



"Lift-Off" for Mission: WMA Roundup August 28 - September 3, 2008

It's not "rocket science", but a lot of preparations are being made for the WMA Roundup.

The Westin Galleria is ready to welcome our members and guests to the heart of Houston. It is the place where people come to shop and enjoy life. The surrounding area includes major franchise stores and popular eateries.

A short walk from the hotel is one of the most picturesque sites in Houston, the Water Wall. It's a nice place to take group photos for a beautiful reminder of your trip to Houston.

Plans are still being made for the visit to Space Center Houston. Our goal is to give our members the opportunity to experience all that the Space Center has to offer including a visit to the Apollo Mission Control and Rocket Park at the Johnson Space Center. The tour will be self guided except for the NASA tram tour to the Johnson Space Center. There will be displays, simulators, theaters and interactive opportunities. The Space Trader will have lots of space gear available for sale. The Silver Moon picnic area will offer an all you can eat buffet in the comfortable, temperature controlled visitor's center that will close our visit to the Space Center.

With this tour, there is something for everyone. It is completely accessible, with seating in all of the nooks and crannies for those who may need more frequent breaks. The "space journey" will allow you to be as involved as you want. The city that helped put a man on the moon is ready to welcome our WMA members.

As you know, we will be celebrating 65 years of women in the Marine Corps with our Homecoming Celebration. A cake cutting ceremony will follow the Homecoming, so be sure and let us know your birthday

when you complete the registration.

On the eve of the convention, a 25th Convention Anniversary party will be held. It will be an opportunity to visit with friends, reminisce about old times and meet new friends. If any of you have photos from past

The Galleria is an exciting area where our members can enjoy Houston hospitality. Many of our members look forward to meeting up with old friends during the convention. Sometimes the most fun is the excitement of getting acquainted with new friends. The last night of the 2006 convention was an all night gab fest for friends who wanted to chat it up, knowing it would be another two years before the gang was together again.

Mark your calendars and start making your plans. August 28-September 3, 2008 are the dates you need to save for the 2008 WMA Roundup.



The official logo of the 2008 Convention.

conventions that you would like to share for this event, please send them to Judy Anderson, 726 Beachcomber, Houston, Texas 77062. We would like to have photos from the first convention in Denver along with those that came later. They can be photos of the festivities, board members, events and those in attendance. We will use the photos during the anniversary program and they will be returned to the sender. Digital copies are welcome. Please identify each one with a return name and address.

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President's Message

Hello Women of the Corps,

My letter this issue is short. I just had knee replacement surgery. All went well and I'm on my way to a great recovery. Thanks for all the cards and letters and for not swamping my email.

I know you all are busy with WMA business and I'm very proud of you.

Special thanks to Rhonda for filling in for me. Welcome to new members and chapters. Keep up the good work and God Bless each of you. I remain yours, Semper Fidelis,

Paula Sarlls
President



1st Vice President's Message

What I Did on My Summer Vacation

Do you remember those essays we would write describing our vacation travels when we returned to school after a long summer break? Well, I had a wonderful experience early this summer that I would like to share with you all. While on a recent trip visiting with my family down in Louisiana and Texas I had the opportunity to share the camaraderie of my fellow WMA members. While reliving some great childhood memories, I was also able to experience a bit of the future of our WMA organization.

As my family and I began our "road trip" through the past I made a side trip to experience a bit of the future of WMA for which I am proud to be a part. I had the privilege of initiating the officers of the newly revived Molly Marine Chapter in New Orleans. I was so moved by the motivation and dedication of these chapter members who worked long and hard to revitalize their beloved chapter. Not only was I honored to represent WMA National, but I felt a special kinship to this particular chapter whose namesake "Molly Marine," represents the esprit de corps that exemplifies the very meaning of being a Marine. Some 31 years ago I was a proud recipient of the Molly Marine Award which the WMA presents to the

recruit in each graduating platoon that typifies this proud heritage.

My experience came full circle when I participated in the presentation of the Molly Marine Award at Parris Island a few weeks after my visit to New Orleans. The SC-1 Phyllis M. Alexander Chapter has the distinct honor of presenting this award to each graduating company and is in the forefront of keeping the traditions of Molly Marine alive and well. So as I remember what Molly Marine symbolizes from our past I can also see what it holds for the future of the women of the Corps. Both the Molly Marine and SC-1 chapters continue to carry on the proud traditions of the Marine Corps and the Women Marines Association as they set the example for all WMA members to emulate.

Our road trip took us next to my family's hometown of Natchitoches, Louisiana (historical note: established in 1714 it is the oldest settlement in the Louisiana Purchase) where we held a reunion with family and friends who were still living in the area. It was such a fun time recalling our childhood memories and sharing future plans for our lives and careers. The final part of our trip had us heading for San Antonio but I made another stop to meet with our Convention Coordinating Committee in Houston. I couldn't help but

associate my family's trip down memory lane and our hopes for the future with the upcoming reunion of my fellow Marine comrades at the 25th Biennial Convention and Professional Development Conference in September 2008.

This event provides us the unique opportunity as women of the Corps to meet and not only revisit our past with reunions of old friends but to look to the future of our organization. To use an old adage, "We've come a long way baby." But yet we still have a long way to go. We all need to continue our recruiting campaign to strengthen our numbers and to establish new chapters so that we can continue to instill in all of our members the love of country, family, and Corps. Let's all plan to meet in Houston in 2008 to remember the past and share the memories but also look to the future so that we can ensure the continued success of WMA.

Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower
1st Vice President



WIMSA Chairs Update

A huge THANKS to each of you who contributed funds to complete the seven (7) Directors of Women Marines Patriots Hall Theatre Chairs at the Women's Memorial in Arlington.

In addition to the Directors' Chairs, the women Marines are well represented with memorial theatre chairs which have been donated by individuals and friends. These include WMA Past National Presidents Helen Hannah

Campbell, Therese (Sue) Sousa, Nita Bob Warner and Carol Mutter.

Other WMA honorees who have a named Chair: all WMA members; Greater Los Angeles Chapter (CA-5); Mary Bacon Hale; Betsy R Menin; Jane L. Wallis.

WIMSA sends a big THANK YOU – 16 total chairs! Well Done!!

Sue Sousa



The WIMSA Memorial.

Photo courtesy Orion Photography, Manassas, VA.

Our History Keeps On Growing

Before I get too far into the exciting new history items we have obtained, I need to address a special thank you to those who sent checks to help with preserving our history. A total of \$500.00 was received in amounts ranging from \$10.00 to \$400.00. Our grateful appreciation to all of you. We will use the funds wisely.

WWI TREASURE

We now have 31 photos of a WWI woman Marine visiting Parris Island in 1918 thanks to winning a bidding war on eBay. The pictures were taken with a small camera (non-professional) but they are fantastic shots of Sergeant Martha Wilchinski inspecting a male squad, running a rifle charge with a group of male Marines, as well



Sgt Martha Wilchinski visiting Parris Island, 1918.

as shooting at the rifle range with various weapons and with male Marines at various places around Parris Island. Some of the shots are of male Marines and Parris Island only but provide glimpses of how young a base PI was in those days, a fairly new command with mostly wooden buildings and tents.



WWI woman Marine on bridge in Washington, DC area.

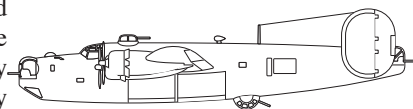
WMA MEMBER PRESENTS MAJOR UNIFORM DONATION

WMA member Sara Phoenix has sent us three full boxes of her uniforms including the pin stripe of the 1970's, the navy blue pants and powder blue shirt utility uniform with hat and sweater, her initial officer dress whites, a winter alpha uniform of the period and many other treasures. Many of these we did not have and they add much to the collection. The navy blue utilities are especially rare. This uniform was worn by the navy women of the day as their utility uniform. When the women Marines needed a new utility uniform the Navy stepped up and offered theirs as a cost saving option. Sara also sent the 1970's drill shoes (oxfords) that we did not have in the collection. Thanks you, Sara.

WOMEN MARINES CRASH AT SEA IN LIBERATOR BOMBER

Jane Baird Silva sent us an autobiography of her time on active duty in WWII. Included in the report is the newspaper article of the crash of a Liberator bomber at sea which had 2 women Marines on board. The Liberator was on a weather patrol off the coast of California when it crashed at sea, 330 miles from San Diego. Eleven Navy crewman and 2 women Marines were on board the plane. After the crash, the plane sank immediately and the survivors crowded into one raft. To make room for our women Marines, other crash victims swam holding onto the raft until they could walk ashore on Isle de La Guardia Island. They were on the island for three days living on raw fish and clams.

Finally, some crew members took the chance of rafting out to find help. They did get help in the form of a fishing boat that rescued them and those on the island and took them to a Mexican Army Post of Babla de Los Angeles and turned them over to General Juan Rico, the military commander of Baja California. By this time our Navy had stopped search and rescue operations. It is reported by Jane in her autobiography that the night before the rescue one woman Marine at the barracks gathered her fellow women Marines and required them to say a rosary with her for the safety of the downed plane. Their rescue was announced the next morning. The women Marines rescued were PFC Edna Shaughnessy and PFC Helen Breckel.



B-24 Liberator bomber.

WOW! What a great piece of history. If you know these two WWII women Marines, please tell us more of this story or how we may reach them. And many thanks to Jane Silva for sharing her story and the crash story with The History Project.



The two WWII women Marines who were lost at sea.

FIRST OFFICER CLASS OF WWII

We have also received a photo of the first officer graduating class at Mount Holyoke in 1943. One history note is that the first Marine class was made up of many women who had been accepted by the Navy for training but volunteered to be Marine officers to fill up the first women reserve class. If any of you women are out there that initially volunteered for Navy service and then switched to the Marine Corps, please tell us your story.

PILLOW FOR YOUR HEAD

Rebecca Hazleton of California sent us her Marine Corps pillow, with her name stenciled very clearly on it. Thank you, Rebecca for this under-stuffed reminder of the comforts of military life.

HISTORY MARCHES AHEAD

Currently, the History Project has almost 25 boxes of treasures that need to be cataloged. This is an on going process that takes time. The thank you notes will be sent as we inventory the boxes. Please be patient with us. If you include your name and phone number inside the box I will call you as soon as it arrives. Many who donate items only provide their name on the outside of the boxes as the return address. The postal service often covers these with labels and stamps making the needed information impossible to read, so please include your name, etc inside the box.

MODERN DAY MARINE

Our next major project will be the Modern Day Marine Expo at Quantico in October. We will be contacting DC area members to help with this project and event.

PLEASE HELP

Please, operating funds for The History Project continue to be needed for the upcoming year. Any amount you can contribute will aid us in our mission to preserve our history. Checks should be made out to CO-1, WMA and mailed to myself or Paula Sarlls. Please help us.

The History Project is searching for the following items at this time:

- WWI data (uniforms, photos, chapter notes or memories)
- WWII Dress white shoes
- A tube of Montezuma Red or other colors worn in WWII thru current day

- A bottle or picture of a bottle of Gold Bars made in honor of one officer graduating class in the early 50s
- Lyle hose of WWII
- 1950s-1970s uniforms including purses and shoes. Whole uniforms or parts are truly needed.
- Current uniforms

It is an honor to serve as your historian and as chair of the History Committee.

*Nancy Wilt
WMA Historian*

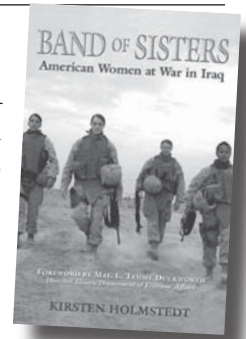
Book Review: "Band of Sisters"

They command C-130 squadrons; fly combat missions in F-18s, Cobras and Kiowas; man 50-caliber machine guns in turrets on Humvees; check and clear buildings and get involved in fire fights; and moving aircraft around on the flight deck of a carrier, they risk being blown overboard with one misstep. They love their country and serve it proudly. They sacrifice, sweat, love and die, just like their brothers and their stories are told with candor, honesty and raw emotion in the new book "Band of Sisters – American Women at War in Iraq", published July 4th. Written by Kirsten Holmstedt and published by Stackpole Books, the book profiles the experiences of twelve women (Marine, Army, Navy and Air Force) who have served in Iraq.

