Corps functions on Camp Pendleton.

A family friend said Casey's love for others and her ambition were extraordinary..."She had a way of touching you when she talked, when she wrote ... she was just an all-around inspiration, and I thank God she was in my life for the short time we had her."

Burial with full military rites was held in Adams United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Casey joined the Corps in December 2005. She earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon...and now, the Purple Heart.

LCpl Casanova leaves behind her mother and father, her maternal and paternal grandparents, her maternal great-grandmother, an uncle and aunt, cousins and two half sisters.

Semper Fidelis, LCpl Casanova.

*Sondra Metzger*



## Chaplain's Corner

A week ago the President of the Optimist Club, of which I am also chaplain, called asking if the Club might use our house and parking lot to decorate the float for the Fourth of July Parade. Since they have done so for the past couple of years, I could have never said no. That would have been unpatriotic for a Marine!

Then I began to think, "what is the Fourth of July all about"? As a rule we went fishing when I was a child in Oklahoma. I heard on the radio the other day that some folks might not travel as far this year due to gas prices, too bad. Each of us has fond memories of what this date has meant to us.

Then all of a sudden, it has come to me, what should we be doing on the Fourth of July? When I was younger it was called Independence Day. I point out frequently that "freedom is not free". The following numbers will prove my point. Before you finish this message, I hope you see what I mean. Keep reading.

WAR	DIED (Total)	Marines
Revolutionary - 1775-83	2260	49
War of 1812-1815	1733	45
Mexican War - 1846-48	1721	11
Civil War - 1861-65	140,415	6

WAR	DIED (Total)	Marines
Spanish American - 1898	6	3
World War I - 1917-1918	53,513	431
World War II - 1941-1946	292,131	19,739
Korea - 1950 - 1953	33,681	4,261
Vietnam - 1964-1973	47,393	13,085
Persian Gulf War - 1991	149	24
Present war	?	?

Stop for a moment, take a deep breath, and think of the facts I have put before you. These women and men have given their lives for freedom. This certainly changes our prospective as we celebrate the Fourth of July, 2008.

I intend to go to a national cemetery and after a time of silence, bow my head and pray for those remembered above; the troops who have died recently; and those still offering their lives for each of us. I have been there, and SO have you. God Bless each and every one of them.

*Semper Fidelis,  
Joan Hammond, Marine*

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

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

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

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



## Women Marines Association 25th Biennial Convention and Professional Development Conference Schedule

*(Schedule Subject to Change)*

**August 28 - September 3, 2008**  
**Houston, Texas**

### Thursday 28 August 2008

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

### Friday 29 August 2008

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

### Saturday 30 August 2008

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

### Sunday 31 August 2008

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



## Conference Schedule (Continued)

### Monday 1 September 2008

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

### Tuesday 2 September 2008

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

### Wednesday 3 September 2008

2008-2010 WMA Board Meeting	0800-1200
(All 2008-2010 Board Members)	

\* The Space Trading Center is available for appointments with the presenters for more information on individual needs.

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



## Homecoming Parade

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

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

We encourage you to wear your uniform (in accordance with Marine Corps uniform regs - no parts of uniforms, please) or red, white and blue, and join us as we welcome each of you "home."



## Rentals Available for Mobility Impaired

The convention committee has made arrangements with the hotel to make available certain mobility enabling equipment on a rental basis. The following pieces of equipment may be rented at the stated prices, by contacting the hotel Concierge, Shirley Jackson at 713-960-9100 (ext 6601), or email her at shirley.jackson@westin.com.

- Manual wheel chairs can be rented for \$6.24/day
- Electric "scooters" can be rented for \$150.00/for 2 - 7 days
- Walkers with seats can be rented for \$50/week

If you have questions, or want a member of the committee to help with this registration, feel free to contact Dottie McGary at 281-449-9595 (between the hours of noon - 6 p.m.), or you may contact her via her e-mail address wm.usmc@yahoo.com.

## Sometime Singers Roundup

Calling all Sometime Singers (and those who want to be)! Its time to prepare for the WMA Show! Betsy Menin is back in the saddle again. Nancy Lubin is in a seminary program and will not be able to attend the convention. When Betsy heard the news, she said, "Houston, here I come!"



She has a HUGE rehearsal room and it needs to be filled with Sometime Singers or anyone that wants to be a Sometime Singer. Join the reunion with Betsy and make a joyful noise. Send your name and singing information to [toldmarine@comcast.net](mailto:toldmarine@comcast.net).

Come fill our days with music!

## Call for Door Prizes

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

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

Maureen Moehle

# Molly Marine Rally Point

The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation recently embarked on a new development phase to expand the National Museum of the Marine Corps. A key element of the development plan is the completion of Semper Fidelis Memorial Park, a place for remembrance and reflection within which Marines, family members and friends may honor those who have served and sacrificed in our Corps. The Park consists of a network of paved trails connected to several rally points and is located on beautifully landscaped high ground adjacent to the National Museum. When complete, it also will include a chapel and various features evoking our maritime tradition.

Marine fraternal organizations will have the opportunity to honor their comrades-in-arms through the placement of memorials and statuary at select locations

throughout the Park, the most prominent of which will be the rally points. We're very pleased to say that one of the larger rally points will be centered around a Molly Marine statue. The funds to cast the Molly statue were provided by Patrick and Phyllis Taylor of New Orleans who also helped with the Molly Marine Restoration project in 2000-2002. That effort resulted in the placement of new Molly statues at Parris Island and in front of the Gray Research Center at Quantico.

The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation is encouraging all the fraternal organizations of the Marine Corps to join in sponsoring the expansion and completion of Semper Fidelis Memorial Park. WMA could help in the effort, and would be recognized in the Park through its sponsorship of the Molly statue if we contribute

significantly to the project. The total cost to complete Semper Fidelis Memorial Park is roughly \$15M. Our recognition will be proportionate to the amount of funds we raise and contribute.

I would ask that each of you decide on how much you can contribute to this very worthwhile, long-lasting and visible project. Send your donations directly to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation on the below form. WMA will provide matching funds for our members' donations up to a maximum of \$10,000.

We also look forward to getting fliers/brochures that we could hand out at our convention in Houston in early September.

*Semper Fidelis,  
Carol Mutter*

## 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

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

### Credit Card Information

Please charge my: ☐ American Express ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please detach and send this completed form with your check payable to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation or your credit card information to: MCHF WMA Program; 3800 Fettler Park Drive; Suite 104; Dumfries, VA 22025. 86WMA**

## List of Bylaws and SOP Changes

General Rationale: We currently have six different funds defined in the WMA SOP. There are references to some of these funds in various places in the Bylaws and Standing Rules. The Board would like to change the SOP to reduce the six funds defined in terms of their purposes, to three funds defined in terms of their management. This will enable WMA to manage funds more efficiently and effectively, as well as improve investment returns within the existing conservative investment principles. The Board has been thoroughly briefed on this approach and concurs with the changes. The new approach necessitates several Bylaws and Standing Rules changes where specific funds are named. WMA's Memorial Scholarship Fund remains a separate fund. The basic principles behind the reserve funds and management of membership dues, to include the transfer of \$50 to the Memorial Scholarship Fund upon the death of a Life Member, remain the same. A briefing on the changes will also be provided at the Convention Business Meeting where the resulting necessary Bylaws and Standing Rules changes will be presented for a vote. There are also several changes that replace the word "interest" where it appears in the Bylaws and Standing Rules with the word "earnings" because WMA investments earnings include items besides interest (e.g. dividends).

### BYLAWS

Article 3 Section 1 - Purposes

Article 4 Membership Section 2 Qualifications (1)

Article 5 Section 4 Appointed Officers

Article 9 Elections

Article 10 Finance Section 1 Restrictions on Benefits

Article 10 Finance Section 2 paragraphs (1)-(4) and Section 3 paragraph (1) - Dues

Article 10 Finance Section 3 Life Membership

Article 10 Finance Section 4 Scholarships paragraphs (1) & (2)

Article 10 Finance Section 5 paragraphs (1) & (2)

Other Fundings

Article 14 Section 1 Dissolution

Article 16 Section 4 paragraph (1) Majority Vote

### STANDING RULES

Paragraph 3 Scholarships Subparagraph B Wiebke Scholarship

Paragraph 3 Scholarships Subparagraph E & F McClung Scholarship

Paragraph 16 Charitable Donations

Paragraph 17 Restricted Funds

Paragraph 18 Administration of Matching Funds

Paragraph 19 Life Membership Fee

**Detailed explanations of Bylaws and SOP changes  
are on the following pages**

# WMA Bylaws Changes

## Article Three, Section 1

### Current Wording:

#### Article Three: Purposes

Section 1. The purposes of this Association shall be:

- (1) To preserve and promote the history and traditions of women in the Marine Corps from World War I to the present;
- (2) To foster, encourage and perpetuate the spirit of comradeship of women who have served or now serve the United States Marine Corps, regular or reserve components, through social and recreational activities for the Association members;
- (3) To counsel, assist and mutually promote the welfare and wellbeing of elderly, disabled and needy women Marine veterans, as well as women serving in the Marine Corps;
- (4) To provide entertainment, care and assistance to hospitalized veterans and members of the armed forces of the United States;
- (5) To promote the civic and social welfare of the community;
- (6) To sponsor or participate in activities of a patriotic nature, particularly those that perpetuate the tradition and esprit de corps of the United States Marine Corps;
- (7) To conduct programs for charitable and educational purposes.

### Proposed Change/New Wording:

Re-number # 7 to # 2

Re-number # 2 to # 7

**Rationale:** To order the purposes more in line with 501(c)(3) regulations

## Article Four: Membership; Section 2. Qualifications (1)

### Current Wording:

Section 2. Qualifications: Membership qualifications are:

- (1) Women who serve or have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps regular or reserve components. (These are designated as Active Members);

### Proposed Change/New Wording:

Section 2. Qualifications: Membership qualifications are:

- (1) Women who serve or have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps regular or reserve components and those female Navy personnel within the Medical and Chaplain Corps who have served with Marine Corps units and who have served honorably in the United States Navy. (These are designated as Active Members);

**Rationale:** To allow naval personnel who are part of the Medical and Chaplain Corps who have served in Marine Corps units and who have served honorably in the United States Navy to become active members of the Women Marines Association. Other Marine Corps related organizations include FMF Corpsmen (e.g. Marine Corps League) and Chaplains. There is a squadron from MCAS Miramar who wants to start a chapter and they have a Corpsman (female) who wants to not only be a member of WMA but serve as a chapter officer. And several female Marine units have sent in requests to make Corpsmen honorary members of some type because they owe their lives to these folks.

## Article Five, Section 4

### Current Wording:

Section 4. Appointed Officers: Officers to be appointed by the president with the approval of the Board of Directors shall be chaplain, editor, historian, parliamentarian and public relations officer.

### Proposed Change/New Wording:

Section 4. Appointed Officers: Officers to be appointed by the president with the approval of the Board of Directors shall be chaplain, editor, historian, parliamentarian, public relations officer, and legal officer.

**Rationale:** We've had the legal officer listed as a special appointment and appointed officer for several years and need to clarify which she is.

## Article Nine, Elections

### Current Wording:

#### Article Nine: Elections

Section 1. Nominations: Beginning 1 January of an even-numbered year,

active members may submit to the Nominating / Convention Site Committee, the names of active members who have consented to serve if elected; on 15 March of that year, nominations shall close.

Section 2. Ballots: The Nominating / Convention Site Committee shall prepare a ballot, a copy of which shall be mailed by 1 May of such year to each active member of record as of 1 April of said year; envelopes returning voted ballots must be postmarked no later than 1 June of such year.

