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Making History:

**Sgt. Major
Angela
Maness,
USMC**

**Sergeant
Major of
MCRD
Parris Island,
South
Carolina**



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From The Editor

Happy New Year, Marines. I hope everyone had a great holiday season. I'm sure many of us ate a little too much, but it's nothing a little PT won't cure! As a band of sisters, we look out for one another and the holidays proved that Marines never leave anyone behind. If you are a member of the WMA Facebook group, you may have seen the kindness displayed to one of our sisters who had no close family nearby to spend time with on Thanksgiving. Well, by the end of the day, she had more family than she could count, and she spent the holiday with a sister Marine who lives in her town.

Lots of great things happened for our members in 2014. Congratulations

to Stephanie Kifowit for winning reelection to the Illinois State House of Representatives, and to GySgt Tawanda "Tee" Hanible for competing in and placing in the top 10 of the Miss Veteran America pageant and being named Washingtonian of the year! We will have more on these two Marines and their successes in an upcoming issue.

Some of our Marines attended the Relief and Appointment of Sgt. Major Angela Maness at Parris Island. Sergeant Major Maness is now the Sgt. Major of MCRD Parris Island and the Eastern Recruiting Region. She continues to make Opha Mae proud!

In this issue, you will see the Marine Corps Junior ROTC (WMA) Outstand-

ing Cadet Award recipients, and there are also a couple of regional events that you may be interested in.

There is the Area 3 regional conference in Florida, and the Meet Molly event hosted by the Molly Marine Chapter, LA-1, in New Orleans.

If your chapter is doing something great in your community, let us know by sending in a Chapter Clipping. If you have any questions about submitting your news, please feel free to email me at editor@womenmarines.org. The next deadline is February 15.

Semper Fidelis,

Wanda Antoine

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LA-1 chapter cordially invites you to pay a visit to the Big Easy (New Orleans, LA) where you will have the pleasure of meeting a picturesque beauty: the *original* Molly Marine.

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Memories of Our 2014 Convention in Kansas City

OOHRAH!

It seems like we were all gathered in Kansas City, just yesterday. But, it's been almost six months. I think of the smiles from SgtMaj. Grace Carle, SgtMaj. Laura Brown and SgtMaj. Angela Maness. You each continue to pass the torches of wisdom to us...your eager students, your Sister Marines. Each one of you (along with many others) has left a powerful impact in the wake of your journeys.

I'm informed of a Sister Marine (and/or Loyal Escort) who has gone to meet the Divine Commandant, so, while tomorrow is never promised to any of us, I'm amazed at the Connies, Mibbs, Lucys, Kathys, Ionas, Stellas, Barbaras, Graces and Sues who age with such elegance, beauty and wisdom. Thank you for the decades you served in uniform, served your communities and serve in WMA. We wouldn't be here without you.

In this holiday season, please remember to share your gifts. It could be by visiting an older WMA member at a nursing home, one who lives alone or a future Marine at a school or even a member-at-large. It may be by writing a piece of your Marine Corps history and sharing it with our WMA Historian Nancy Wilt to catalogue for generations or it may be to send WMA a financial gift so we may continue to find new ways to support our Veterans in need, find new ways to communicate our relevance to active duty Marines and our Sisters who have yet to join our WMA

ranks. We need your financial support to grow. In this issue, you'll read about campaigns such as 'I PLEDGE' where you can give or 'Amazon Smile' where each time you buy from Amazon.com, you can identify WMA as your charitable organization and they'll send a portion of your sales to us. No amount is too small. Thank you for your generosity.



WMA President Betty Moseley Brown at 8th & I with SgtMaj Angela Maness and Drum Major SSgt Codie Williams. Photo by Cheryl Badorrek

Our wiser (with age) Sisters have taught me to value transitions. Job well done, SgtMaj. Laura Brown! You've walked the walk and talked the talk... you trained many to carry on. Let us, your Sisters who have hung up our uniform in years past, help you pave this new part of your life's journey during retirement. Always know, you are never alone...we are just a second away. Happy retirement!

To our SgtMaj. Maness who transitioned from 8th and I, to Parris Island, SC. You continue to make us proud at every station on your journey. Watch-

ing you stand tall at your Relief Ceremony, as the first female drum major, SSgt Codie Williams led the band and the platoons from the oldest post of the corps reminded me again of Molly Marine. That image could only be topped by your assumption of command as the first female SgtMaj of Parris Island. I hear it...the Marines everywhere applauding your hard work, determination and *esprit de corps*. Ongoing successes to you, whichever uniform you don...we, your Sister Marines will applaud you.

In closing, I'm so excited about 2015! I'm trying to visit as many of our Chapters as possible. Thanks to our sisters in Wisconsin, Utah, Texas, California and Michigan who have welcomed me with open arms...I salute your hard work and love you all. Soon, we will gather May 15-17, 2015 with Area 3 at the Marriott Orlando/Lake Mary, Florida; in July 2015, the WMA Board will meet in

Portland, Oregon for our Interim Board Meeting to further prepare for the 2016 National Convention, July 31 through August 2, 2016; and we will venture to our first Molly Marine statue in New Orleans, LA where the Molly Marine Chapter is preparing a day of reflection, comradery and sharing (and fun) on October 10, 2015. Plan to join us and save your extra pennies for Labor Day weekend in 2018. Happy 2015...

Semper Fidelis,

Betty Moseley Brown
WMA President

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From the First Vice President: The *Best* Part of My Job

Here we are at the end of another year. It hardly seems possible that 2014 has flown by so quickly. I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every WMA member and Loyal Escort a very Happy Thanksgiving, a Healthy and Happy Chanukkah, Christmas or Kwanzaa.



This is the time of year when we share these joyous Holidays with family and friends and please know that I consider each one of my WMA sisters to be both family and friends. Once one has earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor - they become part of the Marine Corps family forever. This is one of the many wonderful benefits of becoming a Marine.

As I reflect on my first few months as your 1st vice president, the happiest memories are associated with the members who called or wrote to me with information they wanted to share or with questions they needed to have

answered. Our members are amazing women and I thoroughly enjoy hearing about your experiences while serving in the Marine Corps. It always makes my day when I receive a note, a call or a letter from one of our members in which they explain what caused them to join the Corps or perhaps share an interesting story from recruit training. In all cases, they express their pride that they were able to serve in such a wonderful organization. I truly believe that everyone who has ever served in the Marine Corps shares that pride whether they served for 6 months or 36 years; whether they served during WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, during a time of peace, at home or abroad.

Helping our members solve problems or find information about WMA is one of the most enjoyable tasks I have, so please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do to help you find answers to your questions. My contact information appears on the page that lists our WMA board members and

I don't mind at all if you want to email, write or call. I am retired, so I am most often home. I must tell you that I do use an answering machine because I get way too many calls from solicitors and 99% of the time, they just hang up when they hear the recording. If it is one of my Marine sisters, however, just say you are with WMA and I will pick up immediately if I am home, or I will call you back as soon as possible.

For many of our older sisters, the holidays are particularly difficult if they have no family living nearby. If you know of a sister Marine who lives alone or in a senior/nursing facility, please consider giving her a call or stop by for a cup of coffee and give her a big hug just so they know they are not forgotten. It only takes a few minutes, but it brings untold joy to the person who is remembered. I wish you all a Healthy and Happy 2015. *Semper Fidelis, Semper Fidelis!*

Kathy Wright
1st Vice President

Call for Nominations for the 2015 Julia E. Hamblet Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the individual or team (male or female, military or civilian) whose efforts have furthered, and preserved the history of women who have earned the title Marine. This prestigious award is sponsored by the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and the Women Marine Association. The award is funded by the Lotus Mort Fund, in honor of one of the first Marine Corps female Warrant Officers.

The presentation will be held at the Annual Marine Corps Heritage Awards Dinner to be held on April 25, 2015 at the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

Past winners have made lasting contributions to the history of women Marines through a variety of major and definitive historical efforts, including the development of historical events or organizations; the Women of the Corps Collection; published books of major works of women Marine history; to the 2013 team winners whose efforts have provided definitive information on the Women Marines of WWI, and the 2014 win by Dr. Peter Soderbergh, PhD, a former Marine, respected dean and professor at LSU and noted author of three books on women Marines.

Nominations are due no later than March 5, 2015.

Please include the nominee's name, address, phone number and email of the nominee, along with the accomplishments that justify consideration for this prestigious award.

Those nominating need to include their contact information as well as that of their nominee. Nominations need to be mailed to:

Eileen R. Scanlon
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Thanks From VFW National Home for Children

Diana Thornton
Women Marines Association
Orange Blossom Chapter 5

June 24, 2014

Dear Women Marines Association:

Your generosity is extraordinary! On behalf of the residents, trustees and staff of the VFW National Home for Children, thank you so much for your donation of \$7,000.00 to the National Home for a Plaque to be placed in the Tribute Park. Women Marines Association's commitment to the National Home and the families we serve is evident. It is heartwarming to know we can count on strong and steadfast supporters like you who share our commitment to helping our nation's military and veteran families in times of need.

You make it possible for us to provide the tutor who helps a struggling student get his grades back up after Dad's deployment, the financial management class that helps a single mom get her finances in order, the preschool teacher whose encouragement brings a little girl out of her shell and so much more. Your generosity helps the families we serve build a brighter future every day.

We invite you, along with all members of Women Marines Association Orange Blossom Chapter 5, to visit your National Home. We would welcome the opportunity to give you a tour and let you see firsthand how your generous contributions are making a difference to our residents. Please call 800-424-8360 if you would like to schedule a tour.

Sincerely,

Sue Alverson

Associate Development Director

P.S. If you know a military or veteran family who is struggling, encourage them to call our toll-free National Home Helpline at 800-313-4200. This free service offers information, creates connections and gives hope to struggling families. It can even be a family's first step to moving to the National Home. And it's all possible because of your generous support.

Remember -- the VFW National Home for Children is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, so your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your generous financial donation. You can keep this letter as written proof of your donation for your tax records. Again, we thank you for your support that helps us continue to provide Hope, Help and Honor to our nations' active duty military, veterans and their children and families.

What to Send, and Where to Send it...

Most recent contact information for all National Officers cited herein is also on the second page of this issue of WMA 'Nouncements.

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The following go to the **Membership Secretary**:
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ADDRESS CHANGES. We can also make sure you get your mail while you snowbird in warmer climes.

NEXT OF KIN (NOK). We ask that along with your spouse or significant other you also provide someone who is not living with you should we not be able to contact you during times of emergency.