Following September 11th, author Kirsten Holmstedt became immensely curious about the experiences the largest contingent of women who have ever served our country were having and

found that the information available from conventional sources left her wanting more. From her vantage point as a resident of Jacksonville, NC, home to Camp Lejeune, she started to seek out those who were just back from Iraq and ended up during the course of three years, traveling to MCAS Beaufort, Pope Air Force Base, Ft. Bragg and off the coast of Florida, flying aboard the USS Harry S. Truman. Some of the women were happy to share their stories, others needed convincing and a few declined. The end result is a compendium of stories as different as the women who experienced them and I consider this a must read book.

*Sheryl Young
Area 3 Director*



CLB-13 Marine serves 5th tour in Iraq

With Marine Corps operational tempo at an all-time high, there are Marines out there who don't mind the deployments-- even after five of them.

Sgt Tasha Monz, field radio operator for Combat Logistics Battalion 13, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit and six-year veteran of the Marine Corps, is currently serving her fifth tour in Iraq.

"Anything that a Marine can do out here, she has done," said Capt. Michael D. Pitre, officer in charge of Monz, about her experience and leadership she brings to the table with five deployments under her belt. "She's great!"

As one can guess, the climate in Iraq has certainly changed since her first deployment



Sgt. Tasha Monz conducts maintenance on the Blue Force Tracking system inside a High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV).

during Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

"The Marine Corps has come a long way (in Iraq). The people of Iraq have grown to appreciate us rather than being afraid and angry with us," said Monz, a Cincinnati, Ohio native. "I remember doing convoys in OIF II and getting rocks and all sorts of things thrown at us. Now we get waived at and offered gifts."

She also noted the cities have been cleaned up a great deal and believes we aren't the only ones who understand what's being done here.

Monz has already made plans to stay with the 13th MEU for their next scheduled deployment in 2008. Number six...?

*SSgt. Matthew O. Holly
13th MEU*

Nurse death reflects new female roles

Capt. Maria Ines Ortiz, a New Jersey native and the first military nurse killed by hostile fire since the Vietnam War, was buried with full honors at Arlington National Cemetery on 9 August.



The death of Ortiz, who has been described as a tireless patient advocate with an infectious smile, represents a paradox in the war. Although she was the first female nurse to die in combat in Iraq, 71 other women in specialties ranging from military police

officers to truck drivers have been killed there since the U.S. invaded the country in March 2003. Eight female service members have died in Afghanistan since that invasion in 2001. In America's previous wars, nurses were generally the only women to die.

In Vietnam, eight nurses died in the line of duty. During World War II, more than a dozen American nurses were killed and more than 75 taken prisoner.

In Iraq, however, women were under fire from the start. Less than 72 hours after the invasion began, Pfc. Lori Ann Piestewa was

killed. Since then, women serving in Iraq have been killed by mortars, grenades, snipers and suicide bombers as they worked to defuse roadside bombs.

Ortiz was assigned to a surgical hospital inside the fortified Green Zone in Baghdad. She was off duty and walking outdoors when the mortar struck, her family said.

Born in Camden, Ortiz grew up in Puerto Rico and enlisted in the Army in 1991.

*Jonathan Casiano
Wayne Woolley
Star-Ledger*

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter



Fellow Escorts,

Summer is in full swing and so is your Loyal Escort Executive Board. As you know the convention in 2008 will be in Houston, TX and is only a few short months away. We are working out

the logistics of the hospitality room. Director Tony McPherson will head this function in Houston and checking ID cards at the door.

If you are tentatively planning to attend the convention in Houston, please notify Don Cannon, Loyal Escort Vice President, within the next 30 – 60 days. Our job at convention is to support our lady Marines and we need to know about how many we can count on.

The Executive Board has been busy drafting changes to the Loyal Escort bylaws and

standing rules. Within the next few months we will be sending a copy of the draft to all current Loyal Escorts for approval. I am asking that you read the draft and return a reply form with your comments, if any.

Included in this mailing will be an officer nomination form. Please complete and return this paper with your bylaws and standing rules reply form if you would like to run for an office. This will greatly assist our nominating committee that will become active after the New Year.

If you are a term member of the Loyal Escorts and your membership is expiring in 2007 you will receive a renewal notice. I am timing this to go out with the bylaws draft to make the most effective use of the postage being spent. Please return your check and renewal form in the same envelope with the bylaw and nominations forms.

Additional tidbits of information: among

other expenses leading up to convention there will be a \$500 check for the annual Father Covert Scholarship administered by the WMA Scholarship Committee. And, as of 15 July 2007 we are still unofficially a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. WMA, the Loyal Escorts, and chapters are awaiting the official written confirmation of the IRS code change.

Should you need to contact me or any member of the board, our contact information is on page 2 of this issue. I'm looking forward to a great turnout of Loyal Escorts in Houston. See you there.

Ken Cross

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Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Registration Form

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

USE THE WMA CONVENTION FORM FOR MEAL REGISTRATION ONLY.

Please Print:

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Address _____ E-Mail _____

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Please word badge (First / Last name) _____

Pre-registration for Convention \$20.00

Meals Registration: Use WMA meals form

Additional Information:

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

Mail Meal Registration form with check, payable to 'WMA 2008 Convention' to:
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Make check payable to: **Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter.**

Mark Check: **Registration**

Chaplain's Corner

Wonder why there has not been a word from your chaplain? Well, it seems that my husband, yes, a life member of the Green Garter as well as a retired Navy chaplain, came up with an infection. The infection destroyed his left knee; now a year later as of March 2007 he is sporting a new left knee. He now walks, and is working hard taking care of veterans.

I had a hip replacement in December 2006. This is sort of an after action report ...remember those after action reports we had to make while on active duty? During this period of time in my clerical life, I have had to spend many hours going to and from doctors' offices, hospitals, and just caring for the sick, including my husband and I.

As I spent this time and effort in his behalf I felt I may have neglected all of you, as members of WMA, and those you care for in your own lives. The saving grace was, and is, I hold each of you up in prayer each day. The Lord knows each of you and your needs.

This brings another idea to mind, there are a lot of you and only one of me. How did we solve this chaplain coverage when we were out in the field, mountain side, or at sea, and a real chaplain was not present? We appointed, or selected one among us, and had a service. We would all answer in one accord with a great AMEN.

May I suggest in this capacity as your chaplain that we take care of each other in

God's love. In doing so, we are chaplains to each other. This is a privilege of which each of you are, appointed and commissioned to do by the Lord Himself.

Until we meet again in this media, or in person, may I urge you to care for each other in the Lord. It could be a simple phone call, a visit, a card, or an e-mail. The Lord will bless you for being a chaplain to another Marine or a friend. If perchance you would like to have us pray or speak to you in person call me, 703-250-3288 or email me, JOANHAM@AOL.com.

May God, place his arms around you, may you feel loved, may we keep in touch in the Lord.

Joan Hammond

First women's names added to USNA memorial

Marine Capt. Jennifer J. Harris never attracted special attention for being a woman throughout her career at the Naval Academy and in the Marine Corps. So it was appropriate, friends said, that she was not singled out in death, when the academy put her name among hundreds of others on a marble tablet that honors graduates killed in action.

Harris is the second woman in school history to be added to the list, which includes 954 men dating to the Civil War. The first woman, Maj. Megan M. McClung, was a combat death in December. The two women mark a grim milestone, as combat roles in the military have opened to women since they first arrived at the academy 31 years ago.

Called the academy's *sanctum sanctorum* or *holy of holies*, Memorial Hall is the first stop for alumni who come to Annapolis. Midshipmen sometimes go there to ponder what the future holds for them, as well as to consider the sacrifices of those who went before. Plebes, or incoming freshmen, are not allowed to enter the room until they undergo orientation from upperclassmen about what it means.

The hall is located at the heart of the academy at the entrance to the Bancroft Hall dormitory, up a granite staircase in a domed



The marble tablet in Memorial Hall honoring Naval Academy graduates who were killed in action contains the names of 954 men and now two women, Maj Megan McClung and Capt Jennifer Harris, both of whom died in Iraq.

Photo by Andre F. Chung / The Baltimore Sun via AP.

room filled with busts of notable admirals and paintings of naval battles. A marble panel for each class lists each fallen comrade, whether a combat death or an accident while on active duty.

The Killed in Action tablet is the centerpiece, behind a glass case under a likeness of the blue standard flown in 1813 by a beleaguered commodore, urging his sailors: DONT GIVE UP THE SHIP.

The Naval Academy Alumni Association and Foundation, with private funds, maintains the panels and updates them every six months, using official descriptions from the Pentagon to determine who will be added to the KIAs.

Most of those on the list were killed during World War II, many during the attack on Pearl Harbor or the Guadalcanal campaign. Most were junior officers serving as Marines or naval aviators, killed shortly after they left the academy. There are 12 names under Global War on Terrorism.

Without fanfare earlier this month, a craftsman added Harris' name and that of two others, 1st Lt. Travis J. Manion and Maj. Douglas A. Zembiec.

The Associated Press

Louisiana chapter reactivated

The middle of July holds a new place in the history of the Women Marines Association: the first meeting and the swearing in of the LA-1 chapter officers was conducted to officially reactivate the Molly Marine Chapter located in New Orleans, which has not been active since 1994.

Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower, 1st vice president, was on hand to swear in the members and serve as the motivational guest speaker. In attendance were women Marines currently stationed at Headquarters, Marine Forces Reserve, New Orleans, and also two women Marines from WWII.

The chapter officers are: Melanie Young, president; Angela



Merrell, vice president; Tara Perez, secretary; Jennifer Parks, treasurer; Amber Burch-Page, parliamentarian; Sonya Sellers, historian and Joyce Howard, chaplain.

The Molly Marine Chapter is currently working on recruiting new members and re-establishing itself back into the community that has been home to the original Molly Marine statue. The chapter will also be jumping right back into the folds of WMA by hosting the "First Timers" meeting at the 2008 convention in Houston.

To become part of the chapter, contact Melanie Young at (985) 285-7007 or

melanieleayoung@yahoo.com.



LCpl Sona Babani answers questions from Nadia Bilbassy-Charters, a reporter from the Al Arabiya News Channel, before swearing the Oath of Allegiance to support and defend the Constitution during a naturalization ceremony held at the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Eight Quantico Marines become U.S. citizens

After taking an oath to serve and protect in the Marine Corps, eight Marines were allowed to take the Oath of Allegiance to support and defend the Constitution as U.S. citizens during a naturalization ceremony held at the Department of Veteran Affairs, among them, LCpl Sona Babani.

"This is so exciting. I started the process last October or November," said Babani, a unit diary clerk at Manpower and Reserve Affairs at Quantico, originally from Baghdad, Iraq. "It wasn't a bad process. It could have been worse."

The process of becoming an American citizen became easier in 2002, when President George W. Bush signed an executive order that expedited the process for service members serving during wartime. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service has naturalized more than 32,500 members of the U.S. Armed Forces since the beginning of the global war on terrorism, according to a USCIS press release.

*Sgt. Danielle M. Bacon
MCB Quantico*

Exceptional Marines

This is, hopefully, the beginning of a new feature in 'Nouncements. As the title suggests, it's about those active duty or reserve Marines that are exceptional in the eyes of their fellow Marines.

These two exceptional Marines were submitted by LtCol Mary Augustitus and CWO-5 Toni M. Naro, PA School, MCCSSS, Camp Johnson. They were supposed to be in the last issue and we ran out of room. But now I'm glad we did since it gave us time to work on possibly making this a regular feature.

GySgt Leveta S. Smith was recognized by the Onslow County Council for Women at a Distinguished Women's Award luncheon on 21 March 2007. The council wanted to thank her for her leadership abilities and community involvement. Many distinguished women from Onslow County were recognized and GySgt Smith received well deserved praise from all that attended. She represented the Marine Corps in an outstanding manner.



GySgt Smith.

GySgt Melissa L. Bischoff was the United States Marine Corps active duty honoree at the 19th Annual "Salute to Hispanics in the Military" Awards Banquet hosted by National IMAGE, Inc. The National Image Meritorious Service Award was presented to her by BGen Angela Salinas for her dedication and professionalism while serving as the Equal Opportunity Representative for Personnel Administration School, Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools, Camp Johnson, NC. National IMAGE, Inc. is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization founded in 1972 to address the employment, education, and civil rights of all Americans.

Congratulations to both of these exceptional Marines!



