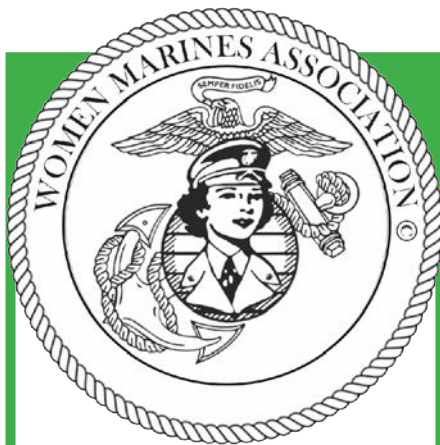


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GOODBYE ERIN...

All Good Things Must Come to an End

After ten years of dedicated service, Erin Holvoet tendered her resignation effective 30 June 2019. She left some very big shoes to fill. In fact, it took hiring an admin contract company to take her place. Erin will spend more time with her boys who she homeschools and enjoy these precious years. Erin has been called an “invisible” but intricate part of WMA.



Clockwise: Erin, Eli, Kristian & Sam Holvoet

Erin was one of the good ones that the recruiters missed. She has been the epitome of honor, courage and commitment to WMA for 10 years. Erin took the position from her father-in-law, the late John Holvoet, and has done him proud.

What began as simple administrative tasks grew over the years to make Erin our expert in all things WMA to include membership and finances, as well as historical and administrative. Erin never said no, and if she did not know how, or know the answer, she would research it until she was capable and knowledgeable.



Gen. Robert Neller with Erin

Erin was awarded a National Service Award in 2016 for her service above and beyond her assigned duties. The citation included “even though Erin excels at her assigned duties, it is her willingness to support requests for information that fall outside of her



LtGen. Loretta Reynolds with Erin

normal duties that make her an asset to WMA.”

We will miss Erin in our day-to-day struggles, but will look forward to seeing her at conventions with her family. This change will force many of us to get involved and pick up the slack, and we are up to the task.



Congrats Erin—Semper Fi!!!!



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Reporting In...National President

Summer days are upon us! Hope that everyone enjoyed the 4th of July and all of the fireworks, pool parties, and will look forward to upcoming vacations with the family. As we head into summer many take time off from work and school to enjoy special time with their family and friends. As members of the National Board of Directors (BOD), we too take time to enjoy these all-important family and life activities. Even though we are all volunteers we recognize that WMA is an established 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that requires a never-ending dedication to duty. Conducting the business of WMA is a responsibility not taken lightly by the BOD, and we have been hard at work these last several months to do just that.

Guided by our National Bylaws, Standing Rules and Standing Operation Procedures (SOP), the BOD conducts business by voting on official matters via written ballots. Below is a list of the subject matter for which ballots were published to address the business at hand from Sept 2018 to June 2019.



- Approve request by Area 10 Director for the use of the WMA National Seal
- Approve SOP updates
- Approve BOD Meeting Minutes
- Approve appointment of new Appointed Representatives to include the National MC Council Rep, HQMC LNO, along with the Nom/Convention Site Committee Chair and Convention Planning Committee (CPC) Chair.
- Accepted final results of mail out ballot to membership regarding Navy FMF Membership Initiative and increased scholarship amount.
- Initiated the procedures to receive FMF qualified Navy membership applications
- Accept retirement of the MO-1 Chapter charter
- Approved new chapter charters for GA-2, NV-3, CA-16, MI-4, and MA-3.
- Approved appointments of new committee chairs (SOP, MCJROTC, Financial Advisory Committee (FAC), and Appointed Rep (National MC Council).
- Accepted resignation and appointment of BOD members to include: Area 2 and 9 Directors, Treasurer, 3rd VP, and Membership Secretary
- Approved selection of new Publisher for WMA *'Nouncements*
- Conducted Mid-Year Budget Review
- Approved new two year fiscal budget (1 July-30 June)
- Accepted resignation of Erin Holvoet as our Administrative Support Contractor (ASC) effective 30 June.
- Approved the selection of a new ASC effective 1 July

The most recent action of hiring a new ASC will help provide WMA more extensive backend office support in areas to include administrative, financial and membership database management. This will allow our members who serve at the national level as our all-volunteer force to focus on the operational support requirements while the contractor takes care of the administrative continuity.

As you can see, the BOD has been hard at work since last convention and we are now preparing to continue our work as we plan to meet for our next annual face to face meeting at the Interim Board Meeting (IBM) in Omaha, 24 and 25 August. Some of the main themes we will cover include:

- Bylaws and Standing Rules Review
- SOP changes
- FMF Initiative (Implementation Plan)
- Review and update of our Strategic Plan
- 2020 Convention Planning

If you have anything you would like addressed at the IBM please contact any one of the BOD with your suggestions. The BOD was elected by the membership to conduct business on your behalf so we want and need to hear from you. Communication is key so let your voices be heard. I encourage you to contact me or any one of your Board members with your thoughts and ideas, so we can ensure we are speaking with one voice and always do what is best for WMA. - **Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower**

Treasurer's Report

It is an honor to serve as WMA's National Treasurer. Having been elected in April 2019, I have been very busy learning the intricacies of the organization. While it has been tough, it was made tougher losing our long-term Admin Contractor, Erin Holvoet, on 30 June 2019. She has been and is a source of so much history and particulars.

I will say that I have been provided much information and support, and will do everything within my power to keep WMA growing and prosperous. I do have utmost confidence in OrgSupport, our new admin contractor who I will be working with to ensure the fiduciary health of WMA.

Please feel free to contact me with any ideas, information, or concerns. Semper Fidelis! - **Peggy Reiber**



Reporting In...Area Directors

2019 has become a very busy year in Area 1 with many new stories to share! The top story is we recently accomplished our mission of officially chartering and naming three new chapters after our three fallen KIA sister Marines from our Area: RI-2 Cpl Holly Charette Chapter, NY-6 Cpl Ramona Valdez Chapter, and the newest is MA-3 Captain Jennifer Harris Chapter.

TX-7 Opha May Johnson Chapter surprised us with a donation of a hand-made memorial wreath to be shared amongst our fallen sisters in Area 1 which will rotate between the chapters. The first stop was during Memorial Weekend at Cpl Holly Charette's graveside.

We've started five new chapters since 2018 with some great leaders at the helm, for a total of seven in Area 1. It's been quite challenging to get some traction with the new chapters in their respective regions, but these Marines are committed to their mission. All of them admit that the struggles were rooted in the communities not being familiar with the WMA, as well as other veteran organizations not knowing us. (Area 1 does not have any major military installations.) However, what they have learned, is these communities are very welcoming to Marines and want to help once they are acquainted with our goals and mission as female Marines. Being visible and relevant to today's needs for female veterans is truly what attracts others to our mission.

Some of our recent highlights from our members are from NY-7 Long Island Chapter with Korean War veteran Evelyn Kandal being honored by the organization "Heroes Among Us" as a woman veteran of the Korean War. Evelyn is also a poet laureate. Additionally, from NY-7, three chapter members, StaceyAnn Castro Tapler, Christine Glynn, and Magdolna Resker are on the newly formed Women Veterans Advisory Board for Suffolk County (Long Island, NY) with State Legislator Susan Berland. The panel will advocate on behalf of female veterans in Suffolk County making recommendations to county legislators on policy, laws and programming. The



11 board members will be from all military service branches. From NY-6 we recognize Janelle Marina Mendez who has spearheaded the new organization "Military Sexual Trauma Movement." The MST Movement was selected to attend the 2020 Presidential Conference in July. Janelle was selected as one of the movement leaders making waves in national politics and given a scholarship to attend. I'm sure we'll be hearing more about Janelle going forward!

It's been exciting for all of us to experience the new energy and esprit de corps in Area 1. We are looking forward to starting up a new chapter in Maine with the fearless leader Yvonne Devine. We still have interest in New Hampshire to start a new chapter, and hopefully honor Marine Ashley Guindon who was formerly from Merrimack, NH. Ashley served six years in the Corps and later became a police officer with the Prince William County, VA Police Department. Sadly, she was killed in the line of duty in February 2016.

Contact Jamie DePaola at AD1@womenmarines.org for more information or to share some of your news.

Favorite Quote: "If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking." ~ George S. Patton

- Jamie B. DePaola, Area 1



This quarterly announcement period ends on the Fourth of July. As we remember our nation's history, we also reflect on the history of women Marines and the struggles we have overcome. As we continue to look forward and to grow, we need to be mindful of all the work ahead of us to ensure this organization is for all generations, young and old. The trailblazers of the past have opened the door for the young Marines to continue moving us into the future. I am very proud of our Area 6 chapters and their focus to represent WMA honorably and visibly within the community. Their willingness to be interactive is an example to others and is a way in which the WMA can remain relevant and potentially bring new members into our organization.

On 6 April, TX-7 Opha May Johnson chapter was front and center with an outstanding recruiting event at the "Good Oil Days" festival in Humble. They encouraged community involvement by having the festival-goers write a message to veterans who are patients at the VA hospital. Well done, Audrea Killalea and all of TX-7 ladies!

On 3 May, I joined Audrea Killalea, TX-7 Opha May Johnson chapter president, at Atascocita High School where Marine Corps JROTC cadets were presented with end of year awards at a ceremony.

On 4 May, I joined Venesa Delgado, chapter president of TX- 3 San Antonio Rose, at their meeting, and I was impressed on the effort they are making to ensure WMA is represented at each MCJROTC award presentation within their area.

On 26 May, for Memorial Day Weekend, ladies from the TX-7 Opha May Johnson Chapter and hundreds of other volunteers honored those who served and sacrificed by ensuring each of the veterans had an American flag marking their gravesite. We also had an opportunity to see the bench that TX-2 Gulf Coast's chapter donated to the cemetery.

