



Singing the Praises: Lucille Teixeira, 1932-2009

We have lost one of our greatest supporters on levels too numerous to mention.

Past National President Lucille "Lou" Teixeira passed away on 14 March after suffering a massive stroke. She had moved from Sun City, CA, to Springfield, VA, in 2008.

Lou, the youngest of nine children, was born in Norton, MA on 26 July 1932. In 1950, she moved to Washington, DC to start her career with the federal government which included the Department of Justice, Department of the Navy, Department of the Interior, and the Fish & Wildlife Service.

In May 1954 while attending a wedding, another guest, a Marine recruiter, convinced Lou to join the Marine Corps Reserve. Less than 30 days later, she boarded a troop train to Camp Lejeune for two weeks of active duty training.

In 1960, Lou and her friend Sue Sousa were among the 125 women who attended the first reunion of women Marines in Denver, and together both have served the Association in a multitude of ways during these past 50 years. She joined WMA's first chapter, DC-1, but left in 1961 and became a resident of California. In 1968, Lou attended the convention in San Francisco and has attended every convention since, with the exception of Seattle. She was looking forward to attending the National Convention 50th Anniversary celebration in Denver this year.

While maintaining a full-time job with Hughes Aircraft in Fullerton, CA, Lou went to school four nights a week and received her Juris Doctorate from Pepperdine University. She retired from Hughes after 22 years.

Following her retirement, she traveled to all 50 states via RV, plane and car, and then settled down in Sun City, CA, a senior citizen retirement community, where her leadership role in issues and concerns for the residents was recognized as she served two terms as vice president and then president of the Sun City Civic Association. She maintained her membership in the Bike



Lucille "Lou" Teixeira, 1932 - 2010.

Club, Players Club, Lawn Bowlers and golf club. She was a strong advocate for senior housing.

In December 2008, Lou moved back east and became a resident at the Greenspring Retirement Community in Springfield, VA.

Lou was a motivator, an "idea" person with many talents. She became known for her positive approach in working towards



Lou receiving the National President's Pin from Carol Mutter at the San Diego convention in 2004.

the objectives of WMA when she saw the need or when called upon to accept the challenge. She held elected and appointed offices at both national and chapter levels, from chapter president to National President from 2004 – 2005. If you ever needed positive reinforcement for the job you were doing for WMA, Lou was first in line to give it to you.

There is no way to express completely the tireless dedication that Lou so willingly gave to WMA over the past 49 years.

Her background in law, management and contract negotiations enabled her to serve as a major contributor on the Constitution & By-Laws Committee and follow the re-incorporation of WMA when legal verbiage was needed during a 13-hour meeting in Scottsdale. On more than one occasion, she put aside personal and heavy business commitments and traveled at her own expense to make presentations to the Board of Directors.

Lou successfully motivated and encouraged members to become candidates for elected offices. One of her passions was singing, and you could always find Lou in the hospitality suite at conventions with her guitar encouraging everyone to sing along. Because of this passion, she was instrumental in the concept and creation of our WMA song.

In keeping with the purposes of WMA, Lou contributed on an individual basis to the personal needs of former Marines and our own members in finding them full time employment.

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WMA 'NOUNCEMENTS

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We are getting closer and closer to Convention, and this year there will be a noticeable void in Denver. WMA's Past National President, Lucille "Lou" Teixeira, passed away in March. I never got the chance to meet Lou, but the accounts of those of you who did know her make me realize that I missed out on knowing a phenomenal woman. She will definitely be missed by those whose lives she touched.

Speaking of Denver, if you haven't booked your flight yet, it is not too late to book it through www.womenmarinestravel.com. Each time you book travel, WMA gets a portion of the travel commissions. You can also arrange for round trip shuttle service to and from the hotel through www.supershuttle.com. You can find more information about these services in this issue of 'Nouncements.

Captain Staci Reidinger, Deputy Director of Public Affairs at MCAS Miramar, and one of our newest WMA members, recently returned from a 13 month deployment in Afghanistan. She has contributed some photos from her time there. She has a lot of stories to tell and will contribute to 'Nouncements from time to time. It is always great to know what our active duty members are doing, and Capt. Reidinger is there to capture their stories.



CA-7: The prettiest hat...

As you read this issue, you will see that our chapters are still out serving the communities in which they live, and are having fun in the process. We want to know what your chapter is doing, so if you haven't sent anything in a while, what are you waiting for?

*Semper Fi,
Wanda Antoine*



Having fun in Texas!

DENVER!

Convention information, from registration to a list of things to do in the Mile-High city, can be found throughout this issue, beginning on page 8. See you there!

Correction: In the last issue of 'Nouncements, Mae Duge's name was misspelled. The name Sandee should have been Sande, the name of her first husband, Johan Sande. Mae joined the Marine Corps in 1944 and the photo in the last issue

was taken in Hawaii in 1945. She performed her duties as a communications messenger driving around the base in a Crosley car. Although her second husband's nickname was Mike, his full name was Merrill Duge.



ACTIVE DUTY

Capt. Staci Reidinger, USMC, second from the left, works closely with Afghan Government employees to refine their communication skills to include speaking to media, responding to crisis situations and building strong work relationships. Zobaida Adzul, far right, provides office management support to the Afghan Government Media and Information Center (GMIC) in Kabul, Afghanistan. The two women on either side of Capt. Reidinger are two of 30 students who just completed 3-weeks of public relations training at GMIC in the fall of 2009. See more of Capt. Reidinger's photos from Afghanistan on page 7 and page 24.

Photo by Dr. Fahim Ahmad Maylar, Afghan Government Representative (Kabul)

President's Message

As we "spring forward" into 2010, WMA is on the road to celebrating a bright new era while at the same time recognizing our unique history. In February, we celebrated the 67th Anniversary of the establishment of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. I had the opportunity to experience this special occasion when I visited with our Florida Chapters in Tampa Bay. Lucille Gunion and the FL-2 Chapter hosted an Area wide celebration with representatives from not only the state of Florida, but also Georgia and Virginia, along with our Area 3 Director Linda Wolford and 1st Vice President Judy Anderson.

We have a proud heritage and a history that has been written over time. We will have an opportunity at this year's Biennial Convention and Professional Development Conference to not only promote and perpetuate the legacy of

women who have served, but also work to build the bridges for those to come. I recently spent a weekend in Denver visiting with the Convention Coordinating Committee and know that they have a wonderful event planned, including a fantastic display from the CO-1 Chapter's "Women of the Corps History Collection." We will be able to not only experience our unique bond as women who have served as Marines for the past 67 years, but to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of WMA and recognize the proud 50 year history of our Association.

So this September, let's "fall back" and appreciate how far WMA has come in the last 50 years, and look forward to what the future holds. Our membership drive continues and increases every day benefiting from our exposure on our new website, Facebook, Twitter

and WMA Blog. Remember that our membership dues will change effective 1 July 2010. The \$15 annual dues option will no longer be offered, so you will be able to join with either a two year (biennial) membership dues of \$40, or a life membership which is pro-rated by age. See the article in this issue for more details.

I look forward to seeing you in Denver this September. Come join and be a part of WMA history!!

Semper Fidelis,
Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower
National President, WMA



1st VP Message: Keep Your Chapter Alive and Relevant!



It was a great surprise, when I saw my last Women Marines Association 'Nouncements'. All of that color! Didn't it just make you smile? It was Easter

weekend and so appropriate.

The Women Marines Association is changing in many ways, but you can be assured we still have our core values. Welcome aboard and best wishes to new 'Nouncements' Editor, Wanda Antoine. Besides serving as the Editor, Wanda is the point of contact for starting a new chapter in Mississippi. I am sure you can all appreciate the two challenges she has. Please, join me in wishing her success with both projects.

WMA has approximately 75 chapters. Many are vibrant and growing; some are in transition and struggling. Each chapter grew from the vision of the charter members. Whether it was

based on history, such as the Edith Macias Vann chapter or the Molly Marine chapter, or based in the community, each chapter has a unique history. Keep your chapter alive and relevant. Enter the Recognition and Awards Contest

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Create a web page!
Submit your chapter
history!
Don't forget the
Recruiting Awards!*

for the 26th Biennial Women Marines Association Convention and Professional Development Conference. Create a web page! Submit your chapter history! Don't forget the Recruiting Awards! There are awards for chapters and individuals.

When you think about the recruiting awards, follow up on the contacts being generated from Debra Drummond, WMA Membership Secretary and Mary Ann Merritt, WMA PRO. Debra and Mary Ann have created a strong presence for WMA on www.women-marines.org and the social media outlets. These new online activities are getting new members for WMA. Use these referrals to get new members for your chapter.

Finally, I would like to ask the chapter presidents to send me an email or post card after your next meeting, identifying the chapter by name and number; I am interested in the number of members in attendance, along with the guests and Loyal Escorts. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Semper Fi,

Judy Anderson



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Our Growing History

Our History on the Road

It has been a busy time getting multiple exhibits on the road. But we have 2 new displays up and if you're in the area, you should visit.

The Ranch House, Camp Pendleton Women's History Month Display

We have loaned historical WWII uniforms for the display on Women's History that this museum has been doing. The exhibit has been up for over a month and the end is near, but not known. Many thanks to Lillian Cross and Mary Edwards for receiving the uniforms and getting our loan documents signed and returned to The Women of the Corps Collection. This historic ranch (the core of Camp Pendleton) house is worth a visit any time. Curator Faye Johnson and her staff are doing a wonderful job in this unique museum. As a note on history, The Ranch House Chapel was the WM Chapel during WWII.

Marine Exhibit, Broomfield Veterans Museum, Broomfield CO.

Women serving in the War on Terror

This gem of a museum is just north of Denver and presents a wonderful look at the armed forces. The Women of the Corps Collection was honored when asked to provide an exhibit on our current women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as women who served in Desert Storm. Nancy Wilt and Sara Phoenix got a display together of uniforms, photo art, and the majority of a HQMC exhibit on female Marines that HQMC has given to the Women of the Corps Collection. The exhibit fills the major hallway, one room, and part of a second room. On display are combat uniforms of both eras, plus our beloved Dress Blues and multiple photos from the WOTC. We are hoping this display can be toured during Convention 2010.

Modern Day Marine Exhibit

Quantico, October 2009

Camp Pendleton, February 2010

Marines of every rank, giants of the defense industry, and political figures attend these major Marine and Defense Industry Trade shows. MDM Quantico had over 58,000 visitors, followed by Camp Pendleton with a reported 35,000 guests. For many years, WMA has been gifted both by the Marine Corps League, who sponsors the event. Every Marine on base at

each command has an invitation to this event. It is a great way for WMA to tell its growing story. This year the booth is dedicated to WMA, our 50th anniversary, our 2010 Convention, as well as a brief history of Women in our Corps.

