



Denver 2010:



We're going back to
where it all began for
**"A Walk through Time:
Celebrating 50 Years"**
3 - 7 September, 2010

Yesterday

Registration Table activities in Denver
in 1960. *Photo courtesy of the Women
of the Corps Collection.*

Today

Lance Cpl. Autayvia K. Mitchell, a Marine
with the female engagement team, 2nd
Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, interacts
with local children during a patrol through
Tajik Khar, Garmsir, Afghanistan. *Photo by
Lance Cpl. Dwight A. Henderson.*



WMA 'NOUNCEMENTS

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION

The convention is just around the corner, and I hope you are as excited as I am about going to my first convention. We will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of WMA in the place where it all started! I have never been to Denver, so I am looking forward to seeing a new city and meeting new people. Those people, of course, are WMA members. I have exchanged e-mails with many of you, and have spoken with many of you on the phone, but there is nothing like meeting face to face. If you look through the last few issues of *'Nouncements*, you will see that there will be a lot going on in Denver while we are there. You won't need to stay cooped up in your hotel room! You can visit the Marine Corps Memorial, or go to a Colorado Rockies game. There will also be a King Tut exhibit at the Denver Art Museum. The Denver Visitors Bureau has a special link on their website that offers discount coupons: <http://www.denver.org/pdfs/2008Coupons.pdf>. There are twenty-three pages of coupons that can be used at numerous venues around the city!

In reading past issues of *'Nouncements*, I have come across a couple of requests from former editor Sondra Metzger about forming a newsletter staff. When Sondra had to step down last year, there was no backup, which led to you only getting three issues of the newsletter and two were pretty late. This should not happen again. As much as I love my job as editor, there will come a day that I will not be able to do it anymore, and I want to pass the pen over to someone who is capable, and willing to do the job. This job entails a lot writing, proofreading, and revising. I can read this newsletter from cover to cover and still miss errors. Having a second (and in some cases, a third) set of eyes is always better. If you are up for the challenge, please e-mail or call me using the contact information on page 4. I will teach you everything you need to know; you may even teach me a few things! I also need volunteers to cover events at the convention. If you are not a writer, you can help out here by taking pictures. Let's use teamwork to make *'Nouncements* an even better publication. We all know about teamwork, don't we?

In this issue, you will find annual reports from the Board of Directors, committees, and appointed officers. You will also see the proposed changes to bylaws and standing rules that we will vote on in Denver. If you haven't yet registered, you can use the application in this issue, or you can register online at www.womenmarines.org. I look forward to seeing you all!

Wanda Antoine
Editor

WMA Supporting Scholars, Students



WMA National Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Representative Kay Croll presenting a check from IN-1 to the James H. Parke Memorial Fund Scholarship Award at the VA National Advisory Committee awards banquet on 10 April in Cincinnati, OH. Accepting the donation is the AMVETS Past National Commander, John P. Brown, III. The award is named after VA's first director of voluntary services, James H. Parke.



Fern Creek Traditional High School MCJROTC Cadet Kayla Eaves receives WMA award from Susan Vogedes.



President's Message: Each Plays a Role

This is my farewell address as your National President for the 2008-2010 term of office. I will be back however for the next term of office (2010-2012), but I wanted to take the time to review some of the major events over the last couple of years. We lost some good Marines, including two of our Past National Presidents, Lou Teixeira and Nita Bob Warner. But their spirit, their "Esprit de Corps" remains with us and has helped us to continue to achieve great things for WMA. We made great strides in satisfying the Purposes for both a 501 (c) 3 non-profit charitable organization, as well as the only veteran's association for and about women Marines. WMA has come a long way, thanks to your support and the efforts by your dedicated National Team. Debra Drummond, our Membership Secretary, Mary Ann Merritt, our Public Relations Officer, along with Wanda Antoine, our Editor all deserve special recognition for their dynamic efforts in expanding the public awareness of WMA and for increasing our membership base. WMA's presence on our new website, Facebook, and Twitter has put WMA on the "social networking map." And how about the new look of *'Nouncements*! Wanda Antoine has done a remarkable job of putting a new face on our quarterly newsletter fostering a creative new approach to reporting the news of WMA.

The Convention Coordinating Committee has worked long and hard to put on a fabulous Convention and Professional

Development Conference in Denver this September. We are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of WMA since it was founded and celebrated its first "Reunion/Convention" in Denver, Colorado back in 1960. If you have not done so already, please register and come enjoy in the Esprit de Corps along with your fellow sister Marines. We are honored to have as our guest speaker for the Opening Banquet, Sheryl Murray, Colonel USMC, Retired, who is currently serving as the Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. The Commandant of the Marine Corps is the invited guest speaker for the Closing Banquet. We are looking forward to a record turnout of our active duty members, and hope to make it a memorable experience for one and all.

Even though we all go to Convention to enjoy the camaraderie of friends, we must remember that we are also there to support our major Purposes of preserving and promoting our history along with conducting charitable and educational programs. Our biennial convention is our main opportunity to meet and conduct the business of the Association. So, it is important that everyone attend the two Business meetings scheduled on Saturday and Monday September 4th and 6th respectively. You won't want to miss the Professional Development Workshops either offered throughout the weekend. So, please review the Schedule of Events published in this issue of *'Nouncements* for more details, and plan to participate in the total convention experience.

It is not necessarily the time to start

talking about the next term of office, but I wanted to let you all know about our new Board of Directors that will commence their service beginning immediately after the Convention closes on September 7th. As you know, there was no official election ballot this year because our Bylaws say that if none of the elected positions are contested, the results will be published in the pre-convention issue of *'Nouncements*. So the members of the 2010-2012 Board of Directors are identified in this issue, and you will meet them at the Installation Ceremony and the Final Banquet in Denver. You will notice many are coming back for another term of office, while we have a few new faces to add which only exemplifies their true dedication to serve at the national level. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the National Board of Directors, along with all of the National Representatives, who have worked long and hard to ensure that WMA continues to GAS up the BIG RIG and keep us trucking on down the road.

I look forward to serving once again as your National President for the next two year term of office, and I know that your National Team will do its very best to represent you, the membership. We all share a proud heritage, and each of us plays an important role in writing our future history. Semper Fi, Marines and thank you for all of your support.

Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower,
National President



1st VP Message: A Time for Learning and Lagniappes

It is exciting to look forward to the "Walk through Time" 2010 WMA Convention and Professional Development conference. At the end of summer, we can all look forward to some cool time in Denver, Colorado. The Women Marines Association was organized in Denver and the organization we have today could only have been a dream on that occasion. With over

3,000 members, WMA remains strong and viable.

I encourage each of you to attend the convention. It is a time to do the business of WMA, but it is so much more than that. It is an opportunity to learn more about WMA and Marines today. There will be workshops and panel discussions for active duty, MALS, and chapter members. Conventions are always a good time to reconnect with

old friends and make new ones. Many chapters will be participating in the Mile High Market. This is your opportunity to visit the chapter vendors. WMA chapters are very creative and will have interesting WMA merchandise for sale. Loyal Escort and WMA merchandise will be available as well.

In the New Orleans area they use a term called "lagniappe", which means a little something extra, and is (Continued on Page 5)



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1 October 2010

Please send all materials for 'Nouncements to the Editor:

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1st VP Message *(Continued)* pronounced lanny-yap. Perhaps, you buy a dozen donuts and receive 13. It has been my experience, when you attend a WMA convention you always receive a "lagniappe." The 2008 convention in Houston was held in a 12 story high rise hotel. Some of the activities were held on the top floor, including the "First Timers" meeting on the first day. One new member could not attend that "First Timers" because she was afraid of heights. Several days later I bumped into her on the top floor in the Hospitality Room, playing cards with some old and new

friends. I had to ask. She told me one of the new friends from Okinawa had worked with her to overcome that fear. She came to convention afraid of heights and went home with a lagniappe.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at convention where it will be cool, the air will be pure, and mountains will be there for an adventure. I am also curious about my lagniappe at this convention. As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of WMA, I know it will be special.

Judy Anderson



LA-1 chapter outgoing vice-president Angela Merrell presents 1st VP Judy Anderson with a little something extra during the chapter's Installation Ceremony in January.

Taps

Term Life

Shirley Messano	Died 1-Jan-2010 FL-1
Clara Duncan	Died 1-Apr-2010 CA-2
Betty F. Walters	Date Not Known NV-1

Life Members

Thelma Anderson	Died 2-Mar-2010 LM# 2450 CA-11
Camella Colanton	Died 1-Aug-2009 LM# 1476 MA-1
Eileen Cummings	Died 5-May-2010 LM#110 MA-1
Jackie Eittreim	Died 14-May-2010 LM#386 OR-1
Kate Gordon-Bennett	Died 7-May-2010 LM#1828
Joyce Hartley	Died 23-May-2010 LM#375 NV-1
Elizabeth Cotney	Died 28-May-2010 LM#1037 MA-1
Madeline Broshot	Died 5-Jan.-2009 LM#652 OR-1

Chaplain's Corner

I need all death notices by 31 July, so they can be printed in the Memorial Book. Any others that come in after this date will be read, but not in the book. I hope to see everyone at the Memorial Service for these wonderful Marines.

Betty Jean Cannon

WMA MEMORIAL SERVICE AT
2010 CONVENTION AND PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE
SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER
AT 1530 HRS.

Looking Forward to Seeing You All in Denver



Fellow Loyal Escorts,
It is time once again to get our slate of officers. Our Immediate Past President Paul Dossin has asked me to tell you that he is looking for that mail. All office are open for nomination, so please write to Paul. His address is in the 'Nouncements under the Loyal Escorts section.

As all of you have read, our hospitality room will be in the same area as the 1940's USO area. It should be a lot of fun for everybody. Don Cannon and Dan Murray, with the help of Shaaron

Wright, will be heading up the Hospitality Committee again. Our memorial table will be located in the social event area as we did in Texas.

We need to make it better this year. Remember to bring your pictures of deceased Loyal Escorts with a 5x8 card containing their name and information about them.

Paula wants to do a table of history on the Loyal Escorts recapturing its early years. If you have anything to contribute for the showing, we sure need it. Articles, pictures, whatever, we need it.

I cannot write an article without reminding you to buy your new LE shirts for the convention. Call me for sizes & colors at 760-724-9861. Should I not

be home when you call, please leave a message with your name and phone number where you can be reached.

I represented the Loyal Escorts at Lou Teixeira's memorial services in Sun City, CA. on 30 April. Lou was a great friend to me individually and to the Loyal Escorts. We will especially miss her guitar sessions in the hospitality room going late into the night. I am glad to tell you that many chapters are working hard to recruit new Escorts. The roster is growing every month. There is a streamer award for the chapter that recruits the most Loyal Escorts between conventions.

I look forward to seeing you all in Denver.

Ken Cross

A Step up for Recognition and Awards Banquet

Think about bringing a very special hat and maybe an outfit with you for the Recognition and Awards High Tea. Modeled after very special Margaret Henderson and Julia Hamblet events, this is going to be spectacular! It is also reminiscent of the days of the scuttlebutt club, the precursor to WMA. If you don't want to bring a hat, we have some limited supplies to create one –

let the convention chair know if you choose to make the hat at convention so we'll have enough supplies on hand. There will be a prize for the best hat and 2 runners up! Send an email to paulasarlls@comcast.net or USPS mail to Hats 2010 – 3066 So. Granby St. Aurora, CO 80014.

Transportation from the Denver Airport to the Grand Hyatt

If you've never been to the Denver Airport, you're in for a treat! There's some very interesting art and exhibits throughout. Take time to walk if you can and see them.

As far as getting from the airport to downtown we recom-

mend you use Super Shuttle. You can arrange for them ahead of time and it's probably the least expensive of all modes of transportation. Call 303-370-1300 or on the web at Super-shuttle.com

Hotel Information for Your Walk through Time

Convention attendees must make their own room reservations.

Room rate is \$99 plus tax

You *must* mention the Women Marines Convention to get this rate.

The convention committee chair has been assigned ADA and Executive Suite rooms. The hotel will not be able to reserve these rooms for you. They are in limited supply and will go quickly.

Reserve an ADA rooms by calling or emailing the convention chair after you have registered with the hotel.

Executive suites are all king bed suites. There are no doubles available. Register with the hotel for a regular room and then call or email the convention chair to reserve one of these rooms.

Email: PaulaSarlls@comcast.net

Phone: 303-766-9023

**Grand Hyatt
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1-888-591-1234**

Sponsorship for Convention Available

The 2010 Women Marines Association Convention and Professional Development Conference has sponsorships available at several levels. This aid is necessary for a successful convention. If you or someone you know is interested in being a sponsor at a general level or for a specific event, please contact the Convention Committee Chair, Paula Sarlls, at 303-766-9023 or PaulaSarlls@comcast.net.