DEATH OF A MEMBER: We want to list and honor our deceased members at the next

Convention Memorial Service. Send the name, along with the full name and address of the next of kin and their relationship information (son, daughter, friend, husband, etc.) to the **official WMA mailing address** or WMA National e-mail address. The National Chaplain will be notified by a National officer. It may also be sent to the WMA National Secretary at MSEC@womenmarines.org

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CHECKS FOR DONATIONS TO ANY OF THE WMA FUNDS: Send your check with a short note indicating which fund you would like to have it applied to and the purpose (e.g. in memory of someone deceased, in honor of someone, etc.) to WMA at the official WMA address.

CHAPTER START UP KITS: Interested in forming a new chapter? Just contact your Area Director or the First Vice President for information and a Chapter Start Up Kit.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO NATIONAL BYLAWS OR STANDING RULES: Please contact your Area Director for more information.

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Please use the form in the back of this RM&D for donation opportunities and Change of Address or personal information.

A Message from the Area 10 Director

Greetings Lady Leathernecks

I want to express how wonderful it has been as the Area 10 Director since July 2014. My plans on visiting all the area chapters during my two year appointment is coming along great. I am looking forward to getting to know what makes each chapter unique, exceptional and extraordinary. The challenge of being the Area 10 Director is to help build camaraderie within the chapters, to rebuild the sisterhood and rekindle the spark that makes us an elite group of women.

I want to thank the Greater Los Angeles Chapter CA-1 for inviting me to my first luncheon on 27 August, for French cuisine at Taix. I enjoyed the stories that were shared and I look forward to working with the chapter in the future with recruitment in the area. The Loyal Escorts live up to their name and were a great addition at the luncheon. The members are young at heart and they will keep the chapter alive in the Los Angeles area.

Central Coast Chapter CA-11 held their meeting on 24 September at the Olive Garden in Santa Maria and there was one Marine, Angela Roman, who joined the chapter and is now the vice-president for the chapter. There were six Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter added to the chapter that afternoon. The chapter is growing one sister at a time in the central coast.

I enjoyed my visit with the Orange County Chapter CA-5 at the American Legion Post 555 on 14 October. I am honored to have been able to take a picture with the historical Women Marine Doll which the chapter has in their possession and every museum is seeking to have it for their display. The chapter is doing a lot in

the community and the word is getting out that there are women Marines in the local area.

Chapter CA-2 San Diego County voted NOT to disband the chapter. I was present for their first meeting on 19 October at Point Loma Café in San Diego. Chapter treasurer Carol Gilliam-Fair joined me and introduced the chapter officers to the membership without any concerns. (President, Maria Callejas; Vice President, Angelique Murray; and Secretary, Marlene "Mikki" Hurst, were welcomed. They have great new ideas and I see these Marines moving forward with a greater understanding of sisterhood.

I had a wonderful meeting with Chapter CA-10 Channel Island at a Bar-B-Q Ranch restaurant on 25 October. They installed their chapter officers and they are very busy with community service. One member was participating in a charity event and another prepared the 2014 election voting station for the voters. We had stories to tell and memories to share. They are strong in Ventura County and seeking out more Marines.

I have plans to visit the following chapters--CA-3, CA-6, CA-7, CA-8, CA-15 and CA-29--by the middle of next year. I am working with Rebecca Pedrosa, who lives in Hawaii and helping her form a chapter in Hawaii, HI-1. I look forward to the near future when that happens.

I wish you all a wonderful Holiday and a Happy New Year. Semper Fidelis!

**Soledad Kennedy,
Area 10 Director**

Meet Molly Marine in 2015

Ladies and Loyal Escorts,

Molly Marine LA-1 cordially invites you to pay a visit to the Big Easy (New Orleans, LA) where you will have the pleasure of meeting a picturesque beauty: the *original* Molly Marine. She proudly stands on the corner of Canal Street and Elk Place--the first statue of a woman in uniform erected in the United States! How *historical* is that?

This special event is scheduled to take place on 9-10 October 2015. Molly Marine LA-1 promises you a historical, memorable event and a VERY good time!

The hotel chosen for lodging and the welcoming reception is the Best Western French Quarter Landmark Hotel, 920 N. Rampart Street, New Orleans, LA 70116-3011, Phone: (504) 524-3333. The hotel is quaint, with antique-style furniture, and modern amenities.

The cost is \$159 per night; two or more can share the room at the same rate. The welcome reception will be held in the dining/courtyard area on Friday evening, 9 October 2015. The following day will consist of a program (with special guests), a field trip to "meet Molly", plus the Joan of Arc Statue, Café Du Monde, have lunch and/or whatever else we decide! If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful event, please RSVP to Allison Stein (Secretary) at ahstein2014@gmail.com not later than 15 July 2015, so that we can plan accordingly. She will reply with further details (i.e., low cost registration fee, etc.)

Hotel reservations must be made no later than 1 August 2015.

If you have any questions, please call Allison Stein at (205) 487-9277 or Melanie Young (President) at (985) 285-7007.

Mary Bacon Hale, 1921-2014

WWII United States Marine, Marshall Field's Model, Business Woman, Author, Beloved Wife, Gentle Friend

(Leisure Village, Camarillo CA) Just touching the life led by Mary Peterson Bacon Hale was a unique event. Mary was born at Fort Sheridan, IL, into the family of Adolph Peterson, US Army. Born of noble birth, her father escaped Russia as did his brothers just prior to the Russian Revolution. Arriving in America alone, he joined the US Army to serve his new country. His extensive knowledge of European languages and motorized engine design brought him to the attention of General John Pershing. SgtMaj Peterson remained on Pershing's staff until Pershing's retirement. Mary's pride in her father's military career never diminished.



Francisco Bay on their sailboat were some of their happiest times during a marriage Mary frequently said "was meant to be". Mary and Frosty's love affair never ended even with his passing.

Mary continued before and after Frosty's death as a vital, active woman. She opened one of the first recognized protocol schools, teaching government and business officials needed skills. Mary then undertook teaching acceptable manners and social skills to younger generations. Mary was active in early beautification projects for her beloved Camarillo.

Her passion for Hawaii never ceased and she spent many years in the various homes she and Frosty purchased in Hawaii and her home in Camarillo, CA.

In 1980, Mary joined the Women Marine Association to once again be with women who shared the pride and traditions of the United States Marines. Mary served as a chapter president, area director of WMA's largest area (the state of California); she founded ten new WMA chapters and then became head of Plans and Policies for the Board of Directors of WMA. Mary wrote three books on Women Marines which told the personal stories of the women Marines from World War One through the beginning of the Global War on Terror. This massive project was truly an act of love of "Corps". Mary was recently involved in early planning discussions of the possible development of a Book 4 of the series, willing to step up and assume the role of consultant at the time of her passing.

In 2002, Mary Hale provided financial and personal support to a developing effort to preserve not only the personal histories but also the memorabilia and artifacts of the women who served the United States Marine Corps, past, present and future. Her enthusiastic and continuous support has led to the Women of the Corps Collection, the largest existing collection on the history and service of women who have served as United States Marines. The Women of the Corps Collection provides exhibits, historical information, and articles for publication, preservation of uniforms and artifacts as well as a graduate program for master and PhD candidates and an undergraduate intern program on history. Mary was also instrumental in the development of the Women of the Corps Foundation (WCF) whose mission is to provide financial support for the Women of the Corps Collection. Her support and guidance was unwavering from the inception of both Collection and Foundation until her passing.

Mary was also a major contributor for the creation of the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Being humble, she was rather embarrassed when she learned her name appears on the wall in the lobby of the Museum. She also provided early and continued support to the Women in Service to America Memorial (WIMSA) built in Washington DC and opened by President Bill Clinton during his presidency. This memorial honors all women who have served in the United States military and is located at the entrance of Arlington National Cemetery.

She was an American who served her country proudly and the United States Marine Corps faithfully. *Semper Fidelis, Mary.*

Excerpted from an article published in the Ventura County Star

Following high school and business school, Mary worked as a model for the illustrious Marshall Field's store in downtown Chicago. In early 1944, Mary was leaving her modeling job when she spotted a United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve recruiting booth in the lobby of Marshall Field's. She enlisted that day and after completing boot camp at Camp Lejeune, NC, Mary was assigned to Camp Pendleton, CA, (Area 16) and the First Marine Division. Mary spent months reviewing photos taken by the Marines and news photographers in the Pacific theatre to ensure that families, and especially mothers, would not see their sons either dead or terribly wounded in the photos. Mary was then assigned to the Staff Judge Advocate as an administrative clerk and Court Reporter, thereby utilizing her business school training. In 1945 Mary was selected for duty in Hawaii; only 1500 women out of some 23,000 women Marines met the qualifications for duty in the Territory of Hawaii. Mary was on a troop transport enroute to Hawaii when Japan surrendered.

While serving at Camp Pendleton, CA, Mary met the Marine she knew she would marry. MSgt Edward "Frosty" Hale had shipped out for the Pacific area of operations, not long after they met. Months later when Mary arrived for duty at Manoa Ridge on Oahu, she learned that Frosty's unit had returned to Hawaii. Neither had any doubts about their love of each other and they were married at the Women Marine Chapel, Manoa Ridge on Oahu. The ceremony was conducted by the base chaplain and witnessed by both their respective Commanding Officers and Marine friends. Frosty had presented his bride and the other women Marines attending with lush Hawaiian orchid corsages. War time regulations required that Frosty receive special permission, in writing, authorizing the women to wear corsages while in uniform. Frosty soon returned for mopping up duties in the Pacific Islands. Mary was notified months later that Frosty, again at sea with his unit, was returning by hospital ship having become extremely ill. Mary was discharged in Hawaii and placed aboard the hospital ship with Frosty since he was in a serious condition.

Frosty recovered and was selected to be commissioned as a Marine Officer. During their early married years Mary held civil service jobs as an executive assistant to multiple senior officers at the bases and commands where Frosty was stationed. Retiring as a Captain, Frosty worked for IBM and Xerox with great success. Mary and Frosty enjoyed life in a number of cities, but San Francisco and Hawaii remained their favorite places. Sailings on San

WMA VAVS Report - Fiscal Year 2014

October is the beginning of the VA fiscal year and it is the time we receive recaps of the previous years volunteer efforts. Our efforts are recorded in several ways, as donations (cash or goods), occasional and regularly scheduled volunteer hours, and as members of local VA Hospital VAVS committees.

WMA's efforts at each facility is lead by the representatives and Deputies that act as liaisons and serve on the VAVS committees. I would like to say thank you to those currently serving at their local VAMC. They are the visible presence of WMA to the facility.

I have prepared a recap in the form of a matrix showing WMA's participation and a list of volunteers with over 100 hours this year. Occasional hours and activities are nice if the hours get recorded and credited to WMA, but regularly scheduled volun-

teers are one of the visible ways to help support WMA's mission to veterans.

The VA has made it easier to mail cash donations on line. Donations pay for items that are not funded, extra niceties, trips and other activities. Often, the local VAMCs can provide a list of donations, if you want to pick something specific. WMA also has a matching donation fund for Chapters for use at the VAs. See the website under WMA Programs/Service.