On 12 June, a Women Veterans Day Luncheon was sponsored by the Astros Foundation and organized by Twila Carter, executive director, Astros Foundation and SVP Community Affairs, where they saluted heroes from every service. Texas Senate Bill 805 established June 12th as Women Veterans Day. What a great event and opportunity to connect with other women Marines! We definitely stood out with our red blazers and WMA covers! It was a great recruiting opportunity! We also give Andrew Remson, Coordinator Community Affairs, Astros Foundation, a huge THANK YOU for inviting women Marines to two military appreciation nights, 26 and 30 June, to honor us for our service. Beverly Franklin and I were honored to be recognized on the 26th, and Jane Thomas and Marty Raney were recognized on the 30th. What a treat to go down to the field and be on the big screen for all to see and salute us!

On 4 July, I joined TX-3 San Antonio Rose Chapter President Venesa Delgado and members, TX-6 Gruene Marines Chapter President Kirsten Sultemeier and members for the 4th of July parade. What an amazing event. I was especially thrilled to be in the presence of Immediate Past National President Betty Moseley Brown, current National 1st Vice President Angela Werner Maness, and Past National 1st Vice President Laura Brown. Thank you, Kirsten Coelho Sultemeier and Venesa Delgado, for your hard work in putting this together!

This has been a very eventful quarter, and I'm very grateful to have been able to share the experiences of our area's chapter events with them. I continue to look forward to what our future in this area's growth will be and in the growth of our WMA!

- Rosa Osborn, Area 6





MCJROTC presentation: Rosa Osborn, MCJROTC Instructor CWO Lasyone, Audrea Killalea



Women Veterans Day Luncheon



Beverly and Rosa at the 26 June Astros game



4th of July Parade

Greetings, Lady Leathernecks!

We are half way through this year and it seems like it is going by fast. I will be attending the IBM in August, and we will be getting ready for next year's biennial convention in Omaha September 3-7.

Area 10 has installed a new chapter in northern California, CA-16, with President Cheryle Anderson-Jones. They will be recruiting in the area, look for the flyers.

There is another chapter that has been rejuvenated in Los Angeles CA-1. The new president is Arlene Duncan. CA-1 has been around for over 50 years in the Los Angeles area, and Past President Anna Brown has served with CA-1 for over 40 years with the chapter. She will continue to be a part of the chapter and will help the new president move the chapter forward.

I have plans to travel to the following chapters: CA-2, CA-3, CA-7, CA-8, and CA-15. I enjoy attending chapter events and meetings. Feel free to contact me for an event or meeting.

A reminder for all those Marines who are planning on going to the Biennial WMA conference in Omaha...bring your Oooorah to Omaha! Semper Fidelis.

-Soledad Kennedy, Area 10



Since Peggy Reiber took over as National Treasurer, the board approved a new Area 9 director.

Jacqueline Caputi retired from the Marine Corps with 20 years as the aviation liaison for Marine Corps Manpower and Reserve Affairs, M&RA, Headquarters Marine Corps. At the time of the vote, Jacqueline was serving as president of The Lady Marine Rose Chapter OR-1. She also served as advisor to the board members for the chapter during the 2016 WMA Convention in Portland.

Jacqueline has been a fierce promotor and advocate of the WMA while deployed overseas and during time of conflict in Iraq. She has been a life member since 2004, and was awarded the National Service Award at the 2018 convention in Washington, DC.



Forming Chapters - Area 4

Rockford, IL	Terre Haute, IN
Bloomington/Peoria	Lansing, MI
Fort Wayne, IN	Northern Ohio
Quincy	Eastern Kentucky
Cincinnati	



Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Awards



Representing WMA at the dinner were Sally Pritchett, Mitzi Manning, Rhonda Lebrescu Amtower, Sue Sousa, and Eileen Scanlon. Not pictured is Anne Crittenden.

Each year the Foundation presents a series of awards for creative works preserving or advancing Marine Corps history, traditions, culture, or service. Marines and civilians are eligible to submit their own artistic entries or the distinguished work of others. The below awards were presented at the Foundation's Annual Award ceremony on April 27, 2019.

This year's recipient of the Julia Hamblet Award went to British writer Jim Moran for his book, "They are Marines – The USMCWR in the Second World War, a description of uniforms, history and traditions of 23,000 Women Reservists who served during WWII."

Born in 1954 in Sheffield, England, Jim has been a student of the history of the United States Marine Corps, massing a huge collection over the past forty years. He has assisted Hollywood productions on uniform and equipment details for "Flags of our Fathers," "The Pacific" (HBO mini-series), and "Windtalkers." He has written extensively on the uniforms, equipment, and history of the United States Marine Corps. Along with collecting memorabilia, he accompanies USMC veterans on trips to the battlefields of WWII.



Named for the longest serving Director of Women Marines, this award is funded by a bequest from the estate of Lotus Mort and judged by the Women Marines Association. It is given to the individual or team who has done the most to further the recognition of the history of women who have earned the title Marine.



The Major Megan McClung Award is given for distinguished example of reporting by an individual covering Marines abroad. This year's recipient is Hope Hodge Seck for her reports of "Marine Victories in Afghanistan, Iraq" during Gen Robert Neller's annual Christmas trip to visit deployed Marines around the globe. Hope is an award-winning investigative and enterprise reporter who has been covering military issues since 2009. She is managing editor for Military.com, and has had articles published in Marine Corps Times, Newsweek, USA Today, The New York Sun, and World Magazine.

Maj McClung was the first female Marine Corps officer killed in combat. During the Iraq War, she was serving as a public affairs officer in Al Anbar Province, Iraq when she was killed by an IED. She was also the first female graduate of the United States Naval Academy to be killed in action since the school was founded in 1845.

Female FMF Sailors to Join the WMA

The Women Marines Association (WMA) is pleased to announce a change in membership that now includes Fleet Marine Force (FMF) U.S. Naval women into their ranks.

The criteria for Navy FMF membership in the WMA is simply that the sailor must provide documentation of earning the Fleet Marine Force pin/badge. This documentation (validated on DD 214) must accompany the WMA membership form and required dues for membership.

The Fleet Marine Force Warfare Insignia, also known as the FMF badge or pin is the insignia which is issued to those U.S. Navy officers and sailors who are trained and qualified to perform duties in support of the United States Marine Corps. These sailors have successfully completed the necessary requirements of the Fleet Marine Force Warfare Specialist Program. The FMF pin represents a rite of passage endured and a sacrifice made by the individual wearing it, and it signifies that the individual is an "FMF sailor." To earn the pin, a sailor is required to learn Marine Corps history, how a Marine unit operates and what it takes to be a Marine mentally and physically. This includes serving one year with a Marine Corps unit (two years for reserves), passing the Marine Physical Fitness Test, a written test, demonstrating skills used in service with the Marines such as weapon breakdown and familiarization, land navigation, and combat communications.

FMF sailors (active duty and veterans) add value to any veteran organization and will contribute to the WMA mission of promoting the welfare and well-being of elderly, disabled, and needy women Marines in the communities throughout the world. The WMA fosters the spirit of camaraderie of women who have served our country with a special focus on today's female veterans transitioning back home.

The WMA was organized in 1960, just 12 years after Congress passed the Women's Armed Forces Integration Act in 1948, which authorized women in the regular component of the Corps. At the time, women could not constitute over two percent of the total force with limited MOS fields and duty stations and could not hold permanent rank above lieutenant colonel. Today, women are fully integrated in the Corps with nearly nine percent of the total force and all MOS fields are open to every Marine with no limits to rank; and their sister FMF sailors are an integral member of every Marine Corps unit.

The WMA President and the Board of Directors are proud to announce this big step in moving forward and we all look forward to recruiting FMF sailors for membership.

- Angela Maness



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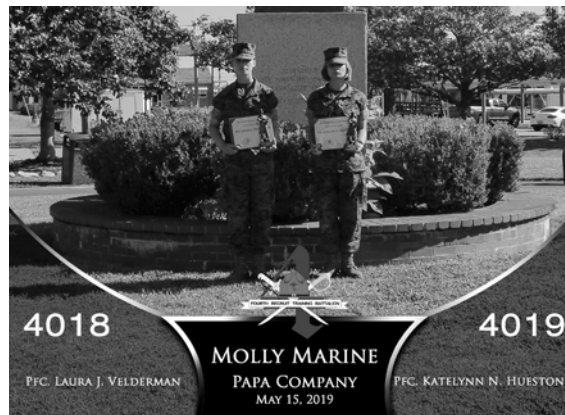
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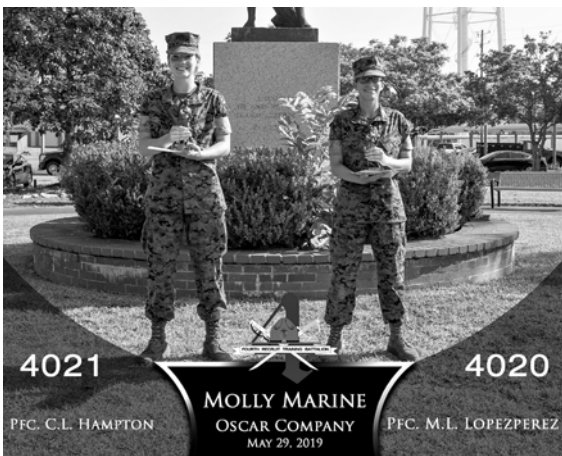
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Congress Takes 1st Step in Forcing Marines to Make Boot Camp Coed

The commandant of the Marine Corps will have five years to stop separating men and women at the service's oldest boot camp, if a new amendment added to the 2020 defense authorization bill survives to ratification.

Rep. Jackie Speier, a California Democrat and chair of the House Armed Services Military Personnel subcommittee, proposed the amendment on Wednesday, which would prohibit gender-segregated training at the Marine Corps recruit depots.

"Training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC, may not be segregated based on gender," the measure states. "The Commandant of the Marine Corps shall carry out this subsection not later than five years after the date of the enactment of this Act."

All female Marine recruits currently complete their entry-level training at Parris Island. No women attend the Marine Corps' West Coast training depot for new enlistees. Speier wants that to change, too. The commandant would have eight years to make training fully coed, the proposal states.

The measure was passed by the House Armed Services Committee by a vote of 31 to 26. Next it must be approved by the full House before moving onto the Senate, where it could face opposition from the Republican majority.