General Sponsorship Levels

Diamond	- \$25,000 & Above
Platinum	- \$10,000-24,999
Gold	- \$ 4,999-\$9,999
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Specific Event Sponsorships available

Opening Banquet Sponsor -	\$2500
Closing Banquet Sponsor -	\$2500
Decorations Sponsor -	\$1500
Event Program Book Sponsor -	\$ 500

A Word About Shipping Items to the Hotel:

Items for the Marine Mile High Market or flags for the opening banquet ceremony may be shipped to arrive at the hotel no earlier than 31 August. Please ship all items to:

**Women Marines Association
Convention 2010
1750 Welton St.
Denver, CO 80202**

Marine Mile High Market, Denver, Colorado

Take a break from the everyday grind and go shopping! WMA Chapters from around the world would like to share their creative talents and send you home with some great WMA memorabilia. It will be a shopping expedition unlike any you've ever taken and it's all right in the hotel!

If your chapter wants to register for table in the market, please send \$30.00 and this form to:

**MMHM 2010 – 3066 So. Granby St.,
Aurora, CO 80014**

This market will be at the center of the action, so lots of traffic available.

MARINE MILE HIGH MARKET RESERVATION FORM \$30
(aka WMA-PX or boutique)

Chapter Name _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Special needs _____

Women Marines Association

2010 Convention and Professional Development Conference

Schedule of Events

September 3-7, 2010

Thursday September 2, 2010

0800-1800 History Suite Set up
0800-1800 Mile High Market WMA PX Set up
0800-1800 Registration
1900-2100 50th Anniversary Party

Friday September 3, 2010

0800-1200 History Suite Set up
0800-1800 Mile High Market WMA PX Set up
0800-1800 Registration
0800-1200 2008-2010 WMA Board Meeting
0830-1200 2008-2010 Loyal Escorts Board Meeting
1030-1130 Active Duty Orientation *
1200-1800 History Suite Open
1200-1400 First Timers Meeting*
1430-1530 Workshop #1 - Personal Success Vernice Armour *
1545-1700 Flag Ceremony Rehearsal
1800-1900 No Host Reception
1900-2200 Opening Banquet

Saturday September 4, 2010

0800-2000 History Suite Open
0800-1600 Registration
TBA Marine Mile High Market WMA PX
TBA Photos
0900-1100 WMA Business Meeting # 1*
0900-1100 Loyal Escorts Business Meeting # 1
1130-1330 2012 Convention Promotion Luncheon
1400-1530 Workshop #2 – Financial Panel*
1615-1700 Motorcycle Salute to WMA/Women Marines
1730-1900 Successful Networking
1900-2300 USO CLUB Loyal Escorts Hospitality Suite

Sunday September 5, 2010

0800-2000 History Suite Open to public
TBA Photos
TBA Marine Mile High Market WMA PX
0800-1200 Worship Time/Personal time
1300-1500 1st VP/Area Directors/Chapter Presidents
1530-1700 WMA Memorial Service*
1900-2400 Loyal Escorts Hospitality Suite

Monday September 6, 2010

0800-1800 History Suite Open to public
TBA Photos
TBA Marine Mile High Market
0900-1800 Registration
0830-1030 WMA Business Meeting # 2*
0830-1030 Loyal Escorts Business Meeting # 2
1100-1230 Workshop #3 – Veteran Awareness Panel*
1300-1600 Recognition and Awards Luncheon
1630-1800 Workshop #4 – Women's Health Panel
1900-2030 1st VP/Area Directors/Chapter Pres
1900-2300 USO Club Loyal Escorts Hospitality Suite

Tuesday September 7, 2010

0800-2000 History Suite
TBA Photos
TBA Marine Mile High Market WMA PX pack up
0800-1800 Registration
0830-1000 Workshop #5 Marine Corps Leadership Panel- *Guest Speaker TBA* *
1030-1200 Board of Directors Photo
1200-1400 Installation Luncheon
1430-1630 2010-2012 WMA Board Training
1430-1630 2010-2012 Loyal Escort Board
1800-1900 No Host Reception
1900-2200 Closing Banquet

Wednesday September 8, 2010

0800-1200 2010-2012 WMA Board meeting
800-2000 History suite pack up

Active Duty Mandatory Events:

Active Duty Orientation *
First Timers Meeting*
Workshops 1 -5 *
WMA Business Meetings 1 & 2*
WMA Memorial Service

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS ONLY THE PRELIMINARY
SCHEDULE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

*Denote mandatory for Active Duty

Group photo sign up will be available at the registration desk. Individual photos will be available with MC back drop

Editor's Note: Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, we regret that MajGen Salinas will not be attending the convention as previously published.

Convention Registration Form

26th Biennial Women Marines Association Convention and Professional Development Conference September 3 – 7, 2010

You can register online at www.womenmarines.org



To be completed by Registration Chair:

Date Received _____

Registration Number _____

☐ WWII
☐ Korea
☐ Vietnam
☐ NATO
☐ Desert Storm/Shield
☐ OEF/OIF
☐ Peace Time
☐ National Officer/Director
☐ Chapter Officer
☐ VA Volunteer
☐ Please schedule my oral history
☐ Attending my 1st Convention
☐ Mobility impaired

☐ I would like to help during convention

Pre-convention Registration must be received by 30 June 2010

Late registrations will be charged a late fee.

A fee of \$10 will be charged for cancellation after 31 July 2010. Refunds will be mailed after the convention.

Full Name _____ Service Name _____

Birth Date _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name to be printed on Badge: _____ Primary Chapter & Name _____

Loyal Escort(s) /Guest(s) Name for Badge _____

WMA Pre-Registration: Deadline 30 June 2010
Loyal Escort Registration Deadline 30 June 2010

\$50 WMA Late Registration*: After 30 June 2010 and at hotel \$60
 \$35 Loyal Escort Late Registration: After 30 June 2010 and at hotel \$40

Meal Registration

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
3 Sept	Opening Banquet	Included	_____ @ \$62	_____ @ \$63	\$ _____
4 Sept	2012 Luncheon	Included	_____ @ \$35	_____ @ \$36	\$ _____
6 Sept	Recognition and Awards	Included	_____ @ \$48	_____ @ \$49	\$ _____
7 Sept	Installation Luncheon	Included	_____ @ \$35	_____ @ \$36	\$ _____
7 Sept	Closing Banquet	Included	_____ @ \$82	_____ @ \$83	\$ _____
Total Cost		\$ 252.00	\$262.00	\$267.00	
Please specify if you have special dietary needs:			Package A @ \$252.00		\$ _____
			Non Member Package @ \$267.00		\$ _____
			LE Registration Fee @ \$ 35.00		\$ _____
			LE Late Reg Fee @ \$ 5.00		\$ _____
			WMA Registration Fee @ \$ 50.00		\$ _____
			Late Registration Fee* @ \$ 10.00		\$ _____
			Convention Program** @ \$ 10.00		\$ _____
			Total Enclosed		\$ _____

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You must make your own room reservations with the Hyatt. For a handicap room, you must register for a regular room first and then call Paula Sarlls 303-766-9023 to reserve one of these rooms. The hotel does not assign these rooms
Regular room rates are \$99 plus taxes.

YOU MUST TELL THEM THAT YOU ARE WITH WMA TO GET THE PREFERRED ROOM RATES

☐ I am unable to attend, but wish to purchase a convention program** for \$10. Please mark above.

Mail Completed form with payment made payable to WMA Convention 2010 to: Carron Barrella, 16482 Bluebonnet Dr., Parker, CO 80134

**WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION (WMA) 26TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION
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SUBJ/WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION (WMA) 26TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE//

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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. THIS MARADMIN ANNOUNCES THE 26TH BIENNIAL WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION CONVENTION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE. THE CONFERENCE FEATURES SPECIALLY TAILORED WORKSHOPS FOR ACTIVE DUTY MARINES. WORKSHOPS AND OTHER EVENTS INCLUDE: PERSONAL SUCCESS-LED BY VERNICE ARMOUR, FORMER CAPT USMC; SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS PANEL-LED BY TOM BOCK, PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER AMERICAN LEGION; HEALTH PANEL-LED BY DR. JILL VECCHIO (LEADING ONCOLOGIST IN CO); FINANCIAL PANEL-LED BY KRISTIE SCHLOSS, FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD (CHAIR, DENVER BRANCH); AND A MARINE LEADERSHIP PANEL-LED BY BRIGADIER GENERAL SALINAS. AT PREVIOUS WMA CONVENTIONS, SPECIAL GUESTS HAVE INCLUDED THE COMMANDANT AND SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE MARINE CORPS. THIS YEAR'S GUEST SPEAKER AT THE OPENING BANQUET IS (SES) MRS SHERYL MURRAY, COLONEL, USMC RETIRED, CURRENTLY SERVING AS THE ASSISTANT DEPUTY COMMANDANT FOR MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS.

2. THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD 3-7 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT THE GRAND HYATT HOTEL IN DENVER COLORADO. THE WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION (WMA) IS A CIVILIAN NON-PROFIT, VETERANS ASSOCIATION COMPRISED OF WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED OR ARE SERVING HONORABLY IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS ACTIVE OR RESERVE COMPONENTS. THE MISSION OF WMA INCLUDES THE PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION OF THE HISTORY AND TRADITIONS OF WOMEN WHO HAVE HONORABLY SERVED OUR NATION AND CORPS. WMA CONDUCTS PROGRAMS FOR CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES BY SPONSORING A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR MARINES AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, AS WELL AS SUPPORTING THE MCJROTC AWARDS PROGRAM.

3. ATTENDANCE IS OPEN TO MARINES SERVING IN AN ACTIVE DUTY OR RESERVE STATUS AND ALL FORMER MARINES. COMMANDING OFFICERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SUPPORT ATTENDANCE IN ORDER TO FURTHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR PERSONNEL. ISSUANCE OF TAD ORDERS, TO INCLUDE REGISTRATION, TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, AND PER DIEM IS AUTHORIZED. IF FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, PERMISSIVE TAD ORDERS MAY BE ISSUED. ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.WOMENMARINES.ORG. THE CONFERENCE FEE FOR MARINES ON ORDERS WHEN REGISTERING IS 317 DOLLARS. ALL OTHER ATTENDEES MUST PAY THE INITIAL REGISTRATION FEE OF 50 DOLLARS BEFORE 30 JUNE OR 60 DOLLARS AFTER 30 JUNE AND CHOOSE A PACKAGE TO GUARANTEE ENTRANCE INTO THEIR CHOICE OF THE MAJOR EVENTS OF THE CONFERENCE.

4. ATTENDEES MUST REPORT ON THEIR TRAVEL CLAIM ALL MEALS THEY RECEIVED THAT WERE COVERED IN THE CONFERENCE FEE.

5. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ATTENDANCE AND COMMAND REPRESENTATION, HQMC, MPE WILL FUND 25 MARINES TO ATTEND. NCOIC'S AND OIC'S MAY EMAIL REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION TO CAPT NELSON AT CAROLYN.NELSON@USMC.MIL BY 11 JUNE 10; INCLUDE THE NAME OF MARINE, RANK/GRADE, BILLET, DUTY STATION, EMAIL AND WORK PHONE NUMBER.

6. THE CONFERENCE LOCATION IS THE GRAND HYATT HOTEL, 1750 WELTON STREET, DENVER, COLORADO 80202. HOTEL RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING (303)295-1234. WHEN MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS INDICATE THAT YOU WILL BE ATTENDING THE WMA CONVENTION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE. ROOM RATE FOR CONFERENCE ATTENDEES IS 99 DOLLARS, NOT INCLUDING STATE AND LOCAL TAXES.

7. THE UNIFORM FOR ACTIVE DUTY AND RESERVE MARINES IS SERVICE "C" WITH RIBBONS AND FOR THE OPENING AND CLOSING BANQUETS SERVICE "A" WITH RIBBONS AND BADGES, OR DRESS BLUE "A" OR HIGHER EQUIVALENT.

8. THIS MARADMIN IS APPLICABLE TO THE MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

9. THE WMA IS A NON-FEDERAL ENTITY WHOLLY INDEPENDENT OF THE MARINE CORPS.

10. RELEASE AUTHORIZED BY (SES) MR. M. F. APPELATE, DIRECTOR, MANPOWER PLANS AND POLICY DIVISION.//

Proposed Amendments to WMA Bylaws

ARTICLE EIGHT: CONVENTIONS, Section 1.

Conventions: subparagraph (5)

Current Wording:

In the event that no bids are received from chapters within the region, the Board of Directors shall agree on two sites within that region.

Proposed Change/New Wording:

In the event that no bids are received from chapters within the region, the Board of Directors shall agree on two sites from within any of the three WMA regions.

Rationale: To provide the Board of Directors (BOD) more flexibility to find a convention site in the case where no chapter within the selected region is willing or able to host the biennial convention.

Background: If no chapter within the region selected for the next biennial convention is willing or able to host the convention, the BOD is responsible for selecting two sites to be presented to the membership for approval. The current text restricts the BOD to selecting sites within that same region, however, in a worst case scenario; the BOD may have to look to another region to find a convention site host.

ARTICLE EIGHT: CONVENTIONS

Proposed Change/New Wording:

Re-title ARTICLE EIGHT TO ADVISORY COUNCIL, add the following two sections and then renumber remaining paragraphs in Bylaws.