GySgt Bischoff

Sondra Metzger

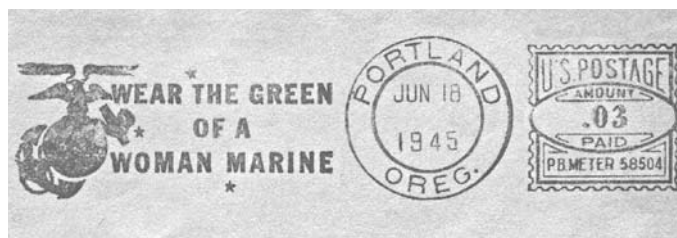
Grand Marshal



(Left): Cpl. Shannon Evans, a military police officer, waves to the crowd at the Mira Mesa Independence Day parade. The Hamilton, Ohio, native was chosen to represent MCAS Miramar as the Grand Marshal of the Scripps Ranch and Mira Mesa parades July 4. Evans holds the billet of field-training officer for her unit and is responsible for preparing more than 120 military police officers for response to emergency situations. She was also selected as NCO of the Quarter for her unit. With only two years time-in-service, Evans has already been selected for a meritorious sergeants' board.

Photo by LCpl. Jessica N. Aranda.

1945: Wear the Green!



(Above): Former Marine Greg Ciesielski collects USMC mail (postal history) and wanted to share the item from 1945 that he received, an envelope with the above postmark. Thanks Greg!

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

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



Mail completed form, along with payment to:

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

To be completed by Registration Chair

Date Received _____

Registration Number _____

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

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

Check all that apply to you:

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

Full Name: _____

Service Name: _____ Birth Date: _____
MM/DD/YYYY

Mailing Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Badge Information: Primary Chapter & Name: _____

Name to be printed on Badge: _____

Loyal Escort(s) & Guest(s) Name for Badge: _____

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

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

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

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

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

MEAL REGISTRATION

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ I have special dietary requirements

(Specify): _____

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

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

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

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

TABLE RESERVATIONS

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

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

Please complete the table seating request below.

If you have questions, feel free to contact BJ Huggins at
wmaroundup@yahoo.com

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

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

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

Opening Banquet (provide name and chapter)

Closing Banquet (provide name and chapter)

HOTEL INFORMATION

Westin Galleria Hotel
5060 West Alabama
Houston, Texas 77056

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

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

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

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

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

Roommate Service:

Please provide information to assist in assigning
roommates...

_____ I request roommate assignment

_____ early to bed

_____ late to bed

_____ late riser

_____ early riser

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

_____ drinker

_____ like to party

_____ do not like to party

Do you want a roommate from your service era?

_____ yes _____ no _____ doesn't matter

Comments regarding roommate service:

Houston NEEDS YOU!!!

Dear WMA members,

Yes, we have yet another idea for a fund raiser for the 2008 Convention!! We would like to make something really special to raffle... actually TWO something's really special.

We want to make a chapter quilt to be raffled to convention attendees only and a patriotic quilt that we can raffle to convention attendees as well as to all our friends and family - and anyone else we can sell a ticket to!!

We'd appreciate it if each chapter would submit a quilt square for either one or both of the quilts. Please read the topic information and quilt piece size requirements below, and get that square in the mail!!!

We must have your submission by the end of October 2007 so we can have it quilted and send y'all some pictures to pique your curiosity and stir your desire for a piece of history.

Chapter Quilt

We would like to produce a piece of history. Please consider contributing a square for this project from your chapter.

The subject of the square should be something you'd like WMA members, and the world, to know about your chapter. Perhaps you had a

special beginning...perhaps you've hosted one of the national conventions...perhaps you just want us to know the names and service dates of your members...get creative, and don't forget to use some color.

Patriotic Quilt

We would like to produce something befitting the love we all share for this great and wonderful country. We would like to see tributes to all branches of the military, and to all the wonderful people who have willingly served, and still serve this country. Get creative, get sentimental, get whatever stirs your patriotic fire, and send us a square for this wonderful quilt. Again, don't forget to use some color

Piece Size Requirements

The fabric and size of the submitted squares should adhere to the following guidelines:

- Fabric should be washable.
- Cut each corner of the material on the diagonal so that it won't unravel during washing.
- Wash fabric in mild detergent before cutting to the raw size. If you don't pre-wash the material, the message may run after washing and the raw

square may shrink to a less than ideal size.

- Iron, if necessary, before cutting your square.
- Raw (unfinished) size is a square measuring 12.5" X 12.5".
- All decoration or writing must fit inside the **finished size of 11" X 11"**.

TIP: Cut a small slit in the material and then rip it. That ensures that your edge is straight. This is done running with the grain. The grain is the straight side of the material.

SIGN YOUR CHAPTER NAME SOMEWHERE INSIDE THE 11" X 11" ALLOWED DECORABLE AREA.

WE MUST HAVE YOUR QUILT SQUARES BY 31 OCTOBER 2007 in order to get the quilt(s) produced, and a picture into the spring issue of 'Nouncements for all to see.

Please send your squares to: BJ Huggins (WMA TX2), P.O. Box 1821, Pasadena, TX 77501. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 713-473-2169, or e-mail me at b_huggins@sbcglobal.net.

2008 Convention Program Information and Ad Rates

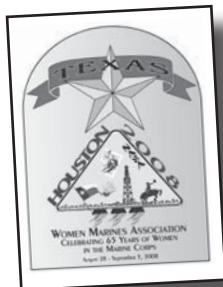
All members are encouraged to purchase and/or sell ads for the convention program. The program will have a memorial section where you can honor deceased members, family and friends, and corporate sponsors are welcome to advertise. We know each convention registrant will be proud to have a copy as a keepsake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

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

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

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

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



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

Golf in Houston!! Calling all WMA and Loyol Escort Members • Thursday August 28, 2008

Your Name _____ Date of arrival in Houston _____

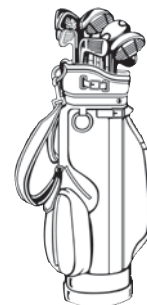
_____ Yes I plan to play in the Fun WMA Golf Tournament.

_____ Yes, I will play and assist as needed.

_____ No, I do not plan to play, but will assist as needed.

_____ Indicate the number of guests and their names.

Note: Fees will be announced at a later date
Please send to: Karen Beatty, P.O. Box 1821,
Pasadena, Texas 77501.
Phone (713) 419-7419 or
wmaroundup@yahoo.com.



2008 WMA Recruiting Roundup

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

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

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

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

2. Chapter Awards:

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

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

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

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

Prize: Loyal Escort Recruitment Streamer for Chapter Flag

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

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

Let's GIDDY UP and roundup some new members!

Veteran News

A presidential commission is pushing for some broad changes to veterans' care.

The panel's plan is to boost benefits for family members helping care for the wounded, establish an easy-to-use Web site for medical records and overhaul the way disability pay is awarded.

Meanwhile, the Senate has passed a bill designed to end inconsistencies in disability pay for veterans. It also would boost severance pay and pony up \$50 million for improved diagnosis of veterans with brain injury or post-traumatic stress.

The House is mulling over similar measures.

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To address a shortage of nurses across the nation and ensure that veterans continue to receive personalized, world-class care in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities, VA has announced creation of a new multi-campus Nursing Academy.

A five-year, \$40 million pilot program will establish partnerships with 12 nursing schools across the country during the next three years, beginning with four for the 2007-2008 academic year. The VA nursing academy is a virtual organization with central administration in Washington and teaching at competitively selected schools across the country who partner with VA.

Further information about the pilot program can be obtained from the VA at www.va.gov/oaa.

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VA Websites of Interest:

1. Department of Veterans Affairs Homeless Veterans Program: <http://www.va.gov/homeless/index.cfm>
2. National Coalition for Homeless Veterans Website: <http://www.nchv.org/>
3. VA Advisory Committees: www.va.gov/advisory
4. Center for Women Veterans: <http://www.va.gov/womenvet>
5. VA Programs for Women Veterans - www1.va.gov/wvhp/page.cfm?pg=26
6. National Coalition for Homeless Women Veterans: www.nchv.org/women.cf

Homeless veterans may soon qualify for special Section 8 housing vouchers under a measure approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

To apply for the vouchers, veterans would contact the Veterans Affairs Department, which would screen applicants for eligibility and then manage cases. The Housing and Urban Development in turn, would distribute the rental assistance.

If enacted, the funds, which total \$75 million, should help provide housing for 7,500 veterans.

The committee unanimously approved the measure, but it is not yet scheduled for a floor vote by the full Senate. The House version of the bill does not contain the housing vouchers provision, which means this will be one of the many issues that will be negotiated in a House-Senate conference to craft a final compromise bill.

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To ensure veterans with emotional crises have round-the-clock access to trained professionals, the Department of Veterans Affairs has opened a national suicide prevention hot line for veterans.

The toll-free hot line number is 1-800-273-TALK (8255). VA's hot line will be staffed by mental health professionals in Canandaigua, N.Y. They will take toll-free calls from across the country and work closely with local VA mental-health providers to help callers.

To operate the national hot line, VA is partnering with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The suicide hot line is among several enhancements to mental-health care that Sec. Nicholson has announced this year. In mid-July, the department's top mental-health professionals convened to review the services provided to veterans of the war on terror.

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New Mexico Tribute



Former Vietnam-era Marine Carol Gaines sings the National Anthem during the Memorial Day observance at Veterans Memorial Park in Las Cruces.

Photo by J.M. Cramer, The Las Cruces Bulletin.

Taps October 2006- July 2007

LIFE MEMBERS

Allbee, Susan K. (Allbee) #2569 died 24 June 2007
Anderson, Carolyn M. (Anderson) #2503 (OR-3) died 29 June 2007
Barbour, Hanna G. (Barbour) #59 (CA-1) died 10 January 2007
Bender, Colleen J. (Rodgers) (IN-1) died 10 July 2007
Bennington, Audrey (Bennington) (AZ-2) died 10 Apr 2007
Boyer, Virginia (Leemon) #1118 (IA-1) died 9 July 2007
Calcagno, Mary (Rottgers) #1055 ((CA-2) died 18 December 2007
Case, Francis M. #10 (TX-2) died 30 January 2007
Carlson, Hildegard (Cote) #10 died 18 June 2007
Cressey, Dolores D. #1294 died 17 April 2007
Gebhardt, Patricia (Gebhardt) #455 (MI- 2) died 18 Feb 2007
Gleason, Elsie J. #2216 (Mich-2) died 6 May 2007
Harsh, Louise B. (Harsh) #1967 (WA-2) died 1 February 2007
Jacobson, Marjorie #224 (FL-3) died 29 November 2007
Laws, Catherine M. (Fleming) #1618 (FL-6) died 24 April 2007
Meyer, Betty #307 died 18 June 2007
Molnar, Ann (Thoma) #1641(CA-3) died 1 March 2007
Musselman, Cartherine (Marshall) #2183 (IA-1) died 23 June 2005
Pinwar, Delores B.(Billingham) #1158 (FL-6) died 4 April 2007
Ritzo, Lynda (Rodgers) #1940 died 26 June 2007
Sidwell, Mary A. (Sidwell) #516 (OR-1 OR-3) died 24 June 2007
Smith, Lesta D. (Davis) #1018 (FL-8) died 10 May 2007
Schmahl, Maureen F. (Jackman) #2004 (WA-2) died 27 January 2007
Shearer, Peggy (Shearer) #1423 (IA-1) died 7 May 2007
Vogler, Patricia T. (Twilley) (WMA-2) died 3 May 2007
White, Rosemary (Garrigus) #385 (WI-1) died 1 December 2006

TERM MEMBERS

Fuchs, Anna (Fuchs) (CA-3) died 26 February 2007
Standley, Mary (Harrigfeld) (CA-3) died 11 February 2007
Stear, Sally (Carpenter) (WV-1) died 18 April 2007
Taylor, Elaine (Dreesbach) (AR-1) died 28 January 2007

TRICARE Data Compromised

Data for nearly 600,000 households enrolled in TRICARE stored on a government-contractor's unprotected computer server could have been exposed to hackers, defense officials announced today.

Beneficiaries' names, addresses, Social Security Numbers, birth dates and some health information was stored on a computer server that was not using a firewall and did not have adequate password protection, TRICARE Management Activity officials said.

Officials disabled the server in May, and it is no longer used. Forensic analysis of the server found no evidence that any beneficiary information was compromised, said Leslie Shaffer, assistant privacy officer at the activity.

Science Applications International Corp. (SAIC) maintained the data in Shalimar, Fla., and used it to process several military health care contracts, including those for customers in the Army,

Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard. The server allowed for File Transfer Protocol transmissions of the data to its contract customers.

This is the first time SAIC has violated Defense Department computer security procedures, Shaffer said.

The TRICARE security breach was discovered after contract customers reported non-secure transmissions of data. SAIC is investigating and some employees have been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome, a company release stated.

DoD and SAIC mailed letters to beneficiaries whose data was put at risk. An incident response center has been setup to field customer's toll-free calls and information is available through a Website for those who suspect identity theft, or who want to protect themselves from identity theft.

