



Remembering Sergeant Major Ouida W. Craddock

Sergeant Major Ouida W. Craddock, 3rd Sgt. Maj. of Women Marines, died 25 November 2010 in Nevada.

Sgt. Maj. Craddock was born 19 June 1921 in Haskell, OK and was raised in Oakland, CA. She wanted to serve in World War II and decided that the Marine Corps was where she belonged. After boot camp, she returned to the Bay Area for duty in San Francisco and later in El Toro.

According to WMA National Historian Nancy Wilt, "Multiple San Francisco based women Marines have indicated that they were constantly in the public's view. They were normally chosen by the Director of Women Marines office for duty in this area because of the need to represent the Marine Corps to the public. There was no housing, so they all lived in town and lead free of command (base) restrictions."

Ouida was proud to be based at these two commands. She talked about how San Francisco would come back multiple times in her career as a Marine. When she was discharged after WWII, she kept in contact with Marine friends, since it was rumored that the Corps planned to bring women back as a permanent part of the force. She reenlisted in 1949 in the women's active reserve, and became a regular Marine in 1951. Ouida was promoted to SSgt. In 1952 and TSgt. (E-7) in 1953. She returned to San Francisco to work in electric accounting and later as NCOIC Civilian Payroll and Accounting on a multi-office level.

Ouida reported to Headquarters Marine

Corps in 1953 and worked in Accounting and Plans until 1954, when she returned to San Francisco as the 12th Dis-

assignment to Operations Management, Data Processing Division.

In 1965, Ouida found herself in San Francisco again on recruiting duty. Promoted to Sergeant Major, she reported to the position as Sgt. Maj. of Women Marines on 1 December 1966 until her retirement in 1969.

When Nancy last spoke with Ouida, she said that Ouida's health was declining, "But she was still Marine, through and through, and her memory seemed very clear. She said that she looked forward to 'Nouncements' 'our magazine' as she called it, and was very proud of her contributions—especially her firsts." Ouida was the first data processing chief, and the first Sgt. Maj. from outside the administrative field.

Nancy also noted that Ouida was Sgt. Maj. of Women Marines when she (Nancy) attended OCS in 1969.

Nancy said, "I remember having to get her name right and how it came out many ways when various candidates were asked. When I told her this story, Ouida had a great laugh!"

During her conversations with Ouida, Nancy did not get her enlistment date, where she attended boot camp, or the years that she was stationed at El Toro. If you have any of this information, please pass it on to Nancy for Ouida's file in the Women of the Corps Collection.

Wanda Antoine

Editor's Note: Thanks to WMA National Historian Nancy Wilt, who contributed to the preparation of this article.



Ouida W. Craddock, 3rd Sergeant Major of Women Marines, receives the congratulations of Gen. Wallace M. Greene, Jr. USMC photo

trict recruiter for women Marines. She remained on this assignment until early 1958. She was then off to Quantico and the NCO Leadership Course (4 weeks). She said that she loved being so close to DC! After training she was assigned as the chief drill instructor, Woman Recruit Training at Parris Island until she received orders to Hawaii in 1960.

Ouida was assigned to Camp Smith in Hawaii in Project, Plans and Development, and again she was gaining more electronic accounting and Marine management experience. She indicated that she was the first designated Marine data processing chief, and in 1962 was promoted Hawaiian style to MSgt with traditional leis. In 1964, Ouida left Hawaii for Headquarters Marine Corps for

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One pilot was destined to a tragic fate, the other escaped harm.

The story of these friendships is preserved through letters and personal papers donated to the Women of the Corps collection.



ACE KILLED — Brendan (Paddy) Finucane, famous R.A.F. pilot, meets death as bullet disables plane.
— U.S. Wirephoto

Hero of R.A.F. Dies in Crash

Paddy Finucane Radios Good-bye as Chance Shot Sends Spitfire Down



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From the Editor

Happy spring! I hope that everyone is enjoying the warmer temperatures and that you have found some time to do your spring cleaning.

You will find some wonderful stories in this issue. The Rocky Top Chapter is out and about in Tennessee showing the community what Semper Fidelis really means. The history article is an especially good read, and if you enjoyed the hospitality suite in Denver, TX-2's Marti Raney has just the perfect story for you. From the looks of our Chapter Clippings, everyone celebrated the 68th anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve in style.

By the time you are reading this, we will be nearing Memorial Day. As Marines, we know this time is more than a four day weekend with barbecues. It is a time for us to reflect upon and honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. I know that all WMA chapters will do just that.

Wanda Antoine

President's Message: A Look at Our Organization



As we look back on our 50th Anniversary, it is wonderful to see where we first started and where we are today. But have you ever thought about how we got here? I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some

background on how WMA is organized and what it really takes to run our Association.

As you can see by the organizational chart, the National Board of Directors (BOD) is made up of 18 officers (shaded in gray) to include the President, Immediate Past President, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Vice

Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and 10 Area Directors. They are responsible for conducting the business of our Association and making decisions on behalf of the entire 3100+ membership of WMA. We hold an annual Board meeting, either at Convention or at the Interim Board Meeting (IBM) in the off convention year. We also have a variety of Standing Committees, Appointed Representatives, Special Appointments and Appointed Officers that provide the support mechanism required to help sustain the activities and programs of WMA.

If not for these dedicated individuals, we would not have the successful organization that we have today. The term of office is for two years, so it does take a level

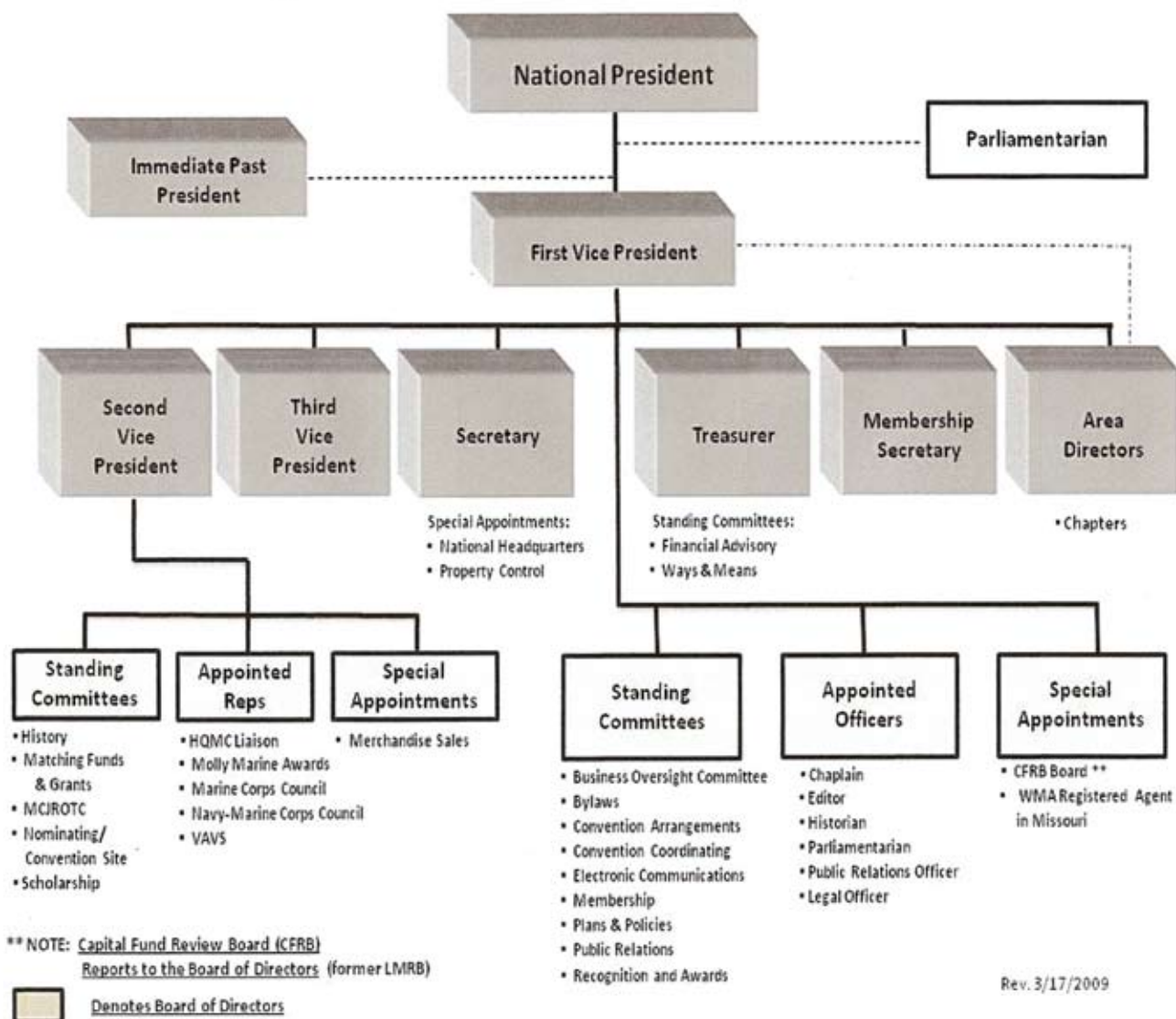
of dedication that does not come without some sacrifice. However, if it weren't for this special group of members who have given of themselves, WMA would not be here today.

Do you think that you might be interested in serving WMA at the national level? Do you want your voice to be heard? Then step right up and get involved. Ask any one of your National Officers about what you can do to help support WMA. We are always looking for members to volunteer to serve at the National level. It takes all of us to keep WMA moving forward, so let's all play our part in writing our history for the future.

Semper Fidelis,

Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower

Organizational Chart of the Women Marines Association



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1st Vice President's Message: Spring is MCJROTC Awards Season



Yea! Spring is here along with daylight savings time. It seems such a good time of the year. Walking around the neighborhood, the red buds and azaleas are in bloom.

When spring arrives, it is a reminder that the MCJROTC programs will be scheduling their Recognition and Awards for the cadets. WMA Area Directors coordinate with the Senior Military Instructor at the schools and chapters to identify WMA chapter members or Members at Large to serve as the WMA award presenter. WMA chapters have been coordinating with their area schools for many years. While this may

be new to some of the WMA chapters it is a WMA goal to have a WMA member present each of the WMA MCJROTC certificates and ribbons. Along with the certificate, some chapters will present a gift to the cadet while other chapters choose to provide a scholarship.

The MCJROTC Recognition and Awards programs are unique to each school. Some programs are very casual and may be combined with a softball game or barbeque, while other schools will stage a more traditional military program. Sometimes the parents are very involved in the programs and host lavish buffets before and after. At other programs, WMA chapters step in and provide cake and punch for the cadets and families. After the programs, it is a good time to catch photos with the ca-

dets, instructors and parents. When you make the awards, be sure and get the who, what, and where info for 'Nouncements. We want to get all of the cadet names right with their schools.

Thanks to all of the WMA chapters and members who represent our great organization in these unique programs. Don't forget to send your photos and award stories to the WMA editor.

Tammy Buchanan has replaced Brenda Moore as the MCJROTC Representative, after Brenda Moore retired. Tammy can be reached at tammyjbuchanan@gmail.com. We all wish Brenda well on her retirement, and welcome Tammy to the MCJROTC program.

Judy Anderson

Molly Marine Award Recipients



Molly Marine Presentation O Co 9 March 2011. LtoR: Mrs. Teresa Burgess, mother of deceased PFC Ke'Erica Allen, Plt 4009, Hampton, GA; PFC Abigail Krause, Plt 4008, Stacy, MN.



Molly Marine Presentation O Co 9 March 2011. LtoR: Teresa Burgess, PFC Allen's mother, Linda Priest, WMA Molly Marine Liaison, PFC Abigail Krause, Plt 4008, Stacy MN.



Molly Marine Presentation, O Co, 9 March 2011. Family members: mother, brother, father, grandfather of deceased PFC Ke'Erica Allen with members of Platoon 4009; platoon voted PFC Allen as their "Molly Marine"; PFC Allen died on 5 February 2011.

More of Our History: The Woman Marine and the R.A.F.

Our story starts in 1940.

World War II was being fought in nearly two-thirds of the world, yet the United States had not officially entered the war. Many Americans were unwilling to have the United States join the fight until we were attacked. But those who would later be our allies were desperate for our help. President Franklin Roosevelt wanted to provide the much needed help to the embattled British. Great Britain stood alone against a European continent occupied by German forces following the collapse of France and the evacuation of British forces at Dunkirk. However, those wanting to retain America's neutrality as well as Roosevelt's political opponents stood firm.

The President's desire to assist the British resulted in the arrival of the first 50 Royal Air Force (RAF) cadets in Los Angeles, California in 1940. Their mission was to learn to fly fighter aircraft designed and produced by McDonnell Aircraft and leased to Britain. Once graduated, these young pilots would be promoted to flight officer status and would return to England for duty. The city of Los Angeles went into a frenzy to entertain and make these young "Brits" feel at home. Their commanding officer was bombarded with requests from various organizations and clubs to hold dances, swim parties, garden parties, dinners and numerous other events. Young ladies of "respectable" backgrounds were introduced by letter to the CO and eventually, if found acceptable, were added to the list of attendees for these events.

Future Marine Ann William Workman and friends were selected and added to the list. Ann and her friends became "chums" as the Brits would say, and they had a wonderful time at all the social events created to make the cadets feel at home. Ann developed great friendships with two cadets, who were personal great friends, Brendan (Paddy) Finucane, an Irishman, and John (Jack) Misseldine. The LA *Times* published numerous stories and a photo layout on the young Brits, covering everything from their barracks life, to their mess hall menus. The cadets formed an

LA-based soccer league with 4 teams total being formed: the Vikings, LA Scots, Douglas and the RAF. The Vikings team was formed by Viking Steel and the Douglas team was formed by Douglas Aircraft.

