



Honoring and Remembering Colonel Julia E. Hamblet

An inspiring and motivating leader among women Marines, Colonel Julia E. Hamblet, passed away peacefully on 17 April 2017 surrounded by her family.

Hamblet was the longest-serving Director of Women Marines, serving in the position from 1953 to 1959, and was instrumental in integrating women into the regular Marine Corps.

Born Julia Estelle Hamblet on 12 May 1916 in Winchester, MA to Abel and Marcia Coburn Hamblet, she was the youngest of three children and the only daughter.

After graduating from the Hartridge School in Plainfield, NJ, she attended Vassar College and graduated in 1937 with a degree in economics.

Upon graduating from Vassar, she was employed by the United States Information Service. Foregoing a job offer to Australia, she decided in 1943 to follow in the footsteps of her two brothers who were serving in the military. She chose to serve in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. She would later recall, "It was a time when everyone wanted to do what they could do for their country. I had been very fortunate in my life, and I just wanted to give back. I wanted to do what my country was asking me to do."



Col Julia E. Hamblet, 1916 - 2017

The Marine Corps Women's Reserve Officer Training Class at Mt. Holyoke, MA was Hamblet's first assignment. The six-week long training took place at Mount Holyoke College where women from all over learned basic military rules and regulations along with military courtesies. On completing the course, she was commissioned a first lieutenant on 4 May 1943, and was among the first women sworn in as commissioned officers in the Marine Corps Women's Reserves. She was selected as adjutant to Colonel Katherine A. Towle (then a captain), at the Women's Recruit Training Center at Hunter College

in New York. Shortly afterwards she received orders to Camp Lejeune, NC where she would oversee the women's training battalion.

Hamblet was then transferred to Camp Pendleton where she was promoted to captain as she worked as the Executive Officer of the Women Marine Reserve Company. From 1943-1945, she assisted in the training of other officer candidates at Quantico.

Before the end of World War II, she was commanding Aviation Women's Reserve Group I, numbering some 2,600 women, at the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry

Point, NC, and was awarded a Letter of Commendation with Commendation Ribbon.

Hamblet traveled to England in 1946, intent on gaining her Master's from the London School of Economics.

As she was ready to enroll for her Master's program, she received a letter that would soon change that part of her history.

It is said that she carried that letter in her purse for a few days before she opened it, assuming it was just a "thank you for your service" letter that was being sent out to many that had been discharged.

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Col Hamblet portrait photo © Bradford Bachrach

From the Editor: We're Proud of All You Do!



Greetings Marines!

These past several months I have received many submissions on the accomplishments of our sister Marines. Many more women Marines have been a part of community contributions and veteran events. It is always heartwarming to hear about all that you do in your community to represent your chapters and WMA.

Please keep the stories coming! I am interested in everything you do – from the hand knitted items you've made for homeless veterans, to participations in parades, to a quiet tea with a WWII Marine who shared her memories with you – all of it is important! While I may not be able to print everything, I will certainly try,

and everything is read and appreciated by me!

I know that many of you are already making plans to travel to Washington, D.C. for the 2018 convention. For those who haven't, there's still plenty of time! We have articles again in this issue with important information on the convention. The 2018 Convention Coordinating Committee is working hard to make your trip to Washington, D.C., and your attendance at the convention, both memorable and exciting!

As 2017 moves into the end of spring and out into summer, be encouraged that you and your membership in WMA matter. We are proud of all you do and all you are!

Corrina Martell,
Editor, WMA 'Nouncements





Women Marines Association

STATEMENT REGARDING MARINES UNITED FACEBOOK PAGE PHOTO SCANDAL

The Women Marines Association (WMA) continues to follow the events that have unfolded in recent weeks. The WMA fully supports all who have earned the eagle, globe and anchor, especially the women who have been targeted by all groups that seek to demean any Marine by such inappropriate actions as have been disclosed to date. The WMA leadership understands the severity of these behaviors and will continue to follow the investigation. We have every confidence that the Commandant of the Marine Corps and other USMC leadership are working intensely to address those who have brought dishonor to our Corps.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has a Women Veterans Call Center at 855.VA.WOMEN or (855) 829-6636 for assistance or counseling. As detailed in ALMAR 008/17, "Marines who believe they have been subject to inappropriate online conduct and who would like to maintain their privacy are encouraged to report the misconduct to their chaplain or a Victims Legal Counsel. Other resources include the Chain of Command, NCIS, Local Law Enforcement, Inspector General, Equal Opportunity Advisors, Victim Witness Assistant Coordinators, Victim Advocates, Behavioral Health Counselors, and Military OneSource. Additionally, the Marine Corps DSTRESS Line 1-877-476-7734 provides anonymous phone and chat referral service available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Marines who have witnessed prohibited conduct should report the misconduct to their Chain of Command."

As this investigation continues, we want all servicewomen to understand, we have all walked on this hallowed ground called Service to our Corps. Since 1960 with our establishment, the Women Marines Association has been supportive of women in our ranks.

We continue to be SEMPER FIDELIS!

Betty Moseley Brown
President, Women Marines Association

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1st VP Message: Happy Mother's Day!

Noun: moth·er \ˈmə-thər\; a female parent ; the superior of a religious community of women; *Mother Theresa (2): an old or elderly woman, maternal tenderness or affection. "all my mother came into mine eyes and gave me up to tears"— William Shakespeare; something that is an extreme or ultimate example of its kind especially in terms of scale "the mother of all construction projects".*

(Courtesy of Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

The definition of a mother can be many things to many people. Happy Mothers Day is not just a statement made to a woman who gave birth to her child. It is to every woman with a vision who will give something greater than herself.



As I reflect on Mother's Day, I honor the women who birthed this great organization.

The Women Marines Association was created in 1960. According to our Women of the Corps Collection (WOCC) Historian and fellow Marine, Nancy Wilt, it was Jean Durfee who announced her idea to host a reunion of women Marines. She enlisted the help of Marjorie Miller and Helen Hannah Campbell. She organized a group of women Marines in the Denver area known as the "scuttlebutt gang", one of which is our very own Sue Sousa. The tenacity these women displayed in order to progress the view of our role in the Marine

Corps is still evident today.

Women who chose to serve in the Corps from 1943-1970 were forced to choose between children or career.

WMA member, Major Mary Sue Stevens League was one example of a woman who was forced to resign her commission in 1970 because she was pregnant. She then regained her commission in 1972 after the law changed. Today women are pilots, Marine Corps generals, deploy into combat zones, and accept billets as drill instructors, recruiters, or Marine Corps security guards on embassy duty. Yesterday's "Scuttlebutt Gang" is today's "Actionable Change".

Laura Brown

WMA First Vice President

2nd VP Message: Preserving History and Traditions



Hello everyone! We are excited to introduce our newly appointed WMA History/Documents Curator, Valerie Breidenbaugh. This position has been vac-

ant for some time with Nancy Wilt selflessly volunteering her time to cover this position, as well as her appointed position as the Curator/Historian of the Women of the Corps Collection. We look forward to working with both of these

ladies to continue to carry out our mission to preserve and promote

the history and traditions of women in the Marine Corps.

The Women Marines Association participates in three Marine Military Expos each year: Modern Day Marine in Quantico; Marine



NC-1 women Marine history board and 2018 convention banner.

South in Camp Lejeune; and Marine West in Camp Pendleton. Thanks to the NC-1 Tarheel Chapter and contributors for the success of the Marine South Expo in April. Linda

Lacy designed

a wonderful story board with items from her history collection. Also,

thanks to Elizabeth Horn for designing a banner to advertise the 2018 convention. Awesome job, °NC-1!

The next expo is Modern Day Marine on September 19-21. Please take the time to stop by if you are in the area. WMA participates in these expos with the purpose of advertising the Women Marines Association; promoting our 2018 convention; and promoting the history of women Marines. For information on assisting with the WMA booth at the Modern Day Marine Expo, please email me at at2VP@Women-Marines.org and I will forward the information to the correct point of contact.

Semper Fi!

Jeannine M. Franz

WMA Second Vice President

HONORING A LIFE'S LEGACY

Colonel Marianne S. Waldrop, USMC (Ret.) Receives the 2017 Colonel Julia E. Hamblet Award

The National Museum of the Marine Corps once again hosted the annual Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Awards. During a special ceremony on 29 April, The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation presented awards to Marines and civilian community members in recognition for their outstanding work and contributions in preserving and advancing Marine Corps history.



Courtesy photo

Col Marianne Waldrop,
USMC (Ret)

The recipient of The Colonel Julia E. Hamblet Award was Colonel Marianne S. Waldrop, USMC (Ret) for her dissertation: "Understanding Women Leaders in a Male Dominated Professions: A study of USMC Women Generals". A special recognition for Colonel Julia E. Hamblet and her life's legacy was mentioned before announcing the recipient of the award named in her honor.

Col Hamblet was the longest-serving Director of Women Marines. This 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.

Three other awards went to Marines.

General Walter E. Boomer USMC (Ret) received The Heritage Award, which is given to recognize those who have contributed unique and significant service to the mission of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation.



Gen Walter E. Boomer,
USMC (Ret)



*Left: Col Sarah "Sally" Pritchert, USMC (Ret) and
Past National President Sue Sousa with
WMA National President Betty Moseley Brown.*

Honoring Outstanding Contributions in Preserving and Advancing Marine Corps History

Corporal Shaltiel Dominguez was the recipient of The General Oliver P. Smith Award.

This award is given to an individual who has demonstrated a distinguished example of local news reporting that illuminates the U.S. Marine Corps's relationship with local communities. Cpl Dominguez's report was a video entitled "Lance Corporal Segovia-Lopez Memorial Tribute". The video, which was made in coordination with the Los Angeles Police Department and the local community, celebrated the life of a Reconnaissance Marine in training who was murdered in Los Angeles.