United States Marine Corps Reserve (F) WWI

The story goes that after WWI, the records of the 305 women who served in "The War to End All Wars" were lumped in with all the other WWI records and documents and stored away. After 2 fires, few of these records exist. Nancy Wilt and Sara Phoenix have been attempting to develop a complete list of the women who served.

What exists are two 1918 magazine articles from the Marines Magazine that had two partial listings of the women and their home states and in some cases their Marine job. These listings had mostly those assigned to HQMC. After much research, the lists from the magazines were obtained and verified. Also used was the "Women Marines of WWI" published in the 1960s that had another partial listing.

Our best source was that developed by WMA member Emma Holmes, who took on the project of locating WWI women as a WMA project in the 60's and 70's to extend WMA membership to them. Aided by Lela Liebrand Rogers (WWI Marine) and the mother of actress Ginger Rogers, they located 106 of the original 305. This was an amazing effort and one that got larger as one WWI woman told another.

To date, the Collection staff have been able to locate 255 of the 305 by using all these sources of information. One call came in from the son of a WWI Marine (F) in response from a Midwest museum. The son (age 85) whose mother had served as a United States Marine Corps Reserve (F) wanted to know what we could tell him about what job she may have had, and where she was stationed. This WWI woman had not been on our list.

Our goal on this project is to gather all 305 names by 2018 so that a roll can be read that day to honor them on the 100th Anniversary of their service.

Convention 2010, Denver

The history exhibit at this year's WMA Convention will present every known uniform ever worn by the Women of the

Corps. Starting with Lucy Brewer and finishing with the women of today. This first time event will fill a ballroom of the hotel. In addition to uniforms, new memorabilia from every generation will be on display. To add zest to the display, a challenge of bunk making is planned, and training films from WWII thru current day will highlight our women. Experts from many generations will be on hand to answer your questions.

Special tours of the exhibit will be available with our National and Deputy Historians, and our Archivist will be available for you and your friends through silent auctions.

SO PLEASE HELP...

Sponsor a Mannequin at a Convention

The cost is \$150.00 which buys a mannequin and pays for the uniform cleaning after the convention. Dedicate it to your best buddy, we'll get her name and develop a story with you that will appear with the mannequin. We need at least 20 more sponsorships to make this first time exhibit a reality. The number of uniforms is amazing. Imagine no museum, collection, or display (and that means the National Museum of the Marine Corps, Base Museums as well as public museums) has ever displayed all the uniforms at one time and to our knowledge (after much research), we are the only collection/museum that has them all. Kathleen Drummond is sponsoring, so is June Whitehurst, Sue Sousa and Eileen Scanlon are sponsoring one for Past National President Lou Teixeira, Paula Sarlls is sponsoring, our New Orleans Chapter is sponsoring and the list keeps growing... so please jump on board.

Honor a WWI member if your chapter bears their name; honor your best Marine buddy, a chapter member. Honor our Marines who have made the ultimate sacrifice, not only in the War on Terror, but those lost in other conflicts while in the line of duty. Heck, honor yourself....all of us have done our country proud by being US Marines, or let us pick a Marine for you to honor.

Send your sponsorship check to Paula Sarlls and then contact me, Nancy Wilt 303-663-3747, with the era of uniform and Marine you want it to be dedicated to.

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Our Growing History (Continued)

We'd love to hear from you and speak with you if you:

- Knew any of the original officers of WWII
- Know the names of any WWI members
- Have photos or stories of training at Hunter College
- Would like to add to the Mt Holyoke Story
- Have served in the current War and Desert Storm and can share your photos and stories with us.
- If you have a unique or interesting

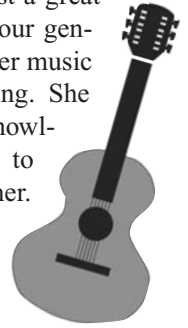
MOS (new to women) or an experience that should not be lost to history.

WMA President Tours The Women of the Corps Collection while in Denver.

Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower toured the Women of the Corps Collection on March 26th as part of her convention trip to meetings in Denver. She spent the afternoon, seeing the database first hand and touring the Women of the Corps Collection. Rhonda has been taken through the various steps including the next phase we hope to start in the next few months.

Song Bird of WMA

With the passing of Past National President Lou Teixeira, I have lost a role model and a friend. WMA has lost a great lady, one who brought all our generations together through her music and ability to make us sing. She brought joy and amazing knowledge to conventions and to everyone one who knew her. May She Rest In Eternal Peace for the leadership and joy she brought to all of us.



**Nancy Wilt, Historian, Curator,
Women of the Corps Collection
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From the WMA Membership Secretary



Spring has sprung! Time is flying fast, the closer we get to convention. Chapters, remember to send in your roster of newly elected officers as soon as elections are complete so we can keep everyone informed.

As you know, you must be a member in good standing with National to be a member of a chapter. For many chapters, it's been very difficult to track that information resulting in a lot of extra work for the Area Directors, chapter officers, and membership. For that reason, the Area Directors will receive quarterly membership reports which they will

share with their chapters. Then it will be up to the chapters to collect National dues along with their chapter dues. That will accomplish two purposes: 1) reaching out to connect with local members will strengthen ties to local chapters and 2) avoid confusion over who has paid National and chapter dues.

Remember all dues are going up on July 1st so it's a GREAT time to consider becoming a life member of WMA.

Lastly, speaking of dues and new members, WMA continues to use social media to get out the word about our organization. As a result, we've gained LOTS of new members and we're at 3,110 members.

Chapters are now in the formation

stage in Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Iwakuni, Japan, Texas, and our newest 'virtual' chapter, Women Marines in Business.

If your local chapter is struggling, reach out to Mary Ann Merritt at PRO@WomenMarines.org, to get the word out about your chapter, and make sure to let her know of all your events. That brings interest to the website, Facebook, and ultimately, new members!

Until we meet again, savor spring!

**Debra Drummond
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From the Parliamentary Pulpit: How to Make a Motion

The question arose on how to make motion. The actual form is very simple; you say, "I move." However, depending on where you are making the motion and under what circumstances, there are a few simple guidelines.

You always wait until you are recognized by the chair. At a general meeting, you give your name and chapter before you make the motion. Where the secretary knows you by name (chapter meeting) this is not necessary.



If the motion is one that you have been planning to bring up at the appropriate time, please have it written down, read it as written, and then give the written copy to the secretary so that she has the exact wording.

If it is a motion after a long discussion, you MAY NOT say, "I so move" because by this time, the motion is not always clear. You must put it into words, i.e. "*I move that G. Washington may add false teeth to his expense account.*"

**Anne Zink
WMA Parliamentarian**

Takashur (Thanks) from Afghanistan



Several boys ranging in age from 4-15 gather around Capt. Staci Reidinger, USMC, to watch themselves on video during a half-day visit to their orphanage on the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan. Lollipops in hand, the boys enjoyed a day of laughter and fun as they tried out their new writing pads, jump ropes and t-shirts. Several Orphanages across Afghanistan still desperately need clothing, food, educational materials and fire wood. We can't adopt these children but we can give them hope. Photo by Zobaida Akhbar, Afghan Government Representative (Kabul)



Lt. Adam Clampitt, USN, and Capt. Staci Reidinger, USMC, pause for a moment at the Ministry of Defense helo pad in Kabul, Afghanistan along with several Afghan and International news representatives. Their day trip included a flight to Wardak Province to meet local Afghan security forces, interview the provincial governor and capture the essence of rural Afghan life outside of Kabul. Photo by Lt. Dave Hecht, US Navy, (Kabul)



Proud to serve and even more excited to stand next to a female, several Afghan soldiers smile as they are congratulated for completing 10 rigorous weeks of military skills training in Methr Lam, Loghman Province in the Spring of 2009. Several of these Afghan soldiers were surprised to see a female wearing a uniform, much less a Marine Corps uniform. This photo led on to about 50 more photos with soldiers and Afghan representatives proud to take a picture with a female Marine. Photo by Lt. Adam Clampitt, US Navy (Mehr Lam)

Leveraging our *Semper Fi* Spirit in the Business World



WMA's newest chapter, *Women Marines in Business* is off and running after electing their first slate of officers: Debra Drummond, President; Terry Hall, Vice President; Rosie Gregoric, Secretary-Treasurer; Kathryn Baarson-Chaplain and Monika McKemie-Historian. WMA's first 'virtual' chapter, members meet every other Sunday evening by conference call or online

from the comfort of their homes.

Founded to support members currently employed in the business world and as business owners, members have come to realize the importance of extending that to mentoring female Marines getting out of the Corps. As founder Debra Drummond noted, "My career would have looked a whole lot different had there been something like Women Marines in Business around 30 years ago."

They are on track to be awarded their

charter at Convention and these pioneers are excited about being WMA's virtual pioneers. As the members say, "Whether you own your own business, work for someone else, or are retired but feel like sharing your wisdom, we're looking for a few good Women Marines in Business."

Connect with us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter at WMAinBiz, or call 248-974-6210 for more information.

Debra Drummond

Every Step Is Critical

Your walk through time begins with the first step and ends in September in the mile high city of Denver! Don't miss a single step or you'll be missing out on a great event.

From the Anniversary Party on the 2nd to the closing banquet on the 7th, this convention is full of fun and excitement! Tun Tavern will be your gathering point in the lobby, the hospitality suite is where you'll let it all down for the day and relive USO days. The history suite will be the greatest ever seen! The Mile High Marine Market is a shopping expedition unparalleled. Banquets will honor the history of Women Marines and of WMA and there are many surprises. You might have seen one on our face book pages in October. Ask your Area Director about the gold piece! It is our 50th Anniversary, isn't it?

See articles throughout this issue of *'Nouncements* for more info and

1. Plan to arrive on the 2nd
2. Make your hotel reservation
3. Use Women Marines Travel for transportation and car rental
4. Reserve a table for the Marine Mile High Market
5. Buy an ad in the Program
6. Get your chapter to send money for the door prizes.
7. Create a hat for the high tea!
8. Honor someone with a mannequin in the history suite.
9. Pack your bags
10. Have a great time!