As graduation approached, this first group of 50 cadets traded contact information with their American friends--especially the girls who had worked hard to give them a social life and a chance to experience life in the United States. It appears that Ann and Jack became very close. Ann wrote to both Paddy and Jack, and a lively correspondence it was until tragedy struck on 7 July 1942.

Paddy, with a bright green shamrock on the side of his aircraft, was making his last sweep over an enemy installation in France when two Germans with a single machine gun on a tripod took a lucky shot and hit his aircraft in the radiator and starboard wing. Paddy's wing man took out the German position and then returned to aid Paddy. The plane was badly hit. It would not make the English coast, but would crash at sea. Paddy, prepared for a sea landing, disconnecting his seatbelt and harness and detaching his radio. His wing man thought he was in perfect position to jump as the plane skimmed across the water on landing. Suddenly at about 100 ft or so, the plane nosed dived and drove into the sea, killing Paddy and sinking the plane in the English Channel.

Paddy died at the age of 21. By July 1942 he was The RAF's youngest wing commander and its leading ace with 32 enemy kills to his credit. Jack had the sad duty of informing Ann of Paddy's death, one of many of that first group of RAF cadets who had trained in Los Angeles in 1940.

Jack and Ann continued to stay in touch; they and their families exchanged letters, Christmas cards and family wedding news. Then suddenly on 26 June 1942, Ann received a letter



from Jack's mother with the sad news that Jack had been shot down and was reported missing. Ann must have been pretty special to Jack as his commanding officer and the command chaplain sent letters to Ann. The letters indicated that Jack was last seen parachuting out of the aircraft and landing safely away from the plane. They indicated his status was "missing," but it was thought

he was a POW and that it would take 6-8 weeks for verification through the Red Cross. Time passed slowly for Ann and the Jack's family until Ann received a telegram on 4 July 1942 from Jack's mother stating that he was a POW and safe in France.

Jack was shot down on 8 June 1942 over Northern France and over the next 2 months was on the run from the Gestapo, being aided by the French Resistance and British Intelligence, as he made his way through occupied France to Gibraltar. Escaping from Gibraltar in August, Jack made it back to Scotland and then home to England. Jack sent Ann a telegram on 11 September 1942 to announce he was safe in England and on leave. Jack returned to duty and was posted to Algeria.

The last data we have from September of 1943 is that Jack had been away for many months and on return had been trying to reach Ann, with no success. An American pilot on a temporary duty in England had run into Jack and promised to locate Ann and get a letter from Jack to her. The letter dated 9 September 1943 eventually found Ann processing to leave for boot camp or already in training at Camp Lejeune.

The End of the Story? Not quite...

This story was made possible through Ann's daughter who found fifteen loose pages of an old photo album in a box of her mother's personal papers and took the time to contact the Women of the Corps Collection Curator, to see if we might find them of interest, (Continued)

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(Continued from previous page) considering the material started before her mom was a Marine and before the United States was at war. After a resounding yes from the curator, the pages arrived. They contained LA Times newspaper headlines and stories, RAF greeting cards, the note cards Ann received with holiday flowers, telegrams, soccer schedules and wins, Paddy's obituary, unit decals, Jack's family in his sister's wedding photos, the commanding officer and chaplain letters, and Jack's last letter, to name just some of what was received.

Preservation of the pages will be started as soon as possible, as they are fragile. These treasured pages will be added to Ann's journal and scrapbook that are already in the Ann William Workman Collection of the Women of the Corps Collection.

Special thanks to Wanda Antoine, our WMA editor of *Nouncements*, who with her helper, found this story so fascinating they started searching for Jack Misseldine. After numerous tries on Ancestry.com and Google, they located Jack, living in France. Their research has also located Jack's daughter, who

will be contacted by the curator of the Women of the Corps Collection with an offer of sending Jack and his family copies of what we have on Jack, Ann and Paddy.

Jack published a book, *Survival Against All Odds*, with author Oliver Clutton-Brock, about his war experiences. Without the enthusiastic support of Wanda, the correct data on Jack's escape would not have been known as yet. During initial attempts by the Women of the Corps curator to find out how Jack made it home after bailing out of his plane, the R.A.F. archivist in Britain responded that he felt, that with the dates we had, that Jack was part of the last prisoner exchange with Germany in 1942. He offered as well that Jack may have been hidden and been helped by French Resistance, but that further research would need to be done, leaving us without a definite ending until now. Wanda's research verified the end of the story. Stories like this one are part of what makes The Women of the Corps Collection so very unique among col-



lections and museum archives. We tell more than the history books. We tell the stories of women who have earned the title Marine.

Be a part of this rare and unique collection. Tell us your story and allow us to preserve your photos and treasured memorabilia, so that we can share your story, as well.

Every woman who has earned the title Marine has a story. Don't let it fade into history, unknown and untold.

I believe that Paddy, Jack and Ann would be pleased knowing they have not been forgotten in time.

Semper Fidelis,
Nancy Wilt

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Each in your own way, please take a moment to remember our departed sisters. May their souls and those of all our departed sisters rest in peace.

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Rosenberg, Ruth	CT-1	Died 9/24/10	LM#1943
Sennert, Frieda (Goltenboth)	MAL NJ	Died 6/10/10	LM#2001
Smith, Inez E.	MAL IA	Died 2/10/10	LM#505
Taynor, Janet A.	CO-1	Died 3/11/11	LM#1268
Van Hook, Kathryn (Sheen)	CA-5	Died 2/24/11	LM#400
Van Riper, Mae (Gober)	MAL MI	Died 2/17/11	LM#714
Willie, Helen (Pinkston)	MAL UT	Died 8/12/10	LM#1886

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Peckham, Marie (Cascioli)	OH-2	Died 2/6/11
Rogers, Shirley E. (Abbott)	MAL CA	Died 4/6/10
Sullivan, Mary Catharine "Kitty"	FL-2	Died 2/8/11
Weber, Emma "Bunny"	CA-5	Died 12/10/10
Weltzer, Lyn R. (Coats)	CO-1	Died 8/10

From the Chaplain

This winter, we witnessed incredible things happening around the world. We saw Egyptian protesters overthrow their government. Their success spawned protests in numerous other countries against dictators. Then we witnessed the tragic loss of life, possessions and displacement of tens of thousands of people in Japan with the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear power disaster spewing radiation and contaminating their food and water. Something of that magnitude is almost unimaginable.

I know each of you in your own way have offered hope to those suffering in Japan by way of a charitable donation or prayers for them and all those rendering aid. It is my hope that none of our members were there or had friends or family members living there who suffered losses.

Be thankful for the lives we lead and the things we have. Under other circumstances, their lives could be ours. Only by the grace of God we are who we are, live where we live and have what we have.

Mary Broussard, Chaplain

From the Membership Secretary

I hope the New Year is bringing you happiness, health and prosperity.

While many other veteran-based organizations are struggling to hold on, thankfully our member numbers have remained stable over the past year. Please remember to update National if you move or your next of kin has changed.

After tracking where our new members come from for a full 12 months, it's clear that half are from members or others who recommend WMA. Keep up the good work and continue to get out the word about our great organization. Nearly twenty-five percent of our new members became aware of us from our efforts on the internet in places like Facebook, Twitter, our blog and our website. Almost ten percent joined while attending the 2010 Denver Convention.

This year we have lots of work ahead of us including rebuilding several chapters and retaining our current members. All of us need to reach out to inactive members of our chapters as well as our members at large (the Area Directors have that list). Together we can keep WMA a strong, thriving, and very special part of all our lives. Until next time...Semper Fi,

Debra Drummond

The Denver Hospitality Room: A Trip Back in Time

Once in a lifetime. That's the only way to describe the Denver Hospitality Room entertainment. It was like being a member of the audience at a sold out concert or "American Idol." There was so much talent on stage that after you went to the first night, you had to go back the next night to see if it was possible that Denver could do it again, and they did awe and amaze us time after time. We must of course give thanks to Ken Cross and the Loyal Escorts for they were there in force to help us celebrate and I personally never met a bartender that I didn't like, but the entertainment that Paula Sarlls lined up for us with the Denver USO was just outstanding. It was like a trip back in time in the Corps, whether you were in WWII or Afghanistan.

The Hospitality Room was in Pyramid Peaks on the 37th Floor across the street from the Grand Hyatt. I guess they heard about the Marines partying in Houston and decided to keep the rowdy bunch across the street. Little did they know that Marines don't care where we party because we are the party? The view was exceptionally beautiful from the 37th floor and the mountains were in full view and made for a beautiful sunset. The room artwork was provided by Hedy Margolis and her son. Hedy heads the Denver USO and she's a great lady who goes above and beyond for our troops.

The hospitality room opened on Saturday night with the Blues Rambler Band starring Gunny Lee Tibbits. Lee plays a mean harmonica and sings lead vocals. These six talented gentlemen played music that had us on our feet and dancing the night away.

Songs like "I'm Just Wild about Harry," "Alexander's Ragtime Band," "Married to the Blues," and the "Charleston Rag" took us on a hayride of emotions.

The band had an unusual mix and it was very unique to hear songs with a harmonica and saxophone playing in unison. One of our WWII ladies, Polly Harms said they took her back to her youth in style. She danced circles around the younger crowd and we all wondered, "What's in that North Carolina water?" (Polly is from NC.)



Polly Harms dances the night away.

Sunday night we were entertained by The Cameo Club. These are a talented group of former Miss Senior Colorados and even a couple of former Miss Senior USAs. These ladies were more than just eye candy; they were a treat in so many ways. All of the ladies were at least sixty years old, but I think they should have been carded at the door. These were some truly beautiful, talented, ladies with more energy than most teenagers. There were singers, tap dancers, a belly dancer, and my favorite- a lady whistler who I had seen on "America's Got Talent."

The 75 year old Sally Cohn is so amazing when she hand whistles, "America the Beautiful," that you are star struck in awe just listening to the perfect pitch. When I saw her on television, I was thinking that there had to be back-up flutes or some kind of instruments played to make this wonderful music, but seeing it live and knowing that it was just this unique little lady making that beautiful music by blowing through her hands, now that's entertainment.

The Cameo club ended the Sunday night entertainment with a Charleston routine with taps on their feet, hats on their heads and a rhythm in their hands as they performed on their feet and sitting in chairs. These ladies were a true confirmation to the belief that life goes full circle and begins anew and fresh after sixty (if our WWII Women Marines weren't proof enough).

Monday night was the last night of the hospitality room and I just couldn't wait until it opened to see what Denver had in store for us at the end of our tour. I also wanted desperately to win one of the "Jarhead Red" Wine door prizes. Jarhead Red is a wine on a mission to support the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation.

The entertainment for our last night was an Andrews Sisters Tribute act called, Reveille 3. This act is set back to WWII when there were war bonds, rations, scrap drives, swing music and GIs. The set is woven with actual letters written during WWII. These letters reflect how these three totally different ladies lives and relationships changed during WWII including narrations of love lost and found; a yearning for a return to a normal life and the strength and determination of those living back home to help with the war efforts. These letters had us laughing with memories of how things have changed over the years, but in a lot of ways remain the same. The music mixed into these letters from home included such wartime hits as "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," "Rum and Coca Cola," "Beer Barrel Polka," and "Sentimental Journey". Special kudos to Marnie Ward, Anne Zinschlag and Christine Herivel for we truly loved the ditsy red head, lovelorn blonde and devoted brunette you portray with a theatrical excellence.

Well as luck would have it, I stayed until the very end dancing the night away with Polly and won one of those coveted Jarhead Red door prizes, but as treasured as that wine is to me, it cannot compare to the memories that we'll all have that were privileged enough to be able to attend the Denver 2010 Convention. Philly, you have a real act to follow with your hospitality room. I can't wait until 2012 and Tun Tavern.

Marti Raney TX-2

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DUBOW, SHARON 4 PEYTONS WAY BEAUFORT, SC 29907
DUKES, CAROLYN 217 FARINA DR. HAVELOCK, NC 28532
EBNER, PATRICIA 1460 ELM ST. WABASSO, MN 56293
FIELDS, LAMIRA 5506 JOSHUA TREE CIRCLE, FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22407
FLANARY, ELLEN 602 TELLER AV. GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81401
FLINN, JOEZETTE 1361 ONANDAGO AV. AKRON, OH 44305
GAMBLE-WILLIAMS, BESS 16 WHITNEY CIRCLE TEXARKANA, TX 75503
GAY, DAWN 909 WORTH DR. CHEYENNE, WY 82001
GILLON, STACY K. 2196 PEBBLE CREEK DR 207D TWINSBURG, OH 44087

GREEN, CORNELIA 4408 GOLDEN GATE DR. KILLEEN, TX 76549
HENDERSON, EMITRIA 5733 FOREST ISLE DR. NEW ORLEANS, LA 70131
HENRICH, JACQUELINE 1139 MEADOWCREST DR. CORTE MADERA, CA 94925
HIBBLER, DORTHEA 8900 E JEFFERSON APT 1528 DETROIT, MI 48214
HOLDER, KELLY 5035 LERCH DR. SHADYSIDE, MD 20764
HUBBERT, PAULETTE 13701 MODRAD WAY #23 SILVER SPRING, MD 20904
HYING, CATHERINE 3305 25TH AV. S. MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55406
JACKSON, PAMELA 535 AZALEA ST. CHULA VISTA, CA 91911
JENKINS, LORRIE 23 FLETCHER ST. FOXBORO, MA 02035
KLINE, STEPHANIE 124 SECRETARIAT DR. HAVELOCK, NC 28532
LOCKLEAR, BARBARA 1601 S SANDHILL RD #11 LAS VEGAS, NV 89104
LOGALBO, CEILEY GINA 11901 S. LARAMIE AV. ALSIP, IL 60803
LOGIER, ALICIA 115 DURBIN LN. JACKSONVILLE, NC 28546
MCLARAHMORE, ADRIANNE 1922 W. 12 MILE RD. ROYAL OAK, MI 48073
MCPARTLAND, MELISSA 1631 NE 10TH PL. CANBY, OR 97013
MONTOKA, CECILIA 2271 SANDY POINT LN. MOUNT PLEASANT, SC 29466
NEWCOMER, GRACE 7531 120TH AVE N LARGO, FL 33773
OSTAPIEJ, ANNE 1131 TULLOCH, TRACY, CA 95304

New Members- (Continued) Welcome Aboard!

