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Marine raid breaks gender barrier

(Cpl Rachel Bergstrom (proper spelling) is a member of GA-1. Her personal message on this event follows the article.)

LCpl Erin Libby doesn't want to be treated the same as her male Marine Corps counterparts. But she does want to be treated as an equal — even in combat.

In a way, she got her chance when Marines from the 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment led a raid into the city of Karmah in search of high-value targets and hidden weapons. "We're out here, and we're rocking on the front line," said Libby, a 21-year-old from Niceville, Fla., who pinned on the rank of lance corporal during a break in the mission.

In all, 14 women from Combat Logistics Battalion 8 were called away from their usual jobs of supplying ammunition, food, water, fuel and mail for the three-day offensive that kicked off in the pre-dawn hours about 15 miles northeast of Fallujah.

Cultural sensitivities precluded male Marines from searching women, so the female Marines were meant to deflate fears of Iraqi men and women, said the battalion executive officer, Maj Larry Miller. It was a first in Iraq to have female Marines embedded at the lowest levels of infantry companies and working alongside their male counterparts, said CWO2 Jill St. John, 39, an embark officer with CLB-8.

"This is history. This is huge for us," St. John said. "I've been in the Marine Corps for 18 years, and this is my first opportunity to be out with an infantry

company. Even five years ago, the Marine Corps wouldn't be doing this. This is a major change in how we think women can be used in the military."



LCpl Erin Libby, 21, hands out stuffed animals as part of humanitarian efforts following the raid. Photo by Sandra Jontz, Stars & Stripes

While female Marines were used in similar fashion during missions in Afghanistan, they were not fully integrated with line companies, St. John said.

"It wasn't quite as dynamic as this. They'd wait at a camp in the rear and were called in when needed, often called in for re-supply," such as bringing in food and water.

"I'm so sick of hearing females can't do this and females can't do that. Blah, blah, blah," said Cpl Rachel Bergstrom, 20, of Cumming, Ga. "We're in it as much as the grunts, and we love it."

The battalion's Lima and India companies absorbed the women into their ranks, giving them the primary mission to search women and children suspected of hiding anything. But the female Marines'

presence was not intended to show a softer side of the Marine Corps, said Capt Mark Liston, commander of India Company.

"They're still a fighting force for us," he said. "With them, we can grab a wife of a suspected insurgent, for example, and find out where the husband might be hiding. And while it hasn't been used here, the insurgency has been known to use female suicide bombers," Liston said.

But there were times in which the softer side appeared in both the male and female Marines. When they weren't raiding homes and businesses, the Marines were on humanitarian missions, handing out food, water and toys, especially to the hordes of children who flocked to the streets when the Humvees rolled in.

"Whenever I read about these humanitarian missions, I always thought it was so cheesy," Libby said after tossing out handfuls of stuffed animals. "Now I'm the one sounding cheesy, but I like this. It makes you feel good inside."

They're often referred to as the WMs, or women Marines. They hate it, and the crass distortions of the acronym some say they've heard.

"We're Marines, bottom line," said Cpl. Dawn Lansberry, 31. "I'm out here to prove a point," Libby said. "A lot of males think females are weak. It's time to shine, and I'm going to leave here gold-en."

*By Sandra Jontz, Stars and Stripes
Mideast edition,
Wednesday, May 4, 2005*

In Her Own Words: Cpl Rachel Bergstrom

I just got back from Karhma this morning. Myself and 13 other females from my unit were attached to an infantry unit called 3/8. Two of those females included a CWO and a Doc.

Our group was split up into two different companies, India and Lima. Lima Co split their females into the platoons and they were by themselves the whole mission, patrolling with the grunts in the city. I was in India Company which kept their females together and we rode on the

log train, basically we re-supplied the other platoons with chow and water, and when they needed a female searcher. We also picked up all the detainees and anyone that needed to be medivac-ed.

The mission in Karhma was to go to every house and search for weapons or insurgents. They didn't want to cause destruction like in Fallujah because it cost too much to rebuild. 3/8 detained a lot of people, but they think most of the insurgents fled the city. The city was pretty

quiet except for the kids chasing after our vehicles screaming "Futbol! Futbol!" We passed out a lot of soccer balls and stuffed animals to the kids as well. They loved it, but sometimes it got a little crazy because there were so many of them. They would beat each other up to get a soccer ball.

The mission lasted for 3 days and we hardly got any sleep, we were driving the whole time, and it had to be 100 degrees outside.

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From the President

When I first told you I had an awesome board, LITTLE DID I KNOW! They have done so much, I'm still sorting it out...and it's all good. Between caring for a friend, and a minor medical problem of my own, the board has continued to roll right along and make tremendous progress on so many issues. Some have been completed and others have not.

I am really looking forward to being more proactive and the Interim Board Meeting, but it's going to take me a few

months to catch up totally, and represent you all as best as I can.

When I accept a major responsibility, it's always my first priority to do a good job, and unless it's done well, I feel I've not kept my word to the membership.

Thanks to all of you who have kept the "rig running", and to everyone for their support, thoughts and prayers.

Lou Teixeira



From the First Vice President: Updates and Ideas



Dear WMA members and friends,

I hope this new season finds everyone well and motivated! The year is sure to be a year of transitions for many of us – some positive and some unexpected, but hopefully all will be rewarding.

The Convention Committee is moving forward with exciting plans and programs for the 2006 Biennial Convention in Kentucky, and I would like to encourage all our local chapter members and our many Association members-at-large to please consider joining us in Louisville in early September 2006 for a busy week of connections, patriotism, tradition, and leadership opportunities. The 2005 Interim Board meeting will also be held at the conference hotel in Louisville this Labor Day weekend to discuss and focus on new Association business, and also to hear some exciting updates regarding the big event next year.

Please note: We will also be launching at that time, our new WMA Chapter Recruiting and Membership competition and awards program for the 12 months leading up to the Convention (Sept 2005 – Sept 2006) with special recognition and rewards to those motivated and growing chapters at all levels. The criteria will be fair and clear – the details will be developed and shared with the Area Directors and chapter officers this summer so we can all be prepared. Hopefully all chapters, regardless of location or size, will be involved in this positive challenge and set attainable goals. The prizes will be in keeping with our 2006 convention theme. Best

wishes for a year of successful outreach and growth! Remember, there is strength in numbers!

To assist all chapters/Areas with this upcoming 'friendly competition', we plan to coordinate a large outreach letter of invitation and introduction to all registered women Marines in the WIMSA database who are not currently WMA members at some point this fall. Thanks to our immediate past national president for this helpful idea and her positive initial contact with WIMSA Chairman to support this project. We expect a nice response from that target audience nationwide.

Also planned for our Interim Board meeting in September 2005, the Board will consider several new proposals that would provide more convenience for our membership: the option of accommodating online membership applications and quick electronic dues payments via a secure site is a goal. Hopefully this type of enhanced, streamlined business operations process at the national level will attract and appeal to new prospective members, and provide a useful service, convenience and benefit to our current membership. We will also consider helpful and creative ideas to improve the way we support and retain (and remain relevant to) our national membership, local chapters, and also be considerate of our members-at-large in these high-tech, fast-paced times. We are always looking for ways to "work smarter, not harder" by being open to reasonable, flexible, and efficient ways of doing business, while at the same time, providing more resources and responsiveness to our members. Please feel free to share your comments and suggestions...all are welcome.

Lori B. Cousins

From Your 2nd VP

I am so proud to be serving as your 2nd Vice President and stand ready to assist in any way I can. There is so much going on nationally with WMA that I find myself humbled by your august efforts. My main goal this year is to learn the job I've been elected to, do it well, and update the "How to Book" for WMA as well as publish it electronically for your use. This will be enough to keep me out of trouble for at least my first year in this position.

On 19 March I attended a class on Robert's Rules of Order presented by the Colorado Association of Parliamentarians and the American Legion. It was one of the most informative things I've ever done and I wish I had known much of this information earlier in my volunteer career. I learned a significant amount of information about conducting a meeting, making motions and keeping minutes. The one thing included in the cost of the registration was a copy of "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised In Brief". It's a small paperback with

the basics presented in clear English that anyone could understand. It was just published within the last year. Prior to that you had to read or use a huge volume that was like reading Greek. I'd like to recommend that all board members and chapter presidents buy and use this book for their meetings. You may also want to check this organization out to see if they could do a presentation in your community: www.parliamentarians.org, 888-NAAP2929 or E-mail: hq@nap2.org.

One last reminder to everyone - please provide for your Marine Corps memorabilia to be donated to the appropriate site if something should ever happen to you. And remember to share the history of your events and experiences with the national historian or the appropriate person on the history committee. The history of WMA and of your experiences and achievements is vital to the future of women in the Marine Corps. Also, be sure you're registered with the Women's Memorial, www.wimsa.org.

*Semper Fidelis
Paula Sarlls*

Recognition & Awards Criteria – 2006 Convention

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

All chapters, large and small, are encouraged to enter the competition in at least one category. The rules and prizes are delineated below for your information. It's time to begin planning your entries! If your chapter did not enter any category last year, pick one and concentrate on submitting the best entry possible for this convention. Remember, you can't win if you don't enter! Entering is all that it takes to win a prize.

Newsletter

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

Pages - No restrictions (brevity should be considered where appropriate). Submit one copy each of two (2) issues created since the last convention (Sept. 2004) to: PO Box 2196, Swansboro, NC 28584. Newsletters will be judged on the following format and contents:

Contents

- A: Identification – WMA chapter, number, date, Volume number, issue number, editor name, address and phone number. Also list each chapter officer
- B: Masthead: artistic, attractive and original
- C: State number of newsletters issued during period

Story Types

- A: Contributor – number of articles that have bylines
- B: WMA national news – not extensive – something to keep members current on national
- C: Personalities -- biography of members
- D: Local chapter news – community involvement, volunteer work, meetings, etc.
- E: Personalize – Activities of members, trips, sick calls, etc.
- F: Special events

Layout

- A: Arrangement of copy: should be neat, readable, and orderly.
- B: Pictures identified and graphics may be used. Slick ad agency presentation is not necessary.

Awards

- 1st Place: A perpetual plaque inscribed with "The Editor's Award for Outstanding Chapter Newsletter," which is to be returned at the next convention. When returned, the editor will receive a small individual award plaque bearing the winner's name and reading, "Editor Award for Outstanding Chapter Newsletter 2004-2006." The chapter will also receive a streamer for their chapter colors and a certificate. Plaque donated by Past National President Sue Sousa. Streamer donated by Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter.
- 2nd & 3rd Place: Receive certificate for their chapter.

History Book

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

Period - should cover the biennial between conventions (2004-2006). Submit your history book, well packaged, to PO Box 2196, Swansboro, NC 28584.

Book Layout

- A: Chapter name and number, layout of contents, cover page.
- B: Articles and photos should have names, places, and dates.
- C: Events related to your chapter should have names, chapter officers/historian, location, date.

Remember the Who, What, When, Where & Why for publishing.

Awards

- 1st Place: A perpetual plaque inscribed "Outstanding Chapter History Book Award", which is to be returned at the next convention. When returned, the chapter historian will receive a small individual plaque bearing the winner's name and reading, "Historian Award for the Outstanding Chapter History Book – 2004-2006". Chapter will also receive a streamer for their chapter colors and a certificate. Plaque donated by Past National President Sue Sousa. Streamer donated by Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter.
- 2nd & 3rd Place: receive certificate for their chapter

Judging Criteria

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- Chapter properly identified, catalogued and indexed.
- Material enclosed in an attractive cover.
- Presentation and documentation (use of a descriptive brief of the project, newspaper clippings, photos, letters of thanks, etc.)
- Degree to which project relates to category for which it is submitted.
- Degree of involvement by chapter members. The more involvement the better.
- Who, what, when, where, why of the activity or project identified. Quality of project(s).
- Just cover the biennial between convention 2004 & 2006

Chapter Achievement

Categories:

- Fostering the spirit of comradeship of women who have served or now serve in the U.S. Marine Corps (regular or reserve) and sponsoring participating activities of a patriotic nature, particularly those that perpetuate the traditions and esprit de corps of the U.S. Marine Corps.
- Promoting activities that help community or charitable organizations function, such as office work, fund drive, volunteering, soliciting contributions, telethons and the like.
- care and assistance to hospitalized veterans and members of the armed forces of the United States.

Recognition & Awards Criteria – 2006 Convention

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

Classes for each category are as follows

- 5-20 members in a chapter
- 21-45 members in a chapter
- 46 + members in a chapter

Awards

• 1st Place: Each class and category will receive a certificate and a streamer for their chapter colors.

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

Note: Chapters may enter any one or all of the categories for their class (chapter size). Entries in each category & class require separate folders and entry forms.

Ruth & Dick Broe Award for Overall Chapter Achievement

No separate entry is required for this award. This, the highest award, is presented to the chapter who in the

opinion of the judges has accomplished the most in keeping the objectives of the Women Marines Association as demonstrated by their entries in the Chapter Achievement categories. It does not necessarily go to the chapter with the most awards. The quality of the project is the most important factor.

If your chapter did not enter any category last year, pick one and concentrate on submitting the best entry possible for this convention.

The chapter will be presented with a perpetual plaque inscribed "Ruth & Dick Broe Overall Outstanding Chapter Award," which is to be returned at the next convention. When returned, the chapter will receive a small individual award plaque read-

ing, "Ruth & Dick Broe Overall Outstanding Chapter Award – 2004-2006." The chapter will also receive a streamer for their chapter colors. Plaque donated by Past National President Sue Sousa. Streamer donated by Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter.

The Committee

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

The decision of the judges is final!

Deadline

All entries must be postmarked on or before 2 June 2006.

Mail all entries to: Linda Lacy, PO Box 2196, Swansboro, NC 28584. Enclose a self-addressed stamped postcard to be returned as a receipt.

The entry form will appear in the fall issue of 'Nouncements.

LtCol Valentin New CO for 4th Battalion

LtCol Cynthia Valentin was born in Fremont, Neb. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Special Education from the University of the Pacific in June 1977 and was commissioned a second lieutenant through the Officer Candidate Class program in December 1983.

Upon completion of The Basic School, Quantico, in June 1984, she completed a tour of duty at Marine Corps Development and Education Command, Quantico, as the Assistant Operations Officer for the Amphibious Warfare Presentation Team and Aide-de-Camp for the Director of the Education Center.

In May 1985, she transferred to the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, El Toro, and was assigned as Aide-de-Camp, CG 3d Marine Aircraft Wing. She subsequently completed the Basic Intelligence Officers Course and was later assigned as the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, Target Intelligence Officer. During December 1985 she was reassigned to Marine Aircraft Group-11 as the Intelligence Officer.

In May 1989, she was accepted into the Funded Law Education Program and attended the Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, D.C. During the summers of 1990 and 1991, respectively, LtCol Valentin served as clerk in the Office of the Counsel for the Commandant, and the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico. She received her Juris Doctor in 1992.



LtCol Cynthia Valentin

Following completion of the Naval Justice School, Newport, R.I., in October 1992, LtCol Valentin reported to the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, and served as the Senior Trial Counsel. In June 1993, she was transferred to the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Camp Pendleton, and served as the Director of Legal Assistance and the Military Justice Officer.

LtCol Valentin was detailed back to the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, during June 1996 to serve as the Military Justice Officer. In July 1997, she was transferred to the Naval Legal Service Office, Naples, Italy, where she served concurrently as the Command Services Officer, International Law Officer, and Civil Law Department Head.

During August 1999, she reported to Camp Smedley D. Butler, Okinawa, and was assigned as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate. Upon her promotion to LtCol in July 2000, she was reassigned as the Staff Judge Advocate.