Beneficiaries who were put at risk are

also being offered a free, one-year subscription to an identity restoration service, she said.

The incident response center can be reached toll free within the United States at 1-888-862-2680, or collect at 1-515-365-3550 from outside the United States.

(From Carol Mutter: -- "I just got my form letters from SAIC and the TRICARE Management Activity of DoD Health Affairs saying my information was among the data that may have been compromised. They have automatically enrolled me [and everyone else in that data base] with membership in ID TheftSmart.

A membership card was included in the letter. Bottom line: if your information was potentially compromised, you should have received a similar letter. Additional information is at 888-862-2680 or www.saic.com/response."

Raytheon Outreach Effort Helps Wounded Veterans

Thousands of military service members returning from Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom have sustained injuries that require them to retire from the military and to re-evaluate their careers.

To help these veterans make this transition, the Department of Labor's Military Severely Injured Center (MSIC) in Arlington, Va., has launched an online employment and education resource, the MSIC Career Center that functions as a "one-stop-shop" for resources and services provided by the MSIC.

As part of its commitment to both the military and diversity, Raytheon is working with MSIC and using the Career Center to actively recruit veterans with severe injuries and disabilities. Raytheon has:

- Implemented a formal process to deliver job opportunity information sessions via MSIC resources;
- Established relationships with MSIC job counselors and patient assistant team liaisons at Washington D.C.-area military hospitals;
- Added candidate source values on Rayjobs that give wounded

veterans the opportunity to self-identify when they apply for a job opening; and

- Been listed on the databases and websites of resources supporting wounded veterans, including Marine for Life; the U.S. Army's Wounded Warrior Project, the U.S. Navy's Safe Harbor, the Department of Labor's REALifelines and HireVetsFirst.

Leading Raytheon's outreach effort is Human Resources' Bob Foley, a retired U.S. Marine and combat veteran of Desert Storm.

To date, more than 300 veterans with disabilities have applied for Raytheon jobs. Of this number, six have been hired, and many others are in consideration.

Raytheon's efforts on this front are expanding. Raytheon Senior Vice President and CFO Dave Wajsgas has formed a relationship with the MSIC and Creating Opportunities by Recognizing Abilities to establish a program to hire veterans with disabilities in telework roles for the Financial Shared Services team in Plano, Texas. A program pilot will begin shortly.

Courtesy of Micaila Britto

Molly Marine Presentations



On 16 May, Jennifer Bailey presented the Molly Marine Awards to Oscar Company Pvt Keri Frampton, Plt 4014 and PFC Rocio Iribe, Plt 4015.



On 30 May, Linda Priest presented the award to Papa Company PFC Sara Bellusar, Plt 4016 and PFC Courtney Smiline, Plt 4017



On 25 July, 1st Vice President and former recipient Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower proudly spoke to the 4022 Series and presented the Molly Marine Awards to PFC Bethany Axmark, Rockford, IL, and Pvt Noemi Beltran, Santa Ana, CA. Rhonda received her Molly Marine statue in 1976 when she was in Platoon 1B.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARINES !



**Organized in support of the Southern Nevada
Marine Corps Community.**

232nd Birthday Ball SEMPER FI !

Tickets go on sale the last Tuesday of June

Date:	10 Nov 2007
Location:	South Point Hotel/Casino
Time:	1700
Guest Speaker:	Lt. Gen. Carol Mutter
Oldest Marine:	WWII veteran Betty Fox
Youngest Marine:	TBA
Ticket Price:	\$60.00
For Information:	Contact Jack O'Rourke at captjacklv@cox.net or (702) 809-5302



Call the South Point at 866-791-7626 mention code MAR1808 for special room rates

Maj Jean Durfee sends greetings to all of WMA from her assisted living quarters at Arleigh Burke Pavilion, 1739 Kirby RD, Rm 301, McLean, VA 22101, 703-506-6955. Her speech abilities vary from day to day based on hydration.

Maj Durfee is referenced on page 180 of Col Mary V. Stremow's book, "A History of the Women Marines, 1946-1977", as being one of "the founders who laid the groundwork for the unofficial organization of Women Marines....".

I found Maj Durfee's photo within her 1943 Camp Lejeune, NC year-book for U. S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve, page 43, associated with Sixth Candidates' Class, third row from top, first photo, listing her as "Private First Class".

John Ackerson

[Eileen Scanlon and Sue Sousa have already paid a visit to the major and say she's doing well.]

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A new World War I book is in progress to be published by WMA's 50th anniversary.

Our WW-I Liaison Emma Holmes has provided us with all her information collection. Many of our members knew many of her "World War I Wonderfals". We encourage and welcome individual written stories of your meeting with these special ladies at our conventions, chapter meetings, individual friendships, etc. Your memories of these pioneers would greatly enhance this tribute to the "trail blazing ladies of 1918". The intent of this book is to bring together, in one publication, all the known printed information that is available. We will also add our "first hand" personal stories and make it a part of the women Marines history and an important contribution by the Women Marines Association.

The first step is to let Sue Sousa know if you wish to provide your story to this special book. After that, you will have until the end of the 2007 year to provide the written word. Email: Souscan1@aol.com; phone: (703) 356-1527 or write: 1415 Springvale Avenue, McLean, Virginia 22101.

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Buglers and drummers from the Oldest Post of the Marine Corps have created the most up-to-date setting for Marine music -- the cellular telephone. "The Commandant's Own," The United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps now features MP3 ringtones, which can be downloaded from any personal computer. As the first in

the U.S. Armed Forces to offer cell phone ringtones, the drum & bugle corps personally recorded a diverse mixture of public domain music, to include drum cadences, bugle calls, marches, and their most notable stylings in jazz. For more information, visit "The Commandant's Own" website at <http://drumcorps.mbw.usmc.mil>.

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Say that Jon Bon Jovi has an American flag hanging on the front of his house understates the case considerably. This is one very big flag.

It's also an extremely large house.

And ever since Jon and his wife Dorothea built their sprawling, French chalet-style, Central New Jersey mansion in the late '90s, the flag has been hanging proudly over their front door.

"My wife insisted on putting it up," he says. "It's there all year-round except for Christmas."

His bedrock values were formed in Sayreville, 20 miles north of his mansion, where he grew up as the oldest of three sons. John Bongiovi, Sr. and Carol Sharkey met when both were in the Marine Corps in the late 1950s.

"Tough woman. Strong woman. Independent woman," Jon says of his mother. After leaving the Corps, she was a Playboy Bunny in New York City. John Sr. was going to follow his father into the plumbing business, but Carol talked him into going to hairdressing school instead.

"My parents were firm believers that anything you want to have, you can have," says Jon. "That was one great gift they gave us - a sense of optimism."

Parade Magazine

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"Jennifer Harris reflected four words," said the Rev. Dean Pedersen on Memorial Day. "Those words are vision, empathy, grace and gratitude."

Swampscott formally and gratefully remembered U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Jennifer J. Harris on Memorial Day as hundreds stood in a light rain to dedicate a square at the intersection of Essex Street and Stetson Avenue in her name. Pedersen, pastor of First Church in Swampscott and a retired U.S. Navy chaplain, served as master of ceremonies.

Pedersen read a statement from Jim Schultz, the town's veterans' affairs officer. He recalled her med-evacuation of more than 700 soldiers in her less than 6 months in Iraq.

"Swampscott, the United States and

the world are a lesser place without her," Schultz wrote. "She died doing the two things she loved most: flying and helping people."

Family members unveiled the plaque marking the newly named Harris Square.

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A small Pacific island that was the site of the Marine Corps' bloodiest and most iconic battle will remain "Iwo Jima" on U.S. maps, according to a congressionally authorized committee that reviews names on maps.

The ruling follows the Japanese government's June 18 decision to refer to Iwo Jima as Io To, which was its pre-World War II name. The change was made at the request of the island's former residents.

The confusion over the island's name began more than 60 years ago, after Japanese officers started referring to the island as Iwo Jima when they arrived to protect it from U.S. forces during World War II. When the war ended, the new name remained.

Both names mean "sulfur island;" however, "To" indicates the island is smaller than "Jima" would imply. Iwo and Io both mean "sulfur," but Io is more accurate based on the original Japanese writing system. The Committee on Foreign Names, under the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, decided to retain the name Iwo Jima on U.S. maps since it's so well-known.

Michael Hoffman

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The Minerva Journal has begun publishing again. Now published under the name "Minerva Journal of Women and War", the journal is a multi-disciplinary, peer-reviewed scholarly journal that examines the roles of women in war and the ways that conflict affects women's lives. The journal is the official publication of the Minerva Society for the Study of Women and War (MSSWW), www.minervacenter.com. Subscriptions are \$70 U.S. individual, \$80 international individual. All prices are postpaid and include both a print and online subscription. Single and back issues are available for \$45 individual. Call 1-800-253-2187 to order or go to www.mcfarlandpub.com/Minerva for more information.

The quality of articles published is outstanding. They are generally very substantive studies of history or issues regarding women in the military. We urge our members to submit articles for consideration, as well as consider subscribing.

"Run To Honor"

On October 28th, more than 100 members and friends of the United States Naval Academy Class of 1995 will run the Marine Corps Marathon in honor of Maj. Megan McClung and five other Class of '95 shipmates who have made the ultimate sacrifice in combat or training.

I am one of the two organizers for the event, which we are calling "Run To Honor". The response to this gathering has been phenomenal. In addition to over one hundred twenty-five marathon runners, we are expecting 250 or more attendees to a pre-race memorial dinner. We have people coming from as far as Japan to participate.

You are more than welcome to join us at either or both the dinner and the 10K. Registration has already closed for the marathon. The 10k is held on the same day and begins shortly after the Marathon starts.

The Marine Corps Marathon was a very special race to Megan and several other fallen classmates. We can think of no better way to celebrate the life, service, and sacrifice of our cherished, hero classmates. We sincerely hope you can join us.

Jeff Webb

"Run To Honor": How to Get Involved

Here are some important links related to the event:

Event Survey

(http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=j10BcsT7M37SSqaGggoadg_3d_3d)

This survey is crucial to our planning. It will take less than five minutes to complete. Please fill this out if you intend to join us for either the dinner or a running event. The survey also provides additional event information.

Event Jersey :

(<http://customink.com/cink/r.jsp?E=jeffrwebb@gmail.com&F=runtohonor>)



We are producing a commemorative race jersey for the event. You will be asked to enter a jersey order in the survey linked above. Your order will be confirmed prior to placement. You do not need to participate in the runs or the pre-race dinner to order the jersey.

Marine Corps Marathon 10k Entry Link:

(http://www.active.com/framed/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1422723)

Here is where you go to register for the 10k.

Event Blog :

(<http://www.usna95.blogspot.com/>)

Here you will find all information about the event that has been shared to date.

Megan's parents will be attending for dual reasons. Besides the marathon and dinner, the marathon staff has asked them to present the "Paul the Penguin" award to the last official finisher. Megan started that for the Marine Corps Marathon at the Marine Corps Marathon (Forward) last year.

And if you can't make it to DC, how about Whidbey Island, Washington? MATSG-53 is hosting a 10K on September 15 at NAS Whidbey Island to honor Megan. Proceeds will go to the Wounded Marines Fund

The McClungs would love to see any women Marines from the Northwest join them there. Should be a fun run. The website for MATSG-53 is <http://www.naswi.navy.mil/matsg/matsg.html>.

Photo Gallery



From Kathy Van Gorder: "Here's the photo from the MCJROTC Scholarship Ball that took place 21 April. Two of our PA-2 members attended, Leticia Rodriguez with her husband on her right, and Debra Green on her left in dress blues. Others in the photo are Jackie, Joan (a co-worker of Leticia's) and Sue McMullan, Capt., USAF Reserve. The ball, held in Philadelphia, supports the Marine Corps Youth Foundation (Leticia serves on the ball committee) and the local MCJROTC."



Area Director Alice Dolbear visited with WV-1 this summer. Shown are (l-r): Pam Zilch, Dottie Alderman, Alice Dolbear, Marie Munchmeyer, Ruth Ann Howard, Betty Parker.

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Chapter Clippings



CA-2 San Diego County

The 22nd of June was a big day for CA-2. Our first recruiting presentation was held at MCAS Miramar with approximately 100 in attendance. The keynote speaker was LtCol Marianne Waldrop, 3d MAW, followed by a Power Point Presentation by GySgt David Castaneda and Cheryl Spencer. Pictures of the past were obtained from Nancy Wilt, National Historian, along with past pictures and scrapbooks of CA-2 activities. All were tastefully displayed by Angelique Esquivel. The invocation was given by Babs Meairs and the pledge was lead by "Bucky" Edwards.