PREE, PAMELA 900 143RD AV. #120 SAN LEANDRO, CA 94578
PRICE, DONNA PO BOX 55 FOSTER, OR 97345
REYNOLDS, CATHLEEN 1449 TARA LN. CHELSEA, MI 48118
RICE, TERESA 700 SOWELL LN. APT 2012 TEXARKANA, TX 75501
ROBINSON, ERIKA 315 S MARIA AV. REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277
SANDERS, DONNA 13104 S. SUMMIT ST. OLATHE, KS 66062
SILVERSTRAND, KAREN 800 MANATT ST. LINCOLN, NE 68521
SKIDMORE, JANICE 1407 LAKE ST. WAUSAU, WI 54401
SPURLOCK, ASHLEY 630 GUADALCANAL NEW ORLEANS, LA 70114
STILWELL, MAUREEN 5 HASTINGS PL. MANMOUTH BEACH, NJ 07750-
STIVERS, CINDY 36504 MARBLE AV. MACON, MO 63552
TRAVIS, JESSICA UNIT 78071 FPO AE 09510-8071
TRISCRITTI, MIRIAM 616 KINGS GRANT RD. VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23452
WALTON, ANGELA 978 VINERIDGE RUN APT 207 ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL 32714
WAYNE, NATOKA 5710 FOREST ISLE DR. APT 620 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70131
WILLIAMS, LEIGH 3062 ABELINE RD. SPRING HILL, FL 34608
WOMACK, LARISSA A 200 TUCKER DR. BRANDON, MS 39042

Term Members (Reinstated) - Welcome Back!

ANTHONY, HELENA PO BOX 54 MEXICAN SPRINGS, NM 87320
ARBOGAST, CHERYL 1408 SATTES CIRCLE NITRO, WV 25143
ARNOLD, NANCY 206 EAST WOOD TR. MILTON, WI 53563
BENDER-NOTARIAN NANCY 180 LEDGE RD. MEDINA, OH 44256
BOSTON, TERRY 487 MILLS RANCH RD. WOODLAND PARK, CO 80863
BUCHANAN, TAMMY 36 ZEHL LN. BEAUFORT, SC 29906
CARLTON, BARBARA 29807 KING RD. MECHANICSVILLE, MD 20659
CONTRERAS, ANA 3568 MUIRFIELD DR. TITUSVILLE, FL 32780
DUNSTON, DARLYN 12579 BRANDON WAY WHITE CITY, OR 97503
DURST, GLENDA 109 S 58TH ST. SAN DIEGO, CA 92114
FIORELLO, GERALDINE 5327 BAZA AV. WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91364
KALB, SYDELL 1400 MONTEGO ST #156 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94598
LEARY, CARRIE 5336 W. CINNABAR AV. GLENDALE, AZ 85302
MESSER-LICUANAN BETTY 503 CRANE BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90065
MILAS, EVELYN 1804 SERENO DR. VALLEJO, CA 94589
MURNEY, KATHLEEN 8807 SOUND VIEW CT. EMERALD ISLE, NC 28594
MURPHY, ANDREA 307 LAKE VISTA SOUTH HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TX 75077
MURPHY, ROSE P.O. BOX 1587 LEHIGH ACRES, FL 33970
NATIONS, WILMA 943 SPRING AV. ST. CHARLES, MO 63301
NELSON-PATTERSON TIFFINIE 14613 KEYSTONE AV. UNIT 1W MIDLOTHIAN, IL 60445
O'BOYLE, LOIS 8750 W NATIONAL AV. #527 WEST ALLIS, WI 53227
ONTIVEROS, RITA 109 MARSHALL FARM RD. JACKSONVILLE, NC 28546
PHILLIPS, DIANA P.O. BOX 3684 CEDAR HILL, TX 75014
RUSSELL, SHAUNTA 1951 TANTRER CT. WOODBRIDGE, VA 22191
SCHUELER, MADELINE 2425 SANDY BROOK LN. MIDLOTHIAN, VA 23112
SEYMOUR, JONELLA 2428 BRITT ST. NE ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87112
SIEFERT, KATIE 1621 E ROELAND AVE #5 APPLETON, WI 54915
SLOAN, JENNIFER 3929 UPPER PASSAGE LN. ROUND ROCK, TX 78681
STILLWELL, PHYLLIS 19565 TWILIGHT LN. FRENCHTOWN, MT 59834
TABOR, CYNTHIA 1619 KELLIWOOD OAKS DR. KATY, TX 77450
THIMMIG, RUTH 1002 CHAPEL HILL DR. ST. PETERS, MO 63376
VOGEDES, SUSAN 4543 SOUTH THIRD ST. LOUISVILLE, KY 40214
WELLER, HELEN 618 N CENTRAL AV. APT 318 PHOENIX, AZ 85004
WHITE, NADINE 7400 STEEPLE CHASE DR SHINGLE SPRINGS, CA 95682

2165 Life Members
846 Term Members
3011 Members Total

Missing Members- Can you help us locate them or supply updated addresses?

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CITY, STATE	PRIMARY CHAPTER	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CITY, STATE	PRIMARY CHAPTER
ALBRECHT	VIRGINIA	GRAND RAPIDS, MI		LUCERO	BARBARA	SAN ANTONIO, TX	
ALMAGUER	HELENA	BEAUFORT, SC	SC-1	LUNDHOLM	JANET	LINCOLN, NE	
AUBITZ	NANCY	MOREHEAD CITY, NC		MANN	LOLA	EUREKA SPRINGS, AR	
AVIS-BLAKELY	CARYL	ODESSA, TX		MARTIN	LYNETTE	MESA, AZ	AZ-1
BAKER	KAY	AUSTIN, TX		MARTIN	RHONDA	VAN NUYS, CA	VA-1
BARTON	MARY	CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA		MARTINEAU	DIANE	CORVALLIS, OR	
BATES	MARY	MERRITT ISLAND, FL	FL-1	MATTHEWS	RENEE	NEW BERN, NC	
BELVILLE	THERESA	EULESS, TX		MAUSER	JEAN	COATESVILLE, PA	
BLOSSER	SANDRA	VANDALIA, OH		MCGALL	LEONORA	LIVERMORE FALLS, ME	
BOWERS	GLADYS	SOLOMONS, MD		MCGILLICUDDY	SHEELA	AUBURN, CA	
BRISCOE	EVA	CLACKAMAS, OR	OR-1	MELNIK	ELIZABETH	SAN FRANCISCO, CA	
BRODERSEN	HEATHER	WAIPAHU, HI		MENDOZA	KATHLEEN	SUSQUEHANNA, PA	
BROWN	BARBARA	BEAUFORT, SC		MITCHELL	MARY (MAUREEN)	PHOENIX, AZ	
BROWN	JUDITH	HENDERSON, NV		MIXSON	ANGELUS	RANDALLSTOWN, MD	
BROWN	LORETTA	HAVELOCK, NC		MOBLEY	BRENDA	SILVER SPRING, MD	AK-1
BROWN	SKEETER	KENAI, AK	OH-1	MOHABIR	NICOLE	COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VA	
BURNS	THELMA	KNOXVILLE, TN	TN-1	NATIONS	WILMA	ST CHARLES, MO	MO-1
BUTLER	TERESA	TYBEE ISLAND, GA		NAUGLE	CHRISTINE	MT. AIRY, NC	
CAMPBELL	MARY	NAPLES, FL		NEIL	MARIETTA	CHICAGO, IL	
CARMACK	BARBARA	ROGERSVILLE, TN		NORTON	VIRGINIA	EAST PALATKA, FL	
CARPENTER	ELEANOR	AMESBURY, MA		NOTHELFER	JENIFER	FREDRICKSBURG, VA	
CHAMPAGNE	MARIAN	HOUMA, LA		OGLE	DANA	TWENTYNINE PALMS, CA	CA-29
CHENERY	MARY	ARLINGTON, VA	FL-6	O'NEIL	LYNN	SHELburne FALLS, MA	MA-2
CLELAND	PAULINE	YOUNGSTOWN, OH	OH-2	OVERLAND	MADELINE	LAKE PLACID, FL	
CONNELLY	EMMA	COLUMBUS, OH		PATINO	MESSALINA	INDIO, CA	
CROCKETT	LESLIE	GAS CITY, IN		PELTIER	BARBARA	MESA, AZ	
DALE	LOIS	PALMDALE, CA	CA-15	PELTOSALO	LAVINIA	GIBSON ISLAND, MD	
DANIELS	DORIS	CLINTON, TN		PEOPLES	LAURA	STUART, FL	
DAVIS	EILEEN	LAKE WORTH, FL		PERRY	ASHLEY	NEW ORLEANS, LA	LA-1
DAVIS	HELEN	PORT ROYAL, SC	SC-1	PESONEN	LORIE	APO, AE	
DAVIS	VIVIAN	JACKSONVILLE, FL	FL-7	PETERSON	AGNES	WINDSOR LOCKS, CT	
DEEM	MS NORRIS	ST GEORGE, UT		PETERSON	RACHAEL	MCHENRY, IL	
DEGUISEPPE	BARBARA	HUDSON, FL	FL-5	POLLEY	NANCY	SLIDELL, LA	LA-1
DINGLE	MARY	BELLINGHAM, WA		PRIDMORE	DOROTHY	AURORA, CO	
DIXON	KATIE	ST CLOUD, FL		RECTOR	MARTY	CARLSBAD, CA	CA-7
DOKKEN-CAMERON	LYNDA	PRESCOTT, AZ		REESE	MARGARET	ROCHESTER, NY	
ECKELS	RITA	VENICE, FL	FL-6	RENDON	TRUDY	TRABUCO CANYON, CA	CA-1
ESTRADA	MILDRED	ORLANDO, FL		REYES	BRENDA	DALLAS, TX	
FENDER	SUSAN	VENTURA, CA	CO-1	REYES	ROSANNA	ALEXANDRIA, VA	
FERGUSON	VALERIE	SACRAMENTO, CA		RIDGE	JOSEPHINE	JACKSONVILLE, FL	FL-7
FOWLER	DEBRA	NEWPORT NEWS, VA		ROBB	JERRY	GAITHERSBURG, MD	
FRANKUM	DONNA	MURPHY, NC		ROBBS	MIRIAM	NEW BRAUNFELS, TX	
GALE	IRIS	ORO VALLEY, AZ		RODGERS	LANETTE	LARGO, MD	DC-1
GARRETT	CONSTANCE	MECHANICSVILLE, VA		RONCK	JOY	MCKINNEY, TX	
GATHMAN	KEO	JANESVILLE, WI		ROONEY	EILEEN	BRADENTON, FL	
GEROU	DIANA	ALEXANDRIA, VA		RUIZ	BETTY	LULING, LA	
GOLER	MARILYN	LARGO, FL	FL-2	SCHEETZ	LORRAINE	GROTON, CT	
GONZALES	JOCELYN	BEAUFORT, SC	SC-1	SCOTT	ELIZABETH	ATOKA, TN	
GRAVINO	JANET	KATY, TX	TX-2	SEIBEL	NINA	BROOKSIDE, UT	CA-10
GREENE	MARION	WEST UNION, SC		SHORT	BEVERLY	FARLEY, IA	
GROSS	MARY	KENT, WA		SIMPSON	MARGARET	SAN RAFAEL, CA	
GUIZAR	CECILIA	TRENTON, MI	MI-2	SMITH	ALYCE	WOODBIDGE, VA	
GUNN	PRISCILLA	OCEANSIDE, CA		SMITH	LU	RACINE, WI	
HAGER	KYNA	VALDOSTA, GA		SMITH	VENETTE	CHULA VISTA, CA	
HAGLUND	JUNE	DAYTONA BEACH, FL		SOSINSKY	CATHERINE	JACKSONVILLE, FL	INT-1
HAMMOCK	JOSEPHINE	ORLANDO, FL	FL-1	SPUSTA	DORIS	PALMDALE, CA	FL-1
HARRIS	JUNE	CONROE, TX	TX-2	STRAIGHT	DEBRA	HONOLULU, HI	
HARRISON	MARION	HOUSTON, TX	TX-2	STRUDLE	CATHY	JANESVILLE, CA	
HARTMAN	BERNICE	BOYNTON BEACH, FL		THOMPSON	BARBARA	VANCOUVER, WA	OR-1
HEALY	EILEEN	LONG BEACH, NY		TIPPETT	ELLEN	FREDERICKSBURG, VA	NM-1
HEINEN	STARREEN	ST ROBERT, MO		TOSDAL	JEAN	DANA POINT, CA	
HEISER	KIMBERLY	LANSING, MI		VARELAS	JEANNE	SAN ANTONIO, TX	TX-3
HENDERSON-HANNAN	CRYSTAL	FPO, AE	CA-7	VARNER	SHEILA	RAMONA, CA	
HENNEFORTH	MARY	PHILADELPHIA, PA		VIARS	'PEGGY'	SPARTANBURG, SC	
HODLEY	BARBARA	PHILLIPSBURG, NJ		VOGEDES	SUSAN	LOUISVILLE, KY	
HODSON	SHARI	CHARLESTON, SC		WATSON	LEAH	APO, AE	
HUTTO	FERN	SANGER, TX		WERNER	MARGUERITE	SHOREWOOD, IL	
JUAREZ	DANA	BRANDON, FL		WESLEY-WALKER	ALVINICE	SAN DIEGO, CA	
KEALE	NANCY	AVON BY THE SEA, NJ		WESTON	PENNY	ELMIRA, NY	
KELLEY	ROSEMARY	MILWAUKEE, WI	WI-1	WHITE	FRANCES	SAN ANTONIO, TX	
KETTERER	EILEEN	NORMAL, IL		WHITE	MAGGIE	FARNHAM, NY	
KIPPES	FRAN	PARKER, SD		WOOD	NANCY	BLUFFTON, SC	
KOSTYN	LORETTA	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA		WOOLGER	LAURA	JENKINTOWN, PA	
KOTWAS	VIRGINIA	LINCOLN, NE		WRIGHT	KELLEY	SAN DIEGO, CA	
				YOUNG	JOLEEN	APO, AE	

To the Loyal Escorts: Area Coordinators Needed

Hello to all Loyal Escorts.