Section 3. Tallying the Vote:...

### Proposed Change/New Wording:

#### Article Nine: Elections

Section 1. Nomination Solicitation: Beginning in summer of an odd-numbered year, nominations for elected officers and for the convention site shall be solicited from the members through 'Nouncements and other means.

Section 2. Nominations: Active members may submit to the Nominating / Convention Site Committee, the names of active members who have consented to serve if elected; nominations shall close on 15 March of the even-numbered year.

Section 3. Ballots: The Nominating / Convention Site Committee shall, only if and for the office(s) / convention site which have received more than one nominee, prepare a ballot, a copy of which shall be mailed by 1 May of the even-numbered year to each active member of record as of 1 April of said year; envelopes returning voted ballots must be postmarked no later than 1 June of such year.

Section 4. Tallying the Vote: [renumbered paragraph with no further changes]

Section 5. Notification: Officers and Convention Site elected and/or declared by fiat will be published in the pre-convention issue of 'Nouncements and on the WMA web site.

**Rationale:** Adds the condition that nominations will be solicited early enough to allow members to have a say in the nominees for officers and the convention site and results will be published to all members before the convention. Also adds that ballots will be mailed out only when there is more than one contestant for an office or the convention site and that the ballot only reflect those contested votes. Rarely has WMA had more than one nominee for elected offices, or for the convention site. The cost of printing and mailing (via First Class mail to ensure the ballots get into the hands of our members) the ballots is increasing rapidly because of fuel costs (which add to paper costs) and postage increases. For the 2008-2010 ballot, only Area 4 Director had more than one nominee. Over \$2,000 could have been saved by producing and mailing ballots to only Area 4 members. This also saves money for our members who put their own postage on the return (marked) ballot.

## Article Ten, Finance, Section 1

### Current Wording:

Section 1. Restrictions on Benefits: No part of the income or property of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member.

### Proposed Change/New Wording:

Section 1. Restrictions on Benefits:

- (1) No part of the income or property of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member.

- (2) Each individual shall disclose to the Women Marines Association any personal interest which she may have in any matter pending before the WMA and shall refrain from participation in any decision on such matter.

**Rationale:** Parliamentarian and Legal Officer both agreed that this needed to be changed and clarified. It was too vague and could have been interpreted to mean that no one WMA member could be paid out of our funds for anything.

Article Ten, Finance, Section 2, paragraphs (1) – (4); Section 3, paragraph (1)

### Current wording:

Section 2. Dues:

- (1) Dues for active members shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for one-year period; and Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for two-year period.
- (2) Initial anniversary month is established upon receipt of dues.



## WMA Bylaws Changes (Continued)

(3) Active members shall receive a dues renewal notice from the WMA Database Administrator at least one month prior to the expiration of membership; renewal dues are payable at any time prior to or during the member's anniversary month.

(4) When dues are not received prior to the end of the member's anniversary month, a delinquent notice shall be sent by the WMA Database Administrator. After a grace period of thirty (30) days, the member shall be dropped from the active membership rolls. A former member shall be reinstated with the anniversary month coinciding with receipt of dues.

### Section 3. Life Membership:

Anyone who is eligible for active membership may elect to pay an actuarially computed amount as a Life Membership Fee as indicated in Standing Rules.

### Proposed Change/New Wording:

#### Section 2. Dues:

(1) Dues structure and amounts, both regular and life member, for active members shall be determined by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors who shall take into account the limited resources of some of our members, the needs of the Association, and the value members receive from their membership.

(2) At least 6 months advance notice must be published to the members before the effective date of any change in dues.

(3) Dues structure and/or amounts shall not be changed more than once every four (4) years without membership approval.

**Rationale:** The Association needs more flexibility in changing the dues structure to enhance its financial viability. Much of Section 2 describes the process (the "How") and belongs in the Standing Operating Procedures (SOP) and not the Bylaws. The Board's intent is to move the original paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of Section 2 to the SOP without change. A companion Standing Rules change deletes the definition of Life Member dues amounts from the Standing Rules. This change and that one must be addressed as one vote (i.e. the proposed revisions will only work if both are approved). The provision to pay Life Membership fees in three installments is being moved to the Bylaws from the Standing Rules.

#### Article Ten, Finance, Section 3

### Current Wording:

#### Section 3. Life Membership:

(2) Monies paid as Life Membership Fees shall be held in a separate account; a one-time payment equal to the amount paid as dues for one-year period shall be deducted from this fee and shall be deposited in the General Fund; no part of the remaining principal fee may be withdrawn during the lifetime of the payer; interest shall be transferred to the General Fund of this Association on 1 July each year; upon the death of a Life Member, Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be transferred to the Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of the deceased member.

(3) A Life Membership Fund Review Board, consisting of all Past National Presidents shall, with their consent, be appointed by the Board of Directors; the National President and National Treasurer shall be members ex-officio.

### Proposed Change/New Wording:

#### Section 3. Life Membership:

(2) Monies paid as Life Membership Fees shall be distributed as follows: a one-time payment equal to the amount paid as dues for one-year period shall be deducted from this fee and shall be deposited in the General Fund; the remaining fee shall be deposited in the Capital Account with earnings on those funds transferred to the General Fund of this Association at least annually; and, upon the death of a Life Member, Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be transferred to the Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of the deceased member.

(3) A Life Membership Review Board, consisting of all Past National Presidents shall, with their consent, be appointed by the Board of Directors; the National President and National Treasurer shall be members ex-officio.

**Rationale:** See single rationale paragraph for a group of changes on funds. There is no longer a reason to hold these fees in a separate fund. The distribution and use of the Life Membership dues remains substantively the

same. The Board of Directors, the Life Member Review Board and the Financial Advisory Committee all have oversight responsibilities for these funds ensuring that they are properly managed.

#### Article Ten, Finance, Section 4 Scholarships, paragraphs (1) & (2)

### Current Wording:

#### Section 4. Scholarships:

(1) WMA Memorial Scholarships of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) shall be awarded annually.

(2) The number of scholarships shall be determined by the amount of interest from the Scholarship Fund; sufficient interest shall be withdrawn on 1 August annually to provide for these scholarships. Any interest less than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) is to remain in the Scholarship Fund.

### Proposed Change/New Wording:

#### Section 4. Scholarships:

(1) WMA Memorial Scholarships of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) shall be awarded annually.

(2) The number of scholarships shall be determined by the amount of earnings from the Scholarship Fund; sufficient earnings shall be withdrawn on 1 August annually to provide for these scholarships. Any earnings less than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) is to remain in the Scholarship Fund until sufficient funds are available to award an additional scholarship of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).

**Rationale:** Changed the word "interest" to "earnings" in three places because our investments generate earnings other than "interest". Also added the clarification sentence at the end.

#### Article Ten, Finance, Section 5 Paragraphs (1) & (2)

### Current Wording

#### Section 5. Other Fundings:

(1) Any and all regular functions of any committees and/or programs supported by the Women Marines Association shall be funded through the budget process. All programs having restricted funds shall be self-sustaining.

(2) All contributions made to this Association, under any and all circumstances, shall be governed by the bylaws and standing rules currently in effect as set forth by the members of the Women Marines Association, with no additional restrictions.

### Proposed Change/New wording:

#### Section 5. Other Fundings:

(1) Any and all regular functions of any committees and/or programs supported by the Women Marines Association shall be funded through the budget process.

(2) All contributions made to this Association, under any and all circumstances, shall be governed by the bylaws and standing rules currently in effect as set forth by the members of the Women Marines Association.

**Rationale:** See separate rationale paragraph on all funds changes. Regarding the sentence to be deleted in subparagraph (1): No where is "restricted funds" defined. The Board of Directors manages specific funding requirements through the budget process. Regarding the phrase to be deleted from subparagraph (2): For many years the WMA SOP has provided additional guidance on the handling of contributed funds. The SOP guidance can only be changed by a majority vote of the Board. The Board's primary responsibility is to manage WMA funds.

#### Article Fourteen, Section 1, Dissolution

### Current Wording:

In the event of dissolution of this Association, the net assets of the corporation shall be applied and distributed as follows:

(1) All liabilities and obligations shall be paid, satisfied and discharged or adequate provisions shall be made there for.

(2) Assets held by the corporation shall be transferred to a veterans organization which qualifies for tax exemption under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; which organization shall perpetuate the WMA Memorial Scholarships; which organization can accomplish the other objectives for which this corporation was organized; and this organization shall be selected by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

## WMA Bylaws Changes (Continued)

### Proposed Change/New Wording:

In the event of dissolution of this Association, the net assets of the corporation shall be applied and distributed as follows:

(2) All remaining assets shall be distributed to another veterans charitable organization(s) that: Is/are qualified for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; shall best accomplish the general purposes for which veterans' associations are organized; shall administer a scholarship program that will best accomplish the purposes of the Women Marines Association Memorial Scholarship Program; and shall be selected by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors then in office.

**Rationale:** This brings the dissolution clause in line with 501(c)(3) of the IRS code and was approved by the Legal Officer Jennifer Spooner.

*Article Sixteen, Section 4, Paragraph (1)*

### Current Wording:

(1) Majority vote when ballots are mailed to ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS;

### Proposed Change/New Wording:

Majority vote of the completed (at Business Meetings) returned ballots when ballots are mailed to all active members;

**Rationale:** Clarification that a majority is defined to be the majority of votes cast (vs. majority of all active members). Also, there's no need to put "all active members" in all capital letters.

## Standing Rules Changes

Paragraph 3 Scholarships, subparagraph B.

### Current Wording:

#### 3. SCHOLARSHIPS

B. An Ethyl and Armin Wiebke Memorial Scholarship of \$1,500 from the Inheritance Fund shall be established to be administered by the Scholarship Committee.

### Proposed Change/New Wording:

#### 3. SCHOLARSHIPS

B. An Ethyl and Armin Wiebke Memorial Scholarship of \$1,500, which was established from a bequest from the estate of Ethyl Wiebke, shall be administered by the Scholarship Committee.

**Rationale:** See also separate rationale on multiple funds changes. The Wiebke Memorial Scholarship was established in 1988 with funds from the Wiebke inheritance and will continue to be fully funded.

Paragraph 3 Scholarships, subparagraph E and F

### Current Wording:

#### 3. SCHOLARSHIPS

[In every case in this paragraph and all the subparagraphs, substitute the word "earnings" for "interest".]

[Re-letter subparagraph E to G and add new subparagraphs E and F as shown.]

### Proposed Change/New Wording:

#### 3. SCHOLARSHIPS

E. A Major Megan McClung Memorial Scholarship has been established. Annual award of a \$1,500 scholarship will be administered by the Scholarship Committee until such time as the available funds (through donations and / or earnings) are exhausted. Any remaining funds less than \$1,500 will be added to the WMA Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Major Megan McClung, the first female Marine officer to die as a result of hostile action.

A named scholarship can be established at any time by any donor

by providing the total amount of funds necessary (as defined by the Financial Advisory Committee) to perpetually fund the standard scholarship amount.

**Rationale:** Investments of WMA Scholarship funds generate earnings in addition to "interest". We have a new named scholarship fund that needs to be added to the list in the Standing Rules. Also, we need to define the requirements for establishing a named WMA Scholarship.

Paragraph 16 Charitable Donations

### Current Wording:

16. CHARITABLE DONATIONS. No funds of the Association at the national level shall be expended for charitable donations to other non-profit organizations.

### Proposed Change/New Wording:

16. CHARITABLE DONATIONS. Charitable donations at the national level shall be directed by the board of directors in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and purposes of WMA.

