

WMA'NOUNCEMENTS

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Convention Attention!!

This is to let you know that this is the LAST ISSUE where ALL of the convention information will be published. The next issue, with a deadline of June 1, will contain reports of all the officers on the National Board as well as any suggested bylaw and standing rules changes that we will vote on during the business meetings.

Also, there will not be any Chapter Clippings or merchandise pages in the June issue. Yes, ladies, that issue is the "business" end of the convention. So Clipping authors, take a break! Save all your good news for later! We WILL catch up. I promise!

For those looking for times on the schedule, that portion was still being double and triple checked at press time. The complete agenda **with** times will be in the next issue.

I'll be at the convention, so stop by and say "hello," especially the Chapter Clipping authors!

Sondra Metzger

Coming soon...Election Ballot for the 2018-2020 Board of Directors

The nomination process is over and per Article Ten of our National Bylaws, a ballot will be prepared for those offices which received more than one nominee (considered "contested"), and will be mailed to the membership by 1 May. Envelopes returning voted ballots must be postmarked no later than 1 June. Since there were only four offices that received more than one nomination – 3rd Vice President, Treasurer, Area 6 Director and Area 7 Director – the ballot will include only the resumes for those nominees. Note that only the members of Area 6 and Area 7 respectively elect their individual Area Directors, so if you do not live in those areas you will receive a ballot for just the two National officers (3rd Vice President and Treasurer). Good luck to all of these nominees!

The remaining offices that received only one nomination will be filled by those nominees. See below. The results of the election of the four offices listed above will be published in June after the votes are final.

Please join us at the Biennial Convention to welcome the 2018-2020 Board of Directors as they are installed to begin their two year term of conducting the business of WMA.

Contested Offices: (Resumes to appear on Ballot)

3rd Vice President: Frances Mary Wagner and Kathleen Wright

Treasurer: Diana Cunningham and Yolanda Mayo

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2nd Vice President – Jeannine Franz

Secretary – Mary Ellen Stone

Membership Secretary – Laura Bigley

Area Directors Uncontested

Area 1 – Jamie DePaola

Area 2 – Robin Gallant

Area 3 – Patty Collins

Area 4 – Joanne Molina

Area 5 – Julia Lee

Area 8 – Pat Horton

Area 9 – Peggy Reiber

Area 10 – Soledad Kennedy

TERM Members!

Please check to ensure your Term Membership is up-to-date through convention. If your term membership expires before convention, you will pay Guest Registration prices for the convention. You are able to renew your WMA membership online at the WMA website
www.womenmarines.org
 or through your local WMA chapter.

Life Members: 2073 **Term Members:** 692

Total WMA Membership: 2765



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Reporting In...

National President

(Our National President has been roaming loose all over the countryside. She is providing the below photos as evidence. – Editor)



Betty, Sarah Phoenix, Laura Brown

It is true that everything is BIG in Texas. On February 10 I joined Area 6 Director Angela Maness in New Braunfels for an Anniversary Luncheon (hosted by TX-6 Gruene Marines) celebrating the establishment of the Women Marines in the Reserves. Hats off to TX-6 President Kirsten Sultemeier who coordinated the event in an RV hangar with lots of chow for everyone. There were many surprises of the night but a personal surprise came from the Beatty Family in Pasadena who commissioned a beautiful statue of our Molly Marine for me from world-renown sculptor Trace Guthrie. Greg Abbott, governor of Texas, signed a proclamation to WMA in honor of the centennial celebration.



Molly Marine statue



TX-6 anniversary luncheon attendees

On February 13, WMA hosted the Recognition Ceremony honoring the WWII Women Marines of Armed Forces Retirement Home-W on the 75th Anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. The honorees included Phyllis Bradford (1943-1945), Muriel Kupersmith (1944-1946) and Norma Rambow (1943-1945). I was there along with members from DC-1 and VA-1. The D.C. Mayor's Office and Director of Veterans Affairs gave remarks honoring our women Marines. This event was spearheaded by Lelia Jackson, DC-1 Treasurer and GySgt Kristin Bagley who had her team of Marines cap-



turing this event on media. The Washington Post did a terrific spread on honoring these WWII trailblazers. Of note, our own OR-1 President, Jacqueline Caputi is



Betty and GySgt Kristin Bagley



Washington Post

the granddaughter of Phyllis Bradford...Semper Fidelis!