I encourage you all to

1. Register as a veteran with the VA, and
2. Register as a volunteer and donate some of your time at your local VA.

Kay Croll

WMA National VAVS Representative

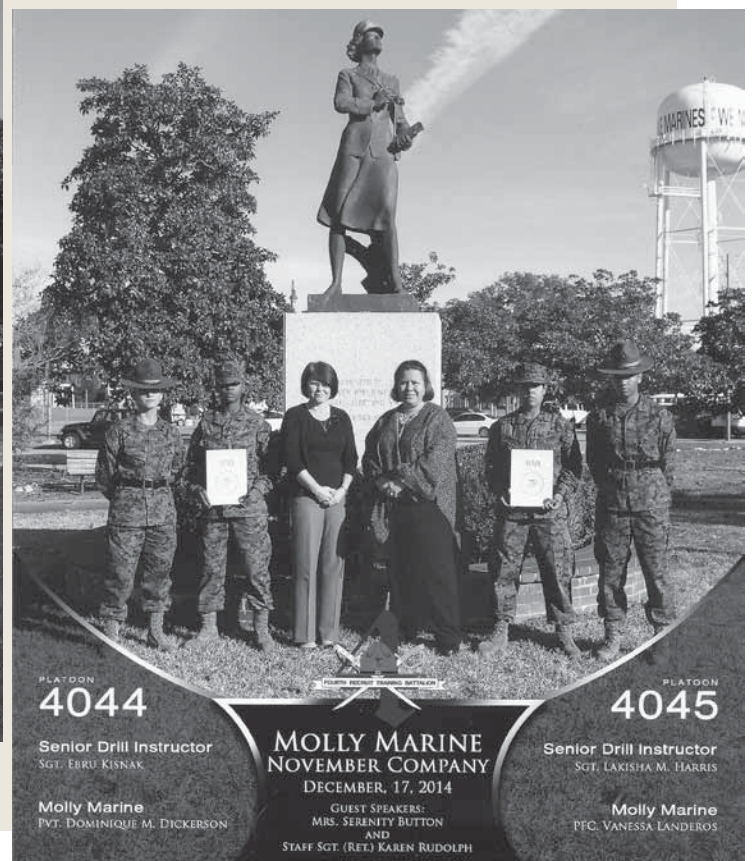
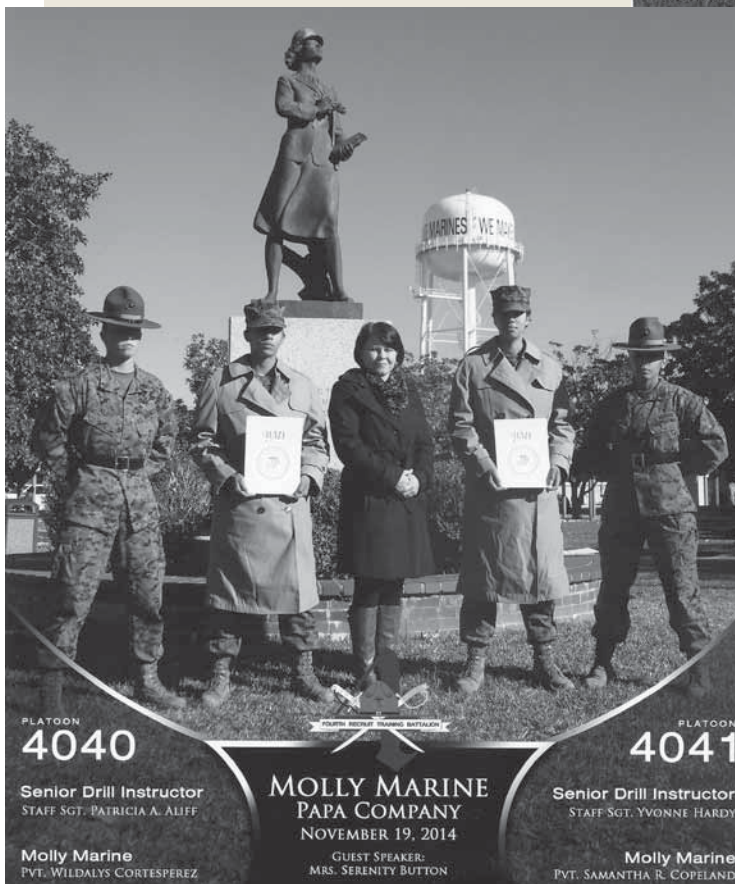
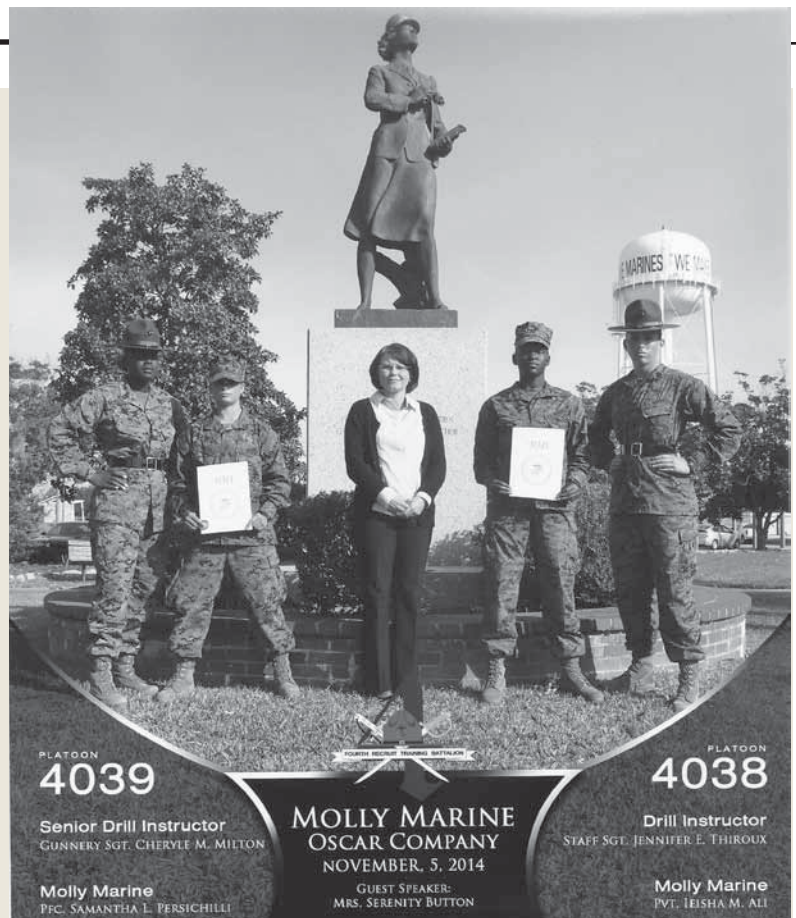
Top Volunteers by Hours

Vol Hrs			
501	Albuquerque-New Mexico VA HCS	Oser, Joseph F.	583
664GB	VA San Diego Oceanside Clinic	Mccoy, Jacqueline	572
664	San Diego VA HCS	Hanna, Gail W.	320
653	Roseburg VA HCS	Hartford, Elizabeth A	314
589	Kansas City VA Heartland West	Jones, Leah Ann	312
542	Coatesville VA Medical Center	Croll, Kay M	303
564	Fayetteville AR VHSO	Molaschi, E. Elaine	301
501	Albuquerque-New Mexico VA HCS	Stehr, Donald E	260
541D	Akron CBOC	Pounders, Elva M	242
501	Albuquerque-New Mexico VA HCS	Gallegos, Jose L	214
583	Indianapolis-RL Roubush VAMC	Stath, Charlyn J	211
637	Asheville VAMC	Pike, Shirley	182
541D	Akron CBOC	Leidy, Ellen M	180
501	Albuquerque-New Mexico VA HCS	Quintana, Patricia	176
593	Las Vegas VA S NV HCS	Watson, Carol J.	146
501	Albuquerque-New Mexico VA HCS	Giles, Ernestmae	138
501	Albuquerque-New Mexico VA HCS	Budagher-Marshall, Miranda	115
501	Albuquerque-New Mexico VA HCS	Ochoa, Paula L.	114

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S#	Station Name	# of	Volts	Vol Hrs	\$Value of Donations			
541D	Akron CBOC	Volunteers	2	422				
501	Albuquerque-New Mexico VA HCS	Volunteers	11	1678	Donations	236.00		
637	Asheville VAMC	Volunteers	1	182				
516	Bay Pines VA Healthcare System	Volunteers	3	64	Donations	130.00	Representative	Deputy
518	Bedford				Donations	150.00		
523	Jamaica Plain-VA Boston HCS				Donations	150.00		
523A	Brockton Campus-VA Boston HCS				Donations	150.00		
523C	West Roxbury-VA Boston HCS				Donations	150.00		
542	Coatesville VA Medical Center	Volunteers	1	303	Donations	103.00	Representative	
558	Durham VAMC	Volunteers	1	12	Donations	400.00	Representative	
564	Fayetteville AR VHSO	Volunteers	1	301				
583	Indianapolis-RL Roubush VAMC	Volunteers	2	225	Donations	2,303.00		
589	Kansas City VA Heartland West	Volunteers	1	312			Representative	
593	Las Vegas VA S NV HCS	Volunteers	1	146				
595	Lebanon				Donations	250.00		
603	Louisville-Robley Rex VAMC				Donations	100.00		
632	Northport	Volunteers	1	6			No Rep	Deputy
635	Oklahoma City	Volunteers	1	45			Representative	Deputy
636C	Des Moines VA CIHS				Donations	25.00		
644	Phoenix-Carl T Hayden VAMC	Volunteers	1	4				
653	Roseburg VA HCS	Volunteers	1	314				
664	San Diego VA HCS	Volunteers	3	345	Donations	301.00	Representative	Deputy
664GB	VA San Diego Oceanside Clinic	Volunteers	1	572				Deputy
673	Tampa JA Haley VAMC				Donations	40.00		
688	Washington DC	Volunteer	1	22	Donations	1,000.00		
Facilities								
16	(San Diego is recorded as 2 separate facilities)	33		4,953 Hrs	\$5,488.00	6 Reps	5 Deps	
		Volts		FY 2014 Hrs	\$ Value	7 Facilities w/	one Rep/Dep	
				78,071				
				Lifetime Hrs				

Molly Marine Award Recipients





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Myths and Facts about Social Security



Myth: Social Security will provide most of the income you need in retirement.

Fact: It's likely that Social Security will provide a smaller portion of retirement income than you expect.

There's no doubt about it--Social Security is an important source of retirement income for most Americans. According to the Social Security Administration, more than nine out of ten individuals age 65 and older receive Social Security benefits.