LtCol Valentin reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot/Eastern Recruiting Region, Parris Island in June 2002 and has served as the Strategic Plans Officer, and Executive Officer, Headquarters and Service Battalion.

The Spin Doctor is in!

We are now in full swing of the year and it is time to get out and break loose of the winter. Okay at least for those of us who have to endure bad weather, snow and rain.

This is a great time to take a good look at your chapter and decide what one or two projects you want to move forward with this year. There are just so many things to become active in.

We understand that some chapters have members who still want to be very active but just do not have the stamina for long days and grueling hard work. Never fear. We have projects that these members can do as well and make a difference.

For our active duty: Start a drive to help support our Marines and deployed military in Iraq and Afghanistan. Your support can be as simple as a letter writing campaign, making knotted prayer cords for the chaplains, to a full out collection and shipment of items. You can contact me for full details on how to start a project from set up to names to send to. At any given time we have 200 names and lots of requests for support.

For our veterans: Contact your local VA Hospital and see how they can use your support. There are so many wonderful ways to support our veterans. Sometimes just a visit and someone to talk to is all our vets need. You can

hold a bingo, stage a donut hour on Sunday or collect and donate items. Contact the Veteran Services rep today and ask.

In the community: Activities for our ready to rock and roll chapters can be many and varied. One of the great things that we find in most states is the Habitat for Humanity project. Get together with a few members from your chapter and give of yourselves to this project. You can do everything from pounding nails, working on landscape to providing a lunch or donating beverages for the workers to consume while they work. They have a website at: <http://www.habitat.org/local/>.

All of your members can be happy with the amount of work they feel comfortable giving.

Your Public Relations (PR) team is here to help you with any activity. We will help write your press release and show you how to submit it to your area newspapers and news media. Feel free to contact us at any time for help and support.

Let's show them that WMA is a viable and active veterans organization.

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*Mary Ann Merritt
Public Relations Officer*

In Her Own Words

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We also spent the night in the city. One night we slept in someone's home and the second night we slept in a school. The females even pulled fire watch at night. The last day we got to go into an Iraqi's home, it was a really nice house. I promoted my first Marine there in the house to lance corporal. We drank some thai afterwards, which is a hot tea that is really sweet.

Stars and Stripes interviewed us because we are the first group of females to be attached to the infantry in Iraq. I also got interviewed for the promotion ceremony which will be posted on www.usmc.mil.

3/8 was awesome in the way they treated the female Marines. Of course there were a few that weren't very accepting, but I think we changed a lot of attitudes in the way we conducted ourselves out there.

Overall, it was a great experience and I hope we will get another chance to do it again. Thanks everyone for writing and your support.

*Semper Fidelis,
CPL B.*

Historical Female Marine... or Not?

Brewer, Lucy (late 1700s-early 1800s), legendary first woman Marine. According to legend, Lucy Brewer, originally a farm girl from Massachusetts, disguised herself as a man and served as a member of the USS Constitution Marine guard during the War of 1812.

Wishing to escape her life as a prostitute in a Boston house, Brewer was inspired by the story of a woman who had posed as a soldier in the Continental Army during the American Revolution. Between 1815 and 1818, Brewer (who also wrote under the name "Louisa Baker") published a detailed account of her participation in three sea battles, including a description of her expert marksmanship in manning the ship's fighting tops.

The U.S. Marine Corps, which regards Brewer's story as false, contends that the enlistment procedure and lack of privacy in living conditions would have made it impossible for her to hide her true identity and that her description of combat was probably gleaned from military reports or newspaper articles.

Britannica Online

In Search Of:

- **Wilma L. Edwards**, originally from Michigan, who was stationed at MCAS Mojave in 1944. If you have any information or know her, please pass on that John A. Brown, 11651 Garfield Ave., Lake, MI 48632, is looking for her.
- Calista Wehrli, IL-2, would like to know if anyone remembers **Edith McGinnis**. She was in the 2nd Officers Battalion at Hunter College, now lives in Elmhurst, IL, and would like to hear from her former buddies. (She's now been sent a WMA Membership Application). McGinnis is the mother of Wehrli's doctor. Contact Calista Wehrli at 330 East 8th Ave., Naperville, IL 60563-3127. Phone: 630-355-2564.

Betty & Jane

Since the last issue of the newsletter, we have lost two more members of significant presence: Betty Noble and Jane Wallis.

Jane stepped into our Marine Corps world in 1954 after graduating from East Tennessee State. Some historical points of her tours of duty are: in 1964 she was assigned to the 8th Marine Corps District in New Orleans where in addition to her regular duties, she was co-chair of the 1966 WMA Convention which coincided with the rededication of the Molly Marine Statue in New Orleans. She was responsible (along with Betty Noble) for getting many of the donations needed to restore the statue. In 1968 she became the first female commanding officer in Okinawa; in 1974 she was transferred to Hawaii, where she traveled with the Assistant Secretary of Defense/Race Relations/Equal Opportunity throughout FMF Pacific. LtCol Wallis retired in 1980.



Jane at the 2004 convention.



Jane, front and center, with friends: Lou Teixeira, Jeanne Botwright, June Dempsey, Sue Sousa, Eileen Scanlon, Denne Howard and Bettie Lerdall before the start of the 2004 convention. Photo courtesy of June Dempsey.

To last 26 years in the Marine Corps is, in itself, a remarkable achievement. However, when I think of Jane Wallis, I think of her strength and positive attitude.

In 1982, Jane discovered she had breast cancer. Four years later she chaired the 1986 WMA Convention in Buena Park, CA. Three years after that she found out she had throat cancer, which resulted in a laryngectomy, which was followed in less than a year with lung cancer and then, finally, bone cancer some time in 2002. Twenty-three years of fighting an enemy she could not see with an attitude that amazed even those closest to her.

At the 2004 convention, I expected to see a woman who had been worn down by a vicious killer. Was I ever wrong! Everyone around her was worn out trying to keep up with her. She was happy; she was enjoying the moment. Someone who

didn't know her would have never suspected the cancer was eating away at her with every tick of the clock. CA-7 gave her a great convention. She had the time of her life.

Her contributions are immeasurable. Before her passing on 21 April, she was participating in an experimental program at the VA Hospital that her death prevented her from completing.

Not limiting her generosity to medicine, it was Jane's contribution of \$4,000 that allowed WMA to hire a contractor to work on the membership database. Because she couldn't physically do anything for WMA, she pulled out her checkbook from time to time and contributed to us when needed and without mentioning it to anyone.

There was a celebration of her life held on 12 May in Sun City. And it was a true celebration. Someone close to the family made the comment that Jane passes on 21 April, and two days later, for the first time in the history of the Marine Corps, a Marine is nominated to head the Joint Chiefs. Talk about arriving and getting things done!

And when SgtMaj Elizabeth "Betty" Noble, age 82, passed on 25 May, LtCol Wallis must have needed help with Chesty. It was taking more than her and Sarah Thornton.

Betty began her career as a WR in 1943, then became a regular in 1949. Before that, she drove a milk truck in her home town of Alpine, CA. Alpine was an important part of her life. Her mother was



SgtMaj Betty Noble and Freckles. Photo from the 1999 WMA Historical Calendar.

the first baby born in Alpine. Her family, ironically, started the very cemetery she was buried in. Alpine was very proud of their favorite "daughter". Betty served her country AND her community all her life, and helped define Alpine's history along the way.

Like all Marines with a long career, Betty retired in 1968 after many trips back and forth across the country. With her on most of those travels (until she went to Hawaii) was an English Springer spaniel named Freckles, who was quite popular during his "tour of duty" in the Corps. He "joined" the Corps in 1949 when he traveled to Henderson Hall with Betty. Freckles drilled the troops with then DI Sarah Thornton and chased an intruder from the staff quarters at Parris Island. At

one point, he hid under Col Margaret Henderson's desk and was recommended for promotion to sergeant by the Colonel when they were at Quantico. Even after going "over the hill" a few times in El Toro, he still managed to pick up staff sergeant. Because of the three-month quarantine for animals arriving in Hawaii, Freckles was relieved of duty when Betty was transferred there, and passed away in San Diego in 1962. I share all this because (a) he was so popular that his obituary was published in *Leatherneck*, and (b) who would even think of having a dog in the barracks now????

Betty retired at Parris Island, where she was the first female sergeant major in Marine Corps history to receive a depot parade. She moved back to Alpine where she opened Noble Realty, beginning a career that lasted several decades. And she played golf, participating in many of the Ruptured Duck golf tournaments held around the country. It was during one of these tournaments at Hilton Head in February that she was hospitalized with congestive heart failure, and then pneumonia. When she died, arrangements were being made to fly her home.

Alpine was her love, and she always saved time to be active in community life. Along with the cemetery association, she was also active in the Alpine Historical Society and the Alpine Women's Club, and headed the local Toys for Tots drive. At the time she left for the golf tournament, a 21 May Armed Forces Day dinner party was being planned to honor her for her service to country and community.



SgtMaj Noble at the 2003 Armed Forces Day events in Alpine. Photo courtesy of the Alpine Sun.

For those wondering about donations, the family has asked that they be sent to the Alpine Historical Society, PO Box 382, Alpine, CA, 91903, or the Alpine Women's Club, PO Box 231, Alpine, CA, 91903. And, there is always WMA. She so loved her Corps and WMA, proudly pointing out that the dress blues she wore (and was buried in) were her original dress blues. How many of us can say we still fit in ours?

Semper Fidelis, ladies. We will miss you, as we do all our sister Marines who have passed on.

*Sondra Metzger
With assistance from the Alpine Sun
And the 1999 WMA Historical Calendar*

From the Loyal Escorts President

It has been another sad time for the Loyal Escorts as we have lost another National Past President this quarter. Charles (Charlie) E. Todd died on 5 April. He was 86 years young. He was preceded in his death by his loving wife and sponsor, Marge, who died in 1997. Charlie held Life Membership Card #2 and even after Marge's death was still faithful to his commitment to the Loyal Escorts and to the local chapter of the Women Marines Association. He attended gatherings for the celebration of the Marine Corps Birthday and the Anniversary of Women Marines until he became too ill to attend.



Marge and Charles Todd

Charlie joined the Marine Corps in 1942 and retired as a Master Gunnery Sergeant in 1969. He served in the Pacific during WWII and in Korea during 1953. He was employed as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Carlsbad, CA until his second retirement in 1984. He and his wife Marge liked to travel pulling a trailer. They joined a trailer club and toured the country. Eventually they traveled to Alaska,

Hawaii, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, Europe, Japan and China.

*Charles Todd is one of the reasons the organization flourished and continues to flourish...
Semper Fi, Charlie.*

Charlie had a passion for sports, in particular basketball, bowling, and golf. Golf was his special love and he sunk a hole-in-one at the age of 72.

Charlie and Marge had three children: Douglas E. Todd of Las Vegas; William R. (and Patty) Todd of Lindenhurst, IL; and Cheryl (and Michael) Wheaton of Cedar Falls, IA. He has five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and a surviving brother, Robert Todd, in North Fort Myers, FL. Son-in-law Michael Wheaton is a retired Marine.

Charlie joined the Loyal Escorts in 1976 and became national president for a two year period. He is one of the reasons the organization flourished and continues to flourish because of the strong underpinnings our founders laid as the foundation of this great Women Marines Auxiliary. "Semper Fi," Charlie. May you rest in peace and guard the gates of heaven with Marge.

Now an update. We are waiting for the results of the WMA tax code change proposal and if approved, will move rapidly to establish ourselves under their umbrella. This will open the auxiliary to all personnel, regardless of relationship, that any WMA member in good standing wants to sponsor.

Most of our sashes have been completed and we have a few for any LE member to borrow/check-out for their use. Our plan is to pass them out at the next convention and collect them back when the convention is over. However if any LEs, other than the officers, would like to borrow one for use between the conventions, please contact myself or Jeanne Cantrell and we will get you one.

Tabitha and Don are running with the plans for next year's hospitality room. We will try to out-do San Diego's but it will be very tough to say the least. If anyone has any comments or suggestions, feel free to contact any of us and we will discuss. Open communications is the key to success of any association.

Last but not least, we are almost there for the recommendation to go to the board for approval for the establishment of another scholarship for the WMA to present. This scholarship will be dedicated to Dan and Ame Christenson for all they did to promote and support the seven pillars of the WMA and the support and leadership they both provided to the Loyal Escorts.

Paul Dossin

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

Application for Membership

(Please Print)

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 Regular Life-Sponsor must be
a WMA Life Member

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Sponsor Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (zip + 4)

Telephone: _____

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

Sponsor's Chapter Code: _____

Your Relationship to Sponsor: _____

Enclosed Dues Amt: \$ _____ Dues include 'Nouncements if not already received in household.

2 Yrs.....\$25.00

Life Membership
(Fee pro-rated by age)
(Sponsor must be a WMA Life member)
Sponsor's WMA Life Membership # _____

40 & under ...\$375.00 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 of the Green Garter is an organization of close relatives of WMA members. Persons related within two degrees of kinship; i.e., spouse, sister, brother, parents, grandparents, children & grandchildren. Non-relatives who are current members may remain as members as long as their dues are current, but cannot vote or hold office.

A LOYAL ESCORTS OF THE GREEN GARTER MEMBER MUST BE SPONSORED BY A WMA MEMBER
Make check payable to Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter.
Mail to: Jeanne Cantrell, Treasurer, Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter, 3407 Meredith Avenue, Dallas, TX, 75211.

The Passing of a Legend: Col Mary A. Hallaren

Army Col Mary A. Hallaren, 97, director of the Women's Army Corps when it officially became part of the regular Army in 1948, died 13 February of complications from a stroke at Arleigh Burke Pavilion, an assisted living facility for retired military personnel in McLean, VA.

The much-decorated Hallaren became the primary exponent and dynamic force advocating permanent status for military women. When the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948 was adopted, she was the first woman, other than a few medical officers, to be sworn into duty with the regular Army when it went into effect.

The diminutive Hallaren was in the inaugural training class of officers in 1942, and the following year led the first battalion of women to serve in Europe during World War II. By the end of the war, Col. Hallaren commanded all 9,000 American WACs in the European theater.

Col Hallaren, a tough-minded leader, was described in military documents as a "legendary figure" who helped her troops endure the bombing of London under the blitz of rockets from Germany. She was especially proud that not one of her women went AWOL.

She became the director in 1947 and guided women's Army units through the Korean War before stepping down in 1953.

She served in Germany and in the office of the Secretary of Defense helping direct personnel policy until her retirement in 1960. Her decorations included three awards of the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, two Army Commendation Medals and three Oak Leaf clusters.

In 1965, Col Hallaren became the first executive director



Col Mary A. Hallaren

of Women in Community Service, a coalition of five charitable groups that she helped mold into a nonprofit agency of national scope to help women and children in poverty or at the margins of society. She served as WICS' executive director until 1978.

Born in Lowell, MA, Hallaren taught junior high school in Massachusetts for 15 years, spending her summers on vigorous walking tours, which she called vagabonding.

"Mary Hallaren could have matched foot mileage with the most seasoned dogface," said a 1947 Washington Post article. "Europe was familiar territory to her--so was every state in the Union, Canada, Alaska, Central and South America. She had covered them all on foot in 18 summers of walking and living out of a pack."

In the 1990s, she was a leading proponent of the Women's Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery. She was elected to the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, N.Y., in 1996 and was featured by Tom Brokaw in his book "The Greatest Generation."

Col Hallaren continued to speak across the country about women's issues and her worldwide travels, sometimes standing on a box to reach the microphone. Even in later years, she still continued to carry herself in a brisk, no-nonsense military manner.

"If you would see her on the street, you'd think she was a librarian," Ruth Herman, former executive director of WICs recalled. "But every now and then, she could bark out an order that would stop a whole room."