An overview of the program was presented by SSgt Melissa Estrada and the slide presentation "Women of the Marines" by Cpl Skye Jones. Other participants in the program were our Oceanside representatives Marie Proulx, Dotty Munroe and Ellie Judge. Evelyn Montgomery, one of our founding members, told of her experiences in WWII, and Nancy Brock spoke on the purpose of the Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter. The final slide was on benefits for active duty Marines. Our newest members, Cheryl Spencer, SSgt Chant Cooper and Sgt Frances Castro told of their experiences at the Louisville Convention and the benefits of the convention conferences for active duty women.



Left to right: Sgt Francis Castro, Randy Tidmore and Cheryl Spencer.

To everyone's surprise BGen Angela Salinas popped in and honored us with a 15 minute "pep talk" on the importance of friendships and camaraderie during and after a tour of duty.

It was our first dedicated attempt at recruiting active duty Marines and hopefully will not be the last. To date we have received 12 new members and two Loyal Escorts.

Randy Tidmore



CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

Our April meeting and luncheon was held at the Ranch Restaurant on the 14th. Members of CA-6 and CA-9 also attended. The food was wonderful and the fun, games and camaraderie were even better. We celebrated the birthdays of Lillian Rufsvold, Mary Louise Berry and Maggie Hart with a birthday cake.

Our next meeting was held at the home of Louise Tamayo and as it was her birthday we had a double celebration. CA-6 and CA-9 were also invited and came and also friends of Louise's. It was a good time and we all talked about what we did when in the Corps, when we were in, and where we were stationed.

Our June meeting and luncheon was held on the 16th and we celebrated Alice Gunnerson's birthday. The lunch was hosted

by Jackie (Mary Standley's daughter) and was held at Harry's Hofbrau.

July 4th we rode in the Alameda parade. There were five of us and we had a beautiful day, a great decorated truck (thanks Shaaron). Kathy, Louise, Betty, Laverne and Maggie had a really great time. The truck was decorated with flags, banners, and women Marine and "Semper Fi" signs. The spectators were amazed that there were women Marines.

Our July luncheon was held on the 21st and was a barbeque hosted by Betty Lieser and LaVerne in the backyard. We will be celebrating two birthdays, Nell Stevens and Nettie Leonard.

Our August meeting and luncheon will be hosted by our CA-3 member and CA-9 Secretary, Doris Panzer and will be held at Harry's Hofbrau. The theme will be "It's for the Birds". If you want to know what that is all about, come on out and join us.

Kathie Carpenter (our youngest member) ran a half marathon in four hours. She has been training for this for months. The race was to raise funds and find a cure for leukemia. Congratulations Kathie! Good job!

Betty Lieser and LaVerne Marts joined Marine Corps League Detachment #919 for the Memorial Day services and to pay tribute to our fallen Marines at various cemeteries in the Bay Area. We placed American and Marine Corps flags on each grave and our chaplain said a prayer. Then it was off to the Chapel of the Chimes for the services held there. Connie Davis was our representative and sat on the podium with the dignitaries. Thank you, Connie! Louise Tamayo and Maggie Hart posted the colors and Betty Lieser and LaVerne Marts placed the wreath for the women Marines.

CA-3 lost another of our sister Marines, Vicki Tarlton. Semper Fi, Vicki.

Maggie Hart and LaVerne Marts



CA-4 North Central California

On 17 April the members of CA-4 celebrated the 42nd anniversary of the founding of the chapter. A luncheon was held at the Luau Gardens in Sacramento.

The theme of the afternoon was "Honoring Charter Members and Past Presidents". Lea Cassidy presented roses to Past President Ernestine Grabinske and charter members Jeanne Bartelt and Ernestine Grabinske. Lois Wilson, current president was also given a rose.



Left to right: Lois Wilson, Jeanne Bartelt, Ernestine Grabinske

During the course of the afternoon, members were informed that Delphine Baeta, treasurer of CA-4, presented the MCJROTC award to Cadet Alexis Acosta at Kennedy High School on 5 May.

All members attending had a grand and glorious time. Semper Fidelis!

Lois Wilson

WMA CA-5 Orange County California

Our chapter had a fun filled afternoon June 23rd at Rita Stonebraker's clubhouse. We had a delicious pot luck lunch followed by bingo for some outstanding white elephant gifts. Our next event will be the annual picnic at the home of Mary Ann Rogers.

The committee for the Women Veterans luncheon on November 3rd is making its final plans. Our chapter is hosting the luncheon. A flyer will be mailed with a newsletter.

We are happy to welcome the following new members: Anita Warfel, Cheryl Garbett and Adrienne Wright.

To all who are ill or in assisted living we send our prayers and hope for your good health.

Mary Ann Rogers

WMA CA-7 Edith Macias Vann S. California



CA-7 in the 4th of July parade.

It has been a busy summer for members of CA-7. We started the summer walking to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis (MS) in support of our life member, Kathleen Ables. Members wore shirts stating "Women Marines Walking for one of our own". The walk was through Legoland Park, so it was a fun day and plenty to look at before a much deserved breakfast out.

Memorial Day found chapter members participating in a remembrance at Oceanside San Luis Rey Mission, with President Kara Harris laying a wreath. Then chapter members celebrated our freedom by riding in the Oceanside 4th of July parade in a Marine Corps truck. Everywhere along the parade route our members were met with loving support and cheers. OORAH!

Peggy Reiber

WMA CO-1 Colorado Columbines

The history collection we maintain will begin a NEW LIFE on the road at the Interim Board Meeting in Denver, followed by the Marine Corps Expos in Quantico, Camp Pendleton and Camp Lejeune. Then we'll be at the convention in September 2008.

The CO-1 exhibit at the Castle Rock Museum ended on 14 July as recently reported in Leatherneck. The museum space was no longer adequate or safe for our valuable collection. And the museum was having trouble with staffing so it wasn't open as often as it should have been. Plus, construction around the area made it difficult to get to. In the meantime, we are seeking

donations to help locate a more permanent home for the collection that has adequate space and security. We seriously need the financial support of our members and chapters. We continue to work on cataloging the many boxes of memorabilia we have been getting, cleaning uniforms, and packing things for proper storage. It's a lot of work. Many thanks to those of you who have given and continue to give. It takes \$10,000 per year to finance this venture and that figure grows with every box we get. Keep the goodies coming and the money too.

The chapter participated in the Memorial Day parade in Denver and was chauffeured by the Rocky Mountain Cadillac and Seville Club. It was great fun and we had lunch at the Blue Bonnet restaurant afterwards. We also provided the wreath for the Memorial Day ceremonies at the Marine Corps Memorial in Golden.

On 4 August we will be hosting an ice cream social fundraiser at the local Russell Stover store serving Blue Bell ice cream.

Jan Clay

WMA DC-1 District of Columbia

DC-1 is honored to announce their new president, Dr. Betty Moseley Brown. Dr. Moseley Brown is no stranger to serving veterans. She is the Associate Director, Center for Women Veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC.



Mitzi Manning (right) installs Betty Moseley Brown as DC-1 president

In this new position as president of DC-1, Dr. Moseley Brown hopes to lead her chapter to increase membership, enhance philanthropic activities, and of course, have fun. The members are thrilled to have this Devil Dog leading the team.

Betty Moseley Brown

WMA FL-3 Gold Coast of Florida

Since the last 'Nouncements, we are sorry to report the loss of two members.

Our past secretary Marcae Carolan. Marcae kept us on our toes, always collecting stamps for Habitat for Humanity and coupons galore which she forwarded to St. Jude's Hospital in our chapter's name. Several of our members were able to attend Marcae's memorial at the new South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth. Also attending were six Marines and a bugler. Very impressive.

Our other member was Marge Jacobson who was an aerial photographer in WWII. Marge was gung ho and always thrilled to attend our WMA conventions. Marge received a full graveside funeral at Arlington Cemetery in Virginia. We will deeply miss both of our friends.

On the lighter side, our own member Lorraine Kennedy was the guest of honor at the Kentucky VA nursing home. She was awarded a medal by Bruce Kelly, a state trooper who is also a

member of the local Marine Corps League detachment. Her award was for serving in WWII and being the oldest woman Marine in Kentucky. She gave a salute and was pleased with her special day.

We continue to send boxes to Iraq and hope they are being received as we haven't heard anything in the past eight or nine months. Keep our troops in your daily prayers.

See you at the WIMSA celebration! Looking forward to seeing old friends again. Semper Fidelis!

Jane Kane



Lorraine Kennedy getting her medal from Bruce Kelly.



FL-4 Tampa Tarpons

FL-4 is on vacation for the summer! Come October, we will meet and collect donations for the Spring Thrift Store (benefits abused women & children, including military). We hope to do volunteer work at the James Haley VA Medical Center too.

Laverne Myers



FL-8 Spaceport

We are sad to report the passing of another long time member, Lesta (Peg) Davis Smith. Peg was a very proud Marine who served in Motor Transport at Camp Lejeune during WWII. She was always there for chapter activities and held offices in both WMA and the VFW Auxiliary. She also volunteered at the VA Clinic in Viera. She will be greatly missed.

Our chapter presented a wreath at the traveling replica of the Vietnam Wall during its week stay at Wickham Park in Melbourne in April. Members attended the memorial service at the Wall.

Marge Collins, looking sharp in her WWII uniform, presented certificates to three MCJROTC cadets at the awards ceremony held at Palm Bay High School on 9 May. Receiving awards were Joanne Ortiz, Emily Webber, and Michelle Hamel.

Our monthly meetings will resume in September.

Betty-Jo Birney



Marge Collins presenting MCJROTC award to Joanne Ortiz.



GA-1 Dogwood of Atlanta

Although we haven't been together since our anniversary luncheon in February, the women of the Dogwood Chapter have carried on very busy personal lives.

Diane Raley presented the WMA award at Rutland High School in Macon in April. Two of our members graduated from college in May: Sheri Sperin from Kennesaw State University where she received her Bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in criminal justice and was recognized as an "Outstanding Adult Learner"; and Cpl Kamilah Keith, USMCR, who gradu-

ated from North Georgia College & State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish with business emphasis. Following gradation, Kamilah served as an intern in the Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C. and in June received a scholarship to attend graduate school this fall at Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA. She will be in the Masters program for Public Policy and International Relations.

The month of June saw Lori Dashiell undergoing surgery from which she is recovering nicely and Kathleen Eidson moving to a new apartment at Kings Bridge in Atlanta. Ellen Olander, GA-1's vice president, has recently become involved with pet rescue transport and volunteers much of her time to insure that cats and dogs alike are given every chance to find good and loving homes. Sgt Rachel Bergstrom, USMCR, attended annual training in Norway in June with members of her reserve unit and is preparing for her upcoming nuptials to SSgt Will Abernathy in August.

Sheryl Young



IL-2 Blanche S. Osborn

At our spring meeting the beginning of May, twenty members were busy bees packing boxes for troops in Iraq. There was enough stuff left over to fill more boxes, and Rose Teipe took the job over to get more boxes from the post office and then mail the whole lot. Mary Roa, vice president, chaired the meeting, while President Muriel Underwood was visiting Washington, DC with the Civil War Round Table's Battlefield Tour, which had the first night's dinner meeting in the new Marine Corps Heritage Museum in Quantico.



Before the Memorial Day Parade, Helen Laukes, Ann DiValerio with granddaughter and Cpl Jensen pose by the side of the humvee displaying our new banner.

In the remaining days of May, members in the chapter visited several high schools in Chicago presenting the WMA certificate to the outstanding female cadet. The month ended with Chicago's Memorial Day Parade. Once again the 2/24 Training Battalion came through with a humvee for us to ride in. Five WW II and Korean veterans plus one daughter and one granddaughter availed themselves for the ride down State Street. Our driver, Cpl Jensen, was so very thoughtful for our riding comfort that he brought two blankets from his home for us to sit on instead of the bare plank boards. With the new and very readable banner from a distance, the parade watchers knew who we were and acknowledged us veterans with applause. Cpl Jensen was also a member of one of the color guards at our luncheon program in February.

Muriel Underwood



INT-1 Iraqi Lioness

A few members of the Iraqi Lioness Chapter took some time from Camp Fallujah to volunteer for the San Diego Rock 'n Roll Marathon which took place at Camp Baharia by handing out water to the runners. Some of those volunteers were (l-r): Sgt Boyer, GySgt Hamlett, MGySgt Bowens (honorary member and supporter) and SSgt Cressman.