During the past few months, your Board of Directors has been focusing on improving our administration and trying to discover ways to make our organization more relevant and viable.



We most certainly need to improve our ability to generate income so that we have more available to fund our scholarship(s).

As you may already know, our scholarship is funded from the earnings (i.e., interest income) generated by the Scholarship Fund, with any shortfall to be made up from the General Fund. What you may not know is that the proceeds from our merchandise sales are added to the Scholarship Fund's savings account to provide additional capital for scholarship earnings. Your Board of Directors is interested in any ideas that you may have that would help us generate more funds. Remember, when you are thinking of ideas, Loyal Escorts is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so donations to Loyal Escorts are tax-deductible contributions.

As is evident in the financial state-

ment that is included in the enclosed table, the dismal investment results associated with the current economic crisis in the United States meant that most of last year's scholarship came from the General Fund. I do not anticipate that the investment results for 2011 will be significantly different from 2010.

Since the report is on the cash basis (income is recorded when received and expenses are recorded when paid), the cost of merchandise appears to be greater than the income we received. In fact, we have an inventory of 29 LE shirts that were purchased in 2010 for \$23 each (\$667.00), so the real cost of merchandise sold was \$714.00.

As I mentioned in my previous column, we are looking for volunteers to perform as Loyal Escorts Area Coordinators. I am pleased to report that Shaaron Wright has volunteered to be the coordinator for WMA Area 10. Now, we need volunteers for each of the other nine WMA areas. If you are interested, please contact me by phone at (970) 399-7239, postal mail at PO Box 1244 Paoonia, CO 81428-1244, or e-mail at LE@womenmarines.org.

As I stated in the last issue, I am in-

cluding the listing of new members. This report lists those who have joined since December 31, 2010. As of March 31, 2011 our current membership is 284, comprised of 65 term members and 219 life members. It saddens me to tell you that I received reports that two of our life members, Elmer R. Andrews and Thomas Green, have passed away.

Over the next couple of months, as part of our goal to improve electronic communications, I will be sending an e-mail message to each Loyal Escort for whom we have an e-mail address. My goal is to purify our list, and once that is done, I will initiate a campaign to solicit corrected addresses for those that come back as undeliverable.

With that said, I still want each of you with e-mail to send a short message that tells us your name, physical address, phone number and e-mail address. Send the message to: LE@womenmarines.org.

John E. Holvoet

President

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

Loyal Escorts 2010 Financial Results

Cash Fund Balances 1/1/2010	\$ 27,929.01
Income	
Interest	69.96
Term Memberships	950.00
Life Memberships	2,370.00
Merchandise Sales	1,032.50
Donations	180.02
Convention Income	3,378.84
Total Income	7,981.32
Expenditures	
Merchandise	1,381.00
Mail 'Nouncements	693.13
Convention Expense	1,502.79
Scholarship	500.00
Administrative Cost	31.10
Other Costs	25.00
Total Expenditures	4,133.02
Net Income	3,848.30
Cash Fund Balances 12/31/2010	\$ 31,777.31

Loyal Escorts: Welcome Aboard, New Members!

Name	City	State
Howard S. Antoine	Fairfield	CA
Walter G. Ford	Dumfries	VA
Joseph F. Halpin**	Winfield Park	NJ
Elizabeth A. Horn	Jacksonville	NC
Mary D. Karcher	Stafford	VA
Brent Laarman	Shelby Township	MI
Kimberly A. McQueary	Naples	FL
Therese G. Richardson*	Port Arthur	TX
Frank Y. Zink*	Federal Way	WA

* New Life Member

** Term Member converted to Life Member



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*)

Sponsor must be a WMA Life Member

Sponsor's WMA Life Membership # _____

☐ 40 & under\$175.00

☐ 41 to 45\$145.00

☐ 46 to 60\$125.00

☐ 61 to 70\$100.00

☐ 71 to 80\$75.00

☐ 81 & over\$50.00

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David G. Wiszneaukas, Treasurer

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(Please print)

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

Address _____
(Street)

City and State with Zip Code _____
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

E-mail address _____ Contact in case of emergency with address and phone _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____
Day / Month / Year

DOB: _____ SSN: _____
(necessary for machine accounting)

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

Recruiting Escort's Name: _____

About Myself / Comments: _____

Enclosed Amount of Dues \$ _____ Do you live with your sponsor? Yes _____ No _____

Dues include 'Nouncements if not already received in household.

2 Years \$25.00

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Join or Renew Your Membership Today!

WMA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION		
APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Full Name:		
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Date of Birth:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
SSN:		
ALTERNATE ADDRESS INFORMATION		
Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Phone:	E-mail:	Reason for alternate:
Start Date:	Stop Date:	
EMERGENCY CONTACT		
Name of a relative not residing with you:		
Address:		Phone:
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Relationship:		
SPOUSE INFORMATION		
Name:		
Date of birth:	Email:	Phone:
MILITARY INFORMATION		
When Served:		
Name (s) Served Under:		Maiden Name:
Plt. and Series	MOS:	Molly Marine: <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
RM&D PREFERENCES		
After 2012 the Resource and Member Directory (RMD) will be sent in CD format. If you prefer another format please check below.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Copy	<input type="checkbox"/> Hard Paper Copy	One only
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION <input type="checkbox"/> NEW <input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL <input type="checkbox"/> REINSTATEMENT		
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 year Membership \$40	Life Membership: Pick One:	
Chapter Name if Known:	<input type="checkbox"/> Age 30 & Under \$295 <input type="checkbox"/> 31-39 \$260 <input type="checkbox"/> 40-49 \$210	
Enrolled By/ How did you hear about WMA:	<input type="checkbox"/> 50-59 \$180 <input type="checkbox"/> 60-65 \$150 <input type="checkbox"/> 66 & older \$120	
SIGNATURE AND VERIFICATION		
By my signature, I verify that all information contained within is correct and that I am eligible to apply having served or honorably serving in the United States Marine Corps.		
Signature of applicant:		Date:

Effective July1, 2010 Revised

Fill in application, print and mail with payment to:
 Women Marines Association • P.O. Box 377
 Oaks, PA 19456-0377

Recognition & Awards 2012-WMA Convention-Philadelphia, PA

Area Directors are the points of contact for awards information. Should they have questions that are not answered by this edition of *'Nouncements*, the WMA Bylaws, the WMA SOP, or the How to Book, they should contact R & A Chairman, Mary Ann Merritt.

There are five categories of awards: Newsletter Competition, History Book, Website, Recruiting Award and Chapter Achievement Projects. There is a separate grand prize award (for "overall outstanding Chapter achievement") called the Ruth & Dick Broe Award. The Newsletter, History and Website award receives a perpetual plaque held until the next convention when it will be exchanged for an individually inscribed award plaque. The Recruiting award is a monetary award along with a chapter streamer in appropriate categories.

All chapters, large and small are **strongly** encouraged to enter the competition. The rules and prizes are detailed below. I'd like to take this time to say "thank you" for all the energy and cooperation you are about to put into the creation of such wonderful entries.

The award selection committee will consist of people cognizant of the Women Marines Association objectives. They may or may not be WMA members. Awards in any or all of the categories may be withheld when, in the judgment of the committee, no entry in a category warrants recognition.

Constructive feedback will be given to each chapter that enters.

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL!

DEADLINE for all awards entries: Postmarked on or before 10 July 2012

**Mail all entries to: Mary Ann Merritt
Chairman, Recognition & Awards
70274 Campground, Romeo, MI
48065**

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

All entries will be displayed at the convention during the Recognition and Awards Banquet and for 1 hour afterward. Each chapter with a submission will be required to provide an escort for their entry during that time period. This escort will answer questions regarding their project as well

as provide protection for their entry. The name(s) of the escort(s) should be submitted with the entry. Entries will only be released after the banquet to the chapter president or their designee.

Ruth & Dick Broe Award for Overall Chapter Achievement

No separate entry is required for this award. This, the highest overall outstanding chapter achievement award, is presented to the chapter that, in the opinion of the judges, has accomplished the most in keeping the objectives of the Women Marines Association as demonstrated by their entries in the above chapter achievement categories. It does not necessarily go to the chapter with the most awards. The **quality** of the project is the most important factor.

The chapter will be presented with a perpetual plaque inscribed "Ruth & Dick Broe Overall Outstanding Chapter Achievement Award", which is to be returned at the next convention. When returned, the chapter will receive a small individual award plaque reading, "Ruth & Dick Broe Overall Outstanding Chapter Achievement Award" and the dates. The chapter will also receive a streamer for their chapter colors. The plaque is donated by Past National President Sue Sousa. The streamer is donated by Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter. This award is presented at the closing banquet.

Newsletter – 3 Awards (1st, 2nd & 3rd Place)

Purpose: To inform & stimulate interest in improving communications within and among chapters of the Women Marines Association.

SUBMIT: One copy each of two (2) issues created since the last convention.

Pages: No restrictions. Brevity should be considered where appropriate. Newsletter will be judged on the following format and contents:

CONTENTS

Identification –

- WMA chapter, number, date, volume number, issue number, editor name, address and phone number. Also, list each chapter officer.
- Masthead: artistic, attractive and original.

- State number of newsletters issued during period.

Story Types –

- Contributor – number of articles that have bylines.
- WMA national news – not extensive – something to keep members current on national.
- Personalities: Biography of members.
- Local chapter news – community involvement, volunteer work, meetings, etc.
- Personalize – Activities of members, trips, sick calls, etc.
- Special events.

Layout – Arrangement of copy: Should be neat, readable, orderly, pictures identified and graphics may be used. Does not have to be slick ad agency presentation.

AWARDS

1ST Place: A perpetual plaque inscribed "The Editor's Award for Outstanding Chapter Newsletter", which is to be returned at the next convention. When returned, the **chapter** editor will receive a small individual award plaque bearing the winner's name and reading, "Editor's Award for Outstanding Chapter Newsletter with dates. The chapter will also receive a streamer for their chapter colors and a certificate. The plaque is donated by Past National President Sue Sousa, and the streamer is donated by Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter.

2nd & 3rd Place: Receive certificate for their chapter

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Newsletter well documented;
- Creative and attractive Masthead
- Number of article with bylines
- WMA news for member information
- Member profiles
- Local Chapter news, community involvement and volunteer work
- Personalized activities of members, trips, sick calls, etc.
- Special events

History Book – 3 Awards (1st, 2nd & 3rd)

Purpose: History books tell the story of your chapter. They should contain photos, newspaper clippings, program books, chapter memorabilia and memories you wish to be documented. (*Continued*)

Recognition & Awards Information

They should be informative, fun, enjoyable, attractive, meaningful, and interesting.

Period: Should cover the biennial between conventions. Two year period from fiscal year of convention to end of fiscal year before convention (1 July to 30 June). Example for convention 2012: 1 July, 2010 to 30 June, 2012.

Submit: Send your history book – well packaged to the address below.

BOOK LAYOUT:

- Chapter name and number on cover page.
- Brief history of chapter's beginning.
- Table of Contents.
- Identify chapter officers and members.
- Chapter activities should be told in chronological order. All important events and programs held during the year by the chapter should be included.
- Examples of chapter activities may include newspaper articles, thank you letters, and activity programs and photographs.
- Only one book per chapter will be accepted for judging.

FORMAT:

- Cover – 1 standard 3 ring binder for 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. Identification of chapter in a creative way is encouraged.
- Name and address of compiler – inside front cover/lower left hand corner.
- Title page or cover page centered, double-spaced.
- Table of Contents with page references.
- Page numbering for content.
- Articles and photos should have names, places and dates. Remember the “Who, What, When, Where and Why.” Blurry and foggy print will not enhance your finished product.

Awards:

1st Place: A perpetual plaque inscribed “Outstanding Chapter History Book Award”, which is to be returned at the next convention. When returned, the chapter historian will receive a small individual award plaque bearing the winner's name and reading, “Historian Award for the Outstanding Chapter History Book – and the dates.” The chapter will also receive a streamer for their chapter colors and a certificate.