From the Washington Post and various Internet sources

From our Historian

History, History, Who's Got Our History?

History is not a thing or event just from the distant past. History can be an occurrence that happened this morning or yesterday. We all hold our history. WMA and all the women of the Corps are lucky that so many of our WWII members are still with us to provide us with the stories and memorabilia of the past. We are lucky to have Korean and Vietnam Veterans in our ranks that can give us the story of the changing role of women in their time. Those young women currently on duty in the War on Terror are writing our history as it has never been written. We need to know.

All of you hold our history and WMA needs to get it preserved, past, and present. As your new WMA historian, I am trying to get the word out and locate our history. If you have stories to share, pho-

tos, scrapbooks, historic items, WMA newsletters, chapter scrapbooks please let me know or feel free to send them to me.

I don't need original photos, scanned or copies are fine. Identify as many Marines as you can and write a short narrative. Please include your name, email, address, and phone so I can reach you, if I need more detail.

Your input on locating our history would be greatly appreciated. An old saying, "Time stops for no man or woman" is so accurate and now is the time to actively save our past, and present.

*Nancy Wilt, Historian WMA
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Above: Every now and then we receive a portrait that is different from most portraits. This Marine is Emily Rose Dvorak Field. A member of 1L-2, she recently passed away. Her son James, also a former Marine, sent the picture to us. Thanks, James, and Semper Fidelis, Emily Rose.

Moments

I must tell you this story. I had such an awesome day yesterday. I had a lot on my agenda but had made an appointment to visit the VA Hospital to meet the Marine that was referred to me by a Recreational Therapist at the hospital. He is in the nursing care unit.

A social worker, Megan, took me to meet Brent. He is in a wheel chair, can not talk because he was in a very bad car accident. Brent was napping. Megan woke him up and introduced him to me. There is no expression on his face. You can tell by his moving around that he was glad for new company. Before I went to the hospital I stopped by the recruiting station on Beauford Road and picked up a poster and bumper sticker because I did not want to go empty handed to visit Brent.

I also went by the book store and bought a book about the Marines who were in China during WWII. I had an uncle of mine that was there. I bought a copy for myself.

I gave Brent the poster, and you can tell he was pleased. He tried to roll it up but could not. Megan told him she would take it and put it in his room. We were in the hall outside his room. I asked him if

he would like me to come see him again. There is a board with the words "yes", "no", "ok" and "maybe" that he points to. He pointed to "yes". I gave him the book and he took it and started to flip pages. Megan said she would start to read the book to him today. That seemed to please him. I gave him the bumper sticker and he wanted me to put it in the book as a book marker. I asked him if he would like me to come again and read some of the book to him and he pointed to yes. I told him I would come back next week and read to him.

When I went into his room with Megan, I saw his picture and others on a board on the wall. What a good looking young Marine. He was a SSgt and is married and has two boys. That was all I could learn from the social worker. She told me she would call his wife and ask if we could write to him and visit and maybe help with something else. She gave Leslie my number to get in touch with me.

His wife called me. Leslie is so brave and was so glad to know that we wanted to visit Brent. She told me the Marine Corps was his life. The Corps has been very supportive and helped them in every way they possibly could. She told me Brent was a great dad and a loving husband. She is going to go to school to be an

LPN so she can take him home and take care of him. She hopes to get her RN after that. She wants Brent to be near his sons and to watch them grow up. What a courageous lady. She believes that if he is around his family maybe he will improve.

She told me Brent was stationed in Quantico at the time of the accident. She and her two children were in the car. The boys were not hurt. She was injured and has forced herself to get well for herself, her sons and Brent. I found out that she lives very near me and asked her to call me if anything arises that we might help her with.

If you would like to write him a letter or send a note, his address is: Brent Purdum - NHCUC - 1201 Broad Rock Road, Richmond, VA 23249. Let him know you are a member of WMA. He loves to get mail.

He loves movies and books on the Corps. If any of you have such that you are willing to share, let's give them to Brent. His wife told me that the doctors do not think he will ever get back to his old self but she believes in miracles and is not going to give up on him.

*Semper Fidelis,
Alice Dolbear*

Vail Armed Forces Week: January 29 - February 3, 2006

With the ongoing global war against terrorism and the continuing war in Iraq and Afghanistan, working with Vail Resorts and the Vail community, we have established two programs to support the sons and daughters of our nation's fighting men and women.

The goal of the first program is to raise funds to help support the dream of higher education for those children whose parent has lost his or her life or was seriously wounded while serving their country. To accomplish this goal, participating businesses in and around Vail, plus the lodging package from Vail Resorts, will donate 3% of their proceeds during the week to two recognized military charities who provide educational scholarships. In addition a number of fund raising events will be planned for the week. The charities involved are the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation and the Naval Special Warfare Foundation.

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation provides scholarships to children of Marines (active duty, retired, veteran, deceased, etc.) and to children of Navy Corpsmen serving with the Marines. Emphasis is placed on those children whose parent has lost his or her life in the War on Terrorism. Those youngsters are guaranteed to receive scholarship awards up to \$10,000 per child.

The Naval Special Warfare Foundation provides scholarships to active duty SEALs or SWCC (Special Warfare Combatant Crewmen), as well as to their children and spouses and to other

active duty military personnel currently serving in Special Operations Commands through the Special Operations Warrior Foundation.

The goal of the second program is to provide an affordable fun filled ski week in Vail for all those who currently serve or have served for the Department of Defense, Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, Reserve, National Guard, Defense Contractors, Defense Civilians, US Public Health Service, Law Enforcement plus family and friends of the military. Specially priced lodging / lift ticket packages will be available through Vail Resorts Reservations.

In addition to the two programs, a third goal is to seek sponsorship money to bring four families enrolled in the programs [two from both foundations] to the Vail Armed Forces ski week event.

*Semper Fidelis
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PS. Please visit www.vailarmedforces.com to add your name to our newsletter; to keep you updated regarding the 2006 weeks events.

Above & Beyond: Informing, Inspiring, Fund-raising



Copies of "Above and Beyond" are being distributed in many areas of the Marine community thanks to Patrick Taylor who unfortunately passed away in November 2004. Generals Walter Boomer and Carol Mutter played key roles in obtaining copies for distribution through the generosity of Patrick Taylor.

(WMA National has these books for sale for \$30 each and we get a percentage of each one sold by anyone. We could provide a better price to anyone who would like to buy in small quantities - not enough to meet the Turner Publishing minimum - for donations as described below. ~ Carol Mutter)

This is how some of the donated copies are being utilized:

Commandant Hagee

The Commandant is giving copies to Marines during his visits to Bethesda Naval Hospital. Many of these Marines will soon receive medical discharges due to their extensive injuries. The book provides them with a sense of what they can accomplish with the training and discipline they acquired as Marines.

The Commandant is almost out of books. If you are interested in purchasing a case and donating it to his office for this use, please have it shipped to: Col James C. Walker, Office of the Commandant, United States Marine Corps, Pentagon, Room 4E586W, Washington, DC 20301.

The books can be purchased direct from Turner Publishing at the wholesale rate in case quantities. Call Shirlee Vos at 1-800-788-3350 x 101.

Marine Corps University Foundation

Each new second lieutenant graduating from Quantico will receive a copy of "Above & Beyond".

Marine Corps Recruiting Command

The USMC has missed their recruiting quotas for the last two months. Each of the recruiting substations across the country is receiving or has already received a copy of "Above & Beyond". General Walter Gaskin, CG, MCRC, is having the recruiters use

the book as a recruiting tool to show parents how the discipline and training their sons and daughters receive in the Marine Corps will help them when they leave to re-enter the civilian world. Many of these books go home to parents of potential recruits and never make it back to the recruiting office. If you are interested in purchasing and donating a case for this use, please have it shipped to: BGen Walter E. Gaskin, CG, MCRC, 3280 Russell Road, 2nd Floor, Quantico, VA 22134-5103.

Marine Military Academy

Every cadet at the Academy has received a copy of "Above & Beyond". They will have a dinner in Chicago to raise funds in the fall. Everyone attending will receive a copy. I will be attending to meet everyone and sign copies.

If you are interested in attending this worthwhile event, ticket cost will be \$250 and can be purchased from Connie Flores at MMA. Her phone number is 956-423-6006 x 232.

Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation

MCLEF is having a golf outing at the Picatinny Arsenal in Rockaway, NJ on 26 May. Copies of "Above & Beyond" will be given to all participants. I will attend this event to meet everyone and sign copies. Ticket cost is \$225.00 and can be obtained from Jim Iozia. His phone number is 732-830-2060 and email is wjiozia@aol.com.

Women Marines Association

Women Marines have and continue to makeup roughly 6% of the Marine Corps. Both on active duty and in the civilian sector they are called on to provide support to many Marine Corps and veteran related causes. They are stretched thin and have a difficult time raising funds to support their mission. Carol Mutter has recently taken the responsibility to take their fundraising to the next level. She is using copies of "Above & Beyond" to help obtain exposure and increase funding for their organization. If you can help Carol or wish to contact her, please send her an email at carol.mutter@sbcglobal.net.

Also, please consider donating a copy of the book to your local Veterans Hospital or clinic, high school library, or local library. The royalties from your purchase are being split and sent to the MC non-profits profiled. I am not and have not received any royalties or expense reimbursements for the book

Rudy Socha

Supporting Our Troops

(The resources in this article are passed along for your information only and do not represent an endorsement by WMA.)

The SBC Pioneers in Arkansas, Connecticut, Kansas and Missouri, in conjunction with the Freedom Calls Foundation and SBC Long Distance, Inc., have embarked on a project titled "Answering the Call - Let Freedom Ring." The purpose of this project is to support both active military personnel and our veterans by providing them a communication link with their families.

It kicked off on 8 May in Fayetteville, AR, Kansas City and Topeka, where the Pioneers will bring families of deployed soldiers into SBC videoconferencing centers. There, the families will be treated to half-hour phone calls to their loved ones

stationed in Iraq. The program will continue throughout the year in the four states as additional families are identified.

Another part of this project is being sponsored by SBC Long Distance, Inc., which has provided \$10,000 of long distance calling cards. These cards are being distributed by the Pioneers to veterans in VA hospitals and nursing homes. They're also being given to soldiers so that they can be in contact with their families around the country.

The Freedom Calls Foundation is a national foundation that works with the military in identifying soldiers that would like to take part in these video calls. There are only three military bases in Iraq that are equipped with the necessary videoconferencing equipment to handle these calls - Al Asad, Fallujah and Taji. If any families in Arkansas, Connecticut, Kansas or Missouri have soldiers that are deployed to one of

these three bases and would like to take part in one of these Pioneer-sponsored video calls, please contact John Lyon at 314-235-9430 or jl7169@momail.sbc.com.

"Operation: MOM is a non-political, grass roots military family support group and IRS certified non-profit organization.

One way we support the troops is by sending "Little Touch of Home" care packages. We are looking for new partners so that we can reach more of our deployed military worldwide. The mailing cost of a care package is \$7.70 and we are currently sending approximately 600 plus per month and are spending \$4600 on postage. As you may know we have thousands of troops deployed to the far reaches of the world so we are barely scratching the surface."

For more information, go to their website at: www.operationmom.org.

Cpl Spinella: From Tutu to Cammies

Marine Cpl. Rachel Spinella, who swapped her ballet slippers for combat boots in 2002, stationed at Al Asad Air Base, isn't simply surviving in Iraq, she's thriving. The Delaware City native recently received a commendation for her superior job performance at Al Asad with Marine Air Logistics Squadron 26, which is northwest of Baghdad.

"I was surprised at first when she joined the Marines because she was a ballerina and, somehow, that didn't seem to fit, but I'm not surprised she's doing well. She's the type of person to just throw herself into things," said Mary Burgess, 18, an Aquinas senior this year.

Burgess and other older students at Aquinas have adopted Spinella's unit.

They have written letters to her and the 299 other members of the unit, while younger students have drawn pictures for them. Students also have sent items that are in short supply at Al Asad, and are finishing a banner that will decorate a wall at the



Cpl Spinella receiving a commendation from her unit in Iraq. Photo courtesy of the Delaware News Journal.

air base.

Rachel is one of only four women assigned to her unit. "There is something inside of her that really runs deep. ... I can't quite put my finger on it," Leslie Spinella said. "She felt then and still feels that she had to do this. It's almost like a call, and when you are called, you can either run away from it or embrace it. Rachel embraced it."

Rachel's father, Michael, wanted to know why his daughter chose the Marines and not some other branch of the service.

"She told me she chose the Marines because she wanted some direction in life and she wanted to join the toughest military unit there is and make it. That's why she does so well, I think," Michael Spinella said. "She always wants to be the best at whatever she does."

*Excerpted from a story by Mike Billington
The News Journal*

How Important is the MCJROTC?

In my estimation it is very important to us as women Marines and to the cadets enrolled in the program. It is there to help these young people become good citizens and hopefully good Marines or soldiers, if they choose. It will also help them deal with our ever changing world by giving them a choice in the job opportunities offered by the Marine Corps.

As members of WMA and having been in the Corps I think it is our duty to get involved wherever you can. Some of the young ladies in this program have never seen or met a woman Marine. I had three (3) uncles in the Corps during WWII and Korea. I never meet a female Marine in all my travels and all the bases my uncles took me to. If you get the chance please go to the school and be a presenter. Then take the time to talk to the award winner and some of the other young ladies. You never know the impression you may leave them with.

If possible call the Senior Military Instructor and ask how you could get involved with the program. You can ask to give a presentation and talk to them about being a woman Marine. You

can tell them of your experiences and the job opportunities that are offered to them. You can also tell them about our scholarship program. Some of them may have a member of their family who was in the Corps. And this would help with their education.

When I was in the Corps during the very beginning of the Vietnam conflict there were limited opportunities. Now they can do almost anything. Some of the military instructors have asked that a presenter from WMA give out the award and some have asked for some involvement from the WMA members in the area.

Please do not let this opportunity slip by you. Remember what the Marine Corps training did for you, now go and share it with someone else. You may be able to set an example or to inspire a young lady to be come one of the few, the proud, the women Marines.

*Alice A. Dolbear
MCJROTC Program Chair*

WMA Photo Gallery



Left: SSgt Julia Watson, a student at the Small Arms Weapons Instructor School, explains the course of fire during her static live-fire range exercise April 7. Watson is one of the first women to graduate from the SAWIC course. Although there is one female known to graduate the course before Watson, the exact number to graduate is uncertain.

SAWIC, is the highest marksmanship course available to Marines and teaches sergeants, staff sergeants and gunnery sergeants how to instruct other Marines on more advanced marksmanship skills. Photo by Cpl. Sara A. Carter

Right: Working in a new job in a new environment isn't an easy thing for anyone. Sgt Anabell Suarez, Houston native, is overcoming that obstacle. She is currently working in G-9, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Headquarters Group, II MEF (FWD) after being augmented from transportation management office, H&S Bn, Camp Pendleton, Calif. This is her first deployment to Iraq. Photo by Cpl Christi Prickett



Museum Update

Retired Marine Col. Raymond Hord says the National Museum of the Marine Corps will evoke "a little Disney World, a little glitz." Hord, vice president of marketing and development for the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, says that's what he's convinced visitors want. That's why the museum will thrust them into boot camp, onto the shores of Iwo Jima and into the frigid clime of Chosin Reservoir.

The National Museum of the Marine Corps will open in November 2006 with 115,700 square feet of exhibit areas, a gift shop and a restaurant. Plans call for it to eventually expand to 180,950 square feet.

The restaurant is being sponsored by Anheuser-Busch and will be named Tun Tavern. Visitors will enter the museum through the central gallery, where they will see four aircraft overhead -- an AV-8 Harrier, an F4-U4 Corsair, an FG-1 Corsair and a JN-4D "Jenny."