**Rationale:** WMA has found ways to provide funds to charities (like the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society for Hurricane Katrina victims) in the past, generally through "matching funds" donated by our members/chapters. The WMA matching funds program matching contributions by chapters to veterans' groups is another example. There is no legal reason to retain the current restrictions. The Board believes some additional WMA funds can be put to good use in furtherance of our purposes if this restriction is deleted. It is the duty of the Board to ensure this is done responsibly.

Paragraph 17 Restricted Funds

### Current Wording:

17. RESTRICTED FUNDS. Restricted funds in the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) with interest only transferred to General Fund, is held for maintaining fiscal responsibility. When necessary to cover deficit in General Fund, a transfer can be approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.

### Proposed Change/New Wording:

17. RESERVE FUNDS. Reserve funds in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) with earnings only transferred to General Fund is held for maintaining fiscal responsibility. When necessary to cover a deficit in the General Fund, a transfer can be approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.

**Rationale:** See separate rationale on multiple funds changes. The term "restricted funds" has a very specific meaning for 501(c)(3) organizations that is not consistent with how WMA uses the term, therefore the change in name to "reserve". Also, there's no reason to hold the restricted or reserve monies in a separate "fund". The \$60,000 amount to be held in reserve has not changed with inflation. With the impact of inflation and the multiple funds changes being recommended at this time, it is considered prudent to also recommend increasing the reserve amount required to \$100,000. The term "interest" is recommended to be changed to "earnings" because our investments generate other types of earnings beside "interest".

Paragraph 18 Administration of Matching Funds

### Current Wording

18. ADMINISTRATION OF MATCHING FUNDS. Bequest Advisory Committee shall be responsible for the administration of matching funds from the bequest account to chapters to assist veterans in accordance with criteria published in *WMA 'Nouncements*.

### Proposed Change/New Wording

18. ADMINISTRATION OF MATCHING FUNDS. Bequest Advisory Committee shall be responsible for the administration of matching funds as budgeted by the WMA Board of Directors. Matching funds are provided to chapters to assist veterans in accordance with criteria published annually in *WMA 'Nouncements*.

## SOP Changes (Continued)

**Rationale:** See also separate rationale on multiple funds changes. The words implying a separate bequest account are deleted and the requirement to publish the Matching Funds criteria on a set schedule was added. There is no reason to hold a separate "bequest account". The Board of Directors has and will continue to monitor, manage, and control the funds that were originally provided from a bequest and used to set up this program.

Paragraph 19 Life Membership Fee

**Current Wording:**

19. LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE. Life Membership Fee shall be prorated as follows:

Under age 30 \$220.00

31 to 45 \$190.00

46 to 60 \$155.00

61 and OVER \$120.00

Payments may be made in three installments.

**Proposed Change/New Wording:**

Delete para 19 and renumber remaining paragraphs.

**Rationale:** The Association needs more flexibility in changing the dues structure to enhance its financial viability. A companion change to the Bylaws Article Ten, Finance, defines who, how, and how often dues may be defined, providing guidance and limits to the Board of Directors. This change and that one must be addressed as one vote (i.e. the proposed revisions will only work if both are approved).

## National Officer Reports



**National President, Paula Sarlls**

Of course, I don't do much on my own. I have to say that your board of directors worked very diligently to get a lot of work done this year. I couldn't do anything without them.

- Handled incoming correspondence
- Worked with law firm and insurance companies to clarify our legal stance with regard to the 501 (c) 3 issue and the chapters' 501 (c) 19 status as well as deciding how chapters that bid for conventions would be handled in the future.

- Worked with Molly Liaison to welcome new command at PI
- Contacted many other Marine organizations to work out reciprocal publicity agreements
- Had AZ-1 send the WMA history books to WIMSA for their collection

- Attended Modern Day Marine and Marine West
- Hosted the Interim Board Meeting in Denver Sept 15-17
- Represented the WMA at the Aurora, CO Veterans Salute honoring Women in Military Service and on the Home Front. Gen Vaught was to be the guest speaker, but had to cancel. She provided an excellent backup!

- Represented the WMA at the MC Birthday Ball as guest speaker in Golden, CO
- Represented the WMA at the MC Memorial Ceremony and Denver, CO Veterans Day Parade

- Represented the WMA at various MC League meetings
- Represented the WMA at various National Association of Uniformed Services Meetings

- Represented the WMA at various United Veterans Committee of Colorado Meetings

- Received proclamations from the Governor of Colorado and the state legislature honoring women Marines

- Represented the WMA at the New Orleans Women Marines Anniversary Celebration

- Represented the WMA at the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Awards Dinner

- Met with WMA chapters in New Orleans, Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Phoenix, and some members in San Diego, Quantico and DC

- Conducted business of the board as required which included the following items:

- Bylaws, Standing Rules Changes prepared for membership votes at the convention (enclosed in this issue of 'Nouncements'). Major changes include financial enhancements to help us earn more money and save investment expenses. Major SOP changes including the convention committees, recognition and awards, History Committee, 2nd VP and more, plus we now have an electronic version of the SOP with update documents and page numbers.

- Annual review of the books by auditing firm
- Board education on financial matters

- Working with CO-1 to establish the Women Marines Travel Site
- Worked with the Convention Coordinating Committee as required to ensure a successful convention

- Dealt with lawyers & others regarding estates of deceased women

Marines

- Filled vacancies as required

**Immediate Past President, Carol Mutter**

The IPP is responsible to get all the information together for the Resource Manual and Directory. I worked closely with the Administrative contractor and the National officers, including Area Directors, to collect all information, including chapter information and ensure it was accurate. Some enhancements were also added to the RM&D, to include a list of potential donation opportunities. The RM&D was shipped out in accordance with the required deadline.

Another responsibility of the IPP is to put together the ballot for the next slate of National Officers, to include Area Directors and the proposal for the 2012 National Convention. With the help of the both the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, who pulled together all the nominees, I was able to get the ballot out by 1 May, as required by our Standing Rules. I had nail files made to be inserted with each ballot to thank our members for their service.

**1st Vice President, Rhonda Lebrescu-Amtower**

- Assisted Area Directors with recruiting, chapter retention issues
- Provided articles for 1st VP and Chapter Tool Kit columns in 'Nouncements'
- Sent 1st VP Email Newsletters to Area Directors
- Provided assistance to 2008 Convention Coordinating Committee (CCC)
- Coordinated with Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) and the CCC in establishing the "Online Convention Registration" on our WMA website

- Assisted the CCC with the release of the MARADMIN message that provides convention information for our active duty

- Assisted President with finding replacements for billet holders (Area Directors)

- Represented WMA at the 10th Anniversary of WIMSA in Wash DC

- Assisted President and Secretary with obtaining updated chapter information to include chapter charters, bylaws, membership rosters, new chapter officers

- Coordinated the submission of annual reports from all Area Directors

- Coordinated the update of the WMA Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

- Reviewed and approved the 2010 Convention Contract

- Attended the Feb Anniversary Celebration in Quantico, VA

- Attended the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Awards Banquet for the presentation of the Julia Hamblet Award

- Participated in the Budget Review

- Voted on all ballots brought to the Board

**2nd Vice President, Karen L. Reeves**

This report covers the period September 2007 through April 2008. As 2nd Vice President, I have been involved in the following:

- Attended the September 2007 Interim Board Meeting held in Denver voting on those issues brought before the National board;





- Submitted articles to 'Nouncements' announcing open nomination periods for (1) those members desiring to run for national offices and, (2) those chapters wishing to host the 2012 National Convention;
- Sent letters to each Area Director and chapter president seeking nominations for National offices for the 2008-2010 term;
- Contacted each Area Director and Chapter President in Area 1 (host region) encouraging bids for hosting the 2012 national convention;
- Sent Letters of Intent to all Officers and Area Directors requesting their intentions for continued service during the 2008-2010 term;
- Requested, collected, and delivered to the IPP, bio's and photo's of National office and Area Director nominees to be used on the 2008-2010 ballot;
- Rewrote the 2nd Vice President position SOP;
- Rewrote the HqMC Liaison Officers SOP;
- Contacted and confirmed the intentions of all committee chairs, appointed reps, and one special appointee of continuing in their positions for the 2008-2010 term;
- Rewrote the Bequest Advisory Committee SOP; and,
- Performed the Installation of Officers ceremony for the newly elected officers of the Lady Marine Rose OR-1 chapter.
- Served as a judge in determining the 2008 MCHF Julia Hamblet Award.

### 3rd Vice President, Betty Cook

The end of my first full year as the 3rd VP of WMA is coming to an end. I am happy to say that I have made some real progress in learning this job.

My main duty is to help create and oversee our budget. I have spent this year really studying and learning to do this. I am confident that I will be able to fulfill this duty much better in fiscal year 2008-2009 than I have this past fiscal year.

Although I am a very good with numbers and budgets I am not so good at filing and getting paper work in and out the door. I have improved though and I am moving much faster at approving and signing reimbursement request so that everyone will get their money timelier. I look forward to a go around at this job and hope to get really good at it.

### Secretary, Kathy Sutphen



Since I became WMA's National Secretary in March 2007, I have responded to numerous requests from our President, Board and Chapter officers. I have submitted many ballots on various issues for the Board's approval, recorded voting results and retained the results for the Secretary's files. I have assisted two new chapters with their petitions and charter approval, LA-1 Molly Marine and IL-3 Grace Hall Central IL plus reviewed the Secretary's Chapter files for missing charters and current Bylaws and Standing Rules.

I assisted the President in preparing the Agenda for the Interim Board Meeting (IBM) held September 15-16, 2007 in Denver. I also gathered, assembled, printed, copied and mailed the Agenda Notebooks with all documentation to the Board for the IBM. I will be doing the same for our Board Meetings/Business Meetings at the convention in Houston.

I would like to take this opportunity to say that it has been a privilege and honor to serve as your National Secretary. I wish WMA all the best in the future. Semper Fidelis!

### Treasurer, Shanda Elkins



Ten months into the fiscal year, the unaudited WMA balance sheet shows assets of \$1.25 million, equal to the sum of capital and liabilities. This is relatively unchanged from the similar report prior to the last convention.

During my tenure as Treasurer, WMA has experienced relative stability in financial management. The major financial management change was transferring the Association's investment portfolio from UBS Financial Services to JJB Hilliard Lyons. The change should provide improved service and better visibility of the costs associated with managing our investments, saving time and money. The final step in the transfer will be to consolidate our

checking accounts into an account with Hilliard Lyons.

With contractor assistance, I received, accounted for and reported all WMA income; paid all WMA bills as authorized and approved by the by-laws, standing rules and Third Vice President; produced and sent membership cards; provided names of new life members for permanent cards; provided periodic reports of WMA financial condition; prepared and submitted federal tax returns; provided first draft input to the Third Vice President for FY 07-09 and 08-10 budgets; acknowledged donations to WMA; and provided member data for publication in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Way Ahead: As I am not returning as Treasurer, I believe your incoming Treasurer will give you all the time needed to do this position properly. I will assist the incoming Treasurer when needed.

I appreciate all the work, assistance, and patience everyone gave me.

### Membership Secretary, Debbie Barker

Debbie Barker resigned just prior to the annual reporting (due to the illness of her parents and the urgent need for her to care for them), and her replacement has not been seated as of the submission of this report. Numbers were provided by our Administrative Support at ABM Services, Inc. Many thanks to John Holvoet for his assistance.