Almost every operational role and training course in the military is gender integrated, with the exception of Marine Corps boot camp, Speier said as she introduced the measure.

"Fully integrating women is not only the right thing to do, it makes our military stronger," she said. "The women Marines serving in recently opened combat positions that I have met are immeasurably brave, tough, and inspiring. Each of them have had to prove themselves, over and over again, to male peers and superiors." That problem can be solved, she said, by having all recruits train together at the start of their Marine Corps careers, regardless of gender.

"If platoons are transformational units, women should be in them," Speier added. "Having men and women work together from day one shows that they are all Marines."

Teresa Ovalle, a spokeswoman for Marine Corps Combat Development Command, which oversees the service's recruit training battalion, said Speier's amendment was "new information."

"We'll know more once this information has worked its way through appropriate channels," she said.

This is not the first time the Marine Corps has been told it needs to make its entry-level training fully gender integrated. In 2016, former Navy Secretary Ray Mabus gave the Marine Corps two weeks to submit a plan for coed boot camp.

Ultimately, Mabus allowed the Marine Corps to find ways to further integrate training at boot camp. And it has, Commandant Gen. Robert Neller told Military.com last month.

Male and female recruits spend 65% of boot camp training together, Neller said. That includes time at the rifle range, in the field and in the squad bay.

"I think this idea that we're trying to disadvantage women is inaccurate," Neller said. "I think what we're trying to do is give all recruits every advantage to have the best opportunity to earn the title of Marine."

A Longstanding Debate

The Marine Corps has been pushed toward ending its long-held tradition of separating male and female recruits at entry-level training for years. That has been the case as leaders have grappled with ending mistreatment toward women, stamping out sexual assault, and opening all ground combat specialties to female Marines despite requests for exemptions.

In 2015, LtCol Kate Germano, the officer overseeing the Marine Corps' female recruit battalion, was fired after she said she pushed for better training for women. Marine officials said she was relieved because she was a toxic leader. Germano's case, and later a book she cowrote with longtime military reporter Kelly Kennedy, offered a glimpse into what she said were uneven training standards at Parris Island.

This year, the Marine Corps' first-ever coed company graduated from Parris Island. The Marines trained with the typically all-male 3rd Recruit Training Battalion's India Company. The company included five male platoons and one female platoon. The recruits lived in different squad bays, but otherwise completed much of their training together. And in some cases, Neller said they performed better than all-male companies.

That's often the case for companies training at Parris Island, said Capt Bryan McDonnell, a spokesman for the recruit depot. But the differences typically aren't significant since drill instructors always follow the same training model, he said.

"[India Company] scored higher than the [overall Recruit Training Regiment] average in marksmanship," he said, "but lower ... in water survival training."

McDonnell stressed that the evaluations can help officials adjust training when required, but they "are not, and should not be, used to assess the 'success' or 'failure' of a training company."

"Within a company, and within each platoon, Depot training staff ensure that all Marines graduating recruit training meet the rigorous standards for a basically qualified Marine," he added.

LtGen David Berger, who will soon replace Neller as the Marine Corps' commandant, told lawmakers during his confirmation hearing that having the men and women train together at Parris Island "went great."

"We have to look at this for perhaps next year, Berger said. "... I think it's a discussion ... the Marine Corps will have."

- Gina Harkins with Patricia Kime contributing
Military.com

Scholarship Recipients ★ ★ ★



Agnes Sopcak
Memorial Scholarship
Alina Cousino
Sponsor: Mary Ann Merritt
grandmother



Taylor Crosby
Sponsor: Mary Crosby
grandmother



Bailey Hardiman
(former Marine)
Sponsor: Penny Hardiman
mother



Misha Jones
Sponsor: Roxanna Barnes
friend



Miles Moate
Sponsor: Amanda Moate
mother



Alexis Nelson
Sponsor: Tina Marie Veith
mother



Cpl Claudia Ovalles
Sponsor: Self



Nicole Sisson
Sponsor: Patricia Mitchell
friend



Madison Smith
Sponsor: Teagan Owen
friend



Kathryn Wilson
Sponsor: Rhonda Amtower
acquaintance



Sydney Wilson
Sponsor: Rhonda Amtower,
acquaintance



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Canon Loberger
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Allison Jeffries
Sponsor: Teagan Owen,
friend



Isabella Pickett
Sponsor: Barbara Chagnon,
friend



Sidney Voss
Sponsor: Genevieve Jennings,
friend



OR-1 Meg Dawes
Scholarship
Laurie Caputi
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friend



Virginia Guveyan
Memorial Scholarship
Joelle Canto Adams
Sponsor: Susan Johnston

31st CONVENTION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE SAVE THE DATES: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020

Our tentative schedule includes all this and more! (*Schedule is subject to change.*)

Thursday.....First official day – check-in opens at 10am and WMA's 60-Year Anniversary Party will take place in the evening.
Friday.....Time to explore Omaha in the morning, First Timers and Active Duty Orientation in the afternoon, Opening Banquet in the evening.
Saturday.....We start with kickboxing early in the morning, followed by important Business Meetings, the R&A Luncheon, and workshops in the afternoon.
Sunday.....Annual Fun Run/Walk starts the day, followed by the Memorial Service, Business Meetings, and time to explore Omaha afterward.
Monday.....Last official day – workshops in the morning, Installation Luncheon, and Closing Banquet.

We hope to see you in Omaha! OOHRAH!

EXPLORE OMAHA!

While here for the convention, there will be some time for you to Explore Omaha! Some of the sites you may not want to miss include:

❁ The Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium (www.omahazoo.com)

There is much to explore at this nationally renowned zoo. You may want to visit Glacier Bay Landing, the Gorilla Valley, the Orangutan Forest, or maybe the Giraffe Encounter and Stingray Beach. You can travel the zoo by tram, train or the Skyfari. And you won't want to miss the Scott Aquarium, the Desert Dome or the Leid Jungle! There's plenty to see!



❁ The Durham Western Museum (<https://durhammuseum.org>)

One of the anchors of the Old Market, beautiful architecture blends with memories of a time gone by at The Durham Museum. Making its home in one of Omaha's most unique treasures, Union Station, the Durham Museum offers a fascinating look at the history of the region and offers a broad range of traveling exhibits covering subjects ranging from history and culture, to science, industry, and more through our affiliation with the Smithsonian Institution and strong ties with the Library of Congress, National Archives, and the Field Museum.



❁ Old Market (<https://oldmarket.com>)

Only five blocks away from the hotel, the Old Market has plenty of places to eat and drink, and of course, unique shopping galore. At the end of the 19th century, Omaha was in its prime as a great railroad center, connecting the settled East with the wide-open West. The Old Market area was the epicenter of the activity, bustling with produce dealers, buyers, and transporters. The area's heyday continued until the 1950s, when Omaha's westward expansion and radical changes in grocery marketing abruptly brought the activity to a halt. That's when Sam Mercer, threatened with building condemnation notices, proposed to rescue his family's red-brick warehouses by renovating them for new uses. Most people thought him imprudent. Today, they call him a visionary.



RECOGNITION AND AWARDS (R&A)

Get your chapter information together and submit entries for these awards! More info will be forthcoming, but you can start gathering your info NOW! Your area director is your point of contact for more information.

- Newsletter Competition
- History Book
- Chapter Achievement
- Website Award
- Recruiting Award

All chapters, large and small, are encouraged to enter the competition in at least one category. Remember, you can't win if you don't enter!

Joint Women's Leadership Association Conference Coming to DC in August

The Sea Service Leadership Association is proud to announce that this year's 32nd Annual Joint Women's Leadership Symposium (JWLS) will be held on August 22-23 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC.

The annual symposium, the largest gathering of women in uniform in the nation, last year welcomed over 1,200 military women to San Diego. JWLS has become a crucial component in the professional growth and development of women in our Armed Forces, dedicated to providing women serving in the Department of Defense and Coast Guard -- civilian, officer, enlisted, and cadets. This year's symposium is built around the theme "Building Bridges, Changing Culture" and will offer a robust agenda that will include discussion forums, Q & A panels, practical workshops, and speaker spotlights.

Breakouts will include panels on family care, PTSD, sexual assault policies, diversity, inclusion, LGBTQ, and a forum of international women leaders. All genders are welcome and encouraged to come, share their experiences and network with some of the leading professionals within the military industry.

In addition, there will be a free pre-conference veteran seminar on Wednesday, August 21st, from 8am-4pm. Whether you plan to transition from military service in 20 years or two days, the Women's Veterans Career and Transitioning Seminar will help you plan your transition. The Seminar will present guest speakers who will share their transition stories and provide additional insight regarding their transition experience highs and lows. The Seminar will also host a panel of pro-military civilian employers that will engage in a question and answer session designed to discuss relevant issues in today's talent acquisition industry.

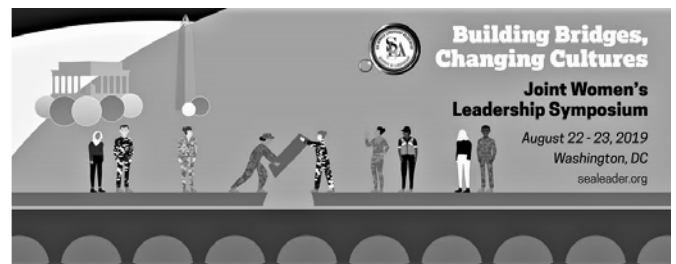
For those of you who are satisfied with your current career path but want to know more about how to upgrade your LinkedIn Profile or learn more about your benefits, you'll like several of the career courses we've lined up.

Centurion Military Alliance will be on site to provide valuable insight into resume reviews, mock interviews, elevator pitch practice, the art of salary negotiation, mentoring and networking best practices.

The evening will end with a free Networking Reception open to all military members, veterans, and spouses from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

To register and for more information please visit:
<https://jwls2018.regfox.com/2019-joint-womens-leadership-symposium>.

Come join us for free food and drinks!



