



Helen Hannah Campbell, Lady Marine

I am honored to tell you the story of a Marine, known far and wide in our Corps. When I first started gathering data on Helen back in 2005, I was amazed at how many male Marines of different generations referred to Helen as a true "Lady Marine". When speaking with her, she took that as a tremendous compliment.

She was respected by those who knew her for her professionalism and success as a Marine. She was also a role model to the Marines she worked with and was responsible for. Helen possessed a natural grace and beauty, was well spoken, intelligent and never afraid to accept new challenges. Helen had a zest for life and stayed involved until her passing.

Helen's Marine Corps story and her life of volunteering have been told by many, so I would like to focus on a special part of her life - WMA. In 1960, Helen attended the first convention of what would become the Women Marines Association. She left this organizing convention as WMA's First Vice President, her mission to locate women Marines and start the formation of chapters nationwide. Using a manually developed index card data base of some 18,000 names of WWI and WWII veterans, Helen developed contacts nationwide and by 1962, the first charter of a WMA chapter was put into effect, with the formation of DC-1. Her efforts were noted by her sister Marines and at the 1962 WMA convention Helen was elected WMA President and served 4 years in that job. The formation of other chapters followed during her presidency and she left office with WMA on solid footing. It was not unusual for Helen to arrive unannounced at a chapter meeting, just to meet its members and introduce herself.

Her correspondence must have been a four to eight hour a day job and she



did this while working and being a Marine reservist. Helen went on to serve as National Chaplain and Editor of *Nouncements*. Her passion for WMA never ceased and she was found at every convention through Houston 2008 at the age of 92.

In 2005, Helen started an active interest in what was then known as the History Project of CO-1. She contacted me and wanted to know what our goals were and how she could help. She decided our goals were sound and entrusted us with what has become the Women of the Corps Collection's largest personal collection. With the help of her special friend, police Sergeant Kim Brown (later Helen's guardian) the mail floodgates opened. By the time the flood ended, some 54 large shipping envelopes and boxes arrived with Helen's Marine and other memorabilia gathered over an active lifetime. The majority of the parcels were large 2x3 ft. or larger boxes. All of her uniforms from WWII to the 70's plus her WMA attire, military orders, command information, WMA formation paperwork, mementoes from units, chapters and friends, photo albums of her travels, even her beloved spoon collection, make up the largest collection we have received to date.

Helen, through her collection, has been at every WMA convention exhibit since 2006 and part of every exhibit the WOCC has done. Her life and accomplishments are overwhelming. Helen's artifacts and photos have been used in all of the yearly exhibits done for Modern Day Marine, Marine West and Marine South. They have been part of WMA's recruiting programs that reach some 150,000 plus visitors yearly at the exhibit commands of Quantico, Camp Pendleton and Camp Lejeune.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Happy spring! I hope everyone enjoyed their 70th anniversary celebrations. If you weren't able to make it to Parris Island this year for the celebration, Cheryl Badorrek was kind enough to share some of the photographs she took. Thank you again, Cheryl for helping to make this issue more than just words!

Since our last issue, we have lost three more Marines who were truly trailblazers. We say goodbye to Helen Hannah Campbell, Eleanor "Ellie" Judge, and Mabel Otten. I never met any of these women, but I know that they paved the way for me, and for that, I am forever grateful. They had military careers when it was not the norm for women to have careers. They succeeded in a male dominated force when it was a lot harder to do so. The younger generation of Marines owes these women (and really all the women who came before us) a debt of

gratitude. I also owe a big thanks to Lilian Cross, Kim Brown, Mitzi Manning, Dianne Cupples, and Nancy Wilt for the photos they provided to make tributes to these Marines possible in this issue of 'Nouncements.

Well, I am not done thanking people. I also had help with this issue from two Marines who have answered the call to volunteer for their newsletter! Allison Truelove and Connie Schroller have been a second and third set of eyes for me this time around. If I didn't catch an error, they did. I really love this teamwork concept.

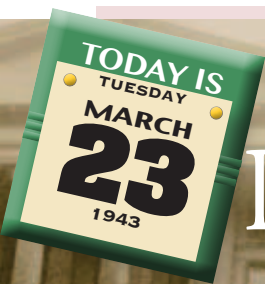
I'm still not done. I am saving my biggest thank you for last. I would like to thank Sondra Metzger for being a sweetheart and stepping up to the plate when I need her the most. I am going on hiatus for the rest of the year. My husband and I are expecting our first child (a baby girl)

at the end of May, and he has PCS orders for the fall. I am going to be a little busy adjusting to my new life and I don't want to do you all a disservice by not being fully focused on 'Nouncements. So, Sondra will be your guest editor for the summer and fall issues. I will be back in January 2014.

You can still use the editor@womenmarines.org email address to send in your submissions and you can also use my mailing address which is listed on page 2. Also listed on page 2, in the bottom right hand corner, is the deadline for the next issue. If you ever have any questions about the deadline, always look in the gray shaded box on that page. Deadlines are ALWAYS published there.

I hope everyone has a safe Memorial Day and a great summer. Until January,

Wanda Antoine
Editor



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June's Story: *My Memories of 1943*



"I enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve on my 20th birthday—March 23, 1943—and went on active duty in Director, Major Ruth Cheney Streeter's office, March 29."

In the first installment of a three part series, June Whitehurst tells her story of enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1943.



The WOMEN *of the* CORPS

Did you miss the 70th Anniversary celebration at Parris Island? No worries. Cheryl Badorrek has provided a lot of great photos, so you can see who and what you missed if you did not get a chance to attend the festivities.

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Celebrating our 70th Anniversary at Parris Island

OOHRAH!
Congratulations!
Molly Marine is prominently standing at the National Museum of the Marine Corps at the entrance of Semper Fidelis

Memorial Park where all visitors to the Museum will see her statue. Thank you for your many kind donations that made it possible for Molly Marine to stand tall again. Your donations were large (even the smaller ones made a difference), anonymous and known...and to all, we say THANK YOU.

The Young Marines presented their donation to WMA at the base structure for Molly and only days later, Molly Marine is standing. As we prepare for her Dedication Ceremony in July 2013, we still need your donations to complete this project. We are on the homestretch and I know you can do it! Pennies, quarters and dollars add up...so, please continue to support this endeavor of love.

I began March at Parris Island to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the establishment of the Marine Corps Women's

Reserve. Many thanks to Brigadier General Reynolds, LtCol Hermes and SgtMaj Fortner for welcoming us back to Parris Island (and especially Fourth Battalion) for a walk down memory lane.

I especially was honored to present 105 WMA memberships to our newest female Marine graduates. This was a sisterly gift that I partnered with our Past National President, Sue Sousa, to become a reality. Think back to when you first heard of WMA...and then remember when you actually joined WMA. It is important that we make certain that this gift of WMA knowledge, WMA service and WMA sisterhood is offered to all who are female by gender and Marines for life. As we prepare for our 2014 Convention in Kansas City, you'll hear more about how we continue to plan to increase our WMA ranks.

As 2013 marches on, I'll continue to celebrate our Anniversary with many of you.

In April I was in southern California at Camp Pendleton sharing the stage with SgtMaj Jennifer L. Simmons from MCRD San Diego--super job to Peggy Reiber, Lillian Cross, and the wonderful planning committee for a grand event.

They kept their spirits high even in the awareness of the passing of many of their cornerstone members. Ellie Judge who reserved the room for the event had passed on, but was with us in spirit. Seven WMA treasures had passed away from their chapters, along with Past National President, Helen Hannah Campbell.

Farewell to all of our Sister Marines... thank you for your dedication and esprit de corps, laying the foundation for the Women Marines Association and always being faithful.

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In closing, I had the distinct honor to attend the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Awards. Each year, WMA sponsors the Colonel Julia Hamblet Award.

This year, the Hamblet award was presented to a group of researchers who assisted our WMA Historian, Nancy Wilt, to properly identify 316 names of the WWI Women Marines who took the oath starting with Opha May Johnson in August 13, 1918 and continued through early 1919.

We'll be sharing more of their historical accomplishments in future 'Nouncements.

Whether posthumously or in person, I (on behalf of all Marines who have earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor) wanted to congratulate all of these award winners for collectively bringing this list of WWI women Marines to life: Ruth Broe, Emma Holmes, Denise Jackson, Sandra Jarrells, Jo-Ann Lovell, David Olliff, Maria Palustre, Sara Phoenix, Eileen Scanlon and Sue Sousa.

Of note, if you are on the east coast on Memorial Day, please join me at the Quantico National Cemetery at 1100 to remember all of our service members and Veterans.

Semper Fidelis,

Betty Moseley Brown
President



WMA President Betty Moseley Brown speaks to new Marines about WMA at MCRD Parris Island.

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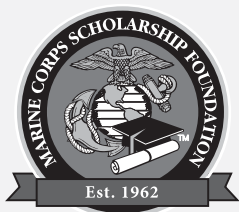
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1st VP: Marine Corps Junior ROTC Presentations - Can You Help?



We have reached that time of the year when many of our sisters in Women Marines Association will be proudly donning their red or green blazers, adjusting their WMA covers, or simply arriving at a Marine Corps Junior ROTC awards banquet wearing something emblematic of their service as a Marine. WMA sends each registered MCJROTC unit in the United States a certificate and service ribbon to be presented to the outstanding cadet in the unit. Chapters and Members-At-Large who live in proximity to these units are solicited by their Area Director to present these awards on behalf of our whole organization.

Many times, chapters will add a touch of their own--in some cases a plaque or challenge coin purchased by the chapter; in others, a cash award to honor the



Kathy Potthoff, FL 2 presents the WMA Outstanding Cadet award to Cadet Foster at Clearwater High School.

outstanding service of this worthy cadet. During April, May, and June, presentations will be made whether or not any member of WMA attends, but it is

always more meaningful when the presenter is one of our own women Marines.

Last year, fewer than half of the presentations were actually made by members of WMA. This year, we would like to make a better showing. If you live near a high school with a MCJROTC program, let your chapter president know that you would be able and willing to make a presentation.

If you are a member-at-large, contact your area director and make yourself available. If you are one of those members who has volunteered in the past... THANK YOU!!! I think I speak for all who have had this opportunity when I say that, in some ways, being the presenter is more meaningful than being the award recipient.

Semper Fi,

Mitzi Manning
1st Vice President

Chaplain's Corner

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

-- MAYA ANGELOU

Take a moment to reflect on how someone's words may have touched your heart in a special way. Then say a prayer

for them. Or even better, if you can, thank them personally by telling them how they make you feel.