I stopped in to see CA-3 for their Anniversary Luncheon. WMA members, Loyal Escorts, and friends of WMA



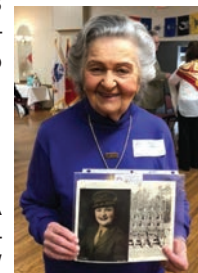
CA-3 luncheon

joined for a wonderful cake-cutting celebration. Two new WMA members joined the chapter.

The next stop was Quantico on February 17. MajGen Frederick M. Padilla was the keynote speaker for their Anniversary Luncheon and is flanked by DC-1 president Vivian Price-Butler and VA-1 president Parisa Fethereson. Immediate Past National President Rhonda Lebrescu-Amtower, and Past National President Sue Sousa also attended this event. Parisa Fethereson's daughter Captain Tracey Fethereson introduced MajGen Padilla and MajGen Padilla's youngest daughter (who just was accepted into the Naval Academy) also joined us.



On March 10 in Lindenhurst, NY, I had the honor of installing two new WMA chapters in Area 1 (which is history-making for WMA) at the Wade Burns VFW



Tess Garber



WMA members in attendance

Post 7279 - NY6 and NY7. WWII Member Tess Garber brought pictures and articles about her Marine Corps Service. History was also made with the Lindenhurst HS MCJROTC unit. Both leadership positions are filled by female Marines, CWO Christine Glynn, USMC (Ret) and MSgt Magda Resker, USMC (Ret). It was quite the day indeed and so very thankful to have shared this day with you!



Lindenhurst HS MCJROTC color guard



I attended the Indiana Women Veterans Conference on March 23 with members from IN-1. Carol Mutter, Past National President participated along with IN-2 President GySgt Mai Lai Smith and WMA members. Pictured are participants of the conference. IN-2 met for dinner after the event with Carol Mutter, GySgt Mai Lai Smith, and WMA/MCL life member Diane Ward (along with a new sister Marine).



Conference participants



As Associate Director, Center for Women Veterans, I visited Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center on March 26 and was pleasantly greeted by WMA members from all

eras. I'm flanked by two blood-sisters who are Marines, Susan Maldonado and Peggy Suarez; Lisa Solarczyk of WMA and MCL is standing far left; WWII Anee Kish, seated on the left and Doris Keeler seated on the right.

WMA was invited to the Marine Corps League's Mid-Winter Banquet. MCL members joined WMA members (who are also MCL members).



Newspaper article on display about Doris Keeler



Marines with dual membership



WMA members

Reporting In...

1st VP

The Women Marines Association's mission statement is to preserve and promote the history and traditions of the women in the Marine Corps from World War I to present. To conduct programs for charitable and educational purposes and to promote the well-being of elderly, disabled and needy women Marine veteran. WMA has sponsored many emergency fund requests, educational scholarships, participated and volunteered in patriotic activities, and to ensure fostering comradeships.

I mention the mission statement as a reminder of who WMA is to her community. During the convention, the area directors and your chapter presidents are briefed on the five-year strategic plan that will focus on the objectives of the association to ensure our legacy continues generationally. The topics covered are membership numbers, use of social media to promote the myriad of outreach opportunities available for your chapters, staying connected with our Members-at-Large (MALs), the VA voluntary service program, Molly Marine awards, MCJROTC programs, and growing and maintaining active chapters in your area. As we march forward to the 2018 convention, ask your chapter:

- ★ "What are we doing to increase our membership?"
- ★ "Are we connected to the local veteran organizations?"
- ★ "What veteran event have we volunteered to showcase our WMA logo?"

I challenge each of the chapters across the United States to market themselves and invite the next generation to join us. #J.J.D.I.D.T.I.E.B.U.C.K.L.E.

The Women Marines Association is a volunteer organization that was started in 1960 by tenacious leaders. Guess what...it is now our turn to stay focused and accomplish the mission together.