On the floor will be an HRS-1 Sikorsky helicopter and a land navigation vehicle known as the LVT-1 or Alligator. The six vehicles chosen represent Marine Corps innovations in warfighting, said retired BGen Gerald McKay, the foundation's chief operating officer. The central gallery will enjoy natural lighting through a 160-foot-tall glass atrium. This area also features a staircase with a platform that looks like the bridge portion of a ship. Travertine marble imported from Italy will line the central gallery walls and will be etched with famous Marine sayings. The terrazzo flooring will be in blue and beige, representing sea and shore, to remind visitors of the Marines' Navy heritage.

Leaving the central gallery, visitors will step into the exhibit gallery, which is broken up into three major eras -- World War II, Korea and Vietnam. It also has an area devoted to the making of a Marine and a central walkway known as the fast track. The fast track will provide a chronological history of the Corps so visitors with less time can get a quick overview.

This segment of the museum will also include an orientation theater and a temporary photo gallery with pictures from the Persian Gulf War, Afghanistan and Iraq. Officials with the foundation use the term "immersion experience" in describing the atmosphere for the museum. They want people to get a sense of what it takes to be a Marine and a feel for life on the battlefield.



Construction of the main gallery in progress.

Photo courtesy of the Marine Corps.

In the "Making of a Marine" segment, visitors can hear drill instructors barking orders, step into the barber's bay and fire laser-equipped M-16 rifles at targets.

In the World War II-era exhibit, visitors will come into a landing craft where a voice will tell them what to do in final preparation. Then a ramp will lower and they will step out onto the black sands of Iwo Jima with video footage bringing them into the Corps' bloodiest battle. In the Korea exhibit, they will get a taste of the brutal conditions Marines met at Chosin Reservoir.

In the Vietnam exhibit, they'll find themselves inside the fuselage of a helicopter, then disembark down a landing ramp to Hill 881--the Battle of Khe Sanh. Hord is confident the exhibits being prepared by Boston-based Christopher Chadbourne and Associates will make an impression.

"We'll make the blood rush," he said enthusiastically.

Internet Sources

History making WMA/Women Marine Exhibit "Women of the Corps"

CO-1 just received word that the Castle Rock, CO museum is granting us space for an exhibit and wants to work with us long term to make this museum the home of our WMA history. Currently the project is for Colorado. We plan to make a presentation at the board meeting to make this national in scope. The grand opening will be 13 August and we wanted to give you a heads up to come out if you can. And if you have anything to contribute, we would love to receive that, too.

Nancy Wilt, the national historian is managing the exhibit and has great

expertise in doing so. There are uniform items that we need though. Current uniforms, all era purses, shoes, gloves, Vietnam era and Korean War era items; any WMA or Marine Corps memorabilia. It can be given or loaned for exhibit. The exhibit will be insured.

Castle Rock is a very small (but rapidly growing) community located south of metropolitan Denver about 1/3 of the way to Colorado Springs. There is an outlet shopping mall close by and many other items of interest to suit your vacationing needs. The museum is a quaint old railroad depot right along the I-25

corridor with visibility galore. The exhibit will be there for six months and then rotate on/off each six months or change each six months depending on the needs of the museum. Nancy Wilt will be approaching the city council about naming one of the streets Molly Marine Drive and another Carol Mutter Boulevard.

Please send any memorabilia to Nancy: 7679 Berkshire Lane, Castle Rock, CO 80104, 303-663-3747, niwilt@aol.com.

Check out our web site at <http://home.comcast.net/~paulasarlls/> for more information as we get it.

Paula Sarlls

America Supports You: Bracelets Honor Fallen Troops

Chris Greta recently launched HeroBracelets.org as a way to pay respect to fallen servicemembers and to raise funds for the families left behind.

The black aluminum "HeroBracelets" are each engraved with the name of an American servicemember who has died in the war on terrorism. The bracelets can be customized to adorn a specific name.

Greta felt that the names and memories of fallen troops should not be hidden from public view. "We saw a popular TV news program get in trouble for reading their names aloud over the air," he said. "We saw bans on showing their flag-draped coffins. We just believed that we, as a nation, owed them more respect than that."

The bracelets can be purchased online for \$8.50, of which \$2.00 and all after-tax profits go to the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund. The other \$6.50 from each sale goes to the manufacturing cost, web-



site maintenance, administrative costs and shipping, Greta said.

The Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund provides unrestricted grants to the families of military personnel who have lost their lives in the war on terrorism. The fund distributes gifts of \$11,000 to each spouse and \$5,000 more to each dependent child. These funds are intended to help families get through any immediate or long-term financial difficulties.

To date, HeroBracelets.org has donated more than \$27,000 to the fund.

Since it was founded in December 2004, HeroBracelets.org has gotten as many as 200,000 hits on its website in a single day. As the orders grew, Greta

brought in family, friends, neighbors and volunteers to help answer e-mails and ship orders.

The extra help is definitely needed because the project has expanded in scope. They already have a full Vietnam database and are working on World War I, World War II and Korean War databases, he said.

HeroBracelets can only be purchased online because Greta thinks the idea of selling them "over the counter" is somewhat disrespectful.

"The idea of putting these memorials on a counter next to chewing gum and beer doesn't seem right to us," he said. "How the bracelets are sold and displayed is very important, because we are talking about someone's father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife."

*Mr. Steven D. Smith
American Forces Press Service*

TAPS

February - May 2005

LIFE MEMBERS

Adams, Evelyn D. #260 (FL-5) died 4 February 2005
 Bernhardt, Virginia Joy #1879 (GA-1) died 27 March 2005
 Brinton, Ella M. #389 (FL-8) died 30 October 2004
 Daily, Alice (Urness) #1954 (IA-1) died 4 March 2005
 Field, Emily (Dvorak) #324 (IL-2) died 26 May 2005
 Innis, Charlotte (Lewedag) #1165 (FL-3) died 26 January 2005
 Kahmi, Stella #1670 (FL-3) died 7 April 2005
 McGregor, Florence (Caliendo) #166 (FL-3) died 30 April 2005
 Mirsky, Lucille (Albert) #2010 (FL-3) died 15 April 2005
 Pepe, Martha (Whipple) #1388 (WA-1) died 11 February 2005
 Rappold, Alberta (Elson) #318 (CA-3) died 19 March 2005
 Shindledecker, Arlene #1071 (CA-3) died 26 August 2003

TERM MEMBERS

Baxter, Marilyn (Martinson) (OR-1) died 23 May 2005
 Dietrich, Diane (NV-1) died 21 February 2005
 Henry, Frankie (NV-1) died December 2004
 Hershon, Libuse (Prochazka) (MI-1) died 17 April 2005
 McMullen, Frances (Robbins) (CA-3) died 19 February 2005
 Pryor-Jones, Rita (Pryor) (GA-1) died 27 April 2005
 Ulrickson, Helen (Kennedy) (CA-3) died 15 March 2005
 Walker, Dorothy (Murphy) (CA-3) died February 2003
 Wumkes, Althea (FL-5) died February 2005

OTHER MARINES

Betty Lou (Branch) Galt died 14 January 2005 (WWII)
 Quay Raum died 18 February 2005 (WWII) (former member DC-1)

WIMSA Chairs Update

Update of contributions to WIMSA for Chairs in the Patriots Hall Theatre at the Women's Memorial as of 15 April 2005:

Director(s) of		
Women Marines	Contributions Received	Balance Needed
Col Barbara Bishop	\$5,482.00	\$4,518.00
Col Margaret Brewer	3,207.00	6,793.00
Col Julia Hamblet	5,031.00	4,969.00
Col Margaret Henderson	10,000.00	-00-
Col Ruth Streeter	10,000.00	-00-
Col Jeannette Sustad	10,000.00	-00-
Col Katherine Towle	11,500.00	-00-
Past National President(s)		
Helen Hannah Campbell	\$2,500.00	\$7,500.00
Theresa "Sue" Sousa	10,000.00	-00-
Nita Bob Warner	10,000.00	-00-

Please make your (tax deductible) donation check payable to WIMSA. Indicate the chair(s) you wish it to be applied to and mail to WIMSA, Dept 560, Washington, DC 20042-0560.

Other WMA Honoree's that have a named Chair:

ALL Women Marines Association Members
 CA-1, Greater Los Angeles Chapter
 Mary Bacon Hale
 Betsy R. Menin
 Jane L. Wallis

**WMA Toll Free Number:
1-888-525-1943**

Membership Reports from March 2005 to May 2005

New Members

Amato, Shelley J., 3488 Lyon Park Court, Woodbridge, VA 22192
Barela, Shawna L., 924 Alcott Court, Hemet, CA, 92543-8021, by Marie Proulx
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Bell, Barbara Smoogie, 2228 Alice Ave, Apt 304, Oxon Hill, MD, 20745
Best, Kelly A., 47 Berkshire Court, #1A, Akron, OH, 44313
Brann, Michelle E., 430 Atlantic, Corpus Christi, TX 78404
Brooks, Rebecca A., 11752 San Jose, Redford, MI 48239, by Mary Ann Merritt
Brown, Virginia M., 1502 Ranger Loop, #401, Woodbridge, VA 22191, by Carole A Hawkins
Cassidy, Angela J., 2046 Barnett Ave, Unit 6914, Quantico, VA 22134, by Carole A Hawkins
Cederna, Carissa M., 56 Kay Road, Calverton, NY 11933-1002
Cogburn, Barbara A., 2233 Via Blanca, Oceanside, CA 92054, by Marie Proulx
Covington, Mary, 27818 North Wales Road, Elkmont, AL 35620, by Mary Ann Merritt
Crutcher, Lisa A., 14338 Springbrook Ct, Woodbridge, VA 22193, by Carole A Hawkins
Davis, Cora M., 207 Grantham Lane, Jacksonville, NC 28546
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Hope, Sara E., 10 Woods Lane, Beaufort, SC 29907, by Mary Ann Merritt
Howard, Clarissa R., 6119 Hot Springs Lane, Fredricksburg, VA 22407, by Carole Hawkins
Jeffery, Kadian E., 417 Riverside Manor Blvd, Fredricksburg, VA 22401, by Carole A Hawkins
Johnson, Darshara L., 2307-A Quarters, Quantico, VA 22134
Johnson, Robyn E., 7969 Cedar View Blvd, Westerville, OH 43081, by Carole A Hawkins
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Hostetter, Mary Lollar, 11 Lotus Lane, Stafford, VA 22554, by Rhonda Amtower
Joyce, Carol K., 6137 Stegen Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310
Lee, Dorothy Ann, 1073 Pueblo Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84104, by Helen Willie
Ragazzino, Katherine R., 495 Chestnut Ave, Apt F, Carlsbad, CA 92008-5026, by Marie Proulx
Sperin, Sheri C., 503 Pool Road, Hiram, GA 30141-3942

Term-To-Life

Anderson, Judith F., Houston, TX	Miller-Kinney, Wendella M., Yountville, CA
Burckart-Brockmeier, Karen, Arlington, VA	Mueller, Delores E., WI
Dukes, June E., Duluth, GA	Rimbold, Dorothy A., Del City, OK
Hanna, Gail W., San Diego, CA	Thompson, Teri L., Chatsworth, CA
McKinnon, Jeanette P., New Port Richey, FL	Ward, Laura D., Chamblee, GA

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Dysart, Donna L., 36 Remington Road, Windsor, CT 06095
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Stear, Sally J., 133 Morningside Circle, Parkersburg, WV 26101-2940
Storm, Jenny R., 11422 Moncure Drive, Ruther Glen, VA 22546
Stowell, Ernestine, 42 Mountain View St, South Hadley, MA 01075
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Weber, Bunny, 1233 Rutland Rd, Newport Beach, CA 92660
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Membership Totals

Life -----	2046
Term -----	1144
Honorary -	1
Total	3191



I Finally Got My WMA Directory!

Yes, you should finally have your WMA Resource Manual and Directory (RM&D) in hand by the time you receive this newsletter. We made a conscious decision to delay publication of the 2004-2006 WMA RM&D in order to get it as up-to-date as possible.

We anticipate that there are still some corrections that will need to be made to the information in it. So please check it over carefully to ensure your information and that of your chapter is correct. Chapters, please check your officer information and your membership roster to ensure that our data base is up-to-date with those who have paid dues to your chapter. If one of your members is a member of another chapter, she must choose which chapter is her official one in the data base. Changes should be sent to the official WMA mailing or e-mail address. Note that the RM&D has an entire page devoted to What Should be Sent Where.

For those who are looking for women they served with, note that there is a

Service Name Alphabetical Index in the back of the RM&D. Additionally, there is an alphabetical roster in the front of all the names and addresses that includes the birthdate and state of residence in order to help you locate members by their current name. Some last names are hyphenated, so you may have to check in more than one place to find someone you are looking for. If you're looking for a chapter near you, try the WMA Chapters/Officers List.

Another important page is the one with the Area Directors listed and a map showing which locations are covered by each Area Director. Your Area Director is your primary source of information (for both chapters and members at large). And don't forget to check out the Loyal Escorts information – buy a membership for a family birthday! We have published a WMA flier on the inside back cover that you can reproduce and use locally to advertise WMA and find potential new members.

Other information important to the

Association is included in the RM&D, to include copies of our Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Standing Rules and Corporate Donors. You received a mail vote on changes to the Bylaws in February. Those votes passed and one has been included in this version of the Bylaws. We can't make the other change (WMA to a 501(c)(3)) until we complete the approved re-chartering process.

We also include contact information for Appointed Officers, Appointed Representatives, Standing Committees and Special Appointments. There is also some historical information in the RM&D: Directors of Women Marines, Sergeants Major of Women Marines, and a list of our convention locations. It would be best if you turn to the front of the RM&D to the Table of Contents to see all the useful and important information that's included – in addition to your name and address!

Carol Mutter

BULLETIN BOARD

On 17 April WMA life member Mary Broussard hosted a meeting of area women whose service in the Corps spanned from WWII to Desert Storm. She was joined by Kathleen Drummond (WWII vet and also a life member) and prospective WMA members Cheri Dunlapp, Claudia Reeves, Helen Taylor, Susan Vogedes and Carolyn Wren.

This initial meeting was spent getting to know each other and going over the requirements of obtaining a charter to start a chapter in Louisville, KY. Another meeting was held on 14 May to elect officers, select a chapter name and complete the charter application process.

For more information on this new chapter, contact Mary Broussard: email, broussard.marines@insightbb.com; Telephone, (502) 267-4776.

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Congratulations to:

• **Paula Sarlls** was voted Veteran Volunteer of the Year for the city of Aurora for 2004. Her name will go on a perpetual plaque in the city's Municipal Building.

• **Mary Ann Merritt** was honored with the John L Jourdan Lifetime Achievement Award. This is awarded by her local peers and veterans for outstanding work for our veterans and active duty.

• **Alice E Fay**. In a letter to Alice from Patricia Eddington, L-CSW, New York State Assembly, is the following excerpt: "On June 14, 2005, the New York State Assembly will be celebrating Women Veterans Recognition Day. It would be my distinct privilege to honor you as a Woman Veteran. The purpose of this resolution is to memorialize all women Veterans and Women in The Military. At this time I would also like to give you special recognition for all of your life long accomplishments."

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In March 2005, the Sagebrush Chapter in Las Vegas received a request from the female Marines of Headquarters Bn, 2nd MarDiv in Iraq for coffee and the condiments that go with it.

Chapter member Carol Watson contacted Curves, a 30 minute fitness center just for women, in her local area and they answered the call with over 40 pounds of coffee and condiments. The first four boxes were mailed 1 April and the next 11 boxes were mailed 18 April.