This report is for the one year period 1 Jun 07 through 31 May 2008:

	1 Jun 2007	31 May 2008
Total Membership	3493	3411
Life Members	2122	2157
Honorary Members	1	1
Term Members	1370	1253

Reported as deceased during this period (102 total)

Life Members	71	Term Members	31
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Gains during this period (272 total)

New Life Members	51	New Term Members	221
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Life Membership Changes during this period (net 35)

New Life Members - 51 Reinstatements (from lapsed to Life) - 8

Conversions from Term to Life - 47

Life members reported as deceased - 71

### Area 1 Director, Ernestine Stowell

#### Communications

- As the newly appointed Area 1 Director, I attended the September IBM meeting in Denver. There I learned how WMA has kept active for 48 years.

- I have contacted all my chapters mostly through phone and snail mail and received new chapter rosters and information for the chapter officers in return. I am in the process of setting up an email address list for Area 1, to allow for better communication.

- At present, we do not have any chapters with their own web sites. NY-3 and NY-5 have had one listed but it has not been kept up to date.

- The new "How To Book" is excellent. I plan to send a copy to each chapter president.

- Two chapters, MA-1 and MA-2 have competed in Awards and Recognition categories at convention, with MA-1 winning for their Newsletter and Scrapbook

#### Area Director Travel/Events

- Having just taken over as Area I Director in September, I have not had a chance to meet with all of the Area-1 chapters, but I do plan to visit them soon.

- I commissioned Rebecca Campbell as a 2nd Lt. at her graduation from Mount Holyoke College. She had completed all her requirements at Quantico.

- This past year I spoke at the South Hadley Historical Society Museum, standing in front of three mannequins, each dressed in a different woman Marine uniform, dress blues, winter service and summer seersucker. I also marched in the Memorial Day parade, leading the group of WWII women Marines riding in cars.

- I completed two booklets filled with photographs and news releases of women Marines. One is of the First Two Officer Training Classes conducted at Mount Holyoke in 1943, and the other depicts a complete day of activities celebrating the third anniversary of the Women Reserves at Parris Island, 1945.

### Current Chapter Status

- There are seven active chapters: MA-1, MA-2, NY-3, NY-5, RI-1, CT-1, and INT-1.

### Program Support

- I received the information on the MCJROTC Program. The two New York chapters have been active in this effort. The New England Chapters have become interested in the Young Marines. Two of the female Young Marines carried our banner in the Memorial Day parade.

### Support to National

- I attended the IBM in Denver in September of 2007 and have passed along pertinent information to my chapters.
- I have voted on all national issues.
- I will submit my budget to National for the yearly budget review.

### Area 2 Director, Alice Dolbear/Katherine Van Gorder

#### Communications:

- Sent Chapter Presidents information from National re: changes and new information
- Forwarded "Leadership Moments" to each Chapter President
- Maintained contact via Email and Snail Mail to every member of WMA Area 2
- Communicated with MAL's and included prospective members in newsletter mailings

#### Recruiting and Membership:

- Both New Jersey Chapters disbanded this year.
- Currently looking for a NJ resident member to assist with starting a new Chapter
- Plans are underway to re-motivate and elect new officers PA-1 Susquehanna Valley
- Plans are underway to form a new Chapter in the Tioga County area of PA
- Recruiting and sharing the history of the women Marines at the Expo in Quantico

#### Travel:

- Travel in 2007 was extensive. Alice Dolbear attended the Quantico Marine Expo
- Alice participated with PA-3 for Veterans Day parade in Scranton area
- Kathy Van Gorder made 3 planning meeting trips to Tioga County for new chapter
- Kathy plans to go to Lansdale area to assist PA-1 with elections and re-formation
- Kathy traveled to Reading PA for planning committee meetings for WWII Air Show
- Kathy plans to travel to Reading in May to drive WWII members to Air Show to support information booth and help with set-up of displays

#### MCJROTC:

- Awards have been sent to all MCJROTC participating schools.
- All Chapters have been advised of scheduled ceremonies and contacts
- All Chapters have been encouraged to attend and be available to present the awards
- Most of PA is covered with members attending

#### Other veteran related networking:

- Attended the Annual VAVS National Advisory Council meeting in Orlando, forming several contacts and alliances for WMA
- Attended MCL Staff Meetings and submitted reports as WMA Liaison Officer
- Researched information for VAVS at nearby Veterans Medical Facility and obtained numerous documents and brochures to share at WMA Convention
- Researched how and to whom applications should be made for VAVS participation
- Worked with 2nd VP and National VAVS Rep to re-align WMA with the VAVS program
- Reimbursement claim filed for Orlando VAVS travel expense, and filed meeting report
- Alliance formed with DC-1 Chapter on support of 2012 Biennial Convention, if bid is accepted from PA-2 application

Having just received the Area 2 Director files and now becoming more aware of the scope of this position, I will be prepared to submit a more informative report in coming years, if re-elected.

~ Kathy Van Gorder

### Area 3 Director, Sheryl Young

#### Communications:

- I made a move from Georgia to Tennessee this past year and have had intermittent internet access so I had to rely on communication with my chapters via phone. However, I have now set up an email address book on my computer for better communications.
- I have received updated rosters and info on new officers from some chapters, but the remainder will be providing this information to me in May after they have their meetings.
- I am working on sending a copy of the new "How To" to all chapters along with the Informational CD from the Interim Board Meeting.
- Two chapters currently have websites including SC-1 and TN-1.
- About half of Area 3 Chapters are on the Yahoo Groups Listserv
- Four chapters have competed in Awards and Recognition at Convention within the past 6-8 years including FL-5, FL-8, GA-1 and TN-1

#### Area Director Travel/Events:

- I have worked with my chapters in recruiting with providing potential new members and coordinated their assistance with tax filing with our Administrative Support Contractor.
- I visited TN-1 and GA-1 since last September. Now that I am settled in my new home in Tennessee I plan to visit with more of my chapters in the upcoming term of office.

#### Chapter Status/Recruiting:

- There are 14 chapters within Area 3. No new chapters and no disbanded chapters but am recruiting specifically in the Nashville, TN area.

#### Program support:

- Area 3 chapters are involved with the MCJROTC Program.
- I'm a member of the MCL, WAVES National and the Women Veterans Network.

#### Support to National

- I have voted on all but one issue and I will submit my budget request to National

(L-R:) Convention Co-Chair  
Karen Beatty, 2ndVP Karen  
Reeves and Membership  
Secretary Debbie Barker



### Area 4 Director, BettyJean Cannon

#### Communications:

- I have always sent either e-mails, or snail mail to my Chapter Presidents as to National information that is pertinent to them. I do send out an Area Director Newsletter and speak to my Chapter Presidents via phone if the issue is urgent.
- I have received a new Chapter Membership roster every year along with the new Chapter Officers for the 2008-2010 term and have forwarded all information appropriately to be updated in the database.
- I provided each Chapter with a CD that has all the forms including the "How To" Book on it.
- There are two Chapters that have their own websites, OH-2 and MI-2. All my Chapter Presidents are on the Yahoo groups listserv.
- MI-2 and OH-2 will be competing in the Awards and Recognition Program and as will perhaps IL-2.

#### Area Director Travel/Events

- I so far have traveled to most of my Chapters, except OH-1 and KY-1 but will do so soon. I'm going to KY-1 in May for their meeting and elections.
- I have sworn in OH-2, IL-3 and IL-2 new Officers.
- I have gone to Ohio and Indiana's women veterans conferences to represent WMA. I will represent WMA in an upcoming dedication of a Women Veterans Statue on May 10, 2008 at our Vietnam Veterans Park in Monroe, MI.
- I will be going to Kentucky on May 1, 2008 to present the MCJROTC award to Jeffersontown School.

#### Chapter Status/ Recruiting

- I currently have seven (7) active chapters having unfortunately lost MI-1 but gaining IL-3.
- I have worked in several of my states to get other Chapters going including one in Central Kentucky, one in Northern Ohio, and the upper Michigan area but so far no luck.

• My Area Chapters do participate in the MCJROTC Program with the schools in their area. We do help troops coming home in our area to sign-up for the VA, and get businesses to help them. I work with MCL Toys for Tots and VA Hospitals.

### Support to National:

- I attended the IBM in Denver in Sept 2007 and forwarded to the Chapters the information they need to know for Convention and other items.
- I have voted on everything that has come across my computer. That is part of my job I take very seriously.
- I make sure that I send in my reimbursement claims in a timely manner and I did prepare and submit my budget to the Board.
- As I step down from my post as Area 4 Director I would like to let my Area know that I'm very proud of all of you. The members have made this job a joy to perform and I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your friendship and hard work.

### Area 5 Director, Mary Ellen Stone

#### Communications:

- Maintained communications with all Area 5 Chapter Presidents, members, and members-at-large through email, and letters. Responded to requests for assistance.
- Kept current Chapter officer information and passed any new information to WMA's database manager.
- Provided Chapter officers with current membership as listed by National.
- Provided all Chapters a CD with the "How To" and other electronic forms and information to include graphics.
- None of the five Chapters in AD5 have websites.
- Not sure about what chapters are signed up for Yahoo, only two responded to my questionnaire. However, as I review the Yahoo emails, I forward what is important to all my Chapters.
- Have email group distribution for all Chapters and members-at-large for ease of passing on information. All Chapters have a copy of the CD that was provided at the IBM.
- Published Vol. 2 AD5 Newsletter

#### Travel and Events:

- Attend all WMA meetings of MO-KAN 02 of which I'm a member.
- Will represent the WMA at a Memorial Day services at Mt Mariah Cemetery, Overland Park, KS.
- Guest speaker at the Daughters of the American Revolution meeting in April 2008 on Women in the Military.

#### Chapter Status/ Recruiting:

- No new Chapters and no disbanded Chapters.
- MALs as I find them I add to my group mailing to keep them as part of the WMA in the AD5 region.

#### MCJROTC

- Presented the WMA Outstanding Cadet Medal at Hickman-Mills High School and Ruskin High School, Kansas City, MO MCJROTC awards ceremony.

#### Scholarship Committee:

- Member of the WMA Scholarship Committee.

#### Program Support:

- Serve as the Vice-Commandant, MCL, Kansas City Detachment.
- Serve as the Awards coordinator for the Navy League.
- Active with the 1st Marine Division Association.

#### Support to National:

- Responded to WMA Board inquiries and email.
- Attendance at IBM
- Voted on all ballots as presented
- File reimbursement claims for newsletter print and travel to IBM
- Updating the WMA SOP
- Worked with the Scholarship Committee in rewriting the Standing Rules regarding scholarships.

### Area 6 Director, Judy Anderson

#### Communications:

- Published Area 6 Newsletter for Chapter Presidents and Members At Large.
- Forwarded WMA information to area chapters for action and information.



- Maintained telephone and email contacts with members in Area 6 providing assistance and information about WMA.
- All chapters have email contacts, but not all chapters are members of Yahoo Groups Listserv.
- The WMA Information CD I received at the IBM has been shared with the chapters. At this time only TX-2 has a website at [www.gulfcoastwm.tripod.com](http://www.gulfcoastwm.tripod.com)

#### Chapter Recruiting and Membership:

- Provided information about memberships from the Database Manager and Mary Ann Merritt to Chapter Presidents. Referred any new member enrollments to Chapter Presidents.
- We have one new chapter in New Orleans the Molly Marine Chapter. There is interest in starting new chapters in Corpus Christi and the Texas Panhandle. Several chapters are struggling to survive, but continue to support the WMA programs. AR-1 and OK-1 are both supporting WMA programs, but are small with dedicated members. TX-1 and TX-3 are also small chapters, but have greater potential for membership growth; TX-1 is very active in supporting WMA programs. LA-1, OK-2 and TX-2 are all very active chapters with special projects in addition to WMA projects.