Semper Fi,

**Mary Broussard,
Chaplain**

Taps

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



Life Members

Barniak, Anne M. (Valle)	MAL PA	3/8/13	#1463
Berry, Mary Louise (Vosburg)	CA-3	4/14/13	#3209
Billeb, SgtMaj Bertha	WA-1	12/22/12	#636
Blount, Barbara (Colton)	MA-1	4/8/13	#565
Bradley, Valary (Butler)	MAL MA	1/31/13	#2619
Briggs, Elizabeth (Pariseau)	FL-5	1/30/13	#2229
Buzan, Pauline (Shubel)	CA-5 & 8	1/30/12	#1414
Campbell, Helen (Hannah)	CA-5	3/24/13	#2
Capps, Joyce	DC-1	2/1/13	#658
Eckerbrecht, Johnny	CA-7	4/4/13	#3369
Feeney, Sylvia	MAL FL	1/16/13	#2683
Golberg, Jewel (Phillish)	FL-2	4/16/13	#3342
Herrero, Dolores (Hottenstein)	MAL FL	1/5/13	#2464
Judge, Eleanor	CA-7	2/24/13	#1000
Lauter, Ferne (Stuber)	PA-2 & OH-1	3/23/13	#361
Lowe, Rose (Goshefski)	NY-3	1/22/13	#2676
Miller, Catharine "Kay" (Jattros)	CA-2	3/20/13	#768
Moore, Virginia	CA-15	4/10/13	#750
O'Neil, Lynn	MA-2	4/1/12	#1247
Otten, Mabel	MO-1 & CA-7	4/11/13	#225
Telford, Catherine (Yoyos)	CA-2 & CA-7	3/20/13	#80
Theodore, Tabby (Lancaster)	NM-2	2/12/13	#2080
Thompson, Barbara (Page)	OR-1	5/28/12	#2435
Turner, Dorothy (Zimmerman)	MAL GA	10/22/11	#1025
Warner, Eleanor (Crocker)	HI-1	3/18/13	#222
Weiner, Etta Pearl	FL-3	12/22/10	#689

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

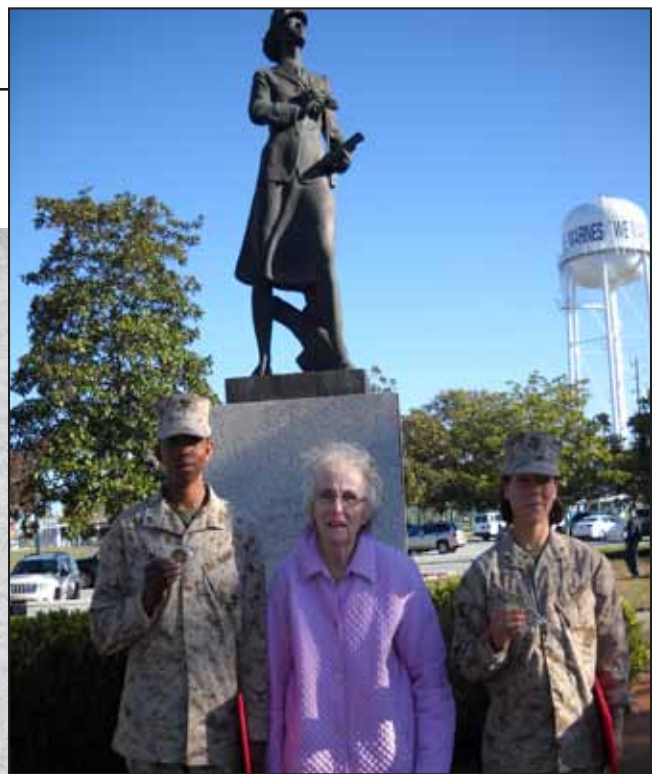
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Cummings, Claire	TX-1	1/11/13
Haberman, Ruth	MA-1	2/4/13
Jaffares, Dorothy	CA-8	7/14/13
Rehahn, Betty J. (Price)	MI-2	1/22/13
Severs, Joyce K.	PA-3	3/20/13
Thimmig, Ruth	MO-1	4/13/13
Weaver, Pat	CA-2	3/11/13

Molly Marine Award Recipients

Molly Marine Award recipients from Series 4008 are, from Plt 4008 PFC Kheana Jy'nea Bell, Birmingham, AL; and from Plt 4009, PFC Sarah E. Siebert, Fresno, CA. The Marines received their awards on 13 March. Pictured with them, is Barbara Blount, an SC-1 and MA-1 member, who passed away on 8 April.

Barbara served from 1950-1957, and had traveled down to Parris Island to meet a recruit that she had been writing to in the series.



Molly Marine Award recipients from Series 4010 are, from Plt 4010, Pvt Bianca E. Bishop, Mesquite, TX, and from Plt 4011 PFC Kelly N. Vanzant, Cleburne, TX. The Marines received their award on 3 April.

DC-1 Promotes Women Marines History



DC-1 member Catherine Louise Frazier participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Parkville High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers Training (MCJROTC) Museum in Parkville, MD. The museum houses real and replica artifacts from various eras of military history.

A top performing school, Parkville is the first MCJROTC program in the Mid-Atlantic (a region which includes 238 schools from South Carolina to Delaware) to install a museum dedicated to the Armed Forces. Prominently displayed in the museum is a large array of World War II and Korean War era Women Marine uniforms courtesy of DC-1 members Catherine Louise Frazier and Marjorie Gallun.

During the cake cutting, Senior Marine Colonel Jim Lenard honored Ms. Frazier as the oldest Marine and Anna Mulli as the youngest Marine present.

Lelia Jackson

Our Growing History

The Julia Hamblet Award

A partnership of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and the Women Marine Association, the Colonel Julia E. Hamblet Award is named for the longest serving Director of Women Marines. The yearly award is funded by a bequest from the estate of Lotus Mort and judged by the Women Marines Association. It is given to the individual or team who has done the most to further the recognition of the history of women who have earned the title Marine.



Colonel Julia E. Hamblet

Colonel Hamblet has the unique distinction of having served as the Director of Women Marines twice, once while the position supported the United States Marine Corps Women Reserve during the years right after WWII (1946-1948) and prior to the Women's Integrated Service Act that provided women the opportunity to serve a tour as a US Marine or seek a career as a US Marine. Colonel Hamblet then returned to the post as Director of Women Marines from 1953 until 1959. Colonel Hamblet worked tirelessly to ensure women had the option to seek a career as Marines and to ensure equal promotion for women Marines in Public Law 90-130. Colonel Hamblet attended the ceremony of President Lyndon Johnson signing Public Law 90-130 and the President presented her a pen used to sign the historic document. This pen and other personal memorabilia of Colonel

Hamblet reside in the Julia Hamblet Collection of the Women of the Corps Collection.

For the first time in history, the Hamblet Award has been awarded for the year 2013 as a group award. The 2013 Marine Corps Heritage Foundation (MCHF) Awards Dinner held 20 April at the National Museum of the Marine Corps. The award was presented by Marine Commandant General James Amos, General, General Walt Boomer, USMC (Retired) Chairman of the MCHF and LtGen Robert Blackman, NMMC CEO and President. Also, on stage was the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Michael P. Barrett. The 2013 winners are recognized for their unique contribution to preserving the history of women who have served as United States Marines. The awardees are recognized for their work spanning the period of time dating from the 1960s until 2012 when the initial project was completed. Their task was to identify by name the 305 women who served in WWI.

An additional final review of the listing provides evidence that slightly more than 305 women served during WWI. This new "history mystery" has the WOCC working at a furious pace to determine what caused the variance from the original published number of 305.

The complete listing of the names will be published this summer.

The 2013 Awardees are: **Colonel Ruth Broe, USMC, Retired**, (deceased, Past National WMA President), WWII Marine **Emma Holmes, CWO-4 Eileen Scanlon, USMC, Retired** (Past National First Vice President, WMA), Korea Marine **Teresa "Sue" Sousa**, (Past National WMA President), **Colonel Sara Phoenix, USMC, Retired** (Past Deputy Curator Women of the Corps Collection, Current President Women of the Corps Foundation), Marine civilian historians **CWO-4 Jo-Ann Lovell, USMC, Retired**, historian **Sandra Jarrells**, historian **Maria Palustre** and historian **Staff Sergeant David Olliff, USA, Retired**. Six of our ten winners have been active WMA members.

Colonel Ruth Broe's Hamblet Award was accepted by WOCC Curator Nancy Wilt, as was the award for WWII Ma-

rine Emma Holmes. Colonel Broe's award will be added and preserved in her WOCC Collection. Hamblet winners Sue Sousa and Eileen Scanlon made a trip to Ohio to present Emma Holmes with her Hamblet Award. Emma was admitted to the local hospital the night before a presentation event at her living center.

On Thursday morning, 25 April, Sue and Eileen visited Emma in the hospital to present her with her award medal. Leaving a very happy Emma in her hospital room, Sue and Eileen returned to her living center for the festivities celebrating Emma's award.

Eileen spoke on the award and the meaning of what Emma had accomplished to the attending crowd.

Cake and beverages were served, with Eileen and Sue mixing with the guests and locating other veterans at the reception, including a WWII Navy nurse. Latest word is that Emma is doing well and has returned to her living center.

Our winning historians added an extra verification tool to be used in verifying the names of the women of WWI. In addition to names, they provided the Marine service number for each woman.

The Hamblet was not designed as a chapter award, but rather an individual or group award. As indicated by the 2013 Hamblet Award, a team can be many individuals working for the same goal over a long period of time.

Congratulations to our 2013 winners.

Unique Gifts to the WOCC

While in Quantico for the Marine Corps Heritage dinner, the WOCC received three unique gifts from some of this year's winners. Jo-Ann Lovell, Denise Jarrells, SSgt David Olliff, and Maria Palustre presented us with two documents from WWII:

- CMC Letter of Instruction #552 (dated 5 Oct 1943) Subject: Responsibility of behavior of men toward women of the MCWR.

- CMC Letter of Instruction #850 (dated 20 September 1944) Subject: Recreational Firing (of weapons) by members of the MCWR.

Colonel Sara Phoenix, USMCR, retired, presented us with a copy of:

- The Bulletin, San Francisco, September 21, 1918 with the headline of "Here They Are! Marinettes!" A photo and article on the enlistment of WWI women.