[To view Cpl Dominguez's tribute, go to:
www.dvidshub.net/video/484340/celebration-life-lance-cpl-carlos-segovia-lopez]



**GySgt Elizabeth Inglese with WMA National President
Betty Moseley Brown.**

The Colonel John Magruder Award recipient was Marine Corps Reserve Pentagon for their exhibit: "Marine Corps Reserve Centennial Pentagon Exhibit".

The award was accepted by GySgt Elizabeth Inglese, USMCR. This award is given to an individual or organization that makes available to the public an exhibit that pertains to Marine Corps history. The exhibit includes panels, text, art, and artifacts.

Winners received a \$1,000 cash prize, a medallion and a commemorative brick along the Semper Fidelis Memorial Park pathway at the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

Betty Moseley Brown
WMA National President

National Women's Hall of Fame Announces LtGen Carol Mutter among 2017 Inductees

Our own Carol Mutter is one of ten American women who will be inducted this year into The National Women's Hall of Fame. She will be honored as one of the extraordinary American women whose leadership and contributions have affected the greatest value in their country and in many cases changed the course of history.

The selection of inductees is a rigorous process involving representatives and organizations from many areas of expertise. Women are selected on the basis of the changes they created and the result of those changes.

Carol Mutter served in the Marine Corps for more than 31 years and was the first woman Marine three-star general. She was also the first woman to be qualified as a Command Center Crew Commander/Space Commander at U.S. Space Command, and the first woman of general or flag rank to command a major deployable tactical command. She continues to be a strong advocate and leader for women in the military.

The National Women's Hall of Fame invites you to join them at the Hall's biennial induction ceremony on 16 September 2017 at noon at the New York State Chiropractic College in Seneca Falls, New York. Tickets are available on line at www.womenofthe-hall.org.

We are all immensely proud of our sister Marine! Congratulations ma'am!

Corrina Martell



Lt Gen Carol A. Mutter,
USMC (Ret)

U.S. Marine Corps Memorial Association Department of Colorado Marine Corps League 3066 So Granby St Aurora, CO 80014 <http://usmarinecorpsmemorial.com/> 40th ANNIVERSARY INVITATION

Marines and Friends of Marines,

The United States Marine Corps Memorial in Golden, CO was dedicated 24 August 1977 by then Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Louis H Wilson. The governor of Colorado, congressmen, and senators were also present. The Marine Corps League was well represented as well since the memorial is a subsidiary of the Department of Colorado of the Marine Corps League. Many other veteran organizations, politicians, and businesses have supported the memorial as well. Since this is the only U.S Marine Corps Memorial west of the Mississippi, it is a must see for travelers and an honored place to remember those who served.

We would be honored to have you attend this event. The 40th Anniversary Celebration is on 26 August 2017, with the ceremony beginning at 1400 hours. Festivities begin at 1100 hours. The ceremony will include a flyover or two, bag pipes, color guard, dove release, taps, and Young Marines. We are pleased to announce our special guest speaker, Major General James E Livingston, USMC (R), and Medal of Honor recipient who will be introduced by former Hanoi Hilton POW Lt Col Orson Swindle, USMC (R). The Adjutant General of the State of Colorado is also scheduled to attend.

We believe your attendance would provide a very special touch to the occasion and look forward to your reply. If you are unable to attend, we would appreciate having another distinguished representative attend as your representative. Please help us spread the word!

Please confirm your attendance by emailing MarineMemorial@comcast.net. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions at 303-766-9023

Semper Fidelis!

Paula Sarlls

Immediate Past President

Marine Corps Memorial Association

WMA Honors and Remembers Colonel Julia E. Hamblet *(Continued)*

When she opened it, she discovered it was a letter from the Commandant asking her to return to head up the post war Marine Corps Women's Reserve. Hamblet served as the Director of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve from 1946 to 1948.

Demobilization saw the Women's Reserve cut to only eight officers and 159 enlisted. It was the Women's Armed Forces Integration Act

in 1948 that brought about a transfer of personnel into the regular components of the Marine Corps with the title of women Marines.

Hamblet continued her education by getting a Master's Degree from Ohio State University in 1950. In 1951, after completing graduate work at Ohio State University, she was assigned to the Staff of the Commander, Fleet Marine Force Pacific, with headquarters in Hawaii. The following year, she was named Officer in Charge of the Women Officers Training Detachment, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico.

On 1 May 1953, she assumed duty as Director of Women Marines, again succeeding Colonel Towle who was retiring. The post carried with it the rank of colonel, and Hamblet continued to serve in that capacity when her four-year tour of duty was extended to 1 March 1959. After nine years as a director, Hamblet sought a change. She stated, "I served the longest of any female di-

rector and was the youngest of any female director, I felt I was blocking other women from being director. I wanted other women to have that chance to move up."

Later in March, she was assigned



Guarding the gates of heaven now is a Marine who broke barriers and opened doors that thousands of women have marched through...

duty in Naples, Italy, as Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces, Southern Europe. She was very excited by this part of her experience and felt it was the most interesting in her illustrious career.

In May 1962, on her return from Italy, Hamblet reported to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, as Commanding Officer, Woman Recruit Training Battalion, and served in this capacity until her retirement 1 May 1965 when she was awarded the Legion of Merit for "outstanding service as planner, administrator and leader of women Marines throughout a distinguished career which encompassed every major assignment in the women's program." She always reflected fondly on her service, though when she joined she never foresaw a military career. She especially enjoyed the camaraderie with her fellow Marines.

Retirement never slowed her down.

She went on to work as an administrator in the United States Office of Education working in Washington, D.C. before moving to Seattle, WA where she headed up the student loan programs. In 1978 she

retired for the final time and came back to the East Coast, taking up residence in Alexandria, VA. Her volunteer work continued with the Red Cross and Y.W.C.A. She was an elder

in the Presbyterian Church and was a volunteer at the Williamsburg Library in Williamsburg, VA, where she had moved in 1986.

Hamblet also had her five minutes of fame when on 13 May 1956 she appeared on the television show "What's My Line." They announced her job as "Commandant of Women's Marine Corps." She donated her winnings to the Navy relief fund in honor of Armed Services Week. In June of that same year she found herself in front of the camera on "To Tell The Truth." She donated those winnings as well.

Guarding the gates of heaven now is a Marine who broke barriers and opened doors that thousands of women have marched through, laying a path toward equality. She was respected as she upheld, at all times, the values of our Corps.

Semper Fidelis, Col Hamblet, and thank you.

Mary Ann Merritt

National Western Stock Show: A Patriotic Moment!

I want to bring you to a moment in time that I would have missed had I not gone this year to the annual military night at The National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado. The rodeo/stock show is the largest in the country, and has a history of over 100 years. I had received 75 free tickets for the 17 January event, and since I had been to the show several times before, I gave all the tickets away to veteran friends. Then a friend asked me to do him a favor and escort Jim Blane, an Iwo Jima veteran, to the show. I was so glad I had been asked to accompany Jim Blane to the event and did not miss such a patriotic moment in time. I would like to bring you there to that night with me.

Picture this. At the end of the rodeo, the lights go dark. The music is ominous and begins as a low rumble, increasing slowly. The crowd is eerily quiet. As the spotlight illuminates center arena, the dry ice clouds reveal one World War II dressed Marine after another recreating the flag raising at Iwo Jima's Mt. Suribachi. The announcer and music grow increasingly louder until the scene is completed by the flag raising. Still the crowd is silent... another light suddenly highlights Lieutenant General Rex C. McMillian, Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Reserves and Marine Forces North. LtGen McMillian, along with other VIPs, escorts Iwo Jima veterans Jim Blane, Don

Whipple, and Jack Thurman across the stage. A thunderous applause and standing ovation is spontaneous as the announcer tells the crowd who they are, and highlights their presence and service on Iwo Jima. The last of the three veterans announced is Jack Thurman, who is featured on the left side in the famous flag raising photo, raising his hat and standing above Ira Hayes... deafening hoots, hollers, and applause erupt.

This is one reason we're proud to be an American! God bless these heroes and God bless the United States of America!

Paula Sarlls



Lt Gen Rex C. McMillian, Commander, U.S. Marine Forces Reserves / Marine Forces North. Red Hats – Iwo Jima veterans (l-r) Jack Thurman, Don Whipple, Jim Blane Right – Sgt Maj Patrick L. Kimble, SgtMaj of U.S. Marine Forces Reserve/Marine Forces North. In period uniforms (provided by Frank J Carroll Det. MCL) – active duty Marines (names unknown).



Above: Jack Thurman at Iwo Jima (left waving his hat above Ira Hayes seated).



Clydesdale Horse and owner (name unknown), who asked (as did many) to have photo with the Iwo Jima veterans. Left to Right: Don Whipple, Jack Thurman, Jim Blane.

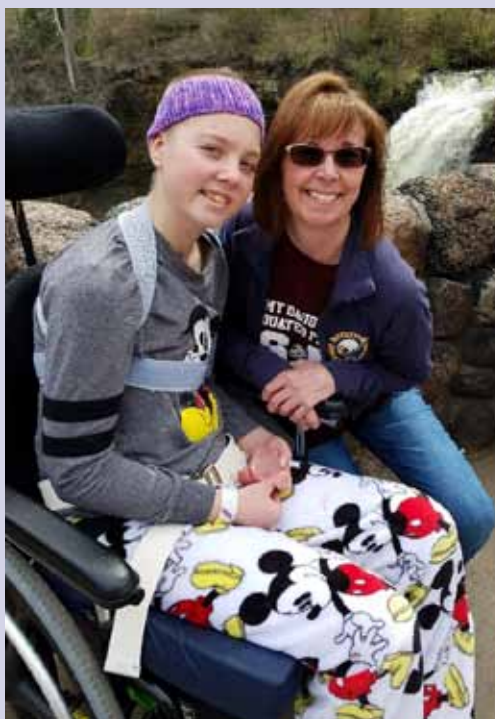
An Update on Olivia Nord, Minnesota Marine

Please continue to remember Olivia Nord, a young Minnesota Marine, as she continues to recover from extensive injuries sustained in an automobile accident in December 2016.