The chapter also hosts monthly events such as line dance classes, chapter dinners, movie night and spa night.

SSgt Cressman



MA-1 Bay State



MA-1 at the National Archives in Waltham.

To close out the winter, our March meeting was held at the National Archives in Waltham. What a fascinating place to hold a meeting. Diane LeBlanc graciously opened the building for us. She gave a presentation of the work of the archives and conducted a tour of the facility. It is a great place to start tracing your family history, or just to add to the information you may already have. Mary Souza, Lou Texeira's sister and a member of the Loyal Escorts, came to the meeting with the date of her family's arrival in Massachusetts and the name of the ship they traveled on. In less than half an hour, Mary had in her hand the manifest of the ship listing all of her family's names. What a wonderful piece of her history to have.

Bay State Chapter was delighted to see the letter from SgtMaj Eric Loya, USMC, 1stBn 25th Marines, published in *'Nouncements* thanking the chapter members who participated in the Boston Toys for Tots each year. There was a nice piece from President Parla Sarlls, also, recognizing our contributions.

Jean Jackman and Kay Carpenter traveled to Devens on 28 April to attend the retirement ceremony of MajGen Douglas O'Dell, Jr. MajGen O'Dell has served in the Corps close to 40 years and was most recently commanding general of the 4th Marine Division. Kay and Jean were accompanied by a number of the Toys for Tots staff.

On 26 May Bette Hughes, Ellie Canty, Ruth Sullivan and Margaret Mentz attended the City of Boston Memorial Day Services in the Fenway section of Boston.

Kristen Holmstedt, author of "A Band of Sisters" will be present at two book signings in this area this month. President Micaila Britto will be attending these.

We are looking forward to our annual summer picnic at Joyce Barden's home and to our great Lobster Fest held

on Plum Island at Claire Wagstaff and Agnes Griffin's summer home on Plum Island. These are two major highlights of our year.

Kay Carpenter



MI-2 Motor City

Motor City helped to orchestrate the welcome home for the Marines of the 1st Battalion and 24th Marines. A great time was had by all. We provided a full catered dinner for the families and their Marines. Over 700 family members came to welcome home their Marines. Little Caesar's donated pizza and many area businesses gave items and services to make the day perfect.



Welcome home bags were given to every Marine which included gift cards from Starbucks, Ponderosa, Red Robin and various food establishments. General Motors was very generous as they donated a \$1,000 gift certificate to every returning Marine, golf shirts and hats from the various GM divisions along with many of the small collectible items from marketing. All items were placed in Buick bags and handed out. A photographer was on hand to capture all of the events for the day and pictures were then transferred to a CD and given to all members of 1/24 as a keepsake of the day.

LtCol Melinda W Herrmann of the 1/24 enjoys a slice of Little Caesar's Pizza at the 1/24 welcome home.

We are saddened to report the loss of two of our long time members. Pat Gebhardt, founder of Motor City passed away in February and Elsie Gleason in May. Our chapter will strive to honor them with our continued purpose of making WMA Motor City a strong and growing chapter.

We continue with our efforts of taking care of our Marines and veterans and working in the community. In the recent months we have made donations to the veterans' homeless shelters, women shelters, Habitat for Humanity, and the Air Show at Selfridge. This is in addition to our continued work with Operation Caring Friends. We still average about 200 boxes being sent to our men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our Adopt a Marine Program where we connect volunteers with Marines and other military who get no support is still going strong as well. We presently have 36 men and women who get continued support from the home front.

We look forward to the upcoming events and our support of our Marines and the community. Semper Fidelis!

Mary Ann Merritt



MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks

Even though we haven't submitted anything for the past couple of issues, we in Minnesota have been very busy.

We just had our annual potluck picnic at the home of Gayle Herseth (hot tub included) with a surprise visit from a young sergeant from the local reserve unit (who we're sure is going to join our chapter). Dot Witcher again hosted five members in June after we participated in the Water Carnival Parade in Hutchinson. Lorraine Morgan, Emily Rodich and Liz Whitbeck

were presented with medals at the dedication of the WWII Memorial at the state capital. Mary McGee and Liz Whitbeck participated in the Memorial Day Parade at Ft Snelling. We had 17 attend our anniversary luncheon (postponed for our snowbirds) in May at Cherokee's Sirloin Room.

We offered congratulations to Kristi Johnson on her recent marriage, good luck to Kim Johnson while deployed to Iraq and peace to Mildred Brown on her passing.

We still hold our meetings every other month at the Minneapolis VA (of course preparing for Houston) and again remain very busy.

Julie Williams



NM-2 Desert



NM-1 member Carol Gaines (left) and NM-2 member Laurel Hull at the NM Women Veterans Conference.

The second annual New Mexico Women Veterans Conference was held in Albuquerque on 13 June. It was begun by NM Secretary for Veterans Services John Garcia last year and there were more than 200 women veterans of all eras and all services in attendance this year. The special lunch time speaker was former woman Marine Betty Mosley Brown, now the Associate Director of the Center for Women Veterans in Washington, DC. What a dynamic speaker! A few members of both NM-1 and NM-2 were a part of the conference.

New Mexico will soon have a license plate to honor women veterans called the Patriot plate. It will have both the American flag and the New Mexico state flag with the red Zia symbol on a gold background ... great colors!

Carol J. Gaines



NV-1 Nevada Sagebrush

On 23 June, we had our general chapter meeting, and it was a very serious one. Our main topic was the future of our chapter. Carol explained the current situation that the board had decided to start an early search for nominations of officers because the current board officers had decided not to run again. Most had been in that position from six to ten years. The need for help is grave and we need to know how our members feel. Carol gave the background of our chapter, and all that has been done since 1973 when we were first established. We were once a mighty chapter, and she was hoping we would be again.

She knows members are interested in holding our chapter together since 14 members were present. However, there was no



MN-1 members at the WWII Memorial dedication with Sen Klobachar are (l-r): Lorraine Morgan, Liz Whitbeck, Sen Klobachar, Emily Rodich (her husband Marv was Air Force) along with Mary McGee (non WWII member).

show of hands volunteering to run for office. In a way it's understandable, because most of our members are elderly and can't perform the necessary tasks of leadership; they want to accept an official position, but down deep know they just don't have the energy. Others are married with families and don't have the time to do extensive planning, scheduling, location, speakers, etc. And still others, the very few members who are younger have full-time jobs, and in Las Vegas those jobs have hours of 24/7. Their shifts change as frequently as their days off.

One of our members said, "I am very close to 90; I need to determine where I put my time. Believe me, my heart is with our chapter, and I wish I was twins so I could help more. Carol is an outstanding organizer and leader and has great ideas to successfully continue our chapter, but I realize she can't do it all. I will definitely be at every meeting possible. She needs our backup. Everyone in her chapter has respect for her, and she deserves it, and I know that doesn't solve the problem. I guess I would just hope more of the members could volunteer."

So the question is what comes first, the chicken or the egg? One idea that came out of the meeting was at the end of summer, say October, to put a large paid ad in the newspapers with the intention of finding other women Marines who may not be aware of the existence of our chapter. This was acceptable and will be worked on by the board.

After hearing this active discussion, the current board knew how interested the other members were, and they wanted to help but just could not be board members. So the current board bit the bullet and said they would stay on if the president would stay. And that is how the meeting went. Of course, when the time comes for nominations we will still ask for help, but if none comes, we know we are in business for a while longer.

Carol Watson



OH-2 Chesty Puller

IT'S A BOY!! President Ellen Leidy became a first time grandmother when her daughter gave birth to Gavin Alexander Dies. Grandmother and grandson are doing just fine.

Our chapter members went to the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky and helped on a Civil War project. We input discharge information into a data base for use by visitors at the museum.

Our chapter is busy planning for future events -- Toys for Tots, local and state fairs, stand downs, WIMSA and the summer picnic. We are planning our state women's health conference in October and we are expecting over 1500 women veterans to attend.



Members of OH-2.

Several of our women represented the Marine Corps League at the funeral of a Korean War Marine returned home after his remains were identified from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Punchbowl in Hawaii.

We are saving our pennies for Houston and the convention. Hope everyone has a safe summer and good health.

Elva (Elvie) Pounders

WMA OK-1 Sooner

Like everyone else I think we're ready to hang up our rain-wear and umbrellas for awhile. Our lakes are full, overgrown yards are finally mowed and everything looks so pretty and fresh. First flowers and veggie plantings were frozen, but now we're okay. We are forever grateful that we did not suffer storm damage like our neighboring states. Our hearts and prayers are with them.

We have made our award presentations to the two MCJROTC outstanding cadets at Bixby and Sapulpa high schools. Very deserving young ladies and the ceremonies were very impressive with all the awards won by so many cadets. The instructors are to be commended for all the hard work they do in encouraging these future young men and women.

At our May meeting we were pleased to have Jenny Lynn Lenz join us for lunch and hopefully will join our chapter. Jenny has served in both the Marines and the Navy.

Our latest member, Maye Ryan, celebrated her 97th birthday on 18 May. Wanda Graham and Pietje Wall visited with her at the retirement center where she has lived for 12 years. She is in good health and a joy to be with.

All our other members are well and busy with graduations of grandchildren.

Until next time we wish everyone sunny days, gentle breezes and quiet rains when needed. Semper Fidelis!

Pietje Wall

WMA OK-2 Heartland

Is it really July already and time for another issue? How time flies when you're having fun!! We've spent a good part of the last couple of months dodging lots and lots of raindrops and wondering if summer was ever going to arrive. The chapter was thinking about taking a class in ark building 101! Despite the record setting rainfall and busy schedules we have managed to get a few things done or underway.

According to Joan Willauer, Brenda Blair and Pam Bloustine, a good time was had by all at the annual Women Veterans Week in Branson. Apparently they wine and dined with Connie Stevens and BGen Wilma Vaught and danced with Bobby Vee & Fabian. They came back with great stories and photos!

On the heels of Branson came the Annual Armed Forces Day Parade in Del City, which really happened over the Memorial Day weekend. The only member of our chapter who was able to participate was one of our newest Loyal Escorts, Nadine Lewis, who rode with the Women Veterans Organization (WVO) members in the almost 3 mile long parade. Dorothy Rimbold marched with her SGI-USA group and had also been sitting in on most of the weekly Del City Parade Planning Committee meetings for several weeks before the parade.

On the Fourth of July, the Heartland Chapter teamed up with the WVO to decorate a float to enter the Liberty Fest Parade in Edmond. This parade has grown larger every year and this year the weather was perfect, attracting exceptionally large crowds all along the parade route. This was a fruitful venture and we must have made an impact because we came away with a first place plaque and a check for \$300 in the civic/non-profit category (pretty good considering this was our first time to participate in this event). Later that afternoon Dorothy Rimbold headed

to the VA Medical Center to join with others from Volunteer Services to help with the annual 4th of July picnic for patients and their families.

Several of our members and others from WVO will begin meeting on weekends to work on plans for our 3rd Annual Salute to Veterans Starlight Dance & Benefit Show on 22 September and the Women Veterans Recognition Day on 17 November in Lawton. Our Annual WMA Summer Pool Party and Chapter Meeting will be held in September, if they ever get finished with the remodeling at Pam's house.

Catch y'all in the fall when we will have lots of good stuff to share.

Dorothy "Jingles" Rimbold

WMA OR-1 Lady Marine Rose

The Falconbury's lovely houseboat at Tomahawk Island Moorage on the Columbia River was again the site of our last meeting before the summer hiatus. A short business meeting preceded the luncheon. President Heidi Tanada presented our Loyal Escorts Carnett Falconbury, Joan Morey, and Bobbie Aaby with the newly designed Loyal Escort badges and thanked them for their services to the WMA. Twenty-two members and guests attended the meeting.

On 5 May, five of our members journeyed to Eugene to join the OR-3 members for their annual Spring Fling. As usual, the bidding was spirited on the many items they had garnered for the auction, the food was plentiful and the general feeling of friendship and camaraderie made the event one to be looked forward to each year.

On 9 June, six members of our chapter participated in the "Greatest Generation" segment of the Rose Festival Parade in downtown Portland, with five of them riding in a military troop transport truck and one marching with a platoon of Marines the entire 4.3 mile parade route. Although the day was chilly and rainy (it's an Oregon tradition that it invariably rains on the Rose Festival Parade) the ladies enjoyed the cheers from the throngs lining the streets, and were delighted to be presented with a rose by a gentleman before the parade started.

We were saddened to learn of OR-3's loss of members Mary Alice Sidwell and Carolyn Anderson. Golda Fabian, Hattie Kelley and Heidi Tanada attended the services for both. Our deepest sympathy goes out to OR-3 as both ladies were active and popular members of their chapter and will be sorely missed.