Colonel Sally Pritchett, USMC retired, presented us with a look back into the 1960s and 1970s with an assortment of papers including:

- 1970 woman officer promotion list,
- 1967 WOCS items listing from the Base Exchange,
- Song words to "Hey Look Us Over", an OCS song,
- Director of Women Marines letter dated 1969, Subject: The Professional Officer signed by Colonel Jeanette Sustad, USMC, then Director of Women Marines
- The 1968 PFT, exercises and scoring handouts
- 1970 news article "Under Thirty and Senior Black WM", Captain Gloria Scott, USMC
- Program from the 22nd Women Officer Basic Course graduation.
- OCS joke paper called *Aptitude Test*

A Visit to Vietnam

Joining a group of 16 Marines and non-Marines, Nancy and husband, Ned Wilt, visited Marine battle sites and cities of Vietnam. Landing in Hanoi with stops at the Hanoi Hilton, and a reception at Marine House, home of the US Marine Corps Security Guard, protectors of our Ambassador and the American Embassy.

Over the next 14 days we visited more of Hanoi, Hue, Da Nang, Hoi An, Qui Nhon, China Beach and Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). DaNang is now a city of one million with four five-star hotels and one casino on the site of our base. The DaNang airport directly across from the hotels still has five plane revetments from the war in use. We held an Easter morning service on the beach at DaNang.

Little is left in Saigon of where our

women Marines served and lived during the war. I did have lunch at the government dining room on the palace grounds that hosted many military and visitors during the war years. I'm hoping those who served in Vietnam will have memories of the restaurant.

The Ho Chi Minh City metropolis is home to over 11 million and includes what we knew as Saigon.

The Vietnamese people are a hardworking, happy, polite people and the country side is beautiful and wonderful to see from the rice fields, the South China Sea, through villages into the cities. When the terrain made it difficult for me (with my-



recent back surgeries) to make a battle site visit, I found other fascinating things to do, from watching the making of the classic straw hats, cutting marble into jewelry, to just sitting in the shade on a villagers porch with a young boy (age three) who wanted to touch my blonde hair, and then just sat with me, never saying a word.

The tour was conducted by Marines who served multiple tours in Vietnam and started Vietnam Battlefield Tours www.VietnamBattlefieldTours.com to help veterans of the war return, it is a truly amazing organization offering a unique opportunity to see Vietnam and visit those places defended and fought for by US Marines.

The WOCC Needs Your Help

Help us continue our preservation of women Marine History. A contribution of any size will help us continue our important work. Contributions allow us to provide temperature controlled storage, our insurance, preservation of documents and uniforms. Contributions also provide us with the funding needed for

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New Resource Manual & Directory is on the way!

The new Resource Manual and Directory (RM&D) is still coming soon. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the publication has been delayed, but should be in your mail boxes in June.

We regret this inconvenience, but request that if you have any questions about information in the RM&D, that you send them to the appropriate national officer who can help answer your questions, e.g., Membership Secretary or Area Directors.

Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower
WMA Immediate Past President



June's Story: *My Memories* of 1943

BY JUNE DAISY JOHNSON WHITEHURST
as told to Wanda Antoine



June Daisy Johnson in 1943.

I enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve on my 20th birthday—March 23, 1943—and went on active duty in Director, Major Ruth Cheney Street-er's office, March 29.

I had been working as a secretary in the Treasury Department in Washington, D.C., about a thousand miles away (or so it seems) from my family and friends in St. Joseph, Missouri where I grew up. I had graduated from my dad's Johnson School of Business, but he kept me there until I was able to get a "good job." This occurred in mid-January 1942, following the United States' entry into the Second World War in December, 1941.

Lots of office workers were needed in D.C. I thrived in the excitement of war-time Washington. When the Washington Stage Door Canteen was organized, I was asked to be a hostess and danced with many Marines.

In January 1943, I decided that I would join the S.P.A.R.S. (SPARS was the nickname for the United States Coast Guard Women's Reserve) on my 20th birthday. Twenty was the qualifying age for women joining the military services. This would be March 23, 1943 for me.

During the middle of March, while home from work because I had German measles, I heard Arthur Godfrey on his early morning radio broadcast announce that the Marine Corps was opening its doors to women who wanted to free a man to fight. I immediately said aloud, "That's for me!"

Back working at the Treasury Department, I told the head of my division that I would be late to work, Wednesday, March 23, as I planned to enlist in the Marine Corps. On that morning, I walked from my apartment behind the Supreme Court

building, to the recruiting office. Passing a flower shop along the way, I noticed some lovely pink camellias in the window. At the recruiting office, I passed all the tests, and was sworn in. I asked how much time it would be before I left for boot camp at Hunter College and was told that it would probably be in two or three months. I figured that I would have at least six weeks before I submitted my resignation to the Treasury, then spend a little time with my family and friends in Missouri before I headed to boot camp. It was also my night working at the Stage Door Canteen, as I did three nights a week.

On my walk home from work, I again passed the flower shop. I stopped this time and bought a camellia. I felt excited and really wanted to celebrate.

At home, I changed into my "best" dress—a black one with fitted bodice and flared skirt of soft material, and of course, high heels—and the pink camellia in my hair. I walked again down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Ford Theater, where the Washington Stage Door Canteen was held. There, sitting at a



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table with five Marines, I told them that I had enlisted in the Marine Corps that morning. One asked me whether or not I would go on active immediately. I immediately said "Sure!" He told me to go the next day, exactly as I was dressed, to see a certain captain, and ask him if I could go on active duty. I asked, "With this dress on, and this flower in my hair?" He said, "Yes, *with* the flower."

So, I did this first thing Thursday morning. On Friday morning, I received a

phone call ordering me to report to Major Ruth Streeter's office at the Pentagon at nine o'clock Monday morning. I told my supervisor and gave her my resignation. I told my co-workers I was going on active duty with the United States Marine Corps. One older woman said, almost sneeringly, "Why would you ever want to join the Marine Corps?" I surprisingly heard the words "Because I'm going to marry a Marine," come from my mouth. It was very unlike me to make a remark such as this, no matter how prophetic.

When I arrived at my apartment after my final walk down Pennsylvania Avenue, I excitedly called my folks, and told them I wouldn't be coming home before boot camp because of my active duty orders. I met no resistance to my enlisting, as did many other women.

Those of us under the age of 21 had to have written permission from one parent to enlist. I think my mother understood. She had been an Army nurse during WWI. My dad had been an Army sergeant fighting in France when he sustained a serious arm wound. During his two-year hospital stay, he met my mother. Mother had told me that at least one of my ancestors had fought in our country's wars since the early 1700s. Both of my brothers were too young to enlist, so I told myself that it was my duty to serve in this one.

Monday, March 29 (after riding in the slow, slow streetcar across the Potomac River to the Pentagon) I arrived at Marine Headquarters, found Major Street-er's office and was immediately handed a dark blue armband with the words U.S. MARINE CORPS embroidered on it.

I was told Women Marines' uniforms were not ready for distribution yet, and until they were, the armband *was* my uniform.

I was also told that I was promoted to the rank of Pfc., temporarily. Two other women, Irene S. Crossley and Classie King, were also on the roster. The three of us worked in office room, just outside of Maj. Streeter's office. It was an exciting place to be assigned, as that was where all the early decisions about the new organization were occurring. Major Streeter often called us into her room to act as a "sounding board." She was very proud of the Women Marines. It was important to her that we look "sharp" in our uniforms. She put much thought and consideration into choosing them. She wanted them to be clean cut and to fit well—nylon hose with our skirts as well as brown pumps. She was particularly concerned about our winter covers, wanting us to be distinctly identifiable as Women Marines.

She showed us drawings and swatches of cloth for prospective uniforms. We helped select the green striped uniforms for summer (the blouse and skirt) from a choice of striped or solid green, or green of a different hue. My personal favorite was the green-striped uniform—the lesser of two evils! We selected the summer work overall uniform which soon became known as rompers. This was first worn with men's white skivvies. We gave final approval of our winter trench coat.

Early one afternoon, I noticed Maj. Streeter returned looking very upset, with a stressed look on her face, as she stormed to her room. She went in, then turned around and motioned for the three of us to come in. She closed the door, and said that she had been at a meeting where some of the people strongly suggested that our name should be an acronym, as were the WACS, WAVES, and SPARS. I exclaimed "Well, I joined the Marine Corps!" and the other women agreed. Her emphatic answer was "Well, that settles it. I'm not paying any attention to those who make that suggestion."

One day, I was sitting at the table with two "China" Marines—a first sergeant and a buck sergeant. They were a part of the heroic men who evacuated the civilians, including missionaries, from China's capital city as it was falling to the communist army. Their successfully daring mission was later the subject of a movie. They must have thought they had

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died and gone to heaven to have duty at the Women Marines headquarters.

On the long table in front of us, there were stacks of folders of the newly enlisted Women Marines. We were to check that all necessary information about each Marine was included inside them, and then put them in the "OK" pile for notification for boot camp, or in another pile if there was missing information. I had two piles in front of me. They (the China Marines) had three. I asked the purpose of the third pile and the 1stSgt. replied, "The third stack is for women who are not attractive enough to be Women Marines!" I knew I couldn't object vocally, as they were both sergeants and I was a mere Pfc.

However, whenever they left the table, I took the top half of the pile and processed them, then worked late so I could process more after they left. Another time, one of the folders I processed was that of my physical education teacher

who gave me all "E's" during my senior year at Central High School. The men Marines seemed to accept us seriously, but humorously and, of course, were calling us BAMS.

People were curious about our armbands. Often, officers in other branches weren't sure about returning our salutes. Henderson Hall was not yet ready for occupancy. Plans were to have it ready by the time the first class at boot camp graduated. I told Maj. Streeter I would stay in my apartment until I was sent to boot camp. This meant I had a long, slow ride each morning to get to the Pentagon. May 3 (when I would go to Hunter College for boot camp) was quickly approaching.

As I realized there were no beauty shops at boot camp,

I wrote a memo to Maj. Streeter asking if I and the other two women in the office could be allowed some time to get haircuts and do necessary shopping before going there. I still have the memo on which she replied, "*Heartily approved. They will have no time to get their hair cut and permanently waved at Hunter College and should get it done prior to going. It will take ½ day.*" RCS.



For the Winners



Sue Sousa and Eileen Scanlon visit Hamblet Award winner Emma Holmes' living facility in Ohio. Emma was unable to attend the award ceremony at Quantico, so Sue and Eileen brought the celebration to her.



Hamblet Award winner Jo-Ann Lovell converses with Eileen Scanlon at the awards banquet.



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Attention Loyal Escorts and WMA Members!

The Loyal Escorts now have a Webpage! Please take the time to visit us at <http://www.loyalescorts.org/>. We are always looking for new content, and

there is a forum configured for us to share ideas! I would even suggest posting information about merchandise your chapters may have available. Check it out, and tell me what you think!

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We've also added YouTube content, which, if we get enough hits, may help raise money for both the Loyal Escorts and WMA through advertising. The more hits, shares, and exposure we get, the better! You can also find links to Facebook, and other methods of communication. Please take a moment to "Like" the Loyal Escorts and view some of the Videos. Contact me if you have videos you would like to see posted!