2nd & 3rd Place: Receive certificate for their chapter.

Judging Criteria:

- Only one book will be judged per chapter.
- Material enclosed in an attractive cover.
- Chapter properly identified and indexed.
- Presentation and documentation (Use of a descriptive brief of the project, newspaper clippings, photos, letters of thanks, etc.) Remember the “Who, What, When, Where and Why.”
- Chapter member participation: The more members involved the better.
- Proper timeframe covered.

Website Award - 3 Awards (1st, 2nd & 3rd)

Purpose: To inform members and recruit new members by showing the activities of local chapters.

To promote the goals of the Women Marines Association.

Period: Two year period from fiscal year of convention to end of fiscal year before convention (1 July to 30 June). Example: for Convention 2010: 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2010.

Submit: Website address on application form.

Identify chapter member webmaster.

Judging Criteria:

- The amount of local information.
- Site design – how appealing is it? Does it catch your attention?
- Appropriateness of the information: Does it meet the organization objectives?
- How easy is it to navigate through the site?

Awards:

1st Place: A perpetual plaque inscribed “Outstanding Chapter Website Award,” which is to be returned at the next convention. When returned, the chapter webmaster will receive a small individual award plaque bearing the winner's name and reading “Outstanding Chapter Website Award” with dates. Chapter will also receive a streamer for their chapter colors and a certificate.

2nd & 3rd Place: Certificate for the chapter.

Recruiting Award - 3 Awards (1st, 2nd & 3rd)

Individual Award

For the individual who recruits the most

new WMA members during the contest period. Your name **MUST** appear on the application in the sections “Enrolled by” or “How did you hear about WMA?”

Prizes

1st Place - \$250.00

2nd Place - \$100.00

3rd Place - \$ 50.00

Chapter Awards

For the chapter that recruits the most new WMA chapter members during the contest:

Prizes

1st Place - \$250.00

2nd Place - \$100.00

3rd Place - \$50.00

Winners are also awarded a Certificate of Recognition and a streamer for chapter colors. One award within each chapter size classes: (Class I: 5-20 members; Class II: 21-45 members; Class III: 46+ members)

Loyal Escorts

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

Prize: Loyal Escort Recruitment Streamer for Chapter Colors.

Area Director Award

For the most new WMA chapters organized within her assigned area during the contest period.

Prize: Special Pin and \$150.00 (To help supplement the AD's budget for the new chapter support)

Chapter Achievement – 27 Awards Possible (1st, 2nd & 3rd place for each Class in each Category)

Period

Two year period from fiscal of convention to end of fiscal year before convention (1 July to 30 June). Example for convention 2010: 1 July 2010 to 30 June, 2012.

Entries

Chapters may enter any one or all of the categories for their class (chapter size). Entries in each class and category require separate binders and entry forms.

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Recognition & Awards Information

Classes

Class 1 5 – 20 members in a Chapter

Class 2 21 - 45 members in a Chapter

Class 3 46+ members in a Chapter

Categories

A. Fostering the spirit of comradeship of women who have served or now serve in the U. S. Marine Corps (regular or reserve), and sponsoring participating activities of a patriotic nature, particularly, those that perpetuate the traditions and *esprit de corps* of the U. S. Marine Corps.

B. Promoting activities that help community or charitable organizations function, such as office work, fund drives, volunteering, soliciting contributions, telethons and the like.

C. Activities that improve the comfort, convenience, education, and quality of life for elderly, disabled, needy, or active duty women Marines. Or, providing entertainment, care and assistance to hospitalized veterans and members of

the armed forces of the United States.

Book Layout

- Chapter name, number, Class and Category on cover page.

- Table of Contents.

- Chapter activities should be told in chronological order. All important events and programs held during the year by the chapter should be included.

- Identify purpose to which the activity relates.

- Examples of chapter activities may include newspaper articles, thank you letters, activity programs and photographs.

- Only one book per chapter for each Category will be accepted for judging.

Format

- Cover – 1 standard 3 ring binder for 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. Identification of chapter in a creative way is encouraged

- Name and address of compiler – inside front cover/lower left hand corner

- Title page or cover page centered, double-spaced

- Table of Contents with page references

- Page numbering for content

- Articles and photos should have names, places and dates. Remember the Who, What, When, Where and Why. Blurry and foggy print will not enhance your finished product.

Awards

1st Place: Each class will receive a certificate from WMA, plus a streamer donated by the Loyal Escorts for their chapter colors

2nd & 3rd Place: Receive certificate for their chapter

Judging Criteria

- Attractive cover

- Chapter properly identified and indexed

- Presentation and documentation: who, what, when, where and why

- Degree to which the project relates to the category entered

- Quality of project

- Proper time frame

2012 RECOGNITION AND AWARDS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM Philadelphia, PA

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

- Type of Entry (History Book, Newsletter, Chapter Achievement. If entry is website, enter web address)

- **Category and Class required for Chapter Achievement Entries**

Brief Description of Entry _____

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

DEADLINE for ALL Awards Entries:
MUST be postmarked on or before July 10, 2012

Mail all entries to:

Mary Ann Merritt, Chairman
Recognition & Awards
70274 Campground
Romeo, MI 48065

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

For questions regarding awards please contact Mary Ann Merritt at pro@womenmarines.org

WMA Chapter Clippings

AZ-1 Arizona Roadrunner

Although we continue to struggle in our recruitment efforts, we are staying afloat. We had a very nice Anniversary celebration in February at the old Spaghetti Factory in Phoenix. We always display as our centerpiece, the wonderful bronzed cover we received at the Denver Convention. Our last meeting was held 9 April. We will meet again in the fall.



Our chapter continues to support Mary Ellen's Place, a series of efficiency apartments for homeless women veterans. Although the grand opening has received a few setbacks, there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

We are hoping AZ-1 will be well represented at the AZ Gala for the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund, which is being held in AZ for the first time this 30 April.

We have a new vice president. Lynn Martin has graciously offered to serve in that capacity and we thank her for stepping up!

Jeanne Botwright

CA-2 San Diego County

In February, some of our CA-2 chapter members attended a great USMCWR anniversary luncheon, which was hosted by our sisters in CA-7, Edith Macias Chapter, Oceanside, CA.

Our last meeting was hosted by our treasurer, Col. Stephanie Smith, at her home in conjunction with a VIP invitation to sit with her at the battle colors ceremony held at MCRD San Diego. Our members brought family members and friends who enjoyed the drill teams performance and the VIP status. Thank you, Colonel Smith!

We displayed our new WMA booth at the Sea Service Women's Leadership Symposium on 15-16 March, which showed definite promise for many national memberships and for several chapter memberships in all areas. We were surprised to find that most of the enlisted women Marines had not heard of our organization.

We have heard from chapter member Mary Barrera, and she is doing well at Warrant Officer School and is enjoying learning to operate various field explosives and equipment.

We are preparing to be in full gear for the San Diego Homeless Veterans Stand Down. Vice president Kay Miller is donating boxes of new personal hygiene products for the cause. CA-2 is accepting any donations that can be given to those who need the basic necessities such as clothing, blankets, phone cards and food. Many homeless veterans also have families with children who are also in need of the basics. Contact Tamara Sanchez at WMASDCA2@yahoo.com

As we restructure our chapter and build a new roster of updated members, we welcome new members to include active duty or those who have served. MCAS Miramar, we hope to be hearing from you soon so we can plan events that include you!

Tamara Sanchez

CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

This has been a particularly difficult winter for many parts of the country and we are all looking forward to some bright, sunny days ahead now that spring has officially arrived. In our area, it arrived with one of the strongest storms of the winter, but we are hoping it was the final blast before the weather permanently changes for the better. We were very fortunate this quarter to have picked up two new members -- Pam Pree and Star Lewis -- and we welcome them both to our chapter. Additionally, we are happy to report that California is the new home of Virginia "Ginny" Allred, one of our Past National Presidents. If any of her many WMA friends would like to get in touch with Ginny, please contact Kathy Wright, the Area 10 Director for her address and phone number.



Ginny Allred

Ginny was the guest of honor at our 68th Anniversary luncheon at Paradise Valley Estates in Fairfield, CA and we all enjoyed her company very much. During the luncheon, we made Ginny an honorary member of CA-3 and we also made Elizabeth "Betty" Kelley an honorary member. Betty was an officer and long time member of CA-9 which disbanded last year. She lives in Napa and cannot attend regular meetings, but we were very pleased that her long time friend, Doris Panzer, invited her and that she was able to join us for the Anniversary celebration. There were 28 in attendance to include all of our Loyal Escorts and we even managed to convince Howard Antoine to join the Loyal Escorts. Welcome aboard Howard! Howard served in the Marine Corps and is currently serving in the Air Force, but he is a great supporter of WMA and his lovely wife, Wanda. We held the traditional cake cutting ceremony with Lillian Rufsvold receiving the first piece of cake and Natalie Firato receiving the second. Everyone had a wonderful time and we thank Lucille Thyrring for hosting this special celebration at PVE. Each of our women Marines received a woman Marine coin in honor of their service to our Corps. As usual, the staff was very gracious and they served a wonderful meal.

Normally, CA-3 meets in San Leandro, but in March, we met on the other side of San Francisco Bay in Redwood City, which is home to several of our members. Barbara Naas and her Loyal Escort daughter, Sarah Rivera, hosted the March luncheon and it was a fun event. They raffled two autographed bottles of Jar Head Red wine, one bottle of Loyal Escort wine donated by Shaaron Wright (thank you Ken Cross for the wine!) and four Easter arrangements, with proceeds going to our CA-3 scholarship fund. Thanks to transportation provided by her dear friend Rena Deutsch, our own Eleanor Russell from Half Moon Bay was able to attend both the February and March meetings and it was great to see them both. Our plans for April and May include supporting four of our local high schools as they honor their outstanding MCJROTC cadets. We will be presenting the WMA Award to the four local winners.

Our current president, Louise Tamayo and her husband, Pete, have retired and moved to Georgia in April. We will miss them both very much and we wish them a healthy and happy retirement. California's loss will be Georgia's gain! (Continued)

We are happy to report that our friend in Massachusetts, Myra Tucker, is recovering well from her three rounds of pneumonia. Lorayne Christensen is well enough to be out of the hospital and is recovering slowly in an assisted care facility. We wish her a complete recovery. Our scholarship chair, Nell Stevens, had a brief case of pneumonia, but is now home and recovering well. Joyce Guaraglia, daughter of our own past president Connie Guaraglia, had cancer surgery and she, too, is doing well. We wish Joyce a speedy and complete recovery. Lucy Danielsen has missed a couple of meetings with back problems and we hope to see her at our April meeting. And our dear friend, Cornie Schmidt, continues her recovery from a stroke. We send our prayers and best wishes for good health to all of our WMA sisters.

And finally, we want to extend our prayers and best wishes to the people of Japan. The dignity they have shown in dealing with this terrible disaster is truly inspirational. And we send our best wishes to our sister Marines currently serving in Iwakuni, Japan. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as well. Semper Fi

Kathy Wright

CA-5 Orange County

Our Anniversary luncheon was held at the Claim Jumper in Fountain Valley. After a delicious turkey buffet, our beautifully decorated cake was served. Vice president Valorie Lephart did the honors with help of husband Larry's sword. The first two pieces were served to Genevieve Brown and Kim Skelton. We received many nice donations for our drawing. Our last get together was 9 April at the Home Town buffet. Plans are being made for the picnic on 20 August at my home.

In recent months, our chapter has lost two life members. Alice Hill and Kay Van Hook were long time active members. Alice passed in October. She chaired many of our activities. Kay was the newsletter editor for years and received awards for it. Our members were represented at both services. Both will fondly be remembered and missed.

Mary Ann Rogers

CA-6 Mt. Diablo

The calendar says it is spring and now all we need is for someone to tell Mother Nature. We had a taste of spring a few weeks ago, but lately, winter has been hanging on for all it is worth. The Mt. Diablo Chapter had our quarterly meeting in February to celebrate the 68th Anniversary of the USMCWR. Most of our members have been around for virtually all of those 68 years and we have some wonderful memories and experiences to share when we gather each quarter.

We had 15 attendees and met at Zio Fraedo's Italian and Continental Restaurant in Pleasant Hill, CA. The meal was wonderful and the restaurant took excellent care of our Marines and guests. Each of the women Marines was given a woman Marine coin to honor her service in the Marine Corps. The food, the atmosphere and the company was all wonderful. We had a guest speaker tell us about a local project to provide a stable living environment and job skills training for troubled teens.

Following his presentation, the chapter voted to donate \$200 to help this organization with their excellent work to help local teens move their lives in a more positive direction. Shortly following the meeting, one of our long term members, Patricia Palmer, moved into a senior living environment in Gilroy, CA to be closer to her family. We wish her well in her new quarters and hope that her family will be able to drive her to one or two quarterly meetings so that we can continue to enjoy her company.

In January, we lost one of our charter members, Mary Joe King (WMA Life #2091). She was buried next to her husband in Fresno, CA, but we were able to get together with her family to honor Mary Joe one last time. Mary Joe was a wonderful friend and Marine and she will be missed by all who knew her. Many of our members have reached the stage in life where their health status is a series of ups and downs. In spite of that, the ladies continue to gather quarterly to enjoy the company of their sister Marines. Please join us in praying for Cornelia Hubach and Dolores Callero who have recently experienced health issues. May God bless and keep us all healthy and strong until we meet again next quarter. Our prayers and best wishes go out to all those affected by the disaster in Japan and to all our sister Marines everywhere. Semper Fidelis,

Kathy Wright

CA-7 Edith Macias Vann Southern California

Edith Macias Vann Southern California Chapter, held a 68th annual Anniversary of the U. S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve on Saturday, 12 February.