Olivia continues to receive care at the Minneapolis VA and was moved to the Neuro Trauma Rehabilitation floor on 2 April.

She is transferring herself from the wheelchair to the bed, and is making great progress in her speech, occupational, recreational, and physical therapies. She's talking more, getting stronger, and gaining more movement. She has been eating a lot more lately and is now eating regular food! She still has her feeding tube in overnight though.

Olivia is answering questions with a quicker response and is getting more of the answers correct. She is doing multiplication in her head. She likes music and has sung the lyrics to Bruno Mars and Miley Cyrus songs. Her left side is still not moving but she has shown some movement in her left leg. She is eating solid food but has lost a lot of weight since the accident. Her family is hopeful that she can go home for a day pass soon.



Jenny and Olivia Nord (L) and her mother Jenny Nord (R) on Olivia's first trip away from the VA on Sunday, 23 April at Minnehaha Falls.

Therapies take up a lot of Olivia's time during the weekdays, so the nursing staff has asked us to pass along some guidelines for visitors. First, they ask that she receive no visitors after 7:30 pm, as this is when she is getting ready for bed, and that we limit her visitors to close family and friends. Optimal weekday times for visitors is between 4:00 and 6:00 PM, and visits should be limited to around 15 minutes. Dur-

ing the weekends, they ask that she not have visitors between 10 and 11 AM and between 2 and 3 PM, as this is when she is resting. They also ask that visitors reminisce with her rather than asking her a lot of questions. An example would be "my favorite memories of our times together are when we did ..." Also, if you are not feeling well, please do not visit.

Olivia's mom Jenny is enjoying being able to drive again. It allows her to spend as much time as she wants at the VA with Olivia! She is continuing to improve her flexibility and movement with therapy and exercise.

She is hoping to return to work on a part-time basis, and gradually transition back to full time in the near future.

Again, if you would like to send get well wishes to this young Marine, please forward to:

Olivia Nord
c/o Eva Benedetto
17744 Galery Drive
Farmington, MN 55024.

*Vicki Latiolais and
Eva Benedetto*

In Case You Didn't Know...

There were two women Marines who served in both World War I and World War II.

Martrese Thek Ferguson and Lillian O'Malley Daley were among the first 305 women to enlist in the Marine Corps during World War I, and they both served in the Office of the Inspector Adjutant. Years later they both returned to duty in the Marine Corps to serve in World

War II. Ferguson was admitted to the first Officer Candidate School class at Mount Holyoke in 1943. She graduated first in her class and was commissioned a first lieutenant at graduation.

Ferguson rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel and commanded 2,000 women Marines assigned to Henderson Hall, Arlington, Virginia.

O'Malley was a direct commission

in January of 1943. A direct commission is an officer who receives a commission without the typical prerequisites for achieving a commission. She was assigned to Camp Pendleton as the West Coast Liaison for the Women's Reserve.

Oohrah Marines! We will not forget you!

Corrina Martell

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MO-1 St. Louis Chapter
Linda S. Munson
Carol Mutter
John Neal, in memory of Barbara Hluboky
The New York Community Trust
Kara L. Nissen
OR-1 Lady Marine Rose Chapter, in memory of Betty A. Workman
OR-2 Southern Oregon Chapter
Parris Island Alumni Reunion
Paula Sarlls
Connie Schroller
Sgt. Grit
Theresa "Sue" Sousa
Sandra Spatz-Wisznaukas
Mary Ellen Stone
Joseph Taylor, in memory of his aunt, Gladys (USMC)
and uncle William McCrea (Army)
CJ Watson
Karen Wheeler, in memory of Judy Wheeler Schroeder
Wisznaukas Family Foundation
Wreaths Across America



Top Row, L-R: June Dempsey, Carol Mutter, Joan Cisco and AD8 Pat Horton; Bottom Row L-R: Jeanne Botwright and Bettie Lerdall. Not pictured: Mary Ann Derryberry and JoAnn Hesson.

Arizona Veterans Heritage Project Interviews WMA Members

WMA members gathered at the Arizona Veterans Heritage Project (VHP) Community Reception and Book Signing on 9 April 2017. VHP connects students with veterans as primary sources of history to motivate and inspire students. Students have the opportunity to interview veterans, and are given the responsibility of writing stories about their veterans' military experience. These stories are published in VHP's hard covered books entitled "Since You Asked", and students honor their veterans at their chapter's annual book signing celebration.

This year's book, "Since You Asked Volume XIII: A Salute to Women", includes interviews with June Dempsey, Joan Cisco, Jeanne Botwright, Mary Ann Derryberry, and JoAnn Hesson. Since this year's book was specifically a salute to women, Carol Mutter was asked to speak at the book signing reception. Carol Mutter was interviewed for "Since You Asked Volume IV".

Pat Horton drove five hours each way to be there for the members of her area – that's going above and beyond!

Carol Mutter

Heads Up, Sister Marines!

A Marine Celebrates A Milestone Sixty-Year Jubilee as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Our very own Eileen Parker celebrated her 60th Jubilee as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet (CSJ) on 25 March 2017.

Sister Eileen Parker began her religious life at Carondelet Family Center in Los Angeles, CA. She entered CSJ with about 107 other women, most of which had just graduated from high school.

Sr. Eileen was referred to as “The Old Lady” since was already a captain in the USMCWR and in her mid-twenties.

After taking her vows, Sr. Eileen served in positions in Minnesota, Baltimore, and Fresno with Catholic Charities. She has also served as the chaplain for a retirement/convalescent facility in Camarillo, CA. Below is Sr. Eileen’s message of thanks to everyone of her friends and supporters:

My Dear Friend,

Jubilee is a time for celebration and gratitude.

As I celebrated my 60 years as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, my heart was full of gratitude for your messages of support and prayer.

Thank you for gifting me with your generosity.

May God continue to bless you with peace and all good.

Semper Fidelis,

Eileen Parker, CSJ

Sr. Eileen was preceded in religious service by her younger sister Sheila, who was a religious sister in a medical missionary order. Sheila died in 2000. There were no other siblings and Sr. Eileen has no immediate family living. Being remembered by her sister Marines has to be joyous for her.

“...My heart was full of gratitude for your messages of support and prayer.”

Please continue to help her celebrate and commemorate this special anniversary by sending a card or note of remembrance and congratulations:

Sr. Eileen Parker, CSJ
Holy Family Community
11999 Chalon Road
Los Angeles, CA 90049
eparker@csjla.org

As an active duty Marine, Sr. Eileen graduated in the first women’s Officer Candidate School Class, Quantico. The many locations she served at included MCRD San Diego and MCAS El Toro.

She is a Life Member of WMA and CA-5 since 1972. For you members that attended the 1978 Convention aboard the T.S.S. Mardi Gras, Sr. Eileen was a sister Conventioneer!

Thank you all for your caring and remembering. Sr. Eileen will be so pleased with your good wishes. She follows her faith “once a Catholic, always a Catholic” followed by the same oath... “once a Marine always a Marine!” Hence “Our Holy Marine!” Blessings...Semper Tua...

Patricia Singer



The Carondelet Family Center in Los Angeles, CA.

Molly Marine Award Recipients



7 December, 2016 - Platoon 4044:
Senior Drill Instructor:
SSgt Buffaloe
Molly Marine Award Recipient:
PFC Genesis Velez
Platoon 4045:
Senior Drill Instructor:
GySgt Garcia
Molly Marine Award Recipient:
PFC Caitlyn Rowe
Guest Speaker: Mrs. Serenity Button

7 December, 2016 - Platoon 4046:
Senior Drill Instructor:
GySgt Taylor
Molly Marine Award Recipient:
Pvt Julia D. Alaniz
Platoon 4047:
Senior Drill Instructor:
Sgt Selgren
Molly Marine Award Recipient:
PFC Paloma V. Gonzalez
Guest Speaker: Mrs. Serenity Button



Molly Marine Award Recipients



18 January, 2017 - Platoon 4002:
 Senior Drill Instructor:
 SSgt Paulina Alvarado
 Molly Marine Award Recipient:
 Pvt Irene Nicholson
 Platoon 4003:
 Senior Drill Instructor:
 SSgt Megan Roberts
 Molly Marine Award Recipient:
 Pvt Katrina N. Goddard
 Guest Speaker: Mrs. Serenity Button

8 February, 2017 - Platoon 4004:
 Senior Drill Instructor:
 SSgt Wilkes
 Molly Marine Award Recipient:
 PFC Monica Mondelli
 Platoon 4005:
 Senior Drill Instructor:
 Sgt Erianne
 Molly Marine Award Recipient:
 PFC Heather Abbott
 Guest Speaker: Mrs. Serenity Button