ARTICLE EIGHT: ADVISORY COUNCIL

Section 1. The President may, at her discretion, and with board approval, appoint an Advisory Council of prominent business and military leaders to advise WMA on operational and organizational issues.

Section 2. Appointments would be for two years coinciding with other Presidential appointments. The number of members could vary based on priorities addressed by the President and Board of Directors

Rationale: Many large non-profits have an Advisory Council to assist the board of directors with various aspects of managing/growing the organizations. WMA could benefit from such a group of Marine, business, and educational leaders. People that might initially be considered are former members of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation (MCHF) board, Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation (MCSF) members, lawyers, and recently retired general officers, senior enlisted and business leaders.

ARTICLE TEN: Section 3.

Current Wording:

(1) Anyone who is eligible for active membership may elect to pay an actuarially computed amount as a Life Membership Fee in three installments.

Proposed Change/New Wording:

(1) Anyone who is eligible for active membership may elect

to pay an actuarially computed amount as a Life Membership Fee in three installments. The third and final installment shall be made within 12 months of the first installment.

Rationale: To better define how the Life Membership installment plan works. Members must understand that they must make all three installment payments within 12 months..

ARTICLE TEN: FINANCE: Section 5.

Other Findings: subparagraph (3)

Current Wording:

Contributions made to this Association to carry out any of its purposes are tax-deductible.

Proposed Change/New Wording:

Charitable contributions made to this Association to carry out any of its purposes are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Rationale: Since WMA National is now a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization these recommended changes better clarify terminology used by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY, Section 1

Current Wording:

Proceedings of this Association shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, in all matters not otherwise provided for in Bylaws, Standing Rules or Rules and Regulations issued by the Board of Directors.

Proposed Change/New Wording:

Recommend change to read "*Proceedings of this Association shall be governed by the most current version of, Robert's Rules of Order in all matters not otherwise provided for in Bylaws, Standing Rules or Rules and Regulations issued by the Board of Directors.*"

Rationale: Adding the words "*the most current version*" ensures that WMA governs using the most current guidelines provided in Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN : AMENDMENTS, Section 2.

Bylaws

Current Wording:

Five (5) copies of proposed amendments to these bylaws must be:

Proposed Change/New Wording:

Proposed amendments to these bylaws must be:

Rationale: Delete "Five (5) copies of" since this was an earlier requirement when we were submitting five hard copies of bylaws changes. We have since converted to using electronic submissions so we no longer need five hard copies.

Proposed Amendments to WMA Standing Rules

Paragraph 3. SCHOLARSHIPS

Add the following new text for paragraph 3. F. and then re-letter sub-paragraphs 3. F and 3. G. to 3. G. and H. respectively.

Current Wording:

3. F. A named Scholarship can be established at any time by any donor by providing the total amount of funds necessary (as defined by the Financial Advisory Committee) to perpetually fund the standard scholarship amount.

Proposed Change/New Wording:

3. F. The Scholarship Committee shall award Agnes Sopcak Scholarships and a Virginia Guveyan Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. The number of Agnes Sopcak scholarships will be determined by the amount of earnings accumulated from the generous bequest of Agnes Sopcak.

Current Wording:

3. G. Special scholarships in various amounts sponsored by Chapters and Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter shall be administered by the Scholarship Committee as funds are made available.

Proposed Change/New Wording:

3. G. A named Scholarship can be established at any time by any donor by providing the total amount of funds necessary (as defined by the Financial Advisory Committee) to perpetually fund the standard scholarship amount.

New Paragraph:

3. H. Special scholarships in various amounts sponsored by Chapters and Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter shall be administered by the Scholarship Committee as funds are made available.

Rationale: To recognize the generous bequest donations by these two members with a named Memorial Scholarship.

Paragraph 6. CONVENTIONS

Current Wording:

6.D. The reproduction costs of the Convention reports (Convention Agenda) shall be paid by the Association.

Proposed Change/New Wording:

Costs related to the Convention Business Meetings are the responsibility of the Convention Coordinating Committee while the costs related to the Board of Directors Meetings are the responsibility of the Association."

Rationale: Clarify the responsibility for the costs related to Convention Administrative support.

Paragraph 19. MERCHANDISE SALES.

Current Wording:

"The Merchandise Sales Chair shall be responsible for the stocking of official WMA merchandise and flags."

Proposed Change/New Wording:

"The member appointed to handle Merchandise Sales shall be responsible for stocking all official WMA merchandise and flags."

Rationale: There is no such title as the Merchandise Sales Chair. This is a "special appointment" and not a chair of a standing committee.

Paragraph 20. NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

Current Wording:

National Headquarters shall be staffed by at least five (5) persons residing within commuting area. An Officer Manager shall be appointed by the National President with approval of the Board of Directors.

Proposed Change/New Wording:

National Headquarters shall be staffed with a minimum of 2 members who reside within commuting distance. An Office Manager shall be appointed by the National President with Board of Directors approval.

Rationale: The National Headquarters has never been staffed by more than 2-3 members.

50 Years of WMA Memories to Share

We'd like each of you to write a story about how you learned about WMA, and a favorite story about your chapter or a convention.

Send a photo along with the story. We'll put them in an archival scrap book (time capsule) for the next milestone event!

This will be out for all to share and discuss at convention in hopes that more memories will be stored to submit more stories...

This will be great fun for all. Remember, our first 50 years doesn't end until fall 2010!

Send to Memories 2010 - 3066 South Granby Street, Aurora, CO 80014

Paula Sarlls

Mobility Assistance at the Convention



Aspen Medical Supply has graciously offered to supply mobility assistance to the Women Marines Association for our convention. Either a power wheelchair or scooter may be rented for the entire conference (September 2 – 8th) at the rate of \$150 plus tax - a wheelchair at the rate of \$35. This will include delivery and pickup to/from the Grand Hyatt or any other Hotel in the downtown Denver area. Just mention the Women Marines Association convention and the rate will be applied.

Web site is

<http://www.aspenmedicalsupply.com/rental-equipment.html>

Phone Directly to 720-322-0101

Reports of National Officers

National President

- Coordinated all Association activities with the National Board of Directors (BOD)
- Kept 1st VP informed of Association matters as prescribed by the National Standing Operating Procedures (SOP)
- Coordinated with National Secretary to ensure minutes of 2009 Interim Board Meeting were published
- Worked closely with the National Secretary in resolving the Action Items identified at the previous BOD Meeting
- Assisted with the update of the WMA National SOP
- Submitted ballots for the National Board's approval
- Conducted Mid-Year Budget Review and developed the 2020-2012 fiscal year budget
- Submitted quarterly articles for 'Nouncements
- Coordinated the planning of the 2010 Convention Coordinating Committee in Denver
- Coordinated with the 2012 Convention Coordinating Committee
- Prepared for the conduct of the National Convention Board and Business meetings
- Assisted with staffing the WMA Booth at the Marine Corps Expo in Quantico, Virginia
- Represented WMA National by attending the Area 3 Regional Meeting to celebrate the February (2010) Anniversary celebration in Tampa Bay, Florida hosted by FL-2
- Helped to find and train a new National Treasurer
- Attended the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Annual Awards Dinner for the award presentation of the Julia Hamblet Award

Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower

Immediate Past President - no submission

1st Vice President

- Attended the Interim Board Meeting held in Kansas City, MO
- Reviewed WMA procedures with Area Directors at the IBM
- Assisted Area 10 Director in updating WMA Chapter Disbanding Procedure
- Chaired committee to update the R&A guidelines
- Assisted Membership Committee with new Area Director report
- Traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana to install the Molly Marine chapter officers for 2010-2012
- Traveled to Tampa, Florida to attend the Area 3 WMA Area conference and Women Marines Anniversary
- Chaired committee to update the WMA "How To Book"
- Assisted WMA Area Directors with chapter procedures and reporting
- Prepared 1st VP and Chapter Tool Kit articles for 'Nouncements
- Assisted the President with search for replacements for billet holders
- Assisted officers and committee chairs who report to the

1st VP as needed

- Voted on ballots from the WMA board
- Assisted with WMA mid-year Budget Review and the 2010-2012 Fiscal Budget
- Assisted the WMA President as requested

Judy Anderson

2nd Vice President

This report covers the period September 2009 thru April 2010.

As 2nd Vice President, I have been involved in the following:

- Attended Interim Board Meeting held in Kansas City, MO
- Worked toward completion of assigned action items from Interim Board Meeting
- Assisted 1st Vice President on updating the "How To Book"
- Assisted Mdse Sales Chair in initial revision of the Mdse Sales Accounting process
- Participated in Budget Reviews
- Notified all Committee Chairs reporting to 2nd VP of budget allocations
- Wrote and had published call for 2010-2012 Officer nominations
- Published call for nominations to host 2014 Convention
- Requested, received, and processed Nominations for 2010- 2012 term for elected officers and Area Directors
- Assisted Committees reporting to 2nd Vice President as needed
- Requested and forwarded to the National Secretary all 2nd Vice President responsible Committee Chairs Annual Reports as required
- Assisted WMA National President as requested.

Karen L. Reeves

3rd Vice President

Now that I have had a couple of years at this job I think I am finally getting the hang of it. I have had the good fortune to be surrounded by many talented people in this organization and with their help have been able to fulfill my obligations to WMA.

I set a couple of goals last year for myself. The first one being to process claims that come to me faster. I am happy to say that I have for the most part met that goal.

My second goal was to turn my piling system into a filing system. I have had some success, but it still is a work in process.

I look forward to the upcoming convention as I get to reconnect with friends that I have made over the years and talk face to face with the other officers that I work with during the year.

Betty Cook

Reports of National Officers *(Continued)*

National Secretary

September 2008 thru August 2010

As National Secretary, I found the position to be challenging and rewarding. The work it takes for all Board and Committee members to conduct the business of the WMA is astounding. So, I would like to take this moment as your outgoing secretary to congratulate all those who work so hard to make this organization as great as it is.

My accomplishments over the past two years:

- Worked with my local Chapter MO-KAN 02 to host the WMA IBM meeting in Kansas City in October 2009
- Solicited for and obtained Court Reporter for 2009 IBM for the President
- For the first time the IBM BOD meeting binders were sent out electronically, thus saving WMA hundreds of dollars in printing and mailing costs
- Published the BOD minutes from the October IBM BOD meeting
- Maintained updated the BOD and Committee member directory and published same when new updates were made
- Published CH-3 of the WMA SOP
- Reorganized the Chapter binders by adding new binders to the library to accommodate the increase size in the various chapters. Added esthetics such as Chapter tabs to find Chapters easier and designed Binder labels to address which Chapters were represented inside that binder
- Updated and maintained the Chapter Roster listing
- Provided copies of Chapter charters and bylaws upon request
- Assisted new chapter NV-1 Battle Born with their petition and charter approval
- Sent out and accounted for 27 ballots for BOD approval.
- Responded to required correspondence and emails
- Worked with the Property Control Officer in regards to WMA property
- Updated the Action Item List based upon responses from responsible parties and published updated List
- Organized and setup up National Secretary Files and file folders with present goal to have all files in electronic format whereby only a CD can be turned over to follow on secretaries as part of a paper eliminating initiative
- Initiated a new Secretary's turn over binder as well
- Worked as a member of the Scholarship Committee

Mary Ellen Stone

Treasurer's Annual Report, FY 2009-2010

Nine months into the fiscal year, the unaudited WMA balance sheet shows assets of \$2.3 million, equal to the sum of capital and liabilities. This is significantly higher than the similar report prior to the last convention, due to generous bequests received from the Estates of Agnes Sopcak, Fern Hauss, and Virginia Guveyan.

During my tenure as Treasurer (February 1, 2010 to present), WMA has experienced relative stability in financial man-

agement. With contractor assistance, I received, accounted for and reported all WMA income; paid all WMA bills as authorized by the by-laws, standing rules and Third Vice President; produced and sent membership cards; provided names of new life members for permanent cards; provided periodic reports of WMA financial condition; in accordance with WMA SOP advised WMA chapters of requirements for requesting Group Exemptions as "recognized subordinates" by the Internal Revenue Service and prepared prescribed annual listings of recognized subordinates; provided first draft input to the Third Vice President for FY 10-11 and 11-12 budgets; acknowledged donations to WMA; and provided member data for publication in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Way Ahead: It has been an honor to serve as Treasurer and I shall continue to review the processes for improvement and remain informed of Treasurer issues as they arise.

