



Helen E. Moore, 1920-2014, WMA Past National President

Helen Johnson Moore, WMA Past National President, passed away January 4 at her home in Indiana.

Helen, who was a founding member of WMA, served as president from 1966-1968.

Born December 10, 1920, Helen was the second of eleven children born to John Brackenridge Johnson, Jr. and Mary Amelia Custer.

Seven of those siblings served in the military. All five of her brothers, Helen and a sister served.

Helen enlisted February 19, 1943-six days after the Marine Corps opened its ranks to women.

She attended boot camp at Hunter College in New York City, and was assigned to the Pentagon.

She married Marine Harry Moore in 1954, and their union was blessed with a son, William.

Although she had a short Marine Corps career, Helen spent most of her life working for veterans. This includes her work with WMA, the American Legion and American Le-



Helen E. Moore, who served as WMA National President from 1966 to 1968. Photo by Micaila Britto-Patten.

gion Auxiliary, and the Women's Forum on National Security.

She was invited to the White House in 1967 when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed Public Law 90-130, removing legal restrictions on women's promotions that had kept them out of the general and flag ranks. The bill made it possible for women to become general officers.

In 1968, the *Indianapolis Star* named Helen one of the ten most outstanding women in Indiana.

In 1984 and 1999, she was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash, which at the time, was the highest honor bestowed by the Governor of Indiana. Last year, she was recognized by the American Legion Auxiliary for 63 years of service.

She is survived by three sisters and two brothers.

*Wanda Antoine
'Nouncements Editor
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The City of Fountains Awaits You This July

Have you registered for Convention? This year we will meet July 25-28 in Kansas City. There will be lots to see and do, and of course, we all get to spend time with each other!

Register now, and avoid the late registration fee, and book your room today. Convention information begins on page 5.

A nighttime view of the J.C. Nichols Memorial Fountain in Kansas City.

Photo Courtesy of the Kansas City Convention & Visitors Association



From the Editor: It's Good to be Back!

I'm back! It was nice being on vacation. Wait...that wasn't a vacation. I want to thank you all for your phone calls, cards, notes, e-mails and gifts for my little Isabel. My biggest thank you goes out to Sondra Metzger.

Between the birth of my first child and a PCS move halfway across the country, I would not have been able to give *'Nouncements* my full attention. I knew there was only one person I could trust to do this job the right way.

At first, Sondra joked that she would only do it only if Isabel was born on

her birthday (which, by the way, was her original due date), but like any Marine, she helped out because another Marine was in need—our association was in need. So, thank you, again, Sondra for stepping up to the plate. I owe you!

It's that time of year again, when we celebrate the anniversary of the establishment of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. For 71 years, we have answered our nation's call. I am so proud to have served, and to call you all my sisters. Happy Anniversary!

Convention is only a few months away, and you will find everything you'll need to know about the activities and events in this issue. Remember, we will be meeting in **JULY** this year, NOT September, so you have *less* time to get prepared. What are you waiting for? Register today online at www.womenmarines.org, or fill out the registration form in your copy of *'Nouncements* and mail it in!

Semper Fidelis,
Wanda Antoine
'Nouncements Editor

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A photo evokes the mission of preservation and promotion of the history of women in the United States Marine Corps.



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Practically everything you need to know about our July, 2014 Convention is presented here, including details about entering our awards competition and more.

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Photo Courtesy of the Kansas City Convention & Visitors Association

From the President: Wishing You a Happy 71st Anniversary

OOHRAH!

Happy 71st Anniversary of the establishment of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. As we reflect over our more than seven decades as Marines, I pause to remember the passing of many legends who once stood on the forefront of the Women Marines Association (WMA). One such woman, our Past National President Helen Moore. I had the honor to meet her in November 2013 at the Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis, Indiana, where she was honored to be the oldest Marine present during our Marine Corps Birthday celebration. As I sat next to her, she was very gracious, kind and humble as she shared with me memories when she was WMA's National President (1966-1968).

As news of this legend's passing spread throughout our ranks, I remain in awe of the wide visionary net our Past National

Presidents, WMA Officers and Representatives, WMA members and Marines all cast. You...we, leave our footprints boldly in the sands of each generation.

As I represented WMA as the Graduation Reviewing Officer at MCRD San Diego, CA last December, it was such an honor for all our Sister Marines to be recognized for their service, courage and patriotism. I could tell by expressions on the faces of the new male Marine graduates that they didn't know females were in the Marine Corps in 1978 (when I stood on the yellow footprints), and that they wondered what woman would wear red with a large eagle, globe and anchor pin above her heart... only a Marine!

Let us remember our living Past National Presidents as we move towards our 2014 National Convention and celebrate our WWII, Korea and Vietnam Women Marines. To recognize our members

from those eras, a special pre-convention reception is being planned to remember each of you and to say "thank you" for laying our groundwork. We also want to make certain we capture the lessons learned in mentorship and provide an opportunity for our active duty Marines to share their stories. We've created an additional workshop that will be facilitated by our senior SNCO's at convention. Discussion items may include career planning, work-life balance, physical fitness, challenges and opportunities. An hour may not be enough time for this lively and informative discussion... smile.

Finally, my Sister Marines, I encourage you and your many talents to be involved at your local Chapter-level, Area-level and/or National-level. The world is vastly revolving since our days in uniform. We have very dedicated and loyal volunteers but we are also in need of subject matter experts in the areas of public affairs and accounting.

If your time is limited, we understand and will tap your expertise as your time permits. These are wonderful times... please, step forward and support WMA! Just send me a message at President@womenmarines.org. Motivated Members-at-Large are also most welcomed!

As we look down the road to Kansas City in July, remember, we have less time to prepare... **Register early, book your rooms early, and bring your sister Marines with you!**

Happy 71st Anniversary and cherish our members on whose shoulders we now stand. Semper Fidelis,

Betty Moseley Brown
WMA National President



Serving as Graduation Reviewing Officer at MCRD San Diego, CA.

A REMINDER: Kansas City 2014 - Hotel Room Rate Increase

Effective 1 October 2013 the new per diem rate for Kansas City, MO as confirmed by GSA has increased 1.9%. As directed by our contract with the Westin Crown Center, WMA's group rate for our 2014 Convention will increase to **\$106** plus taxes per night vice \$99. We regret this increase but please note it is the government per diem rate. The Westin Crown Center is a 5-star hotel and this is by far the best rate available. The rate still applies for up to four to a room.

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1st Vice President's Message: Acting Upon Article Three



Early this month, I received a package from The Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation. It was WIMSA's annual calendar, and I spent nearly 45 minutes looking through it and reading the captions of the over 125 photos included in the pages. A day later, I received a bulkier package, which turned out to be the photograph shown here,

beautifully framed and ready to find a place of honor in my living room. In the calendar, I recognized several Marine sisters and friends from the other armed services. I remembered the fun of Veterans Week 2013 in Branson, MO, shared with WMA sisters including those pictured (Joan Willauer, Karen Kelly, Angie Salinas, Pam Bloustine, and yours truly) and with service women from the Oklahoma Women Veterans organization.

Both of these gifts reminded me of our WMA purposes, so succinctly stated in our National Bylaws.

I had been reading up on them in our new RM&D in preparation for the first full business meeting of one of our new chapters, NC-3 "Semper Fi".

You see, one of the agenda items of this meeting had my name

next to it, and it said "mission statement". Chapters...new chapters and old...need look no further than Article Three of our Bylaws to find our mission spelled out.

And this month, looking at the wonderful pictures that women Marines of our organization had shared with WIMSA, it was easy to see that we are indeed working to "*preserve and promote the history and tradition of women in the Marine Corps from World War I to the present*," our first purpose. And



also, remembering the event the framed picture commemorated the POW/MIA Gala in Branson...I realized that WMA sisters all across the country daily "*sponsor or participate in activities of a patriotic nature*," fulfilling our sixth purpose. This month, I simply want to remind each of you, whether chapter members or members-at-large, that there are opportunities every single day to be involved in the mission and purposes of this

great sisterhood of Marines.

Make it your New Year's resolution to re-read Article Three, and then find a worthy project that you as an individual or your chapter as a group can work on this year. Happy New Year... and Semper Fi!!

Mitzi Manning
1st Vice President

National Service Award (NSA) Nominations Due

As we approach our Biennial Convention and Professional Development Conference, it is time to consider nominations for the National Service Award (NSA). Authorization of this award was granted to procure appropriate recognition for individuals making significant contributions to the National Association by implementing the objectives of WMA.

Any WMA member can nominate an individual for the award but it must be submitted for consideration and approval by the National Board of Directors through a member of the National Board. (National Board members include; President, Immediate Past President, 1st/2nd/3rd/ Vice President's, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and all 10 Area Directors. The proposal must be in writing and must contain the rationale and justification for the pro-

posal. It is important to remember that if you propose a nominee for this award, you need to make strong, clear reasoning and justification since this proposal will be what the Board of Directors will base their voting upon. The proposal must also contain the wording that will be read to the convention delegates and guests at the time of the presentation.

Criteria for the award include:

- Nominees should have contributed significantly to the achievement of the WMA national purposes. Awards should not be authorized simply for performance of duties expected. This would apply to elected or appointed officers. An exception might be made for dedication above and beyond the call of duty. It is important to remember that this is the highest award that is given by our association and it should be preserved and not diluted in any way.

- An individual cannot receive more than one National Service Award for the same service. They may be nominated again for different reasons.

- No more than three (3) National Service Awards are to be awarded at a convention. If the board decides that NO applicant fulfills the high standards of this award, then no award need be given.

- A non-member may be nominated for this award if their service is recognized as meeting the criteria for the National Service Award.

Please submit your nominations for consideration to any member of the National Board of Directors **no later than April 15**. Let's all help to recognize those WMA members who have made a difference in supporting our National Purposes.

Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower
Immediate Past President

Bring On Our History: Some Noteworthy Marines

The **Did You Know** items have been very popular in the last two issues and I thought that you might enjoy more on unique women who have earned the title Marine.