Molly Marine Award Recipients

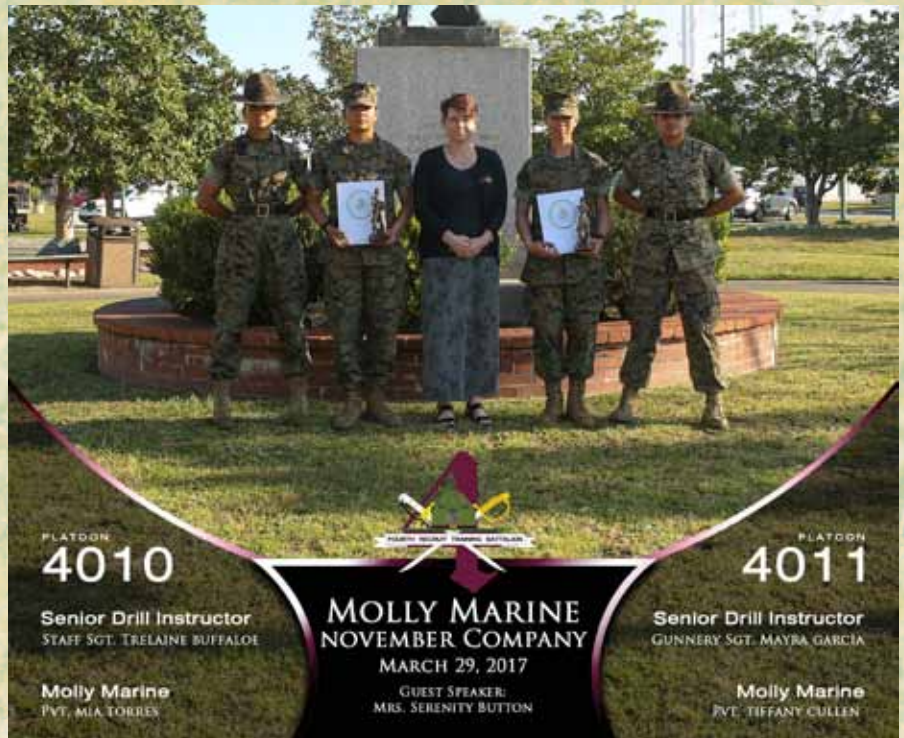
22 February, 2017 - Platoon 4006:
 Senior Drill Instructor:
 GySgt Melissa Garcia
 Molly Marine Award Recipient:
 PFC Terrianna M. Hardy
 Platoon 4007:
 Senior Drill Instructor:
 SSgt Yvonne Hardy
 Molly Marine Award Recipient:
 Pvt Natasha J. Finney
 Guest Speaker: Mrs. Serenity Button



8 March, 2017 - Platoon 4008:
 Senior Drill Instructor:
 SSgt Hazzell Ramos
 Molly Marine Award Recipient:
 Pvt Keyshla M. Rios-Gonzalez
 Platoon 4009:
 Senior Drill Instructor:
 SSgt Amy White
 Molly Marine Award Recipient:
 PFC Chelsi T. Mayuyo
 Guest Speaker: Mrs. Serenity Button

Molly Marine Award Recipients

29 March, 2017 - Platoon 4010:
 Senior Drill Instructor:
 SSgt Trelaine Buffaloe
 Molly Marine Award Recipient:
 Pvt Mia Torres
 Platoon 4011:
 Senior Drill Instructor:
 GySgt Mayra Garcia
 Molly Marine Award Recipient:
 Pvt Tiffany Cullen
 Guest Speaker: Mrs. Serenity Button



26 April, 2017 - Platoon 4014:
 Senior Drill Instructor:
 SSgt Elena Jaramillo Bell
 Molly Marine Award Recipient:
 PFC Elizabeth Magee
 Platoon 4015:
 Senior Drill Instructor:
 SSgt Breeanna Carter
 Molly Marine Award Recipient:
 PFC Nutsinee BeaCH
 Guest Speaker: Mrs. Serenity Button

Taps

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

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

Life Member

			Membership No.
Callaway, Helen (Trione)	02/027/17	AL	#1619
Carney, Vera (Hildreth/Pace)	12/11/16	MN	#2311
Cleary, Helen	11/5/16	MA	#2061
Czarneck, Geraldine (Kiouis)	02/27/17	CA-5	#391
Galvan, Gaye (Salman)	01/17/17	CA-11	#1572
Gerety, Margaret (Schneider)	02/09/17	MN	#3157
Hagener, Lillian	10/23/16	CA-7	#314
Harms, Ruth (Saunders)	01/25/17	WI	#2322
Ives, Marian (Bauer)	03/08/17	LA-1, TX-2	#1253
Kruizinga, Virginia (Fain)	11/16/16	OK-1	#1761
Lindsey, Margaret (Neely)	07/13/16	ID	#791
Nichols, Rose	03/11/17	MI-2	#972
Phillips, Jeannette (Drummond)	03/12/17	AL	#2812
Plummer, Doris (Stenberg)	01/28/17	FL-2	#3344
Reuter, Nancy (Brown)	11/23/16	VA	#2747
Schumaker, Ruth	04/09/15	AZ-2	#525
Sieben, Dorothy J (Bode)	03/20/17	CA-5	#1200
Stonebreaker, Rita (Moran)	03/12/17	CA-5	#1186
Warfel, Anita (Fischer)	020/2/17	CA-1	#727
Wiegman, Beulah “Billie” (Stoner)	01/07/17	IL	#2650
Woods, Mary	02/07/16	MN	#133

Term Members

Bork, Jane (Watkins)		MN	
Danielsen, Lucille (McLachlan)	03/03/17	CA-3	
German, Kathleen (Foley)	01/29/17	MI-2	
Karrasch, Patricia	02/17/17	WA-3	
Madru, Irene (Hartman)	12/19/16	NY	
Stein, Ruth (Court)	01/25/17	OR-2	

Chaplain’s Corner:



Spring is a time for renewal, growth, and expansion; we feel it in the air. Even though we can do this at any time during the year, it feels just right to do it during spring. We seem to have that extra energy and focus to get physically active, take action, and create change.

Spring is a great time to envision endless possibilities, and to use our creative gifts to reach new levels of achievement, wellness, happiness and success.

Spring is a good time to let go of the old and make room for the new. This can apply to the traditional spring cleaning, but most importantly we need to apply it to letting go of old grudges, resentments, and anger that holds us back from enjoying inner peace and more happiness in our lives. When we hold on to the old we keep ruminating and re-visiting old wounds and they keep us stuck. And sometimes we don’t even know it. When we choose to let go of the old we make room for the new, and open the door to endless possibilities that are waiting for us. Wishing you all success in the Service Projects your Chapters have lined up for this season.

Eileen Skahil
WMA Chaplain



Guidelines for Submitting Items to Taps

Notification of a deceased member should be made to the WMA Membership Secretary Allison Stein at msec@womenmarines.org or (205) 487-9277. The membership secretary will notify the WMA Chaplain, Eileen Skahill.

Please be sure to include the date of death and a next-of-kin, with address and relationship of the next-of-kin to the deceased.

Please remember that chapters may have the most up-to-date information on a deceased member’s next-of-kin.

Eileen Skahil
WMA Chaplain

Area 1 News: A Meeting and Actions to Help Veterans

Social media works! Without a chapter in the state of New York, 29 sister Marines still came together along with a dozen other guests on Long Island to celebrate the 74th anniversary of women in the Corps at a luncheon held in Farmingdale, NY.

The idea of a luncheon on Long Island was to fulfill a promise I made to the daughter of WWII Marine, Barbara Kruse. This event would not have happened if it were not for our sister Marine, StaceyAnn Castro, who I met through social media in November. Being a resident of Connecticut, I knew very little about Long Island. I asked my new Marine friend if she would be willing to help me host a luncheon.

Marines love a mission, so StaceyAnn and I partnered (without a face to face meeting until the day of the event) and successfully organized and hosted this spectacular and memorable day. We honored three WWII Marines –Barbara Kruse, Josephine Cerbelli, and Annabelle Weiss - and presented them with the WWII victory medal and Special Congressional Recognition citations.

Two of the three Marines were not aware they rated the WWII victory medal, so it was emotional and heart-warming to celebrate these amazing veterans. We appreciate all the hard work by StaceyAnn who enlisted in the USMC in September 2001 and later deployed with Marine Wing Support Squadron 272 as a Crash Fire Rescue Firefighter. We look for more great things to come from StaceyAnn!

One of Area 1's primary missions this year has been to support and assist the female homeless veteran community. Every day I actively work to learn more about how we, as sister veterans, can help. Sadly, the list is endless but it's a clear mission with great purpose and great reward. I know as Marines it is a mission we are called to support.

During the holidays, I was asked to write an article for an Army sister veteran for a local news station. This article was also shared with the WMA blog. It was about the "Profile of a Homeless Veteran"

through my own eyes. I was asked to share a few excerpts:

"They came home from the military, and then became homeless. At a young age, they've done more and seen more in a lifetime. They put everything on the line with sharpened skills like no other. They were in-charge of the world and believed they could do anything to make our world safer. They were trained to be leaders and have courage and skills to take on whatever mission assigned to them. Compared to their military life, being around civilians and family can be too provincial. They've changed, but the rest of their family/friends have not. Emotionally, they don't fit in. Nobody "gets" them. Their friends/family can't accept who they've become as they are trying to adapt back to civilian life as they once knew. Their family/friends often wonder "what happened to them or what's wrong with them". They often become estranged from loved ones due to combat or non-combat PTSD, and



many females due to MST that leads to PTSD. They have a difficult time relating to others at home. They cannot emotionally get the turmoil out of their heads and family/friends do not know how to help because they haven't walked a day in their boots. Family/friends may think they know how to help the veteran but they don't. They want to "fix" their vet instead of embracing the new and changed person who is trying to come "home again."

With the increase of females serving in the last two decades, the homeless female veteran population seems to be growing, but there are fewer services to help them at this point. Many are mothers and trying to protect their children in a safe and

healthy environment. These women struggle with the same emotions listed above, but women don't seek help until it's often too late. Women know they are going to be facing the giants when they enter the military, both physically and emotionally. They know they must always try harder to meet the expectations.