MCRD Museum

The museum at MCRD San Diego is selling 100th anniversary women Marine items. They have Woman Marine Centennial Challenge Coins that are currently on sale for \$10 each. You can see them online at: <https://shop.mcrdmhs.org/products/women-marines-centennial-challenge-coin>. If anyone from WMA would like to order the coin in bulk, they have special discount pricing at the following price breakdowns:

- 1-25: \$8 a coin
- 25-100: \$7 a coin
- 100+: \$6 a coin

They also have a limited supply of Centennial t-shirts that have the image of the coin on the front. You can see those online at: <https://shop.mcrdmhs.org/products/women-marines-centennial-t-shirt>.

If anyone would like a discount on either of those two items, contact Sean Ritchey directly for a discount code. He is the Director of Products & Services and is also interested in any further ideas anyone might have for merchandise. You can reach Sean at: sean@mcrdmhs.org.

Last but not least, they have the standard Women Marines coin: <https://shop.mcrdmhs.org/products/women-marines-challenge>.

- Sondra Metzger



Loyal Escorts

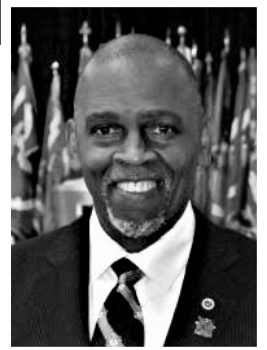
Greetings Loyal Escorts and WMA,

I hope you are all well and enjoying your summer. As we prepare for our Biennial Convention next year, our auxiliary is still in need of a chaplain. I really am looking to appoint someone to this position. I am looking for someone who really wants to fill this position for the purpose it is designated for, a person who is motivated, supportive, and who understands the mission of the chaplain. If you believe that you are up for the challenge, please contact me.

Currently, our WMA Liaison is our vice president, Cheryl Roberts. I am in the process of appointing a parliamentarian.

Now, there is the issue of membership applications that are either being mis-sent or that have somehow not reached the proper person for processing. I understand initially that there was an issue with the form. I have gone out to the WMA website and looked at the auxiliary page, although the officers are correct, there is not an updated photo of the 2019 officers. We will be working on updating that. I have also tried to access the membership application and there seems to be a problem with bringing it up to fill out. Hopefully, we will have that issue corrected shortly. Many applications have been mailed directly to me and I have forwarded them to the proper staff for processing. If you have filled out the membership application and it still has the immediate past president's information on it, that form is obsolete. The new application should contain my information or the secretary's information, Michelle Gutt. We are working on the application issues so I ask for your patience and understanding.

I hope you had a safe and happy Independence Day! Semper Fidelis!



*Respectfully,
Isaac J. Bazile*

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LOYAL ESCORT MEMBER APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Date of birth:

Phone:

Cell:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Email:

New Renew Reinstated Life (Sponsor must be Life member)

2 YR \$30 LIFE 40 AND UNDER - \$180 41-45 - \$150 46-60 - \$130 61-70 - \$105 71-80 - \$80 81+ \$55

SPONSOR INFORMATION

WMA Sponsor Name:

Recruited by:

Chapter Affiliation:

Do you live with sponsor Y N

Sponsor Life Member # if applicable

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of a relative **not** residing with you:

Address:

Phone:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Relationship:

SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE

Name:

Date of birth:

Email:

Phone:

SERVICE INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE

Dates of Service

Branch:

How long?

MOS

Duty Stations:

ABOUT MYSELF

How did you hear about the Loyal Escorts?

Recruited By:

WMA Newsletter is sent electronically to members with an email

SIGNATURES

Signature of member:

Date:

**Make checks payable to Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter
Mail to: Michelle Guft, 2300 Marigold Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76111**

MCJROTC Awards ★ ★ ★



Belton High School
Belton, TX
Cadet: LCpl Tyra Jackson
Presenter: Cathleen Gruetzner



Desert Hot Springs High School
Desert Hot Springs, CA
Cadet: 1Lt Emone Coleman-Mora
Presenter: Brenda Robert, CA-29



Donna High School
Donna, TX
Cadet: Guadalupe Herrera
Presenter: SgtMaj Rogelio DeLeon, USMC (Ret)



El Camino High School
El Camino, CA
Cadet: Cal Katrina Cullen
Presenter: Lee Tusa, CA-7



Fallbrook Union
Fallbrook, CA
Cadet: Arlene Chavez
Presenter: LtCol William Wade, USMC (Ret), SMI



Heritage High School
Lynchburg, VA
Cadet: Cpl Alycia Watson
Presenter: SgtMaj Dave Eldridge, USMC (Ret) and Terry Jamerson, MCL



Horn Lake High School
Cadet: 1stLt Ximena Reyes



J.R. Tucker High School
Henrico, VA
Cadet: PFC Jonathan Brown
Presenter: LtCol Brent Reiffer, USMC (Ret), SMI



Midway High School
Waco, TX
Cadet: Ellen Luccs
Presenter: Ms Lee



Montgomery High School
Montgomery, TX
Cadet: Evelyn Prochaska
Presenter: LtCol D.E. Culbert, USMC (Ret), SMI



Newton High School
Covington, GA
Cadet: Maj Areana Brennan
Presenter: CWO-4 Rawley Coleman, SMI



Oceanside High School
Oceanside, CA
Cadet: GySgt Amanda Bautista
Presenter: Lee Tusa, CA-7



Pacific High School
Pacific, MO
Cadet: Cpl Tiffany Hastings
Presenter: SgtMaj Eric Slirreffe



Pritzker College Prep
Chicago, IL
Cadet: Alexus Mojica
Presenter: Cadet Maj Raul Baez



Rutland High School
Macon, GA
Cadet: Madeline Dobson
Presenter: SSgt Tineka Morris, USMC



Smiths Station High School
Smiths Station, AL
Cadet: Brandi Nicole Sykes
Presenter: Maj William Bolden, USMC (Ret), SMI



Ross S. Sterling High School
Baytown, TX
Cadet: 1stLt Serenity Dominguez
Presenter: Col PJ Ferral, USMC (Ret), SMI



Thomas Jefferson High School,
Brooklyn, NY
Cadet: Luis Agusto
Presenter: Maj Parima In, USMC (Ret), SMI



Walker High School
Walker, LA
Cadet: Hannah Michot
Presenter: LtCol Jason K. Tubbs, USMC (Ret), SMI

No
Picture
Submitted

Orange High School
Orange, CA
Cadet: Alondra G. Granillo Hernandez

Taps

***“If the Army and the Navy ever look on Heaven’s scenes,
they will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines.”
(Third stanza of the Marines’ Hymn)***

Please take a moment to remember our departed sister Marines who have taken leave of this life to fulfill heaven’s ranks. May their souls and the souls of all our departed sisters rest in peace.

Life Members

Barrett, Eleanor (Regan)	2477	04/18/2019	OH-2
Capraruolo, Pearl (Youst)	1608	06/29/2019	OH-2/3
Crandall, LaVerne (Benda)	1844	unknown	
Fallon, Ellen M	1368	11/00/2012	NJ
Hopkins, Anna (Orlando)	1332	05/18/2019	CA-7
Kish, Anne (Marcovich)	2257	06/11/2019	PA-3
Krause, Barbara (Currier)	3743	10/25/2018	OH
Marchese, Jessie (Auld)	1599	05/04/2019	FL-6
Mooney, Velma (Grigsby)	2977	03/06/2019	MA-1
Persinger, Patricia (Weese)	2673	02/04/2019	OH-2
Williams, Betty Lou (Nolan)	786	04/16/2016	TX-2

Term Members

Fornachiari, Janis	05/09/2019	OR-3
Friel, Bonnie	05/31/2019	NC-1
Houck, Rhea (Leishman)	04/29/2019	CA
Olson, Elaine (Ramage)	05/06/2019	IN
Shughrou, Patricia	05/16/2019	IL



Chaplain’s Corner

Summer is in full swing...

...and what a hot one it’s been in the Northeast so far! Reinvention, renewal, inspired ideas...they all have time to breed just a little more during those lazy summer afternoons when you may be taking an extra walk, sitting on a beach, hopefully even holidaying somewhere wonderful. These are moments when we disconnect from the everyday moments that drive our every movement, the tasks and the chores of life, jobs, family, commitments, and just take a deep breath — literally and metaphorically. When you take that deep breath, that pause, that moment of reflection, what do you do with that time? What could you do with that time? Are you using it in a quiet and important way to focus on you? Every moment is a chance for reinvention so never stop asking yourself if you’re happy and how to have more of what you want/need/love in your life.

Paraphrased from a Huffington Post article that really hit home!

Bobbi Taylor is willing to start an online gathering spot for the remembrances our sisters have accumulated and have no way of sharing. You can email or snail mail her any obits, memorial cards, service programs or other “special recognition” items to put in a new album. Once we iron out the details, we’ll let you know how to find them. Here is Bobbi’s contact info: Bobbi Taylor, 15147 Flight Path, Sale Creek, TN 37373, usmcs98@me.com.



Tears of joy are like the summer rain drops pierced by sunbeams. ~ Hosea Ballou

- Eileen Skahill

Chapter Clippings

AZ-1 Roadrunner

Our anniversary celebration would not have been complete without our WWII ladies. In the photo are (l-r) Bettie Lerdall and Vivian Wood with Past National Membership Chair Kim Skelton. We are a small struggling chapter trying to stay alive and manage to get together at least three times a year!

- Jeanne Botwright



CA-1 Greater Los Angeles

The Los Angeles chapter celebrated a change in leadership and the honoring of a founding member. Anna Brown has served as president for 50 years and turned over the reins to Arlene Duncan.

Arlene Duncan as president and Xochitl Morales as vice president will breathe new life into the chapter, hoping to gain new members.

The chapter is accepting new members and plans on seeing everyone at the upcoming Christmas get together.