Stay cool, be safe, and don't forget to say a prayer for our men and women in the service for our country. Semper Fidelis.

Golda Fabian

WMA OR-3 Eager Beavers

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest...

As mentioned in the last issue of 'Nouncements, our chapter held our annual Spring Luncheon on 5 May. Invitations went out and WMA members from OR-1 in Portland and OR-4 in Salem answered the call. The theme this year, given the date, was Cinco de Mayo. We had a Mexican table set and appetizing food to tease our taste buds. As always, the accompanying oral and silent auctions provided lively and fun entertainment for one and all. It was great to visit with WMA friends from near and far.



Pictured here are OR-3 chapter members who helped make the day a memorable one. They are from left to right, front row: Bette Hartford, MaryAlice Sidwell, Marge Shelton, Hellene Walker, and Eva McDonald. Back row: Carolyn Anderson, Eva Read, Sandra Morris, Karen Reeves, and Debbie Barker.

Not all the news coming from our chapter is good news. We are still reeling from the sudden deaths of two of our members.

On 24 June, Mary Alice Sidwell lost her battle with lung cancer. Mary Alice was one of the first members of our chapter, had served as treasurer for a number of years, and prior to her passing was chapter historian. Her dry humor, tapioca pudding, and friendship will be missed by all.

Five days later, on 29 June while attending the Oregon State American Legion convention, Carolyn Anderson suffered a heart attack and died. Carolyn was our chapter secretary and treasurer. She was always busy and always ready to help anyone in need.

Carolyn and Mary Alice were vital members of our chapter and their loss will take us some time to accept. The tribute to their significance in our lives, and others, was seen in the number of family, friends, and Marines who attended their memorials. They both were wonderful, proud, women of the Corps. God Bless you both.

This month of July will see OR-3 members motoring north to Salem to attend the summer picnic that OR-4 puts on. We always have fun at their pot-luck and auction. You can guess that they will have some neat things to bid on when the invitation encourages us to "do our Christmas shopping early". Again, it will be good fun, good food, and good friends!!

OR-3 Chapter President Karen Reeves, who last September took over the Area 9 Director post, recently agreed to fill in as WMA 2nd Vice President effective in June. She turned over Area 9 Director duties to Heidi Tanada, president of the OR-1 chapter.

The gals in OR-3 have decided to take the months of August and September off for vacations and travel. Deb Barker and Karen Reeves will be attending the WMA Interim Board Meeting in Denver in September. They will have much to share at the next regular meeting.

Until later then, have a great summer, be safe, and have fun.....Semper Fidelis!

Karen Reeves



OR-4 Oregon Capitol

On 14 July our chapter had the pleasure of hosting our annual summer potluck/auction, which was also attended by members of both OR-1 and OR-3. The occasion was especially festive because we were celebrating OR-4's 25th anniversary. Three of our charter members were present: Jean Plaisance, Jackie Eittrheim and I. As usual, we had lots of delicious food and good-

natured bidding against each other during the oral auction. Our chapter made \$150, after expenses, to use toward our projects. One of our favorite projects is assisting the Salem Marine Corps League Detachment #881 for their costs in sending thousands of pairs of special sunglasses to our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. We receive many letters of appreciation from the Marines and their commanding officers regarding these sunglasses.

Other topics of conversation at the event were the announcements that Coralee Berwick was honored as "Marine of the Year" at the recent Marine Corps League convention in Oregon, and upcoming surgery for "Bunny" Gray. Both are members of our chapter. We also welcomed back former chapter member Justine Smith. Glad to have you with us again!

Our next meeting will be in the fall, and we will be making plans for the holiday season

Barbara Hosier



PA-2 Liberty Belles

It has been a whirlwind year of accomplishments and growth for the Liberty Belles.

PA-2 Liberty Belles Chapter encompasses the greater Southeastern PA area, having members in several different Marine Corps League



Memorial Day 2007 Pottstown (l-r): Mickey Robinson, Ginnie Rueber, Kathy Van Gorder, (wearing our t-shirts now being sold by PA-2 as advertised in the back of 'Nouncements), and Joan Alexander.

Detachments, from whom we have also received great support. Chester County Detachment has been most accommodating in allowing the use of their Detachment Home in Downingtown for our meetings. Russel M. Butterweck Detachment in Reading was supportive of our WWII Recognition and Women Marines Anniversary Dinner in April, as well as sharing space for our members to display their information and memorabilia from WWII at the Reading WWII Air Show in June. Valley Forge Detachment joined with WMA's recognition of merit to an outstanding MCJROTC cadet with assistance on fund raising to allow him to attend a drill camp this summer.

We have members actively holding office in most MCL detachments in our geographic area, and in the Joint Veterans Council of Pottstown, the American Legion, the Bux-Mont Women Veterans Association, Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, and other veteran's organizations. One member serves on the board of directors and the finance and resources committee for the Burlington county Boys and Girls Club, teaches Sunday school, works full time, goes to college to earn her Bachelor's degree and together with her husband, raises a family of teenagers. Another has created a website for PA-2 (<http://wmapa2.org/>) that has links to many other sites of information and points of interest to Marines and League members.

We are proud to say we have participated in and accomplished the following during the past quarter:

April:

1 - Hosted a dinner to recognize and celebrate our WWII women veterans combined with celebrating the 64th Anniversary of

Women Marines. Ferne Lauter served as chair for this event. Reading High School MCJROTC cadets performed the opening and closing flag ceremonies.

2 - Represented at the Marine Youth Foundation Youth Physical Fitness event at Allentown to assist with judging.

May:

3 - Several members witnessed the Reading High School MCJROTC Awards Ceremony, with Ferne Lauter presenting two awards to outstanding cadets, and a certificate of appreciation to the instructors.

4 - Represented at the Chester High School MCJROTC Awards Ceremony, with Alycee Ruley presenting the awards to the outstanding cadets and a certificate of appreciation to the instructors.

5 - Assisted the Pottstown American Legion, the Joint Veterans Council and the Boy Scouts to place over 1,800 flags on veterans' grave sites at Highland Memorial Gardens in Pottstown.

6 - Assisted the Valley Forge Detachment with placement of flags at Greentree Cemetery in Oaks.

7 - Joined a "mega yard sale" in Norristown to raise funds for the chapter.

8 - Participated in the Pottstown Memorial Day Parade, sharing the American Legion Float, followed behind by an open vehicle driven by Loyal Escort E Van Gorder, displaying our chapter flag. Assisted with laying of the wreaths and reading the names of fallen Marines at the ceremony in the park.

9 - Participated in the Reading Memorial Day Service at the Russel M Butterweck Gravesite.

10 - Joined in affiliation with the Joint Veterans Council of Pottstown area.

June:

11 - Shared a booth with the Butterweck Detachment at the Mid Atlantic WWII Air Museum WWII Days to assist with selling the Department of PA scholarship tickets. Four members of PA-2 described their contributions and experiences as women in the Marine Corps in WWII in an outdoor theater with questions from the audience.

12 - Recognized Outstanding MCJROTC cadets and their instructors with certificates at six Pennsylvania High Schools.

13 - Signed on with the VAVS for the Friend of a Veteran program and "adopted" one of the female residents of Coates Hall at Southeastern PA Veterans Center.

14 - "Adopted" another half-dozen women Marines serving in Iraq and sent two large boxes of goodies and comfort items for them to share. We are still collecting books and food coupons to send to the troops.

15 - Sponsored the daughter of a Marine Vietnam vet for WMA Scholarship to attend Gettysburg College.

16 - Donated batches of Campbell's Soup labels to Marshall Street School in Norristown for equipment purchases.

Kathy Van Gorder



PA-3 Mountain Laurel

Armed Forces Week again kept us busy. We attended the annual Armed Forces luncheon in Scranton. It was well attended, and special guests were some active duty military on leave from Iraq. Since we were already gathered in Scranton from our widely-scattered home communities, we held our semi-annual meeting the same day.



The Armed Forces Day parade was made special this year because our area director, Alice Dolbear, was able to join us for it. The fact that this was her first parade added to the honor of the occasion. She marched out front and carried our banner. Shown ready to line up are Shirley McAndrew, Ginny Swartz, Alice, Doris Keeler, Anee Kish, Peggy Suarez, and Anastasia Techky.

After the parade, we went to the Northeast Detachment, Marine Corps League, for lunch. The auxiliary, as always, provided warm hospitality and a delightful menu.

After lunch, the curator of our award-winning MCL museum gave Alice the VIP tour. Alice viewed many displays, artifacts, photographs, and dioramas tracing the history of the Marine Corps. Of special interest to her were the mannequins in women Marine uniforms of various eras, as well as a doll meticulously outfitted in authentic WWII uniform, right up to the seams up the back of her stockings. How many of you remember trying to keep those seams straight for inspection?

The Wilkes-Barre Veterans Administration hospital annually holds a special women's health program and some of us attended. Special speaker this year was BGen Wilma Vaught, who spoke on the current status of women veterans and, of course, WIMSA.

This year is the tenth anniversary of the dedication of WIMSA and there is a possibility of our group attending. We will hope to see many of you there, and renew acquaintances!

Virginia M. Swartz



TX-2 Texas Gulf Coast

TX-2 has been one busy chapter!

Our last meeting was in June, and it was really good to see some of our members who are not always able to join us as often as they once did. We formed our committee to create a chapter square for both the chapter quilt and the patriotic quilt...look for the convention notices elsewhere in this newsletter.

We had several visitors, and it's just so much nicer when you get to share some time and a meal with others. We had a visitor who was just amazed that there were other women Marines and that they actually got together regularly! I thought she was going to cry. It reminded me of the gal we met in Tennessee at the Cracker Barrel...she was so amazed to meet not one but TWO women Marines!! Come to think of it, I guess I was pretty amazed when I first found out about WMA, too. Ladies, we really need to find and reach the gals out there who share our proud heritage. Let them know they are not alone.

Along with our ladies working full time jobs (quite a few of us still do) and volunteering at whatever activities they choose to support, we've been busy shooting the cover for the convention program (absolutely gorgeous!! Though, I am a little biased.),

sending out fundraiser letters, preparing information to go into 'Nouncements and planning the meals for the 2008 convention, among a host of other activities.

Ladies, I'm telling you - I have a whole new respect for people who cater events, and have to come up with tasty meals that appeal to everyone (and not give them chicken at EVERY meal - though I do like chicken a lot), and keep it within everyone's budget. Guess what...can't be done! You're going to see food prices a little higher than some past conventions. Unfortunately, it could not be helped once we picked a really cool menu, and added the 30.25% for service, gratuity and taxes...the price goes nowhere but up. We believe we've come up with some creative ideas for meals, and hope that at least one of the meals will be your favorite.

Even though the convention is a year off, we're kind of torn between being excited at the prospect of hosting all of you in 2008, and facing the reality that we have a LOT of work to do and not very much time to get it done. We're planning a few comfortable activities, and a few surprises...you just never know what we might cook up!

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

BJ Huggins

WMA USA-1 Women's Reserve Band

WR Band members live all over the United States, even in Nova Scotia. They are all mid to upper 80 years old. Their mailing list has gone from 62 to 28. Not all band members joined WMA nor a local chapter due to distant locations or lack of interest. They still have eight life members and a few regular members in WMA.

Some of them are active in very interesting Marine Corps activities.

Zett A Little Clark of Susanville, CA, 84 years old, is Sgt-of-Arms in the Marine Corps League where she was named Marine of the Year. She rode in the official convertible in their parade in 2007. She was also Sgt-of-Arms in the American Legion and named Veteran of the Year in 2006.



Shirley Turski riding in the Memorial Day parade.

Shirley Cramer Turski of New Haven, CT, 84 years old, put on her WWII uniform (SO THIN) and rode a "duck" vehicle with Marines in the Memorial Day Parade for the last two years.

Shirley belongs to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and contributed to the museum. She is legally blind but with her college-age granddaughter escorting her, they will attend the 10th Anniversary of WIMSA. Shirley and Stan will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on 22 July with 300 relatives and friends.

Audre Fall Wells of Washington, Utah, also 84, is still acting commander and adjutant of their American Legion post. Among other duties, she does all of the American Legion funerals, having as many as three a day. She has joined the new Marine Corps League detachment that just organized in her city.



Helen Hammond "jammin" with the dance band.