Did you know that two women Marines had been held as prisoners of the Japanese prior to United States declaring war on Japan?

Charlotte Day Gower was the Dean of Women at Lingnan University in Hong Kong, China during the initial Japanese attack on the city. Charlotte has been credited with setting up first aid stations and leading rescue operations in the city before being captured. Interned in a Japanese prison camp, she taught Chinese to her fellow prisoners. After five months as a prisoner, she was repatriated in a prisoner exchange. Captain Charlotte Day Gower became one of the first eight women sworn into the Marine Corps in January 1943 to serve as Director of Training for the Women's Reserve.

Marine Staff Sergeant Mary Virginia Herst of Kansas was teaching in Bangkok, Thailand, when the Japanese attacked. She spent nine months in a prisoner of war camp before being repatriated in a prisoner of war exchange. After training in multiple aviation MOS's, Mary was assigned to MCAS El Toro, CA.

Did you know that PFC Peggy Urzendowski while never a prisoner of the Japanese, had spent most of her life growing up in Singapore, Hong Kong and the Philippines? While fleeing the Japanese, she found herself on the island of Corregidor during two horrific Japanese bombing attacks. She was picked up by a troop transport headed for New Zealand where she managed transport to Australia and then on to Hawaii and eventually back to the States. Once home, Peggy quickly enlisted in the USMCWR and was stationed at Marine Corps Base, San Diego.

Did you know that two women served as Marines in WWI and WWII?

Martrese Thek Ferguson served as a Marine in WWI and was admitted to the first OCS class at Mount Holyoke in 1943, graduating first in her class. Commissioned a first lieutenant at graduation, she rose to the rank of lieutenant

colonel commanding the 2,000 Women Marines assigned to Henderson Hall, HQMC. LtCol Ferguson proudly wore her WWI Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

Lillian O'Malley Daly proudly wore the Marine green during both WWI and WWII and proudly wore her WWI medals. Captain Daly was a direct commission in January 1943 immediately transferred to Camp Pendleton to fill the position of West Coast Liaison for the Women's Reserve.

Both of these proud Marines served in WWI in the Office of the Inspector Adjutant.

Did you know that three other women with unique World War I records served as Marines in World War Two?

Helen O'Neill proudly wore Navy blue as a WWI Yeoman (F) and had 25 years of naval civil service before she received a direct commission into the Marines in January 1943. Having worked for numerous Assistant Chiefs of Naval Operations, she was well known by senior Marine Corps leadership. Major O'Neill was also a linguist in Latin, French, Spanish and Russian. She also formed the National Yeoman (F) organization, the first former service organization of the US Naval Reserve and had held a senior position in the organization. She served as Deputy of the Director of Women Marines during WWII.

Frances W. Pepper joined the staff of the Marine Corps in 1923 as a civilian employee working in the Office of the Adjutant and Inspectors Department. Frances also held a Bachelor of Law Degree and was made admitted to the District of Columbia Bar 1931. She later did post-graduate work in international law. She attended the third Women's Officer Class at Mount Holyoke and was commissioned a captain at the completion of the course. In WWI, she worked for the Young Women's Christian Organization (YWCA) and was assigned to General Pershing's headquarters in France. She was recognized by General Pershing for her work on numerous programs assisting Soldiers and Marines.

Helen Crean while assigned to the American Red Cross in France was awarded the French Croix de Guerre

for heroism under fire while working at the dressing station for wounded in Gloireux, France. When the station came under heavy bombing and machine gun fire, her gallant actions in protecting the wounded during the attack resulted in her being awarded her medal. Also while in France she gathered information and needs of the wounded in numerous field hospitals and dressing stations in the area of Verdun and opened a canteen for the 5th Marine Regiment at Naix-au-Forge. In WWII, Major Helen Crean served as the Commanding Officer of women units at MCAS Santa Barbara, CA, and at MCAS Ewa, Territory of Hawaii.

Did you know you could hop a freighter to be a Marine, and that's exactly what happened to **Natica R. Macy**. Natica was living in Bermuda when the public announcement was made that the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve was recruiting members. She literally jumped an old Greek freighter bound for the States and worked her way by painting decks, caulking wood and standing watch as the only woman member of the crew. It was literally the first ship out to the US.

(Thanks to LtCol Par Reid, USMCR for her outstanding *Marine Corps Women Reserve in World War II* 1968 edition).

Known by Generations

Recently, WMA lost a very special Marine, a WWII Marine; Emma Holmes joined our Corps with the same desire as her sister Marines in WWII to "Free a Marine to Fight", but that was not to be. Emma sustained a paralyzing spinal injury during boot camp that changed her life, forever. Emma Holmes, while a patient at a VA hospital in Florida met two WW I women Marines veterans who were Gray Lady volunteers.)

Emma kept in contact with these women and volunteered to take on the project of trying to contact as many of their sister Marines that she could.

She would write to them and started exchanging letters with them and gradually amassed a listing of 130 "WW One derfuls", as she named them. She also learned that these women wanted to reach out to their former buddies.

(Our History is continued on page 13)

*28th Biennial Women Marines Association
Convention and Professional Development Conference*

KANSAS CITY 2014

JULY 25TH - JULY 28TH

On behalf of the MO-KAN 02 Chapter of the WMA, I want to invite you to the 28th Biennial Women Marines Association Convention and Professional Development Conference being held in Kansas City, Missouri **July 25 – 28, 2014**.

It's a great year for the state of Missouri. The travel book publisher, *Lonely Planet*, has listed Kansas City as number 6 out of 10 top vacation destinations for 2014. (Of course TIME Magazine ranked us the number 1 drinking state.) Visitors will find jazz, fountains, food, and inviting visitor districts to visit. We have award winning barbecue restaurants and fountains galore. From large and majestic to small and whimsical, each of the over 200 Kansas City fountains has a character all its' own. So it is no surprise why the Kansas City area has earned its bubbly nickname, the "City of Fountains." (The only place that may have more is Rome, Italy.)

Right behind the hotel is the National World War I Museum. (Yes in Kansas City, *not* in D.C.) The museum is planning many activities to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the War. It's a great place to visit and explore. One gets to walk over the poppy field when entering the museum. Not to mention the Hallmark Visitor Center just across the street.



Legends Fountain Photos Courtesy of the Kansas City Convention & Visitors Association

For our children, we have a wonderful Sea Life Aquarium and a newly opened Lego Land, and Science City at Union Station. Plus the area is home to the number 1 professional soccer team in the US – Sporting KC, who dominated the US Soccer program in 2013. Of course, the Kansas City area is also the home to the Kansas City Royals and the Kansas City Chiefs.

For our younger members there is the Kansas City Power & Light District, home to quality restaurants, local places to quench one's thirst, dance clubs, and wonderful outdoor entertainment.

These are just a few of the wonderful places that await you in Kansas City. So mark your calendars for **July 25-28, 2014** at the Westin Crown Center, Kansas City. We will be waiting for you!

Dorothy Stover-Kendrick
Chairperson

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You can make your reservations at <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/WMAC2014>

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Things to do in Kansas City

In addition to the many family attractions housed in Crown Center, there are many things to do in Kansas City for all ages. Take a walking tour of the city, grab a drink in the Power and Light District, or enjoy one of the many great Kansas City restaurants. Other upcoming local events include Rockfest and concerts at Sprint Center.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter College Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> Need to schedule my oral history
<input type="checkbox"/> Camp Lejeune Boot Camp	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobility impaired
<input type="checkbox"/> Molly Marine	
I would like to volunteer during convention <input type="checkbox"/> WMA <input type="checkbox"/> Loyal Escort	

Late Fee of \$10 will be charged after June 01, 2014

A fee of \$10 will be charged for cancellations after 15 June 2014. Refunds will be mailed after the convention.
NO REFUNDS on meals and/or registration after July 10th.

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) Name on Badge _____

Non-Member Guests - Name on Badge _____

Meal Registration

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

Everyone pays the Registration Fee of \$50. Exception LE's pay \$45.

Date	Event	Package A All Meals	Option B Individual Choice	Non-Member Meals	TOTALS
July 25	Opening Banquet	Included	@\$53.00	@\$56.00	\$ _____
July 26	Recognition and Awards	Included	@\$41.00	@\$44.00	\$ _____
July 28	Installation Luncheon	Included	@\$35.00	@\$38.00	\$ _____
July 28	Closing Banquet	Included	@\$80.00	@\$83.00	\$ _____
Total Cost		\$205.00	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Please specify if you have special dietary or other needs:

<input type="checkbox"/> Package A	@ \$205.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Option B	Sub-total	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Meals	@ Sub-total	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> WMA Registration Fee	@\$50.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> WMA Late Fee after 6/1/2014	\$10.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> LE Registration Fee	@\$45.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> LE Late Fee after 6/1/2014	\$10.00	\$ _____
Total Enclosed		\$ _____

The Westin Crown Center
1 East Pershing Road
Kansas City, MO 64100
www.Westin.com/KansasCity

Make your hotel reservation online at <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/WMAC2014>
OR by calling the hotel directly at (800) 937-8461. **WMA room block cut-off date is July 7, 2014.**
Identify handicap room needs when you book your reservations.
Tell them you are with WMA for the preferred room rates of \$106 plus taxes.

I am unable to attend, but wish to purchase a convention program at \$10 each, payable to 'Women Marines Association 2014 Convention' or 'WMA 2014 Convention'.

Mail Completed form with payment made payable to 'Women Marines Association 2014 Convention' or 'WMA 2014 Convention': Women Marines Association 2014 Convention, Attn: Registration, PO Box 1487, Belton, MO 64012

Rev 9/6/2013

To be completed by Registration Chair: Date Received _____ Registration Number _____
Registration Acknowledgement Sent On _____



KANSAS CITY
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Women Marines Association * 2014

2014 RECOGNITION AND AWARDS **OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

Kansas City, MO

Submitter		Chapter Name and #	
Address		City, State, Zip	
Phone		Email	
Type of Entry		Website URL	
Category		Class	
Person Assigned to accompany entry at R&A event			

- Type of Entry (History Book, Newsletter, Chapter Achievement. If entry is Website enter web address)
- Category and Class required for Chapter Achievement Entries

Brief Description of Entry _____

Date of Submission _____ Date Received by R&A Chair _____

DEADLINE for ALL awards entries: **MUST be postmarked on or before June 1, 2014**

Mail all entries to:

**Sondra Metzger
Recognition & Awards
3805 NE 141 Circle
Edmond, OK 73013-7221**

Enclose a self-addressed stamped postcard to be returned as a receipt.