Laura Brown



Thank you to our National President Betty Moseley Brown for attending as our guest speaker at the Women Marines Anniversary luncheon in February. Attendance by surrounding Texas chapters and Loyal Escort spouses, TX-2 Texas Gulf Coast, TX-3 San Antonio Rose, TX-5 Heart of Texas, TX-6 Gruene Marines, and TX-7 Opha May Johnson.

Area 1 WRs Receive WWII Victory Medal

On 9 February, eleven WWII women Marines were recognized at the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs by Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman and Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, Thomas Saadi, in a ceremony for

their service during WWII and to present them with the WWII Victory Medal which they never received. Colonel Adele Hodges, USMC (Retired), presented the medal.

The Women Marines Association partnered with the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and the Marine Corps League, with the support of the Veterans Affairs Office, to organize this event and to celebrate these amazing Lady Leathernecks' sacrifice and service to our country.

On 13 February 1943 the Marine Corps made it official for women to enlist. Over 23,000 women flooded the Marine Corps recruiting offices with the goal to "Free a Man to Fight" and to help win the war. Their contract was for the duration of the war plus six months. The war



Seated (l-r): Veronica (Ronnie) Bradley, Dorothy (Dottie) Dee, and Julia Lynch Slocum

ended in September 1945, but the WWII Victory Medal was not fully established until 1946. The medal was awarded to any member of the U.S. military who served on active duty or reserves between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946.

Thousands of women were rapidly discharged at the end of the war and sent home. Many married and moved away from their home of record, which caused a change of name and change of address to occur. Many of these women who served in WWII never knew they rated the WWII Victory Medal. Dorothy (Dottie) Dee, age 95, said, "I just wanted to serve my country and I hoped that the guy that I replaced made it home safely. He's the one who deserves this medal."

In addition to the WWII Victory Medal being awarded, Commissioner Saadi and Lt Governor Wyman presented each Marine the Connecticut Veterans War-time Service Medal. U.S. Senator Chris Murphy, Secretary of State Denise Merrill, and U.S. Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty all joined in the celebration presenting proclamations to these WWII Marine Corps veterans.

Veronica (Ronnie) Bradley, Dorothy (Dottie) Dee, and Julia Lynch Slocum, all WWII veterans, were present and were honored at the ceremony. Additionally, four were honored who were not present due to health issues, (Thelma Dumont, Doris Stevensen, Helen Uziemblo, and Agnes Zdrojowy), and four more were honored posthumously (Gladys Dunbar, Rosaline Mucaria, Alice Rusch and Edna Juan-Welles). However, they were proudly represented with family members to receive the awards for them.

The day was a moving tribute to the Greatest Generation of warriors.

Jamie DePaola — Area 1 Director

Reporting In...Area 6 Director

As we close out the first quarter of the year, I'd like to acknowledge all of the Marines in Area 6 for their continued dedication to WMA's mission. Your efforts are noteworthy and appreciated!

In the past ninety days, Marines in Area 6 have focused their energy on the following events:

- Feb: Multiple chapters hosted WMA National President Dr. Betty Moseley-Brown as members from TX-2, TX-3, TX-5, TX-6, and TX-7 celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the Women Marine Reserves in New Braunfels. TX-6 also received a Proclamation from the State of Texas honoring the Centennial Celebration of women serving in the US Marine Corps, signed by Governor Greg Abbott.

- Feb: Initiated action to start a new chapter in Houston – TX-7 Opha May Johnson Chapter.

- Feb: Members from OK-2 received an invitation to appear in front of the Oklahoma House of Representatives where they received a Citation of Congratulations from Representative Chuck Strohm honoring the Centennial Celebration of women serving in the US Marine Corps.

- Feb: Members from LA-1 marched in multiple parades proudly displaying their chapter banner. Later in the month, they held a clean-up/"police call" around our beloved Molly Marine statue located in New Orleans.

- Mar: Submitted two initiatives to the National Board of Directors for consideration. They are a WMA Uniform initiative and a USN initiative.

- Mar: Submitted two Marines in our area who have decided to run for the National billet of Area 6 Director. They are Cathleen Ursula Gruetzner (TX-5) and Rosa M. Frank-Osborn (TX-7). Good luck to both Marines!

We want to respectfully remember our fallen by wishing them fair winds and following seas. Semper Fidelis to: FL-2 chapter member Mary Blackmon (who moved back to Texas earlier this year) was 88 years young and OK-2 chapter member Violet "Pat" Goss who was 94 years young.