- Arlene Duncan



CA-1 members



Area 10 Director Soledad Kennedy and Anna Brown

CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

Greetings from the Greater San Francisco Bay Area! In April, CA-3 met to celebrate Easter at a "no-host" meeting. All members brought various items for table decorations and raffle prizes, and we set up a "PX." Members brought military shirts, hats, mugs, and whatever that they no longer used. Everything was placed on a table, and anyone present could take whatever they wanted from this display of items.

A small group of us met in May for lunch. In June, the larger group again met at a meeting hosted by Loyal Escorts Angie Fredekind, Cheryl Christensen, and friend Barbara Morgan.

During the Memorial Day weekend, CA-3 President Susan Johnston participated in several ceremonies.

On May 25th, Susan participated in the flag placing ceremony. Community volunteers and organizations placed an American flag on the gravesite of every veteran buried in the Tracy Public Cemetery. A very short ceremony was held at each gravesite. First the flag was placed, then the group stood at attention, saluted, and recited the rank, name, era, service branch, and thanked them for their service. Then we would move on to the next gravesite.

On May 27th, Susan participated in the laying of wreaths at the ceremonial tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Tracy Cemetery. Any organization/member of the public was invited to lay one of the available wreaths, stating in whose honor they were laying the wreath. The combined VFW/American Legion Honor Guard fired a ceremonial three volleys, along with the playing of "Taps." Later in the day, Susan participated in a ceremony at the War Memorial in Tracy, which included the reading of the names of all service members from Tracy who were killed in action, starting with World War I to present.

Loyal Escort Vern Smith participated in a very special Memorial Day Service. As he writes: "More than 10 years ago, a local cemetery decided to save money by canceling its Memorial Day Program that it had sponsored for years. This was a big disappointment for all the local military organizations who had participated in this annual activity.

The following year, that same cemetery decided to restart the program. We were invited back, but our MCL detachment commandant proposed that Detachment 919 would have their own Memorial Day activity minus all the political speeches and high school bands, etc. From that day on, we have visited seven San Francisco Bay Area cemeteries and a beach on the San Francisco Bay to pay homage to our 54 deceased members, 11 of whom are our sister Marines. A U.S. flag and a Marine Corps flag are placed in the soil at each headstone, crypt or niche. For those deceased members who have had their ashes scattered at sea, or are interred at other sites, flags are placed on the beach in a location where they will be washed out at high tide. After the presentation of flags, thoughts and stories of the deceased are shared. Our chaplain says a beautiful prayer and our ceremony concludes with a hearty "SEMPER FI!" Every year, Linda Morgan, mother of Captain Randy Guzman, waits at her son's graveside for our little ceremony. Randy was the recruiting officer that was killed in the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City."

CA-3 thanks Vern and his detachment for this touching yearly tribute to our sister Marines and CA-3 members.

On June 11, Kaiser Redwood City Medical Center held a "Topping Off Celebration/Employee Wellness Pop Up Event" on



Angie Fredekind, Sarah Rivera, Barbara Naas



*Kathy Wright, Vern Smith,
Susan (Marine widow)*

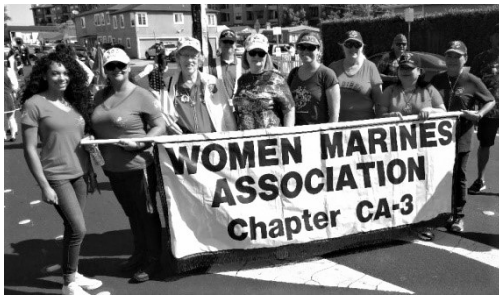
campus. All employees at the medical center had the opportunity to sign the last steel beam that will be placed on our new SMOB currently under construction. Dignitaries from Redwood City (RWC) and San Mateo County attended this event. Along with booths from various RWC departments and committees, RWC KPVA committee members, Lily Brockmeier (USMC), Brett Austin (Army), Ron Cook (Navy), Gary Leicht (Army), and Diana Bruce (Army) were available to recruit and meet fellow KP employee veterans at our RWC KPVA booth. We gave away awesome swag consisting of lanyards, service branch badge holders, t-shirts, and retractable badge clips.

CA-3 members participated in the First Marine Division Association's 5th annual SOS Breakfast held at the Moffett Field Museum on June 22nd. Members Kathy Wright and Barbara Naas attended along with Loyal Escorts Vern Smith, Angie Fredekind, and Sarah Rivera. The food was outstanding! Colonel Brendon Kearny, assistant to General Jan July, the head of the Marine's Memorial Club, spoke about the Memorial Club. The afternoon concluded with a raffle.

This year, CA-3 again participated in the Redwood City 4th of July Parade. Several CA-3 members, Loyal Escorts, and family participated in this event as part of the Marine Corps contingent, which included MCL Detachment #10, Greater San Francisco Bay Area Chapter CA-3, Golden Gate Chapter 1st Marine Division Association, and the Golden Gate Young Marines. We all marched or rode behind the Young Marines color guard through the streets of Redwood City to the cheers of thousands.

CA-3 President Susan Johnston participated in six funeral/memorial services as a member of the combined American Legion/Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard.

- Susan Johnston



*Participants in the Redwood City parade are, (l-r):
Cpl Dominique Rudisel, Carolina Rudisel,
Barbara Naas, Donald Johnston, Nancy Zaunbrecher-Payne,
Sarah Rivera, Susan Johnston, Lily Brockmeier,
Bonnie Dabalos-Castro, Ricky Payne*



Cpl Rudisel calling cadence

CA-11 Central Coast

Greetings Lady Leathernecks,

Central Coast Women Marines are thriving here on the golden coast of California. Our chapter participated in Lompoc's Flower Festival parade traveling on a float with other veteran groups. "Veterans Serving Veterans" was the message to the community, which gave our chapter exposure to let everyone know women Marines are here and we are growing.

We flew the WMA flag and had a strong presence with Vice President Angel Roman and Treasurer Betty Cook along with Captain Andrea Witt and SSgt Jessica Kennedy. They were a great addition to the group.

President Soledad Kennedy joined the American Legion Post 211 to recognize their 100 years as a veteran's organization.

When Marines get together, we make things happen. We look forward to working with other veteran's groups to locate Marines and grow our membership along with Loyal Escorts in upcoming community events. Semper Fidelis!

- Soledad Kennedy



*Flying the
chapter colors*



*Betty Cook, Capt Andrea Witt,
SSgt Jessica Kennedy, and Angel Roman*

CA-29 – Twenty Nine Palms

April and May were busy months for CA-29. During April, chapter members participated in the Mojave Vipers Young Marines graduation ceremony. During the graduation ceremony, CA-29 presented the Young Marines with a donation to support their organization.

Chapter members also participated in the annual MCJROTC Awards and Promotion ceremony and presented Cadet Lt Emme Coleman-Mora with a scholarship. Cadet Coleman-Mora enlisted in the Marine Corps and began boot camp after graduation.

Chapter member 1stSgt Nichelle Webb, USMC (Ret) was keynote speaker for the City of Desert Hot Springs Memorial Day Ceremony. On that same day, other chapter members participated in Memorial Day ceremonies in Twentynine Palms and Joshua Tree. Information on the 29 Palms Chapter can be obtained from the chapter's face book page: WMA CA-29 or email at ca29@womenmarines.org

- Brenda Roberts



Memorial Day ceremony participants



Cadet Lt Emme Coleman-Mora



1stSgt Nichelle Webb

HI-2 Wahine Koa

Making one year in Hawaii is a significant and celebrated part of our island culture. So, it stands to reason that members of Wahine Koa (HI-2) marked our chapter's one-year milestone with an outdoor BBQ at the foot of the majestic Ko'olau mountain range. Good food, good fun, and great sea stories remembered and shared by all.

Military Appreciation month was marked at the Historic Hawaii Theater on 18 May with the 34th Joint Military Concert "Music of War & Peace." WMA was there in force to encourage and support their mission, the service members, and their families.

Additionally, we continue to increase our presence in the community through affiliation with other service/community organizations. Our meetings are often held at the Oahu Veterans Center, where we share dual membership with MCL Aloha Detachment 363 and have begun our affiliation with the MCJROTC unit at Kapolei High School.



Celebrating one year under our belts!

- Debra Straight

KY-1 Winning Colors

Mary Broussard and Phoebe Riner attended the enshrinement of an etched glass brick dedicated to LCpl Olivia Kustes. The Rineyville Marine was killed in a car crash in January at just 18 years old. LCpl Kustes was honored on Memorial Day, May 27, when her name was enshrined at the Patriots Peace Monument in Louisville. The ceremony focuses on those who have lost their lives in the line of duty under conditions other than hostile action.

The 2019 Brewer Memorial Award (Outstanding Female Officer Candidate) was presented to Shannon Bryar (Western Kentucky University) on May 11 at a Higgins Memorial Field Day held at Veterans' Park, Lexington. Certificate accompanying award (USMC jewelry box) attached. This gift is donated by the KY-1 Winning Colors Chapter.

- Brenda Moore



Glass brick for LCpl Kustes

LA-1 Molly Marine



Diane Austin, April Austin, and Wendy Woodward

April 13, the Molly Marine Chapter was visited by fellow WMA member Wendy Woodward. Thanks to our members April Austin and Diane Austin, she got to visit our Molly Marine statue here in New Orleans.

April 22, Molly Marine members Laurie Tibbetts, Sarah Park, Janet Heriot, and Nicole Bailey volunteered with the LA SPCA at the 7th District Police Station during the Palm Sunday Rabies Clinic.

May 10, LA-1 member/Secretary Sgt Sarah Park presented Cadet 2ndLt Grace Turpin with the WMA Outstanding Cadet Award. Cadet 2ndLt Turpin is a 2nd year cadet at New Orleans Military Maritime Academy. She also has the highest Leadership Education Grade in the unit.



LA-1's Nicole Bailey, Laurie Tibbetts, Sarah Park, Janet Heriot



Cadet 2dLt Grace Turpin and Sgt Park



*April Austin
and
Frances Hoffman*

May 11, chapter members April and Diane Austin celebrated LA-1's oldest Molly Marine member Frances Hoffman's 96th birthday.