WMA 2010 a Walk Through Time



Sponsorship for Convention

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

General Sponsorship Levels

Diamond	- \$25,000 & Above
Platinum	- \$10,000-24,999
Gold	- \$ 4,999-\$9,999
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Bronze	- \$1,000-\$2,499
Copper	- \$500-\$999
Steel	-\$100-\$499

Specific Event Sponsorships available

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Event Program Book Sponsor -	\$ 500

Those yellow footsteps are getting closer all the time!



Denver, Colorado hasn't been the same since over 100 women marched in on July 25th, 1960! The whole state is going to be happy to see you when you arrive at Denver International Airport to begin your walk through time. From registration to closing, you will share memories unlike any other, and camaraderie beyond compare. Look back over the last 50 years as you attend each event and take pride in how far the association has come, and then look forward to what you can do to keep the association vibrant and valuable. This is a chance for you to share history, innovative ideas, and successes. You must take the next step to keep WMA on the path forward so...



are going to be very special and have wonderful prizes! Don't regret not attending!

3. Go to the workshops as they have been especially designed to appeal to active duty as well as those of us who have been away from the Corps for some time.

4. Bring your wares to trade at the Mile High Marine Market! The innovation of our members is marvelous!

5. Remember those we loved and lost at the Memorial Ceremony.

6. Visit Tun Tavern and re-enlist?!?!?!?

7. Have an SOS, WMA, and Beautiful American Marine breakfast!

8. Visit the Marine Memorial in Golden!

9. Attend the meetings pertinent to you and

10. **EVERYONE MUST ATTEND THE TWO BUSINESS MEETINGS so we can complete our business! Make sure you're there!**

11. At the end of the day, spend some time in the great Hospitality Suite hosted by our own wonderful – Loyal Escorts!

1. Register with the hotel and with the Convention Committee – plan to arrive early and attend the Golden Anniversary Party.
2. Attend every event – you won't want to miss a chance at the great prizes and the exciting events CO-1 has planned for you. The Recognition and Awards, 2012, and Installation luncheons

Hotel Information for Your Walk through Time

Photo courtesy Denver Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau



Grand Hyatt
1750 Welton Street
Denver, CO 80202
(303) 295-1234
1-888-591-1234

Convention attendees must make their own room reservations.

Room rate is \$99 plus tax
You *must* mention the Women Marines Convention to get this rate.

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

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

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

Email: PaulaSarlls@comcast.net
Phone: 303-766-9023

Marine Mile High Market Denver, CO - September 2010

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

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

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

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

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

Chapter Name _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Special needs _____

Women Marines Association

2010 Convention and Professional Development Conference

Schedule of Events

September 3-7, 2010

Thursday September 2, 2010

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

Friday September 3, 2010

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

Saturday September 4, 2010

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

Sunday September 5, 2010

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

Monday September 6, 2010

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

Tuesday September 7, 2010

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

Wednesday September 8, 2010

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

Active Duty Mandatory Events:

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

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

*Denote mandatory for Active Duty

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

WMA Golden Anniversary Party

Cruise in for the GOLD RUSH to Begin

Your Walk through Time...

September 2, 2010 Denver, Colorado

The official convention opens on September 3rd when we meet for the opening banquet, BUT...If you like to party, plan to arrive on the 2nd for a golden time!

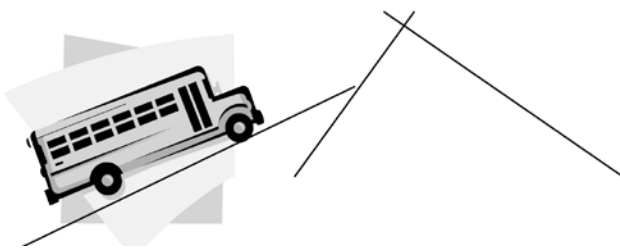
Attend our NO-Host "Gin Fizz" Anniversary Celebration on **September 2, 2010 from 7-9 PM**. This is fashioned after a 'Gin Fizz' bar at the 5th WMA Convention. Have cake and share some memories.

2010 marks the 50th year of WMA – a golden event and we all know that Denver is known for the GOLD RUSH! So rush on in a day early for this memorable party. WMA began in Denver at the Shirley Savoy Hotel.

- Do you know someone who was there?
- Do you have memorabilia or photos of that event?
- Were you on the cruise convention in 1978 or have you heard about it?
- What do you know about the Loyal Escorts history?
- Want to know more?
- Would you like to share your memories of the cruise and other WMA events?
- Are you new to WMA and want to learn some of our history?

You'll want to pan for gold in the crowd and reap the rewards of a successful search! Sound like fun?

Then this party is the place to be. So when you register to travel, remember this party and plan on arriving a little early. The highlight of the evening will be a short film of the cruise convention to Hawaii with some "originals" of WMA, and the display of the WMA cruise banner, furnished by the Loyal Escorts. We're very grateful for their support. This is a night you won't want to miss! There's a lot more but we don't want to give everything away so plan to be there. If you are registered to arrive at the hotel on or before the 2nd we'll expect to see you at this unique event!



*Head on out to the hills
while you're in Denver and visit the*

Marine Corps Memorial in Golden, CO

There will be a table at registration to sign up for tours on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

Many thanks to the folks at the Memorial, the MC League detachments and the Young Marine detachments in the area for making this happen!

Denver Visitors Bureau Welcomes Us with Discount Coupons at Venues All Around the Denver Area



In an effort to be "GREEN" the convention committee and Visitor's Bureau is sending out this web address for you to research great discount coupons for vendors in the area. There are lots of great deals on this web page. We really want you to enjoy your time here and maybe come back to visit Denver on vacation one day!

<http://www.denver.org/pdfs/2008Coupons.pdf>

2010 WMA Convention Program Booklet Ad and Event Sponsor Information

Dear Veteran Supporter,

The Women Marines Association (WMA) will host our national biennial convention September, 2010 in Denver, Co. 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, veterans organization comprised of women who have and continue to honorably and proudly serve in the United States Marine Corps. WMA and her 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 2010 Biennial Convention program booklet, which every registrant will receive. Your ad will be seen nationally. WMA has close to 100 chapters with members in every state. We range from our active duty Marines to our WWII veterans. These treasured mementos are then shared with family and friends back home who were not able 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.

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 be sure your check payable to **WMA-CO-1-2010** is enclosed or in the case of electronic ads, sent separately. Page size is 8 1/2" X 11", with half-inch margins on each side. All ads must be **postmarked by 15 July 2010** to enable time to do the layout and printing of the Program Booklet. Mail with your check to: **WMA-CO-1-2010, (memo "Convention Program") to: Paula Sarlls, 3066 South Granby St., Aurora, CO 80014-3833 303-766-9023, email: 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 Black and White - Camera-Ready Copy Only)		
	Ad Size	Program Ads
Full page	7-1/2 x10	\$200
Half Page	7-1/2 x 5	\$100
Quarter page	5-3/4 x 5	\$ 50
Stand Business Card	3-1/2 x 2	\$ 25
2 Line Ad	1 x 1	\$ 20
Name Only Ad	One line	\$ 10

EVENT SPONSORSHIP	
Opening Banquet Meet and Greet Sponsor	\$2,500 Only 3 available
Closing Banquet Meet and Greet Sponsor	\$2,500 Only 3 available
Decoration Sponsor	\$1,500 Only 2 available
Event Program Booklet Sponsor	\$ 500 Only 5 available

Name_____ Phone_____

Point of Contact_____ Email_____

Address_____ City_____ State_____ Zip_____

_____ Please find enclosed my camera ready ad enclosed on disc

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

Please note donations to WMA are tax deductible as prescribed by law.
Please check with your tax advisor.

Chapter Checklist for 2010 WMA Convention and Professional Development Conference



1. Step out and to send \$30 in for your table at the Marine Mile High Market. Tables will be 3 x 6 and will be secure when no one is in the room. If you have old photos of boutiques/px's and would like to have them displayed in the Market, send them in, too.
2. Take the next step forward and send your donation in for the door prizes. Don't send gifts please. Just send a donation in form of a check (pref-

erably at least \$25). Make a special envelope that showcases your chapter. Individuals can do one, too. There will be prizes for the best envelope!

3. Knock those heels together and to send your ad copy and \$ in for advertisements in the convention program. Go to www.womenmarines.org for the form and prices or see the form elsewhere in this magazine.

Make check payable to one of the following:
Mile High Marine Market
Door Prizes – 2010
Program Ad – 2010

Mail to:
3066 So. Granby St.
Aurora, CO 80014



The Sometime Singers

It is time to volunteer to sing at the upcoming convention. We need to know how many people are interested in lending their voice to the various banquets and memorial service. If you are plan-

ning on attending the convention and wish to sing please contact me, Lynette Gray via email at grafamorg@hotmail.com or by phone at 440-933-6027. We will need people for each day of the con-

vention so no matter which days you are showing up your participation would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know your intentions ASAP.



Attention: Active Duty

The 2010 MARADMIN will be out in the very near future. Be sure to check with your command early about attending 26th Biennial Women Marines Association (WMA) Convention & Professional Development Conference TAD.

In 2008 we had over 100 Active Duty attend. The camaraderie that was experienced by all eras in that week was amazing. Our veteran Marines told our history firsthand while our Active Duty shared their experience on how they have continued to blaze the trails.

Check out the convention page for more details.

A Step up for Recognition and Awards Banquet

Think about bringing a very special hat and maybe an outfit with you for the Recognition and Awards High Tea. Modeled after very special Margaret Henderson and Julia Hamble events, this is going to be spectacular! It is also reminiscent of the days of the scuttlebutt club, the precursor to WMA. If you don't want to bring a hat, we have some limited supplies to create one – let the convention chair know if you choose to make the hat at convention so we'll have enough supplies on hand. There will be a prize for the best hat and 2 runners up! Send an email to paulasarlls@comcast.net or USPS mail to Hats 2010 – 3066 So. Granby St. Aurora, CO 80014.



Event Door Prizes: Tell us something about your chapters

Remember getting that door prize and you wondered how to get it home or what to do with it? Past practice has been for each chapter to send or bring a gift for a door prize. We are suspending that idea and trying something new! **CASH!** Yes spendable money to spend as you please or tuck safely away and take home! We will be giving cash prizes at every event. I'm sure there'll be great ways to put that door prize to good use—a visit to the Mile High Market or a nice drink at Tun Tavern!

Our goal is to have the donor create a presentation envelope for each door prize

that shows what they or their chapter is all about and to show who donated the door prize, so recipients can send a thank you which is proper etiquette, as we all know! Best envelope received by August 15th will be featured in 'Nouncements and the donor/chapter will receive a special gift. Of course, you can bring the cash donation to convention, but it'd be better to send it prior so you will be entered in the contest for best envelope.