But it may be unwise to rely too heavily on Social Security, because to keep the system solvent, some changes will have to be made to it. The younger and wealthier you are, the more likely these changes will affect you. But whether retirement is years away or just around the corner, keep in mind that Social Security was never meant to be the sole source of income for retirees. As President Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "The system is not intended as a substitute for private savings, pension plans, and insurance protection. It is, rather, intended as the foundation upon which these other forms of protection can be soundly built."

No matter what the future holds for Social Security, focus on saving as much for retirement as possible. You can do so by contributing to tax-deferred vehicles such as IRAs, 401(k)s, and other employer-sponsored plans, and by investing in stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. When combined with your future Social Security benefits, your retirement savings and pension benefits can help ensure that you'll have enough income to see you through retirement.

Myth: Social Security is only a retirement program.

Fact: Social Security also offers disability and survivor's benefits.

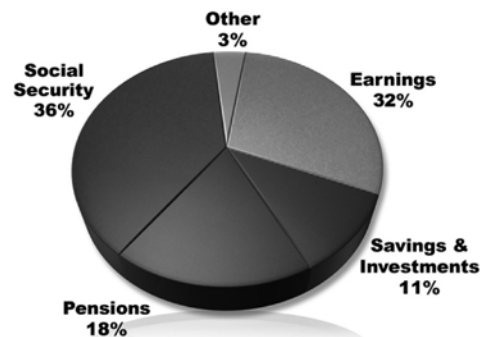
With all the focus on retirement benefits, it's easy to overlook the fact that Social Security also offers

protection against long-term disability. And when you receive retirement or disability benefits, your family members may be eligible to receive benefits, too.

Another valuable source of support for your family is Social Security survivor's insurance. If you were to die, certain members of your family, including your spouse, children, and dependent parents, may be eligible for monthly survivor's benefits that can help replace lost income.

For specific information about the benefits you and your family members may receive, visit the SSA's website at www.socialsecurity.gov, or call 800-772-1213 if you have questions.

Major Sources of Retirement Income



Note: Data may not total 100% due to rounding.

Source: Fast Facts & Figures About Social Security, 2013, Social Security Administration

Myth: If you earn money after you retire, you'll lose your Social Security benefit.

Fact: Money you earn after you retire will only affect your Social Security benefit if you're under full retirement age.

Once you reach full retirement age, you can earn as much as you want without affecting your Social Security retirement benefit. But if you're under full retirement age, any income that you earn may affect the amount of benefit you receive:

- If you're under full retirement age, \$1 in benefits will be withheld for every \$2 you earn above a certain annual limit. For 2014, that limit is \$15,480.
- In the year you reach full retirement age, \$1 in benefits will be withheld for every \$3 you earn above a certain annual limit until the month you reach full retirement age. If you reach full retirement age in 2014, that limit is \$41,400.

Even if your monthly benefit is reduced in the short term due to your earnings, you'll receive a higher monthly benefit later. That's because the SSA recalculates your benefit when you reach full retirement age, and omits the months in which your benefit was reduced.

Myth: Social Security benefits are not taxable.

Fact: You may have to pay taxes on your Social Security benefits if you have other income.

If the only income you had during the year was Social Security income, then your benefit generally isn't taxable. But if you earned income during the year (either from a job or from self-employment) or had substantial investment income, then you might have to pay federal income tax on a portion of your benefit. Up to 85% of your benefit may be taxable, depending on your tax filing status (e.g., single, married filing jointly) and the total amount of income you have.

For more information on this subject, see IRS Publication 915, *Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits*.

What Is Your Full Retirement Age?

If you were born in:	Your full retirement age is:
1943-1954	66
1955	66 and 2 months
1956	66 and 4 months
1957	66 and 6 months
1958	66 and 8 months
1959	66 and 10 months
1960 and later	67

Note: If you were born on January 1 of any year, refer to the previous year to determine your full retirement age.



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2014 USMC JROTC Awards

Slightly over 29% sounds like a low percentage, but in reality, it was a banner year for MCJROTC presenters. Of the 250 schools, we were able to get 73 WMA members to present the Outstanding Cadet Award this year. Thanks to all who volunteered to present this award.

Barbara Chagnon, MCJROTC Liaison



Allen High School, Allen, TX
Recipient Cadet Winter Rose
Presenter: Katherine Lorenz
Townsend, TX-1



Battery Creek High School,
Beaufort, SC
Recipient 2ndLt Sarah Kardohely,
Presenter, Rosa Robertson, SC-1



Branham & Del Mar High Schools
San Jose, CA. Recipients: Icela
Bernal and Vanessa Martin.
Presenter Kathleen Wright, CA-3



Casa Grande Union High School, Casa Grande,
AZ.
Recipient Ivy Hillyer
Presenters Bettie Lerdall and Lynn Martin, AZ-1



Como Park Senior High School,
St. Paul, MN
Recipient Ying Thao
Presenter: Victoria Latiolais, MN-1



Dallastown High School,
Dallastown, PA.
Recipient Emily Corwin
Presenter: 1st Sgt Matthew Corwin
(her dad)



Daniel Boone High School,
Gray, TN.
Recipient Alyssa Grindstaff
Presenter: Ann Larson, Member
at Large



Deerfield Beach High School, Deerfield Beach, FL.
Recipient Jessica Watts
Presenter: Nicoleen Dillard, Member at Large



Desert Pines High School, Las Vegas, NV
Recipient Karina Torres
Presenter: Niccie McEneaney, MAL



East High School, Akron, OH.
Recipient Michelle Grimmette
Presenter: Tania Oliveros, OH-2



Edgewater High School, Orlando, FL
Recipient Maxwell Winger
Presenter: Carolyn Ziegler, MAL



Eisenhower High School, Rialto, CA
Recipient Lorina Juarez, Presenter Ozell
Barksdale, CA-8



Fontana High School, Fontana, CA
Recipient Aylin Rubio
Presenter: Sybl Acree, CA-8



Granbury High School, Granbury, TX
Recipient Shayla Satterfield
Presenter: MI 1stSgt Johnny Rositas (USMC Ret.)



John C Freemont High School,
Los Angeles, CA.
Recipient Valentina Campos
Presenter: Kim Skelton, CA-5



Irving High School, Irving, TX
Recipient Leslie Juarez
Presenter: Melody Bronson, TX-1



Hays High School, Buda, TX
Recipient Christine Brown
Presenter: Cyla Huber, TX-5



Jeffersontown, HS Louisville, KY
Recipient, Latasha Norris
Presenter, MSgt. Ret. Brenda Moore, KY-1



Lejeune High School
Camp Lejeune, NC
Recipient Karah Lundy
Presenter: Shirley John,
President NC-1

Jean Ribault Senior High School
Jacksonville, FL
Recipient LaKia Drew
Presenter: Bernie Klepec, FL-7



Leon High School, Tallahassee, FL
Recipient Cassie Petrasek
Presenter: Helen Mueller, MAL

J. O. Johnson High School,
Huntsville, AL Recipient
Namarah Lightfoot
Presenter: Theresa Yankey,
MAL



M. C. Perry High School, Iwakuni, Japan
Recipient Penelope Kehr
Presenter: Lorenzo Brown, Principal



Marine Military Academy
Harlingen, TX
Recipient William Martin



North Forsyth High School Cumming, GA
Recipient Valerie Billstrom
Presenter: Romaine Brunson, GA-1



Orange High School, Orange, CA
Recipient Kimberly Vasquez
Presenter: Kim Skelton, CA-5



Reidsville High School, Reidsville, NC
Recipient Olivia Farlee
Presenter: Mitzi Manning, NC-3



Paul Bryant High School



Quantico High School,
Quantico, VA
Recipient Shyanne Tillman
Presenters: GySgt Tawanda
Hanible and Parisa Fetherson,
VA-1



Ramona High School, Riverside, CA
Recipient Young Kim
Presenter: Ozell Barksdale, CA-8



Ridgeland High School, Ridgeland, SC
Recipient Ravon Grant
Presenter: Serenity Button, SC-1



Rockdale High School, Conyers, GA
Recipient Quadedra Dawson
Presenter: Mia Coleman, MAL



Murietta Valley High School, Murietta, CA
Recipient Kyra Porter
Presenter: Ozell Barksdale, CA-8



Round Rock High School, Round Rock, TX
Recipient Ayesha Gonzales
Presenter: Cathleen Gruetzner, TX-5



Shelby County High School,
Shelbyville, KY
Recipient Danielle Augustine
Presenter: Brenda Moore, KY-1



Stranahan High School, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Recipient Tara Deutsch
Presenter: Nicoleen Dillard,
Member at Large



South Stokes High School, Walnut Cove, NC
Recipient Krystal Sides
Presenter: Tracy Crow, NC-3



Tahquitz High School, Hemet, CA
Recipient Amarissa Buton
Presenters: Ozell Barksdale and Sybl Acree,
CA-8



Vista Grande High School,
Casa Grande, AZ
Recipient Ayla Pierce
Presenter: Bettie Lerdall, AZ-1



Venice High School,
Venice, FL
Presenter: Louise Tamayo



Tolleson High School, Tolleson, AZ
Recipient Lindee Richards
Presenter: Bettie Lerdall, AZ-1

University High School,
Orlando, FL
Recipient Sondra Sponseller
Presenter: Carolyn Ziegler,
MAL



W. T. White High School, Dallas, TX
Recipient Keila Torres
Presenter: Polly Weidenkopf, TX-1



Whale Branch Early College High School, Sea Brook, SC
Recipient Cadet Everly
Presenter: Rosa Robertson



Westover Comp High School, Albany, GA
Recipient SSgt David Stawzer
Presenter: Maj Billie Rankin, MAL

MCJROTC Award Presentations (No Photos Available at press time)

Eldorado High School
Albuquerque, NM
23 Apr 14
Recipient: Sarah Aragon
Presenter: Cedar Sorrell NM-1

Grants High School
Grants, NM
2 May 14
Recipient: Alyssa Gomez
Presenter: Joni Seymour NM-1

LaCueva High School
Albuquerque, NM
23 Apr 14
Recipient: Maggie Guetersloh
Presenter: Stella Delgado-Kinnison NM-1

Laguna-Acoma High School
Casa Blanco, NM
23 Apr 14
Recipient: Kurtis J. Kanawite
Presenter: Joni Seymour NM-1

Rio Grande High School
Albuquerque, NM
2 May 14
Recipient: Elysha Rael
Presenter: Kimberly Palacios NM-1

Rio Rancho High School
Rio Rancho, NM
2 May 14
Recipient: Brandon Muns
Presenter: Kimberly Palacios NM-1

Ray High School
Kearny, AZ
23 Apr 14
Recipient: Addie Romero
Presenter: Lynn Martin AZ-1