Betty Moseley Brown

WMA Balance Sheet as of 31 March 2010

ASSETS

Cash

Hilliard Lyons GF Checking	\$	7,153.22
Money Market Fund (Bank)		18,716.12
Total Cash		25,869.34

Investments

Capital Fund Investments	770,496.21
Memorial Scholarship Fund	1,322,959.99
Memorial Scholarship (Ditmore)	115,207.62
Memorial Scholarship (Gridley)	74,914.75
Memorial Scholarship (McClung)	15,958.09
Total Investments	2,299,536.66

Other Current Assets

Merchandise Inventory	126.00
Postage Deposit Account	1,500.00
Prepaid Expense Deposits	650.00
Convention Deposits Receivable	2,500.00
Total Other Current Assets	4,776.00

Property and Equipment

Total Property and Equipment	0.00
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Other Assets

Web Site Costs	6,885.00
Total Other Assets	6,885.00

Total Assets	2,337,067.00
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LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$	55.00
Accrued Expenses		950.00
Total Current Liabilities		1,005.00

Long-Term Liabilities

Total Long-Term Liabilities	0.00
Total Liabilities	1,005.00

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Reports of National Officers *(Continued)*

Capital

General Fund Net Assets	92,356.43
Capital Fund Net Assets	712,395.04
Memorial Scholarship Net Assets	1,324,514.32
Fallen Warrior Sch. Net Assets	3,315.00
McClung Scholarship Net Assets	15,966.09
Ditmore Scholarship Net Assets	112,592.37
Gridley Scholarship Net Assets	74,922.75
Unallocated Surplus (Deficit)	0.00

Net Equity 2,336,062.00

Total Liabilities & Equity 2,337,067.00

National Membership Secretary Report 2009-2010

This report covers the period since taking over as National Membership Secretary in summer, 2009. As WMA National Membership Secretary, I have attended

- Interim Business Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri in October 2009
- Marine West Expo at Camp Pendleton, California in January 2009
- MilBlogging 2010 Conference in Arlington, Virginia in April 2010
- Durand, Michigan's "Celebrate" where I represented WMA at a special presentation honoring BGen Margaret Brewer, the Marine Corps' first flag officer who was born in Durand.
- Worked with the WMA contractor on strategies for cleaning up the member database including emailing quarterly rosters to Area Directors for distribution to their Chapters
- Instituted a "Welcome" email to all new members when they join and inform their Area
- Director so they can connect them with a local chapter
- Answered Board Members, Area Directors, Chapter Presidents, and member emails and requests as required
- Worked with the ECC to launch the "Women Marines Association Blog" in an effort to drawing readers, web traffic and ultimately, new members
- Expanded our social media efforts to include Twitter to gain more exposure of WMA as an organization and links to our website

Organizations such as ours are at a crossroads with their mem-

bership numbers dwindling. I'm happy to report that with the redesign and launch of our website coupled with the increased use of social media we are maintaining our membership level at 3,100+, with 2,100+ life members, 1,000+ term members and 1 honorary life member.

In today's internet-based society, membership recruitment and social media are inextricably linked. As a result of combined efforts with the ECC, nearly 25 percent of our new members are coming from finding us on the internet, whether through our website, blog, Facebook or Twitter because that's where young prospective members are. Nearly 10 percent are coming from the referral of other organizations, so keep building your relationships with other local veteran organizations. Lastly, more than 40 percent of our new members are coming from the referral of other members, so reach out to any other female Marine you know and encourage them to join.

Our challenge in the year ahead will be to continue the strides we've made and retain our new members. The average age of a WMA member is currently 65 with one-third of them falling into the 85+ group! That said, nearly 70% of those who are signing up online average 40 years of age and those who mail in their membership applications average 50 years of age.

Another growing trend is the desire by Active Duty Marines to establish new Chapters as evidenced by the recently received 12 applications from Iwakuni. Additionally, we've had inquiries from Okinawa and Hawaii.

Although we've faced the dissolution of several chapters, Nevada's NV-1 Battle Borne chapter received their charter and there are inquiries from members in several other states, including North Carolina, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, South Carolina, Florida, and Washington. Lastly, the Women Marines in Business Facebook group seeks to bridge the gap between the time women leave the Marine Corps and become involved in organizations such as ours and they hope to receive their charter at Convention.

Membership is the lifeblood of any organization. It's up to each and every one of us to reach out to others who have served and encourage their participation. Once a Marine, Always a Marine...and what better place to share that Semper Paratus spirit than in the Women Marines Association.

Debra Drummond

Area Director Reports

Area 1 Director Dolores E. Garcia

As the Area 1 Director, I have been involved in the following:

- Attended Interim Board Meeting held in Kansas City, MO
- Attended two Chapter Meetings at the newly assigned "John Wayne" Chapter in Derby, New York
- Assisted the Acting President, Patricia Persinger of the "John Wayne" Chapter when called upon
- Contacted and submitted all Chapter Treasurers Tax Reports

Area 2 Director Kathy Van Gorder

Activities I have been involved with as Area 2 Director this term are as follows:

- Attended Interim Board Meeting held in Kansas City, MO
- Disseminated information to Area 2 Chapters regarding actions taken and/or reviewed at the IBM
- Assisted WMA National VAVS Rep with documentation, review of meeting attendance requirements, etc
- Reviewed budget demands and allowances as reported
- Worked with PA-1 Chapter to become actively reinstated in the community and encouraged support of the VAVS program

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Area Director Reports *(Continued)*

- Voted regularly on issues coming before the BOD
- Continued working with Area 2 Chapters to become active partners with the 2012 Convention activities
- Requested and encouraged local Area 2 Chapters to actively support the Modern Day Marine Expo at Quantico, and take full responsibility for its success...they did a great job
- Disseminated information regarding the MCJROTC Program Schedule of Recognition Ceremonies within Area 2 and encouraged active support from local Chapters
- Accepted responsibility of serving on the 2010 Convention Audit
- Sponsored a member of a young High School ROTC leader in VA for a WMA Scholarship

Area 3 Director Linda N. Clark-Wolford

- Coordinated and participated in the 67th Anniversary Luncheon held in Tampa, FL
- Attended Christmas Luncheons for GA-1 and NC-1
- Attended Interim Board Meeting in Kansas City, MO
- Attended luncheon/business meeting that included Chapters, FL-2, FL-5
- Assisted in the reforming for FL-1
- Assisted in the reforming of GA-1
- Notified admin support of member deaths in Area 3. Spoke to and sent condolences to family members of those deaths reported

Area 4 Director Ellen Leidy

Communications

Sent out Area 4 quarterly newsletters to PRO, Chapter Presidents and Members at Large. All WMA information received is forwarded to the area chapters for action and information. Telephone and e-mail contacts with members of Area 4 are maintained and are used to provide assistance and information about WMA. All chapters have e-mail contacts with the exception of OH-1 so all info is mailed to the President. Not all chapters are members of the Yahoo Group E-list. The WMA CD received at the Interim Board Meeting was mailed to all chapters. At this time only MI-2 and OH-2 have a website. The WMA Ipswitch web messaging system has been set up to include all members of Area 4 who have e-mail and the WMA National Staff. Skype is being used for those who have a number to contact them with. A request was sent out to the chapters for anything they would like to be discussed at the Interim Board.

Chapter Recruiting and Membership

Provided information to chapter Presidents. Forwarded list of members and MALs from Debra Drummond to all chapter Presidents for their use and stated to reach out to the MALs in their areas. Referred any new member enrollment to Chapter Presidents. I assisted a New York chapter to start a new chapter in New York. A table was set up at the Ohio Women Veterans Conference for WMA to recruit new members.

WMA Area Director Travel

I have visited 5 of the 8 chapters in Area 4. I have been

to chapters, OH-1, OH-2, IL-2, KY-1 and MI-2. I traveled to New York to assist in starting a new chapter and traveled to MI-2 for the Michigan Women's Conference, where ideas and information was exchanged on how to keep members active in chapters.

MCJROTC

I worked with the MCJROTC schools in Area 4 to assist with any requests they directed to me and coordinated with the Schools for WMA members to present the WMA Awards.

Special Events

I am a member of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services Advisory Committee on Women Veterans. In April we held our 3rd. Women Veterans Conference in Columbus with over 700 women veterans in attendance. OH-2 had a table for WMA and WMA obtained 4 new members at that conference. We are in the process of planning the next conference scheduled for October 2011.

I'm on the Committee for the Summit County Stand Down for homeless veterans. WMA provides the personal articles needed by female veterans. WMA applications and information are presented to the Marines in attendance.

I am the VAVS Deputy for WMA at the Brecksville VA center and attend all quarterly meetings.

Administrative Duties

I voted on all ballots that were presented. I submitted all reports and budgets as required. I participated on several conference calls with other board members. I submitted Area 4 expenses for reimbursements to the 3rd Vice-President.

Back Up

Natalie McPherson, 34835 Lakewood Street, Chesterfield, MI 48047 (586) 725-1122

Natalie.mcpherson@miself.ang.af.mil

Area 5 Director Shirl Deniese Elosch

As Area 5 Director, I have been involved in the following:

- Attended Interim Board Meeting held in Kansas City, MO
- Initiated the Chair position for the Recognition and Awards Banquet for the 2010 WMA Convention; will continue to work as Chair in preparation for the 2010 WMA Convention (award selections, award preparations to Denver, etc...)
- Kept constant contact with Area 5 chapters; re-forwarded WMA information such as ballots results, informative/motivational email, membership information to Area 5 Chapters
- Continue to work with keeping all AD5 chapters active by coordinating with national level officers to ensure that all chapters maintain an active status
- Voted on National Ballots

Area 6 Director Maria E. Crowley

I took over the position of Area 6 Director in February 2010. Since that time I have accomplished the following:

Communications

Forwarded and/or emailed information received from National WMA to respective chapters in Area 6. *(Continued)*

Area Director Reports *(Continued)*

Responded to emails that had been left in the Area 6 mailbox and never responded to. Requested and received an updated listing of Area Chapter officers. Through email have contacted Chapters and have made myself available should they need assistance with Chapter memberships.

WMA Area 6 Travel

I was able to visit two chapters in two months and plan on visiting all chapters before the end of my term.

MJROTC

Provided information on MJROTC and scheduled award presenters at respective schools. Have not acquired a presenter for each school, but members and chapters have been given the information on dates and locations.

Membership

Have forwarded names of prospective WMA members to respective chapters and have gained new members by doing so. Have assisted a member who wants to start a new chapter in the Austin area.

Administrative Duties

Have responded to WMA National requests and voted on each ballot sent to me.

Area 7 Director Sara Hefty

- As Area 7 Director I have voted on all ballots presented to the Board
- I published three newsletters to the chapters and MALS
- I attended the IBM in Kansas City, MO
- I installed the new officers for CO-1
- I have coordinated presentations for MCJROTC and visited the 2 schools in Sturgis, S.D. and Adam's City, CO
- I assisted chapters with new member introductions coordinated with the WMA Membership Secretary
- I answered questions that came to my attention from chapters and MALS

Area Director 8 Cheryl Gardner

As Area 8 Director I participated in the following from September 2009 until May 2010:

- Assisted and supported the existing four chapters in Area 8
- The Battle Born chapter of Las Vegas, Nevada was chartered at the IBM
- To date there are less than ten members, but the ladies are busy working on finding and recruiting more of our sisters to add and I am sure the chapter will grow
- I participated in MCJROTC activities
- Supported active duty Marines and military in events within the area
- Attended the Nevada Women Veterans Summit 27 March 2010
- Participated in Nevada veterans programs
- I attended the IBM in Kansas City, MO

Area 9 Director Debra K. Barker

Since assuming the duties as Area 9 Director in November 2009, I have done the following

- Dealt with problems between chapters

- Dealt with a problem with a member-at-large
- Acquired a new chapter striving to be born at convention
- Discovered that the learning curve is pretty steep; I was unprepared and have a lot of work to make it over the curve

I am honored to have been asked to be the Area 9 Director and regret that I have not been as proactive as I should. Area 9 is now my responsibility and I will not be an "absentee landlord."

Area 10 Director Lillian Cross

Chapter WMA Area Director Travel

The WMA SOP indicates that the Area Director should attempt to visit each chapter at least once in the two-year term. Of the 14 chapters I have visited all except CA-10, CA-11, CA-12, and HI-1.

Recruiting/Membership

- I have tried to stand up a chapter in Okinawa, Japan five times
- I have tried to stand up a chapter in Iwakuni, Japan and it looks like their chapter charter may be approved before the Denver convention
- I have been working with CA-2 to reorganize and rejuvenate the chapter
- I have coordinated and participated in Women's History Month at Camp Pendleton with the Camp Pendleton Ranch House Display "So Few.....So Proud..." This was a two month display and incorporated a meet-and-greet toward the end with Navy servicewomen displaying their uniforms and history. Over 100 attended this event on this day. Uniform items and memorabilia on display were obtained from CA7 chapter members, Camp Pendleton archives, and Women of the Corps History Project. According to the Base Historian, this display was the best attended of any 2-month display in many years.
- All chapters in Area 10 are meeting, maybe not regularly, but they are meeting which is a testament to their loyalty to themselves and to WMA.