We are asking that each chapter send in their gift in the form of a check which we will convert to cash, or by using a cash gift

card available at all banks. What you send will be in your envelope and presented at one of the events. We are asking for a \$25 monetary gift from all chapters. Members at Large and Loyal Escorts can support us as well with the same monetary gift.

Please send the donations via check made payable to WMA 2010 Note **door prize** on the check.

Mail to **Door Prizes – 2010** 3066 So. Granby St., Aurora, CO 80014

If you have any questions please contact us at convention@womenmarines.org

Join the Women of the Corps Exhibit At Convention

Chapters or individuals are invited to be a part of the history exhibit at convention in 2010! Do you have a favorite uniform or someone you'd like to honor? Just register with Nancy Wilt (303-663-3747), Historian for the CO-1 chapter, the Women of the Corps Collection and National WMA!

Let her know who you want to honor and

the type of uniform you want to use. The mannequin will be dressed in that uniform with a name plate honoring your selection. The number of mannequins available is only limited by your generosity and whether or not we have the uniform in the Collection!

The uniforms need to be cleaned after

convention in an archival preservative method and we need to purchase more mannequins for the exhibit; so once you clear it with Nancy that a uniform is available, send in \$150 to:

Mannequins 2010 - 3066 So. Granby St., Aurora, CO 80014

Convention Registration Form

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

You can register online at www.womenmarines.org



To be completed by Registration Chair:

Date Received _____

Registration Number _____

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII | <input type="checkbox"/> National Officer/Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam | <input type="checkbox"/> VA Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NATO | <input type="checkbox"/> Please schedule my oral history |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Desert Storm/Shield | <input type="checkbox"/> Attending my 1 st Convention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OEF/OIF | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility impaired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peace Time | |

☐ I would like to help during convention

Pre-convention Registration must be received by 30 June 2010

Late registrations will be charged a late fee.

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

Full Name _____ Service Name _____

Birth Date _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

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

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

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

Meal Registration

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

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

Grand Hyatt Hotel
1750 Welton Street
Denver, CO 80202
(303) 295-1234

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

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

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

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

Chapter Tool Kit: Membership Reports, Social Media

With the census and income taxes done, it is a good opportunity to review the status of our chapters. The Women Marines Association Membership Secretary, Debra Drummond, has initiated a new quarterly membership report for the Area Directors. The report will be sorted by chapters and Members at Large. This is a new tool for the AD's to assist chapter presidents with chapter membership status, including current addresses and dues. The AD can work with the chapter presidents to identify MALs as prospective members. Some

chapters are facing dwindling memberships and concerned for the future of their chapter. This is a time to talk with the Area Director; identify any prospective MALs for membership and invite them to the meetings. Submit chapter activities to webadmin@womenmarines.org

In addition to the Membership Report, the AD can request assistance from the WMA Membership Secretary, Debra Drummond and Mary Ann Merritt, WMA Public Relations Officer. With the success of online activities,

please explore the electronic media opportunities for your chapter. Keep your chapter informed of WMA activities on www.womenmarines.org. Chapters can reach a bigger audience by creating a presence at www.facebook.com, and www.twitter.com. Do you have questions about social media? Debra and Mary Ann will be presenting an electronic media workshop at convention; watch for details.

Judy Anderson

Chaplain's Corner

Ladies, I need the names of anyone that has died since our last convention no later than three weeks before the Denver Convention. I must cut-off then, so we can get the Memorial books printed. Thank you for all your help these past two years. May God keep all of you safe, and I will see you at the Convention. God Bless.

Betty Jean Cannon

Taps

TERM MEMBERS

Alene Bohn died: 1-14-10 FL-4
Wanda Alberini died: 4-2-10 MO-1
Delores Fix died: 2-12-10 WI-1
Betty Sharpe died: Jan.2010 CA-9
Mildred R. Benedict died: 12-12-09
Rosemary Micheli died: 8-28-08 CA- 3
Mary ann Quigley Died 2-27-07 CA- 3
Dorothy "Jean" Thompson died: 2-10-10 FL-2
Rogene Cannon died: 12-13-09 CA- 8
Lorraine Kennedy died: 1-26-10 FL -3
Ellen Mason died: 10-11-09 OR-1
Eleanor Bailey died: 1-06-10 CA-7

LIFE MEMBERS

Lucille Teixeira died 3-14-2010 LM# 176 CA-7
Mary Bane died 1-27-2010 LM#1732 DC-1
Juanita Demasi died 6-2-2003 LM#1389 CA-3
Georgia Porter died 2-1-2010 LM#799
Rita Williams died 2-22-2010 LM#1730
Mary Emily Rodich died 3-7-2010 LM#993 MA-1
Helen McCarthy died 2-3-2010 LM#229 MN-1
Lela Riebe died 3-25-2010 LM#2814 CO-1
Grace Pratt died 1-24-2010 LM#2126
Jacqueline Nash died 11-30-2009 LM#1334
Shirley Ann Arnold died 3-2-2009 LM#2348 MN-1
June Owens died 1-11-2010 LM# 1461 TN-1
Gladys Myers died Jan. 2007 LM#1848 PA-1
Patricia Alston Died 2-14-2010 LM#1740
Margaret Radtke died 9-24-2009 LM#1272 CA-8
Betty Penfield died 1-22-10 LM#1409 FL-7
Bonnie "Googs" Lantz died 12-28-2009 LM# 109 NC-1

LIFE MEMBERS (Continued)

Patricia Alston Died 2-14-2010 LM#1740
Margaret Radtke died 9-24-2009 LM#1272 CA-8
Betty Penfield died 1-22-10 LM#1409 FL-7
Bonnie "Googs" Lantz died 12-28-2009 LM# 109 NC-1
Connie Kochheim died 11-2009 LM# 1286 OR-4
Phoebe Reed died 10-25-2009 LM#170 AZ-1
Frances H. Feiler LM# 765 10-07-2009 MN-1
Dorothy Allen died 12-05-2005 LM#1855
Dorothy Toalson died 5-08-2009 LM#1063
Madeline Downey LM#718 IL-2
Marion Bush Charles died 10-22-2009 LM#384 NY-2
Jean Currence died 11-04-2009 LM#0111 OR-3
Ann Tacker died 1-4-2010 LM#2226 CA-10
Mary Lou Gregoire died 1-13-2010 LM#1121 MN-1
Pearl Aldrich died 1-2-2007 LM#1514 TN-1
Carolyn Allen died 12-23-2003 LM# 1557 FL-2
Margaret Anderson died 4-2-2001 LM#1383 TN-1
Pauline Anderson died 11-23-2003 LM#753 GA-1
Virginia Anderson died 10-31-2007 LM#904
Leona Baba died 08-02-2009 LM# 1626 AZ-1
Angella Thurman-Bonadio died 6-4-2004 LM# 1744
Frances Borum died 4-18-2006 LM# 210 VA-1
Janet Cripasuk died 8-4-2008 LM# 1525
Myrtle Davis died 6-23-2002 LM# 161 FL-10
Edna Funk died 10-6-2007 LM# 217
Mary Galloway died 1-31-2001 LM#1094 FL-2
Virginia Halla died 11-27-2004 LM# 1681
Evelyn Hamilton died 12-27-2008 LM# 1002 CA-3
Adaline Harkabus died 8-7-2003 LM# 1271 AR-1
Nanette Jackson died 9-22-2008 LM#1680
Natalie Keenan died 5-22-2002 LM#1888

LIFE MEMBERS (Continued)

Constance Leeson died 9-19-2006 LM# 2043 FL-3
Charlotte Maenner died 6-6-2007 LM#512
Helen McBirney died 8-22-2003 LM# 1116
Susan McNeil died 10-18-2007 LM# 772
Ellie Merritt Died 7-24-2008 LM# 1636
Patricia Mulcahy died 4-29-2002 LM# 572
Teresa Rook died 1-15-2006 LM# 242
Margaret F. Roth died 3-7-2008 LM# 1370
Betty Seymour died 3-16-2007 LM# 1512
Catherine Sheehan Died 2-19-2007 LM# 2147
Anne Simpson died 6-24-2007 LM# 1375 Canada
Marjory Smith died 10-10-2000 LM# 1700
Stella Sweeney died 1-31-2007 LM# 2320
Muriel Warner Died 3-3-2002 LM# 852
Doris Wells died 11-28-2004 LM# 985 FL-2
Dorothy Wheeler died 5-11-2008 LM# 1291 CO-1

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

To the Loyal Escorts



Hello Loyal Escorts,

The convention is fast approaching and with that comes a new slate of officers. The offices open are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Directors. If you would like to run for any Loyal Escort office, please contact our Immediate Past President Paul Dossin at dossinpmam@aol.com. If you are already an officer and would

like to run again, please contact Paul.

The deadline for registration for the convention is June 29, 2010. Registrations received after the deadline will be assessed a \$5.00 late fee. Registration and meals purchase can be done online through the WMA website at www.womenmarines.org. If not online, you can register and purchase meals via mail using the application forms printed in this issue of 'Nouncements. Please mail the forms to the addresses shown on the form. All room reservations must be done through the hotel itself. Please call the Grand Hyatt Hotel at (303) 295-1234 and mention that you are with the Women Marines Association to get the great room rates.

Another feature of the convention will be sharing of history of both WMA and the Loyal Escorts. Those of you that have been members longer than I have (before Y2K) please send me your remembrances of the Loyal Escorts, where you went, what you

did, etc. If you have any special memorabilia, such as those silk screened neck ties, please bring them to the convention for 'show and tell.' My address is in the front of the issue on page 4.

I still have plenty of Loyal Escort shirts. Be one of the first to arrive at the hotel already wearing your shirt. They are conservative, but yet eye catching. The cost is \$36.00 which includes the cost of shipping. A portion of the sales goes into the Loyal Escort Scholarship Fund.

We will be doing the memorial table again this year in the Hospitality Room for our Lost Souls. Please bring your pictures to place on this table. New this year, we will place a Loyal Escort flag for each Loyal Escort who passed since the last convention in the wooden stand used to commemorate deceased WMA members. I would like to pass on our condolences to Mary Souza, our 1990-1994 Loyal Escorts President, first ever female to hold that office and for two consecutive terms, one of the sisters to Lou Teixeira, bless her heart. I might add we will sure miss that guitar music in the Denver Hospitality room this year.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at convention. See you there!