The event served as an opportunity to recognize the achievements of all women Marines then and now.



Guest of honor posing with uniform pageant participants. Ellie Judge, chairwoman for the event made welcoming and brief administrative remarks and was followed by the chapter chaplain Charlene Itchkawich who offered the invocation (as well as the concluding benediction).

Following a most enjoyable lunch and cake cutting ceremony, Peggy Reiber, president of Chapter CA-7, acknowledged guests including MCRD San Diego Colonel Stephanie Smith and MCB Camp Pendleton Sergeant Major Ramona Cook. Peggy then introduced the first guest of honor, Sergeant Major Dixon, Sergeant Major MCI-West.

The theme of SgtMaj. Dixon's remarks developed the strides that both male and female Marines have made in the past sixty-eight years in overcoming obstacles in the complete integration of women and minorities within our Corps. He stated he could not imagine a Corps without women.

Following the Sergeant Major's remarks, a uniform pageant was conducted, where active duty women Marines modeled period service, dress and utility uniforms from World Wars I & II, through to today's dress and service uniforms.

Upon the conclusion of the uniform pageant, Peggy introduced the second guest of honor and featured speaker, Capt. Emilie Naslund, who took to the podium and completely enthralled the assembly with her combat experiences. Naslund was the officer in charge of sixteen, two-woman Female Engagement Teams, or FETs, attached to Marine infantry units engaged in direct combat operations in Afghanistan. FETs interacted with Afghans, specifically the women, as Afghan culture does not allow male Marines to do so.

Her team's ability in gathering intelligence was without peer, to the extent that the captain was additionally tasked in training for similar FET programs within the Spanish, Italian, British and Australian military. A great time was had by all.

Peggy Reiber

CA-8 Palms to Pines

We celebrated the Anniversary of women in the Marine Corps with a beautiful cake provided by P.P. Rosemary Abrego-Holmes, with three WWII members, Vivian Bolton, Wilma Wilson and Eddy Stephens, doing the honors of cutting it. Our Loyal Escorts presented each of us with a long stem red rose.

Diana Cowell is making sure the food pantry at Fontana High school is well stocked. Loyal Escort Bob Ynacay gave \$50 for food and a number of members brought food. Our Loyal Escorts are a big part of our chapter and we appreciate each and every one of them.

Vivian Pranger, Helen Page (Loyal Escorts National Secretary) and I attended the Battle Color Ceremony in 29 Palms as guest of CA-29. It was magnificent. I urge anyone who gets a chance go see it. Helen Page recorded the ceremony and made a disk for each of our members, as well as CA-29. We joined Elaine Bowden and the other ladies for lunch on base. As always, the ladies were gracious hosts.



Johnnie Williams and Ozell Barksdale stop for a photo after participating in the mayoral walk.

Johnnie Williams, CA-8 VP and Ozell Barksdale, treasurer joined Riverside Mayor Ron Loveridge in his mayoral walk at the Riverside National Cemetery which included the Medal of Honor Memorial and the history of the cemetery.

Gwen Herbert, a long time member of CA-8 and former national treasurer, fell and broke her hip. She is still in rehab and is recovering nicely. We hope she will go home soon.

Loyal Escort Bob Ynacay had been in the VA hospital, but is now home and doing well.

Have a good and safe summer.

Sybl Acree

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

To all the members, Loyal Escorts, and friends that have made donations to our chapter. You are many and are to be congratulated on your giving.

This year Rosemary Abrego-Holmes provided the beautiful and delicious cake for the 68th Anniversary luncheon. We received monetary gifts from Midge McWhirter, Robert Ynacay, Diana Cowell, Joanne Evans, Jeanne Schultz and Mary Eliseo. Thanks to Sybl Acree for the great Chatter reading that we look forward to receiving; Helen Page and her sister Cindy for fund-raising ideas and funds generated; Ednae "Eddy" Stephens for staying in touch with members, especially those that are not able to attend meeting/luncheons and Wilma Wilson with those fantastic hands has produced too many lap quilts to count. We appreciate all your love and gifts to support CA-8.

Ozell Barksdale, CA-8 Treasurer

CA-29 Twenty Nine Palms

WMA CA-29 Palms chapter started the year off with great participation! At our January chapter meeting, we enjoyed sharing a great lunch at Willy Boy's restaurant with members from the CA-8 chapter. Between the two chapters, we had 25 members in attendance. On 12 February, four members had a chance to attend the 68th Anniversary celebration with CA-7 in Vista, CA.



Dorothy Angil with her slice of Anniversary cake.

Member Dorothy Angil was presented with the first slice of anniversary cake as the member with the earliest enlistment date: 24 February 1943. We had a chance to hear an active duty captain speak on her assignment in Afghanistan. She was in charge of 18 female engagement teams (women assigned to assist the male Marines dealing with local Afghan civilians).

What a brave young lady! On 13 February, several of us also had a chance to tour the Afghan village complex at MCAGCC, 29 Palms and interact with the Afghan role players. We also had a traditional Afghan meal, sitting of the floor, legs crossed and chatted with both Afghan women and men. In March, members of CA-29 Palms and CA-8 met again and attended the Battle Color ceremony which featured the Marine Corps Silent Drill team and Marine Corps Band from Washington, DC at the MCAGCC parade field. We followed with lunch at a restaurant on the base. It was so nice to be able to attend all of these events with so many of our members. Our April meeting was held on the 23rd at Georgia Shirey's beautiful home in Yucca Valley.

Elaine Bowden

CO-1 Colorado Columbines

First of all, let me congratulate our vice president, Terri Sidwell, on becoming a grandma for the second time. This one's a girl! Maybe a new recruit!

In January, the chapter hosted its first Tea Party with donations from Bigelow and Twinning's Tea companies. We were honored by the attendance of our Loyal Escorts and First Marine Division members Max Brown and Jim Blaine. They both served on Iwo Jima and shared their histories with us. We were also visited by a new member, new mother (brought the baby with her), (Continued)

and newly retired Marine Katherine Barwick! Welcome aboard, Katy. Danielle Luxa, an Army veteran, served as our barista and shared her story with us as well! The Gold Star Wives were also represented at the event hosted in the home of our president, Paula Sarlls.



In February we celebrated the anniversary at American Legion Post 161 in Arvada, CO. If you were at the hospitality suite in Denver, you might remember Rev-eille 3 who entertained us. They again performed at this event and were equally splendid. Our guests in-

cluded noted author and photographer Nick Del Calzo, Gold Star Wives, Loyal Escorts, MC League, Marine Memorial Officers, active duty Marines SSgt DeVinny, SSgt Rodriguez, SSgt McLeod and our guest speaker SSgt Mirlein Tovar, who currently recruits out of recruiting substation Fort Collins, recruiting station Denver. She has been on recruiting duty for 9 months and in a very short period of time has attained the billet as the assistant SNCOIC of the recruiting substation. She continues to perform in an exemplary manner on what is considered a very challenging duty in the United States Marine Corps. SSgt Tovar is also recognized as one of recruiting station Denver's top performers. Other guests were Katy Ezivitch, an OCS candidate awaiting training; Air Force enlistee to attend boot camp in September or maybe sooner, Makenzie Hatcher; Burrell Landes, Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation and chair of the Denver Athletic Club Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon Committee; Bonnie Keown, Quilter and US Navy vet; Mary Eckhout, who donates her services for our tax returns annually; and Steve Ferency of Renaissance, Denver Stapleton donated wine for door prizes.

In March we were in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, among the largest in the country. We were directly behind the First Marine Division and in front of the Marine Corps League's Iwo Jima float and the Young Marines. The Marines were well represented.

In April, we hosted our first chili cook-off benefiting the Aurora Veterans Home. We collected food to deliver along with the great chili dinner.

We have been providing guest presenters and history to the Prairie View High School, who recognized Vietnam Veterans in a spectacular event on 8 April. Go to www.namvettribute.org for more information on this wonderful event. President Sarlls spoke to a number of classes about her husband's service as well as her own during that era.

The chapter has established a special Wounded Warrior fund to benefit local Marines in urgent need. We have provided assistance to several veterans and to the Hyperbolic Chamber efforts in Boulder which are proving to be a great healing source for TBI patients.

The chapter attended the funerals of two Marines killed in Afghanistan and Iraq in February and March. Many thanks to the women Marines in the Pikes Peak detachment of the Marine Corps League for their support of these fallen heroes and to Marge Alexander of Denver for her support during these difficult times.

We also be provided our annual scholarship to the outstanding

cadet at the Adams City High School MCJROTC in April. Our 5th annual 5K is on track for the end of September (venue pending).

See the Historian's article for information on the Women of the Corps collection.

Paula Sarlls

DC-1 District of Columbia



DC-1 Members received a magnificent surprise during the February Anniversary meeting. WMA President Rhonda Amtower presented the original WMA Charter of the DC-1 Chapter to Betty Moseley-Brown, DC-1 President and Theresa "Sue" Sousa, founding member and Past

National President. An anonymous sender mailed the charter in an unidentified box to Nancy Wilt, WMA National Historian. Nancy promptly recorded the charter in the Women of the Corps Collection as part of the general collection and mailed DC-1 the original.

DC-1 is the oldest WMA chapter and was chartered on 30 July 1962. The charter members were Betty Ann Adams, Elsie Anderson, Ruth Broe, Virginia Caley, Joyce Capps, Grace Fields, Patricia Maas, Louise Pezzulli, Gail Reals, Theresa "Sue" Sousa, Barbara Wagner, and Jenny Wrenn. "DC-1 has always been one of the largest chapters of the Association, and many of the members, historically significant, to our Corps and WMA, including the founding chapter members documented on this charter," said Historian Nancy Wilt. As one example, the first two women Marines to attain the grade of general are life members of the DC-1 Chapter, and one of them, Gail Reals, was a charter member.

Since 1962, the Women Marines Association has grown to 77 chapters spread across the United States, and Japan. The DC-1 Chapter has had four National Presidents, Ruth Hammond Broe (deceased), Theresa 'Sue' Sousa, Lucille 'Lou' Teixeira (deceased) and Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower. DC-1 President Betty Moseley-Brown now serves as the National Treasurer. Mitzi Manning currently serves as the Area 2 Director.

The first meeting of the new year was the commemoration of the 68th anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve jointly hosted by DC-1 and VA-1 on the historic grounds of George Washington's home at the Mount Vernon Inn on 12 February.

Guest of honor, Major General Richard "Dick" Lake, Deputy Director of the National Clandestine Service for Community Human Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency, remarked on the strides women in the military have gained in regards to the military occupational specialties now open. He further elaborated on the proficiency and performance of excellence in positions formerly held only by their male counterparts.

In fine Marine Corps fashion, General Lake also participated in the cake cutting ceremony. Honor goes to the oldest Marine present, Iona Gilbert, and Staff Sergeant Rebecca Leal, the youngest Marine present. Distinguished guests included the WMA National President Rhonda Amtower, Major General Angie Salinas, Director, Manpower Management Division, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, HQMC; editor of *Leatherneck* magazine, Walt Ford and wife Sharon, and Mary Karcher, writer for *Leatherneck* magazine.

Lelia Jackson

FL-2 Gulf Coast

The picture of twelve happy Marines was taken at our 68th Anniversary Luncheon held 12 February 2011 at the Morris F. Dixon MCL Building in Clearwater. Kathy Potthoff and Kathy Sheppard were co-chairs.



Twelve happy Marines at the FL-2 68th Anniversary Luncheon.

The food was good, but it was the pictures and souvenirs that were displayed and stories told that made it enjoyable. Good job Kathys for reminding us to bring them. Each of us received a Lady Marine Red Rose.

Marjorie Ellison, a life member of our chapter, drove from Stuart, FL to celebrate with us! Thanks for driving all those miles. It was great seeing you.

We were happy to see Marilyn Goler, our secretary, who is recuperating from a bad fall in her yard last October. It's a miracle she is still alive as she lay there for 3 or 4 days before she was found. Marilyn is now unable to drive, but her friend Eloise Showler brought her to the luncheon. Thanks, Eloise.

We welcomed a potential new member, Dee Ciminna, who recently returned from Afghanistan. She presented a wonderful program of her service days with stories and pictures. I envied her! Jean Sivik ended our program with interesting accounts of her time in service.

I neglected to mention our wonderful Christmas luncheon held at Pinecrest in December and chaired by Mary Blackman and Doris Plummer. Beautifully decorated trees with various themes welcomed us as we entered. Yes, there was even one dedicated to the Marines.

All received a Christmas tiara of various stuffed figures. Fourteen, including guests, attended. Instead of each giving a gift, we now send money to Toys for Tots.

Our March meeting was held the 12th, at the Marine Corps League building in Clearwater. Eight members were present. We are happy to announce the new radiation oncology building is opening this month at Bay Pines VAMC.

We have decided that besides our donation to National when a member dies, we will now send a Lady Marine Red Rose to the funeral home or memorial service.

Our next meeting will be a picnic/covered dish on 14 May at Taylor Park-1100 8th Ave. SW, Largo. If you're in town join us! Semper Fi.

Maxine Cardinal Wehry

FL-4 Tampa Tarpons

On 31 March, a roaring weather lion affected our area with fierce tornados, flooding, scores of downed oak trees and much damage throughout central and coastal areas of Florida.

We are thankful all members are all right. We have scheduled a meeting in May to rework our projects.

One of our planned projects is the military women veterans homeless shelter for all women veterans sponsored by the VA. This allows for 6 months of housing, job placement information and counseling.