Representing WMA in the Community

- Attended and worked the Military Marine Expo at Camp Pendleton
- Attended groundbreaking ceremonies for the new National Cemetery in San Diego located at the west end of Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar
- Attended MCJROTC ceremonies and presented awards

Working Within WMA

- Working with Membership Secretary to devise a program to clean up the national roster which involves the Area Director and chapter president working as a team to reconcile each chapter roster
- Have continued to work on guidelines on disbanding a chapter, a much needed procedure to ensure both chapter and National work together to dissolve the chapter. An update has been submitted to the original procedure
- Unfortunately, another chapter dissolved: CA-9 was not able to continue
- Have sent out numerous email communications to chapter presidents and MALs keeping them informed of events taking place inside and outside of WMA *(Continued)*

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- I have attended the IBM in Kansas City and voted on all ballots except 2
- Have encouraged all chapters to file the required 990 or 990EZ postcard

- Obtained all chapters reporting for annual group exemption report
- Have submitted regular expense claims

Committee Reports

Nominations/Convention Site Selection Committee

2010 Annual Report

In accordance with the WMA Bylaws, Article 9, the Nominations/Convention Site Selection Committee conducted the following schedule:

- An article announcing the dates that nominations for WMA national offices would open was sent to the editor of *'Nouncements* for publication
- An article announcing the region, areas, and/or chapters in the next rotation for hosting the 2014 convention was sent to the editor of *'Nouncements* for publication
- A Nominations letter was sent to each Area Director, in the region that will host the 2014 convention, soliciting bids to host; also included was a solicitation for any member wanting to serve at the National level
- A Nominations letter was sent to each chapter President, in the Region that will host the 2014 convention soliciting nominations for both National offices and hosting the 2014 convention
- A Nominations letter was sent to Area Directors in the non-hosting regions soliciting nominations for National offices
- A Nominations letter was sent to chapter Presidents in the non-hosting regions soliciting nominations for National offices
- Letters of Intent were sent to all currently serving National Officers inquiring as to their intent to continue in their respective positions
- Letters of Intent were sent to all Committee chairpersons inquiring as to their intent to continue in their respective positions
- Assisted in finding members to serve for positions vacated
- Requested short bios and photos of all members seeking to run for WMA national positions
- Edited bios submitted to meet criteria of the ballot printer, if necessary
- Transferred all information collected to Immediate Past President as required
- Transferred all information collected to WMA President and to the *'Nouncements* editor
- Maintained all correspondence sent and received in doing committee business
- Presented form for committee expenses to appropriate Board officer
- Maintained Nomination/Convention Site Book and turn over file for next holder of this position.

Karen L. Reeves

Business Oversight Committee

The second year of the Business Oversight Committee has seen much more dialogue between all interested WMA officers

and increased awareness of deadlines and expiration dates for various insurance policies, non-profit business registrations and IRS requirements. A systematic and timely approach provides for a much more proactive business oversight.

The creation of the spreadsheet where I could store all the dates, background information, POC's names and numbers, etc., has been a helpful tool.

Actions completed to date are as follows:

- Business Owner's Policy/General Liab CamPen renewed 15 Jun 2009, expires 22 May 2010- will be checking on renewal of this one
- Florida Consumer's Certificate of Exemption completed 31 Aug 2009, renewable every five years
- Review Audit FY08-09 completed 30 Sep 2009
- Missouri Annual Registration for Incorporation completed week of 10 Aug 09
- Directors & Officers Liability & Employment Practices Liability-shared limit policy renewed-expires 9 Feb 2011
- Convention insurance – no current status

We are currently tackling the following issue: Determine the most appropriate bond for the Treasurer and possible coverage for other officers

I am looking forward to the Convention in Colorado.
Semper Fi,

Natalie V. McPherson

Chaplain's Report

I sent out 44 letters to Next of Kin of ladies that have been Life Members ever since WMA started, and Term Members.

I recommend that the Chapter Presidents and Area Directors check on their members that are in a Nursing Home or Hospice Care to see if their dues are current. If not, maybe the Chapter can pay them. We also need to double check Life Members, especially for their Next Of Kin to be up to date.

I also sent many get-well cards to our members that are in the hospitals, or nursing homes. I made several phone calls to members who are shut-in to let them know we haven't forgotten them.

I also spoke with several members' Next of Kin and some of them have sent items to the Colorado Chapter History Collection. I also received a few items that I will forward on to the History Collection.

I e-mailed Chaplain Responsibilities to my Back-up, Kimberly McDonough, who has volunteered to serve as the next National Chaplain.

I have also set-up the Memorial Service for Convention with three ladies to read the names, Sometimes Singers will perform two songs, and Ken Cross will read the Loyal Escorts names. I hope to have two Active Duty Marines place the flags as names are read.

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I am thankful for the assistance I received from Debra Drummond and Erin Holvoet for information on our deceased members.

I also have notified by e-mail and *'Nouncements* that the cut-off date for death notices to go into the Memorial Book will be 31 July 2010 to accommodate the printing deadline.

Betty Jean Cannon

Electronic Communications Committee

The ECC has been very pro-active working to bring the word about WMA to every front using the internet and social networking. Our team of members is comprised of Mary Merritt, Debra Drummond, Donna Perdue, Diane Durden and Maria Saucido.

Together we actively report on happenings that affect our members and show what our women in and out of the Marine Corps are doing. Items that are manned by this committee are

- WMA Women Marines Blog: <http://www.womenmarines.wordpress.com>

- WMA National Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=43697134710>

- WMA National Facebook Fan Page: <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/womenmarines?ref=ts>

- WMA Twitter: <http://twitter.com/WomenMarines>

- WMA National Yahoo elist: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WomenMarinesAssoc>

Monitored as well are the various Marine Corps related sites such as TogetherWeServed, Sgt. Grit, Yellow Footprints and Leatherneck. Marine related guestbooks are also monitored and WMA information provided.

WMA website project is and has been a great asset to helping with membership. We continue to work to assure that we have the most current and correct information online for our members and for visitors.

Mary Merritt works as the Website Administrator at this time working with Global Graffiti to assure the best possible site for WMA.

It is the goal of the ECC to continue to spread the word about WMA and reach our women by all electronic means possible.

Mary Ann Merritt

2010 Editor Annual Report

My transition to Editor of WMA *'Nouncements* has been a smooth one. With the help of our former editor, Sondra Metzger, and Xpert Media Management (XMM), I have quickly learned what it takes to put together a good publication.

I have been able to complete three issues of *'Nouncements* as of 30 April. This was a lot of work, but was definitely worth it because the newsletter is now back on track.

During my transition, Xpert Media Management (XMM) informed us that we had not been charged for the design and layout of *'Nouncements* since 2006. With input from National President Rhonda Amtower and Sondra Metzger, we were able to settle on a new rate for the layout of the publication. This has allowed us to change the look of *'Nouncements*. Starting with the first issue of 2010, color has been added to the cover pages.

This allows the publication to stand out, and takes it away from a newspaper look to more of a magazine look. We have also been able to change to quality of paper on which it is printed.

It is my plan to get members more involved in the process of putting this publication together. I would like to avoid the scenario we had in 2009, when our former editor had to step down, with no backup. In an upcoming issue, I will put out the call for volunteers. While going through old issues of *'Nouncements*, I saw that Sondra also did this, with no takers. I am willing to train anyone who is willing to learn.

Wanda Antoine

Financial Advisory Committee

The past year has seen a major downfall in interest rates available. The Committee strives to obtain the maximum return rates available in order to meet our budget objectives. Again, we have persevered our capital and have not lost any principle.

We continue to be as aggressive as possible within our conservative guidelines.

We are working with the Scholarship Committee to define requirements for the perpetual scholarships and the handling of large donations to the Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Additionally, we are working with the National Treasurer to better define and streamline our processes.

Karen Kelly

Headquarters Marine Corps Liaison Officer

- Coordinated CMC Letter for WMA Anniversary
- Coordinated with MPE on WMA Anniversary MARADMIN
- Coordinated with MPE on WMA Convention MARADMIN
- Coordinated with MCUF for funding of Marines for WMA convention
- Coordinated with MPE on WMA Convention letter from CMC
- Coordinated with CMC and SMMC for possible attendance at convention

Deborah L. Staub

National Headquarters, Camp Pendleton, CA

National Headquarters is located at Building #1131 aboard Camp Pendleton. I live about 30 miles round trip from the building. The building is shared with WIC and 1st Marine Division. The OIC and NCOIC for the building have changed multiple times as the buildup for Afghanistan has progressed, sometimes changing over as fast as every two weeks.

Since my last report, all uniform articles have been inventoried, filmed, and images stored on a CD. Some of these uniforms participated in the Camp Pendleton Women's History Month display at the Ranch House "*So Proud....So Few... Women Marines*" during the months of February and March 2010.

Because of the weather we have had in Southern California over recent months, the building has had an increase of rodents and pests, in particular rats, mice, and silverfish. Also, the roof has suffered a partial cave-in due in part to the lack of repair of these WWII wooden buildings and *(Continued)*

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prolonged attack of termites and wood rot. The ceiling has leaked water for years and this rainy season was no different. The ceiling is hanging low in some spots and will fall eventually. The ceiling has fallen in other rooms.

As mentioned earlier in this report, the active duty personnel in the building were rotating in and out quite rapidly, thus causing a security problem in my room. Because of the before mentioned condition of the building and movement of people, I didn't feel that I could properly maintain or secure the uniforms I had stored there, especially on the budget Headquarters. The decision was made after the silverfish problem to transfer all uniform articles to CO-1 Women of the Corps History Project. Thanks to generous donors, the uniforms were transferred to Colorado where they underwent restorative measures.

The next task is to inventory the remaining records I have stored in the locked file cabinets. I am also going to photograph the old and very large WMA history books. Many of these books are 40-50 years old. Through no fault of anyone, these books are starting to decay. Photographing these books will save the photographs and articles contained in them.

Another function of Headquarters is to monitor and maintain the printed materials supply. I have corrected over 5,000 application forms with the new address for WMA Admin Support, and corrected the dues errors on 3,000 forms. With the new dues schedule, new application forms will have to be printed.

Lillian Cross

Historian/History Committee

The following is a re-cap of the activities of the History Committee and its members for the past year. While not including many smaller projects it does hit on all the major actions.

WMA History on the Road

All three exhibits of Modern Day Marine (MDM) will be completed by the end of this month. The exhibit was slightly smaller this year and focused more on the 50th Anniversary of WMA, WMA activities, scholarships, chapter locations and of course the 2010 Convention and Professional Conference. We had display information about the MARADMIN and when it would be out to help active duties have their trips to convention be Temporary Additional Duty. This has given our active duties a heads-up and to reach many in time to become WMA members and be part of the Convention. MDM, Quantico had one of the largest attendances in history as did Marine West, Camp Pendleton; the same is expected at Marine South this month. With attendances of 40,000-58,000 attendees at each show our participation brings WMA to the forefront with our active duty, women and men, Marine senior staff, the defense industry and government officials at all levels.

The exhibit boards for MDM have incurred some damage at one of the locations and as soon as this cycle of MDM is complete, restoration will be done.

The History Committee Chair/WMA Historian worked with Camp Pendleton on an exhibit for The Ranch House Museum on an exhibit for Women's History Month. The Women of the Corps Collection (CO-1) sent the 3 most popular uniforms of WWII to include mannequins, shoes, covers, purses, etc. A disk of photos was also sent. Faye Johnson of the Ranch House

Museum had asked only for WWII and will branch out in our history in future years. This year, with judicious spending the History Committee account on shipping, we were able to cover the cost of this fourth exhibit.

The History Chair and Deputy History Chair, working in these positions, as well as the CO-1 Curator and Deputy Curator of the Women of the Corps Collection, have just completed a new exhibit in Broomfield Veterans Museum, in Broomfield, Colorado on the Women of Today. This museum is a gem of a veterans and the display is getting great reviews. The grand opening was 17 April. The Women of the Corps Collection (CO-1) provided the exhibit materials and provided the cake for the opening. If you're in Colorado, this is a must-see.

Projects

Uniforms of Marines that had been given to WMA and based in National Headquarters have been received. These uniforms had become infested with silverfish, moths and mold, and they have now started the process to save them. The generosity of Carol Mutter and Kathleen Drummond has helped offset the cost of shipping and restorations. Nancy Wilt and Sara Phoenix spent two days, starting the process of separations of the items, cleaning off egg nests and processing molded items. Then the various collections (including WMA past President Sara Thornton and SgtMaj June Adler uniforms), were taken for cleaning and preservation. Then covers, purses, and shoes were put through a cleaning process recommended by CSU School of Museum Studies. Once completed, the uniforms will be included in the Women of the Corps Collection (CO-1). These uniforms, given to WMA by their donors, will remain the property of WMA as directed by the WMA President. A WMA Collection will be opened with each individual item maintained in sub-collections. Many thanks to Lillian Cross for recognizing the infestation problem, creating an inventory, and sending the packages on to us in Colorado.

The History Chair/Historian/Curator of the Women of the Corps Collection and Deputy Chair did a February international internet radio interview that lasted one hour. The response was so huge to the stories we told, that we have been asked to come back in the future and do it again. So many questions were sent in, and our time just ran out.

Channel 9 TV in Denver did a TV newscast using the History Chair and Deputy giving a tour of the Broomfield exhibit that was aired with huge response, not only locally, but on Facebook. Each time we do interviews, we become more aware of the public interest in our women Marines and their service regardless of generation.