Ken Cross
President,
Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

Application for membership in Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

THE AUXILIARY OF THE WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION

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

Life Membership (fee prorated by age)

☐ 40 & under ...\$175.00

☐ 61 to 70 \$100.00

Sponsor must be a WMA Life Member

☐ 41 to 45..... \$145.00

☐ 71 to 80.....\$75.00

Sponsor's WMA Life Membership # _____

☐ 46 to 60\$125.00

☐ 81 & Over \$50.00

LOYAL ESCORTS MUST BE SPONSORED BY A WMA MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

Make checks payable to *Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter* and mail to:

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Chapter Clippings

WMA AZ-1 Roadrunner Chapter

AZ-1 celebrated the 67th Anniversary of the Women Marines on 13 February in Phoenix at the Spaghetti Factory. We were excited with the attendance of 21 people and acquiring 3 new members, 3 new Loyal Escorts and much enthusiasm for the many projects and activities planned for women veterans. One of our members, Joan Sisco, has taken charge of the completion of Mary Ellen's Place for homeless women veterans, and we look forward to the ribbon cutting by 1 June 2010.



President Jeanne Botwright cut a beautifully decorated cake with the help of the oldest Marine, Loryane Christensen, and the youngest and newest member, Gale Arcia.

Jeanne Botwright

WMA CA-1 Greater Los Angeles

The Greater Los Angeles CA-1 Chapter of the Women Marines Association met for its 67th Anniversary Luncheon Saturday, 28 February at Taix French Country Cuisine Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles. In spite of the rain, there were 32 members and guests present including two from Australia, one from Colorado, some from Santa Maria and other California cities. Honored guests were Lillian E. Cross, WMA Area 10 Director and Cpl. Daisy Fuentes, USMC.

The meeting was called to order by our Chapter President Anna T. Brown, who extended a welcome to all the members and guests and wished the Women Marines a Happy 67th Anniversary, which was followed by the Invocation by chapter member Sherry Porter.

Cpl. Daisy Fuentes, who recently completed service in Iraq, spoke on present day training for women, and experiences and work both stateside and in Iraq. The audience had many questions, which she kindly answered. (It appeared there have been many interesting changes since some of the women present had been on active duty — especially from WWII).

Debbie McIntosh, who is a lecturer for the Forest Lawn Cemetery Museum, presented a moving presentation by poster art of the contributions made by women of World Wars I and II.

Area Director Lillian Cross spoke of future plans for the Women Marines Association, and especially for the National Convention which is to be held in Denver, Colorado this year. Other chapter members present were Tillie Medvid with her husband, Sofie Mesnarich who brought guests with her from Santa Barbara. Zelda Weiss and Peggy McIntyre conducted the raffle and sold tickets for the door prizes.

The meeting was concluded with the singing of the "Marines' Hymn" and "March of the Women Marines."

Anna Brown, our president was among those attending the 201st Anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birthday on 12 February at the Los Angeles National Veterans Cemetery.

Stan Chambers, a World War II veteran and local TV personality, read the Gettysburg Address as he has each year for the past few years.

Shasta Anker

WMA CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

Greetings from beautiful California where spring is popping out all over. In February, we joined together with CA-6 and CA-9 to celebrate the Women Marines' Anniversary at Paradise Valley Estates in Fairfield, CA. In spite of off and on rain during this period, we were blessed with an absolutely beautiful and sunny day for our celebration.

This was both a happy and sad occasion because it was the final event for CA-9 after they voted to disband. Fortunately, several of the ladies also belong to CA-3, so we will continue to share their company at our monthly meetings. We also installed our new officers for the 2010-2012 term: President, Louise Tamayo; Vice President/Treasurer, Kathy Wright; and Secretary of 28 years - Maryannette Schneider. The ladies were installed by Lucille Thyrring of CA-9/3 who lives at Paradise Valley Estates and is kind enough to sponsor our luncheons at this beautiful facility at least once or twice a year. The official hostess was CA-9 President Maggie Hart and as a final treat, CA-9 provided the first drink for all attendees during the social hour that preceded lunch.



Natalie Firato (youngest Marine attending) and Lillian Rufsvold (our oldest Marine attending) cut the anniversary cake.

CA-9 also donated a portion of their chapter funds to our scholarship fund and we very much appreciate their kindness. We concluded our luncheon with the traditional cake cutting ceremony with the oldest member being CA-3's own Lillian Rufsvold and the youngest being Natalie Firato who joined CA-3 in March. Welcome aboard, Natalie! We would like to thank our outgoing officers for their long and faithful service to CA-3: President, LaVerne Marts; Vice President, Maggie Hart; and Treasurer, Betty Lieser.

In March, we were very saddened by the loss of Lou Teixeira as we were looking forward to singing along with Lou at the next convention. Lou loved to have fun and she will be missed by all who knew her. We are sure she will have all the Marines in Heaven singing along to their favorite songs of the Corps.

We would also like to acknowledge Sue Sousa and Eileen Scanlon for watching over Lou as she made her final journey. These ladies were wonderful friends to Lou and truly demonstrate what it means to be "Always Faithful." God bless you both! And finally, our friend, Connie Davis, had a pacemaker installed in March and we wish her all the best with her new device. Connie moved to Southern California at the end of last year, and we miss her smiling face at our meetings. We are getting excited to attend the upcoming convention and can't wait to see everyone in Denver. Semper Fi,

Kathy Wright

WMA CA-5 Orange County California

Our chapter had a large attendance at our Anniversary luncheon. New officers were installed by Rita Stonebraker.

Officers are President, Mary Ann Rogers; Vice President, Valorie Lephart; Secretary, Kim Skelton; and Treasurer, Sonia Gryske. Kim will be our newsletter editor.

We have plans for a spring luncheon 1 May at my home. Picnic will be 14 August and Christmas party 5 December. Plans for Convention are taking shape. Members send their sympathy to families of Lou Teixeira and Billie Jean Thompson, members who have recently passed. They will be missed.

Mary Ann Rogers



CA-7 Edith Macias Vann



We have been very busy. The chapter had a very successful Women Marine Reserve Anniversary luncheon on Saturday, 13 February 2010. This year CA-7 moved the venue to the El Camino Country Club in Oceanside, we had less military rigidity, and added some fun with a hat contest. Categories included prettiest, funniest and most unique. As you can see from the picture, it was not easy to choose. This will be a warm up for the women going to Denver in a few months. CA-7 was very honored to have Area 10 Director, and CA-7 member Lillian Cross, as well as visitors from CA-2 and CA-11. Besides the luncheon, CA-7 members manned a booth at the West Coast



Marine Corps Expo, and opened a display for Women Marine history at the Camp Pendleton Historic Ranch House. A highlight of the March meeting was CA-7's newest member Dawn Smith and her one-week-old-son Devon. Of course, there were plenty of willing hands to hold this sweet young child.

Peggy Reiber



CA-8 Palms to Pines

Elections of new officers were held at the 20 February meeting. They are Sybl Acree, President; Johnetta Williams, Vice President; Ozell Barksdale, Treasurer; Eddy Stephens, Secretary; Wilma Wilson, Chaplain; and Barbara Pratt, Parliamentarian. Gwin Herbert, a long time member of CA-8 was Installing Officer.

Area 10 Director Lillian Cross and her brother Dennis Kovats (LE) attended. She commented on our chapter's history of giving more awards than any other chapter to the MCJROTC units.

Sadly on 8 March, Barbara Pratt passed away of a massive stroke. She was a valued member of CA-8 and will be truly missed. Seven members of CA-8 plus 2 Loyal Escorts attended her memorial service.



CA-8 Newly elected officers (L-R): Sybl Acree, Johnetta Williams, Eddy Stephens and Ozell Barksdale

Lou Teixeira also passed away. She was a member of CA-8 and held many offices in WMA. She moved to Springfield, VA but kept her membership in CA-8. We were looking forward to her returning to visit. She will be missed not only by our members, but all of WMA.

Eddy Stephens made a motion to donate \$100 to the Women's History Museum which passed unanimously. Matching offers were made by Gwin Herbert and Sybl Acree.

On 13 March, Sybl Acree, Ozell Barksdale, and Helen Page (LE) attended a day long JROTC competition in Fontana. A number of our MCROTC units competed. It was good to see so many young ladies in uniform.

We had our first board meeting on 6 March at Eddy Stephens' home in Sun City. Some of the things we covered were resumes, sending packages to women serving in Afghanistan, attending other chapters' meetings, silent auctions, lap quilts for the VA Hospital, MCJROTC programs, Toys for Tots and a number of other worthwhile projects. It was a very productive meeting.

We participated in the Riverside Salute to Veterans Parade on 17 April. It was the first time CA-8 has attended as a unit. Semper Fidelis.

Sybl Acree



DC-1 District of Columbia

DC-1, along with the entire membership of WMA, mourns the passing of Past National President Lou "Tex" Teixeira. At the chapter meeting on Saturday, March 27th, we observed a moment of silence to begin, and later Past National President Sue Sousa paid tribute to Lou with a review of her career accomplishments and her service to WMA. On April 24th, chapter members and others in the area gathered at WMSA for an informal remembrance service in Lou's honor.

Our Anniversary luncheon was held at the Henderson Hall Club, which has undergone a bit of a face lift, as well as an upgrade on its food. We had 20 sister Marines (and one adorable 10 month old future Marine) enjoying a salmon, fried chicken, and roast beef buffet with all the trimmings. President Betty Moseley-Brown asked for a show of hands of those who are planning on going to the convention in Denver, and it appears that for the 6th convention in a row, DC-1 will have 10 members or more present. We are all looking forward to traveling to Castle Rock to see the museum handiwork of this year's Colonel Julia Hamblet Award winner, National Historian Nancy Wilt. Congratulations, Nancy! We were there applauding on April 24th when the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation honored you!

On March 29th, DC-1 Chapter members posed with BGen Angie Salinas (WMA Life Member) and BGen Pat Foote, USA

(retired) at WIMSA at the reception that followed the full military honors funeral for MGen Jeanne Holm, USAF. General Holm started her illustrious military career in 1942 when the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps began recruiting. She served as both an enlisted soldier and an Army officer during WW II, and at the end of the war was the commander of the 106th WAC Hospital Company in West Virginia.

Mary Ann McKenzie reported that in November, she participated in a WWII Panel held at George Mason University. This Never Forget project was planned by an Honors Scholar, now a Senior at GMU. Mrs. Sally Merton, wife of the University president, introduced all participants. The panel of three men and Mary Ann was queried by a GMU Professor of Military History. At the conclusion of the program, Brigadier General Wilma Vaught came on stage, being a personal friend of Mrs. Merton. Mary Ann received an Honorarium of \$100 that she donated to WIMSA in January. Mary Ann gave a photograph of the event to Donna Genovese to be used in our Chapter newsletter.