#### WMA Area Director Travel:

- I traveled to New Orleans to meet with the newly formed Molly Marine Chapter; I presented their charter at a chapter meeting at the D-Day Museum in October 2007 and met the members during lunch at Mothers Café.

#### MCJROTC:

- I worked with the 38 MCJROTC schools in Area 6 to assist with any requests they directed to me; I coordinated with the schools for WMA members to present the WMA Awards during the Awards and Recognition Presentation. Most of the awards programs have not been held so I do not have a final number on the awards presented by WMA members.

#### Special Events:

- I returned to New Orleans for the 65th Anniversary of women in the Marine Corps at the Molly Marine Statue. BGen Tracy Garrett and WMA President were both in attendance.
- In Sept. 2007, I attended the WMA Interim Board Meeting (IBM) in Denver, Colorado.

#### Support to National:

- I voted on ballots that were presented.
- I submitted reports and budget as required.
- I participated in several conference calls with other board members.
- I submitted Area 6 expenses for reimbursements to the 3rd Vice-President.

### Area 7 Director, Sara Hefty

#### Communications:

- I am preparing a newsletter for the MALs in Area 7, expected to mail by 01 June
- I've attended meetings with CO-1, but not with CO-2, and am waiting for CO-2's updated roster, to include new Officers
- CO-1 has a website: [www.wmacol.org](http://www.wmacol.org)

#### AD Travel/Events:

- I attended the Anniversary Luncheon 16 Feb 08, sponsored by CO-1
- I will attend the MCJROTC Award Banquet in Sturgis, SD 25 Apr 08 to present the Outstanding Marine Cadet Award
- I will also attend the banquet for Commerce City, CO MCJROTC 30 Apr 08
- I will be attending the National Convention in Houston

#### Chapter Status / Recruiting:

- CO-1: Colorado Columbine, 30 members, approx 10-15 attend monthly meetings. Activities include: Annual 10K Run, Managing the WMA History Project, Planning the 2010 National Convention
- CO-2: Pikes Peak Mutter, 15 members, no information on current activities
- No new Chapters and none have disbanded
- There is quite a contingent of MALs in the Omaha, NE area that I will try to get banded together, and form a new Chapter. I will be looking for guidance on this during the coming year.



## National Officer Reports (Continued)

### Program Support:

- There are 3 MCJROTC Programs within Area 7. I have contact with two and will make contact with the third by 01 June.
- I have joined the MCL and been to one local meeting

### Support to National:

- I did not attend the IBM
- I do vote on National Issues
- I will submit my budget by the 1 May 08 deadline

### Area 8 Director, Carol Watson



#### Communications:

- Communicated with chapters by e-mail, phone calls, regular mail, and newsletters. Communicated with MALS by Newsletters, e-mail, and phone calls.
- All chapters except one (National alerted) have sent me a list of new officers for 2008-2010. Still missing one current roster, using National database roster for that chapter.
- All chapters were sent the CD (9-07); however since the

"How To" book was such a big file, I made a hard copy for each chapter and mailed that along with CD.

- As far as I know no chapter has a website.
- All chapter presidents notified how to use the Yahoo Groups Listserv however I still send National information to all chapters just in case they missed it. I have also informed all MALS how to get to the Listserv site.
- Yes, I have an e-mail address book for my chapters for better communication.
- In the past three of my chapters have competed for Convention awards and have won at some level.
- Yes, all chapters of my Area have received the CD from the IBM also mailed them WMA post cards, book marks, business cards and new membership applications. I made a second mailing of WMA stock.

#### Travel/Events:

- No, I have not visited any of my chapters this year.
- Special events I have attended representing WMA: MCJROTC, VA functions, VAVS meetings, MC birthday Ball, Chapter board meetings veterans parades and the Women Veterans State Summit.

#### Chapter Status/Recruiting:

- Working on forming two new chapters in Reno and Yuma, sorry to say but NV-1 chapter disbanded due to health and age.
- Looking for potential new members in 'Nouncements and "Together We Serve" website. Encourage MALS to join a local chapter near them through my Area Newsletters. Encourage chapter presidents to get in touch with the contact names I send them as possible new chapter members.

#### Program Support:

- MCJROTC, Scholarship, and VA support activities (named volunteer of the month).
- Working with WVON (Women Veterans of Nevada), local WAVES chapter and local VA Women's Clinic.

#### Support to National

- Attended IBM and shared all information with area chapters and MALS through Newsletters, e-mail, regular mail and phone calls.
- Have voted on all National issues.
- Have maintained my area budget and mailed in my expense reports in a timely manner.

### Area 9 Director, Heidi Tanada

#### Communications:

- Spoke with all my chapters via the phone on an average of 1.5 times a month, and have assisted them with situations arising within their Chapters.
- I sent the Information CD from the IBM to the Chapter Presidents. The only Chapter having a website is OR-1 and it is [www.or-1wma.org](http://www.or-1wma.org)
- All the chapters have some member on the listserv.
- I have all of the chapter representatives in my e-mail address log. I also have their phone numbers programmed into my cell phone.

#### Travel and Events:

- I visited the Washington chapter for their Christmas meeting and I'm planning on attending their "A Day at the Races" in July.
- I'm President of OR-1 and have presided over all of our meetings



this year.

- I attended the 25th Anniversary of OR-2 and presented them with a wall hanging to commemorate the event. In December I attended their Christmas luncheon, and I attended their March meeting and installed their new officers.

- I attended two separate funerals for two members of OR-3.
- The members of OR-3 attended our February luncheon and their new officers were installed at that time.
- I traveled to Medford and attended a meeting of OR-4. I plan to attend another meeting this summer.
- I've tried to reach someone by phone in the AK-1 chapter, but to no avail.
- I've attended local funerals for Marine veterans that were not members of WMA.

- I attended a meeting of 3rd Marine Division honoring Women Marines.

- I attended high school programs for honoring veterans.

#### Chapter Status and Recruiting:

- We have had no new chapters added.

#### MCJROTC

- I forwarded the information sent from Alice Dolbear the Program Manager to the appropriate Chapter President.

#### Program Support:

- I receive regular e-mails for the Oregon Dept of Veterans Affairs
- I have a representative that attends all the MCL meetings
- I have a representative that is a member and attends the 3rd Marine Division meetings

#### Support to National:

- I attended the IBM
- Voted on all ballots presented
- I filed a reimbursement form for travel to the IBM and I'm preparing one for the other traveling and incidentals.

### Area 10 Director, Lillian Cross

*(I was appointed Area 10 Director in December 2007. To date this has been accomplished.)*

#### Communications:

- A newsletter was mailed to all chapter presidents that included 5 copies each of WMA application, postcards, bookmarks, and business cards.
- Current rosters have been received from some chapters and requested from others.
- Information from each chapter has been requested: roster, bylaws and standing rules, chapter charter if they have it, a copy of their chapter application form, a report on any member that was affected by the recent floods, snow storms, or fire storms, and if the chapter normally participates in MCJROTC award program.

- By the end of the month each chapter president will have a copy of the Information CD given at the IBM.

- By the end of the month each Member at Large will receive a newsletter and a copy of the application, bookmark, business card, and postcard to use for recruiting or for their own use.

#### Area Director Travel/Events:

- I installed officers for CA-2 in March 2008.
- I have not travelled to the other chapters as of yet.

#### Chapter Status/Recruiting:

- Ongoing efforts to establish the Lady Diamondbacks 362 as a chapter. Currently they are in Iraq and communication is spotty at best. Some are expected to return in May 2008. Printed material has been sent to them upon two separate occasions, and through a Loyal Escort contact.

- Coordinating with interested parties to establish a chapter in Okinawa.

- I have been contacted by the acting president of CA-4. Their chapter members are no longer able to travel to chapter meetings and would like to become a virtual chapter.

#### Program support:

- Letters and email have been sent to chapter presidents requesting presenters for the annual MCJROTC awards
- Letters have been sent to MALS in areas where there are no chapters requesting presenters for MCJROTC awards.

## National Officer Reports (Continued)

- CA-2 member Gail Hanna is working with VA Hospital in San Diego
- CA-7 is working with the Veterans Association of North County to develop a veteran's hall in Oceanside.

### Support to National:

- I did not attend the IBM as I was not the Area 10 Director at that time.
- I have voted on all national issues as they have been presented since my appointment.
- I have filed in a timely manner all reimbursement claims since becoming AD10.
- I will file a budget report due May 1, 2008.

### Chaplain, Joan Hammond

During the period from July 07 - 30 Jun 08 the following activities are reported:

- Next of Kin Letters: 33 letters. Considering the number of women who died this is a small number. Very few of the reports contain information on next of kin. Due to the age of some, they may have out lived their next of kin.
- Telephone Calls with Next of Kin and/or WMA members: 6
- Services Attended: 2 deceased Women Marines.
- Services Attended/Conducted Other Veterans: 15
- Memorial Day Services: 2
- Quarterly Chaplains Corner for WMA 'Nouncements



### Editor, Sondra Metzger

All is well with the newsletter. Timeliness is still a problem from various fronts, mainly me due to working full time and perpetually not having enough space, which adds time to the proof process to make everything fit into 32 pages.

We are still getting the same outstanding service from XMM, as evidenced by our newsletters and RM&D. Once again I have to commend our designer, Jaime Jasso, for the job he does on our newsletter in trying to get everything to fit. If you saw what he has to work from, you too would be amazed.

I introduced a "mini" contest regarding a small graphic of the state of Texas. The response to the first one was great, but has slipped for the most recent one.

We have been informed by XMM that costs will be going up for the printing of both the newsletter and the RM&D. To this end,



we are looking into giving members the option of receiving these publications electronically or in hard copy.

I still do not, at this time, have a backup. I think I've intimidated everyone with how the newsletter looks now; they think I do all that. I do highly recommend that, in the future, we continue to use an outside business to actually lay out the newsletter.

### Historian, Nancy Wilt

Started the next 25 years WMA History for the 2010 Convention. This will be a continuation of the book written to celebrate the first 25 years of WMA.

Attended the IBM meeting and reported to the Board the Historian Activities as well as the History Committee activities.

Have worked with Paula Sarlls, President WMA on a reorganization document and I developed an SOP for this position change as mentioned at the last IBM.

I am asking assistance in seeking pictures taken at Louisville for the convention photo book. None have been forwarded to date. Area Directors assistance is needed to get photos sent.

### Parliamentarian, Anne Zink

Nothing spectacular to report during this period. I answered a few questions from chapters while I was still up and computing. No phone calls during my down time.

### Public Relations Officer, Mary Ann Merritt

On a regular basis provide material for 'Nouncements and for the online WMA listserv. Answer emails in regards to WMA and help chapters with advertising, press releases, and working on projects that promote WMA and are based on our seven purposes. Work with incoming members to find and or start chapters in their area by connection with 1st Vice President, Area Director and chapter president where available.

Working with Area Directors, Chapters and MAL's to provide after convention press releases to area media. Information was supplied on the Texas convention to be listed in various magazines, websites and service organizations that our women may have affiliation with.

Work on any area of convention as directed or asked. Areas covered are ads, seeking donations, encouraging participation, items for goody bags, press PR.

Send out *Semper Finesse* to AD's and chapters. *Semper Finesse* is a newsletter to help AD's build their chapters and focus on challenges that are common to all associations and groups similar to ours.