The History Chair and Deputy have done numerous speaking engagements this year. Representing not only WMA History, but the Women of the Corps Collection (CO-1), these included the Republican Party and Democratic Party County Events in Colorado. Our other talks were at schools, universities, and social groups. Our list is similar to the detailed list of last year.

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The History Chair and Deputy Chair will be going to Quantico to work on copying women Marine documents on file at the Marine Corps Archives and picture/painting archive at Quantico. Having copies of these many early and one-of-a-kind documents will preserve them for the future in the event of a disaster at these locations. Many of these one of a kind documents are in crumbling condition and need copying to ensure their continued existence. Once copied, they are maintained in the Women of the Corps Collection (CO-1).

The History Chair and Deputy, along with a fair number of Marines and a few civilians, attended a luncheon here in Denver on 8 April with LtGen Ron Christmas. After the luncheon, the History Chair and Deputy spoke with LtGen Christmas on some upcoming projects on women at the National Museum.

The History Chair and Deputy, spurred by a National Museum Request of 2009, have dedicated this year to building our file of known WWI members. Finding the 1960 index card data base of what became WMA while attempting to locate items to use at Convention was a huge help. WMA member Emma Holmes became the expert on WWI for that meeting had come-up with almost 200 leads. While many were duplicates this provided us with search data. Using these cards, museums across the country, *Leatherneck: The Magazine of the Marines*, newspapers, and historical organization of passing our story by word of mouth, we have confirmed and added a huge number of names to the list. Our goal is to have all 305 names by 2018 the 100 anniversary of the service of these women.

The Chair and Deputy of the History Committee attended the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Awards Dinner on 24 April.

Nancy Wilt

WMA Legal Officer's Report

- Researched and presented information about appealing copyright decision at IBM
- Acted as liaison between IRS and WMA in preparing package for IRS to reconsider whether chapters are included under WMA's I.R.C. 501(c)(3) exemption
- Reviewed Accountant's financial analysis of WMA to ensure WMA governance and practice consistent with IRS policy on nonprofit entities

Jennifer Spooner

Loyal Escorts Annual Report

As of January 2009, the Loyal Escorts received their 501(c)3 non-profit organization designation from the IRS. This means that we can accept membership from anyone who is interested in supporting WMA and not be limited by members needing to be directly related to a WMA member. This has resulted in many new memberships in our organization.

At the National Convention Memorial Services we will also recognize all Loyal Escorts who have passed away, to include presenting a flag for each member who we have lost over the past two years since the last convention.

We are selling LE shirts with over 3 dozen sold. The price is \$36 which includes postage. \$10 goes to the Scholarship Fund sponsored by the LE.

Ken Cross

MCJROTC Program Committee Report

This is my list of accomplishments for 2009-2010:

- Ordered 1000 white presentation folders
- Ordered 300 Lamp of Learning Ribbons and ribbon bars
- Contacted School SMIs via e-mail about the WMA Scholarships
- E-mailed all Area Directors information on MCJROTC awards being mailed out to schools
- Mailed out 235 award certificate packages to schools
- One new school added to rosters and one school deleted per school acknowledgement of no longer having a program
- Updated school listings with information and presenter request from schools and emailed to Area Directors
- In process of conducting a supplies inventory and soliciting price quotes for award certificates and white presentation folders for future needs
- Completed all receipts for 1st Vice President
- I am still receiving information from schools at this time

Brenda Moore

Matching Funds & Emergency Grants Report

As Chairman, I have been involved in the following requests for Funds and Grants:

Matching Funds

FL – 3 Gold Coast of Florida - \$250.00

NM -1 Sandia \$187.50

Emergency Grants

In addition, three emergency grants totaling \$3,000 have been disbursed.

As of this date, we have disbursed the allotted amount for Emergency Funds.

Eva J. Read

Molly Marine Liaison Report

The Molly Marine Presentation to Fourth Recruit Training Battalion recipients has continued to occur on training day 68 on the training schedule at the Molly Marine statue when weather has permitted. In February 2010 (just prior to the WMA Anniversary), a historical moment added to the Molly Marine presentation. The Commanding Officer now publishes a Letter of Instruction (LOI) to formalize the presentation. The Battalion Executive Officer is my point of contact and sends me via e-mail Molly Marine Information Sheets and essays. Fourth Battalion S-1 continues to fill in the certificate information.

Photos of each presentation are taken and forwarded to National electronically. Fourth Battalion continues their tradition of having each recipient write an essay about her reflections on Molly Marine. These essays and Molly Marine information sheets listing homes of record are also forwarded to National Headquarters along with the photographs.

I continue to print the photographs and enclose them in a separate congratulatory letter and then deliver to the recipients at Fourth Battalion so each honored recipient will have a memory of her special award before graduation and departure from Parris Island—basically an invitation for future

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membership in WMA.

Fourth Battalion has been most gracious about this prestigious award and certainly very accommodating to WMA.

Linda Priest

National Merchandise Sales

In 2009-2010, the National Merchandise Sales position has evolved in order to better serve its members while improving its operations.

Over this past year, improvements have been made to the National Merchandise Sales program to help the Association have a better understanding of purchasing and delivery costs. Each item in the program inventory was researched and adjustments made where appropriate.

The work on a new Merchandise Sales accounting system was initiated. When completed, this new system will provide our Association with a much cleaner, easily understood method for reporting purchasing and sales transactions.

As of February 2010, the National merchandise inventory has been moved to a safe, climate controlled storage unit in Riverview, Florida.

Presently, the additions of some new merchandise items to the inventory are being considered. The primary item being considered is the Molly Marine statue.

The National Sales program will continue to grow and the chairperson will keep the interests of its members in mind when deciding what items to delete from the inventory and if new items should be added. This year has been a very productive year for this position.

America X. Dones

National Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Program Report

- Conducted ongoing correspondence with WMA members regarding specific requests and/or problems involving VAVS participation
- Attended VISN 4 meeting and secured training material and brochures
- Requested and obtained certification for members at various medical facilities
- Mailed Representative/Deputy packages to appointed personnel
- Sent Appointment Letters to individuals
- Attended Coatesville VAVS Advisory Committee meeting
- Attended WMA IBM, Kansas City and made presentation to the Board of Directors on VAVS program
- Attended VISN meeting in Philadelphia, PA
- Provided articles for WMA 'Nouncements publication
- Provided VAVS Program updates to Area Chairs
- Assisted in claims resolution for a WMA member
- Attended Mini-VAC meeting at VA Coatesville, PA
- Completed ongoing personal volunteer hours at VA Coatesville, PA
- Was appointed WMA Representative to VA Coatesville, PA
- Attended National Advisory Committee meeting as WMA representative
- Attended Coatesville VA Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

- Assisted WMA President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President as requested

Kay Croll

Parliamentarian/ByLaw Committee Report

The Bylaws committee has had an easy time of it. We have approved a couple of new chapter bylaws and old chapters Amendments.

The Parliamentarian has answered several questions and discussed changes to National bylaws and standing rules.

Anne Zink

Public Relations Officer's Report

As National Public Relations Officer, my duties as outlined are to promote the Women Marines Association and its affiliated chapters. One of the duties is to work with the Area Directors and chapter presidents to assure that we have a wide distribution of information in all media.

Starting with the IBM in 2009, as PRO, I have supplied all Area Directors with a disk that contained information relative to their jobs and would provide useful information for their chapters as well as members at large. If you have not yet gotten a copy of this disk please contact your area director. She can provide one for you at no charge. If you are a member at large you can also obtain a copy of this disk for your use as well.

As PRO, I work on a regular basis with Area Directors, members and chapters to help build their chapters and work to keep them a viable part of WMA.

My general duties as follows have been worked on

- Keep interesting items on Facebook and the Yahoo e-list
- Promote WMA and its purposes on our WMA Facebook page and WMA website
- Ran promotions on Facebook during August, September, October, November and December to boost membership. Prizes and free memberships were given out to encourage our Marines to sign up. I supplied 3 free memberships and 14 envelopes that included Marine related items and one grand prize.
- Reach out to chapters to build and maintain membership
- Provide artwork, flyers and information as requested by members, chapters, Area Directors and National as directed or asked.
- Answer questions posed to me as PRO
- Develop press releases and contacts as needed on all levels
- Develop and work on a National level all publicity for the WMA National Convention
- Develop ads as needed for placement in various publications
- Always try to make myself available to any member and/or nonmember who have questions regarding WMA.

Recently, we have started E'Nouncements, which is a monthly electronic newsletter. This email is sent to the WMA elist and the Area Directors. It contains the latest information on what is going on in WMA and the Marine Corps. If you would like to be on this email list please contact me.

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As PRO, I am here to assist at all levels and can be contacted at anytime at pro@womenmarines.org

Mary Ann Merritt

Property Control Committee Report

The WMA SOP contains a definition of Property Control to mean all equipment and props used at Convention.

A system was devised to capture the location and possession of WMA property other than convention property. This was to include manuals, pins, filing cabinets, computers, laptops, typewriters, etc. I suggested in my last report that we have two Property Controls, one for convention and one for non-convention, or everything else.

Since then I have rethought this plan and would recommend that convention property now become the responsibility of the Convention Coordinating Committee and transferred to the new committee after each convention. Costs, breakage, repair, and transportation will be a convention expense. Once received, the property becomes the responsibility of the CCC hosting the next convention. The new CCC will be responsible for storage, use at convention, costs, breakage, repair, and transportation to the next convention; and the cycle starts again.

Reasoning for this change is that the Property Control officer is responsible for the convention property even when it is stored between conventions. This could be anywhere in the United States. If the property is compromised while in storage the Property Control officer has no control of the property and is left at the mercy of who is storing the property. If the responsibility shifts to the CCC who will store the property, control becomes their responsibility. A printed inventory of the property will be submitted to the National Secretary. She or her representative, possibly the Sergeant at Arms, will inspect the property at convention before installation to verify the inventory is all there and in working condition. The WMA organizational flag, streamers, and ornaments and National Ensign will shift to WMA Headquarters.

Now, without convention property confusing the figurative meaning of 'property control,' the system originally drafted can be implemented. People will now understand the meaning of property control to mean controlling WMA property: filing cabinets, typewriters, manuals, etc.

A SOP change will be submitted to reflect this change.

Respectfully,

Lillian Cross

Recognition and Awards (R&A) Committee Report

As Recognition and Awards Chair, I have

- Assisted WMA President and 1st VP with R&A revisions to 'Nuncements' for publication and solicitation to the Area Directors and chapters
- Volunteered as the Chair for the Recognition and Awards Banquet for the 2010 WMA Convention; will continue to work as Chair in preparation for the 2010 WMA Convention
- Selected three (3) non WMA personnel for judging the awards
- Communicated with the Convention committee regard-

ing cooperation and preparation for the Recognition and Awards presentation

Future Actions

- Ensure the 1st place winners award plaques are brought to the convention
- Get the brass plates engraved for the perpetual plaques with the winners of the new awards
- Coordinate with the Convention chair regarding the theme for the centerpieces of the tables
- Security of entries and return to the respectful owners
- Create the programs for the R&A Luncheon

Shirl Deniese Elosh

Ways and Means Committee Report

Fund raising challenges continue for all non-profits even as the nation's economy shows some signs of recovery. We do have some businesses that are very loyal and continue to donate to WMA. We are reaching out to find new ones all the time. If any of you have personal contacts in businesses that would be willing to consider a donation to WMA, please provide me with contact information. We sincerely appreciate the continued support of our members and Chapters who donate to WMA, frequently in honor of someone or in memory of a fallen comrade. All our donors are recognized in 'Nuncements'.

Since 1 July of 2009 we have received over \$1 million (yes million!) dollars in bequests. The vast majority of that money was designated for the Memorial Scholarship Fund which is wonderful for our scholarship program, but not helpful in paying for our routine expenses, which are getting harder and harder to cover. Undesignated bequests go to our Capital Fund; earnings on that fund are what pay for our routine expenses. As I'm sure you've all noticed, the interest rates/earnings are smaller than a couple of years ago.

Estate planning is one way each of you can remember WMA and be remembered by WMA. Since the first flier was distributed at the 2008 Convention in Houston, we've received bequests from 5 of our members. We are working on an updated flier for the 2010 Convention. After receiving feedback in Denver, we'll print enough revised fliers to send out to all our members and other potential donors.

During the 2008 Convention & Professional Development Seminar in Houston, some of you shared your ideas on how we could raise more funds for WMA. We are now developing a Campaign Plan incorporating those ideas and are working to have a draft plan for discussion at the 2010 convention in Denver.

In addition to raising funds for WMA National, we are assisting

- The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation in raising funds for the Molly Marine Rally Point at the Marine Corps Heritage Center in Quantico, VA
- The Women of the Corps History Project of Colorado-1
- The Lotus T. Mort Fund at Marine Corps Heritage Foundation which funds the annual Julia B. Hamblet award

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- Specific scholarships given by WMA National

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

Carol Mutter

National Navy/USMC Council Report

The National Marine Corps Council met on Saturday, 21 November, 2009, for the Fall '09 briefing. The Council convened at the Marine Corps Association building in Quantico, Virginia. Mr. Fred Lash, new Chairman, presiding.