Mitzi Manning, DC-1 Chaplain; BGen Angie Salinas (one of the honorary pallbearers); Eileen Scanlon, DC-1 VP; BGen Pat Foote, USA.; Sue Sousa, Past National President; and Betty Moseley-Brown, DC-1 President.

WMA FL-7 Florida First Coast



The WMA FL-7 chapter has elected new officers for the 2010 – 2012 term. The installation was held on March 6 at the Golden Corral on Merrill Road, in Jacksonville Florida. The previous President, Gayle Plant, was the Installation Officer. The new officers are as follows from left to right: Emily Zimmerman, Treasurer; Bernie Klepac, Secretary; Sheila Clifton, Vice-President and Arrdy Farrell, President.

The FL-7 Chapter meets the first Saturday of each month at the Golden Corral on Beach Blvd. We have Marines who served from WWII, Korea, Vietnam and through the first Persian Gulf War.

Bernie Klepac

WMA KY-1 Winning Colors

Members and friends met at the home of Mary Broussard on February 21 for a Women Marines anniversary celebration. Susan Vogedes surprised everyone with the beautiful cake pictured. Everything on the cake was edible except for the buttons and emblem on the cover. Susan had just begun baking and decorating cakes - this was her fourth cake!



Members met again on the March 28 to elect new officers and pack up donations to send to 20 women Marines serving in an Engagement Team in Afghanistan. One of our prospects, Marine veteran Tonnie Renfro, obtained the donations from Spencerian College, where she teaches. New officers for KY-1 are Mary Broussard, President; Joyce Rogers, VP; Marjorie Cox, Secretary; and Carolyn Woodson, Treasurer.

In lieu of a meeting in May, members are going to celebrate Armed Forces day at a dinner where General Petraeus will speak. The following day we will meet up at Churchill Downs where they put on a special racing program and entertainment for veterans in "Millionaire's Row."

Mary Broussard

WMA LA-1 Molly Marine

February was a very busy month for our chapter. We started out by "laissez les bon temps roulez" (letting the good times roll) with Carnival Season (Mardi Gras)! On 12 February, we participated in a Mardi Gras parade with the Krewe of Selene in Slidell, LA. Members that rolled in this parade were April Bell, Gwen Sorrell, Erica Sanchez, Virginia



Stockton, and Melanie Young. Family members and friends assisted to help make this event a success!

On 20 February, we celebrated the Anniversary of Women Marines with a community service project. The project was the beautification of the original Molly Marine Statue located in the heart of the city of New Orleans. She was erected on 10 November 1943 to "Free a Marine to Fight." After the cleanup of our beloved Molly, a wreath was placed at the statue in memory of all women Marines, past and present! Following the project, we went to world famous Mother's Restaurant for lunch! Those photographed at the statue are Mary Draughn, April Bell, SSgt Mitchellie Verzonilla, CWO2 Jamila Moore (kneeling) and CWO2 Allison Truelove, Melanie Young. (Continued next page)

Angela Merrell, Virginia Stockton, Sgt Nichole Phares, Wanda Antoine and GySgt Jodi Lara (standing). Lyn Franklin and Janet Johnston, friends of Mary Draughn, also helped out. Camaraderie and fundraising go "hand in hand" in the Molly Marine Chapter! Several members got together to sell books at a garage sale at the home of Frances Hoffmann (WWII Veteran chapter member) on 27 February. Frances baked homemade banana bread--yummy! The chapter made \$105! These monies will be used toward the upcoming Convention in Denver! Motivated members in attendance were Mary Draughn, Sgt Nichole Phares, Wanda Antoine, CWO2 Allison Truelove, Angela Merrell, Frances Hoffmann, and Melanie Young.

During the month of March, we received some bad news regarding one of our WWII veteran chapter members, Suzanne Olivier. She has been moved to hospice care at the Chateau de Notre Dame nursing home in New Orleans. Chapter members have made visits to check on her. Angela Merrell and Melanie Young visited her on 4 March and Frances Hoffmann and Melanie Young visited her on 13 March. She was delighted to have visitors. Visiting and taking care of our elderly veterans and chapter members is part of our mission and one of our biggest priorities.

On 20 March, SSgt Mitchellie Verzonilla hosted our meeting at a very nice venue, the Sleep Inn & Suites where the refreshments were potluck. The turnout was one of the best ever, 19 were in attendance! On 25 March, to farewell CWO2 Allison Truelove, we volunteered at the New Orleans Mission, serving food to the homeless. CWO2 Truelove has volunteered weekly at the Mission for over a year. During our March meeting she was awarded with the Molly Marine Chapter Certificate of Recognition commemorating her commitment to serve in the community.

On 26 March, the Marine Support Group, Greater New Orleans Inc. invited us to their monthly luncheon meeting at the Four Columns Restaurant in New Orleans. The guest speaker was the Marine Forces Reserve Chief of Staff, Colonel James Turlip. Frances Hoffmann, Mary Draughn and Melanie Young attended.

On 27 March, a few members (April Bell, Sgt Nichole Phares and Melanie Young) met at the home of Sgt Phares to prepare Easter eggs and gifts for our Easter fundraiser. On 28 March, a few members (GySgt Jodi Lara, Sgt Shellie Birden, CWO2 Allison Truelove and Melanie Young) met at the home of CWO2 Truelove to sew camouflage aprons. Each of these projects is to raise money for the upcoming convention in Denver, CO!

Melanie Young

WMA MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks

The MN-1 Chapter met at the Ft. Snelling Club on 13 February to celebrate the Women Marines' 67th Anniversary for a social hour/luncheon with 21 in attendance. Virginia Allred provided a very nice note and a trip down memory lane with a photo of Minnesota Leathernecks Chapter members in its early days.

Members continue to attend various events in the local community in an effort to promote WMA and hopefully increase chapter membership. Chapter Vice President Liz Whitbeck attended the United Veterans Legislative Council meeting and provided feedback to the chapter regarding state veteran events and happenings at the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs.

The chapter met on 13 March at the VA Hospital in Minneapolis and discussed convention plans, ideas for boutique items, and upcoming events. Updates can be found on the chapter website: <http://www.minnesotaleathernecks.com>.

Victoria L. Latiolais

WMA NC-1 Tarheel



NC-1 celebrated the 67th Anniversary at Combat Training Center-East aboard Camp Geiger with approximately 70 active duty and 5 Tarheels in attendance. Commanding Officer Col. T.S. Mundy cut the

anniversary cake and passed the first piece to SgtMaj Kecia Jordan, guest speaker, then to Lil Ragan, our WWII veteran and to our youngest Marine, PFC Britany Foster.

The second celebration was held at the Mai Tai restaurant with 22 active duty and retired Marines, members, and guests. At an earlier date NC-1 displayed pictures, uniforms, a slide show and presented an oral history to the students and instructors on the history of WMA and women Marines. On 23 March, NC-1 attended the Marine Combat Training Battalion Graduation of Company "F" as distinguished guests. We celebrated the Women's History Month and St. Patrick's Day on 13 March at the Marina Café. Our new Loyal Escort, Joe Traumer, is a very welcome asset. NC-1 was honored in the Azalea Festival Parade in Wilmington on 10 April followed by our regular meeting. Looking forward to cruising the New River on 8 May.

WMA OH-2 Chesty Puller

Area 4 Director and member of OH-2, Ellen Leidy became a grandmother to a little girl, born 30 March.

Members participated in a project called Paper Bridges. It was organized and sponsored by Donna Perdue at the Morgan Conservatory in Cleveland. We cut up uniforms or cloth articles with special meaning and made paper. There will be another opportunity in July to make more paper and bring more veterans to participate. We held a chapter meeting and new officers were installed.

Our own Jenny Potter Jenkins will be pinning on her Lieutenant Colonel leaf in May. She is very busy with her everyday duties, but still makes time to participate in OH-2 activities.

Diane Durden completed her trip back to 29 Palms. She ran in a couple marathons and is busy painting her house. Her retirement is fast approaching.



OH-2 members are busy with their area activates getting ready for Memorial Day services, color guard duty, stand down meetings, and convention.

Good wishes and safe travel.

Elva (Elvie) Pounders

WMA OK-2 Heartland

We really have not done a whole lot since our last report, except for a meeting in mid January and a social gathering at the Golden Corral on 13 February to celebrate the anniversary. We had a great time and we were gifted with a very special anniversary cake made by our talented secretary Jenny Storm.



Our January meeting was held at Elks Lodge #417 in Oklahoma City and eight of our members were able to make it. The topics we covered were, of course, the convention, a website, a newsletter, starting a chapter book with short bios and pictures of our members, fundraising ideas and the anniversary plans. There was some talk of

changing our meeting schedule, but that is something we will work on later.

We will be setting up for the annual MCJROTC awards ceremony at U. S. Grant some time in May and some of us will probably be in one of the parades or other events for Armed Forces Day on May 15th.

Dorothy Rimbold



OR-3 Eager Beavers

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest.....

We are fully ensconced in winter weather here in OR-3 country and loving it! It's no wonder our chapter's "founding mothers" decided to call us the "Eager Beaver" chapter.



(Left to Right) Sandy Morris, Secretary, Eva McDonald, Treasurer, Deb Barker, President, Jeanette Borge, Vice President, and Eva Read, Chaplain.

You really have to appreciate rain to survive here and not be insulted being compared to large, furry critters that excel in building log dams!!

I reported last issue that there had been a changing of the leadership in our chapter. And right on schedule, that change took place appropriately enough at the 67th women Marines celebratory Anniversary gathering for OR-3.

Karen Reeves, WMA 2nd Vice President served as Installation Officer and presented each of the new officers with a plaque denoting her office. Refreshments were served following the ceremony.

Outgoing President, Karen Reeves, was presented with a beautiful commemorative clock by chapter members.

The OR-3 chapter is now preparing for the National convention in Denver. Several chapter members will be attending, some for the first time. Everyone is anticipating a great time there.

Our chapter will be starting a new civic project over the next few months. Jeanette Borge, who is employed by the City of Eugene, shared that there are several veteran war memorials located along the Willamette River Walk that need some tender loving care. We committed to providing work parties to help ensure that these veteran memorials are properly maintained.

Until next time then, the WMA OR-3 chapter remains, Semper Fidelis!!