Veterans can also take advantage of educational opportunities, treatment for PTSD and other health issues. The shelter is always in need of linens, canned foods and many miscellaneous items.

Laverne H. Myers

IL-3 Grace Hall

IL-3 Grace Hall Chapter had a great luncheon, meeting, and a field trip for March! The highlight was the tour of the Livingston County War Museum in Pontiac, IL.



The museum prides itself on having a "living history" because their entire staff is made up of military veterans and history enthusiasts who are present to answer your questions and share their experiences with you. We were honored to have Bill Hall,

USMC World War II veteran as our tour guide. Bill recounted his personal experiences from Iwo Jima and Peleliu which gave all WMA members a very somber experience. Bill pointed out the many of the museum's artifacts representing all wars/battles. There was an abundance of weapons, pictures, maps and information to make everyone want to return. The highlight of the tour was the vast display of era uniforms. All were uniquely displayed on full mannequins with ribbons and patches as well as the picture of the veteran that wore it and their own personal story. This humbling touch made the museum come to life! WMA members provided the museum with a monetary donation and appreciation card for their tour guide's personal touch! For more information on the museum off RT 66 in Pontiac, call 815-842-0301 or visit <http://visitpontiac.org/webpages/index.php?art=314> or <http://www.war-museum.blogspot.com/>.

Tina Cunningham

LA-1 Molly Marine

The Molly Marine Chapter kicked off the year with a community service event! We volunteered to feed the homeless at the New Orleans Mission on 6 January. Several members were gracious enough to take the time to do this good deed! Members in the photograph are Melanie Young, GySgt Erica James, Cpl Karina Santiago, Capt Tabitha White, Cpl Elizabeth McQueary, Angela Merrell and Jodi Lara.

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LA-1 Members volunteered to feed the homeless.

On 23 January, a few members decided to take a road trip to visit one of our eldest chapter members! We visited Marian Landry, WWII veteran, in Lafayette, LA. We started this lovely Sunday out by stopping by her home and presenting her with a gift we brought from the conference in Denver last year. Then we proceeded to Don's Seafood Restaurant where Marian wasn't just honored by our visit, but also honored by the manager of the restaurant. They paid for her dinner! This was a day filled with good company, delicious food and loads of camaraderie! Members that helped to make Marian's day a memorable one were Mary Draughn, Vicki Haynes, Jodi Lara, Melanie Young and two of Mary's friends: Lyn Franklin and Darlene Graves.

Our January meeting was held on 29 January at the Southside Café in Slidell, LA. The Southside Café is owned by a former Marine. The interior is decorated with motivating Marine Corps memorabilia and numerous photographs of Marines adorn the walls. We donated a group photo to the café to add to the others displayed! We also had a mini surprise baby shower for Cpl Brenlie Wilson. Members and guests that attended this meeting/luncheon were SSgt Nichole Phares, Virginia Stockton, Jodi Lara, Vicki Haynes, Patricia Huttinger, Deloris Romero, Cpl Karina Santiago, Cpl Elizabeth McQueary, GySgt Mitchellie Verzonilla, Darlene Graves and Melanie Young.

The Anniversary of women Marines was celebrated at the lovely new home of Cpl Elizabeth A. McQueary on 19 February in Gretna, LA. She presented an outstanding "Women in the Corps" tribute! Members also enjoyed a brief meeting, house warming party, cheeses and fine wines! Sixteen members and guests were in attendance; Sgt Shellie Birden, Mary Draughn, Darlene Graves, Cpl Ashley Spurlock, LCpl Nikole Justice, Cpl Elizabeth McQueary, Sgt Dustin Damron, Jack Huttinger, Patricia Huttinger, Jodi Lara, Monica Lewis, Allison Truelove, Deloris Romero, Felix Romero, Maj. Marvin Savage and Melanie Young.

On 20 February, April Bell and her son visited Marian Landry in Lafayette, LA. Marian is our eldest member. April formed a visitation committee to ensure our elderly members are well taken care of. She and a few chapter members ensure visits are made to Marian Landry and Frances Hoffmann on a regular basis. April and Melanie have been assisting Frances with a transition from her home to the Lambeth House in New Orleans; a beautiful retirement complex.

On 3 March, we decided to *laissez les bon temps roulez* (Let the good times roll) by participating with the Krewe of Muses in their Mardi Gras parade! This is the most festive time of the year in the Big Easy (New Orleans)! Members and Loyal Escorts that rolled

in the parade were Jodi Lara, Monica Lewis, Sgt Shellie Birden, SSgt Nichole Phares, Capt Tabitha White, Mary Draughn, Cpl Elizabeth McQueary, Vicki Haynes, Darlene Graves, Sgt Natoya Wayne, Cpl Brenlie Wilson, Josh King and Melanie Young.

The Molly Marine Chapter takes pride in taking care of one of our own! On 12 March we decided to beautify our beloved Molly; the original Molly Marine Statue erected on 10 November 1943 in the heart of the city of New Orleans. Eighteen members, Loyal Escorts and guests participated in this Community Service Cleanup event.

With March being Women's History Month, several chapter members gathered on 17 March to take a group photo at Combat Camera, Marine Forces Reserve, New Orleans. The photo was affixed to a poster with a lovely painting of Col. Adele Hodges as the background, and hung throughout the headquarters during the month of March. To wrap up the month, our chapter was asked to provide a Women's History Month tribute to Marine Forces Reserve, New Orleans on 31 March. Cpl Elizabeth McQueary presented one of the most outstanding tributes to Women in the Marine Corps ever. She made our chapter proud. We congratulate her on a job well done!

Melanie L. Young

MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks



Caption needed for MN-1 Members photo.

On 12 February, a nice number of MN-1 members and guests met at Caspers' Cherokee Siroloin Room in West St. Paul, MN to celebrate the 68th anniversary of Women Marines.

Due to our unpredictable Minnesota weather conditions, the 12 March meeting was cancelled but rescheduled to 9 April at the Minneapolis VA Hospital.

The chapter hopes to schedule upcoming spring and summer events in order to maximize attendance. On 14 May the St. Paul Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office will host the sixth annual "From Boot Camp to Veteran" conference and open house for all women veterans. Additional details will be forthcoming from MN Department of Veteran Affairs.

Vicki Latiolais

NAT-1 Women Marines in Business

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Women Marines in Business meet via conference call twice a month from the comfort of your own home. Our business meetings are the second Sundays and our program meetings are the fourth Sunday.

Last year our monthly program meetings covered new business start-ups, communication, recruiting, Marine For Life, and others. We kicked off the 2011 program series with a presentation on the new tax changes, with programs in social marketing, leadership, career planning and a few special guests planned in the coming months.

We would love to have you join us on the calls on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings of each month. Call 712-432-3900 just before 9 PM EDT, 8 PM CDT, 7 PM MDT or 6 PM PDT. The Conference Access Code is 202015# Visit us on Facebook at Facebook.com/BusinessMarines, or email or call Debra Drummond (DebraDrummond@gmail.com or 248-974-6210) for more information.

Debra Drummond

NC-1 Tarheel

NC-1 ended 2010 with our annual Christmas party at Tony's Seafood. We were honored to have 50 guests. A great time was had by all. Shirley John and Linda Lacy attended the Commanding Officer's holiday reception on Camp Lejeune later that evening at the Officers' Club. The new year started with a surprise certificate and flag from the Logistics' Battalion in Helmand Province of Afghanistan to the Tarheel Chapter and the Loyal Escorts for their 17 large boxes of supplies sent for the Marines. Our chapter was saddened to lose our cofounder, WWII veteran Lillian (Olsen) Ragan.

In February, our chapter celebrated the 68th Anniversary at Tony's Seafood Restaurant. We were honored to have Col. Daniel Leccee, the Commanding Officer of Camp Lejeune, to read the Commandant's message, our Area Director, Linda Wolford, retired Col. Paul O'Toole, VP of Veteran's Council and chairman of the Retirees' Council, retired SgtMaj John Bulla, who was instrumental in restoring the highway marker sign honoring women Marines who trained and served aboard Camp Lejeune base from 1943, guests, and members to celebrate the continuous service of women Marines from 13 February 1943. A few days later, NC-1 co-hosted with the School of Infantry-East at the MCAS New River



Col. T. Mundy, CO of Infantry-East cutting anniversary cake. Gene Blick, oldest and Pvt Ashley M. Maka, youngest Marine.

Officers' Club, the 68th Anniversary of Women Marines. There were approximately 125 active duty, retirees, and members in attendance. In March, honoring Women's History Month, Shirley John invited Tanya Davis to speak and sing about her life experiences after serving in the National Guard. On the 17th, the first woman Commander of MCB, Camp Lejeune, Adele Hodges, director for Readiness Assessment in the Office of the Inspector General at Headquarters, Marine Corps in Washington, DC, was the guest speaker at the Officers' Club, CLNC for Women's History Month. NC-1 provided two guest speakers while we were waiting for the Colonel's plane to arrive—Rose Noel, retired GySgt and Purple Heart recipient and GySgt Jeannine Cressman, instructor from Combat Infantry-East. April found the Tarheels riding in the Azalea Festival Parade. The female Marines have always been received with ovations from the crowds for the past 18 years. GySgt Jeannine Cressman wore her dress blues and retired GySgt Rose Noel wore her Purple Heart jacket. She was the first female to receive the Purple Heart. Our Area Director was with us again on 27 and 28 April at Marine South Expo.

Linda Lacy

NY-3 New York Paumanok

The NY-3 Paumanok chapter of WMA meets monthly at either the Sunrise Det House on Iwo Jima Blvd in Massapequa, or the Greek Village in Commack. Our membership is dwindling due to deaths and/or the lure of Florida this time of year.

We do send eight flat-rate boxes to women in Afghanistan four times a year and the thank you note at mail call is the only good thing they have to look forward to every day.

The passing of member Caryl Hooper reminded us she was in the very first class of women Marines who went to Hunter College for "boot." Barbara (Currier) Kruse also went to Hunter College and is curious to know how many other "alumni" were still around. She found Emma Lou Dyke in Houston and Pearl Stoll in Roswell, New Mexico. If you know of others, please contact her at bkruse@suffolk.lib.ny.us Semper Fi

Barbara Currier Kruse

OK-2 Heartland



Despite Mother Nature delaying us with piles of snow, we still managed to come together for our Anniversary luncheon

in February. It was wonderful getting to celebrate, honor our fallen Marines, and sharing a fabulous meal and tiramisu cake. Shown in the photo from left to right are Rachael Storm (future Marine?), Jenny Storm, (standing), Dorothy Rimbold (sitting); Becky Raines, Betty Raines, Pam Bloustine, Joan Willauer, and Brenda Blair. Our littlest attendee shared the honors of cutting the cake and serving to our oldest (Betty) and youngest (Jenny) Marines present!

On 25 March, Joan and Pam set up a booth at a local college for a Women's Leadership Conference hosted by the college. It was a very nice event, and the ladies may have found a new member for our chapter. Our chapter will also have a booth in May at another college for their annual Veterans Appreciation Day.

Also in March, Jenny attended the Sea Service Women's Leadership Symposium in lovely San Diego, CA. This was a fabulous event with top notch speakers (including actress Geena Davis) and great networking opportunities. It was great to see some WMA members from the area at the event, helping to spread the word to women Marines!

Our next meeting was scheduled for April 30th, though many of us came together for the Oklahoma Marine Corps Coordinating Council annual meeting before then. Happy spring!

Jenny Storm

OR-1 Lady Marine Rose

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest! On 13 February, the Lady Marine Rose Chapter, celebrated the 68th Anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve. A delicious luncheon was held at the Monarch Hotel in Portland, Oregon, with 45 Marines and guests present. Our guest speaker was Major Heather Cotoia, Commanding Officer of Recruitment in the Pacific Northwest.

She spoke of "68 Years of Honor, Courage, and Commitment—Then and Now." She also told of her time in the Marine Corps, from boot camp as a private to her present day position. World War II veteran Betty Workman received the



first piece of cake as the oldest Marine present, with Major Cotoia receiving the second piece as the youngest Marine present. We honor the commitment and courage of each woman who volunteered to serve from the Great War to today.

Sally Van Wie

OR-2 Southern Oregon

OR-2 met at the home of Eve Blum, our president, for a pot luck. It was good to see everyone again and we celebrated the women Marines Anniversary with a tasty cake. Eve made chicken soup with dumplings, which was delicious, and the other gals brought salads. It was quite a feast. We talked "story" and told about some of the things we did when in the service. Adele Shimanoff offered to give the wall hanging she is holding, to one of the girls. She did and I understand it was hung the same day in Darlyn's home.

Audrey Pricher

OR-3 Eager Beaver

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest.....

Look out! Here comes 2011! It promises to be a great year for our chapter. We are looking forward to, once again, helping our community, supporting our women serving in faraway places, and having some fun times too.

Several of our chapter members started off the year enjoying a night of country and western music while helping support our troops. The inaugural Vet's Crossing 2011 concert was held on 27 January in Eugene, Oregon. The purpose of the concert was to help raise money for the families of Lane County Marines. Highlight of the night was the appearance of C&W singer Rockie Lynn. A silent auction helped in raising funds to help out our Marine families. It was a great way to start off the year!

Our February meeting was a special one as we joined in with all of WMA in celebrating the 68th anniversary of women Marines. We are blessed to have WWII veterans Marge Shelton and Nadine White in our chapter.

They have some pretty interesting stories to share about how the Corps operated with respect to women in those early years. Our meeting concluded with everyone enjoying an anniversary cake provided by our president Deb Barker.