As I mentioned in our previous article, there is still a lot of work to do preparing for the 2014 Convention in Kansas City, MO. I have found that the Hospitality Suite will be a little more like past Conventions, which gives us a lot of room to work with. I will be attending the IBM this fall to see how we can improve upon our past conventions.

I do have to say hats off to our past presidents for the job they have done in the past assuring that the Hospitality Rooms were enjoyable for all.

I look forward to working with our Loyal Escorts and the WMA chapters in the next year. In Michigan, I will be

working with the Motor City Chapter on the Fallen Warrior Women Marines Golf Outing. I would love to hear what you, as members of the Loyal Escorts, are doing with your chapters. Drop me a line at LE@womenmarines.org. Know of an outstanding Escort who goes above and beyond? Let me know so we can do a small write up on them. All sources are welcome, including WMA Members and Loyal Escorts Members.

Any as always, my door (or E-mail Account) is always open for suggestions, comments, criticism, etc. So feel free to drop me a line at any time.

Thanks, & Semper Fi!

Michael E. Pearce
President
Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

A message from our Loyal Escorts Immediate Past President:

This is directed to both the 2010-12 board members as well as our present board. Don Cannon and I want to thank everyone that pitched in to make the Convention the success that it was since our situations with new officers changed in the last 5/6 months prior to it.

We made it work as best we could. I was hoping for a better deal with the costs involved with our Hospitality (2) nights.

So I look forward to Mike going to the IBM meeting in KC, MO and getting us on track for a better deal and more fun for less money. That is a tall order but if anyone can pull it off, our President can.

From, what I have been reading Mike has been looking for more ideas and has some suggestions for all to think about and vote on when he decides which way to go and what's best for the Loyal Escorts.

Thank you,

Ken Cross
Immediate Past President
Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

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Mabel Otten, Fourth Sergeant Major of Women Marines



Sergeant Major Mabel Otten died 11 April at her home in Centerville, Illinois.

Sergeant Major Mabel Annie Rosa Otten became the fourth Sergeant Major of Women Marines in ceremonies held at Headquarters on 1 August 1969. Born in Centerville, Illinois, she graduated from Dupu Community High School. She enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve

during the national emergency on 16 May 1944, in St. Louis, Missouri, and received recruit training at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune.

During World War II, she served at the Depot of Supplies in San Francisco, in Hawaii, at Mare Island, and again at the Depot of Supplies, San Francisco. While stationed in San Francisco, she was discharged as a sergeant following demobilization of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve in August 1946.

In April 1947, she reenlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve and in November 1948 integrated into the Regular Marine Corps. Following her return to active duty, Staff Sergeant Otten served in the disbursing field at Headquarters from April 1948 to October 1951 and at Cherry Point

from October 1951 to June 1954, where she was promoted to master sergeant on 1 June 1952.

Master Sergeant Otten completed Recruiters School in August 1954, then served on recruiting duty at South Charleston, West Virginia. In October 1957, she became disbursing chief at Quantico and in March 1960 was assigned duty as S-3 operations chief at the Woman Recruit Training Battalion at Parris Island serving there until June 1962.

For the next seven years, she served as disbursing chief consecutively at Camp Lejeune, Treasure Island, and at Futenma in Okinawa. She was promoted to master gunnery sergeant on 1 August 1967 and returned to the United States in June 1969. Sergeant Major Otten served as Sergeant Major of Women Marines until she

retired on 30 April 1972. Biography courtesy of *A History of Women Marines: 1946-1977* by Mary V. StremLOW; obituary courtesy of www.legacy.com.



Retiring Women Marine Sergeant Major Mabel A. Otten, receives the Meritorious Service Medal from Lt Gen Earl E. Anderson. Sgt Maj June V. Andler assumes the post as the new Sergeant Major.

Eleanor Judge, Pendleton's First Female Base Sergeant Major

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Sgt. Maj. Eleanor Judge, first female base sergeant major here, passed away Feb. 24 at the age of 84.

Judge served as the sergeant major here from March 1980 to August 1980.

Judge's 31 years of service to the Corps started June 2, 1949, when she enlisted in the Boston Reserve Unit when she was 20 years old.

After one year of reserve duty, Judge was given active-duty orders to the Women Marines of 2nd Infantry Battalion of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. She served there for three years while performing her daily duties as an administrative clerk.

"We had an inkling of what was going to happen. The news was out in the paper about Korea. All of a sudden, I got a notice in the mail and it said, well, what I like to tell people it said, is you are cordially invited to report for active duty," said Judge during an interview for *"First female base Sergeant Major still an influence today,"* Sept. 17, 2004. "So off I tooted to the Fargo Building (to report) and we boarded a troop train on Aug. 14,

and off we went to Camp Lejeune."

Judge was stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and Naples, Italy, during her three decades of service. Three of those years were spent in Pittsburgh, Pa., as a recruiter.

Judge also helped to mold female recruits into Marines during three separate tours to the drill fields of Parris Island, S.C.

Judge's Marine Corps career came to a close after serving as both Camp Pendleton's and the Marine Corps' first female base Sergeant Major. At the time of her retirement, Judge was the third senior Sergeant Major corps-wide.

"I enjoyed [my career] and it was a time well spent for my life," Judge said during an interview for *"Retired Marine paves way for Leathernecks everywhere,"* Feb. 5, 2009.



Ellie in 2009

Photo by LCpl. Shannon E. McMillan

Funeral services were held at the Marine Memorial Chapel here and at Eternal Hills Cemetery and Mortuary on March 2.

Camp Pendleton Public Affairs
Story by Lance Cpl. Sarah Wolff

Helen Hannah Campbell, Lady Marine *(Continued from page 1)*

Helen nurtured young Marines; she assisted some of our women with financial assistance on occasion to finish college, she kept up with women going through rough patches in their lives. Helen cared about people and especially young Marines, they loved and respected her for that caring.

Helen had many friends, and none greater than Mary Bacon Hale. Helen and Mary, footloose and fancy free, they took on the world of cruises during the 80s and 90s. They traveled to Alaska, Hawaii and other destinations, all recorded in numerous photos and artifacts in Helen's collection. Both Mary and Helen had backgrounds in protocol. Mary was a model before and after the Marine Corps (WWII) and founder of the first recognized school of protocol, while Helen handled events protocol for multiple Marine functions. Their personal charm, vivacious personalities and natural grace made them "hits" on every cruise as evidenced in the records and photos of their trips, as well as the requests for them to dine at the captain's

table, requests from other guests to be seated with them at meals or to be part of a group on day trips. All speak of their poise and charm and personality.

These two women were children and young adults of the depression years, the time when good manners were expected, the young lined up to serve their country and people were taught to make do.

These women learned not to waste, especially clothing that was so expensive and rationed in the war years; they learned to add a hankie, change a ribbon, add a bow, repair a rip and make an outfit look new and special. They were part of the cocktail generation, when they learned to sit on a bar stool and keep their poise, or stand in a group while managing a purse, gloves and a cocktail glass and carrying on a conversation. They knew the art of conversation, never leaving an individual out or leaving the group to



answer a telephone call. During conversations with them in Houston, I learned they had never chugged from a bottle or thrown back a boiler maker and didn't understand tattoos. I did notice that while they may not have understood tattoos they asked numerous questions about them and complimented many women Marines on the fine quality of the artwork that was involved. Helen never stopped being a Marine, right

down to trying on the combat gear our women wear today at the 2008 convention with two able Marine helpers that had to hold her up from the weight.

Helen loved the Corps and being a Marine. Born before World War One (1916), she went on to serve in as a Marine in World War Two, the Korean War and Vietnam, creating a Marine career (1943-1975) and a life well lived.

Farewell Helen, you will not be forgotten.

Nancy Wilt

FL-2 Chapter Loses Oldest Member

Bernice Rohlff Roberts joined the Marine Corps as part of an agreement she made with some of her friends at the time. She was working in a bank in Davenport, Iowa when war broke out. Her friends all joined the WACS and Bernice said she would only join when the Marine Corps took women. When that happened she joined and was stationed in San Francisco as a mail clerk responsible for mail going out to the Pacific Theater of operations.

She served in the Marine Corps from 1943 to 1947, at which time she was discharged and decided to go to college. She went to Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. While at the university, she met and married Malcolm Roberts. They sailed Lake Michigan, owned a gift shop in Highlands, NC and lived on Captiva Island, FL before moving to Mt Dora. They were married for nearly 50 years.

Bernice was born December 4, 1908 and passed away March 28, 2013. She was 104. She was predeceased by her husband Malcolm, her sister and her brother. Rest in peace Bernice. Your tour of duty is complete...Semper Fi !!

Kathy Sheppard



The WOMEN *of the* CORPS

OUR CELEBRATION OF 70 YEARS OF PROUD SERVICE

PHOTOGRAPHY BY CHERYL BADORREK

DATE: 1 March 2013

EVENT: 70 Year Anniversary of Women in the Marine Corps.

Marines from around the country converged on Parris Island March 1 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve.





Marines got to visit their old squad bays, and new 4th Battalion graduates were given WMA membership. President Betty Moseley Brown spoke to the new Marines about WMA.



View more of Cheryl's pictures on shutterfly:
<http://70thanniversaryypisc.shutterfly.com>



The celebration continued into the evening with a banquet. Base commanding general, Brigadier General Lori Reynolds, Betty Moseley Brown, and retired Lt. General Carol Mutter were in attendance.

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Thank you, Young Marines!

The members of the Women Marines Association (WMA) are eternally thankful to the Young Marines for their support and all they do for American youth to help instill discipline, encourage patriotism, build leadership and reinforce the value system that will help prepare them for success in their future endeavors.

The installation of the Molly Marine statue on the Heritage Center will be very meaningful to WMA and all female Marines (past, present, and future) and we are extremely thankful to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation in addition to the Young Marines for their continued support of women in the Corps. This special recognition of all that Molly Marine represents confirms the proud heritage of women who have earned the title Marine.

Betty Moseley Brown
WMA National President

A Message From WMA President Regarding Mental Health Resources

As females by gender and Marines for life, we may have experienced or know someone who has experienced military sexual trauma and/or post-traumatic stress.

It is important to know there are resources available to us whether still in uniform or as a veteran. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has trained counselors on hand for immediate mental health support on the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline/Veterans Crisis Line at **1.800.273.8255 (press 1)** and VA has just stood up a National Call Center for Women Veterans at **1.855.VA-WOMEN (829.6636)** with hours Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. EST and on Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. EST. You can receive immediate assistance thru these toll-free numbers along with a wealth of information on VA's website starting at www.va.gov/womenvet. There is healthcare information (that includes mental health) <http://www.womenshealth.va.gov/> and military sexual trauma (MST) information at <http://www.womenshealth.va.gov/WOMENSHEALTH/trauma.asp>.