For questions regarding awards, please contact Sondra Metzger at
RA-Submissions@outlook.com

Please use this form if you are **ON ORDERS** only

Convention Registration Form



KANSAS CITY
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Women Marines Association * 2014

28th Biennial Women Marines Association Convention and Professional Development Conference July 25-28, 2014

You can register online at www.womenmarines.org

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Molly Marine | <input type="checkbox"/> National Officer/Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peacetime | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NATO | <input type="checkbox"/> VA Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Desert Storm | <input type="checkbox"/> Purple Heart Recipient |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OEF/OIF | <input type="checkbox"/> FET/Lioness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attending my 1st Convention | <input type="checkbox"/> HQMC Funded TAD Orders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Need to schedule my oral history | <input type="checkbox"/> Command Funded TAD Orders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility impaired | <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive TAD Orders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WMA Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Leave Status |
- I would like to volunteer during convention ☐

WMA Conference Fee Schedule for Marines On Orders

Rank/Full Name _____ Service Name: _____ MOS _____
Birth Date _____ Email _____ Phone _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Name to be printed on Badge: _____ Current WMA Member: Yes / No
Duty Station _____ Military Email _____

WMA "On Orders" Conference Fees Plan C "On Orders"

Plan C	All Inclusive
July 25 Opening Banquet	Included
July 26 Recognition and Awards	Included
July 28 Installation Luncheon	Included
July 28 Closing Banquet	Included
Total Cost of Events	\$205.00

WMA Registration Fee	\$ 50.00
Event Total	<u>\$205.00</u>
Total Conference Fee	\$255.00

Please specify if you have special dietary or other needs:

The Westin Crown Center
1 East Pershing Road
Kansas City, MO 64108
www.Westin.com/KansasCity

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OR by calling the hotel directly at (800) 937-8461.
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To be completed by Registration Chair: Date Received _____ Registration Number _____
Registration Acknowledgement Sent On _____



2014 WMA Convention Program Booklet Ad and Event Sponsor Information

Reserve Your Space Now!

Dear Military and Veteran Supporter,

The Women Marines Association (WMA) will host our national biennial convention 25-29 July 2014. It is our hope that you will support this effort and purchase an ad, sponsor an event, or make a contribution to our cause.

Formed in 1960, WMA is a non-profit, 501(c)3, charitable organization comprised of women who have served and continue to serve honorably and proudly in the United States Marine Corps. WMA and its members work to preserve and promote the history and traditions of women Marines as well as those of the Marine Corps. We volunteer within our communities and provide assistance to those veterans in need along with conducting programs for charitable and educational purposes.

These ads will be in our 2014 Biennial Convention Program Booklet, which every registrant (over 500) will receive. Your ad will hit your target audiences nationally. WMA has over 80 chapters with members that range from our active duty Marines to our WWII veterans in every state and around the globe, and these treasured mementos are frequently shared with family, friends, and members who were unable to attend. It is definitely the place to advertise to gain a wide base of prospective clients. Event sponsors will be recognized in the program booklets for the sponsored event with a full-page ad and will also receive a copy of the program.

Ads will be accepted in **BLACK & WHITE**, camera-ready hard copy, on disc or CD, and electronically. Electronic ads must be sent to: ConventionAds@womenmarines.org.

Please make checks payable to **WMA 2014 Convention** and enclose them, or in the case of electronic ads, sent them separately. Page size is 8 1/2" x 11", with half-inch margins on each side. All ads must be **postmarked by 15 April 2014** to allow time for the layout and printing. Make out and mail your check to: **Women Marines Association 2014 Convention, P.O. Box 1487, Belton, MO 64012**. Email your ad to: ConventionAds@womenmarines.org

If ad copy is submitted in its original form and is not submitted via email or disc, please submit an additional \$10.00 for scanning fee.

AD SPACE COSTS and SPECIFICATIONS

(Standard B/W - Camera-Ready Copy Only)

Program Ads

	Ad Size*	WMA	Non-WMA
Full Page	7" x 10"	\$200	\$400
Half Page	8.25" x 5.25"	\$100	\$200
Quarter Page	4" x 5.25"	\$ 50	\$100
Business Card	3" x 2"	\$ 25	\$ 50
2-Line Ad	1" x 1"	\$ 20	\$ 40
Name Only Ad	One Line	\$10	\$40

EVENT SPONSORSHIP

Opening Banquet Meet and Greet Sponsor	\$2,500 Only 3 available
Closing Banquet Meet and Greet Sponsor	\$2,500 Only 3 available
Table Decoration Sponsor	\$1,500 Only 10 available
Meal Program Booklet Sponsor	\$1,000 Only 5 available

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Point of Contact: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

_____ Please find my camera-ready ad enclosed on disc

_____ I have sent my ad file via email on _____. Please verify when it is received.

***Ads can be sent as portrait or landscape **Sponsor supplies insert**
Please note donations to WMA are tax deductible as prescribed by law.
Please check with your tax advisor.

CASH Door Prizes to Continue for 2014 Convention

Envelopes should name the donating chapter and reflect the 2014 convention theme of "City of Fountains"

Each WMA chapter is asked to contribute at least one \$25.00 and an envelope to continue the success of the cash door prizes. If your chapter is able to donate more money and envelopes, thanks!

Monetary contributions from Members-at-Large and Loyal Escorts are also welcomed along with your *creatively designed envelopes*. A special gift will again be awarded to the chapter or individual whose envelope is judged as "The Best Envelope."

The success of the cash door prizes is obviously dependent

on the amount of contributions. Cash door prizes will be given at every event on the convention schedule and with sufficient contributions, multiple cash door prizes will be given at each event.

Help to make the cash door prizes another fun and rewarding part of the 2014 Convention! Send your envelopes and checks to:

Allison Stein (Secretary, Molly Marine Chapter LA-1)

"Door Prizes"

2201 Manhattan Blvd, Apt W271
Harvey, LA 70058

If you have any questions, please contact Allison Stein at

hopetrulove@msn.com or phone (205)487-9277.

Deadline is **July 1st, 2014**.

(YOUR CHAPTER NAME HERE)

KANSAS
CITY...City of
FOUNTAINS!



ALLISON Stein

"DOOR PRIZES"

**2201 Manhattan Blvd, Apt W271
Harvey, Louisiana 70058**



We encourage you to submit some VERY creative envelopes!

2014 Convention Roommate Request

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dates you will be attending: _____

1. Smoker? Y N

2. Early riser? Y N

3. Night Owl? Y N

4. Need more than 20 min in the bathroom to be ready for the day? Y N

5. Prefer to sleep in a very cool room (68° or less)? Y N

6. Do you have an age preference for a roommate? Y N If yes, then age range: _____

7. Room Preference: 2 per room _____ (\$53.00+taxes per night) or 4 per room _____ (\$26.50+taxes per night)

Please fill out form and return to: EileenSRN@aim.com • Call 716-672-9380 for current mailing location.

"The Other Side of Oz" - Our 2014 Convention Px

The Other Side of Oz PX will be a great place to show off your chapter wares and earn a bit of cash to fill your coffers. We invite you to bring your enticing goods and lead the charge on your chapter path to financial security.

Table cost is \$35 per table. Make your check payable to:
**Woman Marines Association
2014 Convention, P.O. Box
1487, Belton, MO 64012**

"The Other Side of Oz"

Chapter Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State : _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

ITEMS TO BE SOLD: _____

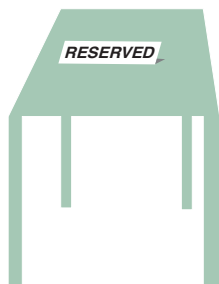
2014 Convention Table Reservation

All meal events will be OPEN SEATING; however, we would like to provide your Chapter or Special Group the opportunity to reserve a table. This will be your table during any particular meal event or throughout all of the meal events.

Table reservations will hold up to ten people. Your Chapter or Special Group name will be placed on a reserved table, and you will be informed of your table assignment. There will only be ten tables available per event for reserving on a first come, first serve bases. Reservations and checks must be submitted by July 1, 2014.

PRICES:

- ☐ \$100 Opening Banquet
- ☐ \$100 Recognition and Awards
- ☐ \$100 Installation
- ☐ \$100 Closing Banquet
- ☐ \$400 All Four Meal Events



Chapter or Reservation Name: _____

POC Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Make your check payable to the **WMA 2014 Convention**.
Mail to:

Women Marines Association 2014 Convention
P.O. Box 1487
Belton, MO 64012.

Questions to convention@womenmarines.org

Shipping Instructions: Getting **Items** to the Hotel

The Hotel does **not** have storage space for crates, pallets or large shipments. The Hotel is not responsible for any loss or damage to materials sent to the Hotel prior to the convention. A receiving, handling and delivery fee will applied to each package received according to the following scale:

0 – 5 lbs.	\$5.00 each
6 lbs.to 20 lbs:	\$10.00 each
21 lbs. to 50 lbs:	\$15.00 each
Over 50 lbs.	\$ 25.00 each

Packages will not be accepted prior to 23 July 2014. Packages will be delivered to the appropriate guest room upon request.

Upon delivery you will be required to annotate the correct billing preference for each package received (*i.e. which guest's room will be charged the handling fee*).

Address for the Hotel is:

The Westin Crown Center
c/o WMA 2014 Convention
One East Pershing Road
Kansas City, MO 64108

Scrapbooking Workshop Offered at Convention

Do you want to learn to make your own cards?