May 16, LA-1 member/Chaplain Nora Huete presented the WMA Outstanding Cadet Award to an outstanding sophomore MCJROTC cadet at Jesuit High School in New Orleans.

May 19, member Allison H. Stein became the new Queen of the Krewe of Athena for the 2020 Mardi Gras season. The Krewe of Athena consists of professional women with diverse backgrounds that promote a sense of community through sisterhood, service, fellowship and fun.

Along with being a charter member of the krewe, Allison has served as the membership secretary for WMA and as the secretary for the Molly Marine Chapter. In attendance was Melanie Young, immediate past chapter president, and Shynell Bennett, Loyal Escort, who will serve as members of her court.



*MCJROTC
Cadet,
Nora Huete
and attending
priest*

May 21, chapter member Angela Merrell attended the 3rd Annual Veterans' Ladies Night Out at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System in New Orleans. In attendance with her was Laurie Tibbetts, LA-1 president, and Maria Estores, member. While attending they were able to receive free manicures, food, drinks, prizes, and a live band was present. The event welcomed women veterans into the medical center and introduced them to the VA health care services that are available to them.

June 21, chapter member MGySgt Shannon K. Sweeney retired from the United States Marine Corps after 30 years of proud service. Chapter members and Loyal Escorts in attendance were Jodi Lara, Sarah Park, Laurie Tibbetts, Karen Junjak, Melanie Young, Delores Romero, Melvin Thigpen (LE), Richard Delacruz (LE), and Ken Allen (LE). Also in attendance was Sylvia Riley, a member of Motor City Chapter, MI-2. An American flag that had flown over many of her duty stations was presented to Shannon. A Marine recited "The Watch," and Sgt Sarah Park was a member of an all-female squad that participated in the Passing of Old Glory. Later in the day Shannon continued to "laissez le bon temps rouler". That's "let the good times roll" for those of you who don't know. Melanie Young, Angela Merrell, Sarah Park, Karen Junjak, and Sylvia Riley attended Shannon's retirement party held at Compass Point Events.

- Sarah Park



Allison Stein



Shannon Sweeney and family



MI-4 Mid-Michigan

The Mid-Michigan Chapter has recently been chartered, and we couldn't be more excited! We are located in the Saginaw/Bay City area of Michigan.

This past Mother's Day, we hand delivered homemade quilts to local female veterans in local nursing homes.

For our first chapter fundraiser, we designed t-shirts which proudly declare that we are Michigan Women Marines who are The Fewer and Prouder. We wore these shirts during The Inaugural Women Veterans 5K run/walk on June 22nd in Lansing. We joined forces with MI-2 Motor City Chapter and had a great turn out.

We are looking forward to working with local veteran organizations, as well as volunteering at our local VA hospital.

- Darcy Andrews



*Women Veterans
5k run/walk*



Officers of MI-4

MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks

Greetings from Minnesota!

On May 16, Cadet Juliet Xiong was presented with the WMA certificate at the Como Park High School JROTC award ceremony. Cadet Xiong will graduate in 2020.

We are contacting Marines on our roster and arranging to meet for lunch for just a chance to visit and catch up.

The third Annual Southeast Minnesota Women Veterans Gala was held on May 23 in Rochester. Michelle Livingston and Julie Williams attended from the chapter and again, it was a memorable evening for women veterans.

On July 20, the chapter will convoy to Duluth for a day of exploring but will consider it as their chapter picnic. Voting is currently underway for a decision on what activities we will engage in once the “Marines have landed.” We hope to meet up with a few of our northern chapter members, including Chris Magnusson. Chris has done a fantastic job recruiting Marines and other women veterans in northeast Minnesota. Chris has been very instrumental in organizing Monthly Coffee Talks in Hibbing and Virginia, MN. The Northeast Minnesota (NEMN) Women Veterans recently completed their first Woman Veteran Habitat for Humanity Build Day on June 8th in Biwabik with another Build Day planned in October. The group is not slowing down as they have a Minnesota parade schedule in Gilbert on July 3rd, Side Lake on July 4th, Hibbing on July 13th, and Chisholm on August 3rd.

If you are in the area or would like more information about the chapter, please email MN1@womenmarines.org. We would enjoy hearing from and meeting with other women Marines, whether Twin Cities or statewide.

- Vicki Latolais

NE-1 Lady Leathernecks

Several of us got together to throw some axes! It was great fun - and a little bit of a workout too! Some threw better than others, but a good time was had by all!

Our next activity was a 4th of July Parade at one of the local lakes. NE-1 Lady Leathernecks rocking it out!

All this and more as we continue gearing up for the 2020 Convention! See you when you Bring Your Oohrah to Omaha!

- Kathy Montira



Duck when you see these axe throwers, (l-r): Kat Montira, Penny Hardiman, Flower Blue Star, and Robbie Rosemann

NV-3 Sagebrush

Established in June of 2018 at the Leatherneck Club, NV-3 Sagebrush is dedicated to the community of past, present and future service men and women of all branches. Consistent dedication to aid the Las Vegas community is the focus and commitment to our mission statement. Within the last year, NV-3 Sagebrush has participated in multiple events while reaching out to all servicemembers in understanding the most important supportive factor: “You are not alone.” NV-3 Sagebrush takes pride in expanding the esprit de corps to all while promoting civic and social welfare of the community.

As NV-3 Sagebrush progresses in their communal duties, they continue to reach out to other women Marines to join the cause. Meetings are scheduled for every third Thursday of every month at the Leatherneck Club located on Spring Mountain and Arville. Social media connections such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter are utilized to promote events, gatherings, and community service participation. Brochures have been placed in different venues/institutions for all to access information regarding the program. Business cards are provided as well as availability of challenge coin purchases for those who want to show consistent support to NV-3 Sagebrush.

“Being president for NV-3 Sagebrush Marines the past year has helped me to become a better leader for my community plus, a mentor and guide for others. It is an honor to be among Women Trailblazers and to learn and grow from each other. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the WMA and Las Vegas community and look forward to continued work efforts with incoming Chapter President Leslie Zalmanzig.” ~ Jahaira Farias



“The chapter means a lot to me because it has afforded me the opportunity to be myself among fellow women Marines, while giving back to the community. I have also had the pleasure of meeting the sisters and friends that, at the time, I didn’t know I needed. I value the ladies of the NV-3 Sagebrush chapter and enjoy the history and traditions of the Marine Corps and WMA that we uphold while creating our own.” ~ Leslie Zalmanzig.

The chapter continues growing, but only with the love and support provided within the chapter as well as outside of it. As chapter members show their love and support by participating in multiple events throughout the community, the supporters show theirs by sharing with others the outstanding services this chapter has provided. The chapter greatly appreciates all their supporters and will continue to take the highest pride in aiding the community with every opportunity available, while keeping to the traditions of the United States Marine Corps and positive representation of the Women Marines Association.



- Heather Kaufmann

NY-6 Cpl Ramona Valdez

Greetings from NYC! The Cpl Ramona Valdez Chapter has been quite busy these past few months. Our March 10th meeting was held in White Plains at the Vet-to-Vet Center and hosted by member Andrea Molina. After the meeting, a Paint and Sip event was given to our members and I have to say, we had quite a few laughs.

On May 7th, we travelled to Lindenhurst, Long Island where we attended a luncheon with our sister chapter, NY-7, and honored our past, present, and future Marines. We paid tribute to two recently departed sisters, Annabelle Weiss and Barbara Kruse, and we also paid homage to Cpl Ramona Valdez, who was killed in Iraq and for whom our chapter is named. Staceyann Castro-Tapler, the president of NY-7, hosted an amazing luncheon with terrific guest speakers.

On May 23rd during Fleet Week in NYC, a few of our members participated in an all-female panel discussion at New York University sponsored by the Navy League, NY. This year's theme was "An Insider's View of Women in the Military." Jamie DePaola, Area 1 Director, organized this event for our women Marines.

On June 15th, we met in the Bronx to discuss a possible "Oktoberfest" fundraiser. We also packed toiletry bags for our hospitalized female veterans at the James J. Peters VA Medical Center here in the Bronx. Liz Rossi, our vice president, spearheaded the drive and our members packed over 30 toiletry bags. One of our members was recently hospitalized and she said that there were no toiletries available for female veterans at the Bronx VA, so we took action. We also welcomed aboard new chapter members Amy Schiffrin, Mercedes Elias, Viviana DeCohen, and our new snow bird, Eileen Skahill, our national chaplain. Semper Fidelis!

- Colleen McCarthy

NY-7 Long Island

"Cinco de Mayo" wasn't the only reason to celebrate on Long Island on May 5! Women Marines were holding their own festivities at the Wade-Burns VFW Post in Lindenhurst. The annual luncheon brought together members of the Corps as well as veterans of other services and their guests to connect, share, and socialize amid an atmosphere of camaraderie and good food. The Long Island Chapter organized the affair with the help of Island Federal Credit Union who generously sponsored the event.

The activities got underway with a warm welcome from Long Island Chapter President StaceyAnn Castro-Tapler followed by the presentation of colors by a special female color guard from the MCJROTC of Lindenhurst High School. The young cadets proudly carried the flags while all those present rendered appropriate honors. The Lindenhurst MCJROTC is the only program in the country that is led by women Marines, namely CWO Christine Glynn and MSgt Magdolna Resker, two outstanding representatives of the Corps. During the presentation of colors, Lindenhurst High School senior Nicole Harvey provided a beautiful rendition of our national anthem.

WMA Area 1 Director Jamie DePaola offered the opening prayer indicating that the event had officially begun. As a special tribute, the Marines then paid homage to several departed comrades. World War II veterans Barbara Kruse and Annabelle Weiss, along with Iraqi War hero Ramona Valdez were honored by their sister Marines with moving testaments to their dedication and service. Even Annabelle's service dog Joe was given special recognition.

Following the tributes, Suffolk County Legislator Susan Berland spoke to the attendees about her role as chairwoman of the legislature's Veterans Committee. She emphasized the need for female representation on the committee and encouraged those present to become involved and act as advocates for fellow service members. The committee deals with issues, problems, matters or questions involving veterans at any level of government. Legislator Berland is in the process of putting through a resolution to form a new Women Veterans Advisory Board and encouraged everyone to take an active role once it is established.