Please note that for MST you do not have to file a claim or be in the process of filing a claim to receive treatment and counseling. There is a MST Coordinator at each VA facility available to assist you. Spread the word and help our Sister Marines...Semper Fidelis!

Betty Moseley Brown
WMA National President

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WMA Chapter Clippings

CA-3 Bay Area

This has been a busy quarter for our chapter. In February, we celebrated the 70th Anniversary of continuous service by Women in the Marine Corps. We had a wonderful event in San Leandro with our oldest Marine, Lillian Rufsvold, and our youngest Marine, Sgt Elisa Barrios getting the first two pieces of cake. CA-3 had special challenge coins made to mark the event and they were a big hit with all attendees. Our chapter was also excited to learn that there was an opportunity to get the fourth Molly Marine statue raised in the Memorial Park at the Museum of the Marine Corps and our members generously donated \$800 to help fund this event.

Sadly, we have suffered some recent losses. In January, we lost Marion Fitchett - 92 (WWII) who was a member of both CA-6 and CA-3 and we were very saddened by her passing. She always had a cheerful disposition and a bright smile. In March, our dear friend, Helen Hannah Campbell - 97 (WWII/MGySgt Retired) passed in Southern California and our chapter president attended her memorial service to read the *Memorial to a Woman Marine*. Helen will be laid to rest in Arlington at a future date. Helen had a long career in the Marine Corps and a remarkably active life during her retirement years. Between travel and volunteer activities, Helen was rarely idle. She will be greatly missed. In April, our own Mary Louise Berry - 89 (WWII) passed suddenly and she leaves a big hole in our chapter and in our hearts. Mary was working as a welder in the Bay Area when she first tried to enlist and the Marine recruiter told her welders were very important to the war effort and they couldn't take her. This didn't stop our Mary, she quit her job, moved to Salt Lake City where she had previously attended school and joined the Marines in Salt Lake. Like all good Marines, she was able to adapt, improvise and overcome. Both Marion and Helen had no immediate family members remaining and they were "adopted" by wonderful friends who made sure they were well cared for and treated with dignity and respect. More importantly, they gave each of these ladies a loving family which is the best possible gift anyone can bestow. I would like to recognize Frances Jones and family who cared for Marion Fitchett; and Kim Brown and family who cared for Helen Hannah Campbell. These people were guardian angels for our Marine sisters and surely deserve a place in Heaven for their kindness. Rest in peace dear sisters.

April 19 brought our first MCJROTC awards ceremony at Del Mar High School in San Jose and three members of CA-3 attended to present the WMA awards and support these young cadets. CA-3 was represented by Kathy Wright (President), Shaaron Wright (LE) and Angie Fredekind (LE). In addition to the awards provided by National, CA-3 gave each of the 3 winners an EGA necklace and one of the challenge coins from the 70th Anniversary of the Women's Reserve. The three schools represented at this ceremony were Del Mar, Prospect and Branham High Schools. Unfortunately, Prospect HS will be dropping their MCJROTC program next year but the other two schools will remain active in this program.

On a very positive note, our own Wanda Antoine and her husband, Howard, are expecting their first child on 23 May and we are all very excited to welcome this new member to their

family. They already know that the baby is a little girl and she will be named Isabel Victoria. At our 20 April meeting, CA-3 held a baby shower for Wanda. Not to worry, little Isabel will be well equipped with baby supplies when she arrives next month. She even got two very cute Marine outfits, which I am sure she will enjoy modeling for all her Marine aunts. Since most of our members are in the "winter" of their lives, it is not very often we get to celebrate a new baby and this shower was lots of fun.

To our sisters who have suffered through a rough winter and/or spring, we wish you a healthy, happy and joyous summer. We will keep the victims of the Boston bombing and the Texas plant explosions in our prayers.

Semper Fi,

Kathy Wright

CA-7 Edith Macias Vann S. California



Serenading was provided by one of CA-7's newest members Sgt. Candyce Raiford who is with the 1stMarDiv band, and she partnered with our wonderful MCRD, San Diego band ensemble to provide magnificent music throughout.

It had been a tough few months for members of CA-7 having lost seven members in five months. One member, Eleanor "Ellie" Judge had been the Chair of the Anniversary Luncheon Committee for longer than anyone can remember.

She had signed the contract and had many plans started when illness struck in November and we lost her in February. But as always, the mission had to go on. Norma Wohlfarth and Peggy Reiber agreed to co-chair, proving it took two good women to take the place of Ellie! Due to renovations at Pacific Views Event Center (most of us knew it as the SNCO club at Camp Pendleton) our 70th MC Women's Reserve Luncheon had to be delayed from February to April.

13 April found us celebrating the 70th anniversary with our dear sisters from as far away as AZ-1, and also CA-2, CA3, CA-5, CA-8 (a table of 10 people), CA-10—and maybe I missed some. What a great group and time for all. Our guest of honor was WMA National President Betty Moseley Brown, and the keynote speaker was CA-7 member SgtMajor Jennifer Simmons. Both women gave wonderful, thought provoking and of course motivational speeches. One of the ladies from CA-8 at the end asked "where do I sign up?"—I have to agree—for the first time in my life I almost wished I was 18 and heading to Parris Island again! I know I was not alone!

Peggy Reiber

CA-8 Palms to Pines

The year did not start off as we had hoped. We lost Pauline Buzan, Loyal Escort John Irwin (Dorothee Irwin's husband), Dorothy Jeffares and our friend Helen Hannah Campbell from CA-5. All will be greatly missed. March was dark for CA-8, but we decided to go to Camp Pendleton's USMCWR 70th Anniversary luncheon on 13 April. Six members, three Loyal Escorts and a prospective new member enjoyed a great lunch, meeting with members of other chapters, and visiting with WMA president Betty Moseley Brown.



A number of our members rode in the Riverside Salute to Veterans Parade. Our own Joanne Evans served as Grand Marshal.

Since the article on Celia Campos, I have received a number of letters from her friends who are glad to know she is alive and well. I passed the info on to her and she was pleased to hear from them. I also received a letter from Rose Ascosta Franco—my little sister from boot camp. Another 60 years lost, but we hope to all meet in KC in 2014.

Juanita Cartwright is in a permanent care facility in Upland, CA. She would love to hear from anyone who has time to write or send a card. Address all correspondence to: Juanita Cartwright, Villa Mesa Care Center, 867 E. 11th St. #129C, Upland, CA 91786. CA-8 hopes everyone has a safe and happy summer. Helen Page and I are planning to take a trip to Maine.

Sybl Acree

CA-11 Central Coast

Our Central Coast Women's Chapter has been very busy these past few months and would like to share the events with you.

As you all know, Military Occupational Skills (MOS) for combat positions are now opened to women.



We are reminded that Marine Combat Training (MCT) is the start of the training process. The newest member of CA-11, Pfc. Jessica J. Kennedy has been recognized for her leadership skills and she demonstrated sustained superior performance in a co-ed company. She was

selected out of 428 Marines to be the MCT Honor Graduate for Company K at Camp Geiger, North Carolina on 5 March. The combat field position was offered to her, but she did not accept it. She wants to continue with the legal field and she has orders to Newport, Rhode Island in May. On 30 March, CA-11 joined the American Veterans United organization for their annual Bar-B-Q in Santa Maria. We set up a recruitment booth and sold fund-raising items for the chapter. The chapter members enjoyed interacting with our local fellow veterans from all branches of services. The chapter held a fund raising raffle at the Bar-B-Q and Kristie Fast won the coffee basket. She has two sons serving in the military—one in the Army and one in the Marines. An alumni open house was hosted by the command Inspector Instructor "I-I" staff of 3rd Air Naval Gunfire

Liaison Company (ANGLICO) on 3 April. This was a great opportunity for the Marines from the past (Long Beach, CA) to reconnect with each other in an old but familiar setting. It also encouraged all the Marines to connect and collaborate with the Marines who have carried the banner since the new unit location in Bell, CA.

Chapter President Soledad Kennedy was among the alumni group of 3rd ANGLICO Marines. She severed on I-I active duty and as a reservist for the company. She was one of six women attached to ANGLICO from 1980-1998 and continues to stay connected with her brothers.

A prestigious event was held to honor the new Exalted Ruler, Myrl Wallace, a Corpsman at the Santa Maria Elks Lodge on 6 April. A dinner was served and a ceremony was held to celebrate his selection. Marine Corps League 1340 Commandant Dan Cadena and Chapter President Soledad Kennedy, along with a few members, came out to toast his selection.

Central Coast Chapter CA-11 joined our sisters chapters down south in San Diego on 13 April for the WMA luncheon, which brought in the old and new generation of Marines under one roof to enjoy a meal and share memories. Everyone had a great time.

Soledad Kennedy

FL-2 Florida Gulf Coast

Winter in Florida not only brings snowbirds down from the North to escape the cold, but some Floridians actually leave Florida and head to the cold!

This was the occasion that prompted the FL-2 chapter to sponsor a quadriplegic woman veteran to attend the 2013 Winter Sports Clinic in Snowmass, CO. Pam Kelly, a US Army veteran was severely injured when equipment fell on her, paralyzing both legs and her right arm. Mary Blackmon, FL-2's VAVS representative presented Pam Kelly a check to assist with expenses for Pam and her personal attendant to go to the Winter Clinic Sports Clinic to provide the care Pam requires on a daily basis.



Spring also brings about the WMA Outstanding Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) awards. FL-2 chapter President, Kathy Potthoff and chapter Treasurer Kathy Sheppard along with chapter members Maxine Wehry and Speedy Gibson attended the recent presentation at Clearwater High School where Samantha D. Foster was named the 2013 WMA MCJROTC Outstanding Cadet. In addition to the WMA Certificate and ribbon, the chapter presented Cadet Foster with a copy of the book, *A Band of Sisters*, chronicling the service of women in Iraq. Maxine also presented Samantha with a signed copy of her book, *A Kindred Spirit*, a memoir of her own Marine Corps service during World War II.

Another FL-2 chapter member has answered the last roll call. Jewel "Jackie" Goldberg died at Bay Pines VA Hospital on 16 April.

Jackie was diligent in her attendance to chapter meetings even when her health was declining.

Chapter Vice President Jean Sivik would pick up Jackie for the meetings and even though both of them were somewhat "directionally challenged" they generally found their way to the meeting! Thank you Jackie for showing us how spunk and determination can outshine advancing age. Ever proud, always a Marine, Semper Fi, Jackie!