Coolidge High School
Coolidge, AZ
9 May 14
Recipient: Megan Mercer
Presenters: Lynn Martin & Bettie Lerdall
AZ-1

Tottenville High School
Staten Island, NY
5 Jun 14
Recipient: Megan Murphy
Presenter: Irene Ramirez MAL

Jeffersontown High School
Jeffersontown, KY
24 Apr 14
Recipient: Latasha Norris
Presenter: Brenda Moore SC-1

New Orleans Military Maritime Academy
New Orleans, LA
23 May 14
Recipient: Gabrielle Moore
Presenter: Hideshi Dyer LA-1

William Travis High School
Richmond, TX
28 Apr 14
Recipient: Chantel Moore
Presenter: Cathleen Guetzner TX-5

W. T. White High School
Dallas, TX
8 May 14
Recipient: Keila Torres
Presenter: Pauline Weidenkopf TX-1

Veterans Memorial High School
Brownsville, TX
15 May 14
Recipient: Azalea Andrade
Presenter: Yalanda Garcia TX-6

Midway High School
Waco, TX
9 May 14
Recipient: Ellen Snider
Presenter: Cathleen Guetzner TX-5

Belton High School
Belton, TX
25 Apr 14
Recipient: Allison Kondrat
Presenter: Cathleen Guetzner TX-5

Westview High School
Avondale, AZ
1 May 14
Recipient: Jacquelyn Soto
Presenter: Lynn Martin AZ-1

Basic High School
Henderson, NV
16 May 14
Recipient: Jenny Feng
Presenter: Niccie McEneaney MAL

Sweetwater Union High School
Chula Vista, CA
7 May 14
Recipient: Andrea Korte
Presenter: Carol Gilliam-Fair CA-2

Jefferson Davis High School
Montgomery, AL
16 May 14
Recipient: Rashanda Dixon
Presenter: Margaret Cleveland MAL

Tullahoma High School
Tullahoma, TN
7 May 14
Recipient: Kayla Weddington
Presenter: Theresa Walls MAL

Lake Region High School
Eagle Lake, FL
17 Apr 14
Recipient: Jamilette Torres
Presenter: Ceel Kenny MAL

Mount Juliet High School
Mount Juliet, TN
Presenter: Nellie Perkins MAL

A Crawford Mosley High School
Lynn Haven, FL
Presenter: Wendy Avery
MAL

River Rouge High School
River Rouge MI
Recipient: Claudia Garcia
Presenter: Barbara Reva OR-2

Ambridge High School
Ambridge, PA
Recipient: Amalia Kontoulis
Presenter: Marilyn Kosturko PA-2

Gar-Field High School
Woodbridge, VA
15 May 14
Recipient: Emely Melendez
Presenter: Parisa Fetherson VA-1

Adams City School
Commerce City, CO
Recipient: Kathy Aldana
Presenter: Paula Sarlls CO-1

Hendrickson High School
Pflugerville TX
17 Apr 14
Recipient: Tiffany Durio
Presenter: Cathleen Gruetzner TX-5



WMA Chapter Clippings

AZ-2 Arizona Saguaro

AZ-2, Tucson Women Marines, held their fall meeting at the home of Lori Chavez. Thirteen members and guests were present. The first part of the meeting was spent getting acquainted with our guests

by sharing stories about our various duty stations and jobs while in the Marine Corps.

President April Stephens brought the business meeting to order and Bernadette Perez reported that she had sent donations to National in memory of two of our charter members, Margaret Kelly and Dorothy Arnold, who had recently reported to their last duty station. Both Marge and Dorothy were World War II veterans. We then voted to send the Marine Corps Reserve \$100 to kick-start their Toys for Tots Campaign.

Our Tucson Veterans Hospital Women's Clinic needs help with many of their programs and after some discussion we decided to donate two baskets filled with supplies for mothers and their newborn babies. We hope to make this a continuing activity for our chapter.

We met at the Women Veterans Luncheon in November.

June Berkey



CA-29 Twenty Nine Palms

The CA 29 Palms chapter is very proud to report that two of their members have been selected by Congressman Paul Cook of the 8th Congressional District of California to receive the 2014 Women of Distinction Award. President Elaine Bowden and member Georgia Shirey received this prestigious award on 24 October in Apple Valley, CA. This award honors women of the 8th congressional District for their outstanding entrepreneurship, leadership, integrity and service to others in their communities.

Additionally, CA 29 Palms is proud to report that several members were honored in parades during October 2014. Dorothee Irwin was featured in the Palm Springs Annual Golf Cart Parade. Elaine Bowden was selected to be the Military Grand Marshall in the 29 Palms Pioneer Days Parade in 29 Palms, CA.



Our members celebrated the Marine Corps 239th Birthday in various locals to include the retiree Marine Corps Ball in 29 Palms; the Marine Corps League's celebration in Desert Hot Springs and on the Queen Mary in Long Beach, CA.

Members also attended the Marine Corps uniform pageant and lunch at the mess hall aboard the MCAGCC in 29 Palms.

Information on the Women Marines Association, 29 Palms Chapter can be obtained from Elaine Bowden at 760-367-6187 or email elbow29@earthlink.net.

Elaine Bowden

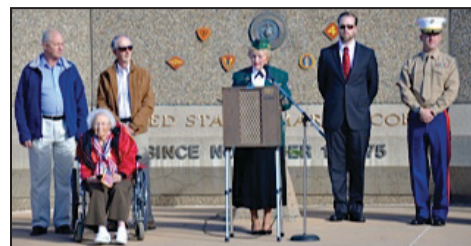
CO-1 Colorado Columbine

Paula Sarlls (Past National President of WMA and current U.S. Marine Memorial president) presided over the 8 November ceremony at the US Marine Memorial which honored WWII Marine 98 year-old Velma Brooke, who attended with her sons, Norm and Fred.

Tom Moyer of the Windsor Marine Detachment did the honors for her presentation. Pictured in a suit is Air Force – Reservist Christian Michael who sang

the National Anthem and in uniform is the guest speaker – Lt Col Mark Zipse, who is with the CLB 453 at Buckley Field.

The flags were out in force as were the Young Marines from the 1st Colorado High Plains Battalion, our pipes master Ken Geise and White Birds Unlimited were also present for the ceremonies. WMA CO-1 provides the wreath for the ceremony and several members were present. The 1st Marine Division and Past Presidents, Joe Porter, Barry Georgopoulos, and Dick Sergeant attended as usual. The reception line for Velma lasted more than 30 minutes when the ceremony was over!



CO-1 was busy in September-November timeframe. Our 5K Marine Memorial Fun Run availed us the opportunity to donate \$500 to the Marine Memorial and \$1000 to the Denver USO (to whom the run was dedicated). USO members, Young Marines, and CLB 453 Marines were out in force to help on run day!

We attended numerous Veterans Day events including the Aurora Veterans Salute, the Rocky Mountain Marines Birthday Luncheon which honored Marge Alexander as the eldest Marine; the Denver Veterans' Day events during which Marge Muzzillo was interviewed by local TV Channel 9 News and featured at the 5:00 hour; and the US Marine Memorial Ceremony which featured Velma Brooke and our President, Paula Sarlls.

Sascha Cruz

FL-3 Gold Coast of Florida

Hello again from FL-3. We have good news to tell. At our September meeting, we thought we were going to have to fold up. Thanks to our Area Director, Barbara Chagnon, who sent four new members our way, with additional members promised. Our prayers for the holidays. We are making gifts for the Marine gals at the VA and several nursing homes. On November 16, we had our chapter and family Thanksgiving dinner. At this time, we forget our aches and pains and have fun and games. We wish you all a very happy and blessed holiday.

Mary Jane Kane

IL-2 Blanche S. Osborne Chapter



Celebrating the 239th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps we had several members present who had been on the sick list at the time of our last meetings. It was nice to see Mae Skerce with us who has been in and out of the hospital the past few months. The program was about how the services of the VA can help. Gwen DePinto described how she was helped when starting to lose her eyesight because of macular degeneration. She was urged to go to the Eye Clinic of Hines VA Hospital in Maywood, suburb of Chicago. There she stayed for several weeks, and was taught how to clean her quarters, shop at the store, cross streets, among other critical skills. Gwen also brought along to show us some aids that were given to help: templates for addressing envelopes and signing checks, magnifying lenses and powerful flashlights.

Muriel Underwood talked about the aids provided after stroke and the wonderful therapy given her in "rehab boot camp" as the one doctor called it. -- Comprehensive Integrated Inpatient Rehabilitation Program. (CHRP).

We also welcomed a new member, Melissa Petkovic.

And lastly, but not least, our very dedicated webmaster Patty Bacon Klop, had a baby boy early October. (The reason why our page hasn't been updated.) Mother and baby doing fine!

Muriel Underwood

KY-1 Flying Colors

Fall has been a busy and fun-filled time for KY-1. In addition to our regular meetings, several of us enjoyed the music of the "President's Own" when they played at our School for Performing Arts, featuring a Louisville native and school alum who was in the band. As guests of Churchill Downs, during the fall meet, we were treated to special seating and a great buffet in a room where the Queen of England sat during a visit.



During the day, we were invited to winners circle and received a standing ovation for our military service while an announcer told the crowd about the Women Marines Association. The following week, a group of us enjoyed a perfect fall day with lunch and a sail down the Ohio on a private cruise with our Marine Corps League friends. While we had a lot of fun, we also worked hard on completing our projects for a craft sale sponsored by a local MCJROTC. And with the help of our Marine Corps League friends and a couple of great line dance groups, we were able to donate 367 pairs of new socks to a homeless veterans stand down.

Mary Broussard

LA-1 Molly Marine

August started out with a bang, being one of the most exciting and best meetings ever! We decided to have the meeting at the Chateau de Notre Dame Nursing Home in New Orleans, where our eldest member, Marian Landry (94) resides. There were 27 in attendance! We enjoyed sharing our experiences and good news from the 2014 Conference in Kansas City while eating brunch and drinking mimosas. The food was delicious and the camaraderie was even better!

Molly Marine LA-1 established a program, in January 2014, called the "Marine in Need Campaign". We have already come to the aid of a couple Marines in need. On 18 August, the chapter donated \$100 to a SSgt and an officer of Marine Forces Reserve decided to match that amount! A couple members also donated supplies and household goods. This is what we do; "taking care of our own".

On 26 August, the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer met with Lieutenant General Richard P. Mills (Commander, Marine Forces Reserve/Marine Forces North, in New Orleans) to announce the good news of being the proud recipients of the Ruth and Dick Broe Award, two conferences back to back!

We had an informal ceremony to present the award to him, along with the permanent plaque from 2010-2012. The 2010-2012 plaque will be displayed in the Headquarters indefinitely for all Marines, sailors and civilians to admire.