When lunch was ready to be served, guests lined up to sample the generous variety of delicious Italian food provided by Gino's Pizzeria of Lindenhurst. There were ample portions, and everyone was definitely satisfied.

During the meal, the audience was treated to a special comedy routine by Army veteran and comedian Lisa Bolettieri. Soon afterwards, it was time for dessert. Colorful cupcakes preceded the traditional cake cutting ceremony. The MCJROTC cadets marched in with a beautifully decorated cake with red, white, and blue icing donated by The Frosted Rose Bakery. The oldest and youngest women Marines present, Tess Garber and Lisa Fisher respectively, followed tradition and shared the first piece of cake. The rest of the cake was then sliced for all to enjoy.

There was still one more acknowledgement to make. Long Island Chapter Secretary Marie Nuzzi announced that woman Marine and Korean War veteran Evelyn Kandel was recently selected as the official poet laureate of Long Island, an honor given only to a select few. Evelyn was installed at a ceremony on June 8 at the Farmingdale Public Library. One of Evelyn's goals as poet laureate will be to connect poetry and veterans in meaningful and productive ways. Evelyn spoke for a few minutes, and then the afternoon culminated with raffle prizes for those who wished to participate. There were also opportunities for plenty of picture taking. As the celebration came to an end, the guests slowly began to leave. From the conversations and the excitement in the air, it was clear that the afternoon was a big success, and Cinco de Mayo definitely took on a new meaning!

- Marie Nuzzi



OR-1 Lady Marine Rose

The Lady Marine Rose OR-1 Chapter continues on keeping their promise, and that is to keep their members active by doing activities they all enjoy.

The 4th of July started bright and early for a few of our members. At 0800 they had to be already in their place for the 4th of July Hillsboro Parade. OR-1 has been participating in this parade over 10 years now and its one everyone gets excited about. Meanwhile in Salem, Maribel Gomez and Vice President Rosy Macias participated in the Annual Mini Marathon. This is their second year participating in this race representing the WMA.

Later that day after everyone got all cleaned up, the main event to close out our busy day was the 12th Annual Patriotic Tribute at Volcanoes Stadium in Salem. This year the ball game was dedicated to a local fallen Marine, Sgt Ian Tawney, of Dallas, OR, and OR-1 was asked to be on the field with Sgt Tawney's family members as he was being recognized for his service and sacrifice.

OR-1 will be taking the summer off with our next meeting being in September. But, before our break began, we had time for our Annual Summer gathering that was held at the home of one of our members.

- **Rosa Macias**



Maribel Gomez and Rosy Macias participating in the mini marathon.



Table display for Sgt Ian Tawney.



OR-1, front row (l-r): Rosy Macias, Hattie Kelley, Vicki Horn, Susana Hans. Back row, (l-r): Sheryl Loberger, Sally VanWie, Heidi Tanada, Golda Fabian, and Sandie Roberson.



12th Annual Patriotic Tribute at Volcanoes Stadium in Salem (l-r): Rosy Macias, Michelle Malik, Bonnie Elizabeth, Raquel Barker Gaspar, Maribel Gomez, Louisa Babcock. Front row: Michelle Malik's daughter Abby.



Hillsboro 4th of July Parade, (l-r): Sheryl Loberger, Raquel Barker Gaspar, Sally VanWie, Golda Fabian, Vicki Horn, Yvette Potter, and Hattie Kelly in front.

TX-6 Gruene Marines

Members of chapters TX-3, TX-6, and Loyal Escorts gathered together to march in the New Braunfels Independence Day Parade.

We were joined by Area 6 Director Rosa Frank-Osborn, National 1st Vice President Angela Maness, and National Past President Betty Moseley Brown. - **Kirsten Sultemeier**



TX-7 Opha May Johnson

Texas-7 Opha May Johnson Chapter events since April 2019:

During April, WMA TX-7 set up a tent in the Good Oil Days events area and had volunteers sign get well cards for our hospitalized veterans at the VA hospital. The public was very welcoming and we made some great friends with the Masons and the VFW. Thanks to members Jane Thomas, Marti Raney, Diamantina Rodriguez and Audrea Killalea.

On April 2, WMA TX-7 member Heather Brodersen teamed up with TX-2 member Betty Huggins to spend a day volunteering at the Michael E. De Bakey VA Center. They spread Easter cheer to all the female veteran inpatients. Each was presented with one of the signed cards from the Good Oil Days event. They were also gifted with flowers, candy and in some cases inspirational books. The women veterans were very appreciative and their spirits were lifted.

Members of WMA TX-7 participated in an Animal Rescue volunteer day. The K9 airlift is a 501 (c) organization (animal rescue group) in the area that welcomed the extra hands with cleaning the barn, shearing sheep, and basic maintenance of the farm. Thanks to members Heather Brodersen, Jennifer Rooth, Bev Franklin, Marti Raney, Audrea Killalea and Loyal Escort Paul Killalea.

During May 2019, WMA TX-7 members Rosa Osborn, Jane Thomas, Audrea Killalea, and LaShondra Jones presented WMA awards during the Marine Corps JROTC awards presentations at Atascocita High School, ESTEM High School, and Pasadena High School. Our own member, 1stSgt LaShan Bland is a MCJROTC instructor for ESTEM High School!

WMA TX-7 member Sarah Park traveled from LA to Houston to run in the 2019 Eagle Dash 5k, sponsored by the Atascocita MCJROTC, Humble, TX. Well done Sarah!

WMA TX-7 member Heather Brodersen participated in hosting the Littlest Patriot baby shower event



Betty and Heather spreading Easter cheer at the VA hospital

at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Center. Expecting women veterans were provided baby shower gifts that were donated.

We held a chapter meeting at the Humble City Cafe and made plans for the chapter's upcoming events. TX-7 members in attendance included Cindy Meyers, Elizabeth Enderli, Julie Allen, Sara Park, Carol Castillo, Jennifer Rooth, LaShondra Jones, Marti Raney, Audrea Killalea, and Loyal Escort Lourdes Livsey. Also in attendance was our first ever WMA membership Navy applicant, FMF Corpsman Bev Edwards! This chapter is growing in many ways!

On May 26, WMA TX-7 members participated in the Annual Flags for Fallen Vets event that ensures that each of the approximately 800,000 veterans interred at a National Cemetery in the U.S. has an American flag marking their grave site. Thanks to members Rosa Osborn, Jennifer Rooth, Diamantina Rodriguez, LaShondra Jones, Audrea Killalea, and Texas 7 newest Loyal Escort members Lourdes Livsey and Yashika Oglesby.

On May 27, WMA TX-7 participated in the Houston National Cemetery Memorial Day event by presenting the USMC colors (Jane Thomas) and a wreath (Angela Maness, Marti Raney and Audrea Killalea). TX-7 member LaShan Bland's MCJROTC color guard opened the ceremony with precision and great respect! More TX-7 members attended and assisted with logistics, thank you LaShondra Jones and Loyal Escorts Lourdes Livsey and Yashika Oglesby. Members also had the honor to speak with Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee.

On June 12, WMA TX-7 members attended the 2019 Texas Women Veterans Day event which was sponsored by the Astros Foundation. Members in attendance included LaShondra Jones, Rosa Osborn, Melissa French, Dani Grant, Jane Thomas, Heather Brodersen, Bev Franklin, and Guadalupe Hernandez.

Finally, on July 4th, WMA TX-7 chapter participated in the Kingwood Civic Center 4th of July parade in Kingwood. Our friends, Lynne and David Jennings, volunteered the use of their truck and trailer, and TX-7 members worked hard to decorate the float appropriately! Thanks to members Heather Brodersen, Bev Franklin, Cindy Meyer, Sarah Park, Diamantina Rodriguez, Jane Thomas, and Marti Raney for representing the chapter so well!

-Audrea Killalea



Animal rescue day



MCJROTC award presentations



Sarah Park in the Eagle Dash run with MCL support



Flags for Fallen Vets event



Chapter meeting in Humble



2019 Texas Women Veterans Day event



4th of July parade participants



Houston National Cemetery Memorial Day event



Audrea Killalea, Marti Raney, and Angela Maness at the Houston National Cemetery

VA-1 Crossroads

The Chapter has a full calendar of events for the remainder of 2019 that we are very excited about.

In May we had several members gather at a local tea shop for tea and sandwiches, along with lessons on the proper way to serve and drink tea as well as the history of tea service. A great time was had by all.

In July we are supporting one of the local food banks by collecting groceries at one of the local Walmart stores. It looks to be a hot day in July but we are prepared to stay all day in support.

Then in August we are providing dinner for one of the local area shelters. We will be cooking and serving a full dinner and dessert.

September really starts ramping up with VA-1's team in the Washington, DC Walk for the Cure. This is something we do every year, so if you are in the area on 7 September, put on your pink and join us. We also have the Modern Day Marine Expo in September. We have a booth every year and we love meeting Marines from all over and getting the word out about WMA and all the wonderful things our organization does. If you are in Quantico, please stop by and see us, or let us know you'll be in the area and man the booth with us. We have a great time.



at the tea shop

-JoEllen Schumacher

WMA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION * DENOTES MANDATORY FIELD

*Full Name:		
*Current address:		
*City:	*State:	*ZIP Code:
*Date of Birth:	*Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
*Email:		*Email must be provided for electronic issues

ALTERNATE ADDRESS INFORMATION

Name:		
Address:		
City:		State: ZIP Code:
Phone:	E-mail:	Reason for alternate:
Start Date:	Stop Date:	

EMERGENCY CONTACT

*Next of Kin		
*Address:		*Phone:
*City:	*State:	*ZIP Code:
*Relationship:		

MILITARY INFORMATION

*When Served: mm/year to mm/year	
*Name (s) Served Under:	*Maiden Name:
Plt./Co and Series/OCS/ FMF qualified date	____ USMC ____ FMF NAVY

RM&D AND 'NOUNCEMENTS PREFERENCES

The Resource Manual & Directory (RM&D) and Nouncements will be sent in electronic format. If you prefer another format, please check below. Help WMA **"Go Green"** choosing the electronic copy for your RM&D and Nouncements.