K. Potthoff

FL-3 Gold Coast of Florida

Hello again from FL-3! We are a very small chapter, but still active holding our meetings every two months if possible.

In November we held our annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Home Town Buffet. Our January meeting was at our treasurer, Molly Manolakis' home. We had a guest speaker, Lauren Ackerman, who represented American Mothers for Troops. Their organization ships boxes overseas to our troops and they asked us to join in with them since we are so small and it is becoming quite a bit for us. We have not yet made a decision on this.

March was scheduled to have a meeting at Margie Palin's home (Jane's daughter). We were missing a few people, so we couldn't have a quorum and instead of a meeting, the place was decorated for St. Patrick's Day and it became a social affair.

A very nice surprise arrived for us -- we received a package in the mail for our chapter. It was a Certificate of Appreciation and a flag that was flown over Camp Kandahar in Afghanistan. This was their thanks to us for all our packages sent to them.

Nathalie Champagne

FL-5 Orange Blossom



Pictured in this photo (left to right): Tom Holbrook, Carol Holbrook, Judi Bannister, Joanne Heidenreich (Woman Marine), Diana Thornton (Woman Marine), Richard Heibeck, Steven Hill and Bill Parks

The American Legion Auxiliary #335 entertained 45 women veterans and their guests with a beautiful Valentine luncheon.

We celebrated their 30th annual luncheon. The Navy was represented by Dorothy Ekland, a 95 year old veteran. The Crews Lake Middle School choir provided the entertainment. Also in attendance was a woman Tuskegee Airman. All the women veterans were escorted to their tables by the American Legion colorguard.

At the end of the celebration each veteran was presented with a beautiful hand engraved frame that read, "Thank You for Your Service."

Diana L. Thornton

FL-7 Florida First Coast

WMA FL-7 Secretary Bernie Klepac was honored to present the WMA award for the Outstanding Cadet of the Ribault Senior High School's Marine Corps Junior ROTC on 21 March

to newly promoted Cpl Amoni Davis. LCpl Davis was notified she would be promoted that day, but was truly surprised to receive the Outstanding Cadet award from the local WMA FL-7 representative. Newly promoted Corporal Amoni Davis asked Bernie to pin on her new chevrons. It was an honor. A sophomore, Amoni has a few more years to excel even farther in the MCJROTC program. Ribault Senior High School has an excellent MCJROTC program, proven by the 100% college acceptance or military enlistment rate of the graduating cadet seniors. We are sure Corporal Amoni Davis will succeed in her endeavors.



Bernie Klepac

LA-1 Molly Marine

We held our first meeting of the year on 19 January at the Chateau de Notre Dame, the residence of our eldest member, Marian Landry (93 years old/WWII veteran). She was thrilled to have the meeting at her home. Attendance at this meeting was one of the best yet, with 11 members and five Loyal Escorts. Another meeting filled with passing exciting scoop, enjoying good company and eating delicious refreshments with one of our favorite beverages...mimosas!

On 28 January, the Marine Forces Reserve brass band performed in front of our beloved Molly Marine during the U. S. Department of Transportation's dedication ceremony!

This was in celebration of President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The New Orleans' Regional Transit Authority was one of the organizations to receive funding for construction of the Loyola Streetcar. The dedication ceremony consisted of four landmark stops to celebrate with many VIP's and on-lookers.

The third stop was Molly, where visitors had the opportunity to hear the musical excellence provided by the Marine Forces Reserve Brass Band. Prior to this event, the area surrounding Molly underwent a huge facelift (trolley car tracks were laid, new sidewalk, etc.). The city beautified the monument with a new landscape, gorgeous embroidered flags and pressure washed her.

Chapter members attending the dedication ceremony were Angela Merrell, Vicki Haynes and Melanie Young.

On 7 February, we were still heavy into the Mardi Gras season, one of our favorite times of the year! The season was as exciting as ever with 15 Chapter members rolling in a parade with the Krewe of Muses, an all female krewe! This is the fifth year our Chapter has been invited to roll with Muses and look forward to many more.

Happy 70th Anniversary! This year's celebration was one of the best ever. We celebrated the anniversary on 16 February 2013 at the Stage Door Canteen, National WWII Museum, New Orleans, LA. Our Special Projects Officer, Cpl Elizabeth Damron, did an outstanding job of coordinating the day's festivities. She couldn't have done it without her committee; Angela Merrell and Mary Whittington (LE)!

It began with a delicious brunch and camaraderie shared between the many distinguished guests and members of other veterans organizations in attendance.

We were honored to have all three of our WWII veteran members present; Marian Landry (93), Frances Hoffmann (89) and Marian Ives (89).



The best part of the celebration was the program! Chapter members and Loyal Escorts participated in the program. Monica Lewis (LE) sang the National Anthem. The guest speaker was Mrs. Sheri Hummer, chapter member and wife of LtGen Steven A. Hummer (Commander, Marine Forces Reserve). Her speech was awesome! We also had the pleasure of showing a DVD that Senator David Vitter sent from Washington, DC speaking on our 70th anniversary. A few veteran organizations supported our celebration; the Marine Corps League, Montford Point Marine Association and the Marine Support Group, Greater New Orleans, Inc. The featured photograph is of the motivated members and Loyal Escorts of the Molly Marine Chapter LA-1 who attended this most memorable event!

On the 15th and 18th of March, we held our annual Easter Egg Fundraiser at Marine Forces Reserve, New Orleans. As usual, the fundraiser was a huge success! During the fundraiser several active duty members expressed an interest in joining our chapter, along with a male MGySgt asking if he could join. We gave MGySgt Lawrence Chavez a Loyal Escort application right away. He completed it on the 18th and it's in the mail!

The New Orleans Mission had an Easter Celebration where they fed hundreds of homeless families. Our chapter decided to contribute to this celebration by making a monetary donation. On 21 March, Karen Williams, CWO2 Jamila Moore, GySgt Deidra Chapman and Melanie Young presented a check, on behalf of the chapter, to the New Orleans Mission's executive assistant. Our donation helped to feed over 10 meals and purchased candy to fill eggs for the homeless children in the community. "The Mission is where hunger ends and hope begins."

Melanie Young

MA-2 Peg Parda

Our small chapter met with the loss of several WWII members. The President of Peg Parda Chapter Irene Arnold, Shirley Gentry, Florence Johnston, and Isabel (Betsy) Paulsen reported to their final duty station. Before the year was out we also learned of the loss of member Eva Moore. Several members attended the services for our ladies.

In September, a meeting was held to elect new officers. At that meeting, we also discussed the transportation issues that our members have. It was decided to get funding for a conference calling system so that members could still participate in chapter meetings and discussions even if they could not be in attendance.

In November and December, members sent care packages and holiday mail to Marines deployed in Afghanistan. Our members donated to the local Toys For Tots Campaign. The chapter also welcomed two new members Corrina Martell and Roberta Stewart.



We celebrated our 70th Anniversary meeting at the Marine Corps League Building in Westfield, MA. Our newest member Roberta Stewart attended. Before our morning meeting, our ladies enjoyed a delicious breakfast put on by the Marine Corps League members.

Our guest speaker for this meeting was Tom Pease. Tom is a Vietnam War veteran, and Commander of the Florence, MA VFW. His film presentation was on the bus trip he orchestrated from Northampton, MA to Washington, DC for WWII and Korea veterans and their spouses. This was a free trip for the veterans and spouses due to Tom's fund raising capacity and local community support. Tom offered his support to our chapter if our members wanted to do a similar trip.

Roberta presented information regarding the free, one day Warrior flights for veterans out of Bradley Airport, in Connecticut. She will be going on a trip to Washington, DC with a group of WWII veterans in April.

We have just learned about the Wreaths Across America program this year. Peg Parda will participate in this activity for the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery Agawam, MA. Spring is finally here and we are finally getting back into the swing of things.

Diane Fratalone

MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks

The chapter met on 12 January at the VA Hospital. Liz Whitbeck continues to attend the Marine Corps League and United Veterans Legislative Committee meetings as she can. Plans were made to celebrate the 70th anniversary at Elsie's in north-east Minneapolis in combination with the chapter meeting on 9 March.

We had a nice turnout, was glad that Joyce Bakke was able to join us and the time was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Julie Williams who provided us with a basketful of treats.

The chapter donated to the Wounded Warrior Project through Sgt. Grit.

Our last meeting was held 11 May at the home of Liz and Bill Whitbeck. We will be rotating meetings between the VA Hospital and various locations to promote a little socialization for those that can't make the meetings at the hospital location.

Anyone in need of more information concerning the chapter, please email vlatiolais@comcast.net.

Vicki Latiolais

MO-1 St. Louis

Happy Spring Marines!

MO-1 members had our chapter meeting on 20 March 2013. Afterwards, we voted to have lunch at Rizzo's Restaurant in St. Louis to celebrate the 70th anniversary of women in the Marine Corps.

We are sad to report that our chapter member SgtMaj Mabel A.R. Otten (Ret.) passed away on 11 April at her home in Belleville, IL. She was the 4th SgtMaj of Women Marines from 1969-1972. Mary Jantosik, Claire Minie, Patty Shindler, Ophie Owens, Dottie Hill, Susan Linan, Barb Thomas and I attended her memorial service with full military honors on 14 April in Millstadt, IL. It was a wonderful tribute to her. Our chapter conducted the National WMA memorial service used at conventions. Mabel will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, SgtMaj Otten. Semper Fi!

Another sad note-- we received word this morning that another one of our members, Ruth Thimmig, was killed 13 April in a head on collision in St. Peters, MO. We will make her arrangements known when they are available. Rest in peace, Ruth. We will miss you. Semper Fi!

Kathy Sutphen

NC-1 Tarheel

Some of us are members of Women's Veterans' Organization of Eastern North Carolina which meets the first Saturday of each month in Morehead City.

Our Veterans Council meets on the last Tuesday of each month. In February, we were honored to celebrate our 70th Anniversary with 1st Vice President Mitzi Manning, Area Director Barbara Chagnon and Doris Keane (past national president). We had 50 in attendance-- guests, Loyal Escorts and WMA members.

Retired Lt. Col. Janna Bartley did a wonderful job as our guest speaker. On 13 February, VFW 9133 honored us with a cake ceremony and dinner at their post home. This was our 2nd annual anniversary celebration with VFW 9133.

Then, Shirley John and Gail Horn attended the "Stand Down" for homeless veterans in Jacksonville.

Deloris Hamrick and Shirley attended a seminar aboard the New River Air Station for active duty female Marines.

In March, our meeting celebrating Women's History Month was given a special coverage in the "Globe" newspaper by Lt. Sarah Burns.