Want to pass some time away working on a scrapbook project? We are offering a small workshop for those who would like to learn some scrapbooking techniques, make a project, and have some fun.

MO-KAN 02 Chapter member, Celia Grayless, will be offering up her skills to teach anyone who would like to learn. Hours will be posted in the Registration Area of the hotel. So be on the lookout for the WHERE and WHEN.

There will be some supplies available but they will be limited. A Circuit © Personal Electronic Cutter machine and Stampin Up! Big shot will be available to use.

For a nominal fee you can pre-order a Stampin' Up Kit or bring your own supplies.



Please contact Celia Grayless at Grayless_galahs@yahoo.com for more information and to pre-order your Kit. She would like to know how many she needs to order before the convention. On Its Way Simply Sent 131373 kits. Price: \$14.00 (this includes tax & shipping) to include paper and accessories for 8 cards. Coordinates with Thanks & Hello Stamp. However, you can use any stamps you want.

Kit includes:

- 8 4¼"x 5½" cards with awesome glossy stripes on the front
- 8 Kraft envelopes
- 8 Sheets of cardstock stickers

- 8 Arrow Cute Clips
- 20 Stampin' Dimensionals

Register today!

Call for Nominations: 2014 Julia E. Hamblet Award



Col. Julia E. Hamblet

Nominations are now being accepted for the individual or team (male or female) who has done the most to further and preserve the history of women who have earned the title Marine. This prestigious award is sponsored by the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and the Women Marines Association from a bequest of Marine Chief Warrant Officer Lotus Mort Fund, for the preservation of Women Marine history.

Past winners have made lasting contributions to the history of women Marines through a variety of efforts including the development of historical teams to preserve our history, the de-

velopment of WMA's Woman of the Corps Collection, notable books on women Marines history and last year's group award that provided definitive information on the women Marines of WWI, a project that spanned forty years. **Nominations are due by March 5, 2014.**

Please include name, address, phone number and email of the nominee(s) along with their accomplishments that justify consideration for this award. Those nominating will need to include their contact data as well. Mail nominations to:

Eileen R. Scanlon
7342 Dartford Dr Apt #1,
Mc Lean, VA 22102
(703) 356-1527

Bring On Our History: Some Noteworthy Marines *(Continued from page 4)*

To fulfill their wishes, Emma sent another letter asking each to tell of her time in the Corps, single name, place of birth, her friends in the Corps, duty station, and any other info she wanted passed on to the other WWI women. Emma then gathered all the letters and created a newsletter, retyping each letter received (on a manual typewriter) and then printing the newsletter on a hand operated mimeograph machine, sending the final newsletter to the women and WMA who then let chapters know about these women. In 1976, Emma received WMA's National Service Award for "her untiring and devoted dedication to our World War I Women Marines".

In 2013, at the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Awards dinner she was one of the recipients of the WMA Colonel Julia Hamblet Award for her momentous efforts and inspiration to complete the first known complete listing of the Women Marines who served in World War I. The Emma Holmes Collection is a treasured part of the Women of the Corps Collection.

Emma passed away in early December 2013 at the age of 93. Now Emma is home with her "WW One derfuls!"

News from the Women of the Corps Collection

Thanksgiving week allowed us to host a working party at the Collection. WMA member and WOCC Foundation President Sara Phoenix, her sister Deb, and new step-daughter Patty came for the week. Patty is hoping for entry in the 2014 Class at the United States Air Force Academy and spent time touring with a

USAFA sponsor while yours truly, Sara and Deb worked at the Collection. Lots of work and some fun topped off with 20 for Thanksgiving Dinner!

The family of WMA member Annette Howard has graciously put together a collection in her honor. The majority of this family has served in our armed forces, not all have been Marines, but they all understand preserving the history of our service members. It has been my pleasure to interact with a number of them. The family's effort has been fantastic, resulting in a great addition to the WOCC.

The WOCC has gratefully accepted items belonging to one of our past Sergeants Major of Women Marines from the NMMC as well as excess Woman Marine items from another Marine Corps Museum. We are grateful for them thinking of the WOCC. The cost of maintaining items has risen in the last few years and museums and collections have to make tough choices concerning what to keep. We have received items from numerous collections that cannot afford or lack space to maintain what comes to them.

The WOCC has accepted all that these organizations have offered. These wonderful and often unique items have found a new home in the WOCC. Three years ago, evidence in a trial of a veterans scam in Las Vegas was gathered by WMA members. It contained items from at least 7 WWII women Marines and the covers of a few more.

If not for the WOCC these Marines and their treasures of service would have be-

come trash. The WOCC focus is to maintain not only Women Marine history but the history of individual Marines.

The Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast, Department of the Navy formally, requested the WOCC curator and historian to assist with an environmental assessment that will impact the disposition of four historical buildings at MCRD Parris Island.

Two of the buildings had been heavily related to women Marines and two are unique buildings that should not be lost. The curator/historian submitted a package of comments and suggestions of use based on the historical aspects of the buildings and offered suggestions on historical preservation.

The Women of the Corps Foundation (WCF) is doing a great job financially by providing 100 percent of our funding to date of WMA's Women of the Corps Collection. Any financial contribution you can make to support their efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Contributions can be sent directly to the Foundation at: Women of the Corps Foundation, 7395 San Dario Ave, G-311, Laredo, TX 78045.

If you or other women Marines you know have questions or items that will continue to add to our Marine story, please contact me at 303-663-3747, or at my cell of 303-588-3594 or niwilt@aol.com.

Semper Fi,

Nancy Wilt, WMA Historian and Curator /Historian Women of the Corps Collection

From the Loyal Escorts: Volunteers are Needed for Kansas City Convention

Happy New Year! May 2014 bring us all joy and happiness. I hope everyone had a great Holiday!

Calling our Women Marines: The Loyal Escorts will be selling buttons you can wear at convention! If you have your graduation picture from Boot Camp, or from around that same time period, and would like to make it into a button, send me a digital copy of it, along with your name at the time of graduation. I will start making them, and have them available at Convention for \$5 each, or 2 for \$8. If you'd like to have one mailed to you, contact me directly at president@loyalescorts.org so we can work out the best way to get them to you. These buttons are 2.25".

For chapters wanting to get multiple members at the same time, we can work at better pricing for the number of members interested, and mailing them to a single address.

I will also be making buttons at Convention, so be sure to visit us on how you can get your custom but-



ton made while at Convention. If you have any ideas for a button, or if you want a chapter button to hand out at your next meeting, please contact me.

Convention Volunteers Needed! If you will be attending the 2014 Convention, in our next issue of *'Nouncements*, we will be looking for volunteers to help with some event setup, PX sales, registration, dinner door persons, etc.

The more volunteers we can get, the quicker we can get a lot of the work done, so if you are interested, feel free to send me an e-mail.

I know many people like to plan little side trips while at Convention, so if you have a few hours one day that you can help out, we will work with your schedule.

Raffle Items Needed! If you have an item you would like to Donate at Convention for a raffle item, let me know.

I'd like to get a few items from each state that represents your state or city.

Whether they be coffee mugs, magnets, or maybe something you're well known for like BBQ sauce, Hot Sauce, or something similar. I'd like to put a basket together for a raffle that has a taste of everywhere.

Let me know if you'd like to bring something, or have something shipped to me for the convention raffles! This is a good way for us to raise money so we can continue to support the Conventions to our fullest in the future.

Make sure you visit our webpage: <http://www.loyalescorts.org> for more information. And as always, you can e-mail me with any suggestions, questions or comments.

FAQ – One of the most frequently asked questions I have gotten over the last couple years is if there are any age restrictions for Loyal Escort members. The answer is no.

All ages are invited to join the Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter. Every member adds value to our organization, whether young or old.

And a Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter membership makes for a great birthday present!

Keep warm this winter, and I look forward to seeing everyone at Convention in Kansas City, MO!

Michael Pearce
President
Loyal Escorts
of the Green Garter

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Merchandise Sales

**Your Purchases Support the Loyal Escorts,
and the Loyal Escorts Support WMA!**

Item: "I love my Woman Marine" pin ...\$1.00

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

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

Contact: Shaaron Wright

349 Howard Dr.

Santa Clara, CA 95051-5812

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Website: www.loyal-escorts.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/WMALeggs
Fundraiser: <http://igg.me/at/leggs>



Application for membership in Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

The Auxiliary of the Women Marines Association

LOYAL ESCORT MEMBER APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Date of birth:

Phone:

Cell:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Email:

New Renew Reinstated Life¹ (Sponsor must be Life member)

SSN#

2 YR \$25 LIFE 40 AND UNDER \$175 41-45 \$145 46-60 \$125 61-70 \$100 71-80 \$75 81+ \$50

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Sponsor Name:

Chapter Affiliation:

Do you live with sponsor Y
N

Sponsor Life Member # if applicable

EMERGENCY CONTACT

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

Address:

Phone:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Relationship:

SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE

Name:

Date of birth:

Email:

Phone:

SERVICE INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE

Dates of Service

Branch:

How long?

MOS

Duty Stations:

ABOUT MYSELF

SIGNATURES

Signature of member:

Date:

Make checks payable to Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

Mail to: David G. Wiszneaukas, 4914 Mulholland Drive, Lake Oswego, OR 97035-4394

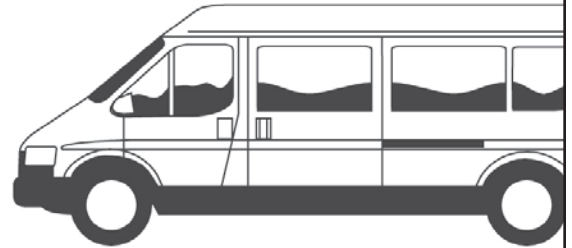
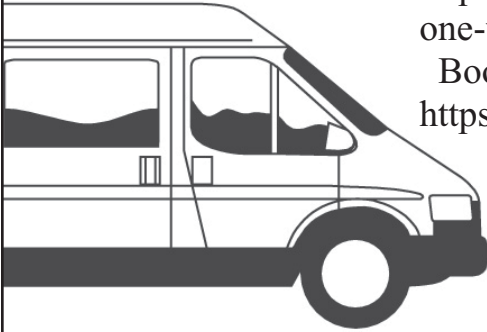
(Endnotes)

1 -- Must provide Sponsor Life member number

Ground Transportation: On Getting from the Airport to the Westin (and back)

We advise booking your ground transportation from the airport to the Westin Kansas City at Crown Center through Supershuttle.com, which offers transportation at \$18.00 one-way or \$36 roundtrip.