A warm thanks to all the members of Curves who helped us with our cause and to the Marine Corps League which helped with the cost of the mailing. It couldn't have run as smoothly without Carol

Watson and her involvement. It is so rewarding when we all come together for such a wonderful cause.

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The Oregon Veterans Home in The Dalles has had some recent changes in admissions, according to David Looper, administrator. It is no longer necessary to be a resident of Oregon. Veterans of all states are now welcome to apply. Spouses (male or female) of veterans may also apply, even though the spouse veteran may be deceased.

Couples (one a veteran) may apply for admission as may Gold Star parents of a veteran who was killed in action. The home now accepts Medicare and Medicaid.

For more information, call 1-800-846-8460 or write to The Oregon Veterans Home, 700 Veterans Dr., The Dalles, Oregon 97058.

Helen Haslett

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US code suggests that worn American flags should be disposed of in a dignified way, preferably by burning. Disposal ceremonies are frequently held on Flag Day, 14 June. If you have an unserviceable American flag, visit <http://womensmemorial.org/News/news.html> to help you identify disposal resources.

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The Marine Corps has addressed a major oversight in the way it trains recruits to render honors to colors while in civilian attire.

For years, drill instructors at Parris Island and San Diego, guided by an errant drill manual, have taught new recruits to stand at the position of attention during the national anthem and morning and evening colors when not in uniform. Both U.S. Navy and Marine Corps regulations require service members in civilian attire to stand at attention with the right hand placed over the heart. Gentlemen who are covered must also remove their headdress and hold it at the left shoulder so that the right hand is over the heart.

Cpl. J. Agg

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The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund has now reached the million dollar mark. We have given out over \$1 million dollars to over 660 Marines, sailors, and families since May 2004. We continue to be blessed each and every day with wonderful support from across the country.

Karen Guenther

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Make a Difference Day is the most encompassing national day of helping

others -- a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Created by USA WEEK-END Magazine, Make a Difference Day is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October. The next event is 22 October.

In 2003, 3 million people cared enough about their communities to volunteer on that day, accomplishing thousands of projects in hundreds of towns. Your project can be as large or as small as you wish. Look around your community and see what needs to be done. Anyone, young and old, individuals and groups, can carry out a volunteer project that helps others. It might be as ambitious as collecting truckloads of clothing for the homeless, or as personal as spending an afternoon helping an elderly neighbor or relative. USA WEEKEND features volunteers and their projects in articles and photos.

For more information, go to the website at: www.makeadifferenceday.com.

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If you have wondered how you might go about getting support from the Marines for an event, you may want to check out <http://www.marines.mil/comrel/120day.nsf/ContactUs>. It will tell you how to request a MC Band and ceremonial support, aviation support or a General Officer speaker.

Eligible events in your state are listed as well. Headquarters Marine Corps evaluates the eligibility of requests for support of public events that meet criteria established by a SECNAVINST and a Marine Corps Order. Meeting the criteria for support makes your event eligible but does not guarantee that you will receive the support.

Once your event is determined to be eligible, you must contact the potential supporting unit directly to ensure their support and provide coordination for the event and all of its details. Operational commitments must always take priority and can cause previously scheduled events to be canceled.

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The Marine Corps has released instructions for how it plans to implement a new Defense Department policy requiring the services to put better sexual assault prevention and response programs in place. The April 5 Corpwide message tells commanders they should immediately begin using a checklist to respond to allegations of sexual assault. They're also instructed to establish sexual assault response coordinators and uniformed victim advocates to offer support to victims.

The checklist gives precise rules for dealing with victims and accused attackers as well as ideas for creating a climate of prevention in each unit. It is available through the Corps' Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office website <http://www.usmc-mccs.org/sapro/resources.cfm>.

The new policy also requires each deploying battalion and squadron to appoint at least two Marines, staff sergeant or higher, to be Uniformed Victim Advocates to provide emotional and informational support to sexual assault victims.

The message, MarAdmin 175/05, comes three months after the Pentagon announced that the services would be required to put together more training on prevention and response for service mem-

bers, better support services for victims and better accounting of those responses. That policy was crafted after high-profile sexual assault incidents in recent years, including an investigation of 100 cases of sexual assault or misconduct that were reported over 18 months among U.S. forces in Southwest and Central Asia.

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The next time you're at Wal-Mart shopping for a new television, don't be surprised to see a few Marines in their combat utilities in the home theater department.

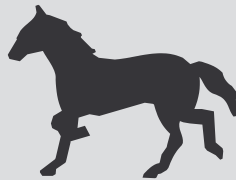
No, it's not a military exercise. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., the world's largest retailer, recently approved the airing of two Marine Corps public service announcements (PSAs), "Family Photos"

and "For Country." Both spots vividly highlight the efforts of the Corps' active duty and reserve Marines and its veterans who've made contributions to the Corps' legacy.

During the spring and summer, viewers will have the opportunity to see the PSAs played daily along a wall of televisions in the home theater department and on separate televisions located throughout each store.

Each PSA will be played every hour from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., in 2,600 stores nationwide. The "Family Photos" PSA played from March 21 through April 17. The second PSA, "For Country," aired May 16 - June 12 and will air again from July 11 - August 7.

Convention 2006: Louisville Feed For Our "Fillies"



Listen now to our tale of woe.

*Convention **booster tickets** are a **no show**.*

Won't you help us fill our "fillies' feed bags" today?

They have eaten their hay;

And their bags of feed have been consumed.

Your support is urgently needed!

*The 2006 WMA Convention will be held in Louisville,
the home of the Thoroughbred.*

*Your donations will help "our fillies" stay happy and healthy
to run in the races ahead.*

The Galt House will be where "our fillies" are stabled.

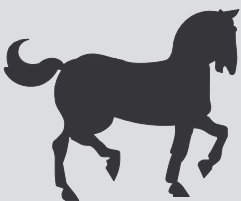
*They will travel from many states for a few days of reunions,
camaraderie and business associated with a WMA Convention.*

So hurry now and send your donation.

*The winners will be all who attend the **2006 Convention**.*

Thanks.

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Online Radio Station

We've started a new online radio station dedicated to veterans and their families. It's called the American Veterans Radio Network (AVRN). Currently, it's non-stop music 24/7, interviews with active duty servicemen and women and military news, courtesy of the Pentagon Channel, and PSAs. Starting 28 February we will add a call-in talk show Monday thru Thursday, 7 - 9 PM, Eastern. The first hour will concentrate on today's military and related current events, the second hour will be aimed at veterans' affairs. There will be a toll free line. Tune in at: <http://avrn.org>

Listen to the station and let me know what you think of the format. I need your input. Do you want rock, oldies, country, smooth jazz or a little of each mixed together?

We are running two channels, 32 kbps for modem users and 96 kbps for broadband, mp3PRO steaming audio:

<http://70.85.74.70:8000/listen.pls>
Broadband

<http://70.85.74.70:8010/listen.pls> Modem

If you get a File Download window, click on Open!

You can also find us by going to the following lists and entering "Veterans" in the search:

<http://www.shoutcast.com/>

<http://www.audiorealm.com/>

We recommend WinAmp player but RealPlayer will work if mp3 is active, Windows Media Player 9 or greater will also do the job. If you already have WinAmp we recommend you get the mp3PRO decoder plug-in, it makes a big difference and it's free: http://www.mp3prozone.com/download_winamp.htm

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Chapter Clippings

WMA AZ-3 Yavapai

We held our Christmas luncheon at the Country Kitchen Restaurant in Prescott. As we do each year we donated toys to the Toys for Tots program.

Chapter member Jennie (Southford) Shryock celebrated her 60th wedding anniversary on 14 October 2004. We wish her and her husband Edward "Ed" Shryock many more years together...Happy Anniversary!

We also said goodbye to one of our charter members, Dorothea Charlotte Schilling. She died on 27 January. She will be missed.

The VA Medical Center in Prescott is celebrating its 140th anniversary in May. The VA hospital opened its doors in May 1865 and is still going strong. Some of our members do volunteer work there, and you can see by looking at their faces what joy it brings them. To the entire volunteer crew...job well done!

Semper Fidelis!

Maria Mesarosh

WMA CA-1 Greater Los Angeles

Our hats are off to CA-7 and CA-2 for a classy, well-planned, fun convention. It is always nice to be able to see the present-day Marines and to see and admire the WWII girls. CA-1 had six ladies and one husband attending: Fern Haas, who carried our flag in the opening ceremonies; Carol Homan, Grace Murray, Sofia Meznarich, Jo Ann Collins and Mary Jane and Walt Diver.

Our chapter meeting in October was held at the home of Bea Gable in Mar Vista. Our host had decorated her home and tables with the appropriate Halloween goodies plus black cats, witches, etc. It was noted that our chapter received a page of recognition regarding our raffle gift donation. We also received thanks for a convention donation.

The chapter made a donation to a Marine recently returned from Iraq and his wife from Oswego, IL, who are parents of quintuplets.

On 18 January, we held the first meeting of CA-1 in the new year at the home of Zelda Weiss where we had an opportunity to share our Christmas and holiday experiences. We were served a lovely luncheon followed by our business meeting and finalized the plans for our anniversary luncheon.

Our 62nd anniversary luncheon was held on 5 February at Taix restaurant in Los Angeles. We had door prizes, raffles, installation of officers, a speaker, and of course, a sing-along. CA-15 was invited to join us. Following the social hour President Anna Brown welcomed everyone and introduced our guests: Dave Culmer and MGySgt Helen H. Campbell (Ret.).

Dave Culmer is presently serving as Service Director for the American Legion and Veterans Administration Medical Center. He told us it was an honor to be with us and, after listening to us tell of our individual experiences, said we have a wealth of knowledge, information and exciting careers. Also, that the things we have experienced, lived through first hand, is in itself

very wonderful. Dave was a very interesting speaker telling us how he altered his birth certificate to try to enlist in the Marines at fifteen years old, but had to wait until he was seventeen. He was sent to Monford Point, Camp Lejeune, assigned to be a steward not knowing what "steward" meant. Dave told us about his work as benefits counselor and later as a vets' benefits readjustment counselor and more after he retired from the Marine Corps.

MGySgt Campbell was asked again to do the installation of officers. She installed Anna T. Brown as president; Fern Haas as vice president; Mary Jane Diver as secretary; Carol Homan as treasurer; Bea Gable as bulletin editor.

Following our raffle and door prizes, our celebration came to a close with a sing-along of "The Marines' Hymn", "March of the Women Marines", and "God Bless America".

*Mary Jane Diver
Shasta Anke*

WMA CA-5 Orange County

We had a wonderful turnout for our anniversary luncheon in February at the Claim Jumper in Fountain Valley. After a hearty turkey dinner we were entertained by a couple playing a banjo and a tuba! I'll admit it's a strange combination but the results were outstanding. We honored the women who were featured in the *Leatherneck* article and are so very impressed with what they are accomplishing. We had lots of door prizes and raffle items that were given out before heading home.

Our 30 April potluck was held at the home of Mary Ann Rogers in Anaheim. She also agreed to host the annual picnic on 20 August (as a mother of 11, this is no problem!).



Then Maj Jane Wallis in Okinawa, 1968. Photo courtesy of Jeanne Botwright.

On a sad note, Jane Wallis has taken her final change of station orders when she passed away after fighting a valiant battle with cancer. She was joyfully praised at a celebration of life service on 12 May. The following day she was rendered honors at Riverside National Cemetery with a Marine Honor Guard and our own former director Denne Howard playing "Taps". It was an inspiring tribute to a fine lady and she will be missed in many hearts, minds and souls.

Valorie Lephart

WMA CA-6 California

Our 62nd Anniversary Luncheon was held at the very popular Zio Fraedo Restaurant in Pleasant Hill on 15 February. The meeting was presided over by our president, Dolores Callero.

Member Catherine Sinnott gave a talk on nutrition today and how confusing it all is. She also demonstrated the M-R-E (Meals Ready to Eat) that our military uses today. It is a far cry

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from K-rations...it can heat itself in no time and is a well balanced meal. It looked delicious and can be topped off with a vanilla milk shake if you so choose. Member and author of the book "A Few Good Women", Inga Ferris, was unable to attend because of her failing health. Fern Quinn also was absent because of a recent surgery.

Jane Silva

WMA CA-7 E. M. Vann Southern California

It is my sad duty to announce that Past National President of the Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Charles Edward Todd passed away on 5 April in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Charlie's wife Marge was a long-time member of CA-7. Charlie was buried next to Marge on 11 April at Eternal Hills Memorial Park, Oceanside. Loyal Escorts National Vice President Ken Cross and CA-7 President Lillian Cross attended the memorial service.

Our chapter celebrated the 62nd Anniversary of Women Marines with 117 other Marine ladies, spouses and friends at the South Mesa Staff NCO Club on Camp Pendleton on 12 February. It was a wonderful and relaxing day, and the rain let up just long enough for us to enjoy the celebration.

For our March meeting we were hosted by the Pala Casino Resort and Spa. They sent a bus to transport us from Oceanside to the casino and back again. The meal was also hosted by the casino and it was fabulous. The casino is a 4-diamond resort with eight restaurants, meeting rooms, 507 guest rooms and suites, spa and salon. Mary Anthony won \$500 on the nickel slot machines and Sue Butler won \$50. Mary returned two weeks later and won another \$400!

Our own Max Mazzetti, husband of chapter member Clarinne Mazzetti and former Chairman of the Rincon Indian Tribe, addressed the group. He spoke about the history of the Indians in the area going back over 100 years dealing with the Federal Acts and treaties with the Indians. Later Tom Wilski, Risk Manager for Pala Casino, spoke about what has happened to not only our local Indian nations in Southern California but others in the United States. In particular we were interested in listening to the Indian side of the story in the dealings with our governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Our April meeting was held at our usual spot at the San Luis Rey Officers Club. We are starting to plan our summer events. If you are in the area and would like to join us at our monthly meetings, please don't hesitate to call. We would love to see you.

Lillian Cross

WMA CO-1 Colorado Columbine

CO-1 held their anniversary celebration on 13 February and honored "Women in Today's Services" by having women speakers from each of the branches of military. The members were very impressed by how far we've come and the new military learned a lot about where we've been. LaVerne Sarber provided centerpieces and our new national historian, Nancy Wilt, spoke about the history of women Marines. She also provided a great cake. Loyal Escorts Tony Sarlls and Max Brown provided new flags/stands for

the chapter. Area Director Debbie Brown provided door prizes and passed out her first newsletter. A good time was had by all.

The chapter provided Christmas stockings and then Valentines and candy to 120 veterans at the Fitzsimmons State and Veterans Nursing Home. We sent boxes and letters to several men and women serving in Iraq. Suzanne Sarlls (President Sarlls' daughter who lives in Battle Creek, MI) provided extra goodies and postage. Member Jo Slater provided her employee discount on purchases.

President Sarlls was voted "Veteran Volunteer of the Year" for the city of Aurora for 2004. Her name will go on a perpetual plaque in the city's Municipal Building.

The chapter met in March and began working on our new focus...WMA history. Several meetings with influential members of the community asking for help on this undertaking were held. Our goal is to become the repository for WMA history. Any ideas are welcome.

The chapter conducted a raffle of two airline tickets on 17 April to benefit the United Veterans Committee of Colorado. This committee works to affect legislation to benefit all veterans. They were successful this year in getting the state to fund the veterans' cemetery on the west slope and to get a property tax exemption for disabled vets equal to that of senior citizens. These bills passed the House and look good for the Senate and signature by Governor Owens. The raffle raised \$1260 for the UVC. Also, Loyal Escort Max Brown was recognized as an Iwo Jima survivor at the banquet.