The perpetual plaque will adorn the walls of the Headquarters until the 2016 Conference in Portland, OR.

On 20 September we decided to do a little community service, cleaning the area surrounding the original Molly.

The turnout for this event was great; especially with the three WMA members that visited from nearby Pensacola, FL (FL-11)!

Following the clean-up we enjoyed loads of camaraderie and delicious food at World Famous Mother's Restaurant. We had a very special Marine join us at Mother's; Marian Landry (LA-1's eldest member/94 years old). FL-11 guests were Karen Randolph (President), Gloria Nix and Angela Porter. Sixteen of our own members were in attendance. A wonderful event!

During our 18 October meeting at The Wine Market in Slidell, the announcement was made that our secretary, Allison Stein was relocating to Kansas City, MO.

We thought we were losing one of the most outstanding Secretaries we've ever had. Instead, this motivated, loyal LA-1 member decided to hold the office from afar until the next officers' election! Allison was presented with a going away gift. Following the meeting, most members decided to stay and enjoy a delicious lunch.

Darlene Graves and Melanie Young, members of the Visitation Committee, met with Tommy Myrick and Edna Greenbaum on 20 October to take Frances Hoffman to Piccadilly for dinner.

Once a month we meet to take her to Piccadilly, her favorite restaurant. Frances (93) is one of our WWII members.

On 30 October, April Bell, Dalia Robles, Angela Merrell and Melanie Young helped feed the homeless at the New Orleans Mission. We helped to set up, serve and clean up afterwards. We also donated trash bags and laundry detergent.

Several LA-1 members celebrated the 239th birthday of our Corps on 1 November by attending the Marine Forces Reserve Ball. The Ball was held at the Hilton Riverside in New Orleans. The honored guests were Non-Commissioned Officers.

LtGen Richard P. Mills, Commander Marine Forces Reserve, paid tribute to "the NCO" during the ceremony, and also asked everyone in attendance that ever held the grade of Cpl and Sgt to stand and be recognized. Very unique concept and appreciated by everyone in attendance!

On 2 November, the City of Slidell, LA had a celebration to honor veterans at the Slidell Auditorium.

Veterans from all eras attended. There was a program, free food, drinks and entertainment. Our very own Loyal Escort, Darlene Graves, paid tribute to "the unknown POW" by reading the history of and meaning behind the empty table set for the POW that never returned.

Members that had the pleasure of enjoying this event were April Bell, Jennifer Koon, Vicki Haynes, Darlene Graves (LE) and Melanie Young.

Giving to community is one of our favorite pastimes. On 9 November, Melanie Young, presented a \$150 donation from LA-1 to Mt. Olive AME Church during the Veterans Day Program in support of Running to Feed the Hungry. Mt. Olive is holding their 4th Annual 5K "run to feed the hungry" on Thanksgiving Day!

After church service on 9 November, Jodi Lara, Vicki Haynes, Dalia Robles, Patricia Huttinger and Melanie Young celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday with two of our WWII members who reside in nursing homes.

The first stop was the Lambeth House with Frances Hoffman, where we had a little cake cutting ceremony and punch. Afterwards, we headed over to the Chateau de Notre Dame with Marian Landry and wine, cheese, grapes, champagne and a cake cutting ceremony. Needless to say, each of these fine ladies enjoyed the birthday celebrations!



Veterans Day, 11 November, was most gratifying! Twelve members volunteered at the Southeast Louisiana War Veteran's Home in Reserve, LA. We assisted with getting the residents to the parade, served them lunch and returned them to their rooms. It was a pleasure visiting with the veterans and hearing their heroic stories! Photographed are (Front Row): MGySgt Judith Rivera, Jennifer Koon-Fink, Dalia Robles, Barbara Ruffin (LE) and LtCol Victoria Kinsey and (Back Row): LCpl Aidee Deines, Vicki Haynes, Angela Merrell, Melanie Young, Patricia Huttinger and Jack Huttinger (LE).

The New Orleans Mission held their First Annual Gala Honoring Our Heroes at the WWII Museum in New Orleans. Seven members attended this cocktail gala and had the opportunity to meet with numerous influential guests. It consisted of a dinner, program, entertainment and silent art auction.

Melanie Young

MA-2 Peg Parda

Greetings from Western Massachusetts. It's been a long time since we submitted anything, however we have been keeping busy.

In November we celebrated the USMC birthday at the Marine Corps League in Westfield, MA. As we enjoyed our cake, Ella Balchunas our Vice President and Treasurer shared with us pictures of her wonderful trip to the WWII Memorial through the New England Honor Flight. The highlight of her trip was meeting our Commandant General Amos. By the way Ella just celebrated her 93rd birthday on 20 July.

On 23 December, 2013 we lost our sister and a good friend, Thelma Kemp. Thelma was stationed in Miramar, CA and Philadelphia where she worked in supply. One of her fond memories was when she flew on a DC-4 with the Flying Tigers to Philadelphia, PA. In later years, Thelma moved in with her daughter, but always kept in touch with the members of Peg Parda. Thelma was very proud to be a United States Marine and she will be greatly missed.

Our main activity for 2014 was a Tea and Social Hour held in June at the Soldier's Home in Holyoke, MA.

This tea was hosted by five members of Peg Parda who brought in their best china tea pots, tea cups, serving dishes, and table cloths from home. The members also made rose corsages to give to the residents. Eleven residents and two of their daughters enjoyed an 1 ½ hours of tea, scones and other goodies.

Three of the residents could not participate so we made sure they got rose corsages and bud vases with carnations for their rooms along with some scones and other treats.



Gloria brought in a copy from the local cable channel's "Reel to Reel" program with a segment about four women veterans and their military service. Of particular interest was an interview done with our own member Col. Ernestine Stowell, who is a WWII veteran and served from 1943-1946 and then served 32 years in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Panera Bread, Stop & Shop and Carey's Florist were very proud to give donations to this special event for our women veterans. Thanks to all our members and business partners that made this tea and social hour a great success.

Throughout the year we continue to send our cards and packages to the troops abroad and keep in touch with our fellow sisters who don't get out as much as they used to. We will continue to give donations to Toys for Tots and participate again in the Wreaths Across America program as we get ready for the upcoming Holiday Season.

Our chapter is shrinking again as we said our farewell to Corrina Martell who is moving out of state, and the passing of Thelma Kemp. As our ladies are getting older we are not getting involved with as many events as we used to. As we are a small chapter our members decided to meet on the last Saturday of each month for an informal breakfast and social at the Marine Corps League building in Westfield.

Diana Fratalone

MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks

On 6 September the Chapter met at The Machine Shed in Woodbury and again on 18 October, at the New Brighton Bar & Grill for social gatherings.

Attendees at the Women Veterans of Minnesota annual fall luncheon held on November 1, 2014 at Ft. Snelling were Linda Munson, Frances Haubrich, Sandra Heredia, Liz Whitbeck, Gerry Schei, Loyal Escort Mary Frances Feiler, Lorraine Morgan, Vicki Latiolais and Loyal Escort Rebecca Latiolais.

Three of the World War II attendees just happened to be Marines. Each year the Air Force nurses put together comforting care baskets for individuals as they heal and recover.

Chapter member Cathy Hying was a recipient of one of the baskets.

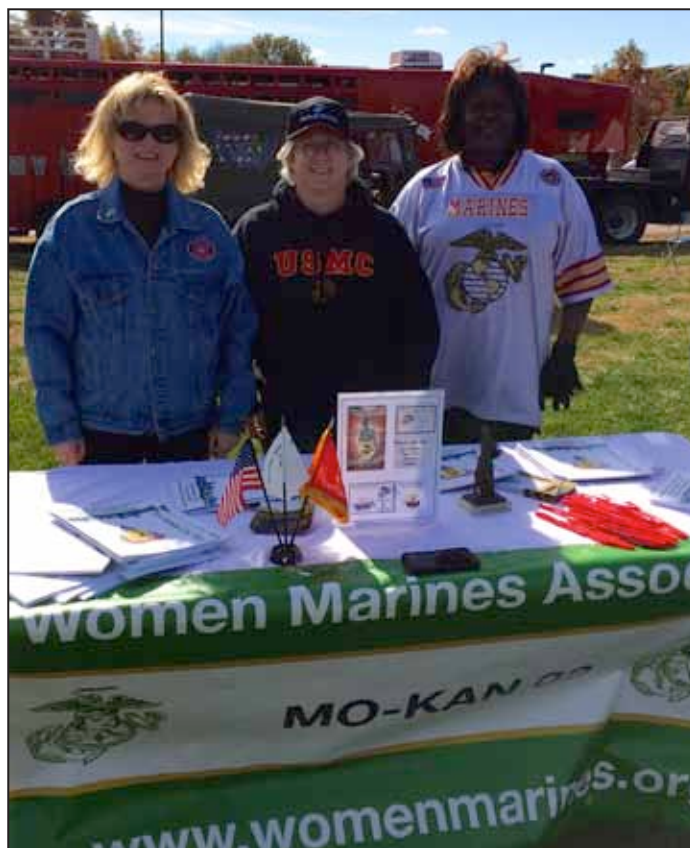


The chapter will meet again on November 15, 2014 at the Old Spaghetti Factory in downtown Minneapolis and will finalize plans for their December 13, 2014 Holiday Party to be held at the residence of Lorraine Morgan.

The Chapter extends a welcome to any social event and/or meeting. For more information, email vlatiolais@comcast.net or call 612-803-6641.

Vicki Latiolais

Mo-Kan 2



MO-KAN-2 recruiting table at Sprint's Employees Veteran's Day Salute.

Mary Ellen Stone, Yvette Clifford, and Denise Elosh.



MO-KAN-2 celebrating the Marine Corps Birthday at the Globe & Anchor Society Luncheon with the Kansas City Mayor, Sly James (he is hiding in the back).

NC-2 Wings



NC-2 chapter officers (Left to right): Historian Rita DeSanno, Treasurer Dayna Barrow, Secretary Betty Kramer, Vice President Merrie Edwards, President Holly Prafke, Area 3 Director Barbara Chagnon.

After much anticipation since our Original Chapter Charter Petition was submitted at the 2012 Convention, we finally received our Charter as the NC-2 Wings Chapter at the 28th Biennial WMA Convention in Kansas City, 24-28 July 2014. We had the honor of our Area Director, Barbara Chagnon swear in the Chapter Officers in August. President Holly Prafke, Vice President Merrie Edwards, Secretary Betty Kramer, Treasurer Dayna Barrow and Historian Rita DeSanno. We are currently holding quarterly meetings, gradually growing our membership, and looking forward to contributing to our local community. Respecttfully,

Rita DeSanno

OK-1 Oklahoma Sooners

The OK-1 Sooner Chapter recently had our last meeting of the year and selected our officers for future meetings. Our officers and their contact information are below:

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Secretary/Treasurer: Pietje G. Wall, 5841 E. 21st Place, Tulsa, OK 74114-2311 (918) 835-6189.