Book by calling (800) 258-3826 or book online at <https://m.supershuttle.com>



Molly Marine Award Recipients



Molly Marine Award recipients for Series 4002 are PFC Jennifer L. Bennett, Plt 4002, Sebastian, FL, and PFC Jasmine D. Pickney, Plt 4003, Houston, TX with Linda Priest, (USMC 1966-1975) WMA Molly Marine Liaison.

Taps

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

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

Life Members

Anderson, Barbara (Carlson)	MAL FL	2007	Membership No. #2412
Barton, Mary Ruth	MAL AZ	12/29/11	#706
Brand, Kathryn (Wiggins)	MAL TX	4/22/12	#629
Collins, Margaret (Poitz)	FL-8	12/15/13	#1470
Cook, Arline	MAL FL	9/23/11	#3282
Fellman, Lee (Hensley)	MAL CA	12/13/13	#2141
Holmes, Emma	OH-2	12/5/13	#33
Krauss, Mary	MAL NJ	3/30/13	#1622
Krich, Mary	MAL FL	12/29/11	#761
Moore, Helen (Johnson)	IN-1	1/4/14	#342
Murphy, Elizabeth	NY-3	11/20/13	#537
Patterson, Mary Ann (Dewein)	MAL HI	10/10/13	#2262
Shippee, JoAnn (Wood)	MAL KS	11/14/13	#83
Smith, Marian	MAL OR	12/28/08	#1436
Schwartz, Mary Sue (Perkins)	MAL MO	12/11/13	#238

Term Members

Byrnside, Justine	MAL FL	11/12/13
Ebner, Patricia	MN-1	10/4/13
Grise, Eleanor	MA-2	8/30/13
Kelly, Margaret	AZ-2	11/26/13

Chaplain's Corner

*"In sickness or health, in suffering or pain,
In storm-laden skies, in sunshine and rain,
God always is there to lighten your way
And lead you through darkness to a much brighter day."*

-- HELEN STEINER RICE

Mary Broussard, WMA Chaplain



Claudine Harris Barnett, 1913-2013: "A Marine at Heart"

Claudine Harris Barnett, 100, a 12 year resident of Severna Park, MD, died of natural causes on December 30, 2013 at Baltimore Washington Medical Center in Glen Burnie.

Born Mary Claudine Harris on November 22, 1913 to Evan Lilburn Harris and Annie Isaacs Harris of Charleston, WV, she was raised in Charleston, cherishing her time canoeing and swimming on the Elk River where her father had purchased a fishing camp that is still in the family. Claudine received her undergraduate degree from Marshall College in 1936 and later, her Master's degree in Physical Education from West Virginia University. For several years she taught school in a coal mining camp in the Cabin Creek area of West Virginia.

Claudine enlisted in the Marine Corps during WWII and was one of the earliest women admitted to Marine Officer Candidate School, earning her commission as a Second Lieutenant in August 1944. While her active service concluded with the ending of WWII, she remained a Marine at heart. In November 2013, she proudly attended the Marine Corps Commandant's Ball commemorating the 238th anniversary of the founding of the Corps. As the oldest Marine in attendance, she participated with the Commandant, in the ritual cutting of

the ceremonial cake.

Claudine married John R. Barnett in Charleston in October, 1945. They enjoyed 65 years of marriage prior to his death in 2010.

While posted to their overseas assignments, she taught biology at the International Children's Center (Bangkok) and the Taipei American School. Upon their retirement from the Air Force in 1968, they settled in Port Charlotte, FL where she taught swimming. Until age 96, Claudine taught swimming to countless children and adults.

Claudine was preceded in death by her parents, her brother E. L. Harris, Jr., her sister Anne Lewis Williams, and by her husband, Lt. Col John R. Barnett, USAF Ret.

She is survived by her sons, John David Barnett (Kathy) and Stephen F. Barnett (Shirley); Ole L. Holst (Susanne); seven grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren, plus several nieces and nephews.

Interment will be at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. Online condolences may be made at www.barrancofuneralhome.com

WMA Chapter Clippings

CA - 3 San Francisco Bay Area



CA-3's Winter Princess, Lily Brockmeier.

Happy New Year to one and all. Everyone seems to agree that 2013 flew by very quickly and now we are ready to see how 2014 will go. We had a wonderful celebration of the Marine Corps Birthday at our November meeting. In December, we had a great year end party to celebrate Christmas and our Loyal Escorts crowned our first annual Winter Princess to recognize a member who contributes much to our chapter. This year, the award went to Lily Brockmeier and she was very surprised. Lily is always ready to support any chapter activities

and currently serves as our chapter Scholarship Chair. Congratulations to Lily. Even though the year has just started, we will soon be heading to Kansas City to attend the convention. We are looking forward to sharing time with old friends we rarely get to see.

Unfortunately, our friend and sister Marine, Betty Lieser, got very ill in late October and she reported to her final command with our Supreme Commandant on January 8, 2014. Because she was buried with her family in Southern California, we held a memorial service for Betty at our January meeting and it was well attended by her Marine friends from CA-3 and from her MCL Detachment 919.



Rest in Peace, dear friend. We wish all our Marine sisters a healthy and happy 2014 and look forward to seeing you all in Kansas City.

Semper Fidelis,

Kathy Wright

CA - 8 Palms to Pines

We would like to welcome our two new members: Cassandra Thompson-Jarvis and Jade Dabney. They will be an asset to CA-8.

Vivian Bolton, our Historian for many years passed away in August. Her son-in-law made sure we got all the CA-8 material Vivian had collected over the years.

We really thank him. So many times we never get anything.

Among her possessions was a copy of a letter dated 2 Oct 1943 from the Commandant to TIME magazine chastising them for an article they had published regarding the nickname BAM.

I checked TIME's archives and found an article where they called the Women Marines "*Broad-Axle Marines*".

Ozell Barksdale was one of the volunteers to put 200,000 flags on every grave at Riverside National Cemetery for Veterans Day. Our own Joanne Evans was keynote speaker at the Veterans Day event. It was attended by CA-8 members Sybl Acree, Mary Eliseo and Loyal Escort Helen Page.

Sybl Acree, Johnnie Williams, Ozell Barksdale and Helen Page attended Wreaths Across America ceremony at Riverside National Cemetery.

Eddy Stephens spent a few days in the hospital. We are glad she has recovered and back at her duties as secretary.

LEGGs member and CA-8 Chaplain, Dixie Forrest has been having a number of health problems we hope she recovers soon.

On 18 January, CA-8 had elections. The new officers are Johnnie Williams, President; Jade Dabney, Vice President/Treasurer; and Cassandra Thompson-Jarvis, Secretary.

Congratulations, ladies! Installation ceremony will be 16 February.

Looking forward to a new year and new officers.

Hope to see you all in K.C. in July!

Sybl Acree



Always a Good Gift Idea!

Wondering what to give a friend or family member?

Consider a gift membership in WMA or Loyal Escorts.

You can do this quickly and easily online for WMA at our web site:

(<https://www.womenmarines.org/MemberShipForm.aspx>), or you can use the membership applications in this issue of 'Nouncements'.

Already a member? Send a donation in their honor.

If you note on your donation that this is a gift, a letter recognizing the gift from you can be sent to the individual you are honoring.



A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

On behalf of all Marines, Bonnie and I send our warmest regards to the Women Marines Association as you celebrate 71 years since the establishment of the Marine Corps Women's Reserves. This is a great milestone to commemorate, and on this occasion, we send our heartfelt gratitude for your faithfulness to each other and to our Corps. It is always remarkable to see warriors from all generations gather together and celebrate what it means to be a Marine.

It is vital to the heritage of our Corps that we recognize the numerous contributions our women warriors continue to make in garrison and in harm's way. The WMA represents a valued tradition among Marines and plays a crucial role in carrying on those traditions. For more than half a century now, the WMA has worked tirelessly to ensure that the bonds formed as female Marines are kept strong and the history of women in the Marine Corps is passed on from one generation to the next. As you gather on this occasion, know that your brothers- and sisters-in-arms truly appreciate the contributions you have made to our Corps through the years.

It is an honor to represent all Marines in thanking you for your service and fidelity. Congratulations again on this 71st anniversary, and best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable event! I remain...

Semper Fidelis,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to James F. Amos. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

JAMES F. AMOS
General, U.S. Marine Corps

FL - 2 Florida Gulf Coast

A belated but heart-felt Happy New Year to all! Below see the sunny faces of the Gulf Coast Chapter members at our 2013 Christmas party. We had a great turnout with some new faces, great food and of course a wonderful time was enjoyed by all!



Starting in November 2013, chapter members joined with our fellow Marines from the Marine Corps League Morris F. Dixon Detachment 54 in their community outreach project serving a monthly pancake and sausage breakfast at Project Hope in Pinellas County. The project provides tent shelters for some of the county's homeless. Normally over 200 people are served at these breakfasts. It is a humbling experience to serve those less fortunate than ourselves but so very rewarding.

On 11 January we had our Chapter meeting and approved a new slate of Officers for the chapter. Congratulations to President – Kathleen Potthoff, Vice President -Tina Bostic, Secretary -Tina Limle and Treasurer -Kathy Sheppard !!! Can you believe it first two Kathy's now two Tina's!!

Tina Limle joined the chapter in late 2013 and she has already brought in another new member, Sherry Crews. Congrats to Tina for jumping in and welcome aboard to both TinaL and Sherry.