____ Hard Paper Copy	**Must provide current for email electronic copy
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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION ____NEW ____RENEWAL ____REINSTATEMENT

____ 2 year Membership \$40	Life Membership: Pick One:
Chapter Name if Known:	____ Age 30 & Under \$295 ____ 31-39 \$260 ____ 40-49 \$210
Enrolled By/ How did you hear about WMA:	____ 50-59 \$180 ____ 60-65 \$150 ____ 66 & older \$120

***FMF Must submit via hard copy with payment and documentation of FMF qualification with application.**

SIGNATURE AND VERIFICATION

By my signature, I verify that all information contained within is correct and that I am eligible to apply having served or honorably serving in the United States Marine Corps or as Navy FMF qualified. I understand my basic information is listed in the RM&D. I will abide by the WMA Bylaws and Standing Rules.

*Signature of applicant:	*Date:
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Effective May 2019

WMA will never share any of your information with outside sources.

Fill in application, print and mail with payment to:
Women Marines Association
120 State Avenue NE, #303
Olympia, WA 98501
www.womenmarines.org



Chapter Merchandise

Send chapter ads to Sondra Metzger, Editor@womenmarines.org.
IMPORTANT, PLEASE NOTE: When WMA sales items are no longer available,
 please notify Sondra so they can be removed.

BOOKS

Not "Just Another Cookbook"

More than 100 recipes
 by grouping.
 Size: 6"x9"
 Cost: \$5.75 (includes shipping)
 Chapter NC-1
 Contact: Naomi Malone



218 Sunset Rd.
 Jacksonville, NC 28546-
 7045
 (910) 545-7154
 nmalone@ec.rr.com

CLOTHING

Woman Marine Veteran Hats

Blue with red bill
 Pink Woman Marine
 Cost: \$15 plus \$5 shipping
 Black patch with red bill
 Red patch with black bill
 Cost: \$20 plus \$5 shipping
 (Contact listed below)

Tumbler

Arctic Tumblers, with 100 years or
 Proud Female Veteran Marine Corps
 Cost: \$20 plus \$5 shipping
 (Contact listed below)

WMA stickers

Cost: \$5 plus \$.50 shipping
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Polo shirts available for order.
 You may choose to have your name
 embroidered on the shirt.
 Cost: \$30 including the name
 embroidered and shipping

Contact: TX7@womenmarines.org.
 PayPal payments can be
 sent to
 TX7@womenmarines.org

All sales are final.



CLOTHING CONT'D

WMA Apron

Apron, short, three pockets,
 with WMA logo
 Cost: \$10.00 plus \$6.00 shipping
 Chapter: CA-11 Central Coast
 Contact: Soledad Kennedy
 4062 Capella St.
 Lompoc, CA 93436
 Fax/Office: (805)733-2176
 Cell: (805) 588-0650

4th Bn Shirts, Crew Neck Unisex

Comes in black and burgundy.
 Large logo on back and
 small crest on front.
 Cost: \$23.50 (includes shipping)
 Sizes: M, L, XL, 2X
 Send check or money order to:
 WMA Motor City
 PO Box 590
 Romeo, MI 48065
 (Please state size and color).

Ladies Cut T-Shirt with V neck

Comes in vintage khaki and gray
 with logo in hunter green.
 Cost: \$23.50 (includes shipping)
 Sizes: S, M, L, XL
 Send check or money order to:
 WMA Motor City
 PO Box 590
 Romeo, MI 48065
 (Please state size and color).

Shirts, OD Green Crewneck (men's size)

Footprint logo on back, flag on the
 right arm, and a choice between
 two front logo options.
 Sizes and Costs:
 S-XL: \$28 + \$4.75 shipping
 2XL-3XL: \$30 + \$4.75 shipping
 Chapter: OR-1
 Contact: OR1@womenmarines.org



CLOTHING CONT'D

Adult and Youth Shirts from Port Authority

5 embroidery options:

**THE FEWER,
 THE PROUDER**



**THE WOMEN
 MARINES**

Option 1

**NEVER UNDERSTIMATE
 A WOMAN**



WHO HAS A DD214

Option 2



Option 3

**I
 MY
 WOMAN
 MARINE**

Option 4

**MY
 HERO IS A
 WOMAN
 MARINE**



Option 5

Sizing and Pricing, include shipping:

Adult:	
Ladies Polos (Crew neck)	S/S T-Shirt
S-XL: \$35	S-XL: \$25
2XL: \$37	2XL: \$27
3XL: \$39	3XL: \$29
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5XL: \$43	5XL: \$33
Youth:	
Polo	S/S T-Shirt
S-XL: \$30	S-XL: \$20

**Please contact for: Infant/Toddler
 Contact: Stephanie Wilcox, OR-3
 swilcox88@yahoo.com
 (541) 554-6015**

<http://wmaor3.wixsite.com/shirts>



Chapter Merchandise

FLAGS

Car Flag

WMA logo (clips to car window)
Cost: \$10.00 plus \$6.00 shipping

Table Flag

WMA logo with stand
Size: 4"x6"
Cost: \$5.00 plus \$6.00 shipping
Chapter: CA-11 Central Coast
Contact: Soledad Kennedy
4062 Capella St.
Lompoc, CA 93436
Fax/Office: (805)733-2176
Cell: (805) 588-0650
usmcrfemale@yahoo.com
www.centralcoastwomenmarines.com

JEWELRY

Charm "Semper Fi"

Cost: \$5
Chapter: OR-1
Contact: OR1@womenmarines.org



MISCELLANEOUS

Bumper Sticker

"The Few, The Proud, The Women Marines"
Cost: \$1.50 (includes shipping)
Chapter: NM-1
Checks payable to WMA Chapter NM1
Contact: Laurel Hull
28 Tejon Canyon Rd
Placitas, NM 87043
505-867-9172
prism@lobo.net

License Plate Frame

Aluminum, "OohRah Sisterhood" on the top and "Women Marines Association" on the bottom.
Cost: \$12 (includes shipping)
Checks payable to:
EMVSC CA-7 WMA
Contact: Lillian Cross
3122 Morningside Dr.
Oceanside, CA 92056-4011
(760) 724-9861
Visit www.womenmarines.net to see the items in color.

MISCELLANEOUS CONT'D

WMA Logo Magnet

Size: 2" long x 1.5" wide
Cost: \$2 (includes shipping)
Chapter: NJ-2
Contact: Lorraine Nankivell
PO Box 208
38 Point Pleasant Rd
Hopatcong, NJ 07843-0208

Luggage Tag

3.5"x2.5", aluminum, "Proud Member Women Marines Association" WMA logo on one side and "OohRah Sisterhood" and WMA logo on the other side.
Cost: \$10 (includes shipping)
Checks payable to:
EMVSC CA-7 WMA
Contact: Lillian Cross
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Oceanside, CA 92056-4011
(760) 724-9861

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Women Marines Padfolio

WMA logo, zips all the way around, has a pocket on the outside and several on the inside, zippered one on the inside, writing pad included
Cost: \$28.50 (includes shipping)
Chapter: MI-2
Contact: WMA MI-2 Motor City
PO Box 590
Romeo, MI 48065

Ribbon Magnet

"Proud to be a Marine"
Size: 8"x3"
Cost: \$6 (includes shipping)
Checks payable to:
EMVSC CA-7 WMA
Contact: Lillian Cross
3122 Morningside Dr.
Oceanside, CA 92056-4011
(760) 724-9861



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WMA Logo Rubber Stamps

Large stamp
Cost: \$11 (includes shipping)
Small stamp
Cost: \$8 (includes shipping)
Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller
Contact: Ellen Leidy
1107 Columbus Ave.
Barberton, OH 44203
(330) 825-8935
leidyrn@aol.com

MISCELLANEOUS CONT'D

Travel Mug

White aluminum with green WMA logo on one side and gold "OohRah Sisterhood Women Marines Association" centered
Size: 15 oz.
Cost: \$15.00 (includes shipping)
Chapter: CA-7
Checks payable to:
EMVSC CA-7 WMA
Contact: Lillian Cross
3122 Morningside Dr.
Oceanside, CA 92056-4011
(760) 724-9861
Visit www.womenmarines.net to see the items in color

WWII Poster Mug

with vintage Women Marines recruitment poster art, "Be a Marine – Free a Marine to Fight"
Cost: \$12 each
plus \$7 shipping & handling
Checks payable to:
IN-1
Chapter: IN-1
Contact: Kay Ross
(317) 698-6637
kayross@comcast.net



Travel Neck Pouch

Black w/two zippered sections on one side, clear section on reverse with WMA logo, adjustable strap
Size: 6.5"x4.5"
Cost: \$5 (includes shipping)
Chapter NM-1
Checks payable to:
WMA Chapter NM1
Contact: Laurel Hull
28 Tejon Canyon Rd
Placitas, NM 87043
505-867-9172
prism@lobo.net

Clear Vinyl Bag

With long zipper, green/white WMA logo
Size: 9"x12"
Cost: \$6.25 (includes shipping)
Chapter: NC-1
Contact: Naomi Malone
218 Sunset Rd.
Jacksonville, NC 28546-7045
(910) 545-7154
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(C) Chapter Ribbon (replacement).....	\$ 20.00
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(E) Cover, with Chapter and EGA.....	\$ 55.00
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(F) Name Tags, 1.5"x 3".....	\$ 10.00
Patch, large.....	\$ 10.00



Item (A)



Item (B)



Item (C)



Item (D)



Item (E)

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Cammo Drawstring Bag, WMA.....	\$ 8.00
Turner WMA History Book.....	\$ 15.00
Book, Above and Beyond by Rudy Socha & Carolyn Darrow.....	\$ 10.00



Item (F)

Example



Example



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P. O. Box 12518
Jacksonville, NC 28546

Contact info: sales@womenmarines.org
Phone: (910) 355-0293

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