We are down to seven members and just have five who can attend our meetings on a regular basis. We have had a full year of serious sickness and we are all aged—70s, 80s and now 90s—all WWII and Korea; two on crutches and one who doesn't drive.

Pietje Wall

WA-3 North Sound



We met on Saturday, November 2 in Marysville, WA, where the whole town was decorated in red and white streamers in memory of the four students who were shot in their high school cafeteria, which gave us a moment of reflection on how uncertain life can be.

In attendance were two JROTC cadets whose unit supports our care packages going to Marines in Afghanistan.

They took away nine boxes to mail, which we assembled at the meeting.

Our Chaplain, Karen Bellingar gave a very moving memorial service in memory of longtime member and past chapter president Rose D. Schaffer. She passed on 17 September and was a World War II veteran who continued very active in her community.

The featured speaker was Julia Sheriden, founder and President of OARS and recipient of the Jefferson Award for service.

In recognition that women veterans have many different needs in transitioning from military life to civilian success Outreach and Resource Services for Women Veterans was established.

For more information, contact www.oars4vets.org. The meeting concluded with the reading of the Birthday Message from the Commandant by President Karen Wheeler.

Betty Strand

WI-1 Wisconsin Women Marines

Looking back at a great convention, perhaps only three WMA, WI-1 members were able to attend but they had a wonderful time. Of course our OohRah president kept spirits high.

Seeing old friends is always a highlight but the meetings were informative and inspiring. Commandant General James Amos kicked off the convention in true Marine style and we were then treated with a surprise talk by his lovely wife, Bonnie, whose humor and wit matched her husbands.

On a rather sad note, only nine WWII members were in attendance from the whole country. Mibs Ewald and Connie Allord were two of them, both from Wisconsin. Col. Ellen Healey, USMC (Ret) was the third but from a more recent era.

Oh yes, Connie was the oldest Marine attending and was presented with a lovely corsage. Perhaps there is a perk here and there for aging.

Our fall meeting in Madison at our veteran-friendly Esquire Club was a real OohRaah success. It had to be - our president, Betty Moseley Brown was there with her ever-present vim, vigor, and vitality. We really appreciate her presence.

In September we were saddened by the passing of one of our very involved WWII members, Marion Forrer of Stoughton, WI. Her funeral, planned by the family with grateful help from our chapter, was done in true Marine style and well attended. It was a tribute to a great and much-loved Lady Marine. She will be greatly missed.

The annual luncheon for all of Wisconsin's women veterans was held in Milwaukee, this year hosted by the Navy Waves. It's always a delight to meet with our sister veterans from all eras, hear the interesting speakers and of course enjoy a great buffet.

On 8 November, the annual Veterans Day Parade was held in Milwaukee. Only a few faithful WMA members could make it but our presence was made known by Linda Dancker, our president, who drove with our WMA signs on the sides of her vehicle. Walking in front of her were Cheryl Batease and a friend of Jen Clark's (also a new LEGG member) who carried a banner announcing "Women Marines Association". Jen also walked, accompanied by her faithful dog, Shiloh. After the parade they attended an always delightful luncheon at the War Memorial on Lake Michigan's waterfront.

A very busy member is Marge Marshman who is a long-time member of the Madison Firing Squad, acting as their chaplain. They usually have several funerals a week in the Madison area and often 2 a day. She also serves as chaplain for the ceremonies at the capitol on Veterans Day.

On Nov. 1 there was another Stand Down for Homeless veterans at the National Guard Armory. Connie Allord put in an early shift and came away with a feeling that it was being a bang-up success. We hope that many veterans in need will benefit.

Connie keeps more than busy with various veterans organizations but a highlight this fall on 6 November was an invitation to Governor Walker's mansion to a reception in honor of Veterans Day. It was only two days after his re-election as governor so the atmosphere was festive.

We try to keep up with one of our past presidents, Col. Julie Schaffer, but she's always on the go. The family has moved from Texas to Phoenix when husband, Rob, was transferred. In the middle of the move they did visit Wisconsin, Madison included, and Julie and Connie managed a little time together. When she returned home it was to Phoenix. She also has a command in Miami and she keeps up with her duties which take her around the country. Via one e-mail she described her adventure in Vermont participating in a marathon that included 25 obstacles. How about that for endurance! They're grown tough in Wisconsin. We hope to hear more from her.

We hope that everyone had a great Veterans Day. Semper Fi,

Connie Allord



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ALL WOMEN MARINES WILL AGREE... WE'RE GOING TO HAVE FUN IN AREA 3

Area 3 Regional Conference
15 May 2015 – 17 May 2015
LIMITED TO FIRST 100 REGISTRANTS

Marriott Orlando / Lake Mary
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Lake Mary, Florida 32744-708

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Name: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Registration @ \$15.00 per person \$_____.

Breakfast @ \$15.00 per person \$_____.

Dinner @ \$35.00 per person \$_____.

[If ordering more than one dinner, be sure to specify choice (Salmon, Chicken, Vegetarian) for each person.]

Total Enclosed: \$_____

Mail To:

WMA Area 3 Director
Barbara J Chagnon
P O Box 4485
Maryville, TN 37802-4485

NOTE: If you wish to extend your "vacation" the above room rates
are being offered, subject to availability, (3) three days
pre/post conference dates.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE



Taps

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

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

Life Members

Allen, Mary (Doores)	MAL FL	8/1/14	#1598
Bejger, Annamae (Marcus)Blum,	TX-3	10/15/14	#2733
Eve (Sapp)	OR-2	10/1/14	#1401
B. Jean Bolen (Langdon)	MAL NJ	10/17/14	#2042
Frater, L. Winifred	CA MAL	9/22/14	#730
Hare, Billee (Eby)	TX-3	1/12/14	#1883
Harris, June (Brickson)	TX-2	10/21/14	#16
Jewell, Stella	MO-1	9/20/14	#1327
Jones, Alyce	CA7 & CA-5	8/7/14	#54
Kilgore, Kathleen	MA-1	9/5/14	#333
Kluckman, Donna (Melville)	TX-3	9/7/14	#1051
Liebertz, Nadine (Condit)	OR-1	9/20/14	#2247
Oliver, Barbara Jean	TX-1	8/22/14	#138
Owens, Irene K. (Lynch)	CT MAL	11/14/14	#2807
Penkert, Marcella (Sweda)	MAL PA	4/12/14	#1708
Stephens, Ednae (Tindall)	CA-8	10/19/14	#2200
Schneider, Maryannette (Smith)	CA-3	10/28/14	#337
Young, Lillian (Whitaker)	HI MAL	3/18/14	#1307

Membership No.

Term Members

Adams, Lois D.	MAL IA	9/29/14
Costa, Kathryn (Hosmer)	MAL FL	1/9/14
Forrer, Marion (Vangsness)	WI-1	9/14/14
McDowell, Helen (Mullen)	OH-2	10/2/14
Nations, Wilma (Peetz)	MO-1	8/31/14
Ritzco, GySgt Barbara	MAL VA	9/26/14
Schaffer, Rose Dorothy	MAL WA	9/17/14
Solomon, Vivien (Ray)	CA-5	9/3/14
Strampe, Verna (Stewart)	MAL GA	8/9/14

Chaplain’s Corner: I Need Your Help with Information

Ladies, I need your help honoring our deceased sisters. One of the most important things that I do as Chaplain is to send condolence letters to the next of kin of our fallen sisters. In order to do that, I need to be notified as soon as possible.

While there is a process outlined in our “How To” book and SOP, it requires “snail mail” which has become almost obsolete, as 99% of the notices I receive come to me via email.

But there is beginning to be a small number of people posting information about deaths in one or more of the social media sites such as Yahoo Groups or Facebook. If you use these sites to post notice of a death, I may or may not get this information.

Information can be easily lost or overlooked in the constant changing and updating of posts. I do not visit all the various sites on a regular basis. By all means, continue to use social media to quickly inform those who use those sites, but be kind to me and take an extra step to use the email above to let me know a member has died.

Sometimes I receive more than one notice in a day and/or several messages about the same deceased so **Please be explicit in the subject line. Instead of “Sad News” use**



the subject line to give me the name of the member. In the message, provide the date of death and next of kin if known so I can send a condolence letter to her family. I keep an email file I can refer back to and having the name in the subject line is a huge help.

There is another way to honor our members that is often overlooked, registering their history with The Women in Military Service For America Memorial. This stunning monument is located at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. It was built to recognize and memorialize the service of all the women who have served and continue to serve our country.

When I get a link to an obituary, I send it to the Memorial. If our member has already been registered, this will complete her story. At the very least, her name will go on record as having served. My condolence letter encourages honoring their loved one through registration.

Lastly – if YOU have not registered, your story needs to be told as part of our ever-changing history. Please go online at <http://www.womensmemorial.org> or call 800-222-2294 and get a registration form.

Mary Broussard
WMA Chaplain

Join or Renew Your Membership Today!

WMA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name:

Current Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Date of Birth:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

SSN:

ALTERNATE ADDRESS INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

E-mail:

Reason for Alternate:

Start Date:

Stop Date:

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of a relative not residing with you:

Address:

Phone:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Relationship:

SPOUSE INFORMATION

Name:

Date of Birth:

E-mail:

Phone:

MILITARY INFORMATION

When Served:

Name (s) Served Under:

Maiden Name:

Plt. and Series:

MOS:

Molly Marine: ☐ Y ☐ N

RMD PREFERENCES

After 2012 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:

Effective July 1, 2010 Revised

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

Loyal Escorts: Welcome to 2015, Share Your Stories!



We're about a year and six months from our Portland Convention. Now is the time to start thinking about new ways to entertain, and new ways to raise money at our

PX Table.

I know the Motor City Chapter has been quite busy, as we finished up our troop packing party this past November to send Christmas packages to our troops who are still deployed overseas. We were able to raise enough money, and pack enough donations to send out over 500 packages. This of course could not have been done without the support of our local Loyal Escorts, including the Postmaster in Romeo, Michigan, and Loyal Escort Alex Stubs.

The San Diego Chapter was busy over the last few months, with Ken Cross reporting that they worked tirelessly on

Wreaths Across America. They also were involved with their local American Legion Post 126 in Vista, California. They collected funds for our less-fortunate Marines and handed out 100 turkeys with a box of food to go with it to make a full meal. With the help of two trucks and about fifty motorcycles, (Including our own Ken Cross and his son) they delivered to Marine Corps Air Base Miramar San Diego, to hand out to the troops.