Karen L. Reeves



TN-1 Rocky Top

The Rocky Top Chapter of East Tennessee is alive and well. We have survived an unusually cold and snowy winter and are ready to get on with the business of offering support to our community and various veterans groups.

Eight members of the chapter gathered for a pot luck luncheon/meeting at the home of chapter President Barbara Chagnon on Saturday, 27 March. While the first part of the early afternoon was spent watching our Lady Vols Basketball team lose their bid to go onward toward another National Championship, we enjoyed the great food and comradeship. Much was accomplished at the lengthy business session.

We have enrolled a number of new members over the past few months, which include new Life Members Angii Heidbrink, Jessica King, Gail Williamson, and our newest member DeAndria Hardy. DeAndria is currently finishing her degree at the University of Tennessee and is in the USMC reserves.

The chapter has elected new officers for the 2010-2012 term. They are, President, Barbara Chagnon; Vice President, Eileen Neiler; Secretary, Gail Williamson; and Treasurer, Doris Keane.



Chapter members pictured: Eileen Neiler, Jessica King, Doris Keane, Angii Heidbrink, Laura Ward, DeAndria Hardy, Gail Williamson and Barbara Chagnon expressed their sympathy to member Lindsay Long on the recent passing of her father.

We have a new mailing address for the chapter, which is P O Box 20229, Knoxville, TN 37940, and welcome any and all women Marines in our area to please contact us regarding membership in a small but busy chapter.

Doris Keane



TX-3 San Antonio Rose

We continue to meet monthly at Mama's Café. We are all given a military discount, and our server Jason, a former Marine, takes very good care of us. We have had three special visitors during the past year. Fellow Texan and 1st VP Judy Anderson has

visited several times. National President Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower rearranged a visit with her aunt here in town to coincide with our meeting. And newly appointed Area 6 Director Maria Crowley is a chapter member, so we are always happy to see her.



Some of our Vietnam-era members: L to R, Maria Crowley, Judy Anderson, Maggie Chavez, Maryalice Proctor-Payton, and Manuela Hernandez.

Maria and another chapter member, Lupe Wruble, met in boot camp, and were then stationed together at Camp Lejeune. They lost track of each other, but were reunited again in 1985, and now both live in the small town of Riviera on the Texas Gulf coast. They must drive several hours to meet with us, so we really appreciate their continued involvement.

At our last meeting we welcomed a new member, Cyla Barron-Huber, a Life Member who recently moved to Texas from Oregon (as I did 5 years ago). Cyla was on active duty from 1988-1994. Her oldest son is an active high school senior, and he has 3 younger brothers. If that weren't enough to keep her busy, she is hoping to start a new chapter in Austin. We're hoping that by the time that happens, she'll know how much fun we are and will keep up her ties with our chapter, as well.

Trish Martin



VA-2 Old Dominion

The Old Dominion Chapter of the WMA in the Richmond, Virginia area is busy this season revamping and renewing our sense of volunteerism. Two of our members, Judy Reid and Mickey Jennings, recently attended an organizational meeting with the United Servicemen's Organization at Richmond International Airport in an effort to partner with a newly forming USO branch in Richmond, Virginia. The USO is important to service members, not only Marines, on many different levels as it provides a critical support to service members who are many miles away from home. Our chapter has made it a goal to support our service members on any level we can and in pairing up with the USO this will help us achieve this goal.

Elizabeth McLeod



WI-1 Wisconsin Women Marines

The 46th Annual Veterans Day parade on November 7, 2009 in downtown Milwaukee was dedicated to the Marines. Four of our members proudly rode in vintage cars or walked. They spanned the many years of Women Marines. Ruth Holman of WWII; Linda Dancker, Vietnam; Ellen Healey in between wars and Jen Clark in Iraqi Freedom -- quite a span of years. Ellen and Jen chose to walk the route. Afterward they were served a hot lunch, along with hundreds of other veterans, at the War Memorial Center on the shore of Lake Michigan.

In spite of winter in the north, it passed quickly and spring blossoms are out and WI-1 is raring to go. The activities may have slowed down but not out. In December, the big event was Toys for Tots where about 8,000 children had a Merry Christmas because of the Marine Corps' efforts. Annette Howards and Connie Allord are long-time helpers, unpacking toys, displaying them in mountains and coming back to help in their distribution. The economy was no helper. Recipients were carefully screened, mountains of toys on display quickly vanished, but no one was disappointed.

It seems that in late winter or early spring, we must report the loss of chapter members. On 12 February, we sadly lost a long-time member, Delores Fix of Middleton, WI. She was responsible for recruiting many members, including Yours Truly. She was an avid bowler, both before and after her service in the Marine Corps. She was inducted into the Madison Women Bowlers' Hall of Fame and also the Wisconsin Women Bowlers' Hall of Fame. She had spent some time in the VA Hospital in Madison and had been talking of moving into assisted living. However, she ended up in hospice care where her residency was short.

The women Marines in the area made sure of a typical Marine send-off and she's no doubt guarding Heaven's gates, along with her many sister Marines. *Semper Fi, Dee.*

At this time there are about six WWII Women Marines from our area looking forward to the Badger Honor Flight on Madison's newly formed hub to fly WWII veterans to the nation's capitol to visit the WWII Memorial, among others. Since WWII veterans are leaving us at such an accelerated rate, there is an urgency to get them there before it is too late. By the time that the Memorial was built, it was already too late for many. Now there is a long waiting list of others who, hopefully, will all make it.

Thanks to the younger Marines in Wisconsin, we hope to bring the activity back to the time of years gone by. They have so much to give and so much more experience in our present and modern warfare. How times have changed.

Connie Allord

Capt. Reidinger with Interns at GMIC



From Jul to Oct 2009, the Afghan Government Media and Information Center hired 13 Afghan interns to provide assistance to the Afghan Government while gaining valuable work skills. Capt. Staci Reidinger, USMC, second row on the far left, worked closely with these Kabul University students during their internship, providing mentoring and career counseling guidance to the bright, intelligent future leaders of Afghanistan. Many of the interns have aspirations to work within the Afghan government or start their own Afghan business to build the economy. *Photo by Dr. Fahim Ahmad Maylar, Afghan Government Representative (Kabul)*

WMA Dues to Change

The WMA Bylaws Article 10 states that the Board can change the dues with a 2/3 majority vote taking into account “the limited resources of some of our members, the needs of the Association, and the value members receive from their membership. [Also,] at least 6 months advance notice must be published to the members before the effective date of any change in dues.” At the Interim Board Meeting in October in Kansas City, your Board decided it is time to make a change.

WMA's dues have remained at the same level for 19 years. Our national dues are far below most veterans organizations and minimize the value of our membership. And the current dues (amounts shown on the membership application on the back of this newsletter) barely keep up with even basic expenses for each member: the annual cost of printing and mailing *'Nouncements* and the prorated cost for the Resource Manual & Directory is approximately \$9.50 per member per year; the cost to maintain our data base and provide other member/treasurer assistance is \$3.20 per member per year.

The following policies were decided on by the Board at the Interim Board Meeting:

- The one-year membership amount is of limited value to our members and to the organization. If we delete it, members won't have to send in renewals every year and the Association won't have to spend funds on post card renewal notices as often.
- Even though Life Membership is not economical for the organization, we should maintain the option for Life Memberships as a convenience to our members (and to keep some on the rolls

who would “forget” to renew). Note that the Bylaws allow for payment in 3 installments. The amounts should be raised, however. Also, by having more age breakdowns, we offer members the opportunity to shift to Life Member dues quicker (i.e. they won't have to wait for several more birthdays to get the lower rate).

- WMA should continue to shift \$50 for each newly deceased life member into the Memorial Scholarship Fund, in memory of that member.

The Board has approved the following changes to be effective 1 July 2010:

- That the annual dues option be deleted.
- That the biennial (2 year) dues be raised (from \$25) to \$40.
- That more breakdowns and higher amounts for Life Membership Dues be defined:

Age 30 & Under	\$295
31-39	\$260
40-49	\$210
50-59	\$180
60-65	\$150
66 & older	\$120

Important: You have less than months to get your dues paid at the current lower rate if you send your renewal or change to Life Membership with your (first, if paying in installments) payment to arrive before 1 July 2010. And you can pay ahead as many years as you'd like!

A Woman Marine's Tribute on Memorial Day

One Memorial Day, now long ago
I sat on a curbside awaiting a show
It would be on this day a somber parade
And I heard the sad sound that the muffled drums played

And soon from a distance, they came down a hill
In their red, white, and blues -such a sight was a thrill
These were the Leathernecks, devil dogs all
They stepped out so proudly, they stood up so tall

But some carried banners as they grew near
Said “Remember our buddies who are no longer here”
The sun glinted brightly on their beautiful medals
And I happily honored them by throwing rose petals

But a spark was ignited within me that day
That grew as it showed me how I could repay
Those heroes long gone who had worn the green
Of the few and the proud, a U.S. Marine

How best could I honor the freedoms they'd saved
Than by walking the road that their glory had paved
By raising my hand up and joining the Corps
Just as they had done in those long days of yore

In 1944 I did at last make the scene
And became then forever a United States Marine
So on this Memorial Day I gather with others
And say “rest in peace” my Marine sisters and brothers.

Semper Fidelis,
Rosemary Murray



Rally for Molly

The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation has been expanding the National Museum of the Marine Corps. A key element of the expansion is the Semper Fidelis Memorial Park, a place for remembrance and reflection within which Marines, family members, and friends may honor those who have served – and sacrificed – in our Corps. The park consists of a network of paved trails connected to several rally points, and is located on beautifully landscaped high ground adjacent to the National Museum. It includes a chapel and various features evoking our maritime tradition.

Marine fraternal organizations will have the opportunity to honor their comrades-in-arms through the placement of memorials and statuary at select locations throughout the park, the most prominent of which will be the rally points.

We're very pleased to say that one of the larger rally points will be centered around a Molly Marine statue. The funds to cast the Molly statue were provided by Patrick and



Phyllis Taylor of New Orleans, who also helped with the Molly Marine Restoration project in 2000-2002. That effort resulted in the placement of new Molly statues at Parris Island and in front of the Gray Research Center at Quantico.

The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation is encouraging all the fraternal organizations of the Marine Corps to join in sponsoring the expansion and completion of Semper Fidelis Memorial Park. WMA could help in the effort, and would be recognized in the park through its sponsorship of the Molly statue if we contribute significantly to the project. The total cost to complete Semper Fidelis Memorial Park is roughly \$15M. Our recognition will be proportionate to the amount of funds we raise and contribute.