Since WWI, military women have evolved from clerks into combat-ready warriors with physical and emotional strength and skills that far outweigh that of other women. These female veterans are slow to ask for help -- because they have always had to do it on their own and "carry their own pack." They are looking for purpose and identity in their communities too; but they are seen by family and friends as too aggressive, too outspoken, too commanding, too decisive, too deliberate, ...too everything.

Women have changed significantly and successfully as they have fully integrated into all military occupations. The problem is, society has not prepared itself to welcome home this changed woman; even though they created her. She finds she is only comfortable with other veterans because nobody else gets her. "

Please take the time to connect with the homeless veteran shelters in your own state as well as your State's Secretary of Veteran Affairs.

This mission is real and current and they would appreciate your interest and help. If it were not for the WMA, I doubt I would have known about the need of our homeless veterans.

StaceyAnn is helping in Long Island by promoting awareness of our homeless veterans by hosting a 5K run. CT-1 chapter president, Jennifer Jackson, had her April chapter meeting at a homeless shelter to bring awareness to her members but to also be supportive to our sister veterans. In May, we mustered in Rhode Island (with the help of our sister Carol Freitas) in support of the Holly Charette Home for homeless female veterans. Area 1 is in formation and on the move. Forward march, and step!

Wisdom Key:

THOSE WHO UNLOCK YOUR COMPASSION ARE THOSE TO WHOM YOU HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED.

Jaime B. DePaola
Area 1 Director

WMA Chapter Clippings

CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

The Greater San Francisco Bay Area Chapter CA-3 held three of their monthly meetings during this time period. The January meeting, celebrating the New Year, was a no-host meeting. Members brought military shirts, hats, etc, to exchange with others. The February meeting, hosted by CA-3 members Nell Marie Forsey and Susan Johnston, celebrated the 74th anniversary of women serving in the Marine Corps Reserve. A cake cutting ceremony was held, with the oldest Marine present – Barbara Naas, and the youngest Marine present – Bonnie Dabalos-Castro. The March meeting, hosted by CA-3 member Barbara Naas and Loyal Escort Sarah Rivera, celebrated St Patrick's Day.

On 1 March 2017, Las Positas College in Livermore held its 5th Annual event to Honor Women Veterans. Kathleen Wright of CA-3 was asked to represent the Marines and the Vietnam Era as a member of the panel that fielded questions from the audience. This college has a very active women veterans program and honors its female veterans every year during Women's History Month. Several scholarships were awarded to female student veterans following the panel discussion and lunch was provided for all attendees.



L-R: MC-Kelly McFarland (USN), Doral Gonzalez (USA Nurse), Kathleen Wright (USMC), Carolann Wunderlin (USAF), and Kathy Leffel-Vargas (USA)

Honor Guard.

I am sad to say that CA-3 lost two members this quarter. One was one of our inactive members, Faith Miller. I am very sad to announce that the second member CA-3 lost was one of their last active World War II veterans – Lucy Danielson. Until recently, Lucy attended CA-3 meetings, and was honored as our oldest Marine. Lucy's funeral service was attended by CA-3 Vice President Kathleen Wright, CA-3 Loyal Escort Angie Fredekind and CA-3 friend Barbara Morgan. Lucy's son was very surprised at the number of friends and neighbors who came to the service. CA-3 Vice President Kathleen Wright read the Memorial for a Woman Marine, which everyone enjoyed hearing.

Lucy's husband was retired Navy and is buried in Arlington. Lucy will join him at Arlington at a later date. Lucy joined the Marine Corps in April of 1945, rising to the rank of Sergeant before being discharged. Lucy considered the Marine Corps a real learning experience, and was proud of her service. She will be missed.

Susan Johnston



Lucy Danielson

CA-7 Edith Macias Vann So. California

The year started out on a somber note with the passing of Faith Miller on 4 January 2017 in Bellingham, WA. Faith was a WMA charter member and she was a CA-7 Chapter life member. Semper Fidelis, Faith.

On 11 February 2017, the chapter celebrated the 74th Anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve by hosting a luncheon at the Veterans Association of North County center in Oceanside. This year's



event was light on the ceremony and heavy on the fun. The theme was Hawaiian Luau, complete with a Hawaiian buffet and a performance by the Sunset Strummers Ukulele group of which our Vice President and Chaplain, Brenda Hockenhull and Charlene Itchkawich, respectively, are members. The luncheon was well attended by CA-7 members as well as members from other local CA chapters. Everyone had a wonderful time.

During March, chapter member MaryAnn Miller was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant. Her promotion ceremony was held on board the USS Midway in San Diego. Several chapter members, to include Loyal Escorts, attended. In addition, as part of Camp Pendleton's yearlong celebration of its 75th Anniversary, some of our members attended the Marine Corps Battle Color Ceremony, which included the United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps, Silent Drill Platoon, and Marine Corps Color Guard.

In April, recognition and appreciation were distributed in the community as well as within the chapter. The chapter's Scholarship Committee selected three local high school students to be the recipients of the chapter's 2017 scholarships. The recipients will be presented with the scholarships during their respective high school awards ceremony. During the chapter's April business meeting and luncheon, chapter president Karla Merrell presented member Phyllis Bourque with a certificate of appreciation for all of the work she has done for our chapter, to include her efforts in making our participation in the annual Wreaths Across America program successful year after year.

Glynis Rates

CA-8 Palms to Pines

We have had so much rain that the Governor has declared the end of the drought. Things are so pretty and green with lots of bugs.

For the 74th Anniversary of the Women Marines, Sybil Acree, Cassandra Thompson-Jervis, Ozell Barksdale and Helen Page attended the Chapter CA-7 Luau in Oceanside. It was a real Hawaiian Luau with great food, Hawaiian dancers and ukuleles. Each year they outdo themselves. It's always a pleasure to be invited.

We've had a few changes in our board with Johnnie leaving. I am now president again and Rosemary Abrego-Holmes vice president. The secretary and treasurer positions are the same.



Our MCJROTC is getting ready for their awards. We have five schools, so May will be a busy month. Then we have our pull tabs turn in at Ronald McDonald House.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Summer. See you in September.

Semper Fi

Sybil Acree

CA-29 Twenty Nine Palms



Diane Durden and Elaine Bowden pass the gavel at the January 2017 chapter meeting.

The CA 29 Palms chapter held its January chapter meeting with a turnover of several officers. Diane Durden was installed as the new president of the chapter, replacing Elaine Bowden who had been president for the last ten years. Kathleen Arbaczewski assumed the duties as secretary replacing Barbara Pudinski in this position.

The members celebrated the Women Marines 74th Anniversary with a luncheon at a local restaurant in 29 Palms. Guest Speaker was active duty Captain Ciara Desse, who serves as the adjutant/G-1 of MCAGCC, 29 Palms. Chapter members participated in the local VFW posts 'Celebration of Veterans' in Joshua Tree. Many members also took an active part in the 'Relay for Life' Cancer fundraiser in April.

The chapter will be participating in Memorial Day services in both Yucca Valley and 29 Palms. The next chapter meeting will be on Saturday, 29 April at 11:00 AM. The chapter has a permanent meeting place at the Elks Club in 29 Palms, and encourages all active duty, veteran, and retired women Marines to join them. Information on the Women Marine Association, 29 Palms Chapter can be obtained from Elaine Bowden at 760-367-6187 or email elbow29@earthlink.net.

Elaine Bowden

DC-1 District of Columbia

The WMA DC-1 Chapter Business Meeting held on 8 April 2017 at the Olive Garden in Vienna, VA was filled with agenda items ranging from getting "champions" to host future meetings, making plans for the upcoming 2018 Biennial Convention, to recruiting walkers for the annual Memorial Day parade. The meeting proved to be jammed packed with fun and surprises thanks to G Cano, who raised the bar for championing DC-1's meetings! She surprised member Pat Kelly with a free meal after Pat guessed how many WMA logo imprinted M&Ms were in a bowl! It's always great to gather with our regular members, but we were especially happy to welcome a few first-timers: Bev Wilder, Tanieka Key, Marline Dominic and Rose Moore.

Trisha Byrne, champion for the Memorial Day Parade, took the floor to encourage more members to come out for the parade. This has become an annual event that DC-1 participates in and we are hoping to see active, reserve, and retired Marines, WMA member or not, come celebrate with us. Our Memorial Day Parade honoree this year is WMA Immediate Past President Rhonda Amtower, who is driving up from Williamsburg, VA to participate with us in the parade.

Lelia Jackson, DC-1 Treasurer and Co-Chair of the 2018 Convention, put on her red-white-blue, star-spangled top hat and got the members and loyal



escorts pumped and ready to roll up their sleeves to volunteer for different committees for the convention. After listening to Lelia's energetic spiel, even the first time ladies volunteered to participate! This is a big event and we are going to need everyone to help out in some way. It's not too early to start. Lelia distributed information for ads for the program booklet and sponsorship forms.

Finally, remember to save the dates: 30 August – 3 September 2018 as DC-1 and VA-1 jointly host the 2018 Women Marines Association (WMA) Biennial Convention & Professional Development Symposium and the celebration of 100 Years of Women in the Marine Corps at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202. Plan to celebrate in our Nation's Capital and home of the first chapter of the Women Marines Association – DC-1!

Gaile Lee

KY-1 Winning Colors



The ladies of the KY-1 Winning Colors Chapter celebrated the 74th anniversary at the Nazareth House, where one of our WWII members resides. Cherish Joostberns's daughter's girl scout troop #97 donated assorted items for the VA Hospice wing that our chapter supports.

Mary Bailey celebrated her 95th birthday on 23 February, and she would like to thank all our WMA members who sent her a card. She loved them and the WMA large patch she received.

Mary Broussard, Sarah O'Quinn and Cherish Joostberns participated in a yard sale in early April to help us build our funds to support the VA hospice wing and the family members of the patients there. The chapter is preparing for the MCJROTC presentations in April and May.