It is great hearing stories like these. I know we have a lot of active Loyal Escorts out there, as well as WMA Members. If you have a story you'd like to share with me, please feel free. I can be reached at President@loyalescorts.org anytime. I'd like to encourage WMA & Loyal Escort Members alike to feel free to share these stories. It's helpful for us to share our experiences, to keep ideas rolling.

Once we can get the information flowing in from all over the country, we can begin doing a newsletter specifically geared towards Loyal Escorts, and

what is happening within our organization. If you love writing, or just enjoy telling stories, please contact me about providing content. To begin with, I think we're looking to issue 2 newsletters a year to get started, so the work wouldn't be burdensome.

I'd also like to let everyone know that we do try to process applications in a timely manner. Keep in mind that it could take anywhere from 2 weeks, up to 90 days to process applications. Since we are an all-volunteer organization, many of us have full time jobs that include travel that prevents us from processing as quickly as we might like. We do try our best to get membership packages out as quickly as possible. I thank you for your patience.

I hope 2015 brings everyone good health and prosperity. I look forward to working with everyone over the next year!

Michael Pearce

President

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

DC-1 Members In Independence Day Parade

WMA DC-1 members pulled out their own fireworks at the Washington DC Annual Independence Day parade. For thousands of by-standers, DC-1 Members (Barbara Swanson, Karen Heck, DC-1 President, Vivian Price-Butler, and National President) rode down Constitution Hall in a perfectly decorated Corvette (sponsored by DC-1 Member Tricia Byrne) sharing a wave and an *OOHRAH* along the route.

The motivated Marines were truly amazed at the crowds' enthusiasm about Women in the Marine Corps. It was an honor to approach the Grand Stand and to be saluted by a female active duty Colonel. Wherever she is...she knows that her Sister Marines were representing all Women who have earned the eagle, globe and anchor. Happy July 4th! Semper Fidelis!

Betty Moseley Brown



Application for membership in Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

The Auxiliary of the Women Marines Association

LOYAL ESCORT MEMBER APPLICATION			
APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Name:			
Date of birth:	Phone:	Cell:	
Current address:			
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
Email:			
New	Renew	Reinstated	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:	
Would you like to get your copy of WMA 'Nouncements electronically via email? ____ Yes ____ No			
SIGNATURE			
Signature of member: _____ Date: _____			

Make checks payable to **Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter**
Mail to: Kaitlin Connell, 3126 Lexham Lane, Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Merchandise Sales

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

Item: "I love my Woman Marine" pin ...\$1.00
 Item: "I love my Woman Marine" bumper sticker ... \$1.00
 Item: Grandma's Loyal Escort
 My Wife's Loyal Escort
 Mom's Loyal Escort... \$1.00
 Item: Loyal Escort Hat... \$8.00



Item: Loyal Escort Patch ... \$5.00
 Item: Loyal Escort Cup w/lid and straw... \$5.00
 Shipping and handling will vary but should range from \$2.00 to \$6.00
 Contact: Sarah Rivera
 1062 Dodge Drive
 Redwood City, CA 94063

CA-11's New Item: Let Your WMA Flag Fly!



Item: Car Flag - WMA Logo • (Clips to car window)
 Cost: \$10.00 and shipping cost \$3.00

Item: Table Flag - WMA Logo 4"x6" with stand
 Cost: \$5.00 and shipping cost \$3.00
 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

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

WMA National Merchandise Sales - Your Purchases Support Our Association!

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



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

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

Sizes for WMA Caps

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

WMA Chapter Merchandise Sales

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

Books

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



WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

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

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

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

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



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

Signed copy by author Lisa Cordeiro

Cost: \$16.95 (\$3.95 shipping)

Chapter: MA-1

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

or order online at www.lisacordeiro.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

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

Cost: 10 for \$1.60; 15 for \$2.10;

20 for \$2.60 (prices include P&H)

Checks: CA-7, WMA Chapter: EMVSC CA7 WMA

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

Candy

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

Cost: Singles\$1.50

Box of 8\$6.50

Box of 15\$13.50

Mints Box of 12\$10.50

Item: WMA Mint 1" round Insignia/Logo

Green, White, Milk Chocolate or Special Order

Singles\$1.50

Box of 12\$10.50

Chapter: CA-11 - Central Coast

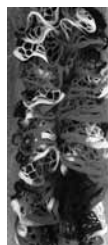
Contact: Soledad Kennedy, 4062 Capella Street, Lompoc, CA 93436

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

usmcrfemale@yahoo.com



Scarves



Item: Patriotic Ruffled Scarf - Red white and blue.

Many other combinations & solid colors. Can email photos of samples.

Contact chapter with desired colors. Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.

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

Checks payable to WMA KY-1

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

Shirts and Sweats

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

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

(Price includes shipping)

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

Shirts and Sweats

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

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

Make checks payable to: WMA, VA-1

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



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

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

Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1

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



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

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

Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1

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



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

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

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

Embroidery Options:

Option 1:

Option 2:

Option 3:



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

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

Jewelry

Item: WMA Logo Earrings

Cost: \$10.00/pair (includes shipping)

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

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

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



Item: Charm "Semper Fi"

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
 Questra (non precious gold) \$218.00
 10 Karat Yellow Gold \$325.00
 14 Karat Gold \$395.00 (Cost includes three initials inside ring & shipping)

Note: Include ring size and phone number when ordering

Chapter: FL-7 First Coast

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



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

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

Cost: \$19.75 each (including shipping)

Chapter: FL-7 First Coast

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



Item: 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, 11/2" 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

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 CA7 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@cc.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 to EMVSC CA-7 WMA

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



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

Item: EGA Zipper Pull (1 inch EGA, 2 inch total length), \$6.00 EGA Yellow Ribbon Lapel Pin (1 inch length) \$5.00, Marine Mascot Christmas Ornament (red ribbon, 2.5 inches in length) \$8.00, EGA Christmas Ornament (red ribbon, 2.5 inches in length) \$8.00, Red EGA Necklace (chain, 18 inches in length) \$10.00.

(Plus \$3.00 USPS shipping per above items)

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

Contact: Mary McGee, 2652 Marshall St NE #301, Minneapolis, MN 55418 (612) 788-1216 or Vicki Latiolais, 7940 Fairfield Road North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55444 (763)560-6401 vlatiolais @comcast.net

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

Cost: \$7.00 (includes shipping & handling)

Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller

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



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

Item: Ornament "The Fewer" Size 2 3/8" x 3 1/8" Limited 3-D, only 300 minted, 24 Karat Gold on Brass

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Chapter: TX-1 "The Lone Star State"

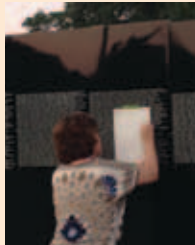
Contact: Katherine M LorenzTownsend and mail to: 4025 Tortoise Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76135 Orders can now be placed on line using a credit card at: www.womenmarineskeepsake.com



The Moving Wall



More than thirty years ago at the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, John Devitt, a Vietnam veteran, felt a need to keep alive the powerful feelings he had while visiting the Wall by sharing that experience with others. He began a project to build "The Moving Wall" that would bring the experience to people around the country who are unable to see the original in DC. Two years ago, a group of people in Laurens County, Georgia began the process to bring The Moving Wall to the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center in Dublin, and from Thursday August 14th through Sunday August 17th nearly 13,000 people took the opportunity to pay respects.



On the morning of the 14th, The Moving Wall was escorted to the VA by 130 motorcycle riders of the Patriot Guard and numerous local law enforcement officers. It takes several

hours to set up the panels of the Wall, but the preparation of the site began a couple weeks before. Lumber donated by local businesses, and labor donated from the Civitan Club built the ramps and boardwalk. County workers set up the bleachers, the electricians at the VA put up several light poles so it could be viewed 24 hours a day and many people stepped forward to volunteer their time. I was honored to be one of those volunteers and I spent six hours as a "rover", helping people find a name once they had the panel location and answering questions. Other volunteers looked up names for visitors or spent thirty minute shifts reading all 58,272 names aloud around the clock. Many local restaurants also donated food for the volunteers and cases of bottled water and ice were donated for visitors.

The most commonly asked question was what the symbols next to each name means. The diamond signifies KIA (Killed in Action) while the cross signifies MIA (Missing in Action). If someone who is MIA is later determined to be dead, the cross is filled in to make it a diamond. If they're returned home alive, a circle is made around the cross to show the circle of life. The next most asked question is why the names are not listed alphabetically. The names are listed chronologically by casualty; it starts and ends in the middle. The first casualties, advisors not military members, were killed in 1959 and they begin the list of names moving to the right (east) to the end and pick up on the far left (west) moving back to the center where the last casualties, killed in 1975, are listed. They were Marines who were killed in a rocket attack in Saigon.

I watched the arrival at the VA on the first day and stayed while the Wall was being set up. But, the most moving ex-

perience was the visitors who shared their stories with me while I was volunteering. They were looking for the name of a friend, a family member, a classmate or a platoon mate on the Wall. I met a Navy Corpsman whose cousin died in Vietnam, a Marine who rubbed the names of his buddies who didn't make it back, and several veterans living in the long term care facility at the VA who came out in wheelchairs to make their way down the boardwalk. They rubbed names onto slips of paper or just took a picture. Some visitors left mementoes, which were picked up and will be part of temporary display at a local museum before being stored while awaiting a permanent museum to be built for all the items left over the years. There were small flags, ribbons, remembrance bracelets, notes, hats, a leather belt and flowers. Small tokens to honor the 58,272 people who didn't come home.

I have visited the National Mall in DC and was very moved by the experience of all the memorials. The Moving Wall is also a very moving and humbling experience. I watched the sun rise in the reflection of the black panels and thought John Devitt should be very proud of what he has achieved. Since the first showing in 1984 it has been displayed over 1,300 times: in all fifty states, Puerto Rico, Guam, Canada and Saipan. "You touch the Wall and the Wall touches you."

Michelle Wright Weaver





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Saying Farewell With A Passion To Orange Blossom Chapter Florida 5

Florida 5 had its final meeting in February 2013. It was bittersweet, but we all knew the time had come to disband our Chapter. Florida 5 was started 30 years ago with NitaBob Warner, Lotus Mort, and Jo Pirrung helping us to apply for our charter for WMA. As the years rolled on we were very busy building up our treasurer so we could always make our donations.

We won many awards at the WMA National Conventions and we will always cherish the many ribbons we won.

I led the Chapter for seven (7) years as President, and it was very gratifying to have been a part of Florida 5.

We now bid Florida 5 a fond farewell. One of our last accomplishments was donating to the VFW National Home for Children in Michigan. A special plaque was made in remembrance of Florida 5 and is now placed on a beautiful Memorial Stone in their memory garden. The photo at right shows the beautiful plaque in memory of Florida 5.

*Submitted by Diana Thornton,
Past President*



Diana Thornton with the plaque honoring FL-5.
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