## Reports - Special Appointments

### Life Member Fund Review Board, Carol Mutter, Recorder

The Past National Presidents who consent to serve on this Board have been asked to comment on several proposals regarding the streamlining and more effective use of WMA funds. Final proposals approved by the Board are found elsewhere in this issue as Bylaws and Standing Rules changes.

### Merchandise Sales, Gloria Nix

As with prior years, the WMA Caps are still the number one seller with the WMA Life Pin over taking the WMA Hat Pin that dropped back into third place. If you are planning to attend the 2008 Convention in Houston, it is suggested that you make sure to get your order in early for either the cap or the WMA flag (or other item(s)) because time constraint is a factor.

Ladies, you need to also consider a purchase of the WMA Hat Patch for your Chapter's uniform/shirt/blouse sleeve. I have one on my unit shirt that really draws attention when I wear it at various ceremonies (i.e. Memorial Day ceremonies, MCJROTC Award ceremonies, parades etc.).

See your current issue of 'Nouncements Vol. 1 - 2008, page 29 for other WMA items that are available that supports the WMA Association with 100% of sales going to WMA.

### WMA Headquarters, Lillian Cross

Recently the building in which the Headquarters is located was renovated with new toilet facilities. Next on the list is a new front

door for our portion of the building and air conditioning for the entire building.

An inventory system was developed and adopted by the Board. As of yet I have not been able to accomplish this inventory but hope to do this by convention time.

My backup, Ellie Judge, has been doing the new member packets and has been putting them in the mail within a few days of receiving the mailing labels from John Holvoet, WMA Data Administrator.

We have an ample supply of WMA applications to last us until the 2010 convention at least, as well as the 'blank' postcard and bookmarks. The bookmarks are the least requested. The hottest items are the 'purposes' postcard and business cards. These will have to be reprinted, especially the business card, and ready for distribution at the convention. I will acquire new quotes when the Board gives the ok to get this done.

Along with a complete inventory of items stored in WMA Headquarters, I will need to separate and prepare for shipping all items to be sent to the History Project in Colorado. The Headquarters is to store all administrative items for WMA and the History Project will house and store women Marine memorabilia, some of which is currently located at Headquarters. Nancy Wilt and I will need to coordinate a time line to accomplish this.

### Legal Officer, Jennifer Spooner

- 1) Drafting of proposed Conflict of Interest Statement for Bylaws-

## Reports -Special Appointments (Continued)

statement reflects requirements under revised Internal Revenue Code provisions;

2) Drafting of proposed modification to Dissolution Statement for Bylaws--statement reflects requirements under revised Internal Revenue Code provisions and intent of Board;

3) Completed The Institute of Continuing Legal Education seminar

"Ten Things Every Lawyer Should Know About Nonprofit Corporations" which included training in managing conflict of interest disclosure, handling self-dealing and excess benefit transaction penalties under the Internal Revenue Code, fulfilling requirements under the revised IRS Form 990, and satisfying IRS recommended practices for the conduct of Board members.

## Committee Reports

### **Convention Arrangements Committee (2010), Paula Sarlls, Chair**

Contract signed with the approval of Immediate Past President and 1st Vice President with the Grand Hyatt Hotel in downtown Denver, CO. Advance requested from National.

### **Electronic Communications Committee, Sondra Metzger, Chair**

Listserve: Our WMA listserv (WomenMarinesAssoc-subscribe@yahoo.com) continues to grow. Now up to 400 members, it still needs more promotion in the newsletter and on the website. Mary Ann Merritt does an excellent job moderating the postings that come to our group and handling the administrative portion of the listserv.

Website: Since my last report, our online dues registration is running smoothly, and we have added an online donation form and online registration for the convention.

Plans for work to be done by HCI include:

- An interactive map to show where chapters are located and contact information

My future plans for the website:

- Complete update
- Re-design
- Merchandise page for chapter merchandise with contact information
- One page for chapters to utilize if they don't already have a web presence (but *only* one page)
- FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) areas for scholarships, Marine Corps recruiting and WMA
- More history
- More of a Loyal Escort presence
- An email address for convention committees

Mary Ann Merritt and I established a website award that will be given out at convention with the first going to a chapter at the 2008 convention. A perpetual plaque, streamer and website banner will be awarded to the winning chapter, with an individual plaque to replace the perpetual one at the 2010 convention.

WMA is also working on finding someone or a business to contract out the web hosting and webmaster duties. Earlier this year I worked with Rhonda Lebrescu-Amtower and Carol Mutter on creating SOPs for a Webmaster position and a Web Administrator position.

### **Financial Advisory Committee, Karen Kelly, Chair**

During the past year, Hilliard Lyons has taken over as our financial planner. An Investment Policy Statement was presented at the Interim Board Meeting and accepted. We are attempting to obtain the best return rates during these volatile times for investing to meet our budget objectives while protecting our capital.

The FAC has aggressively tackled the task of redefining the fund definitions and is on the cusp of presenting the new definitions to the board for approval.

### **History Committee, Nancy Wilt, Chair**

The following information on the activities of the History Committee is forwarded for your information and review.

*WMA on the Road*

1) In early 2007 Carol Mutter made arrangements for a larger presence at the 3 major Marine Military Expos. The history chair working with the cooperation of the CO-1 History Project developed a traveling exhibit on the history of the Women of the Corps and a display on WMA which made its first appearance at Modern Day Marine, Quantico to huge accolades. The exhibit then appeared at

Modern Day Marine West with more rave reviews from attendees. Marine East was April 1st and 2nd and the exhibit will then return to CO-1 for storage. The exhibit and events at these Expos gave wide WMA exposure to the women Marines assigned to each command as well as male Marines and all the major corporations who were exhibiting. Great interest was expressed by all visitors at each site.

2) The Chair of the History Committee worked with USAA on a 30 day exhibit in their Mountain States Region headquarters. Viewed by about 5000 employees and guests.

3) The History Chair working with CO-1 has provided uniforms (on loan) to The Greatest Generation Foundation and to the new WWII museum in McAllen, TX which has produced a new bronze statue of a WWII Woman Marine for permanent exhibit.

4) The History Committee funds were used to purchase the professional display boards to support our traveling exhibit.

#### *Other Activities*

1) The History Committee has interacted with 14 universities this year on providing information used in books, displays and other positive university programs and books.

2) The WMA Oral History Project has taken a step into new technology by changing from tape recordings to DVD visual interviews. With the upcoming purchase of additional equipment we will accomplish double the number at the 2008 convention and then hopefully get our areas involved with taking their members' histories, on a local basis.

3) Members of the History Committee made a 5 day visit to the History Division to copy documents relating to women Marines. This huge project will take many more trips to accomplish. This trip we covered WWI thru 1970's. Five reams of paper were copied. Many of the original documents are crumbling and need to be copied to ensure their survival. All copied documents are being maintained by CO-1.

4) The Lotus Mort fund at the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation is doing well. A new investment company has been found and all MCHF funds transferred to increase the portfolio's returns. The Lotus Mort Fund is used to support the Hamblet Award given by MCHF on WMA's behalf.

5) A new SOP has been submitted by the Chair of the History Committee for Review.

### **Marine Corps JROTC, Alice Dolbear, Chair**

All information and form letters concerning the presentation of the awards were sent out to the Area Directors in the month of January. The Area Directors were instructed to get a presenter from their chapters for the list of schools in their prospective areas.

All of the packages with the award and the ribbon were mailed out to each school in the MCJROTC program by March 20th. All of the 217 schools now have the packages.

Communications between the program manager and the SMIs has been answered as they come in. The information for the report is being gathered and will be e-mailed to the 2nd Vice President, Karen Reeves upon receiving all the information. The presentations are done during the months of April to June.

(L-R:) PRO Mary Ann Merritt, Editor Sondra Metzger, Area 4 Director Betty Jean Cannon, 3rdVP Betty Cook and MCJROTC Chair Alice Dolbear





## **Committee Reports (Continued)**

Some of the information comes in before the presentations. This does not mean that the area forms are filled and ready for this report. The forms from each area will be e-mailed at the completion of the school term to the 2nd VP.

All reprinting of awards and folders for next year (2009) will be done in time to send out the awards for next year. Enough folders will be printed for the National President (100) and for the Molly Marine Program (50). The ribbons for 2009 will be ordered in January 2009. All receipts will be sent upon completion of mailings.

### **Nominating/Convention Site, Karen L. Reeves, Chair**

The purpose of this committee is two-fold. First is to petition the WMA membership for those who believe they can be effective leaders for the next term to run for National office. Second is to accept nominations from members/chapters who desire to host the biennial convention 4 years hence.

Invitations were published in our National newsletter *'Nouncements'* for both those seeking to be National Officers and convention site hosts.

I am pleased to announce that all National Offices have candidates seeking your vote this next election. And, the women from the Pennsylvania Liberty Belle chapter are awaiting your approval to be the host of the 2012 convention in Philadelphia.

This collected information has been presented to the Immediate Past President who prepares the National election ballot.

I applaud all the women who have stepped up and offered to serve WMA. Each of them is worthy of your attention and vote.

### **Plans & Policies, Mary Bacon Hale, Chair**

The Committee has addressed two items which we were assigned: One is the desirability of a standardized "uniform" for WMA members, strictly volunteer use. The few replies we received were mostly negative, except for our current cover. However, most of the negatives were that they did not want a "must wear" rule. I feel that we should have a suggested list of items and name tags and emphasize that wearing them would be up to the individual members. All Marine Corps related organizations or associations, to my knowledge, have standardized clothing to distinguish them from the masses, and probably we should too. I am interested in suggesting that our members remember their heritage and dress with pride and in good taste. Subjective, I know, but we really should be well put together when we represent connection with the Marine Corps.

The second item concerned getting together a correct procedure for saluting the flag in various circumstances and publish it to our members. We haven't had this "ruling" in the past and many people are uncertain what is correct and when to salute. The Marine Corps League has a procedure already in place and we should follow their procedure. This committee will prepare a document and submit it to the Board for discussion at the next Convention meeting.

The President has asked us to study the "gift membership" currently in use. We have yet to discuss this, and it involves contacting several people who have been involved in these procedures, not on this committee. We will present our findings and suggestions to the President as soon as possible.

### **Recognition And Awards, Lynn Sparks, Chair**

No expenses have been incurred for this filing period. Decorations are in the planning stage. The committee is going to recycle centerpieces when appropriate to defray costs. Cost for the awards will be incurred as orders are received. Letters have been drafted to the 2004-2006 winners of the Perpetual Plaques requesting their return. They will be mailed out the 1st of July.

The Entry Form and R&A Rules have been published in *'Nouncements'*.

#### **Judging:**

A hall has been secured for July 26, 2008 to conduct the judging. Five judges have been selected, all of which are veterans from the various branches of the military, all of whom have had experience in creating history books, newsletters or websites for veterans organizations.

Judges worksheets have been updated and ready to copy.

#### **Awards:**

Order Form for the 6x8 shadow boxes for the History Book, Newsletter and Ruth and Dick Broe awards for 2004-2006 has been drafted and will be ordered the first of July from Creative Awards. The perpetual plaque plates will be ordered on July 28, 2008 the Monday after judging. I have contacted Creative Awards and their turn around time is 2 weeks.

Streamers will be provided by the Loyal Escorts. I am in contact with Ken Cross. I need to contact him again after judging to provide the amount of streamers that will be needed for the Chapter Achievement winners.

Certificates for Chapter Achievement winners will need to be ordered.

There is an adequate supply of ribbons.

Our President is ordering the National Service Awards and the Presidential Award Certificates.

I am checking on prices for miniature flag sets.

#### **R&A Luncheon Program:**

The program is a work in progress. It will be printed at the same time as all the other programs.