Semper Fi,

Brenda Moore

LA-1 Molly Marine

On 17 January, members, loyal escorts and guests met to celebrate and welcome the New Year. The first meeting of the year 2017 was held at the Wine Market in Slidell, LA with a great turnout! A toast was given by the Vice President, Dalia Robles.



On 25 January, April Austin and Melanie Young replaced the American flag and the Marine Corps flag at the Molly Marine Statue on the corner of Canal and Elk Place. With numerous tourists visiting the area for Mardi Gras, they ensured our beloved Molly was inspection ready.

On 28 January, several members attended the Wet Down of Michael Smith, as he was promoted to CWO4. The celebration was held at The Irish House in New Orleans. The Irish House had delicious food and the camaraderie was awesome! On that same day Mary Draughn had a bonfire at her residence where all chapter members were invited. It was a great time for fellowship and trying to keep warm!

On 29 January, Sylvia Silva visited two of our WWII Molly Marines, Vera Rogachenko and Marian Ives. She conveyed to them that we were all sending our love and prayers and they were both missed. "Sylvia you are a sweetheart". Sylvia found Ms. Marian doing well at St. Agnes Facility in Breaux Bridge, LA. She is very close to her son's home and he visits her often and is very involved in her care. Sylvia and Marian reminisced about the Meet Molly Marine Conference and her time in the Marine Corps as a Motor T Instructor. She was reminded that she did some amazing things during her time in the Marine Corps. Shortly after the holidays, Ms. Vera was admitted to Ochsner Hospital in Baton Rouge, LA. She was doing well and was moved to a rehab hospital and then to an assisted living facility to regain her strength before returning home. Sylvia informed us that she was all smiles and loved that the sun was shining!

On 11 February, LA-1 Celebrated 74 Years of Women in the Marine Corps by honoring our WWII veterans. The vice president, Dalia Robles, hosted the event at the Lambeth House so that we could bring the celebration to one of our WWII veterans, Frances Hoffman. The Women Marines Association is very fortunate to still have some of these WWII pioneers who led the way for us. Their



journeys are priceless and they are WMA treasures. Our chapter had a beautiful event and we are privileged to have members who are part of the WWII era; Frances Hoffman, Vera Rogachenko and Marian Ives. They all have great stories to share and we must listen so we can continue to tell

their story. On 12 February, Sylvia Silva brought the 74th Anniversary Celebration to two of our WWII Marines, Ms. Marian and Ms. Vera. Sylvia presented them with a WWII brass button ring and shared the special video that she made for the event that was dedicated to them.

On 23 February, LA-1 Molly Marines took over the streets of New Orleans as we rode with the Krewe of Muses.



This year we had more participants then ever and we also had the honor of having our Area 6 sister chapters participating/visiting (FL-11, TX-2) the celebrations. Vicki Duplantier opened her home to us, which was a special treat considering that you can see the parade right in front of her home. Mardi Gras usually brings fun and camaraderie to our LA-1 members.

On 4 March, LA-1 Members gathered for the beautification project to keep Molly Marine clean after a festive Mardi Gras season. On this day, LA-1 donated a check to the Commandant of the Jans F. Hursey Detachment, Mary Draughn, to assist with the burial of one our own, a Marine whose spouse did not have the funds to have him cremated. May Richmond Hargrove rest in peace. We also recognized a young man, Chase Romero, for his continued participation and volunteered time to LA-1. Chase volunteered during the First Timers at the Oregon convention in 2016 and more recently the Molly Marine Beautification project. Thank you Chase, for your participation and dedication.



Marian Bauer Ives

Sadly, LA-1 lost one of their treasured members. On 14 March, some of the chapter members had the honor to render a final salute to our USMC sister, Marian Bauer Ives, 25 June 1923 – 8 March 2017. Marian gifted our chapter with her grace. A beautiful military service was held in

Breaux Bridge, LA for our WWII Marine. Mary Draughn, LA-1 Chaplain, honored our sister's service and shared beautiful words of comfort. Members in attendance were Patricia Huttinger, Melanie Young, Sylvia Silva, Teresa Anderson, Elizabeth Damron, Lyn Franklin, Martha Raney (TX) and Anna Sanders of the Louisiana Woman Veteran Organization.

We are looking forwards to what is to come in the next quarter, until then, Semper Fi.

Dalia Robles

MI-2 Motor City

It is hard to believe that a quarter of 2017 has already gone by. We have been very busy from celebrating our anniversary as well as the 97th birthday of our oldest member, Sally Rizzo. She was so thrilled to get so many cards from near and far.

Our membership is growing as we welcomed two new members to our chapter last month. With all of our activities we can use all hands on deck.



In February our chapter hosted our annual Valentine week packing party. We not only packed up over 350 boxes we also collected a full truckload of canned goods for the area Veteran Food pantry run by the VA.

We had approximately 38 volunteers, and the best part was we had a Marine smoke and donate 100lbs of pulled pork with all the trimmings to feed our volunteers. We are so thankful to live in a community that is so giving.

We collected and delivered gift bags for our homeless women that included everything from robes to a small suitcase. Next stop with be gifts for Mother's Day.

In April we found ourselves at the VA Hospital on Palm Sunday serving our veterans coffee and donates. This is one of the things we do that we love as we interact with each veteran. Both our members and Loyal Escorts are usually in attendance.



We visited Otisville elementary on 19 April, where we packed boxes for six classes for our deployed troops. These boxes will be going to the father of one of the preschool children. It is such a joy to see such young children so intent and focused on a mission.

Our project we are currently working on is sending each of a members who are age 90 and up a hand knitted/crocheted afghan as our way of letting them know they are not forgotten. The first 20 are going out on 25 April. We are very excited about this project. We collected several large bags of yarn and have a team of our Loyal Escorts who are making these. Thank you Linda and Barbara Tye!

The next quarter will just as busy. We are working on our goals to recruit more members and more Loyal Escorts and on a plan to raise funds to fully fund the Megan McClung Fund.

Mary Ann Merritt

MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks

On 18 February 2017, the chapter meeting met in the community room of Jocelyn Allen, grandmother of chapter president Michelle Livingston. We hope to be able to meet there again to experience the various seasons because of the nice scenic view.

On 18-19 February 2017, a female only mini-boot camp, complete with female drill instructors, was conducted by the Recruiting Station Twin Cities at Camp Ripley.

Female poolees were given the opportunity to experience a small degree of what they could expect in boot camp. A Q&A was conducted with the poolees asking questions of the Marine panel as to their experiences while in service. Michelle Livingston, Vicki Latiolais and Mosha Cook attended and participated with preparation of a hot meal before the poolees were released by the RS.

Another mini-boot camp is scheduled by the 4th Law Battalion at Ft. Snelling on 29 April 2017 with an estimated 200+ poolees to be attending.

Michelle Livingston continues to attend the Marine Corps Coordinating Council and Marine Corps League meetings to network with other Marine and veteran groups.

On 11 March 11 2017 Lorraine Morgan, Julie Williams, Linda Munson, Michelle Livingston and Vicki Latiolais took a road trip to visit past chapter president Ruth Klett at her residence and had an enjoyable visit. Ruth informed us that she was 99 years young. She could have enlisted during World War II but worked as a secretary before enlisting during Korea.

During her 18-month enlistment she worked as a court reporter. She was an avid golfer and enjoyed getting out on the courses. She worked for the St. Paul Companies after she left the military. She misses not being able to attend chapter events and inquired about chapter members.

On 22 April 2017, the chapter met at the Lund's & Byerly's in Edina in their community room to discuss upcoming events and chapter activities.

On 18 May 2017, a chapter representative will be present for the Como Park MCJROTC Awards Ceremony.

The awards ceremony will be followed by the change of command parade and lunch buffet at the school. We await identification of the 2017 recipient.

The 2017 MDVA Women Veteran Conference is scheduled for Thursday, 25 May 2017 in Plymouth, MN. The event is free and is looking for service uniforms for display on the date of the conference.

As always, if you are in the area, the chapter extends an open invitation to join us at upcoming events. For more information on any of the content in our chapter update, please feel free to contact us at MN1@womenmarines.org.

Vicki Latiolais

OR-1 Lady Marine Rose

During a moving ceremony at our March meeting, Vietnam veteran Sandra Spatz-Wisznau was presented with a Quilt of Valor from the Quilts of Valor Foundation.



Sandra served in the USMC from 1966-1969. She served with U.S. Naval Forces Vietnam from 1968-1969.

The QOVF's mission is to recognize and honor those touched by war, offer comfort and healing, and warm the soul. The Foundation was founded in 2003 by a mom whose son was stationed in Iraq. Since that time 152,000 individual soul-warming hand-made quilts have been presented.

Quilts of Valor may be requested by family members or friends of service members and veterans. To learn more about the QOVF or to request a quilt visit www.QOVF.org.

Semper Fi!

Rosy Macias



From left to right: Greg Wisneuckas, Sandra Spatz-Wisneuckas, and David Wisneuckas.

The meal was delicious, but that Double Chocolate Brownie Anniversary cake that Betty orders for us every year is beyond amazing. For the cake cutting, WWII member Edna Stark was our oldest member and our youngest was Christina Klein. Cake was served to all and our guest of honor Patricia Huttinger told us about the future convention in Washington DC in 2018, and the cruise her chapter is planning in April. We gave her our cooler bag of TX-2 goodies for attending and passed out roses to everyone present. We sang the Marine Hymn at the conclusion with an Ooh Rah to the Corps and you know who at the end.

Hope everyone's spring has sprung by the time you read this! Good luck with your sinuses and just look at all the beauty around you!