President Sarlls and Vice President Wilt will attend a veterans' appreciation day at the Denver campus of the University of Colorado to distribute WMA information. President Sarlls will be speaking about women in the Marine Corps, WMA, and the UVC.

President Sarlls also represented WMA at the 50th Anniversary of the Mountain States Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America on 15 April. The veteran community is beginning to recognize WMA as an ally and friend in Colorado.

Attending events and supporting other organizations is one way WMA can find new members. It's amazing to see all the work done on behalf of veterans in virtually every field of endeavor. The more you learn, you find out there is more to learn!

Paula Sarlls

WMA CO-2 Pikes Peak Mutter Chapter



The members of CO-2.

CO-2 has been on a whirlwind start. In their first six months they raised enough money to send their president to the convention in San Diego. They also had a favorable presence on the Colorado Springs Marine Corps Ball Committee, which held their ball at the wonderful five-star Broadmoor Hotel.

Member Sue Marcotte ran the local Toys for Tots program. She also runs one of the local Young Marines programs. Shirley Coston, the chapter taxi driver, hosted a quilting square event for the Marine Comfort Quilts Program. The chapter had a table to support the Pikes Peak Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Light of Hope Breakfast. CASA (non-profit) provides a

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voice for children who are victims of abuse, neglect or domestic conflict and promotes community awareness of these issues to ensure safe and permanent homes.

CO-2's next projects include joining up with the local Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 26 Auxiliary to host a bingo game at one of the veterans' homes in Florence and help the active duty Marines with fundraising events for this year's Marine Corps Ball.

Anjoleen Baca



FL-3 Gold Coast of Florida

Chapter member Mary Jane Kane was honored by Col Bruce A. Gandy, Chief of Staff, U.S. Marine Corps Forces South, for her leadership in supporting our troops serving in Iraq, plus a wide range of other volunteer work in key community organizations. She was presented with the prestigious Patriot Award.

One of our WRs, at the end of her active duty Mary Jane taught American Red Cross swimming classes in Miami to school children, cerebral palsy patients and the blind. One day a little boy who was blind exclaimed to her, "Teacher, isn't the water beautiful!" That was the breaking point for her and she has been doing volunteer work ever since.

During her membership in WMA, she has served as treasurer, secretary, vice president and president of FL-3. She has represented our chapter for years providing greetings and goodies to hospitalized veterans at the Miami VA Hospital.

Mary Jane has provided baskets for Safe Space, a housing facility for abused women, and worked numerous hours managing a non-profit thrift store whose proceeds support Safe Space. She also discovered the Island Home in the Florida Keys, which provides housing for troubled teens. She enlisted our chapter to do fund raising events to support this home.

The U. S. Marine Corps Forces South stated, "The Marine Corps returns over 40,000 Marines to their civilian communities each year. They are committed citizens and community leaders, but it would be difficult to find a better example of length, breadth and depth of service than Mary Jane Kane's." Our FL-3 Chapter also salutes Mary Jane for her tireless efforts in keeping us involved.

Our chapter celebrated our 62nd Anniversary Luncheon at the home of our President, Alice Stupariu. It was a covered dish affair and as always just wonderful. Alice's son, Ted, was our outdoor chef.

Nathalie Champagne



FL-4 Tampa Tarpon

The February 62nd Anniversary of our Women Marines was celebrated at a restaurant in Sun City Center. This occasion also included birthdays of several of our members as well as a farewell to our secretary/historian, Barbara Kortz. She will soon leave for Indiana to live closer to family. Barbara, who had served on Okinawa, has been one of our most active Marines and the youngest in the chapter. She was presented with the Precious Moment Woman Marine as a parting gift. She will be missed and we trust that she will be able to contact a chapter in her new area.



FL-4 (l-r): Dot Butcheri, Mary Sherron, Margaret McNeal, Barb Kortz, Alene Bohn, Ruth Jones (Not Shown: Shirley Stanford & LaVern Myers)

President LaVerne Myers supplied a birthday cake for all to enjoy.

Following lunch, a short business meeting was held regarding a replacement for Barbara's position. Our VAVS Representative, Arlene Bohn, informed us about the medical services available for service women. Members were urged to take advantage of this service.

All were also asked to watch their mail for information about the amendment to the WMA By-Laws and return their vote.

The chapter received a letter from our Michigan member, Jean Tozer, who has been recovering from treatment for a cardiac problem. She expects to make a trip to Florida later in December and we all look forward to her visit with good wishes.

Dorothy Butcheri



FL-5 Orange Blossoms

The American Legion Post 335 Ladies Auxiliary invited our members and their friends for a home cooked lunch. This has been a regular event that we've always looked forward to for many years. The food was delicious as usual and we were entertained by the Hudson Middle School Singers, who did a fantastic job of performing. Our many thanks to these ladies for all their hard work.

Our chapter made a donation to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. It is an 18 hour walk held annually at local high schools.

We are sad to say we lost three more members. Two passed away - Evelyn Adams, a life and charter member, and Althea Wumkes, a life member. One moved back up north, Jeanette Battaglia, a Loyal Escort.

With one more meeting until we break for summer, we will be looking forward to our annual picnic which will be held in July. So we say to one and all, have a safe and happy summer. Semper Fidelis.

Loyal Escort Barb Gibbs



FL 9 Thoroughbred Fillie



FL-9 with residents at the VA Home.

In January we held our first meeting since the holidays. It was fun getting together and sharing our adventures. We planned our

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February anniversary party and made arrangements with Ruby Tuesdays. Millie Schipski brought a lovely cake provided by Publix. It was a very nice celebration.

In March we went to the VA Home in Daytona Beach. Lee Garr made up beautiful Easter baskets for the service women in residence. Shirley Whittaker, Millie Schipski, Liguori Britain and Sunny Green made the trip. It was Daytona Beach Bike week so we had a good time dodging Harleys. May will be our last meeting before we break for our summer vacation.

Our chapter has sent out sixteen individual packages with food and toiletries for our girls in Iraq and we plan to send more upon our return. Enjoy the summer vacation. Semper Fidelis!

Sunny Green

WMA GA-1 Dogwood of Atlanta

It's been a quiet spring thus far for GA-1. We had an enjoyable afternoon celebrating our 62nd anniversary in February. In attendance were chapter members June Dukes, Viola Main, Kathleen Eidson, Annetta Sallard, Linda Clark-Wolford and Sheryl Hobden. Also joining us for the afternoon were Sheri Sperin, who is now a new life member of WMA, and Sheryl's uncle Charles Young, an Army veteran of the Korean War.

Two of our younger members, Cpl Rachel Bergstrom of Ammo Company, I&I, Rome, GA, and LCpl Samantha Wood of 2nd MarDiv deployed to Iraq in February. Rachel is in Fallujah and Sam near Ramadi at Camp

Blue Diamond. We've received a number of emails from both women, and Rachel was recently involved with 13 other females in an offensive with Marines of 3rd Battalion/8th Marines in the city of Karmah. An article on this historic event appeared in the 4 May issue of *Stars & Stripes*.



LCpl Rachel Bergstrom with Iraqi children.

With deepest sadness we report the passing of two former members of our chapter. Virginia Bernhardt, 84, died on 27 March, and on 27 April, CWO-2 Rita Pryor-Jones (Ret.) died at age 50. Rita had last joined us in November 2002 when we marched in the Atlanta Veterans' Day Parade. Our small platoon was commanded by Rita's former drill instructor, SgtMaj Loretta Davis (Ret.). Several chapter members attended Rita's funeral service and Loretta spoke of her recruit and how they met again some years later during the practices for the parade.

Another former chapter member, Mary Kiemele, has been in the hospital for two months recovering from an infection in her blood which was only discovered when she was admitted after a fall in her apartment. She is working hard in therapy so she can return to the comforts of her apartment.

Chapter member Geneva Diamond, an active member of the Greater Atlanta Detachment #647, Marine Corps League, was recently sworn in as Junior Vice Commandant for the Department of Georgia MCL and will also become Commandant of her detachment next month. Congratulations to her!

Kathleen Eidson and Sheryl Hobden attended the awards ceremony at Newton County High School on 2 May, and Savannah Brinstool and Sheryl attended the ceremony at N. Forsyth High School on 19 May.

On 21 May, seven members of the chapter met to discuss and vote on proposed changes to the chapter bylaws. The changes were approved overwhelmingly and will be submitted to National for approval. We also pulled our calendars out to schedule upcoming events to carry us through the remainder of the year, to include the highly anticipated camping/rafting trip at the end of June. One other date not to miss will be 29 July when our own chapter president, (LtCol) Laura Ward, will be retiring from the Marine Corps reserves after 23 years of service.

Hope everyone has a safe and fun summer!!

Sheryl Hobden

WMA IL-2 Blanche S. Osborne



SSgt Rita O'Reilly and Anne Adukaitis poised to cut the cake.

Activities for the year started out with the 62nd Anniversary of Women Marines on 12 February. We were honored to have three active duty Marines present. Maj Richard Coates, Public Affairs Officer, 2nd Bn, 24th Marines, spoke about the reserves in Iraq, and the unit's activities and issues here. SSgt Rita O'Reilly, a chapter member, told us all about the workings of the Toys for Tots Program, of which she was the coordinator in

2004. Rita also brought along Sgt Kimberly Leone, Marketing/Affairs Representative of the Marine Corps Recruiting Station (and a good prospect for WMA membership). As I write this, these three are very involved in the Homecoming Celebration of that battalion coming back from Iraq after 10 months there.

The anniversary cake was cut traditionally by the oldest and youngest present. These two were SSgt O'Reilly and Anne Adukaitis, who admitted to being over 89 years and still is a practicing naproth.

In early March, the chapter also supported the Marine Corps League's Sea Service Awards Program. The awards are given to Marines, Navy and Coast Guard members who have been singled out by their commanding officers for outstanding service in the past year. This year Carol Eubanks had the honor of awarding the plaque. Ten chapter members were present for this very impressive affair.

Other activities include the Unbake Bake Sale, to raise money in support of the chapter newsletter, the Young Marines, and other worthy causes we donate to each year.

Muriel Underwood

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MA-1 Bay State

Spring is official and the birds are singing and the buds are budding and we still have our winter coats on, but the promise of the coming beautiful weather is here.

CT-1 hosted the Anniversary of Women Marines party again on 13 February this year. Pauline McLaughlin and Kay Carpenter braved the weather and attended this wonderful get together. Jane Sipila and her group are great hostesses and we had a great time.

MA-1 met the end of March to start planning our activities for the upcoming year. Our snowbird sisters are still enjoying the warm sunshine of other places, so the group is small. A good meal was had at our latest meeting place, The Fox and Hound in Quincy.

Mary Moran and Evelyn Norton took charge of a car trunk full of paper back books to be taken to the Edith Nourse Rogers Veterans' Memorial Hospital. Our chapter collects these used books for the patients at the hospital and has donated several hundred to date.

Jean Jackman, President Barbara Signor, Secretary Ruth Sullivan and Kay Carpenter had occasion recently to attend a reenlistment aboard the USS Constitution. After the swearing in we had the opportunity to have a private escorted tour of this great ship. We had a wonderful time stepping back in history aboard this 200 year old undefeated warship. This is the oldest commissioned vessel in the US Navy and is manned by active duty Navy personnel. It was a great honor to be aboard her. They were pretty hardy souls back then.

Our tour was followed by a collation at the Commandant's house aboard the Navy Yard. This lovely house dates back to colonial times and housed the commanding officer of the yard. Lots of history around here.

We are looking forward to another active year.

Kay Carpenter



MI-2 Motor City



Kay German, right, works with members of the Young Marines in packing up boxes for our Marines.

Spring is in the air and we have been busy as bees. Our group has been busy working on the Habitat for Humanity Women Build in our area. We have 12 volunteers who have joined together to work on a house for a single mother of two. The experience is fantastic to help someone

in the community realize the life long dream of home ownership! Our home will be complete mid-May. Motor City not only led the charge with volunteers but we also made a donation in the amount of \$1,500 to help with this project. In addition we supplied all the desserts for the official house warming on 7 May. Approximately

150 guests were present. Once the sod area is in we will work to provide Sophia with a beautiful flower garden so when she stops to smell the roses she will think fondly of the women Marines who helped her achieve her dream.

Operation Caring Friends is still going full blast. On 3 April we packed up over 358 boxes that will be sent to our Marines in Iraq. Our newest addition to this event is Operation Coffee Comfort. We learned that our Marines from 2ndMarDiv had nothing for a coffee mess. That is no longer a problem. With help from our local TV station, we got the word out and collected over 360 coffee thermal travel mugs, cases of coffee (our local Starbucks are collecting still) tea and anything else that can be used with hot water. We also donated 2 large coffee urns. We know that when you want a break you need a little treat. We had that covered as well. With the help of our area Girl Scouts we collected over 1,200 boxes of cookies. Our Marines will definitely be getting a taste of home. The basement is already filling with items for our next packing. We usually pack about 200 boxes a month for shipment. We had with us not only members from our Motor City Chapter but the Eastern Michigan Young Marines, Macomb and Oakland Girls Scouts, Loyal Escorts, students from Davenport University and many friends. Over 46 volunteers were on hand to pack and label boxes. Postage was over \$3,800. All money was raised by the chapter to fund the mailings. We are also working on helping provide items for the MWR area. We have collected and shipped everything from DVD movies to board games to puzzle books to magazines.

We have shipped out large shipments to our Marines and those in need in Landstuhl. This time we were able to help replenish the cabinet of socks, sweatpants and shirts, DVDs, CDs and CD players. We have been blessed with our Angels from Delta who work hard to make sure that they deliver our boxes and visit our troops.

We worked to collect quilt squares for the Marine Comfort Quilt project. This project was a big success though we are far from done. It was such an honor for us to make, collect and sort over 400 squares that will be sewn into quilts in honor of our fallen Marines, Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen.

Our upcoming events include working at the Selfridge Air show, donating a flag and pole in the avenue of flags at the Great Lakes National Cemetery, donating \$1,000 to the Marines at MWSG 47 in honor and memory of our fallen Marine and member of that unit, SSgt Lehto.

We work monthly on our Campbell Soup label campaign for the National Home for Children and sending off coupons to our commissaries overseas. Still making a difference just a little bit at a time.

Our cookbook with the KV's of MWSG 47 helped to raise over \$18,000 for the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society. We still have cookbooks for sale at \$18 per book including postage.

Mary Merritt was honored locally by her region with the John L Jourdan Lifetime Achievement Award. This is awarded by her local peers and veterans for outstanding work for our veterans and active duty. Semper Fidelis!

Mary Ann Merritt



MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks

The Aqua Parade at Hutchinson will be held on 19 June. We are hoping that we will have a good turnout of our members. Dot

Chapter Clippings Continued

Witcher always provides a great lunch before the parade and dessert afterwards. Also, convertibles are provided for us "oldies" who no longer walk the distance.

Our anniversary luncheon usually held in February was postponed to 7 May at Axel's Restaurant from 2 - 5 pm. So many of our regulars were gone that we thought it would be better to change the date. This is one of our biggest social events of the year and we are hoping as many as possible will attend. A reservation flyer was mailed out in April.

At our last meeting we were able to update our bylaws, a thankless task, but one we were able to do quite easily. We also received a thank you note from the Armed Forces Center at the airport for the \$500 donation we sent them. One of our members, Shirley Jurgensen, volunteers there regularly.

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games are being held in Minneapolis in June. They are seeking 2500 volunteers to help so I'm sure some of our members will be helping.

We are looking forward to a visit from Mary Ellen Stone, our Area 5 Director, who is planning to come to our annual picnic on June 25th.

We are exploring the possibility of renting a bus for our delegation to travel to Louisville for the National Convention in 2006.