The following guest speakers provided informational briefings to the Council members:

- The Chair introduced BGen David Berger, Director, Ops Division, and (PP&O) to give the Commandant's 'State of the Corps' Update. General Berger attended this Council meeting as the Commandant's representative and provided updates to the Corps' Vision and Strategy 2025 document, as well as a current War Operations brief. Of note is the Marine Operational Force which is at the level of 214,078 Marines, 203,875 on AD, 2200 Active Reserve and 8K Activated Reservists in support of the war. At the end of 2009, 6200 Marines served in Iraq; 13,900 Marines serving in Afghanistan War.

- BGen Richard Simcock, the Commandant's Legislative Director provided a recent overview of the various initiatives, successes, and concerns within the Legislative Branch of the government as they relate to the Marine Corps mission and budgetary challenges. He had just returned from the War front when he received this news on Capitol Hill.

- Col Bryan Salas, USMC Director of Public Affairs, highlighted a priority for the Public Affairs Office: specifically the branding focus and legal review attention that is being given to protect the Marine Corps official seal, EGA, and image in the media and various merchandise. Special informational letters of policy explanation and requests for conforming actions are being sent to the various Marine Veteran Associations and organizations who use the Marine official symbols; and they are asking for our help and cooperation and understanding about their focused branding efforts and the need for use conformity and enforcement of new use policy guidelines and directives. *[Special reference/acknowledgement of the WMA seal and logo to be addressed with Association officers via official communication by the USMC PAO.]*

- The Marine Corps Business Executive Forum is continuing as a new CMC/PAO public initiative that has met throughout the year in major cities with 12 – 15 key business executives to expose them to the Marine Corps and the various missions of the Marine Corps. The CMC was very pleased with these first four sessions from 2008, expanded six sessions in 2009, and plans to continue at that level in the coming calendar year around the country.

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It will feature a large screen theater; 2 classrooms & performance space; permanent galleries to cover USMC history 1976 – present; USMC Sports Hall of Fame; and Gallery 9, covering 1919-1940.

New Business

- Mr. Fred Lash announced that the month of November has been designated by SECDEF as 'Wounded Warrior Month'. The goal is to let the nation know what the DOD is doing in support of the wounded and their families from both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, through media outlets and community outreach projects.

- Col Warren Wiedhahn, USMC (Ret.) announced the plans for the Iwo Jima Reunion of Honor.

Lori Bronson Cousins

Highlights from Spring 2010 NMCC Meeting

The National Marine Corps Council met on Saturday, 17 April, 2010, for the Spring '10 Briefing. The Council convened at the Marine Corps Association HQ in Quantico, Virginia. Chairman Fred Lash, presided.

The following guest speakers provided informational briefings to the Council members

- The Chair welcomed CMC General James Conway to the podium for his '2010 State of the Corps' Update and Wartime Operations brief. The Commandant's message was motivating.

- Following the CMC brief was a presentation by Major Stephen Fiscus, who went into details on the Current Operations status of the Corps. Of note: Current operational force in 2010 is 211,592, with less than 200 Marines still on duty in Iraq, and approximately 20K Marines in the War in Afghanistan. Total Marines now on active duty: 211,592

- BGen Richard Simcock, Director, USMC Office of Legislative Affairs, provided an update on the various initiatives, successes, and concerns within the Legislative Branch of the government as they relate to the Marine Corps mission and budgetary challenges.

- Public Affairs officer LtCol Matthew McLaughlin shared information and handouts on "Keeping the Marine Corps on Target: In The Black" communications series: covered USMC guidance on Political Activity (private participation *(Continued)*)

Committee Reports *(Continued)*

is ok; not as a uniformed rep of the Armed Forces); another Readiness and Reset Balance issues for combat operations.

- Mr. Jim Donovan gave a briefing on progress and plans on behalf of the Marine War Memorial renovation project. Plans are underway to repair and reinforce the statue memorial and expand the Iwo Jima Memorial hill complex to add a brick comfort station for the public, to remove the row of 'porta johns,' which take away from the spirit of the memorial landscape there.

- A summary briefing on MC Information Operations Overview was given by LtCol Mitch Rios via PowerPoint presentation.

New Business

- Press Release regarding Marine Week Boston celebrations scheduled for May 3-9. A Rededication of the Marine Barracks at Charlestown Navy Yard, on its 200th Anniversary is planned for 5/9/10. www.Marines.mil/MarineWeek.

Lori Bronson Cousins

Convention Arrangements Committee (CAC) Report

The stage is set. The City of Philadelphia beckons us to share in their history of this great nation! Right on the waterfront at Penn's Landing, you'll be able to step out of the Hyatt Hotel onto a secure walking path to explore the river where the USS Olympia and the USS New Jersey are berthed, waiting for you to explore them and their history! The Spirit of Philadelphia is also on site to offer a dinner cruise on

the Delaware River with good food, wine, and dancing. If you'd rather stay on dry land, there is a Seaport Museum right next door to the hotel, and on the other side of the river (if you don't mind a short ferry ride across to the other side) is the famous Camden Aquarium and other fantastic sites. Just a brief couple of blocks away is Independence Hall with the Liberty Bell and tours of where it all began for our nation, the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and a glimpse of where Tun Tavern stood. There's talk of rebuilding that icon of the Marine Corps, but right now it will be just a plaque to commemorate the site. Who knows, maybe you'll even bump into Ben Franklin! He does frequent these cobble stone pathways and places even still!

We're going to offer some really great prizes for the winners of a quiz or two, maybe even some raffles at the 2010 Luncheon in Denver, strictly for those who are attending the 2010 Convention. So be prepared to support the 2010 Convention, as they help us present our Luncheon to introduce the 2012 convention. I guarantee we will make it worth your while to be in Denver, especially if you plan to come to Philadelphia!

We won't spill the beans yet to say what activities we have planned, or even how we plan to decide which ones to choose from, but you will be pleased with the results. Just be sure to be in Denver this year so you can find out what all the excitement is about for Philadelphia!

Chapter Tool Kit: Keep Your Information Current

As many of you know, keeping current information on WMA members can sometimes be difficult. Membership Secretary, Debra Drummond and Erin Holvoet, Administrative Support, have created a Quarterly Area Director Report with the goal of resolving membership problems. Each quarter a membership report will be generated for each Area Director. With this information, the Area Director can work with each chapter in her area to verify member information. Chapter presidents can use this information to verify mailing addresses, dues status, as well as active chapter membership information; some members maintain membership in more than one chapter. It would also be a good time to verify next of kin information. When the report is updated by the chapter, send any corrections to the Area Director for her to report back to

the Membership Secretary and Admin Support. With this updated information, the goal is to reduce the wrong addresses and lapsed memberships.

The Quarterly Area Director Report is an opportunity to reduce the problem of lapsed dues. Please question your Area Director for this information, if she does not readily provide it. Chapter presidents and treasurers can use the report to identify upcoming term dues expirations. Chapter officers can use this information to assist members with renewal of their dues. Keeping dues current reduces any administrative problems associated with WMA membership. Thanks to all for cooperation with this challenging task.

*Judy Anderson
1st Vice President*

Molly Marine Award Recipients



5 May 2010: Molly Marine Awards were presented to Pfc Ashleigh Scott of Columbia, SC from Plt 4014 and to Pvt Candace Windsor of Lake Charles, LA, from Plt 4015.

WMA Officers' Biographies



RHONDA LeBRESCU-AMTOWER

National President

2010-2012 Term

I retired in January 2001 after 25 years of active duty service in the intelligence field. I joined WMA in 1989 and I am a Life Member of National, the CA-5 and the DC-1 Chapters. Since 2000, I served as a Chapter President and Vice President; and as National Area Director, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and am now currently serving as the National President.

Over these past two years I have strived to keep WMA relevant, integrated and growing. I have coordinated with the National Board of Directors on all issues resulting in continued success of WMA. I have a strong desire to continue to serve WMA, and if elected as President I will strive to uphold the proud traditions and goals of WMA and to preserve the unique history of women who have earned the title, United States Marine.



JUDY ANDERSON

National 1st Vice President

2010-2012 Term

I served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam era (1970- 1973) and followed that with two years of active reserve duty. I attended the WIMSA Dedication in 1997 and joined WMA while I was there. I am a Life member.

Since I have been a WMA member, I have served as the TX-2 Secretary and President. When OK-2 gave up the WMA Historical Calendar project, TX-2 accepted it and I became the calendar editor for six years.

In 2004, I became the Area 6 Director and have served in that position since. Also, in 2004, Houston was selected as the 2008 convention city and I became the Co-chair for the 2008 WMA Convention and Professional Development Conference. I am currently serving as your 1st Vice President and would be honored to continue in this position for the 2010-2012 term.



KAREN L. REEVES

National 2nd Vice President

2010-2012 Term

I served from May 1961 to August 1963.

Post Marine Corps experience: 16 years with AT&T, 18 years as an International Exporter, and currently semi-retired. Bachelor of Science: Geography, University of Oregon.

WMA experience: I joined in 1998 and am a Life Member. Completed 6 years as OR-3 President,

8 months as Area 9 Director, and 2nd Vice President since June 2007.

I would be honored to remain as your 2nd Vice President for 2010-2012. I pledge to continue giving WMA, and you, my very best effort.



BETTY COOK

National 3rd Vice President

2010-2012 Term

My Marine Corps career was from August 1959 through November 1964. I joined the WMA CA-11 chapter in 1986 and became the Treasurer right away. I am a WMA Life Member.

I retired in Dec 2006 after working 19 years for the County of San Luis Obispo, California as a Supervising Accounting Technician. I have spent most of my working life in the accounting field.

I have served as 3rd VP since 2006, and do indeed like the position. I would enjoy continuing to serve as the WMA 3rd Vice President and would appreciate your continued support.

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JOAN CORDERO

National Secretary
2010-2012 Term

I entered the Marine Corps in March 1984 and was discharged in 1986. My duty stations were Twentynine Palms, California and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina where I worked in the Communications field.

I joined the Women Marines Association in 2004 and am a Life member. I served as Chapter President for the WMA NC-1 Chapter from 2008 to 2009. In the past, I have worked as a Recovery Care Coordinator for the Wounded Warrior Regiment. Currently, I am doing volunteer work in Montgomery, Alabama.

I would be honored to serve the Women Marines Association as your National Secretary.



BETTY MOSLEY-BROWN, Ed.D

National Treasurer
2010-2012 Term

I entered the United States Marine Corps in 1978 and separated in 1992.

I hold a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Sarasota.

I am a Life member of the Women Marines Association.

I currently serve both as the WMA National Treasurer and the President of the WMA DC-1 chapter.



DEBRA DRUMMOND

Membership Secretary
2010-2012 Term

I served active duty from 1976-1980, primarily at MCB Camp Pendleton as a Military Police.

I rediscovered my "inner Marine" after I joined WMA 3 years ago. I've served as MI-2 Secretary for 2 years, and I'm the 2010-2011 MI-2 President.

Additionally, I've served as the National Membership Secretary for the past 8 months, and during the time have worked hard to find new members online using social media to connect new members with local chapters. Recently, I've begun the Women Marines in Business online chapter and we hope to receive our Charter at this year's Convention.

I'm a Life member of WMA and now can't imagine it not being a part of my life. I respectfully wish to continue in my role as the Membership Secretary and ask that you join me in connecting with all our other Marine sisters out there!



DELORES GARCIA

Area 1 Director
2010-2012 Term

I was born February 6, 1959 in Lajunta, Colorado, but raised in Buffalo, NY, the oldest of seven.

I graduated boot camp in 1984, attended Motor Transport School with subsequent assignments at Camp Butler, Okinawa, Japan and Camp Lejeune, N.C. I closed out my career in the Marine Corps in 2003 serving in the recruiting field in Buffalo, New York.

I currently work for the Vietnam Veterans of America in Buffalo, N.Y. as the Chief Service Officer.

I would consider it an honor to serve the Women Marines Association as Area 1 Director for the 2010-2012 term.

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REVEREND MICHELE (MITZI) MANNING

Area 2 Director
2010-2012 Term

I joined the Marine Corps in 1972 after obtaining a Master's degree in Guidance/Counseling from Winthrop College. I was a Molly Marine recipient in 1972.

My Marine Corps career included recruiting at Parris Island, SC, tours at Headquarters Marine Corps, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., MCB Camp Pendleton, and the United States Military Entrance Processing in Denver, Colorado.

I retired in October 1999 after 27 years of active service. I enrolled in Wesley Theological Seminary and was ordained on June 11, 2007, and currently serve at Fairlington United Methodist Church in Alexandria, Virginia.

A Life Member of WMA since the 80's, I have served as WMA National Chaplain, president of the DC-1 Chapter, and as DC-1 Chaplain. I look forward to serving as the WMA Area 2 Director for the 2010-2012 term.