A retired Marine, Shirley John, Gail Horn, and Linda Lacy at Camp Lejeune Expo.

In April, Linda Lacy, Gail Horn, and Shirley John enthusiastically handed out information about WMA to Marines, base personnel, retirees, veterans, and any one who would listen. The Marine Corps League as usual did an excellent job.

We were honored by many MCL national officers, Commandant Julie Anne Frock, and Jamie Amos Nilison who stopped by our booth.

On 13 April, Linda Lacy and Shirley John started at oh dark thirty to participate in the annual Azalea Festival Parade in Wilmington, NC for the twenty-first year. We returned to J'ville for our well-attended monthly meeting. CWO4 Rosa Frank is raising money for the 8th annual run for the warriors on 18 May. Happy Trails,

Linda Lacy

OK-2 Heartland



OK-2's anniversary luncheon - (l-r): Sonda Metzger, Pam Bloustine, Joan Willauer, Brenda Sutton, Dorothy Rimbold, Deb Patillo. Sitting front and center, Jenny Storm and a snoozing Jacob Storm.

As I write this, I'm thinking about the people of Boston and remembering our own place in the annals of domestic terrorism, the Murrah bombing that killed 168 people in 1995. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected by the marathon bombing and the city of Boston, with hope that whoever did this is brought to justice quickly.

It has been awhile since we submitted a Clipping. Last fall, to be exact.

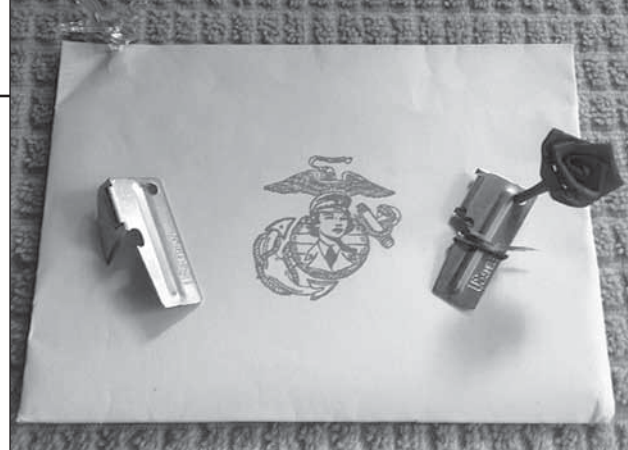
During this time, we have sponsored a booth at the annual VA Medical Center Halloween party, participated in the Oklahoma Women Veterans Recognition Day program, attended the Oklahoma Marine Corps Coordinating Council's annual Birthday Luncheon, collected toys for Toys for Tots, elected and installed officers, celebrated the 70th anniversary of women entering the Marine Corps, and volunteered to chair the Recognition & Awards luncheon at the next convention.

The Heartland Chapters officers are: Jenny Storm, president; Deb Patillo, vice-president; Pam Bloustine, treasurer; Dorothy Rimbold, recording secretary; and Joan Willauer, correspondence secretary.

It seems like this is turning out to be a tough year for WMA. It's only April, and we've lost some very significant members and pieces of our history: former Director of Women Marines Gen. Margaret Brewer (ret), former SgtMaj of Women Marines Mabel Otten (ret), SgtMaj Ellie Judge (ret), and Past National President Helen Hannah Campbell. Each one of these extraordinary women contributed to our Marine Corps history, paving the way for today's female Marines. Our thoughts and prayers go out not only to their families, but also to their friends and the many sister Marines affected by their contributions. Semper Fidelis, ladies. Job well done.

The chapter's next meeting is 4 May.

Sondra Metzger



Finally the time had come for me to explain the envelope, I had prepared. I told everyone that inside their envelope they would find a Jane Wayne. Now if you're wondering what a Jane Wayne is? it is the same thing as a John Wayne P-38 can opener, but it has the red rose of the Women Marines wrapped around it to keep it from opening when not in use. I also enclosed in each envelope an article about the history of the P-38, which like the Women Marines, is 70 years old this year. Everyone loved their Jane Waynes and put them away for future use, for our food had arrived.

The entrees were delicious and the rolls with a choice between cheese, cinnamon, and orange were like mini cakes good enough to be dessert, but we had brought our own special dessert-- the 70th Anniversary cake. June Harris, our TX-2 vice president was once again (a year older) than all the rest of the Marines present and Marti Raney was the youngest Marine present. The cake was cut and enjoyed by all. Door prizes were given out and everyone left with a smile on their face and Marine Corps pride in their heart.

Marti Raney

TX-2 Texas Gulf Coast

Texas Gulf Coast Chapter of the Women Marines Association held The 70th Anniversary of Women in the United States Marine Corps Luncheon at the Houston Junior League again this year.

We are always proud to go back to the place where TX-2 originated back in 1972. President Judy Anderson welcomed all the members and their guests.

Marti Raney led the Pledge of Allegiance and Lynn Sparks read the Commandant's Message with the personal note from General Amos on how he applauded each of us and was honored to serve as our commandant.

Kudos to General J.F. Amos, for we are proud to have you as our Commandant.

Betty Huggins read the "Band of Sisters" and then we had a little sing-along. We sang the *Marines' Hymn* and *America the Beautiful* and our wait staff said we did a fine job for a bunch of Marines.

Introductions were made and we were all given a chance to talk about an event in our personal life or our life in the Marine Corps. Karen Beatty brought her mother Judy Parker and we bestowed the honor of sitting her next to our vice President Ms. June Harris. Judy brought Loretta Olsteen whose daughter is a Navy pilot. Marjorie Hutcherson's daughter Karen was in attendance and so was our Loyal Escort Tracy Morgan.

Before the luncheon began, I laid a white envelope with the WMA logo and a blue or pink crystal dove next to each place setting with the agenda and menu.

Now we all know Marines have no patience and can't wait to know what's inside, but we were able to keep everyone in suspense until after the food was ordered!

WA-3 North Sound



On 28 March, Betty Strand and Virginia Wright of Bellingham, WA, and Bettie Glassey of Whidbey Island, WA, made a special trip to visit long-time WMA members Louise George in Renton, WA and Rose

Schaffer in Kent WA. It was quite an adventure, taking two and a half to three hours each way.

Lunch was at Merrill Gardens Retirement Home in Renton where Louise resides and it was a delight to renew old friendships. After lunch, Louise was invited to visit long-time member Rose Schaffer, who lives in a care home in Kent. Rose was so happy for the special visit. We all had a great time recalling our days serving in the Marine Corps.

It will be our hope to do this again. Distance is our problem, but we use the phone and email and always keep in touch. Marine gals are the greatest! Semper Fi,

Louise George

WI-1 Wisconsin Women Marines

We seem to have spent the winter just dodging wave after wave of snow storms but at the last minute we were able to round up 8 WMA members on Feb. 12 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Women Marines, mostly from the Madison area. Pictured, seated, are Connie Allord, Annette



Howards, Betty Gill and Mibs Ewald, all WWII veterans. Back row are WMA, WI-1 president Linda Dancker from Milwaukee, Tegan Griffith, Mary Lloyd and Ellen Healey. Ellen's husband, Ed, and Betty's daughter joined us. Ellen read the proclamation

sent out by Marine Commandant James Amos, commemorating the 70 years of achievements by Women Marines. Mary was kind enough to bring roses which she distributed to members attending.

On March 12 three WWII women veterans were invited as guests, along with Carolyn Morgan who is coordinator for women veterans for the state Dept. of Veterans Affairs to have lunch at the Madison Club. Sponsoring the meeting was a state commission on the status of women and girls in Wisconsin. The luncheon was put on by Tempo Madison to draw attention to and introduce the Badger Honor Flight. Our three members who were invited and made the flight were Mibs, Annette and Connie.

Recently, Tegan Griffith, an Iraq and Afghanistan veteran, now discharged, was invited to Washington to testify before members of Congress regarding problems plaguing the Veterans Department. It seems that the outstanding problem is the huge backlog of claims by recently discharged veterans.

When spring and summer finally arrive, enjoy - and dive into the multiple WMA and veterans events ahead.

Connie Allord

CO-1 Colorado Columbiners: Small but Mighty

The Colorado Columbine chapter supports both the active duty Marines and the Young Marines and they support us by participating in events like our Christmas and Anniversary Party. They provided Color Guard and cake escort at our 70th Anniversary celebration in February. That celebration honored LaVerne Sarber (92) as the oldest Marine Present. The oldest in our chapter is Velma Brooke, who is 96 this year (she could not attend but was not forgotten)! We also honored Marge Alexander who turned 90 on 13 February.

After the Anniversary celebration Marge and our president, Paula Sarlls, headed to Washington, D.C. to deliver her artwork, "A Walk through Time," to the Women's Memorial and General Vaught. They visited the Marine Museum where General Salinas and 16 active duty women lunched in Tun Tavern under Marge's painting "Tun Tavern" gifted to Bob LaChance at the 2010 Convention. They also visited the Pentagon and Congressman Mike Coffman (USMC retired Major and Iraq Veteran). Congressman Coffman flew a flag over the capital in honor of Marge's 90th birthday and presented it to her in his office when they visited. He also presented a flag to Paula in honor of the 70th Anniversary of Women Reserves! The trip included a visit to the American Indian Museum.



Though the chapter is small it is mighty in its works (just like the Corps!). Many of the members have small children, work, or are elderly and unable to do a lot. None-the-less, much is done for the vets in our area and WMA is well known entity in Colorado!

WMA CO-1 Editor

"I Pledge" Update

Just a short time ago we started "I Pledge". This new campaign is for those who would like to continue to support WMA on a regular basis with either a monthly or yearly payment. We rolled this out in our last issue of 'Nouncements and wanted to let you know our members we have signed on already.



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If you are interested in joining "I Pledge" you can have an automatic draft sent from your bank or mail a monthly check. Use the account # GFD001943 or write **I Pledge** on a check you mail in. All donations to the General fund should be mailed to: Women Marines Association P.O. Box 377 Oaks, PA 19456-0377

Chapter Tool Kit: Spotighting WMA's Proud History with VAVS

On Monday and Tuesday, March 4-5, 2013, I was proud to join our Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service (VAVS) representative, Kay Croll at the 67th VA Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee Meeting in Cary, NC. I was glad to be there because I was given a chance to stand up and explain to the assembled committee members why Women Marines Association, so long one of their Service Member Organizations, was now simply an honorary member.

To be a full member, a service organization must have registered volunteers at 30 or more VA facilities. If a service organization has registered volunteers at 15-29 VA facilities, then they are called Associate Service Member Organizations.

Our status as an honorary member reflects over 10 years of service as a full Service Member Organization. We no longer enjoy full status.