As with many other chapters, FL-2 is in the process of planning our WM Anniversary celebration which will be held 15 February. Co-sponsored with our fellow Marines from Marine Corps League Det 54 the "Meet and Greet" will feature displays of memorabilia from our members and of the chapter itself. If you or anyone you know is in the area, please stop by to meet and greet! Check out the invite on the Area 3's Facebook page. Happy Anniversary and Semper Fi!

FL-3 Gold Coast of Florida

Happy New Year from FL-3.

Our chapter gathered with family and friends to enjoy a lovely Thanksgiving dinner hosted by Marjorie Palin (Mary Jane's daughter). We forgot all about our aches and pains, had lots of food and fun and games!

At our first meeting of the year, we will discuss our goals and projects for 2014. We would like to either continue with our care packages, or perhaps help the troops and their families once they've returned home. We look forward to another year of service and friendship together.

Wishing WMA a very healthy and blessed new year!

Semper Fi,

Mary Jane Kane
President

FL-8 Spaceport

We have lost one of our most wonderful members, Marge (Margaret) Collins. She died peacefully at her home 15 December, 2013 surrounded by those who loved her. She was born in Colorado on 9 March, 1920. Marge enlisted in the USMC in August 1943 and was stationed at Cherry Point N.C. working as a Control Tower Operator, until her discharge on December 1945 with the rank of Sergeant. She was a stewardess for Continental Air. During this time she met her husband Brad, a fighter pilot in the USAF.

She spent many years as an Air Force wife, traveling to his duty stations, mostly out of the USA. She loved to travel, and continued to enjoy her many trips to "far away places". Marge liked to keep busy and spent many years volunteering in the Community. She worked for 20 years in the Brevard School system, and also worked at Daily Bread and Sharing Center.



She was one of the first members in the FL-8 Chapter, and served in all positions. She was our "Poster Girl" wearing her uniform to all functions. One of her favorites was the award ceremony held at the local high school's JROTC. It was to honor the Outstanding Female Cadet, for the year.

There stood Marge in her WWII Uniform, proud and looking great. After the ceremony was over, all the young female Cadets would surround her, asking questions about the uniform and her time in the Corps. Wonder how many of them joined the USMC?

I met Marge in 1992, when I finally found a WMA Chapter. That started a friendship that lasted until she died. She loved going to the National Conventions, rarely missing one. She asked me to help her to create a Chapter Scrapbook. It takes two years to work and finish a book. We created five books, with plenty of laughing, mild disagreeing, talking, sorting and plenty of Tea and Cookies. Three books won first Prize, one book came in second and one took third place. Not too bad for two old ladies!!! You will be missed!

Outstanding Job-MARINE

Rest in Peace Old Friend

Semper Fi,

Mary Byrnes Bevan

LA-1 Molly Marine

The fall season started with a meeting at The Wine Market in Slidell, LA on 19 October. We are starting to get more and more excited about the 2014 Conference in Kansas City and have started planning our trip there. After the meeting, we stayed to enjoy delicious food and wine, and enjoyed shopping in the gift shop. Members present at this fine venue were Allison Stein, Teresa Anderson, Vicki Haynes, Mary Draughn, Darlene Graves (LE), Kimberly Allen, Barbara Ruffin (LE), Mary Whittington (LE) and Melanie Young. Guests in attendance were Lynn Franklin and Ashlyn Ruffin.

On 23 October, several chapter members met at the Southside Café in Slidell, LA to commemorate those Marines that lost their lives, 30 years ago this date, at the United States Embassy in Beirut.

Mary Draughn serves as the Molly Marine Chapter Chaplain and the Commandant of the Slidell Jans F. Hursey Detachment of the Marine Corps League. She honored them with a prayer and a toast. We ended the evening with dinner and fellowship with our brothers and sisters of the Marine Corps League. Members in attendance were Mary Draughn, Darlene Graves (LE), Kimberly Allen, Barbara Ruffin (LE), Vicki Haynes and Melanie Young.

On 3 November, in observance of Veterans Day, the Slidell Auditorium hosted a "Salute to All Veterans for Their Service to Our Country". The event was free and opened to all veterans and partners! The program was very inspirational and motivating, with a few guest speakers and music of the eras was provided by "Music by Luke". Our Chaplain, Mary Draughn, participated in the program by presenting a tribute to MIA/POW's. As usual, she did an outstanding job! Members that attended this motivating event were Mary Draughn, Vicki Haynes, Barbara Ruffin (LE), Marvin Savage (LE) and Melanie Young.

Several members celebrated the 238th birthday of our beloved Corps with members of the Jans F. Hursey, Marine Corps League Detachment on 9 November at a birthday luncheon held at Precious Pearls in Pearl River, LA. Mary Draughn, our Chaplain, is the Commandant of the Jans F. Hursey Detachment of Slidell, LA. The celebration consisted of a delicious lunch, guest speaker, paying tribute to POWs/MIAs and the showing of the Commandant's birthday message video! Then, keeping with tradition, the first pieces of cake were served to the oldest and youngest Marine. The oldest Marine present was 94 years old! The celebration was both motivating and inspiring. Members in attendance were Mary Draughn, Darlene Graves (LE), Vicki Haynes, Marvin Savage (LE) and Melanie Young.

Our Chapter was very busy on 10 November. The day began with presenting a donation to Mt. Olive AME Church for the Annual "Run to Feed the Hungry 5K"; which takes place every Thanksgiving morning! This fundraiser helps feed the homeless and hungry in the Slidell, LA area. Members that presented the donation to Reverend Margaret Simms were Melanie Young and Vicki Haynes; Marvin Savage (LE) was our photographer.

Immediately following church service on 10 November, a few members headed over to the Lambeth House in New Orleans to celebrate the Marine Corps birthday with one of our three WWII veterans, Frances Hoffman. Frances was very happy to celebrate with us. We enjoyed cake, punch and loads of camaraderie! Members that celebrated with Frances were April Bell, Terri Anderson, Vicki Haynes, April Senatus, Janie Beers (LE), Mary Draughn, Darlene Graves (LE), Cpl Elizabeth Damron and Melanie Young.

The party wasn't over! We left the Lambeth House to head over to the Chateau de Notre Dame in New Orleans to celebrate with Marian Landry, our eldest WWII veteran member. Marian was the life of the party! We started out with mimosas toasting our Corps and WWII veterans. Afterwards, we enjoyed cake, punch, wonderful stories, laughter and camaraderie! Mary Whittington (LE) met up with the members from the Lambeth House party group to celebrate at the "Chateau". This day was one of the most special Marine Corps birthdays we've celebrated!

On 18 November, April Bell (Treasurer/Visitation Committee Chair), decided to drop by the Lambeth House to pick up Frances Hoffman for dinner at Piccadilly's; her favorite restaurant. One of the items in the WMA Mission Statement is to "promote the welfare of elderly and disabled women Marines"; Molly Marine

Chapter LA-1 takes this very seriously, paying homage to those who paved the way.

The Christmas season began with the blessing of giving to others. On 9 December, Allison Stein and Melanie Young presented a donation of supplies to the New Orleans Mission on behalf of the Molly Marine Chapter.

The Mission feeds thousands of New Orleans' homeless and ensures they have access to emergency shelter, especially during the summertime. The cornerstone to ending homelessness is helping get people off the streets and connecting them with services that help them reach their highest potential; the Mission has numerous programs to accomplish this goal.

On the evening of 9 December, several members attended the Marine Forces Reserve Band annual Christmas Concert at the Harbor Center in Slidell, LA.

Admission to the spectacular musical event was a toy for "Toys for Tots". Members that attended and donated toys for a family in need were April Bell, Georgia Hildebrandt, Mary Draughn, Darlene Graves (LE), Vicki Haynes and Melanie Young.

Lynn Franklin came along as Mary's guest and plans on joining the Chapter; oohrah!

On 12 December, Allison Stein and Melanie Young made another trip to present a donation of supplies to the New Orleans Mission on behalf of the Molly Marine Chapter.

The Director and employees of the New Orleans Mission are grateful and send holiday greetings to the Women Marines Association.



On 14 December, we celebrated Christmas at the home of Cpl Elizabeth Damron (Special Projects Officer). Numerous members and Loyal Escorts gathered for this festive occasion. Liz and Karen Williams organized a Christmas party that will be remembered for years to come. Everyone is still talking about the fun games, delicious food, White Elephant Gift Exchange and camaraderie. Members, Loyal Escorts and guests who attended the party are pictured in the photograph.

Christmas wouldn't be complete without visiting the Chateau de Notre Dame Nursing Home and the Lambeth House to give holiday wishes and Christmas gifts to our two eldest Chapter members, Marian Landry (93) and Frances Hoffman (90). The visit made their holiday more the merrier! The members and Loyal Escorts of Molly Marine LA-1 wish each of you a glorious holiday season and a very happy New Year!

Melanie L. Young

MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks

MN-1 Chapter members met on Sunday, November 10, 2013 at McCormick and Schmicks in Edina, MN for the Marine Corps birthday. Deciding what to order was an issue as everything looked delicious. It is a small world as attendee Judy Austin was recognized by another veteran from her Cooperative with neither knowing each other were veterans.



Front row: Mary McGee, Judy Austin, Lorraine Morgan Back row: Sandra Heredia, LE Jules Biel, LE Mary Frances Feiler, Linda Munson, Julie Williams

The chapter met again on Saturday, December 21, 2013 at the residence of Lorraine Morgan in Minneapolis enjoying a chance to socialize, sign cards for those who could not attend, a potluck meal and White Elephant gift exchange. Chapter Vice-President Liz Whitbeck, Judy Austin and Treasurer

Mary McGee have had some health issues and we send them get well wishes.

We appreciated our holiday gathering so much we met again on January 11, 2014 at Lorraine Morgan's residence. Lorraine celebrated her birthday on December 25th.

The chapter extends a welcome to you if you are in the area to attend a social event and/or meeting.