Lastly, as we prepare ourselves for the second quarter, please keep an eye on our Area 6 Facebook page and our National WMA Calendar. This is where we will post all of the chapter meeting dates/times/locations to keep you informed. We look forward to the National Board of Directors election and the Centennial Convention coming up this fall. It's an exciting time to be associated with the women Marines!

Semper Fidelis,
Angela Maness

Reporting In...Area 10 Director

Greetings Lady Leathernecks!

The months are going by quickly and I want to strongly encourage all Area 10 chapters to start preparing to come to the biennial convention in Washington, DC. We will be celebrating 100 years, which is a historical event for women in the Marine Corps. Invite your family to celebrate with us, have your friends join in to learn about our Loyal Escorts. There will be something to do for everyone. Remember to enter your chapter to compete for awards at the DC convention. Prepare and get the entry forms for the website category, the chapter

achievement binders, the newsletter, and Loyal Escort recruiting awards.

I will continue to visit chapters through this year. Let me know when you would like me to come out to your chapter meeting or events. I am looking forward to visiting CA-29's event which is scheduled for May 19. I enjoy talking with the chapters in Area 10, listening to them express new ideas in recruiting and events.

We continue to move forward to make WMA a strong union of Marines and sisterhood.

Semper Fidelis
Soledad Kennedy

Committee Report Recommendations

The Review Committee Report concerning WMA processes, procedures and issues surrounding the resignations of numerous officers (some of which had nothing to do with the issues raised by others) in 2017 has been completed and distributed to the WMA Board. The focus of the reviewers was on ways to improve WMA. The report will be posted on the WMA Facebook page. The board is reviewing the recommendations and will vote on actions to be taken. **NOTE that this was a REVIEW and not an INVESTIGATION.** But all should know that during the process of asking questions for the review, additional information became available. Please be assured that no one in WMA has done anything illegal. Additionally, several people who were accused of wrong doing or incorrect behavior have been exonerated, to include Karen Kelly regarding the 800 number and both Jamie and Peter DePaola regarding payment of expenses that had been approved. Also, the Women of the Corps Collection has expanded significantly. It has been taken care of and is in good condition because of the stewardship of Ned and Nancy Wilt plus Sara Phoenix. As the report makes clear, some questions that were raised were legitimate and have led to actions taken/to be taken. If anyone is concerned about issues raised and not addressed here, please contact me.

Social media is fairly new and many organizations are struggling with how to address the new issues that arise through social media. There is room for improvement in WMA as an organization, as the Review Committee found. Actions to be taken will result in a better organization with better processes and rules to ensure that there will be defined and known ways to take care of any issues in the future.

In addition to the Review Committee's recommendations, I have several thoughts I'm proposing to the WMA Board of Directors. We definitely need to expand, and then disseminate our amplified rules for social media as it pertains to the WMA website and other sites. WMA has no control over other websites and anyone can post anything they want on a website if the admin of that site allows it. If WMA or an individual sees something posted that is inaccurate or worse, they can request the site take it down.

An applicable phrase I heard recently is: Remember I before E; Intelligence & Information before Emotion. We should all pause before we hit "send." Maybe even wait until the next day and read it again. Things written in the heat of emotion need time. Upon reflection, we may decide that even though we believe what we wrote to

be true, it should be said differently or not at all. One alternative is to try just venting to a friend (preferably by phone – digital messages have a way of getting out of hand). We are a professional organization of adults – and not just any adults, but adults who have earned the title Marine. Our actions are expected to meet a higher standard. And always do what is best for WMA. As an organization, WMA has done and can continue to do great things. The Review Committee report and recommendations will help WMA continue on the road to improvement.

*Carol A. Mutter
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Review Committee Recommendations

Based on Issues Presented by 3rdVP's Resignation Letter

Non-performance and manner of removal or request for resignation of an officer or director

- Instances of non-performance need to be addressed as soon as a problem is noted. WMA Board needs to review its bylaws and include policies and procedures to allow correction of non-performance including counseling, guidance, and opportunity to correct noted problem.
- WMA needs to modify and follow its bylaws when asking for the resignation of a Board member and clarify procedures when it becomes necessary to terminate an officer for non-performance of duties or other issue(s) that the Board determines is/are detrimental to the Association.
- Orientation for new Board members should be provided as soon as voted into a Board position and a refresher orientation provided for existing Board members. Part of the orientation should include WMA's expectations of its Board members (responding to emails, ballots, conference calls, etc.)