Doris Palmer and Snoopy

MO-1 St Louis



MO-1 at their business meeting

Our business meeting was held on 2 April at The Salad Bowl Restaurant in St. Louis. New member Janiee Hartley was welcomed to the chapter. We were delighted that Mary Ellen Stone, Area 5 Director was able to visit our chapter.

The chapter attended the Expo held in Branson at the Mansion America Center on 20 May. We set up a table displaying items donated by St. Louis Recruiting -- pens, lanyards, and bumper stickers. We had bookmarks and membership applications available, but there were no women who had served in the Marines present. One woman veteran from Arkansas took bookmarks to place in her hometown library because our website was on there. We thanked her for her thoughtfulness. Attending were Mary Jantosik, Ophelia Owens and Patty Schindler.

The Marine Corps was the only branch of the military to have an individual table. The St. Louis American Legion Post 404, an all women post, had a table next to ours, promoting the Tribute to Women Veterans to be held in St. Louis November, 2005. Waves National was working with the registration table. A mother of an active Army soldier was promoting her son's book. The rest of the

tables were manned by Branson businesses. Branson is very appreciative to veterans.

I would estimate there were maybe 20 to 30 women vets who visited the event. There was a luncheon held at the American Bistro, which provided a nice lunch, entertainment, and door prizes. The businesses of Branson were very generous. Ophelia Owens won a three day trip, compliments of Radisson Hotels, with meals and entertainment.

Overall, it was memorable event, and as always, the Marines were there.

*Mabel A. R. Otten
Mary Jantosik*

NM-1 Sandia

This past November, NM-1 hosted the Annual Women Veterans Luncheon at Kirtland AFB. There were 65 women veterans in attendance at the well-supported event. Lots of door prizes were awarded and donated by local merchants and chapter members. Everyone pitched in and helped to plan this event. The 2006 luncheon will be hosted by the U.S. Army and we look forward to this event.

At our February meeting, we welcomed new member Anna Desposito of Rio Rancho. We have some former Marines which we contacted for membership in our chapter. We have been building our membership and are constantly looking for former women Marines.

We are making plans for the Memorial Day Parade and currently have 6 marchers. In May of 2004, we won the trophy for first place for the Women Veterans Marching unit. This was our 15th year to march in this parade. The MCJROTC awards will be held in May and eight schools will receive awards. Our presenters will be Barbara Winslow, Laurel Hull, Stella Delgado-Kinnison, Billie Mitchell, Cedar Sorrell, and Connie Siebert. WMA will be well represented.

Some of our chapter members have had surgery recently. We hope for a speedy recovery for Barbara Archer, June Linsmeyer and Laurel Hull.

As in the past, I want to thank all members of NM-1 for their support in attending meetings. We have a great group of Marines and enjoy being together.

Barbara Winslow

NM-2 Desert



The Desert Chapter members go far afield. Ida Koehler (and husband Frank), both WWII veterans, are our "Mountain Marines" as they live in Ruidoso, NM, in the Sacramento Mountains during the cool of the summer and go far south to south Texas or old Mexico for the warmth of the winter. The couple is shown here on a stop-over in April in Las Cruces with Carol Gaines. Ida finds other Marines from wherever they travel. Send a postcard from your travels!

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My "new" eye continues to improve sloooooowly. I can see and in more brilliant color with the corneal transplant eye but not fine print. So reading the newspaper, books and using the computer and TV are still a problem. Next step is to get a contact lens for that eye and glasses also. All prayers and good thoughts are welcomed. Semper Fidelis.

Carol J. Gaines

WMA NV-1 Sagebrush

On 12 February the Sagebrush Chapter celebrated the 62nd Anniversary of Women Marines. The "Women Veterans of Note" provided live music and our guest speaker was Dr. Ronza Nash. Dr. Nash told us of her travels and career in broadcast/journalism while in the Marine Corps. We thank Dr. Nash for taking us on such a marvelous journey through her career. We followed with lunch and the cake cutting ceremony honoring our oldest Marine, and our youngest Marine present.

In late February we said good bye to Diane Dietrich. Diane was diagnosed with brain and lung cancer late last year. In December she had successful radiation treatment which burned tumors from her brain. After speaking with Diane a week prior to our anniversary celebration, she was planning to attend, but did not make it. On 23 February she lost her battle with cancer. Diane had recently volunteered to be our "sunshine" person and throughout her membership she stepped up and volunteered wherever she was needed. She is missed by all.

Angela S. Melancon

WMA NY-3 Paumanok

We met on 14 May at the Sunrise MCL Detachment house in Massapequa and it was a festive/sad party. We rejoiced that Ronnie Cavanaugh will be moving to be nearer her children, but we're sad to see her leave. In addition to an abundance of finger sandwiches, fruit platter, and beverages, Norma Davies made two cakes...one a delicious pineapple upside down cake and the other a wicked and sinfully bad pound cake! What a baker! Ronnie was given a silver Semper Fi charm pin and flowers along with our best wishes as she settles into her new apartment in Hilton Head.

Congratulations were extended to Marge Brown's son who won the \$150 first prize in a raffle for a VAVS fund raiser.

A check for matching funds was received from National, so now more items will be purchased to send to women Marines in Iraq.

Congratulations are in order for Alice E Fay. In a letter from Patricia Eddington, L-CSW, New York State Assembly, is the following excerpt: "On June 14, 2005, the New York State Assembly will be celebrating Women Veterans Recognition Day. It would be my distinct privilege to honor you as a Woman Veteran. The purpose of this resolution is to memorialize all women Veterans and Women in The Military. At this time I would also like to give you special recognition for all of your life long accomplishments."

Barbara C Kruse

WMA OH-2 Chesty Puller

We held our first meeting and had a nice turnout. Betty Jean and Don Cannon drove in from Michigan and it is always good to see them. Our active duty women, Jenny Potter and Kelly Best, were there with three of our newest Loyal Escort members.

The food was good, but just being in the company of all our women Marines was better. We started on several projects for our Marines in Iraq and wounded Marines in Landstuhl. We have several parades to march in during May and will be showing off our new banner. Several of our women will be helping with a Women Veterans Conference on 12 May at a local VFW.

We were saddened at the loss of our former directors and other women who played such a big role in the shaping of our Corps. We send good wishes to all women Marines on their birthdays and anniversaries and good health to anyone who may be ill.

Elva M. Pounders

WMA OK-1 Sooner

Hello from OK-1!

We are still alive; however our membership is slowly diminishing. Of our 16 charter members, only six are still active. New members are hard to come by even though contacts are made and invitations extended by both mail and personal calls.

Our declining attendance is due to age, health problems, driving distances, etc. We still do work with the homeless shelter and the nearest veterans' center.

In December 2004 we lost our loyal member, Sarah Molly "Jean" Baker, who chartered our chapter in 1978. Jean was the Oklahoma Woman Veteran for 2004 and enjoyed the recognition and accolades to the fullest. We do miss her so much.



Joan Willauer, Jean Baker, Area 6 Director Judy Anderson and Harriet Frank at the Oklahoma Women Veterans weekend festivities in November 2004 where Jean presented the 2005 Woman Veteran of the Year award.

On 19 February, four of our members attended the woman Marine anniversary celebration hosted by OK-2 and the Women Veterans Organization. The luncheon was delicious, and the guest speaker, Col Mitzi Manning (Ret), was an outstanding speaker.

It was good to visit with some of our former members who are now with OK-2. It was a fun day and we enjoyed visiting with the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force veterans at our table – a good mix for recalling those days that will never be erased from our memories.

Until next time, Semper Fidelis.

Pietje Walls

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WMA OK-2 Heartland

At this writing, members of OK-2 are currently volunteering to help with the National Veterans Golden Age Games at the University of Oklahoma, Norman. The events run from 21-26 May.

Dorothy Rimbold participated in the Blanchard Armed Forces Day event as Oklahoma Female Veteran of the Year.

Members also participated in the annual awards ceremony for the U.S. Grant High School MCJROTC cadets on 4 May. The WMA award was presented to Victoria Glenn, along with a certificate and a check for \$25. The chapter's Outstanding Senior Award (certificate and check for \$250) was awarded to Willamena Witham. Pam Bloustine, Brenda Blair, Dorothy Rimbold and Clara Mark attended the ceremony. They also provided cookies and soft drinks for the cadets and their families.

Also attending was our newest member, (MSgt) Kimberly Simms, supply chief at the OKC recruiting station. Welcome aboard, Kim, and congratulations on the promotion to Master Sergeant!



Brenda Blair, Mitzi Manning, Pam Bloustine, Joan Willauer and Sondra Metzger at the National Memorial Museum in February.

Pam Bloustine and Betty Raines represented OK-2 at the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Marine Corps Coordinating Council on 19 May. The council is doing wonderful things for the Marine Corps family in Oklahoma.

All had a great time at our annual summer party held at Pam Bloustine's home on 4 June. Great food, great camaraderie and lots of socializing. Plans for fundraising were discussed and a tentative schedule for upcoming events was set.

Until next time, remember...if a smile is your umbrella, at some point your behind is gonna get wet.

Sondra Metzger

WMA OR-1 Lady Marine Rose

The Crowne Plaza in Lake Oswego was the scene for the 12 February OR-1 luncheon celebrating 62 years of women in continuous service in the Marine Corps. In addition to the fourteen WW II WRs, there were thirty-one members and guests present, including members from the Salem and Eugene chapters and the 1st Marine Division Association. In keeping with protocol, our speaker and honored guest, Maj Patricia S. Bacon, received the



The WRs of OR-1.

first piece of cake, the oldest member present, Sylvia Simpson received the second, and our youngest member Sgt Kristina Tindall, received the third. Major Bacon is presently I & I for H & S Co, 6th ESB stationed at Swan Island in Portland and is our newest member.

Ruth Falconbury, Golda Fabian, Lorraine McCameron, and Hattie Kelley attended the Young Marines Recruit Graduation ceremonies in Vancouver. Reviewing the recruits was Maj Bacon. Recruit Platoon 30505 is Lewis and Clark's sixth recruit class since the unit was formed 20 November 2002. The youngest recruit in this class is 8.4 years old and the oldest is 15.4. It is amazing to watch these youngsters and their precision marching and presenting of the colors. This is a wonderful program and we are fortunate to have such enthusiastic and able volunteers from the area to lead them.

Hattie Kelley and Golda Fabian joined other honored veteran guests at the North Clackamas Rotary Foundation's 9th Annual Rotary Auction. Our chapter donated a basket of "goodies" to be auctioned to raise money for the Foundation's various charities.

Sadly, we report the death of Catherine (Wilson) Haedinger on 10 February. Catherine served on recruiting duty in Los Angeles and Portland during WWII and was a long-time member of OR-1.

We had a wonderful time at OR-3's Spring Luncheon in April. In addition, we are co-hosting the All Women's Service Luncheon in May. Three area high schools are also planning events honoring veterans and we intend to see that the Women Marines are well represented.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer. Semper Fidelis.

Golda Fabian

WMA OR-3 Eager Beavers

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest.....

That collective sigh of relief you hear comes from the members of OR-3. It's also a sigh of jubilation. We have just concluded putting on our Annual Spring Luncheon and it was a roaring success!!! The list of "thank you's" is about a mile long but includes going to all our gals from OR-3 and all the women Marines who came from afar to help us celebrate.

I assume most of you have attended an auction at some time in your life. Let me tell you...the auctions we have at our luncheon are legendary!! The competitive spirit flies high. It's fun watching the bidding process. Sometimes these women display a "take no prisoners" attitude when there is a particular item that looks especially appealing. I'm glad we are all on the same side!!

The chow line saw lots of repeat visitors so I guess that speaks

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for itself. Even our guests contributed to our raffle items and many went away with neat gifts!! And as usual, there were lots of flowers that were taken home for planting.

The next event for the OR-3 gals will be attending the All-Women's Conference sponsored in part by the Salem Chapter of WMA. It's a generally accepted fact that this conference is attended mostly by MARINES...we are a force to be reckoned with, as they say!!

OR-3 will now look forward to the summer, new projects, and more fun times. Until then, we send our best to all of you and look forward to sharing what trouble...I mean, what wonderful things we do over the next few months! Semper Fidelis!!

Karen Reeves

WMA PA-3 Mountain Laurel



We joined our sisters nationwide in celebrating the 62nd anniversary in February. Shown in the photo are (l-r) standing: Anee Kish and Ginny Swartz. Seated are Doris Keeler, Maude Gottleib and Peggy Suarez. We had the traditional cake-cutting, a delicious lunch, and much reminiscence.

We're proud to introduce to you our newest member, Peggy (Ostrowsky) Suarez. Peggy served during 1977-79. Her training was at 29 Palms Field Radio Operator School; from there she went to Quantico, where she was in the Communication Platoon at Communication Officers School. She now lives in Clarks Summit, PA, and plans to attend college to receive certification as a high school mathematics teacher. She will be a valuable asset to our chapter.

We look forward to a busy spring schedule after a long, dull winter of inactivity. Semper Fidelis.

Ginny Swartz

WMA TX-1 Lone Star

Ladies of the WMA - we did it! On 21 May we had our ceremony at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery to formally dedicate our monument to all of you. It was a proud moment for the members of TX-1 as we unveiled this monument that takes its rightful place on the "walk of monuments" among so many other monuments honoring various military organizations. The WMA insignia appears in bronze on the top. The Marine Corps insignia appears on both sides of the monument. We hope all of you will be as proud of this as we are.

It was hot as blue blazes for this time of the year and some of

us wilted and sagged a bit before the event concluded, but in spite of the weather, we had a marvelous turn out of support from friends, relatives, and members of other branches of service.



The inscription reads: "Dedicated to all women past and present who have served their country with honor and pride in the United States Marine Corps. We are 'the fewer, the prouder, the Women Marines'."

We had the pleasure of having GySgt Katherine Lorenz-Townsend as one of our speakers. Katherine is currently serving with Marine Aircraft Group 41, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, Fort Worth. What a treat to listen to Katherine (sharp as a tack in her dress blues) as she gave us a view of what it's like to be a woman in today's Marine Corps. A really informative and good speech, and we thank Katherine for taking the time to be with us.

Our second speaker, Maria Crowley, long-time member of WMA and TX-1, gave us a look at the history of the Women Marines Association and what its purposes are. She made us proud to be members. Thanks, Maria, for coming all the way from south Texas to Dallas to participate in this special event. Judy Anderson, Area 6 Director, came up from Houston to participate in the festivities and we really appreciate her support.

This article is being written on the same day as our ceremony because we want to share this special time with you right away. The writer is exhausted and a bit addled from being out in the sun so long today, so she is postponing other news of the chapter until next time. Semper Fidelis!

Joan Wright

WMA VA-1 Crossroads

Just a quick update to let you know that phenomenal things are happening here in Quantico.

We have been working at increasing our membership numbers and support to philanthropic causes. We have been very busy in the last year raising over \$600 to provide to the Marine liaison at Bethesda for support of our returning wounded Marines; providing over three huge boxes of toys to the MCCDC Toys for Tots drop last Christmas; mailing over 200 travel mugs to 1stSgt Karcher for her coffee mess and Moto Tent in Iraq; sponsoring Team EWS (four EWS female captains have been active in our chapter this year) has raised over \$8000 for the AVON Walk for the Cure which takes place next weekend; and we have a VA-1 Women Marines Team registered to run in the 4 June Race for the Cure, having raised over \$1565 for that cause to date.

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VA-1 at one of their work week luncheons.

In addition, we recently had a few chapter officers that needed to step down and when I put out the word that I needed a new treasurer, I got seven new members and four volunteers to assume leadership roles. We have added a monthly no-host luncheon during the work week at the club during the months that we do not have a major activity in an effort to reach out to more of our active duty Marines and had 25 at our luncheon today. We had spurred the EWS Captains to work on a draft mentorship program and order for EWS and we have a young major who is a Naval Academy graduate who is coordinating a mentorship program for the incoming Marine Option 2d lieutenants.