Marti Raney

WA-3 North Sound



For a small chapter, we have been plenty busy. The New Year found us sending a box to a new women veteran's home in Connecticut, as well as sending six boxes to troops serving in Afghanistan from Washington State!

The chapter met to celebrate the 74th Anniversary of the Women Reserves on 11 February 2017. Our members continue to knit and crochet baby items and deliver them to local hospitals for the newborns who may not have anything. The chapter will meet on 20 May at the usual Village Restaurant in Marysville, and then will follow that with our summer get together in Port Orchard (Date TBD). So if you are in the area, please mark your calendars!

Peggy Reiber

TX-2 Texas Gulf Coast

Happy 74th Birthday to all Women Marines from the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter!

Texas is overflowing with the spirit of spring in the air. The trees and flowers are budding out everywhere, bringing on the chirping of the birds returning home from their short sabbaticals south and the buzzing of bees. The year 2016 is a recent memory of the wonderful convention in Portland and 2017 is a window of the future to be opened by our WMA.

TX-2 once again celebrated our anniversary this year at the Post Oak Grill in The Galleria Area of Houston. It was such a wonderful setting last year and the food was so delicious that we had to return, and it again surpassed all our expectations. They once again reserved a private room for our meeting that I swear is wino heaven, for the walls are covered with racks of different wines of every kind from everywhere. This room had been reserved in the past for presidents and movie and music stars, so it was fitting for the WMA anniversary and a group of The Few, The Prouder, The Women Marines.

TX-2 President Judy Anderson welcomed everyone to the luncheon and there were 10 members present and 1 guest member from LA-1, the Area 6 Director Patricia Huttinger. There were also four guests present, LEGGS Member Isaac Bazile, Eleanor Gibbs's son and daughter Peter and Joan Gibbs, and Edna Sparks's niece, Teresa. Lynn Sparks led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Betty Huggins led the prayer for the luncheon.

Our Area 6 Director Patricia Huttinger read the Commandant's message and Karen Beatty read WMA President Betty Mosley Brown's message. The Memorial Candle was lit by Karen Beatty and she read A Band of Sisters and Eleanor Gibbs Obituary in memory of the only member we lost this past year from our chapter. There was a moment of silence and then lunch was served.

Thanks from CA-7



CA-7 chapter president Karla Merrell presents member Phyllis Bourque with a certificate of appreciation for all of the work she has done for the chapter, including her efforts in the annual Wreaths Across America program.

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WMA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name:

Current Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Date of Birth:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

SSN:

ALTERNATE ADDRESS INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

E-mail:

Reason for Alternate:

Start Date:

Stop Date:

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of a relative not residing with you:

Address:

Phone:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Relationship:

SPOUSE INFORMATION

Name:

Date of Birth:

E-mail:

Phone:

MILITARY INFORMATION

When Served:

Name (s) Served Under:

Maiden Name:

Plt. and Series:

MOS:

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RMD PREFERENCES

The Resource and Member Directory (RMD) will be sent in CD format. If you prefer another format please check below.

☐ Electronic copy

☐ Hard Paper copy

One only

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION ____ NEW ____ RENEWAL ____ REINSTATEMENT

☐ **2 Year Membership \$40**

Life Membership: Pick One

Chapter Name if Known:

☐ Age 30 & Under **\$295** ☐ 31-39 **\$260** ☐ 40-49 **\$210**

Enrolled by/How did you hear about WMA:

☐ 50-59 **\$180** ☐ 60-65 **\$150** ☐ 66 & Older **\$120**

SIGNATURE AND VERIFICATION

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

Signature of applicant:

Date:

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

From the Loyal Escorts: Some Thoughts on Recruitment and Looking to the 2018 Convention



On any other day you can look and see 101 different organizations that support Veterans, our active duty and wounded warriors.

On any other day you can see other charitable organizations collecting money for various projects. So what sets the Loyal Escorts apart from these other organizations? We have much in common with many of these similar organizations. We give out a scholarship. We assist veterans and active duty when we can. We are a

501c3 organization.

Now one of the things that sets us apart is that we are smaller than the majority of similar organizations. We are comprised of approximately 300 members at any given time. WMA has approximately 2700, which includes the compassionate retention members. The Loyal Escorts make up just a little over 11% when compared to our parent organization. Even though we have members who are related to WMA members, many are friends and supporters of WMA.

Recruitment is an important factor in keeping us a viable organization. *If each WMA member would sponsor just one person this year, we could improve our foundation and build a better organization.* In the past when the Loyal Escorts were founded, we first could have anyone join. As we grew we then changed to membership being restricted to family members only. Today we have come full circle and once again, being a 501c3, we can reach outside the family circles and recruit our friends. The only restriction is that they need to be sponsored by a WMA member in good standing.

The next question is what do we do? The Loyal Escorts can and should be an integral part of the local chapter they are attached to. On the local level you work with your WMA chapter to follow the purposes and mission statement of WMA. You are a very important part of the chapters at events and meetings to help and assist them in all of their endeavors. This is especially important with the chapters that have older members. We become the “LEGG’s” and help carry out the legwork of these chapters.

Our goal for 2017 is to increase our membership by 20 percent this year. That is adding in only 60 new members this year. YOU can be part of this project. Bring your friends and family into the Loyal Escorts.

There are many advantages to growing. One advantage is more awareness of our group as a supporting organization, while at the same time showing that we are reaching out to work toward a better group of men and women dedicated to making a difference.

Each chapter that recruits LE’s has a chance to win a streamer for their flag at the 2018 convention.

Open up that address book and find a perfect person to share our organization with. Together we can build the Loyal Escorts into a premier organization. I hope each of you will reach out and recruit.

Before we know it the 2018 convention will be here. We are working to

be prepared. If you have any ideas on what you would like to see please let us know. I will be attending the IBM in August and will get a chance to see the hotel. I am sure that this convention team, under the guidance of Parisa Featherstone and Leila Jackson, will be an event to remember. Be sure to make plans to attend. As we learn more we will pass on the information to you.

Michael E. Pearce, President
Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter
president@loyalescorts.org



Join, Renew or Recruit a New Member Today!

Application for membership in

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

The Auxiliary of the Women Marines Association

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LOYAL ESCORT MEMBER APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Date of birth:

Phone:

Cell:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Email:

New

Renew

Reinstated

Life (Sponsor must be Life member)

SSN# (last 4 digits only)

2 yr \$30 Life 40 and under - \$180 41-45 - \$150 46-60 - \$130 61-70 - \$105 71-80 - \$80 81+ \$55

SPONSOR INFORMATION

WMA Sponsor Name:

Recruited by:

Chapter Affiliation:

Do you live with sponsor? Y N

Sponsor Life Member # if applicable

EMERGENCY CONTACT

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

Address:

Phone:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Relationship:

SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE

Name:

Date of birth:

Email:

Phone:

SERVICE INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE

Dates of Service

Branch:

How long?

MOS

Duty Stations:

ABOUT MYSELF

How did you hear about the Loyal Escorts?

Recruited By:

SIGNATURE

Signature of member: _____ Date: _____

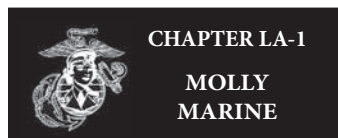
Make checks payable to **Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter**
Mail to: Michael Pearce, 1645 E. Madge Ave., Hazel Park, MI 48030

WMA National Merchandise Sales - Your Purchases Support Our Association!

(All items include the cost of shipping)

WMA Patch, large \$10.00
 WMA Life Member Pin \$10.00
 WMA Flag \$10.00
 EGA for WMA Cover \$10.00
 WMA Afghan Throw \$55.00
 WMA Flag Call for pricing

Chapter Name Tags 1.25" x 3.00" name tag with magnetic or pin back; forest green background with white text - \$10.00 each



SALE WMA Drawstring Bag \$8.00
ITEMS! WMA Briefcase Bag \$15.00
 Turner WMA History Books 2 for \$25

WMA Cover – with Chapter Embroidery, and EGA \$55.00 each

WMA Cover – w/Chapter, “Life” Embroidery, EGA \$60.00

Chapter designation: _____ - _____

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

Size: (1” above ears – allow for hair style)

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

Please specify the cover size, chapter information, if “Life” is requested, shipping address, and a contact number.

Make All Checks Payable to Women Marines Association and mail to:

Gail Horn, P. O. Box 12518, Jacksonville, NC 28546

sales@womenmarines.org • Contact: **Gail Horn** • (910) 355-0293

WMA Chapter Merchandise Sales

Send chapter ads to Corrina Martell, Editor@womenmarines.org. IMPORTANT, PLEASE NOTE: When WMA sales items are no longer available, please notify Corrina so they can be removed.

Books

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



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



NEW ITEM! WWII Poster Mug

Mug with Vintage Women Marines Recruitment Poster Art, “BE A MARINE • FREE A MARINE TO FIGHT”

Cost: \$12 each, plus \$5 shipping & handling

Checks should be made out to IN-1

Chapter: IN-1 Contact: Kay Ross • Email kayross@comcast.net (317) 698.6637.



Travel Mug, 15 oz, white aluminum, green WMA logo (two sides) and gold “Oohrah Sisterhood Women Marines Association” centered

Cost: \$15.00 (includes shipping) (Checks Payable to EM-VSC CA-7 WMA)

Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4011, (760) 724-9861, Website: womenmarines.net (visit the website to see the items in color)

Hand Carved Sea Shells

Each shell is unique and one of a kind, since each shell is a unique color and no two are the same.

Hand carved by artist sisters Silvia and Elva of San Diego Arts for Women Marines.