After receipt of entry forms a seating chart will be made to accommodate entrants.

### **Scholarship Committee, Louann Weeks, Chair**

During the 2007 WMA Scholarship Application period the committee received approximately 65 applications for scholarships. Of those received 10 applicants were chosen to receive a WMA National Scholarship of \$1500.00 each to continue their educational endeavors.

Also one applicant received the Ethel & Armin Weibke \$1500.00 Memorial Scholarship; three applicants received the Lily H. Gridley \$1500.00 Memorial Scholarship; one applicant received the Major Megan McClung \$1500.00 Memorial Scholarship; and three applicants received the LaRue A. Ditmore \$1500.00 Music Scholarship.

There are numerous chapters that also provide scholarships.

One of the applicants received the OR-1 Chapter \$1500.00 Meg Dawes Memorial Scholarship; one applicant received the Gulf Coast of Florida \$1000.00 World War One Memorial Scholarship; one applicant received the Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter \$500.00 Father Charles Covert Memorial Scholarship; and, one applicant received the Minnesota Leathernecks-MN-1 \$500.00 Jeanette I. Sustad Memorial Scholarship.

### **Ways & Means Committee, Carol Mutter, Chair**

Members: Bettie Lerdall, Micaila Britto

The W&M Committee letters requesting corporate donations are out. Some funds have been received and more are anticipated. A turnover file listing all contact and historical information on these donors was generated. Donation envelopes have been inserted into issues of *'Nouncements'* and have netted significantly more funds than the expense associated with the envelopes. A form was printed on page 31 of the Apr-May-Jun 2008 issue of *'Nouncements'* asking for updated information from all members and providing opportunities to donate to various funds that further WMA objectives. We are also focusing on donations for the Houston Convention & Professional Development Conference and ads for the Program Book. The Convention Committee has been soliciting for program ads, as well. We have also been collecting information on potential donors and other methods of fund raising. Personal contacts are key to successful fund-raising. Anyone who has contacts, either individuals or in companies, that may be willing to donate, please contact me, Carol A. Mutter (contact info on page 2 of *'Nouncements'*.)

# Appointed Representatives' Reports

## Headquarters Marine Corps Liaison, Deborah Staub

The following are actions completed:

- Coordinated CMC Letter for WMA Anniversary
- Coordinated with MPE on WMA Anniversary MARADMIN
- Coordinated with MPE on WMA Convention MARADMIN
- Coordinated with MCUF for funding of Marines for WMA convention
- Coordinated with MPE on WMA Convention letter from CMC
- Coordinated with CMC and SMMC for possible attendance at convention
- Working on LNO turnover
- Defined proper process to complete the above tasks

## Molly Marine Award with Parris Island, Linda Priest

The Molly Marine Liaison holds and distributes the Molly Marine Certificates signed by the National President and National Secretary, the WMA folders, and the Molly Marine coins. The point of contact at Fourth Recruit Training Battalion at Parris Island is the Executive Officer. These items are taken to Fourth Battalion in quantities of about 12. The command has established the Molly Marine presentation training day 68 and normally at 0900. Changes occur understandably with the needs of the training schedule, but when weather permits the presentation is made at the side of the Molly statue two blocks from the battalion area. Because I am retired and have more flexibility in my schedule, I normally do the presentation. However, other chapter members have taken part when available. A recent change just this month is a time frame of 35 minutes for the presentation. Presentations normally take place twice a month, some months there is only one graduation of women. December 2006 graduated a three-platoon series, but this is unusual.

Included in the folder for presentation in addition to the award certificate is a "History of WMA" sheet and also "History of the Molly Marine Statue".

We try to make photos of each presentation and forward them to National interests including Sondra at the WMA 'Nouncements email address. Fourth Battalion has started a tradition of having each recipient write an essay about her reflections on Molly Marine. These essays, photos, and names with the homes of record are forwarded to National interests. Our chapter also presents a small framed photo of the Molly statue as a memento with best wishes to each recipient.

Fourth Battalion has been most gracious about this presentation award and certainly very accommodating to WMA. It is always a pleasure to visit the command and we hope to continue this pleasant rapport with Fourth Battalion.

## National Marine Corps Council, Lori Cousins

On behalf of the Women Marines Association, I attended the Fall 2007 Marine Corps Council meeting, which was held on October 20, 2007 at the National Museum of the Marine Corps. The following are agenda highlights:

- BGen Ronald J. Johnson, USMC – Director, Operations Division, Plans, Policies, and Operations Department at HQMC and CMC General James Conway's representative for the meeting. BGen Johnson provided an operational update of the Marine Corps activities across the world; focusing on the War progress and challenges in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the current initiatives with regard to the war on terrorism.
- Dr. Charles Neimeyer, Director Marine Corps History Division, Marine Corps University provided a briefing on the History Division and the many changes that have taken place since the History and Museums Division was separated into two distinct and separate entities and placed under the cognizance of the President, Marine Corps University.
- Col Gregory Boyle, USMC, CO, Wounded Warrior Regiment (HQ here at Quantico) briefed the Council on the developments within the Regiment and its two Battalions, one located at Camp Lejeune and the other at Camp Pendleton. The active outreach of the Regiment and the Battalions in support of the continuing care for the wounded, ill, and injured Marines and sailors is noteworthy and the other services are looking to copy our model. The overall program is comprehensive, aggressive, and a true example of leadership throughout the Corps.
- Ms. Susan Hodges provided a brief overview of the progress

the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation is making with regard to several initiatives in conjunction with the National Museum of the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps Heritage Center. Gen James L. Jones, the 32nd Commandant of the Marine Corps, has assumed the Chairman's position from LtGen Paul K. Van Riper. They have received a \$5M pledge for the Memorial Chapel on the grounds of the Museum/Heritage Center.

The following business was conducted:

- Three new organizations were present and each offered a brief introduction to their organizations and reasons for requesting membership to the Council: Fleet Marine Force Association, The Marine Embassy Guard Association, and The United States Seagoing Marines Association. A vote will be taken at the Spring 08 meeting.
- Elections: Three individuals were nominated for positions on Council; namely, Col Walt Ford as Executive Chairman, Lt Col John Hales as Secretary, and Ms. Susan Hodges as an Executive Committee Member. Chairman Blum further asked if there were any additional nominees or discussion. There was none. The slate was unanimously approved for continuing service for three-year terms.

The NMCC's Spring 2008 meeting is scheduled to be held at the MCA Building Conference room, Quantico, VA on Saturday, 19 April 2008, from 0830 to 1300.

## SECNAV's Navy/ Marine Corps Council, Lori Cousins

(Note: Following the passing of long-time WMA Rep, Laura Dennis in late January 2008, I assumed this role for the remainder of this term, as Representative to the Navy/Marine Corps Council. I previously held the Alternate Rep position for this term.)

On May 15, 2007, the Secretary of the Navy hosted his annual SECNAV briefing to the Member Organizations of the Navy/Marine Corps Council, from 0830 to 1330 at the Army/Navy Club in Arlington, VA. I attended, along with Laura Dennis, as appointed representatives of WMA. A separate report was submitted to the WMA Board following that annual briefing.

The 3rd Qtr 2007 meeting was held on August 7, 2007 at the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC. I attended this meeting, as Alternate Rep for WMA in the absence of Laura Dennis.

The Inaugural National Navy Day celebration was scheduled for Sat. 10/13/07. WMA representatives were invited to attend and participate. Eileen Scanlon and Lori Cousins staffed a WMA informational table at the National Navy Memorial courtyard where the official ceremonies took place.

Authorized by the SECNAV, the Navy Memorial has been tasked (and budgeted) with launching a new Navy Department TV Channel on the web to include the wider Navy military network and organizations. The first year of web exposure and access on the channel will be complementary for each member organization. WMA was invited to be the first Council Member organization to host a specialized link on the Navy TV channel in 2008. This is a great free public relations and recruiting opportunity for our organization and our PRO is in the loop now to coordinate that communication on behalf of WMA. An announcement will be shared with the membership when the link is completed.

The 1st Qtr 2008 Council meeting was held on Feb. 5, 2008 at the Navy Memorial conference room. At this meeting, the following agenda highlights and council business took place:

- I attended and shared the sad news of the recent passing of long-time rep Laura Dennis, and shared her Memorial Service details. Her faithfulness was recognized by the Chair.
- On June 4, 2008, the Battle of Midway Commemoration will be held at the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC. This has been a large undertaking to organize, and all are welcome to attend.
- The 4th Annual National Memorial Day Parade will again be held in Washington, DC on Monday, May 26, 2008 beginning at 2:00pm this year. All veterans and military organizations are encouraged to participate and support this big event, either by entering a unit to march, or by attending as an audience member to be honored. Information can be found at [www.nationalmemorialdayparade.com](http://www.nationalmemorialdayparade.com).

## Appointed Representatives' Reports (Continued)

- The 2008 Annual SECNAV Briefing and luncheon will again be held in May of this year at the Army/Navy Club in Arlington, VA. Details will be shared as soon as they are available.

### Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service, Deb Beutel

- WMA did not have a VAVS representative attend the Annual VAVS National Advisory Committee Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA in 2007 due to turnover in VAVS representatives.
- A letter was sent by National WMA President Ms Paula Sarlls to Ms Laura Balun, Director Voluntary Service Office, requesting that WMA be re-instated in good standing as a Dept of VAVS member organization.
- Appointed new VAVS Alternate Representative Kathy Van Gorder.

- Appointed new VAVS Primary Representative Dorothy Gordon.
- Re-assigned Deb Beutel as Alternate VAVS Representative.
- Sent Kathy Van Gorder to Annual VAVS National Advisory Committee Meeting in Orlando Florida 9-12 April 2008.
- Submitted VAVS Budget Request for \$500.00 for 2007-2008 calendar year.
- Continued work on update of files and SOP re-write.
- Plans for 2008 include continued education and communication regarding VAVS activities and services as well as opportunities for Service.

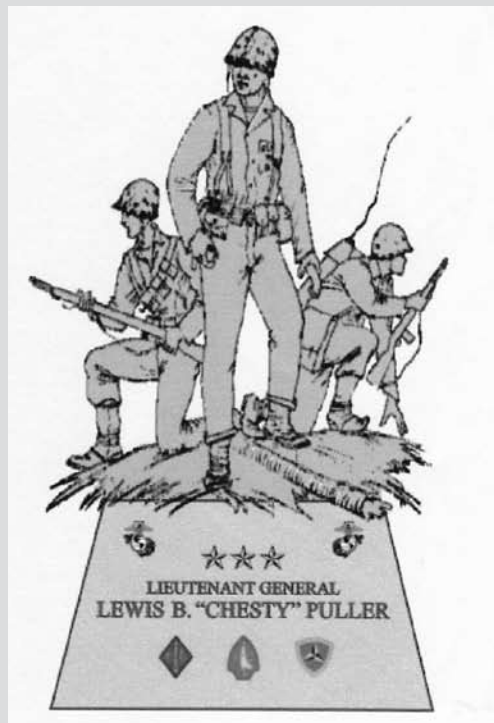
## A Statue for Chesty

To all the Marines of the Women Marines Association:

I have formed a committee of former Marines, authorized by Gen. Ron Christmas of the Marine Heritage Foundation, and through the Seagoing Marine Association ([www.seagoingmarines.com](http://www.seagoingmarines.com)) to honor LtGen "Chesty" Puller. It will be the first statue ever built to honor this great Marine, and we feel that it is long past due. It will be placed at the National Marine Corps Museum at Quantico. We would greatly appreciate it if you could disseminate this information to your entire organization, and to any and all that you feel might help us in this worthwhile effort. If every member of your group sent this to all their Marine buddies, that would be fantastic.