We also hosted a small ceremony on 13 February in front of the Molly Marine Statue at Quantico in honor of Marilyn Neilson Strock.

Until next time, Semper Fidelis!

Deb Beutel



VA-2 Old Dominion

We are now officially the Old Dominion Chapter.

Two new members joined us for our bi-monthly luncheon and meeting in April. New members always mean a chance to share our old "sea stories", so we had a great time. On 21 May, Alice will meet with members in the Virginia Beach area regarding a new chapter there. So all of you who live in the Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach area and elsewhere in Southeast Virginia, please contact Alice at 804-748-2101 for additional information.

At a ceremony held at the Senior Center in Colonial Heights, thank you certificates were presented to the many businesses, churches and groups who helped with our Iraqi mailing project. The items we sent to the Marines in Iraq were greatly appreciated by them. All our members are now receiving chapter handbooks full of important information about our chapter and our members.

Plans are now being made for a booth at Chesterfest in Chester, VA in September. This venue has been a great place to get the word out about WMA, our chapter and our many activities.

Annebel Lewis



WA-1 Evergreen

Here it is April and summer just around the corner and I have to get used to daylight time again!

Our last meeting was on 12 February at Johnny's in Fife.

Twenty-three members and guests were in attendance. Two potential members were introduced - Kim Nelson, who recently left the service after six years, and Barbara Harrison, President of the USA-1 Women Marines Band.

Our chapter voted to donate \$100 at each of our three meetings a year to the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund in California. The main purpose is to assist injured Marines and their families.

Our next meeting will be on 9 April at Johnny's in Fife. Our get together for the horse races will be 13 August at Emerald Downs in Auburn. Hope you will join us for that fun day.

It was nice to hear from Connie Holden, our member who now resides in Easley, S.C. and to know she is feeling much better and will be out this way over Memorial Day.

Audrey Bennington of the Arizona chapter who was in the first platoon at Hunter College with me, phoned to say she was moving back to Illinois to be near family as her eyesight is failing. She promised to keep in touch.

I had another pleasant surprise to receive a letter from Kansas and it was from Dorothy Butterworth Smith who also was in that first platoon and how nice to hear from her after all these years. She reads my chapter report in *'Nouncements*.

IN MEMORIAM

Gloria LaFramboise Fuller died 29 January. Gloria served in the Marine Corps from 5/44 to 11/45. Her husband Russell was a former Marine. Gerry Ahnstrom, Zelda Barrows and Juanita Leighton attended Gloria's service in Tacoma, WA.

Another member, Ella M. Brinton, passed away on 30 October 2004 and we are sorry we just recently received this news. Ella served from 5/43 to 10/45 but we do not know where she was stationed. Her daughter informs us Ella was always proud to be a Marine.

We will miss these two WMA members. Rest in peace.

Louise George



WI-1 Wisconsin



On 19 February, the president of the Madison Civics Club, with a membership of over 700, invited several women veterans to be her guests at the final luncheon of the season at Monona Terrace where they were honored during the luncheon. The guest speaker was Rick Bragg, the author of "I Am a Soldier Too, the Jessica Lynch Story". Pictured at far left is Rick Bragg and at far right is Deb Glenn, Civics Club president. The three in WMA covers are Annette Howards, Connie Allord and Mibs Ewald. The other four are from the Navy, Army and Air Force. Deb had just returned from Alaska and is training for the 2006 Iditerod. The theme of the luncheon was "Survivors".

April 8 was a very emotional day as Golf Company, the Marines stationed in Madison, returned home from Iraq after a 10

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month deployment in one of the hottest spots there. Four Marines lost their lives there in explosions but over 170 returned to their homes and loved ones. The Marine Corps League hosted a "welcome home" in a hangar at Truax Field where Governor Doyle and other dignitaries welcomed the returning warriors. The university band was on hand also. Annette and Connie were among the Marine Corps League members who presented each Marine with

a red rose to present to their "best girl" and after the welcoming ceremonies served the throngs, numbered in the thousands, apple pie and ice cream - how American can you get! Perhaps a long and tiring day but greeting those Marines was a highlight of the year. A memorial for the Marines killed in Iraq will be dedicated at the Reserve Center on Memorial Day.

The spring meeting of WI-1 will be held in Fond du Lac on 30 April with a report in the next issue of 'Nouncements.

Connie Allord

Marine Corps Athletes of the Year announced

Capt Mary Kate Bailey has been selected as the U.S. Marine Corps Female Athlete of the Year for 2004. She will be honored at the Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon Ceremony at the Clubs at Quantico, which is scheduled for July 29.



Bailey, an assistant inspector assigned to the Inspector General's Office at Marine Corps Base Quantico, excelled as a long distance runner during 2004, finishing the Marine Corps Marathon as the first overall female finisher and earning the Armed Forces Women's gold medal.

Already an accomplished runner,

Capt. Mary Kate Bailey crosses the finish line at the Marine Corps Marathon. *Photo courtesy of Marine Corps Community Services*

Bailey's 2004 season included the overall women finisher in the Quantico Half Marathon, Annapolis Ten Miler, Anderson 10k, Quantico 5k, and the Rosner Shamrock 4 Miler. In addition, she was the third overall female finisher at the Plymouth U.K. Half Marathon (Warriors Across the Sea) competition securing a Marine Corps victory over the British Royal Navy/Marine Team.

Cpl Jacob Clark was selected as the U.S. Marine Corps Male Athlete of the Year and will also be honored at the induction ceremony. Clark, a transportation management specialist assigned to the Traffic Management Office in Okinawa, Japan, was a multiple medal winner and runner-up to the 2004 Olympic Greco-Roman Wrestling team.

Story by Marine Corps Community Services

Memorial donations from 9 February through 31 May 2005

Donor	In memory of	Donor	In memory of
	Memorial Scholarship Fund		General Fund
WI-1	Dorothy Cole & Eileen Webber	Veronica L Waterman	no honor specified
PA-3	Harriet Jolly Creighton	Marine Corps Marathon Publicity	Pass through from AT&T
WA-1	Gloria A. Fuller	Jane L Wallis	Contribution to support database project
AZ-3	Dorothea Schilling	Menifee Valley Women's Club	honorarium for Lou Teixeira
Maurine L. Yenglin	Dorothea Schilling	Lucille A Daniels	no honor specified
Volunteer Friends		Tina M Bostic	no honor specified
of Channel 8		WA-1	Ella M Brinton
Gwendolyn H Cochran	Dorothea Schilling	Carol A Mutter	Royalties from "Above & Beyond"
USA-1	Dorothea Schilling	Margaret H Gerety	no honor specified
FL-8	Charlotte Owen	Carol A Mutter	Contribution to support 501 c(3) conversion
MD-1	Martha "Sue" Pepe	CA "Mack" McKinney	Col Hazel Benn
Shirley L Mink	no honor specified	Zelda K. Barrows	no honor specified - waived expense reimbursement
FL-2	Sarah N. Thornton	Fern P Hauss	Dorthea Schilling, Jane Wallis & Thelma Webster
IA-1	Annette Burkhead	Lyla M Spelbring	Jane Wallis
Barbara M Archer	Alice Daily	June Maxfield	Jane Wallis
	Gladys F. B. Beal	Hildegard L Prengschat	Jane Wallis
	and Sarah N. Thornton	Patricia M Hamilton	Jane Wallis
CA-12	Loa Johnson	Shirley L Mink	Jane Wallis
Alice J Haber	Libby Hershon	Mitzi Manning	Jane Wallis
MI-1	Libby Hershon	Joyce Capps	Jane Wallis
Alice R Phillips	Libby Hershon	Mary T Sousa	Jane Wallis
Lucille A Otis	Libby Hershon	Helen H Laukes	Jane Wallis, David Crowley and the daughter of Betty Lewis
CA-4	Judith McGuire		no honor specified
		D Jean Hansen	Jane Wallis
		Mary E Thompson	Jane Wallis
		Doris V Kleberger	Jane Wallis
		CO-1	Jane Wallis
		Virginia Allred	Dorthea Schilling, Margaret Henderson, Opal Blakeslee, Jane Wallis, Helen Bowlin and Dan Christensen

National Merchandise Sales

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
NEW ITEM WMA insulated travel mugs (green with WMA logo).....	.....	\$8.00
NEW ITEM WMA insulated travel mugs (green with WMA logo).....	.....	\$8.00
WMA Cap (3 months delivery).....	.....	\$30.00
Chapter designation: _____		



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

20 1/2 - 20 7/8	.....	.XSmall
21 1/4 - 21 5/8	.....	.Small
22 - 22 3/8	.....	.Medium
22 3/4 - 23 1/8	.....	.Large
23 1/2 - 23 7/8	.....	.XLarge
24 1/4 - 24 5/8	.....	.XXLarge
Golf shirts, red or white, sizes M, L, XL (ladies sizes)	.....	\$.28.00
Each shirt embroidered with WMA logo and name (if desired)		

40% Sale on Selected Items - supplies are limited

WMA Lavalier, 24" chain	\$7.20
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50th Anniversary Medallions w/bezel	\$7.00
50th Anniversary Paper Weights	\$10.00

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Inventory announcement: We have one (1) lavalier left, and only eight(8) shirts size L and three (3) size M.

Chapter Merchandise Sales

Send chapter ads to Sondra Metzger, 3805 NE141 Circle, Edmond, OK 73013-7221
 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, 110 Bryan Court, Jacksonville, NC 28540

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

Size: 12-Page Booklet (10"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

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Item: History Book of WRs and the MCWR Band in WWII

Cost: \$17.00 (includes mailing)

Chapter: USA-1 (WR Band)

Contact: Bonnie Medin, 3583 Round Barn Blvd. #334, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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Item: We Are Marines: History & stories from women who served & are serving (2006 Fundraiser)

Cost: \$25.00 (\$4 shipping & handling)

Checks: NC-1

Contact: Mary Sabourin, 110 Bryan Court, Jacksonville, NC 28540

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Item: "The American Flag" Booklet

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

Chapter: Texas Gulf Coast

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

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Cards/Stationery

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 (includes P&H); 15 for \$2.10 (includes P&H)

20 for \$2.60 (includes P&H)

Checks: CA-7, WMA



Chapter: EMVSC (CA-7)

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

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Item: One-sided Chapter Membership cards

Cost: 20 cents each (includes postage) **Chapter:** WMA-NJ-1, Garden State

Contact: Winifred Reuschle, 49 Scott Drive, Bayville, NJ 08721-1224

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Item: Note pads- 3"x5" green border and WMA logo in the center on a light yellow background. These are unique!

Cost: \$3.50 for a pack of 3 pads which includes postage

Checks: CO-1, WMA

Chapter: Colorado Columbine

Contact: Paula Sarlls, 3066 So. Granby St., Aurora, CO 80014

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

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

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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

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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/V-Coverup, White, knee length, round neck, WMA logo
 "The Few, The Proud" in green

Cost: \$20.00 (Includes 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

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

Cost: Sweatshirts: L, XL \$20.00; XXL \$22.00 T-Shirts: L, XL \$9.00; XXL Sold Out (Prices include shipping)

Contact: Jeanne Hesser, 217 Laurel Ct, Swatara Village, Pine Grove, PA 17963

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

Cost: \$28.00 (includes postage)

Chapter: VA-1 Crossroads

Make checks payable to: WMA, VA-1

Contact: Lori B. Cousins, 7006 Old Brentford Rd., Alexander, VA 22310 (703) 971-9242 Email: BronsonLC@juno.com

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Item: Red, short-sleeve T-shirts with a gold WMA logo on the left breast pocket-side and the letters WMA printed in gold beneath the logo; sizes M, L, XL.

Cost: \$13.00 each (includes shipping)

Chapter: GA-1.WMA

Contact: Sheryl Hobden, 7158 Avalon Drive, Douglasville, GA 30135, 678-838-0620,

WMAGeorgia@yahoo.com.

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Item: Medium sage Green polo shirts with dark green trim around sleeves collar and button plaqet. 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

Please include your phone and/or email with order.

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
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Item: Pin "WOMAN MARINE"
Cost: \$10.00 (includes shipping)
Item: Marine Corps emblem pendant w/18" chain
Cost: \$18.00 each (includes shipping)
Chapter: New York Metropolitan
Checks: Payable to NY-2
Contact: Roberta Eaton, 18 Maple Court, New Hyde Park, NY 11040-3105
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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 Post
 Note: Post can also be worn as a lapel pin.
Contact: Ane M. Collins, 519 Devine St., San Antonio, TX 78210-1505
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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
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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
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Item: Watch with WMA logo in center with black band
Cost: \$22.00 (includes mailing)
Chapter: CA-7 (Checks to: EMVSC, CA-7, WMA)
Contact: Marie A Proulx, 748 Pearwood, Street, Oceanside, CA 92057-8618
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Item: Charm "Semper Fi"
Cost: \$15.00
Chapter: Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)
Contact: Cleary Creations, 2225 NE 130th Ave., Portland, OR 97230-1704
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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
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Miscellaneous

Item: USMC Antenna Balls (can be used on car, truck, RV radio antennas, kid's bikes, strollers or wheel chairs too)
Cost: \$1.00 each-red colored with yellow letters, "USMC"
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, 991-718-8324
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Item: Travel neck pouch, black w/two zippered sections on one side with clear section on reverse with WMA logo; adjustable strap; size 6 1/2x4 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
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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
Items: Challenge Coin, Women of the Corps
Cost: \$7.50 (includes shipping & handling)
Chapter: OK-2
Contact: Pam Bloustine, 2801 W. Redbud Ln, Edmond, OK 73003-2200; email, PamOKWMA@aol.com
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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: Laverne H. Myers, 3803 Drexel Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611-1517
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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 Ave., Tampa, FL 33611-1517
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Item: Magnetic Telephone Index. 3 1/4" x 2 1/4" Flexible Satin Gold American Flag with God Bless America printed. Holds 42 names and addresses
Cost: \$3.00 including shipping **Chapter:** Orange Blossom, (FL-5)
Contact: Helen Wecera, 3553 Warbler Dr., New Port Richey, FL 34652-6464
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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
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Item: WMA logo Rubber Stamps
Cost: Large stamp: \$9.00 (includes mailing) Small stamp: \$6.00 (includes mailing)
Chapter: CA-7 (Checks to: EMV, CA-7, WMA)
Contact: Marie A Proulx, 748 Pearwood Street, Oceanside, CA 92057-8618
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Item: Fanny Pack WMA Logo
Cost: \$10.00 **Chapter:** FL-2
Contact: Sylvia Morgan, 13662 87th Avenue, Seminole, FL 33776
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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, 110 Bryan Court., Jacksonville, NC 28540-6054
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Item: US Marine Corps Bear. Stuffed bear, red with Marine Corps emblem on front
Cost: \$15.00 includes shipping **Chapter:** IN-1
Checks: Payable to IN-1
Contact: Diane Ward, 8310 W. 88th St., Indianapolis, IN 46278; 317-873-4113
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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
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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
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Item: 2005 WMA Historical Calendar: "Places We Called Home"
Cost: \$12 each (plus \$3.00 S&H) **Chapter:** TX-2, WMA
Contact: Judy Anderson, 726 Beachcomber, Houston, TX 77062; email, gulfcoastwma@aol.com
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Item: Handmade soy wax candles (Lavendar, 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
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Item: USMC Fleece Throw, 48" x 60"
Cost: \$20 each (includes postage & handling)
Checks: WMA, CA-8
Contact: Ozell W. Barksdale, 5394 Sierra St., Riverside, CA 92504-2139; (951) 688-2806, ozell@pacbell.net
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