Helen Hammond of Seal Beach, CA, and Bonnie Smallwood Medin of Santa Rosa, CA are members in the Marine Corps Musicians' Association. They meet every year on the east or west coast. However, next year they will meet in New Orleans. On 9 April Helen and Bonnie were united for this year's four-day reunion in Cathedral City. All were bused the next day to 29 Palms. Helen and Bonnie and other veterans sat in with the Marine Corps band - Helen on trumpet and Bonnie on percussion. At the banquet the last night, Helen was featured in the dance band combo. After her last high note, they gave her a standing ovation. Helen's comment to Bonnie was, "Okay, I played that for OUR band and for the LAST TIME!" Having witnessed many other closures in the past few years, tears streamed down Bonnie's face as she and Helen hugged. Helen is 84 and Bonnie is 89.

Bonnie Medin

WMA VA-2 Old Dominion

We continue visiting the veterans in the Nursing Home wing at McGuire Veterans Hospital. They are a great group and really appreciate the visits. We take them goodies and share sea stories. They love the idea that the women Marines visit them, and the staff at the hospital appreciates us coming by and cheering up the vets.

We have three new members this year, and we're so glad to have them with us. They've added some great ideas and lots of new enthusiasm.

Last year we sent 60 boxes of paperback books and goodies to the service members in Iraq, and so far this year we've sent 36 boxes. We work with Operation Paperback (www.operationpaperback.org) who provides us with the names and addresses. We've had such wonderful thank you cards and letters. It's been a very rewarding experience for us, and we are very grateful to the other organizations in the community who donate books and goodies to us to fill the boxes. Recently a retirement community and senior center donated the money and goodies for 24 boxes.

We've also had a scrapbooking potluck lunch and a scrapbooking ice cream social.

Three of our members (including our active duty member) recently were invited by the Lifelong Learning Institute to give a presentation on women in the Marine Corps. The audience was an enthusiastic one, and they asked lots of great questions. I think if they were younger they would have joined the Corps.

So lots of fun and rewarding times. If you live in Central Virginia, please come and join us.

Annebel Lewis

A big thank you to Barbara Betts, our secretary, who filled in for me with an article for the spring issue of *'Nouncements*. Sorry I missed the 7 April meeting and another big thank you to the members who signed the beautiful card and mailed to me by Honey Langdon. I love you all!

At the meeting, long-time member of WA-1 Betty Strand of Bellingham agreed to serve in the vacant position of vice-president. We are pleased to have Betty back as an active member.

Area 9 Director Karen Reeves was the speaker at our 7 April and the members were pleased to meet Karen. She resides in Oregon.

For those who did not attend the February meeting, GySgt Dawn Hagman was the speaker and spoke about today's Marines. She also gave the enlistment oath to those present and all are now known as Marines and not women Marines. Dawn is now a member of WA-1 and we are proud to have her.



Pat Karrasch and GySgt Dawn Hagman

President Pat Karrasch has been very busy with many new ideas to keep our chapter motivated and interesting and she is doing a mighty fine job!

Zelda Barrows, along with Louise George, drove to Ellensburg in May to meet with member Carol Hamm and her husband David. Carol was a very active member of WA-2 and misses the chapter which has disbanded. However, Carol and others from the Eastern Washington area have joined our chapter. We just wish they were closer so we could visit more often. The four of us had a great visit and lunch and we promised to get together again soon.

Connie Holden, our member who moved to Easley, SC, to be near family was back in our state in May and had lunch with Gerry Ahnstrom, Zelda Barrows, Marion Lavrinec, Juanita Leighton and Marian Harrigan. All were happy to see and visit with Connie.

We received a very nice note from long time member Lucille Daniel of Port Orchard. Also from Virginia Allred and Evie Burns. I do appreciate hearing from you.

We miss all of our members in the Tacoma area. It has been difficult to get a meeting place especially when so few attend. Our meetings at Andy's Diner in Seattle have worked out well - easy to get to, plenty of parking, good food and inexpensive. What more can we say? The next meeting at Andy's will be 13 October.

Our members are looking forward to our special day at Emerald Downs Racetrack when one of the races will be named in our honor. A good crowd came last year - members, friends and relatives - and a good time was had by all. The private room has a great view - a delicious meal is served making it a fun day. The date is 25 August.

See you at the races --- Semper Fidelis!

Louise George

Spring meetings being the usual kick-off for most WMA activities state wide, we met again in Fond du Lac with Hazel Strook hosting and a nice turnout. But alas, many of the WWII ladies are getting tired and burned out and the lesser numbered young ladies are busy with families and jobs, but everyone hangs in there as best they can. Crossing over and working with other organizations seems to be one of the best ways to keep the "veterans-for-veterans" spirit alive but always as MARINES.

Memorial Day brings out the red, white and blue in everyone. In Madison, the usual state capitol setting for the main observance was moved to a site next to the Veterans Memorial Coliseum where Marines played a major role. Marjorie Marshman gave the invocation to open the ceremonies. The Marine Corps League, in their usual sharp precision, "built" a Fallen Warrior memorial (rifle in sand with helmet, boots, dog tags and folded flag) followed by the rose-laying ceremony at the foot of the memorial. Our own LtCol Julie Schaffer was escorted by her husband, former Major Robert Schaffer while placing a rose for WMA in memory of all women in service. Annette Howards placed the rose for the MCL in memory of the Vietnam War. Marge placed the rose for the Iraq/Afghanistan war and also gave the benediction.

Following the usual ceremonies there was a dedication of a Veterans Memorial Garden and Marge helped place the large wreath as a member of the Dane County Veterans Service Commission. Early in the morning at the Soldiers Rest section of



At the Fallen Warrior memorial, the three WMA members are (l-r): Annette Howards, Lt.Col Julie Schaffer and Connie Allord.

the cemetery, Marge also gave the opening prayer for the Madison Firing Squad as they honored the fallen veterans. Connie Allord represents WMA on the Madison Veterans Council which plans the programs.

She opted to be a photographer for the day. Late afternoon, the MCL gathered at the Fallen Warrior Memorial

at the Marine Reserve Center where they also had a ceremony in memory of the fallen Marines of the Madison-based unit.

Before Memorial Day the MCL, with the help of Boy Scouts from two troops and the Young Marines placed flags on nearly 1500 veterans' graves. Connie was among them and after Memorial Day the same group removes them until next year. Annette and Connie were on the assembly line cleaning, sorting, counting and bundling as they were brought in to be stored for next year. Many hands made light work but it was a job well done and with much pride.

On 4 July Ruth Holman rode in a convertible with a friend in an American Legion sponsored parade in Brookfield. They were in a convoy of WWII, Korean and Vietnam veterans. Ruth was in awe of the applause, clapping, salutes and thumbs-up that they received from kids and parents along the parade route. As she said, "Everyone loves a parade". But this wasn't just anyone - they were VETERANS, still upholding the motto of our founding fathers - IN GOD WE TRUST.

Connie Allord

(Oops! Almost forgot to include this Clipping! ~ Editor)

WMA SC-1 Phyllis Alexander Chapter

SC-1 has been very active in the past few months. Some of the ladies have shown off their cooking skills at the local AMVETS Post 70. We also poured a large amount of draft beer as MCAS Beaufort hosted the Blue Angels Air Show in April. Sadly the Blue Angels lost one of their own, Blue Angel No.6 Lt. Cmdr. Kevin Davis. Prayers go out to his families.

On 11 May we presented the MCJROTC Award to Cadet Samantha Verheyden of Battery Creek High School. We said "farewell and thank you" to SMI Maj Jeff McGill who will be moving from the Beaufort area this summer. Maria Knox received an invitation from Major Armentrout and SgtMaj Barrett to present the MCJROTC Award at the RS Central High School, Rutherfordton, N.C. awards ceremony. Maria and Brenda Moore made the trip and helped present this award and others during the



SC-1 with Hummer and their float on Memorial Day.

We also had Hummer the Parris Island mascot on the float. He was a hit with all, young and old.

SC-1 hosted a summer picnic on 28 July at the Parris Island Community Center.

Brenda Moore

ceremony. We were shocked to learn that there were 48 young ladies out of 98 cadets in their program. Cadet Cpl. Jessica D. Hunt was the recipient of the MCJROTC Award. On Memorial Day we again had a float and some of the recently graduated Marines from the Medical Hold Platoon were able to come out and take part in the parade with us.

Chapter Tool Kit

WMA PX at the Houston Mission Roundup 2008

So, as you can see from the articles in this issue of 'Nouncements we are in full swing for our next convention in Houston in 2008. Your helpful "tool tip" this time is how to make the most of the WMA PX at convention.

Formerly known as the "Boutique", the WMA PX (Post Exchange) will be located in a TEXAS size room and that means big, BIGGER, and HUGE! The room is almost as big as the state of TEXAS...well, ok, maybe as big as France...but there will be no excuse for any chapter feeling like there is not enough room to bring their merchandise to sell. This is a great way to build up the money in your treasury. The WMA PX was a big hit especially last year in

Louisville and I am confident that the chapters that participate next year will enjoy a TEXAS-size return for the time and effort required to set up a chapter table. If you don't have any chapter sponsored merchandise, be creative, and think BIG and you will be rewarded in TEXAS style.

Our convention coordinating committee is working on providing longer hours for the WMA PX so that everyone will have the opportunity to purchase some great merchandise and to help support our individual chapters as well as National Merchandise sales. So put on your "ten gallon thinking hats" and let's all support each other at the Mission Roundup 2008 in Houston.

Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower

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Membership Totals

LIFE MEMBERS	2130
TERM MEMBERS	1362
HONORARY MEMBER	1
TOTAL MEMBERS	3493

WMA 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

WMA insulated travel mugs (red w/ USMC emblem on both sides) \$8.00
 WMA insulated travel mugs (green with WMA patch on one side and the USMC emblem on the other side) \$8.00

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

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

Sizes for WMA Caps:
 20 1/2 - 20 7/8 XSm
 21 1/4 - 21 5/8 Sm
 22 - 22 3/8 M
 22 3/4 - 23 1/8 L
 23 1/2 - 23 7/8 XL
 24 1/4 - 24 5/8 XXL

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

Make All Checks Payable to WMA

Contact: Gloria Nix, Merchandise Sales Chairman
 3802 North 12th Ave., Pensacola, FL 32503-3162
 Cell: (850) 936-2016 Home: (850) 433-5292
 email: wmadixidust@cox.net

New! Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Merchandise

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

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

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

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

Item: Loyal Escort Patch ... \$5.00

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

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

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

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

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



Chapter Merchandise Sales

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

Books

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



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



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

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



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



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



Cards/Stationery

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

Item: 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

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

Decals

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

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

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

Shirts and Sweats

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

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

Item: Golf shirt Dark (Hunter) Green with WMA logo (matches green covers) embroidered in white. Available in sizes (S) to (XXL)
Cost: \$28.00 (includes postage) **Chapter:** VA-1 Crossroads
Make checks payable to: WMA, VA-1
Contact: Lori B. Cousins, 2220 Wildflower Way, Locust Grove, VA 22508 (540) 399-9925 Email: BronsonLC@juno.com

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

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

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

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

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

Jewelry continued

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
Contact: Anne M. Collins, 519 Devine St., San Antonio, TX 78210-1505



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Item: WMA Ring. Jeweler - Jostens
Cost: Lustrum (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: 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

Miscellaneous Items

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



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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 6-1/2"x4-1/2"
Cost: \$5.00 each (includes shipping)
Chapter: NM-1 (checks payable to NM-1 Sandia Chapter)
Contact: Stella Delgado-Kinnison, 204 General Patch NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123

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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

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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: Laveme 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 Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611-1517

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



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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

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

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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, 339 Bear Creek Rd., Hubert, NC 28539-3407

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



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

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



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



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

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

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

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WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION

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

Dates served _____ to _____ How did you hear about WMA? _____

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

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip+4)

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

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

Email Address _____ Please add Email to WMA Communications List _____

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

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

Signature _____ Date: _____ Enrolled by: (member/chapter) _____

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

Next of Kin _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

Make check payable to WMA and mail with application to: Women Marines Association
P.O. Box 8405 • Falls Church, VA 22041-8405

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

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

(Please Print)

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

Address: _____
(Street)

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

Telephone with area code: (winter) _____ (summer) _____

e-mail address: _____

Contact in case of emergency with address and phone: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____
(Street) (City) (State)

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

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

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

Enclosed Amount of Dues: \$ _____

Dues include 'Nouncements if not already received in household.

2-year Membership - \$25

Life Membership

(Fee pro-rated by age)

(Sponsor must be a WMA Life member)

Sponsor's WMA Life Membership # _____

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

☐ 46 to 60 ...\$125.00

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

☐ 81 & Over ...\$50.00

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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BY A WMA MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

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



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