When I spoke, I assured those gathered that it is one of WMA's goals to again achieve full member status. Part of the problem recently has been the decline in health of some of our most active volunteers of the past.

Another problem has been that some volunteer service has been done on an occasional basis, without officially registering with the VA and receiving a volunteer orientation. Unless our members are officially registered, we do not get credit for the volunteer hours they provide. Kay Croll is our WMA VAVS representative.

During one of our summer national officer training teleconferences, Kay will brief the area directors on ways that they can encourage and assist chapters in registering and recording their volunteer hours with their local VA.

We hope that within a very few years we will once again be counted among the active Service Member Organizations that make up the VAVS network. If you have questions about VAVS volunteer work, VAVS committees at VA hospitals/clinics, how to recruit volunteers, or some of the new, innovative ways in which VA hospitals are using volunteers, contact Kay at VAVS@womenmarines.org or by calling her at (610) 696-7589.

Mitzi Manning
1st Vice President

WMA National Merchandise Sales - Your Purchases Support Our Association!

WMA Patch, small	\$4.00	Denver 2010 Convention Coin	\$12.00
WMA Patch, large	\$4.50	Philadelphia 2012 Convention Coin	\$15.00
WMA Pin, Hat (pin or clutch)	\$3.00	50th Anniversary Medallions	\$5.00
WMA Pin, Life	\$4.00	Woman Marine Matted Quote	\$10.00
WMA Flag	\$182.00	WMA Digital Drawstring Bag	\$10.00
50th Anniversary Medallions	\$5.00	WMA Digital Briefcase Bag	\$25.00
Book, "Above & Beyond: Former Marines Conquer the Civilian World"	\$20.00		
WMA Afghan Throws.	\$45.00		



WMA Cap (3 months delivery time). . . . \$40.00

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

Sizes for WMA Caps:

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

Make All Checks Payable to WMA

Contact: America Zarate Dones,
6506 Carrington Sky Drive, Apollo Beach, FL 33572
Phone: (813) 498-8062
email: America.Dones@gmail.com

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Merchandise Sales

- Item:** "I love my Woman Marine" pin ...\$1.00
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Mom's Loyal Escort... \$1.00
- Item:** Loyal Escort Hat... \$8.00
- Item:** Loyal Escort Patch ... \$5.00
- Item:** Loyal Escort Cup w/lid and straw... \$5.00



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

Contact: Shaaron Wright
349 Howard Dr.
Santa Clara, CA 95051-5812

WMA Chapter Merchandise Sales

Send chapter ads to Wanda Antoine, 3020 Puffin Circle, Fairfield, CA 94533, Editor@womenmarines.org.
IMPORTANT, PLEASE NOTE: When WMA sales items are no longer available, please notify Wanda so they can be removed.

Books

Item: Not "Just Another Cookbook" More than 100 recipes by food grouping. Size: 6"x9"

Cost: \$5.75 (includes shipping) Chapter: NC-1

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



WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

Item: A limited edition booklet of line drawings portraying Women Marines, signed and numbered by the artist, Marion A. Alien, a Regimental Artist during WWII. The original art is now a part of the U.S. Marine Corps Art Collection at the Museums Branch, Washington, D.C. Printed in Forest Green ink.

Size: 12-Page Booklet (10" x 7 1/4")

Cost: \$3.00 (including postage) Chapter: TX-2

Contact: Barbara Clark, 3539 Teakwood Drive, Pearland, TX 77584 or e-mail Brchoho@aol.com



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

Signed copy by author Lisa Cordeiro

Cost: \$16.95 (\$3.95 shipping)

Chapter: MA-1

Contact: Lisa Cordeiro, 35 Berkeley St., Watertown, MA 02472 or order online at www.lisacordeiro.comhttp://lisacordeiro.com



Item: "Cooking With Marines", a collection of recipes from Marines

Cost: \$12.50 (includes shipping) Chapter: TX-2

Contact: B.J. Huggins, (WMA) P.O.Box 1821, Pasadena, TX 77501



Cards/Stationery

Item: Name Tags, White w/ green border and logo; Two lines (name and organization); 3"x 1"

Cost: \$8.00 Chapter: Make checks to FL-2

Contact: Sylvia Morgan, 4525 Cove Circle, Apt. 102, St. Petersburg, FL 33708

Item: WMA Postcard - 5 1/2" x 4 1/4" Wide green stripe top & left margins. WMA logo in upper left corner

Cost: 10 for \$1.60; 15 for \$2.10; 20 for \$2.60 (prices include P&H)

Checks: CA-7, WMA Chapter: EMVSC CA-7 WMA

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

Candy

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

Cost: Singles\$1.50

Box of 8\$6.50

Box of 15\$13.50

Mints Box of 12\$10.50

Item: WMA Mint 1" round Insignia/Logo

Green, White, Milk Chocolate or Special Order

Singles\$1.50

Box of 12\$10.50

Chapter: CA-11 - Central Coast

Contact: Soledad Kennedy, 4062 Capella Street, Lompoc, CA 93436

Fax/Office: (805) 733-2175 Cell: (805) 588-0650 centralcoastwomenmarines.com usmcrfemale@yahoo.com



Decals

Item: Seals

Cost: \$1.25 for 10 Chapter: Make checks to FL-2

Contact: Sylvia Morgan, 4525 Cove Circle, Apt. 102, St. Petersburg, FL 33708

Scarf



Item: Patriotic Ruffled Scarf - Red white and blue. Many other combinations & solid colors. Can email photos of samples. Contact chapter with desired colors. Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery. **Size:** Approximately 58" long, 4" wide **Cost:** \$20 - includes postage. Checks payable to WMA KY-1

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

Shirts and Sweats

Item: White Sweatshirts and T-Shirts Women Marines' logo in green (WWI, Current, WWII) Courtesy of Col Charles Waterhouse

Cost: T-Shirts- M, L, XL and XXL @ \$10.00; Sweatshirts - M, L, L @ \$24.00, XXL @ \$25.00 Pay to: WMA PA-2 Liberty Belles (Price includes shipping)

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

Shirts and Sweats

Item: Golf shirt Dark (Hunter) Green with WMA logo (matches green covers) embroidered in white. Available in sizes (S) to (XXL) Red and also Khaki solid polo shirts. WMA notation spelled out under acronym.

Cost: \$28.00 (includes postage) Chapter: VA-1 Crossroads

Make checks payable to: WMA, VA-1

Contact: Dorothy Gordon, 93 High Ridge Dr. Stafford, VA 22554

Item: Forest Green Sweatshirts, t-shirts, short sleeved golf shirts, long sleeved golf shirts and low profile cap. All shirts are embroidered with WMA on the left side and Women Marines Association underneath. Embroidery is in white; low profile cap has WMA embroidered in white.

Cost: All prices include shipping and handling per item.

Sweatshirts: M- XL - \$26 ea ; 2X - \$28 ea.

T-Shirts: M - 2XL - \$16 ea; Short sleeved golf shirts:

M - XL - \$28 ea

Long sleeved golf shirts: M - XL - \$32 ea.

Low profile cap: one size fits all - \$16 ea.

Checks: Old Dominion Chapter, WMA VA-2

Contact: Mickey Jennings, 6486 Lark Way, Mechanicsville, VA 23111 E-mail: mickeyjennings@hotmail.com

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

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

Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1

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

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

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

Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1

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

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

Adult	Ladies Polos (S-XL) \$30.00 (2XL) \$31.00 (3XL) \$32.00 (4XL) \$33.00 (5XL) \$35.00 (6XL) \$36.00	Short Sleeved T-Shirt (S-XL) \$17.00
		(2XL) \$18.00
		(3XL) \$19.00
		(4XL) \$20.00
		(5XL) \$22.00
		(6XL) \$24.00
Youth	Youth Polo (S-XL) \$22.00	Short Sleeved Tee (S-XL) \$15
Infant/Toddler	Long Sleeved T-Shirt (6M-4T) \$16.00	Short Sleeved Tee (6M-4T) \$15.00

Embroidery Options:

Option 1:

Option 2:

Option 3:

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

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

Jewelry

Item: WMA Logo Earrings (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 Collins, 4707 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209 (210) 829-8522



Item: Charm "Semper Paratus"

Cost: \$15.00

Chapter: Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)

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



WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

Item: WMA Ring. Jeweler - Jostens

Cost: Lustrium (*non precious white*) \$181.00
 Questa (*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: 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 payable to WMA-Chapter NM1)

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 "WOMEN MARINES ASSOC" with emblem. Includes a green and white "Semper Par" sticker

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

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



Item: WMA "Semper Par" 2" x 9" green and white bumper sticker (*for anyplace—car, boat, luggage, etc.*)

Cost: \$1.50 ea. for 5 for \$6.95 or 10 for \$11.00 (*postpaid*)

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

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:** EMVSC 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*)

Checks: Payable to EMVSC CA-7 WMA

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 WMA-Chapter NM1*)

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

Item: EGA Zipper Pull (1 inch EGA, 2 inch total length, EGA Yellow Ribbon Lapel Pin (1 inch length), Marine Mascot Christmas Ornament (red ribbon, 2.5 inches in length), EGA Christmas Ornament (red ribbon, 2.5 inches in length), Red EGA Necklace (chain, 18 inches in length).

Cost: \$6.00. \$5.00, \$8.00, \$8.00 or \$9.00 (*plus \$3.00 USPS 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: \$7.00 (*includes shipping & handling*)

Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller

Contact: Ellen Leidy, 1107 Columbus Ave., Barborton, OH 44203
 (330) 825-8935 email: leidyrun@aol.com



Item: This item has been officially licensed by the US Marine Corps.

Item: Ornament "The Fewer" Size 2 3/8" x 3 1/8" Limited 3-D,

only 300 minted, 24 Karat Gold on Brass

Cost: \$29.75 (*Includes Shipping*).

Portion of proceeds go to "Paws and Strips".

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Make Money Order or Cashier Check to: Katherine M Lorenz Townsend

Chapter: TX-1 "The Lone Star State"

Contact: Katherine M Lorenz Townsend and mail to: 4025 Tortoise Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76135 Orders can now be placed on line using a credit card at:
 www.womenmarineskeepsake.com



Item: Red "Women" Marine Apron and hotpad and oven mitt combo

Cost: \$29.95 (*Includes Shipping*)

Cost: Make Money Order or Cashier Check out to:

Katherine M Lorenz Townsend 4025 Tortoise Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76135



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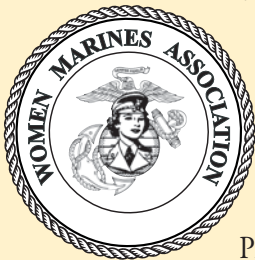
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