Cost: \$15 includes shipping & Handling

Chapter: CA-8

Contact Sybl Acree, 5015 Pedley Rd. • Riverside, CA 92509, syblee@att.net (951) 231-4531



Item: “Surviving Military Sexual Trauma (In My Own Words): A Memoir”

Signed copy by author Michelle F. Capucci

• Having served honorably in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam conflict, Michelle F. Capucci offers a first-hand account of how Military Sexual Trauma (MST) can threaten one’s sense of safety and damage one’s credibility.

Cost: \$19.95 (\$3.95 shipping)

Contact: Michelle F. Capucci

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Chesapeake, VA. 23322

Or visit Michelle at: michelle.capucci@yahoo.com

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Great size for shopping.

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Contact: WMA, TX-2, P.O. Box 1821, Pasadena, Texas 77501



Item: Women Marines Padfolio

Cost: \$28.50 to include shipping and handling.

They really are great. It zips all the way around, has a pocket on the outside and several on the inside zippered one on the inside. Writing pad is included. Logo is large and it looks great.

Contact: WMA MI-2 Motor City, PO Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065



Flip Flops Created Especially for Women Marines!

The left shoe is yellow, and is labeled “Recruit” - The right shoe is red, and is labeled “Marine”

The flip flops come in two sizes – Large and Medium.

Cost - \$15/pr (plus \$3 postage)

WMA, TX-2, P.O. Box 1821
 Pasadena, Texas 77501

Shirts and Sweats

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Item: White golf shirt with embroidered green WMA logo circled by the phrase, "More Than A Woman A Woman Marine"
Cost: All sizes (S) to (XXXL) \$28.00 (price includes shipping)
Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1
Contact: Heidi Tanada, 17103 S.W. Eldorado Dr. Tigard, OR 97224-2075

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Item: Light gray t-shirt with small green WMA logo on front and large logo on back; both circled by the phrase, "More Than A Woman A Woman Marine"
Cost: Sizes (M) to (XXXL) \$16.00 (price includes shipping)
Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1
Contact: Heidi Tanada, 17103 S.W. Eldorado Dr. Tigard, OR 97224-2075

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

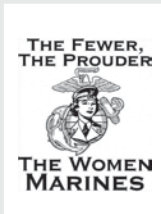
Adult	Ladies Polos (S-XL) \$30.00 (2XL) \$32.00 (3XL) \$34.00 (4XL) \$36.00 (5XL) \$38.00	Short Sleeved T-Shirt (S-XL) \$18.00 (2XL) \$20.00 (3XL) \$22.00 (4XL) \$24.00 (5XL) \$26.00
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Youth Youth Polo (S-XL) \$22.00 Short Sleeved Tee (S-XL) \$15

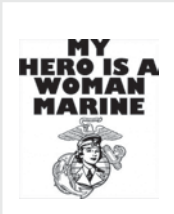
Infant/Toddler: Please contact for availability and prices

Embroidery Options:

Option 1:



Option 2:



Option 3:



Website: <http://wmaor3.wix.com/shirts>

Contact: Stephanie Wilcox at (541) 554-6015 or email swilcox818@yahoo.com for more information.

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.

Item: **4th BN Shirts** Unisex cut. Cost: \$23.50 each. Sizes M, L, XL, 2X. Crew neck unisex. Send your check our money order to WMA Motor City PO Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065. Specify size and color. Comes in Black and Burgundy. Large logo on back and small crest on front.

Item: **Ladies cut TShirt with V neck**. Logo in Hunter Green. Cost: Shirts are \$23.50 with shipping and handling. Make checks or money orders made out to WMA Motor City, PO Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065. Sizes are S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X State color. Comes in Vintage Khaki and gray. Specify color!

Tee Shirts with the WMA EGA Logo, center/front. White with Green Logo and Women Marines Association around the top of the EGA Logo. Sizes available: Specify - Med, Lg, XLg Cost : \$20 + \$5 S&H

Sweatshirts: 2XLg only available. White with Green image of 3 WMs from Charles Waterhouse's rendition.

Only 6 remaining in inventory and will *not* be re-ordered. Cost: \$20 + \$5 S&H Please include phone number. Check/Money Order payable to PA-2 Liberty Belles

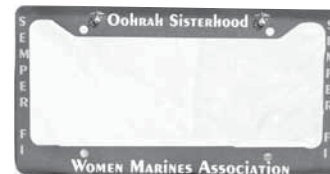
Mail to: Pam Kubczak
1156 Queen Street
Pottstown, PA 19464
pa2@womenmarines.org

Item: Apron, Short - Three pockets, White with WMA Logo
Cost: \$10.00 and shipping cost \$6.00
Chapter: CA-11 Central Coast
Contact: Soledad Kennedy, 4062 Capella Street, Lompoc, CA 93436
Fax/Office (805) 733-2175, Cell (805) 588-0650



Item: Car Flag - WMA Logo (Clips to car window)
Cost: \$10.00 plus \$6.00 shipping cost

Item: Table Flag - WMA Logo 4"x6" with stand
Cost: \$5.00 and shipping cost \$6.00
Chapter: CA-11 Central Coast
Contact: Soledad Kennedy, 4062 Capella Street, Lompoc, CA 93436
Fax/Office (805) 733-2175, Cell (805) 588-0650
Email: usmcrfemale@yahoo.com
website: www.centralcoastwomenmarines.com



License Plate Frame, aluminum, "Oohrah Sisterhood" on the top, and "Women Marines Association" on the bottom
Cost: \$12.00 (includes shipping)
(Checks Payable to EMVSC CA-7 WMA)
Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4011, (760) 724-9861, Website: womenmarines.net
(visit the website to see the items in color)

Jewelry

Item: WMA Logo Earrings
Cost: \$10.00/pair (includes shipping)
Chapter: Make checks payable to: TX-3, WMA
Please designate one: ☐ Wire/Dangle ☐ Clip-on
Contact: Trish Martin, 7026 Seidel Rd., San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 824-8441



Item: Charm "Semper Fi"
Cost: \$15.00
Chapter: Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)
Contact: Heidi Tanada, 17103 SW Eldorado Dr., Tigard OR 97224-2075.

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Luggage Tag; 3.5" x 2.5", aluminum, "Proud
 Member Women Marines Association" WMA logo on
 one side and "Oohrah Sisterhood" and WMA logo on
 the other side

Cost: \$10.00 (includes shipping)

(Checks Payable to EMVSC CA-7 WMA)

Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4011,
 (760) 724-9861, Website: womenmarines.net
 (visit the website to see the items in color)



Miscellaneous Items

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

Cost: \$5.00 each

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

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



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

Cost: \$5.00 each (includes shipping)

Chapter: NM-1 (checks payable to payable to WMA-Chapter NM1)

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

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

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

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

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Item: WMA logo Rubber Stamps

Cost: Large stamp: \$11.00 (includes mailing) Small stamp: \$8.00 (includes
 mailing) Chapter: CA-7 Checks to: EMVSC CA7 WMA

Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4011, (760)
 724-9861, Website: womenmarines.net (visit the website to see the items in color)

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

Cost: \$6.25 (includes shipping) Chapter: NC-1

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

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

Checks: Payable to Bay State Chapter, WMA

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

Item: Molly Marine picture, 8" x 10"

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

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



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

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

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

Checks: WMA-Phyllis Alexander Chapter: SC-1

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

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

Cost: \$6 each (includes postage)

Checks: Payable to to EMVSC CA-7 WMA

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

Website: womenmarines.net (visit the website to see the items in color)

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

Contact: Pam Kubczak, 1156 Queen Street, Pottstown, PA 19464

pa2@womenmarines.org

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

Cost: \$1.50 each (Price includes shipping) Chapter: NM-1 (checks payable to
 WMA-Chapter NM1)

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

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

Cost: \$7.00 (includes shipping & handling)

Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller

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



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

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

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SOUND ATTENTION...The **Women Marines Association** is Coming to the Nation's Capital in 2018!

The 2018 Convention Coordinating Committee (CCC) is pleased to announce that 30 August - 3 September, 2018, the 30th Biennial Women Marines Association Convention and Professional Development Conference will be held in the nation's capital. The 2018 convention will commemorate and celebrate 100 years of women proudly serving in the United States Marine Corps. We are all part of the legacy that women Marines have built and continue to build upon so we're calling all lady leathernecks to join in the commemoration of the long and illustrious history of women Marines.

The 2018 convention will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, in Arlington, VA. The convention has been extended 1 day longer than usual so we can factor in time to take advantage of the local attractions. The hotel is within walking distance to many shops and restau-

rants. The metro train is available from the hotel to take you to many of Washington, D.C.'s local attractions, including the White House, U.S. Capitol, national monuments, the Smithsonian Museums, the National Mall, and the oldest post in the Corps, Marine Barracks Washington D.C. (at 8th & I). South of Washington, D.C. is the National Museum of the Marine Corps, which is right outside of the gates of Marine Corps Base Quantico North of Washington, D.C. is the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, where some of the Corps' finest officers hail. Aside from the local attractions, the 2018 convention will offer the usual opening and closing banquet, Professional Military Education, and workshops. However, because 2018 will be the centennial celebration of women in the Marine Corps, the 2018 CCC is planning a few special surprises that you are sure to enjoy. Information about

the 2018 Centennial Convention can be found on the WMA website at www.womenmarines.org or you can follow us on Facebook by searching 2018 Women Marines Association Convention to keep up with the latest developments. The CCC will provide updates to these media as plans are finalized.

All women Marines are invited to take part in the 30th Biennial Women Marines Association Convention and Professional Development Conference. Mark your calendars for 30 August - 3 September 2018 and start making plans to bring your family and friends to Washington, D.C. in 2018 to join in on the exciting experience of attending the 2018 Centennial Convention. **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!**

We Hope to See You in 2018!

***Lelia Jackson and
Parisa Fetherson
Co-Chairs, 2018 Convention
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