I would ask that each of you decide on how much you can contribute to this very worthwhile, long-lasting, and visible project. Send your donations directly to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation on the below form. Using the form below will double your contribution, since WMA provides matching funds.

YES! As a WMA member, I'm proud to support the Molly Marine Rally Point!

I am enclosing a gift of \$ _____ ☐ My check is enclosed ☐ Please bill my credit card

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Please charge my: ☐ American Express ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover

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Signature _____

Please detach and send this completed form with your check payable to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, or your credit card information to: MCHF Program, 3800 Fetter Park Drive, Suite 104, Dumfries, VA 22025.

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Molly Marine Award Recipients



Pfc 4011: PFC Pamela M. Hershberger of San Antonio, TX, and Pfc 4010: PVT Spendia T. Porter of Houston, TX, awarded on 31 March 2010.



Going to Denver? Remember Women Marines Travel!



Making Travel Plans for Convention or Vacation?
Visit the Women Marines travel website at:
www.WomenMarinesTravel.com

- You'll find the same airlines, hotels, rental cars and cruises as on other travel websites!
- You'll get great travel prices!
- Each time you book travel a portion of the travel commissions will go to the Women Marines!

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WMA National Merchandise Sales Your Purchases Support Our Association!

WMA Patch, small	\$4.00	WMA Cap (3 months delivery).	\$32.50
WMA Patch, large	\$4.50	Chapter designation: ____ - ____	
WMA Pin, Hat (pin or clutch)	\$3.00	Example: CA-1 (4 spaces only except USA-1,2,3.)	
WMA Pin, Life	\$3.90	Size: (1" above ears - allow for hair style)	
WMA Clock (10 3/4" diameter gold toned frame, green lettering and logo)	\$10.00	Sizes for WMA Caps:	
Bezel	\$4.00	20 1/2 - 20 7/8	XSm
WMA Flag	\$182.00	21 1/4 - 21 5/8	Sm
Chapter Streamers (36" red ribbon embroidered with chapt. designation and name)	\$35.00	22 - 22 3/8	M
Book, "Above & Beyond: Former Marines Conquer the Civilian World" (shipping & handling included)	\$30.00	22 3/4 - 23 1/8	L
WMA insulated travel mugs (red w/ USMC emblem on both sides)	\$8.00	23 1/2 - 23 7/8	XL
WMA insulated travel mugs (green with WMA patch on one side and the USMC emblem on the other side)	\$8.00	24 1/4 - 24 5/8	XXL
		Medallion, '90 Denver Conv	\$3.00
		50th Anniversary Medallions	\$5.00
		50th Anniversary Paper Weights	\$10.00

Make All Checks Payable to WMA Contact: America Zarate Dones,
6506 Carrington Sky Drive, Apollo Beach, FL 33572
Phone: (813) 810-3437 • email: America.Dones@gmail.com

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Merchandise

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



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

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

Women Marines Association **MERCHANDISE SALES**

Send chapter ads to Wanda Antoine, 10213 Lake Forest Drive• Ocean Springs, MS 39564, Editor@womenmarines.org. When WMA sales items are no longer available, notify Wanda so they can be removed.

Books

Item: Not "Just Another Cookbook" More than 100 recipes by food grouping. Size: 6"x9"
Cost: \$5.75 (includes shipping) Chapter: NC-1
Contact: Naomi Malone, 218 Sunset Rd., Jacksonville, NC 28546-7045 (910) 545-7154 nmalone@ec.rr.com



Item: A limited edition booklet of line drawings portraying Women Marines, signed and numbered by the artist, Marion A. Alien, a Regimental Artist during WWII. The original art is now a part of the U.S. Marine Corps Art Collection at the Museums Branch, Washington, D.C. Printed in Forest Green ink.
Size: 12-Page Booklet (10" x 7 1/4")
Cost: \$3.00 (including postage) Chapter: TX-2
Contact: Barbara Clark, 3539 Teakwood Drive, Pearland, TX 77584 or e-mail Brchoho@aol.com



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

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

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

Item: WMA Postcard - 5 1/2" x 4 1/4" Wide green stripe top & left margins. WMA logo in upper left corner
Cost: 10 for \$1.60; 15 for \$2.10; 20 for \$2.60 (prices include P&H)
Checks: CA-7, WMA Chapter: EMVSC (CA-7)
Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056-4011 (760) 724-9861

Decals

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

Item: Seals
Cost: \$1.25 for 10 Chapter: Make checks to FL-2
Contact: Sylvia Morgan, 4525 Cove Circle, Apt. 102, St. Petersburg, FL 33708

Shirts and Sweats

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

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: "I'm The Marine In This Family" Black Polo Shirts.
Cost: \$20 plus \$5 postage. Size: S-3XL
Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller
Contact: Ellen Leidy, 1107 Columbus Ave., Barberton, OH 44203 (330) 825-8935 e-mail: leidyrun@aol.com

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

Item: Dark Green Windbreaker Jacket with WMA logo on front left side. Sizes: S- XL (Sizes run larger than usual)
Cost: \$34.00 Includes postage and handling.
Checks: EMVSC, CA-7, WMA
Contact: Charline Itchkawich, 536 Mimosa Ave., Vista, CA 92081-9117

Jewelry

Item: WMA Bolo w/ WMA Logo and cord in gold finish (also available bolo with USMC Emblem only).
Cost: \$20.00 (includes shipping)
Chapter: Make checks payable to TX-3, WMA
Contact: Anne M. Collins, 4707 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209 (210) 829-8522

Item: WMA Logo Earrings (matches gold bolo)
Cost: \$10.00/pair (includes shipping)
Chapter: Make checks payable to: TX-3, WMA
 Please designate one:
☐ Wire/Dangle ☐ Clip-on
Contact: Anne M. Collins, 4707 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209 (210) 829-8522



Women Marines Association **MERCHANDISE SALES**

Item: WMA Ring, Jeweler - Jostens

Cost: Lustrium (*non precious white*) \$181.00

Questra (*non precious gold*) \$218.00

10 Karat Yellow Gold \$325.00

14 Karat Gold \$395.00 (*Cost includes three initials inside ring & shipping*)

Note: Include ring size and phone number when ordering

Chapter: FL-7 First Coast

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



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

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

Cost: \$19.75 each (including shipping)

Chapter: FL-7 First Coast

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



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Item: Charm "Semper Par" (sic)

Cost: \$15.00

Chapter: Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)

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



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Item: 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 NM-1 Sandia Chapter)

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



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

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

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

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Item: New aluminum license plate in distinctive RED

lettering on white. Includes a Semper Par (sic) 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 Par" (sic) bumper sticker (*for anyplace—boat, luggage, etc.*). White w/green - 2" x 9"

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

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

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Item: 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:** EMV, CA-7, 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

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

Checks: Payable to Bay State Chapter, WMA

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

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Item: Molly Marine picture, 8 x 10

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

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

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Item: 2007 WMA Historical Calendar:

"Strike Up the Band"

Cost: \$15 each (*includes S&H*)

Chapter: TX-2, WMA

Contact: Judy Anderson,

726 Beachcomber, Houston, TX 77062 • email, gulfcoastwm@aol.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contact: Kathy Van Gorder, 584 Barrington Rd., Collegeville, PA 19426

e-mail: VanGorders2@aol.com Fax: 610-489-4383

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller

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



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Essay Contest

The Marine Corps Association, in coordination with the Women Marines Association (WMA) is looking for military personnel – active duty, retired, Reserve or veterans - and civilians employed by the Department of Defense to enter an educational essay contest.

The subject must pertain to women in the Marine Corps, and the article should be no longer than 2,000 words. Submission constitutes the author's permission to publish; however, there is no commitment that the winning article will be published.

First prize is \$500; a Life membership in WMA or a Life membership in the Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter (WMA Auxiliary), if appropriate and a one year membership with MCA. Second Prize is \$250; a 2 year membership in WMA or a two year membership in the Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter (WMA Auxiliary), if appropriate, and a one year membership with MCA.

Entries must be received no later than July 15, 2010.

E-mail entries to w.ford@mca-marines.org , or mail them to WMA Essay Contest, Leatherneck Magazine, P. O. Box 1775, Quantico, Va., 22134 Atten: Col Ford. Mailed entries must be in CD/DVD format in MS Word.

WMA will announce the winners in conjunction with the 26th Biennial National Convention and Professional Development Conference to be held in Denver, Colorado, Sept 3 -7. To learn more about WMA visit **www.womenmarines.org**

Singing the Praises: Lucille Teixeira, 1932-2009

(Continued from front page) of self-aggrandizement or financial assistance, but with the objective and “desire to assist in the strengthening of WMA, to enable its successful being for future members.” Lou believed her most important role in WMA carried no title. She was a dedicated, enthusiastic member who did whatever she was asked to do regardless of what it was.

Because her friends are spread out across the country, there will be three Celebration of Life services for Lou.

The first one was on 24 April at 0900 hrs in the auditorium of the Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA) in Arlington, VA., of which Lou was a proud charter member.

The second, a Celebration of Life Remembrance service, was on 30 April at 1100 in the Faith Lutheran Church, 28200 Portsmouth Drive, Sun City, CA.

The final service, a memorial service, has been scheduled by the family for 3 July in Foxboro, MA.

WMA members in the vicinity of the services and surrounding states are invited to attend the services.

Lou Teixeira’s life was that of a Semper Fidelis Marine from the moment she was sworn into the Corps on 30 June 1954 to her passing on 14 March 2010 and now beyond.

Semper Fidelis, Lucille. We’re already missing you.

Eileen Scanlon

Theresa “Sue” Sousa



Tony Sarlls and Lou singing at the 2008 convention.
Photo by Betty Jean Cannon

Above, right: Lou through the years, from Corporal to WMA leader.



For “Lou”

She led us while in uniform
She led us when she left
She led us at conventions
Her songs were always best
She loved our Corps with all her heart
She loved all those who served
We are saddened by her passing
She suffered more than she deserved

When Lou reports to Heaven
We are sure the Marines will say
We are very glad to see you, Lou
Now please sit down and play

Semper Fi, Lou
K. Wright, Mar 2010



Past National President Lou Teixeira (top left) with the Past National Presidents who attended the 2008 convention in Houston. Seated (l-r) Sue Sousa, Helen Hannah Campbell, Virginia Allred; standing (l-r) Lou, Paula Sarlls, Carol Mutter and current National President Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower.



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