LINDA CLARK-WOLFORD

Area 3 Director
2010-2012 Term

I entered the Marine Corps in March 1972. After Basic Personnel Administration School, I received orders to Headquarters Marine Corps and served at the Navy Annex. I reenlisted in 1975 served at Recruiters' School. In May 1978, I enlisted into the USMCR and served with the 4th Tank Battalion, Miramar, San Diego, CA, as a Career Planner until discharged in 1987.

I joined WMA in 1998. I am a member of the GA-1 chapter serving as chapter President from 2006 – 2008. I was appointed Area 3 Director in January 2009.

I hold a Master's Degree in Social Work (MSW), and work as a Social Worker at the Charleston Vet Center (Dept of VA).

I would be honored to continue serving the Women Marines Association as your Area 3 Director.



ELLEN LEIDY

Area 4 Director
2010-2012 Term

I was in the Marine Corps from January 1969 until January 1972. My duty station was Henderson Hall, in Arlington, VA where I served as a stenographer.

I have been a member of WMA since 1996, when I joined OH-1. I am a WMA Life member.

I served as the President of OH-1 from 2003-2004.

I am currently the President of OH-2 and one of the five charter members who established the chapter in January 2005. WMA OH-2 has gone from those five members to fifty since we were established and have approximately one Loyal Escort for every two members.

During 2006-2007 I served as the National Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service chairperson and presently serve as the Deputy for Women Marines at the Brecksville VA in Ohio. I am presently serving as the Area 4 Director and would be honored to continue for the 2010-2012 term.

WMA Officers' Biographies



DENIESE ELOSH

Area 5 Director
2010-2012 Term

I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on 20 June 1982 and graduated boot camp on 13 September 1982. Subsequent duty stations were: Twenty-nine Palms, CA, Okinawa, Japan, NAS Millington, and North Little Rock, Arkansas.

I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Web Development/Web Administration, Master's degree in Network Communications Management and Graduate Certificate in Information Security and currently work at the Marine Corps Mobilization Command.

I am a member in good standing of the WMA MO-2 chapter. I currently serve as your Area 5 Director. It is my desire to continue serving the WMA members in this position.



MARIA CROWLEY

Area 6 Director
2010-2012 Term

I served in the Marine Corps from 1964 to 1967. I am a WMA Life member.

I am a member of TX-1 and have served as the Chapter's President (1992 to 1996) and Vice President (1991 and 2003). I have also served as Area 6 Director (1996-1998) and 2nd Vice President for WMA (1998-2000).

I feel my biggest accomplishment with WMA was chairing one of the most successful conventions - the San Antonio Convention in 1996. I was instrumental in the formation of the San Antonio Chapter, TX-3 and served as Chair for the Area 6, 50th anniversary mini-convention in Dallas in 1993.

I am currently serving as the WMA Area 6 Director. I welcome your continued support in that role.



SARA HEFTY

Area 7 Director
2010-2012 Term

I began my Active duty service in 1986. After attending boot camp and A-School, my duty status changed to Reserve since I became a single mom. My "summer duty" had me reporting to assignments from Hawaii to Bodo, Norway.

I am currently a Security Specialist with a Sheriff's Department.

I have been a WMA Life member since joining in 2000. I have served as WMA Area 7 Director since 2003. It is my hope that my diverse background will continue to help me realize my full potential with WMA.

I look forward to continuing to serve as your WMA Area 7 Director for the 2010-2012 term.



CHERYL GARDNER

Area 8 Director
2010-2012 Term

I joined the Marine Corps in June 1966 and on 20 December 1967 I was discharged honorably.

I am a Life member- at- large of WMA.

I help pack and send Girl Scout cookies to our troops.

I think I have the contacts, the energy, and the esprit de corps to continue as Area 8 Director.

WMA Officers' Biographies



DEB BARKER

Area 9 Director

2010-2012 Term

I first enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1973. After being discharged in 1975 due to my pregnancy, I enlisted in the Reserves in 1977. In 1979, I re-enlisted in the Marine Corps and retired in 1998.

I received an Associate's degree in Computer User Support and a Bachelor's degree in Management of Human Resources and currently work for the Oregon State Police as a Forensic Lab Support Specialist.

I joined WMA Chapter OR-3 in 2002, became a Life member in 2005, and served as Vice-President (2003 - 2009). I was just elected Chapter President for the 2010-2012 term.



KATHLEEN WRIGHT

Area 10 Director

2010-2012 term

I joined the Marines in January 1965. I was assigned an Administration MOS and reported to Camp Pendleton. I was in the first company of women Marines sent to serve at Camp Butler, Okinawa.

After Okinawa I got into the computer science field and served at HQMC, Quantico, and the Pentagon with a 2 year tour in Hawaii added in for variety.

I was discharged in June of 1977.

I joined WMA in 2005 and attended the Conventions in Louisville, 2006 and Houston in 2008.

I was the CA-3 Historian for 4 years.

For 2010-2012, I will be serving as CA-3 Vice President and Treasurer.

I am also hoping to serve as your Area 10 Director because I love sharing the company of women who have been part of the Corps and its history.

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Visit the Women Marines travel website at: www.WomenMarinesTravel.com

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- Each time you book travel a portion of the travel commissions will go to the Women Marines!

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WMA National Merchandise Sales Your Purchases Support Our Association!

WMA Patch, small	\$4.00	Medallion, '90 Denver Conv	\$3.00
WMA Patch, large	\$4.50	50th Anniversary Medallions	\$5.00
WMA Pin, Hat (pin or clutch) . . .	\$3.00	50th Anniversary Paper Weights . . .	\$10.00
WMA Pin, Life	\$3.90	WMA insulated travel mugs	
WMA Clock (10 3/4" diameter gold toned frame, green lettering and logo)	\$10.00	(green with WMA patch on one side and the USMC emblem on the other side)	\$8.00
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 Cap (3 months delivery). . . \$38.50

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

Sizes for WMA Caps:

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

Make All Checks Payable to WMA

Contact: America Zarate Dones,
6506 Carrington Sky Drive, Apollo Beach, FL 33572
Phone: (813) 810-3437
email: America.Dones@gmail.com

Women Marines Association **MERCHANDISE SALES**

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Merchandise

- Item:** "I love my Woman Marine" pin ...\$1.00
Item: "I love my Woman Marine" magnet ...\$3.00
Item: "I love my Woman Marine" bumper sticker ... \$1.00
Item: Grandma's Loyal Escort
 My Wife's Loyal Escort
 Mom's Loyal Escort... \$1.00
Item: Loyal Escort Hat... \$8.00
Item: Loyal Escort Patch ... \$5.00
Item: Loyal Escort Cup w/lid and straw... \$5.00
Item: Marine Corps emblem antenna
 toppers, silver/gold
 or black (*please specify*) \$3.00



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.

Send chapter ads to Wanda Antoine, 10213 Lake Forest Drive• Ocean Springs, MS 39564, Editor@womenmarines.org. When WMA sales items are no longer available, notify Wanda 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: Naomi Malone, 218 Sunset Rd., Jacksonville, NC 28546-7045 (910) 545-7154 nmalone@ec.rr.com
 ☆
Item: A limited edition booklet of line drawings portraying Women Marines, signed and numbered by the artist, Marion A. Alien, a Regimental Artist during WWII. The original art is now a part of the U.S. Marine Corps Art Collection at the Museums Branch, Washington, D.C. Printed in Forest Green ink.
Size: 12-Page Booklet (10" x 7 1/4")
Cost: \$3.00 (including postage) Chapter: TX-2
Contact: Barbara Clark, 3539 Teakwood Drive, Pearland, TX 77584 or e-mail Brchoho@aol.com
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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
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- 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.comhttp://lisacordeiro.com
 ☆



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



Cards/Stationery

- Item:** Name Tags, White w/ green border and logo; Two lines (name and organization); 3"x 1"
Cost: \$8.00 Chapter: Make checks to FL-2
Contact: Sylvia Morgan, 4525 Cove Circle, Apt. 102, St. Petersburg, FL 33708

- 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: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056-4011 (760) 724-9861
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Decals

- Item:** WMA Decal (Inside auto windshield)
Cost: \$1.00 ea. (*includes postage*). **For Chapters:** \$20 for 25 decals
Chapter: Make checks payable to Gold Coast of Florida (FL-3)
Contact: Ruth Beisner, Lyndhurst E-99, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
Item: Seals
Cost: \$1.25 for 10 Chapter: Make checks to FL-2
Contact: Sylvia Morgan, 4525 Cove Circle, Apt. 102, St. Petersburg, FL 33708

Shirts and Sweats

- Item:** White Sweatshirts and T-Shirts Women Marines' logo in green (WWI, Current, WWII) Courtesy of Col Charles Waterhouse
Cost: T-Shirts- M, L, XL and XXL @ \$10.00; Sweatshirts - M, L, L @ \$24.00, XXL @ \$25.00 Pay to: WMA PA-2 Liberty Belles (*Price includes shipping*)
Contact: Kathy Van Gorder, 584 Barrington Rd., Collegeville, PA 19426
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Item: Golf shirt Dark (Hunter) Green with WMA logo (matches green covers) embroidered in white. Available in sizes (S) to (XXL) Red and also Khaki solid polo shirts. WMA notation spelled out under acronym.
Cost: \$28.00 (includes postage) Chapter: VA-1 Crossroads
Make checks payable to: WMA, VA-1
Contact: Dorothy Gordon, 93 High Ridge Dr. Stafford, VA 22554
 ☆
Item: Forest Green Sweatshirts, t-shirts, short sleeved golf shirts, long sleeved golf shirts and low profile cap. All shirts are embroidered with WMA on the left side and Women Marines Association underneath. Embroidery is in white; low profile cap has WMA embroidered in white.
Cost: All prices include shipping and handling per item.
 Sweatshirts: M- XL - \$26 ea ; 2X - \$28 ea.
 T-Shirts: M - 2XL - \$16 ea; Short sleeved golf shirts: M - XL - \$28 ea
 Long sleeved golf shirts: M - XL - \$32 ea.
 Low profile cap: one size fits all - \$16 ea.
Checks: Old Dominion Chapter, WMA VA-2
Contact: Mickey Jennings, 6486 Lark Way, Mechanicsville, VA 23111 E-mail: mickeyjennings@hotmail.com
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- Item:** Dark Green Windbreaker Jacket with WMA logo on front left side. Sizes: S- XL (Sizes run larger than usual)
Cost: \$34.00 Includes postage and handling.
Checks: EMVSC, CA-7, WMA
Contact: Charline Itchkawich, 536 Mimosa Ave., Vista, CA 92081-9117

Jewelry

- Item:** WMA Bolo w/ WMA Logo and cord in gold finish (*also available bolo with USMC Emblem only*).
Cost: \$20.00 (*includes shipping*)
Chapter: Make checks payable to TX-3, WMA
Contact: Anne M. Collins, 4707 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209 (210) 829-8522
Item: WMA Logo Earrings (matches gold bolo)
Cost: \$10.00/pair (includes shipping)
Chapter: Make checks payable to: TX-3, WMA
 Please designate one:
☐ Wire/Dangle ☐ Clip-on
Contact: Anne M. Collins, 4707 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209 (210) 829-8522



Women Marines Association **MERCHANDISE SALES**

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



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

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

Cost: \$19.75 each (including shipping)

Chapter: FL-7 First Coast

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



Item: Charm "Semper Fi"

Cost: \$15.00

Chapter: Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)

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



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

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

Chapter: CA-3

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

Miscellaneous Items

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

Cost: \$5.00 each

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

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



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

Cost: \$5.00 each (includes shipping)

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Item: WMA logo Rubber Stamps

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

Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056-4011
 (760) 724-9861

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

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

Checks: Payable to Bay State Chapter, WMA

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

Item: Molly Marine picture, 8 x 10

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

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



Item: Handmade soy wax candles (*Lavender, White Tea and Ginger, Rose,
 Lemon and Lovespell*)

Cost: 9 oz. \$10 (*plus \$5 Shipping*); 16 oz. \$15 (*plus \$5 Shipping*)

(*Two candles or more contact Bonniesbunch@yahoo.com or Rosa_rmr@yahoo.com
 for correct shipping*)

Checks: WMA-Phyllis Alexander **Chapter:** SC-1

Contact: Rosa Robertson, WMA, P.O. Box 5296, Parris Island, SC 29905 (*or via
 email*)

Item: "Proud To Be A Marine" ribbon magnet, 8" x 3"

Cost: \$6 each (*includes postage*)

Item: WW II magnet, 3-1/2"x 2-1/2", red lettering on white
 background with blue border

Cost: \$2 each (*includes postage*)

Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056-4011
 (760) 724-9861



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

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

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



Item: "Koozie" Bottle or Can size sleeve for sweat absorption, foldable foam, green,
 with WMA logo in white on one side, other side in white letters: "No Sweat, the
 WOMEN Marines are on duty" **Cost:** \$4.00 each, or 20 for \$75.00 (*Price includes
 shipping*)

Contact: Kathy Van Gorder, 584 Barrington Rd., Collegeville, PA 19426
 e-mail: VanGorders2@aol.com Fax: 610-489-4383

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller

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



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