Vicki Latiolais

MN-1 Chapter Secretary

NC-3 Semper Fi



NC-3: (L-R:) Michele Crandall, Sherri Homme, Lynne Cockman, Tracy Crow, and Mitzi Manning

The newly forming chapter, NC-3 in central North Carolina, met on Saturday, 16 November, to elect officers and finish up the paperwork required for the granting of our chapter charter. We met in Pittsboro, NC at the Oakleaf Restaurant, and 9 of our 12 charter members were present.

Elected to serve as our first group of officers were: Tracy Crow-President; Catherine Barker-Vice President; Lynne Cockman-Treasurer; and Mitzi Manning-Secretary. We are looking forward to being approved and installed, and already have some ideas for chapter projects percolating.

Mitzi Manning

OK-2 Heartland



OK-2's "Santas" are (l-r): Sondra Metzger, Brenda Sutton, Clara Mark, Dorothy Rimbold, Betty Raines, Joan Willauer, Jenny Storm, Pam Bloustine, and Deb Patillo.

Happy New Year, Marines! Everyone in OK-2 made it into 2014 safe and sound; we hope you and yours did as well.

Our November was a busy one, as usual. Members attended the Oklahoma Marine Corps Coordinating Council's birthday luncheon; a birthday ball or two; and we co-coordinated the annual Oklahoma Women Veterans Recognition Day events in Tulsa. And somewhere in there some of us attended a surprise birthday party for Joan Willauer who turned a young 90. It was complete with wine, kin, and song!

Things slowed down in December because of the holidays. But our meeting paid off for the Toys for Tots program, as evidenced by the photo. Plans were discussed to give you an outstanding Recognition & Awards luncheon at the Kansas City convention. We're looking forward to seeing who adds a streamer to their chapter colors! Join us and have a great time! There's nothing else like a WMA convention.

February will be our next meeting to celebrate our anniversary. It will be a quiet, subdued affair. We blew it all at Joan's party.

Sondra Metzger

TX-1 Lone Star State



TX-1 members at the 238th Birthday.



TX-1 has been busy the past few months with the election of our new officers, celebrations, and events, we are enjoying every bit of it!

We celebrated the 238th Birthday of our beloved Corps at Cheddar's in Bedford, TX. We sang the *Marines' Hymn* and with tradition, had a cake cutting ceremony. Our youngest Marine present was Andrea Murphy and our oldest Marine present was Joan Wright (who said she was the youngest...).

Camaraderie is always best when shared with your fellow Marines.

We had the joy of delivering des-

serts to the Fisher House in Dallas, not everyone was able to make it, but still were able to provide some goodies.



We were given a tour of the House by the Assistant House Manager, Mr. Frank and the Program Support Assistant, Mr. Jeffrey. And, we were able to speak to one of the residents, she said "Anything that is brought in, they are very thankful for." We were glad to hear this; we hope to keep providing them with desserts and hopefully cater a meal in the near future.

Katherine Lorenz Townsend

WA-3 The Evergreen State

We wish you all a happy and healthy year in 2014. Our chapter closed the old year with much activity and good thoughts for our service men and women serving overseas.

Our last quarterly meeting was held on 9 November, 2013 in Marysville, WA. at the Village Inn Restaurant. Betty Strand, our President conducted the meeting.

We will continue to honor the outstanding cadet in MCJROTC each year at Snohomish High School with a \$100.00 bond.

The nominating committee submitted the slate of officers for the new term. President: Karen Wheeler, Vice-Pres.: Bettie Glassey, Treasurer: Virginia Wright, Secretary: Betty Strand, Chaplain: Karen Bellingar. Installations will be on 8 February, 2014 at the Village Inn Restaurant.

After the meeting, members packed nine care boxes for a small PAO Unit stationed at Camp Lejune but now serving in Afghanistan. The boxes contained many needy items and goodies for nine Marines who ordinarily do not receive mail or packages from home. This will be a surprise for Christmas and they will know our chapter is thinking of them.

A letter and Christmas card signed by members of our chapter will accompany each box. By the way, the funds to ship the boxes were raised by the cadets and the Parent Association of MCJROTC at Snohomish High School.

In addition to the care package project, our members are still knitting baby supplies for the new mothers at the Naval Station in Oak Harbor.

On 2 November, 2013, the Marine Corps Support Group celebrated the 238th birthday of the Marine Corps with a luncheon at the Bellevue Hilton in Bellevue, WA. Mary Armendariz, a member of our chapter and also of the Support Group, arranged for two of our chapter members, Rae Beatty and Louise George, to be seated at her table. It was a great occasion.

The Snohomish High School MCJROTC celebrated the Marine Corps birthday with a dinner and ball on 16 November. Betty Strand, Bettie Glassey and Honey and Art Langdon attended as the honored guests.

Maddie Anderson and Allison Hoeth of MCJROTC sat with them and all reported it was a wonderful evening. Our sincere thank you to the MCJROTC cadets who have been such a big help to us in the care package project. You are all special.

Semper Fi,

Louise George



Honey Langdon, Capt. Lennon, and Art Langdon at the 238th Birthday Ball at Snohomish High School.

WMA Chapter Clippings
deadline for submissions
in next issue is **1 April!**



Chapter Tool Kit: Federal Tax Information

It is nearly that time of year...tax time...so I take this “tool kit” opportunity to remind chapters about the necessity of filing with the IRS. The Women Marines Association is exempt under the Internal Revenue Service as a **501(c)(3)**, and may receive tax deductible donations in accordance with this Code. The activities that qualify WMA National for exemption include the extensive scholarship program, the educational and historical programs sponsored, the grant program, and other donations made in support of veterans and veteran programs. Most...but not all...WMA chapters are exempt as **501(c)(19)**, the designation authorized for organizations falling under an established 501 © (3) and whose members are predominantly past or present members of the United States Armed Forces. Donations to a 501(c)(19) organization normally **are not deductible** as a charitable contribution.

Small tax-exempt organizations, like most of our chapters, whose annual gross receipts are normally **\$50,000*** or less are required to electronically submit Form 990-N, also known as the e-Postcard, unless they choose to file a complete Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

(*Note: The gross receipts was raised from \$25,000 after the last full revision of the “How To..”)

Information you will need to file the e-Postcard:

- Employer Identification Number (EIN), which the chapter requested from IRS when established
- Tax year.
- Legal name and mailing address.
- The URL of the Chapter’s website (if there is one).
- A statement indicating whether the Chapter intends to continue in existence for the next year,
- Any other names the organization uses.
- Name and address of a principal officer.

Chapters may request WMA National Treasurer to file the e-postcard. Our National Treasurer is Pat Lewis. She can be reached at (719) 313-9094 or at Treasurer@womenmarines.org

An Invitation to Play Golf with Ruptured Ducks

My name is Mary Edmonds, and I am a life member of WMA living in Beaufort, South Carolina.

I am seeking your assistance in getting the word out to WMA members who love to play golf (either poorly or well) about an organization to which I belong and enjoy very much.

My request is on behalf of the International Women Veterans Golf Associations (IWVGA), also known as the Ruptured Ducks.

I would encourage the WMA members who may be interested to check out our website: www.iwvgaducks.com.

There they will find a brief history and some facts, membership information and application as well as recent tournament results.

Our time together is relatively brief, but we play annually at different courses around the country and enjoy not only the golf but the comradeship of new and old friends, inter-service ribbings and lots of good times.

We realize that most folks can’t travel to every tournament, and we try to spread the wealth so that travel costs do not become an issue for anyone.

We also would like to encourage our active duty Marines to join this lively group as well.

Our current Marine Corps membership number is 13, we have 42 Air Force, 47 Army, 26 Navy, and 2 Coast Guard members. I think it would be great if we could increase our Marine Corps numbers in the coming year.

The 2014 tournament will be held in San Diego the first week of June, more details to follow which I can forward to you as they become available.

The 2015 tournament will be in Alabama on two of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail courses and I can keep you posted on that as plans develop.

Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Mary Edmonds



Loyal Escorts will be Making Custom Buttons in KC !

A reminder here that Michael Pearce and the Loyal Escorts will be bringing equipment to Kansas City in order to make custom 2.25" buttons from your digital art for WMA Convention attendees for a nominal cost.

See the Loyal Escorts page (*page 14*) for more details, or e-mail Michael at president@loyalescorts.org with your specific questions.

Make a one of a kind button from that old boot camp or platoon photo, or have matching buttons made for all those attending from your chapter!



WMA National Merchandise Sales - Your Purchases Support Our Association!

WMA Patch, small	\$5.00	Denver 2010 Convention Coin	\$13.00
WMA Patch, large	\$5.75	Philadelphia 2012 Convention Coin	\$15.00
WMA Pin, Hat (pin or clutch)	\$5.00	50th Anniversary Medallions	\$5.00
WMA Pin, Life	<i>Call for pricing</i>	Woman Marine Matted Quote	\$12.00
WMA Flag	\$185.00	WMA Digital Drawstring Bag	\$12.00
50th Anniversary Medallions	\$7.00	WMA Digital Briefcase Bag	\$25.00
Book, "Above & Beyond: Former Marines Conquer the Civilian World" <i>Call for pricing</i>			
WMA Afghan Throws.	\$45.00		



WMA Cap (3 months delivery time). . . \$43.00

Chapter designation: ____ - ____ - ____

Example: CA-1 (4 spaces only except USA-1,2,3.)

Size: (1" above ears- allow for hair style)

Sizes for WMA Caps:

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Phone: (813) 498-8062

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WMA Chapter Merchandise Sales

Send chapter ads to Wanda Antoine, 117 Silent Country, Cibolo, TX78108 (228) 243-3845, Editor@womenmarines.org.
IMPORTANT, PLEASE NOTE: When WMA sales items are no longer available, please 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



WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

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



Item: "Parris Island: A Woman's Memoir of Marine Corps Boot Camp"

Signed copy by author Lisa Cordeiro

Cost: \$16.95 (\$3.95 shipping)

Chapter: MA-1

Contact: Lisa Cordeiro, 35 Berkeley St., Watertown, MA 02472

or order online at www.lisacordeiro.com <http://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

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 CA7 WMA

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

Candy

Item: WMA & Letting 3" Insignia/Logo Green, White, Milk Chocolate or Special Order

Cost: Singles\$1.50

Box of 8\$6.50

Box of 15\$13.50

Mints Box of 12\$10.50

Item: WMA Mint 1" round Insignia/Logo

Green, White, Milk Chocolate or Special Order

Singles\$1.50

Box of 12\$10.50

Chapter: CA-11 - Central Coast

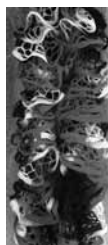
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Scarf



Item: Patriotic Ruffled Scarf - Red white and blue.