Jeanette Borge, chapter vice president, announced that our chapter is now on Facebook! Thanks Jeanette! We invite everyone who can to take a peek at our page and see what OR-3 is up to. To get there, search for: Women Marines Association-Chapter OR-3. It's another way we are reaching out and inviting women Marines to join our chapter.

Our next event will be participating in the annual Rhododendron Festival Parade held in Florence, Oregon. This parade is always well attended and a fun way to let folks learn that WMA exists. We always look forward to a day at the beautiful Oregon coast! I'm sure we'll have some photos to share in the next 'Nouncements.

That's it for this time. We certainly hope that everyone gets to do some meaningful and fun events this year. Our chapter plans to help out in the community, support our sisters serving out of country with care packages, and work hard to grow our chapter!

Until next time, OR-3 remains...

Semper Fidelis

Karen L. Reeves

TX-2 Texas Gulf Coast

Texas Gulf Coast Chapter celebrated the 68th anniversary of Women in the U.S. Marine Corps by going back to our roots and having our Anniversary luncheon at the Junior League in Houston, where our founding president June Harris held the first meeting of Texas-2. There were eleven Marines present with June Harris, Eleanor Gibbs, Marjorie Hutcherson, and Edna Stark from WWII. A new member to our chapter, Claudia Heideman, brought her visiting sister Christine Hartley from New Hampshire. Christine joined the Marine Corps before Claudia did and went to boot camp at Parris Island with the first platoon of regular women Marines in January 1949. She broke her collarbone playing softball during boot camp and was hospitalized. Because of this, she did not graduate with her platoon, but ended up graduating (*Continued*)

later with her sister, Claudia in the third platoon. They both served honorably during the Korean War. It was an inspiring time to listen to the stories the sisters told of their time together in the Marine Corps. Karen Beatty and Judy Anderson decorated the room beautifully with a patriotic flair of stars and stripes and a touch of Valentine's Day added in. There were miniature roses on the tables for door prizes and gifts of 2008 Houston Convention coins and pins, small hand sanitizers and a bag of chocolate kisses beside each place setting. Karen also was kind enough to give each member a First Day of Issue 25th Anniversary of Women Marines Post Card dated 26 July 1968 from her collection. The post cards were perfect for framing and a gift any woman Marine would treasure.



Left to Right Back Row: Claudia Heideman, Judy Anderson, Marti Raney, Karen Beatty, Betty Huggins, and Dottie McGary. Front Row: Christine Hartley, Marjorie Hutcherson, June Harris, Eleanor Gibbs, and Edna Stark.

The entrees at the luncheon were delicious and whether you had the Caesar BLT salad, the chicken spinach crepes or the chicken Toscana, your palate was delighted.

The staff at the Junior League was very attentive and the service went wonderfully. The Anniversary cake was decorated with the American flag and fireworks and was a bang up dessert. The first piece of cake was served traditionally to the oldest Marine, June Harris; who once again wasn't the oldest in her words, but just a year older than anyone else present; and the youngest by exactly 40 years to the month was Marti Raney.

Reflections of the past were exchanged and pictures and collectables from WWII to the present were passed around to share. Edna brought her book of pictures from her career in the Marines.

She was quite impressive as the first female Amtrak driver. Edna was one of a selected few women retained in the Marine Corps after WWII and after getting out for a brief time for a civilian life with husband and kids returned as a reservist, later she retired from the NASA in Houston.

The luncheon came to a close and by order of our first and youngest at heart president June Harris, it was time for pictures. We adjourned to the parlor where our family members took pictures as the TX-2 Women Marines gleamed proudly. I hope y'all had a wonderful anniversary, because we folks in Texas celebrate with a bang!

Marti Raney

WI-1 Wisconsin Women Marines

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Some of the Milwaukee area members got together from time to time and Linda O'Hara, president, and Linda Danker, vice president, made trips to Fond du Lac to make plans for Hazel Strooks' memorial flag pole at the cemetery. Hazel will be sorely missed as our hostess at future meetings.

The next planned event will be our spring meeting in Fond du Lac where we hope to gather members from around Wisconsin. Then will come Memorial Day, cemetery flags, dedications and more. Stay tuned and prepare to join us.

Connie Allord



Back row: Cheryl Batease, 1980-84, Basic Administration; Mabelle "Mibs" Ewald, 1943-45, Paymaster Clerk (WWII); LCpl. Mary Lloyd, 1983-85, Warehouse Clerk; Sgt. Renee Schlick, 1991-99, Aviation Operations. Front Row: Cpl. Annette Howards, 1944-46, Aircraft Repair (WWII); Staff Sgt. Connie Allord, 1943-45, Air Traffic Control (WWII); PFC Betty Gill, PBX Telephone Operator

Chapter Gallery: CA-15



CA-15 members met recently in Lancaster.



CA-15 members Sara Omari, Teri Thompson, Louise Brown and Joan Vitale enjoying the 5th annual Honoring Women Veterans and Active Duty Military at the VA Greater Los Angeles Sepulveda Campus. Sara has moved to the Veterans Home of California in Barstow.

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Chapter Tool Kit: Help Wanted!

WMA needs your help. Each quarter, the WMA Membership Secretary sends a roster of members in each area to the Area Directors, sorted by chapter and MAL.

These rosters serve many purposes, but a special need exists to have each chapter review their roster to identify any discrepancies with member names, addresses, and membership status.

When this review is done, please include any updates to the Next of Kin information for chapter members. These corrections should be returned to the Area Director, who will coordinate all of the chapters in her area, and return the corrections to the WMA Membership Secretary.

This report needs to be better used to help reduce lapsed memberships

and wrong addresses. ADs and chapter presidents, please work together to ensure the quarterly report is reviewed and all corrections are forwarded to the Membership Secretary.

This is more work, but this work needs to be done to keep the WMA information current. Please, help us purge the errors from our roster.

Judy Anderson

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Send chapter ads to Wanda Antoine, 3020 Puffin Circle, Fairfield, CA 94533, 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
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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.
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- Item:** Name Tags, White w/ green border and logo;
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Contact: Dorothy Gordon, 93 High Ridge Dr. Stafford, VA 22554
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Item: Forest Green Sweatshirts, t-shirts, short sleeved golf shirts, long sleeved golf shirts and low profile cap. All shirts are embroidered with WMA on the left side and Women Marines Association underneath. Embroidery is in white; low profile cap has WMA embroidered in white.
Cost: All prices include shipping and handling per item.
 Sweatshirts: M- XL - \$26 ea ; 2X - \$28 ea.
 T-Shirts: M - 2XL - \$16 ea; Short sleeved golf shirts: M - XL - \$28 ea
 Long sleeved golf shirts: M - XL - \$32 ea.
 Low profile cap: one size fits all - \$16 ea.
Checks: Old Dominion Chapter, WMA VA-2
Contact: Mickey Jennings, 6486 Lark Way, Mechanicsville, VA 23111 E-mail: mickeyjennings@hotmail.com
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Item: Dark Green Windbreaker Jacket with WMA logo on front left side.
 Sizes: Available in Medium Size Only
Cost: \$34.00 Includes postage and handling.
Checks: EMVSC, CA-7, WMA
Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4401
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Item: White golf shirt with embroidered green WMA logo circled by the phrase, "More Than A Woman A Woman Marine"
Cost: All sizes (S) to (XXXL) \$28.00 (price includes shipping)
Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1
Contact: Heidi Tanada, 17103 S.W. Eldorado Dr. Tigard, OR 97224-2075
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Item: Light gray t-shirt with small green WMA logo on front and large logo on back; both circled by the phrase, "More Than A Woman A Woman Marine"
Cost: Sizes (M) to (XXXL) \$16.00 (price includes shipping)
Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1
Contact: Heidi Tanada, 17103 S.W. Eldorado Dr. Tigard, OR 97224-2075

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



WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

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



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



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



Item: Charm "Semper Fi"
Cost: \$15.00
Chapter: Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)
Contact: Cleary Creations, 2225 NE 130th Ave., Portland, OR 97230-1704



Item: Lapel pins, "United States Woman Marine" and WMA,
 1 inch in diameter
Cost: \$5.00 each (including shipping and handling)
Chapter: CA-3
Contact: Kathleen Wright, 349 Howard Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95051



Miscellaneous Items

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



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



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



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



Item: WMA "Semper Fi" bumper sticker (*for anyplace—boat, luggage, etc.*)
 White w/green - 2" x 9"
Cost: \$1.50 ea. for 5 for \$6.45 or 10 for \$11.00 (*postpaid*)
Contact: Laverne H. Myers, 3803 Drexel Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611-1517



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



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

Item: Clear Vinyl Bag with Long Zipper, WMA Logo Women Marines
 Association. Green/White Size: 9" x 12"

Cost: \$6.25 (includes shipping) Chapter: NC-1
Contact: Naomi Malone, 218 Sunset Rd., Jacksonville,
 NC 28546-7045 (910) 545-7154 nmalone@ec.rr.com



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

Checks: Payable to Bay State Chapter, WMA
Contact: Joyce Barden, 56 Poor Street, Andover, MA 01810



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



Item: Handmade soy wax candles (*Lavender, White Tea and Ginger, Rose,
 Lemon and Lovespell*)
Cost: 9 oz. \$10 (*plus \$5 Shipping*); 16 oz. \$15 (*plus \$5 Shipping*)
 (*Two candles or more contact Bonniesbunch@yahoo.com or Rosa_rmr@yahoo.com
 for correct shipping*)

Checks: WMA-Phyllis Alexander Chapter: SC-1
Contact: Rosa Robertson, WMA, P.O. Box 5296, Parris Island, SC 29905 (*or via email*)



Item: "Proud To Be A Marine" ribbon magnet, 8"x 3"
Cost: \$6 each (*includes postage*)
Item: WW II magnet, 3-1/2"x 2-1/2", red lettering on white
 background with blue border
Cost: \$2 each (*includes postage*)
Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056-4011
 (760) 724-9861



Item: Woman Marine cover cross stitch pattern, with backstitch
 eagle, globe and anchor.
Cost: \$2.50 each (*includes shipping*) Chapter: OH-2
Contact: Janice Lascko, 3157 W. 82nd St., Cleveland, OH 44102 or
 janlascko@yahoo.com. Payments can be made through PayPal at
 this same email address.



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



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



Item: Pewter zipper pulls, yellow ribbon pin, heart necklace or ornaments all with
 the eagle, globe and anchor.
Cost: \$6.00. \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$9.00 (*plus \$3.00 shipping per item*)
Chapter: MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks (*make checks payable to MN-1*)
Contact: Mary McGee, 2652 Marshall St NE #301, Minneapolis, MN 55418
 (612) 788-1216



Item: "Woman Marine" Ribbon Magnet, 8" x 4"
Cost: \$6.00 (*includes shipping & handling*)
Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller
Contact: Ellen Liedy, 1107 Columbus Ave., Barberton, OH 44203
 (303) 825-8935 email: leidyrun@aol.com



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Rocky Top Chapter Displays the True Meaning of Teamwork

Semper Fidelis is not just a motto but a way of life. Any woman that has taken the oath to serve our beloved Marine Corps is forever tied to her sister Marines. The women Marines of Rocky Top Chapter exemplify the meaning of always faithful.

As the program coordinator of Casting for Recovery, East Tennessee, I have come to rely on the women of Rocky Top Chapter to fill in the open slots when I am unable to find enough volunteers for any event, from wrapping Christmas gifts to running the registration of a fund raiser.

Casting for Recovery is a national, non-profit organization that provides wellness weekends at no cost to women that have experienced breast cancer. The women who attend Casting for Recovery retreats are tied together when they hear those four life changing words: "You have breast cancer." Their camaraderie is formed through their courage in battling a disease, while a woman Marine's camaraderie bonds are formed through courage in becoming one of the fewer, the prouder, a woman Marine.

For the past two years, I have put out an SOS to the women of Rocky Top Chapter. The ladies let me know in an instant that someone will be there when I need them. This past October I was not short of volunteers, but needed someone that could register bicycle riders for a Casting for Recovery fundraiser. I didn't want just anyone to do the registration, but I wanted the best, so I called the women of Rocky Top Chapter.

I had been to several bicycle events to find out what nuts and bolts were needed to hold such an event. I learned that most events were loosely organized and it ran against my grain established in boot camp--especially the registration table. During one of the first committee meetings I announced the women Marines would be doing the registration. Everyone present asked if they had any experience in registering a bicycle event and all eyes looked at me like I was crazy when I answered "No." I said, "Don't worry. They are very capable and will run a smooth registration."

About one hour before registration was to begin, bicycle riders began to arrive and were ready to register. I laughed when one of the committee member's jaw dropped open when Doris Keane said that registration would begin at promptly 1100 hours. The poor man had never enjoyed such an organized event and all were amazed at the difference it made in the flow of the day. I was beaming because I was so proud of the women of Rocky Top Chapter and most of all, to be able to say I am one of them.

I have had the privilege of working side by side with the women of Rocky Top Chapter for various Salvation Army functions, Operation Stand Down, plant sales, parades, homeless initiatives, etc. Rocky Top Chapter is a small chapter, but we have been able to make an impact in so many lives in our community. Not just the lives of women veterans, but male veterans, breast cancer survivors, and the community as a whole. Each woman strives to make a difference, not with shined brass or shoes, but with sense of duty and the heart of a Marine.

Lindsay Long



Sarah, Doris and Barb at the Casting for Recovery fundraiser. TN-1 regularly volunteers to help the breast cancer support group. For more information, go to www.castingforrecovery.org.



Registration, running smoothly and on schedule as promised.



Doris giving route instructions.



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