Marines have always been known to help their fellow Marines in need, and that is why I am asking for your help. All of this can be verified by going to the Seagoing Marine Website shown above. Semper Fi & "Goodnight Chesty, Wherever You Are",

*1stSgt Jim Barnett  
USMC (Ret)*



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

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

WMA Cap (3 months delivery).... \$32.50

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

Sizes for WMA Caps:

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

Medallion, '90 Denver Conv ..... \$3.00  
50th Anniversary Medallions ..... \$5.00  
50th Anniversary Paper Weights ... \$10.00

### Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Merchandise

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

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

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

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

Item: Loyal Escort Patch ... \$5.00

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

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

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

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



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



## Chapter Merchandise Sales

Send chapter ads to Sondra Metzger, 3805 NE141 Circle, Edmond, OK 73013-7221, Editor@womenmarines.org. When WMA sales items are no longer available, notify Sondra so they can be removed.

### Books

**Item:** Not "Just Another Cookbook" More than 100 recipes by food grouping. Size: 6"x9"  
**Cost:** \$5.75 (includes shipping) **Chapter:** NC-1  
**Contact:** Mary Sabourin, 339 Bear Creek Rd., Hubert, NC 28539-3409



**Item:** A limited edition booklet of line drawings portraying Women Marines, signed and numbered by the artist, Marion A. Allen, a Regimental Artist during WWII. The original art is now a part of the U.S. Marine Corps Art Collection at the Museums Branch, Washington, D.C. Printed in Forest Green ink.  
**Size:** 12-Page Booklet (10"x7-1/4")  
**Cost:** \$3.00 (including postage) **Chapter:** TX-2  
**Contact:** Barbara Clark, 3539 Teakwood Drive, Pearland, TX 77584 or e-mail Brchoho@aol.com



**Item:** We Are Marines: History & stories from women who served & are serving  
**Cost:** \$25.00 (\$4 shipping & handling) **Checks:** NC-1  
**Contact:** Mary Sabourin, 339 Bear Creek Rd., Hubert, NC 28539-3409

**Item:** "The American Flag" Booklet  
**Cost:** \$4.00 (includes shipping) Payable to: CA-8, WMA  
**Chapter:** Palms to Pines  
**Contact:** Ozell Barksdale, President, 5394 Sierra Street, Riverside, CA 92504 (951) 688-2806 e-mail:ozellb@pacbell.net



**Item:** "Parris Island: A Woman's Memoir of Marine Corps Boot Camp" Signed copy by author Lisa Cordeiro  
**Cost:** \$16.95 (\$3.95 shipping)  
**Chapter:** MA-1  
**Contact:** Lisa Cordeiro, 35 Berkeley St., Watertown, MA 02472 or order online at [www.lisacordeiro.com](http://www.lisacordeiro.com)



**Item:** "Cooking With Marines", a collection of recipes from Marines (2008 Fundraiser)  
**Cost:** \$12.50 (includes shipping) **Chapter:** TX-2  
**Contact:** B.J. Huggins, (WMA) P.O.Box 1821 Pasadena, TX 77501



### Cards/Stationery

**Item:** Name Tags, White w/ green border and logo; Two lines (name and organization); 3"x 1"  
**Cost:** \$8.00 **Chapter:** Make checks to FL-2  
**Contact:** Sylvia Morgan, 13662 87th Avenue, Seminole, FL 33776

**Item:** WMA Postcard - 5 1/2" x 4 1/4" Wide green stripe top & left margins. WMA logo in upper left corner  
**Cost:** 10 for \$1.60; 15 for \$2.10; 20 for \$2.60 (prices include P&H)  
**Checks:** CA-7, WMA **Chapter:** EMVSC (CA-7)  
**Contact:** Eleanor L. Judge, 282 San Dimas Avenue, Oceanside, CA 92057

### Decals

**Item:** "My Grandmother was a Marine" decal for t-shirt  
"My mother was a Marine" decal for t-shirt **Cost:** \$2.25 each (includes shipping)  
**Item:** Women Marine Rose Decal (1 large, 2 small)  
**Cost:** \$3.50  
**Chapter:** Ohio Emerald (OH-1)  
**Contact:** Mary Lou Gruber, Treasurer, 30427 Wolf Road, Bay Village, OH 44140

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

**Item:** Seals  
**Cost:** \$1.25 for 10 **Chapter:** Make checks to FL-2  
**Contact:** Sylvia Morgan, 13662 87th Avenue, Seminole, FL 33776

### Shirts and Sweats

**Item:** Night Shirt/VCoverup, White, knee length, round neck, WMA logo "The Few, The Proud" in green  
**Cost:** \$20.00 (Incl. postage and handling)  
**Size:** One-size-fits-most, short sleeve only **Chapter:** Bay State, MA-1  
**Checks:** Payable to Bay State Chapter, WMA  
**Contact:** Joyce Barden, 56 Poor St, Andover, MA 01810

**Item:** White Sweatshirts and T-Shirts Women Marines' logo in green (WWI, Current, WWII) Courtesy of Col Charles Waterhouse  
**Cost:** T-Shirts- M, L, XL and XXL @ \$10.00; Sweatshirts - M, L, XL @ \$24.00, XXL @ \$25.00 **Pay to:** WMA PA-2 Liberty Belles (Price includes shipping)  
**Contact:** Kathy Van Gorder, 584 Barrington Rd., Collegeville, PA 19426

**Item:** Golf shirt Dark (Hunter) Green with WMA logo (matches green covers) embroidered in white. Available in sizes (S) to (XXL) 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:** Medium sage Green polo shirts with dark green trim around sleeves, collar and button placket. Two color logo on left chest (dark green and khaki). Personalization with name and/or chapter affiliation available. Please specify.  
**Cost:** \$35.00 includes shipping and personalization  
**Size:** S, M, L, XL and 2XL (If you don't want it snug, suggest a size up)  
**Chapter:** GA-1 WMA  
**Contact:** Sheryl Hobden, 7158 Avalon Dr., Douglasville, GA 30135. 678-838-0620 [WMAGeorgia@yahoo.com](mailto:WMAGeorgia@yahoo.com). Please include your phone and/or email with order.

**Item:** "I'm The Marine In This Family" t-shirt or sweatshirt; Your choice of red or black.  
**Cost:** T-Shirt, \$15 plus \$5 postage; Polo shirt, \$20 plus \$5 postage; Sweatshirt, \$20 plus \$5 postage. **Size:** S-XXXL  
**Chapter:** OH-2 Chesty Puller  
**Contact:** Ellen Leidy, 1107 Columbus Ave., Barberton, OH 44203 (330) 825-8935 e-mail: [leidyrun@aol.com](mailto:leidyrun@aol.com)

**Item:** Blue Denim Shirt Eagle, Globe & Anchor in gold and silver embroidery over left pocket, Women Marines Association in red print left of logo, individual's name printed on right side.  
**Cost:** \$35.00 plus \$5.00 for shipping  
**Size:** S, M, L, and XL (shirts run large) specify short or long sleeve style  
**Chapter:** Texas Gulf Coast **Checks:** Payable to TX-2 WMA  
**Contact:** Judy Anderson, 726 Beachcomber, Houston, TX 77062 e-mail: [gulfcoastwm@AOL.com](mailto:gulfcoastwm@AOL.com)

**Item:** Forest Green Sweatshirts, t-shirts, short sleeved golf shirts, long sleeved golf shirts and low profile cap. All shirts are embroidered with WMA on the left side and Women Marines Association underneath. Embroidery is in white; low profile cap has WMA embroidered in white.  
**Cost:** All prices include shipping and handling per item.  
Sweatshirts: M- XL - \$26 each; 2X - \$28 each  
T-Shirts: M - 2XL - \$16 each; Short sleeved golf shirts: M - XL - \$28 each  
Long sleeved golf shirts: M - XL - \$32 each  
Low profile cap: one size fits all - \$16 each  
**Checks:** Old Dominion Chapter, WMA VA-2  
**Contact:** Mickey Jennings, 6486 Lark Way, Mechanicsville, VA 23111 E-mail: [mickeyjennings@hotmail.com](mailto:mickeyjennings@hotmail.com)

### Jewelry

**Item:** WMA Bolo w/ WMA Logo and cord in gold finish (also available bolo with USMC Emblem only).  
**Cost:** \$20.00 (includes shipping) **Chapter:** Make checks payable to TX-3, WMA  
**Contact:** Anne M. Collins, 519 Devine St., San Antonio, TX 78210-1505

**Item:** WMA Logo Earrings (matches gold bolo)  
**Cost:** \$10.00/pair (includes shipping)  
**Chapter:** Make checks payable to: TX-3 WMA  
 Please designate one: ☐ Wire/Dangle ☐ Clip-on  
**Contact:** Anne M. Collins, 519 Devine St., San Antonio, TX 78210-1505

**Item:** WMA Ring. Jeweler - Jostens  
**Cost:** Lustrium (non precious white) \$181.00  
 Questra (non precious gold) \$218.00  
 10 Karat Yellow Gold \$325.00  
 14 Karat Gold \$395.00 (Cost includes three initials inside ring & shipping)  
 Note: Include ring size and phone number when ordering

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



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

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

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

### Miscellaneous Items

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



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

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

**Item:** New aluminum license plate in distinctive RED  
 lettering on white. Includes a Semper Fi sticker  
**Cost:** \$8.00 (postpaid) **Chapter:** FL-4, Tampa Tarpons  
**Contact:** Laveme H. Myers, 3803 Drexel Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611-1517



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

**Item:** High quaity 16 oz Stainless Steel Insulated Travel Mug w/locking lid, green  
 WMA logo on both sides, Comfort handle, fits universal auto holder.  
**Cost:** \$10.00 each including shipping & handling  
**Chapter:** OR-3 **Checks:** Payable to WMA OR-3  
**Contact:** Karen L. Reeves, 6923 Jessica Drive, Springfield, OR 97478  
 (541) 741-1213 e-mail: klr042@aol.com



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

**Item:** WMA logo Rubber Stamps  
**Cost:** Large stamp: \$11.00 (includes mailing) Small stamp: \$8.00 (includes  
 mailing) **Chapter:** CA-7 (Checks to: EMV, CA-7, WMA)  
**Contact:** Marie A Proulx, 748 Pearwood Street, Oceanside, CA 92057-8618

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

**Item:** Clear Vinyl Bag with Long Zipper, WMA Logo Women Marines  
 Association. Green/White Size: 9" x 12"  
**Cost:** \$6.25 (includes shipping) **Chapter:** NC-1  
**Contact:** Mary Sabourin, 339 Bear Creek Rd., Hubert, NC 28539-3407

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

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



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



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

**Item:** "Proud To Be A Marine" ribbon magnet, 8"x 3"  
**Cost:** \$6 each (includes postage)  
**Item:** WW II magnet, 3-1/2"x 2-1/2", red lettering on white  
 background with blue border  
**Cost:** \$2 each (includes postage)  
**Contact:** Marie Proulx, 748 Pearwood St., Oceanside, CA 92057-8618



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



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

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

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

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

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## WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Enrolled by: (member/chapter) \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide Next of Kin information in case of an emergency.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Please Print)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 2-year Membership - \$25

Life Membership  
(Fee pro-rated by age)

(Sponsor must be a WMA Life member)

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

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

☐ 46 to 60 ...\$125.00

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

☐ 81 & Over ...\$50.00

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

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

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

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

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



Address Service Requested

Women Marines Association  
P.O. Box 8405  
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