Many other combinations & solid colors. Can email photos of samples. Contact chapter with desired colors. Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.

Size: Approximately 58" long, 4" wide **Cost:** \$20 - includes postage.

Checks payable to WMA KY-1

Contact: Mary Broussard, 4500 Dakin Court, Louisville KY 40299 (502) 267-4776 or email: twomarinefamily@gmail.com

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

Shirts and Sweats

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: White golf shirt with embroidered green WMA logo circled by the phrase, "More Than A Woman A Marine"

Cost: All sizes (S) to (XXXL) \$28.00 (price includes shipping)

Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1

Contact: Heidi Tanada, 17103 S.W. Eldorado Dr. Tigard, OR 97224-2075



Item: Light gray t-shirt with small green WMA logo on front and large logo on back; both circled by the phrase, "More Than A Woman A Marine"

Cost: Sizes (M) to (XXXL) \$16.00 (price includes shipping)

Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1

Contact: Heidi Tanada, 17103 S.W. Eldorado Dr. Tigard, OR 97224-2075



Item: A dult, Youth & Infant/Toddler Shirts, 3 embroidery options, prices include shipping.

Short Sleeved T-Shirt (S-XL)
\$17.00

	Ladies Polos (S-XL)	(2XL)
Adult	\$30.00	\$18.00
	(2XL) \$31.00	(3XL)
	(3XL) \$32.00	\$19.00
	(4XL) \$33.00	(4XL)
	(5XL) \$35.00	\$20.00
	(6XL) \$36.00	(5XL)
		\$22.00
Youth		(6XL)
		\$24.00
Youth	Youth Polo (S-XL) \$22.00	Short Sleeved Tee (S-XL) \$15
Infant/Toddler	Long Sleeved T-Shirt (6M-4T) \$16.00	Short Sleeved Tee (6M-4T) \$15.00

Embroidery Options:

Option 1:

Option 2:

Option 3:



Website: <http://home.comcast.net/~or-3> to see shirt specs, color options and pictures.

Contact: Make checks payable to WMA OR-3 and mail to: Stephanie Wilcox 336 S. 71st St, Springfield, OR 97478; call (541) 554-6015 or email or-3@comcast.net for information.

Jewelry

Item: WMA Logo Earrings

Cost: \$10.00/pair (includes shipping)

Chapter: Make checks payable to: TX-3, WMA

Please designate one: ☐ Wire/Dangle ☐ Clip-on

Contact: Anne Collins, 4707 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209 (210) 829-8522



Item: Charm "Semper Paratus"

Cost: \$15.00

Chapter: Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)

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



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



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



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Item: 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



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Item: Travel neck pouch, black w/two zippered sections on one side with clear section on reverse with WMA logo; adjustable strap; size 6-1/2"x4-1/2"
Cost: \$5.00 each (includes shipping)
Chapter: NM-1 (checks payable to payable to WMA-Chapter NM1)
Contact: Stella Delgado-Kinnison, 204 General Patch NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123

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

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Item: New aluminum license plate in distinctive RED lettering on white "WOMEN MARINES ASSOC" with emblem. Includes a green and white "Semper Fi" sticker
Cost: \$9.00 (*postpaid*) **Chapter:** FL-4, Tampa Tarpons
Contact: Laverne H. Myers, 3803 Drexel Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611-1517



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Item: WMA "Semper Fi" 2" x 9" green and white bumper sticker (*for anyplace—car, boat, luggage, etc.*)
Cost: \$1.50 ea. for 5 for \$6.95 or 10 for \$11.00 (*postpaid*)
Contact: Laverne H. Myers, 3803 Drexel Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611-1517

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

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Item: WMA logo Rubber Stamps
Cost: Large stamp: \$11.00 (*includes mailing*) Small stamp: \$8.00 (*includes mailing*) Chapter: CA-7 **Checks to:** EMVSC CA7 WMA
Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056-4011 (760) 724-9861

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Item: Clear Vinyl Bag with Long Zipper, WMA Logo Women Marines Association. Green/White Size: 9" x 12"
Cost: \$6.25 (*includes shipping*) **Chapter:** NC-1
Contact: Naomi Malone, 218 Sunset Rd., Jacksonville, NC 28546-7045 (910) 545-7154 nmalone@ec.rr.com

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

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



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

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Item: "Proud To Be A Marine" ribbon magnet, 8"x 3"
Cost: \$6 each (*includes postage*)
Checks: Payable to to EMVSC CA-7 WMA
Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056-4011 (760) 724-9861



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

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Item: Bumper sticker, The Few, The Proud, The Women Marines
Cost: \$1.50 each (*Price includes shipping*) **Chapter:** NM-1 (*checks payable to WMA-Chapter NM1*)
Contact: Phyllis Young, 1070 Stovall Ave., Bosque Farms, NM 87068

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Item: EGA Zipper Pull (1 inch EGA, 2 inch total length), \$6.00 EGA Yellow Ribbon Lapel Pin (1 inch length) \$5.00, Marine Mascot Christmas Ornament (red ribbon, 2.5 inches in length) \$8.00, EGA Christmas Ornament (red ribbon, 2.5 inches in length) \$8.00, Red EGA Necklace (chain, 18 inches in length) \$10.00.
(Plus \$3.00 USPS shipping per above items)
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 or Vicki Latiolais, 7940 Fairfield Road North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55444 (763) 560-6401 vlatiolais@comcast.net

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Item: "Woman Marine" Ribbon Magnet, 8" x 4"
Cost: \$7.00 (*includes shipping & handling*)
Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller
Contact: Ellen Leidy, 1107 Columbus Ave., Barberton, OH 44203 (330) 825-8935 email: leidyrun@aol.com



Item: This item has been officially licensed by the US Marine Corps.
Item: Ornament "The Fewer" Size 2 3/8" x 3 1/8" Limited 3-D, only 300 minted, 24 Karat Gold on Brass
Cost: \$29.75 (*Includes Shipping*).
 Portion of proceeds go to "Paws and Strips".
Cost: 24 Karat Gold on Brass \$29.75 (*includes shipping*)
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Make Money Order or Cashier Check to: Katherine M. Lorenz Townsend
Chapter: TX-1 "The Lone Star State"
Contact: Katherine M LorenzTownsend and mail to: 4025 Tortoise Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76135 Orders can now be placed on line using a credit card at: www.womenmarineskeepsake.com



Item: Red "Women" Marine Apron and hotpad and oven mitt combo
Cost: \$29.95 (*Includes Shipping*)
 Make Money Order or Cashier Check out to:
 Katherine M. LorenzTownsend
 4025 Tortoise Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76135



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ALTERNATE ADDRESS INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

E-mail:

Reason for Alternate:

Start Date:

Stop Date:

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of a relative not residing with you:

Address:

Phone:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Relationship:

SPOUSE INFORMATION

Name:

Date of Birth:

E-mail:

Phone:

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When Served:

Name (s) Served Under:

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☐ **2 Year Membership \$40**

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Chapter Name if Known:

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By my signature, I verify that all information contained within is correct and that I am eligible to apply having served or honorably serving in the United States Marine Corps.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

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2014 Convention and Professional Development Conference Schedule of Events • 24 July - 29 July 2014

Thursday July 24, 2014

1500-1800 Registration
1900-2100 No Host Reception-Cash Bar

Friday July 25, 2014

0800-1700 Registration
0800-1200 WMA 2014-2016 Board Meeting
0830-1200 Loyal Escorts 2014-2016 Board Meeting
1000-1200 PX Set up
1300-1600 PX Grand Opening
1230-1300 Active Duty Orientation*
1330-1530 First Timers Meeting*
1500-1600 Flag Ceremony Rehearsal
1730-1830 No Host Reception
1830-2130 Opening Banquet

Saturday July 26, 2014

0800-1700 Registration
0830-1030 WMA Business Meeting #1*
0830-1030 Loyal Escorts Business Meeting #1
1200-1430 Recognition and Awards Luncheon*
1500-1600 WS #1*
1630-1730 WS #2*
1730-1800 PX Opens
1900-2300 Loyal Escorts Hospitality

* **Mandatory Events/Workshops (WS) for Active Duty:**

- Active Duty Orientation *
- First Timers Meeting*
- Recognition and Awards*
- Workshops 1-3*
- WMA Business Meetings 1 & 2*
- WMA Memorial Service*

+ *Denotes mandatory for Area Directors and Chapter Presidents*

* *Denotes mandatory for Active Duty*

Sunday July 27, 2014

0700-0830 3rd Bi-Annual Fun Run/Walk
0800-1600 Registration
1000-1200 1st VP/AD's/Chapter Pres+
1000-1200 PX Opens
1230-1400 WMA Memorial Service*
1430-1630 WMA Business Meeting # 2*
1430-1630 Loyal Escorts Business Meeting #2
1900-2200 Loyal Escorts Hospitality

Monday July 28, 2014

0800-1600 Registration
0900-1000 WS #3*
1100-1200 BOD Photo
1200-1400 Installation Luncheon
1430-1630 WMA 2014-2016 Board Training
1430-1600 Loyal Escorts 2014-2016 Board Meeting
1730-1830 No Host Reception
1830-2130 Closing Banquet

Tuesday July 29, 2014

0800-1200 WMA 2014-2016 Board Meeting

Register Early, Book Your Rooms Early, and Bring Your Sister Marines With You!



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