Nominee Review

- Credentials, background, and experience of WMA members who wish to serve on the Board should be reviewed before being nominated. Board expectations while serving as a Board director or officer need to be communicated to nominees prior to running for office and provide a statement of their understanding of expected duties once elected.

Communication and Transparency

- Communication with WMA members and transparency of Board activities needs to be made available to its members. IRS forms and audit reports may be offered for review to any member requesting this info. Contract with administrator needs to be reviewed and determine if admin contractor is in effect a contractor or an employee per Department of Labor regulations.

Directors and Officers Liability Insurance

- Status of WMA's Directors and Officers liability insurance needs to be communicated to the WMA Board to avoid any concerns of coverage.

Women of the Corps Donations

- A clear policy needs to be in place as to when or how members' donations to the Women of the Corps collection can be returned.

Opha May Johnson Project Update

My last article focused on what the project was all about and how we needed everyone's help to get the job done. This article is an update as to where we are now.

We have decided on the design of the monument that will be placed at the grave site. The monument will be black granite with gold litho etching on four sides. One side will have Opha May's life dates, one will have a Marine Corps emblem and the fact that she was a Sergeant, a third side will have a short history of her service and the fourth side will have an inlay picture of Opha May. The monument will stand about 8 feet from base to the top. The plan is to add some decorative landscaping around the grave site that will help set it apart from others in the area.



Artist's rendering of the monument

All together the cost of the monument and landscaping is \$30,000. We have set up a donation site at Eventbrite (www.eventbrite.com search for **Opha May first woman Marine**) and through Facebook (www.facebook.com/womenmarines) so contributions can be made on line. Donors can also mail a check to: **Women Marines Association, P.O. Box 377, Oaks, PA 19456-0377 with notation that the funds are for the Opha May Johnson project.**

The goal is to have the project completed in time for an unveiling around the time of the Biennial Convention in late August. As of the end of March we have raised \$11,684. The project committee has also sent out donation requests to some corporations but so far no corporate sponsors.

*Kathy Sheppard
Opha May Johnson Project Lead*

Good Things Come in Threes

March 10 was definitely an "OOORAH" day! Women Marines from across Long Island and the Metropolitan area, along with family and friends, came together to celebrate a trifecta of special events. This year not only marks the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of The Marine Corps Women's Reserve, but it also pays tribute to the 100-year milestone of women in the Corps, beginning with Opha Mae Johnson's enlistment in August 1918. Both events were recognized at a special luncheon at the VFW-Wade Burns Post in Lindenhurst, New York.

To round out the triple celebration, two new chap-

ters were recognized by keynote speaker and guest of honor Dr. Betty Moseley Brown. The new chapters, NY-7 Long Island and NY-6 Corporal Ramona Valdez, are both focusing their energy on supporting homeless female veteran shelters in Long Island, New York City and the Bronx regions.



Guests were welcomed to this event in Marine Corps style, which kicked off with a special color guard of four female cadets from the MCJROTC of Lindenhurst High School. Chaplain Karen Pickler, Northport VA, offered the opening prayer. Following the blessing, all were invited to partake of the delicious buffet luncheon that was provided by Gino's Pizza of Lindenhurst.

As part of the day's program, Army veteran Jordanna Mallach, Special Programs and Outreach Coordinator for the New York State Division of Veterans Affairs, provided very helpful information for all members of the military.

The highlight of the afternoon came when Dr. Moseley Brown shared accomplishments and anecdotes of women Marines throughout history.

After Dr. Moseley Brown came the installation of officers of the two newly formed chapters was conducted. With the assistance of Area 1 Director Jamie DePaola, the ceremony got underway. From the applause that followed for Colleen McCarthy, NY-6 President, and the new officers of NY-7, President StaceyAnn Castro; Vice-President Fran Wagner; Secretary Marie Nuzzi; and Treasurer Christine Glynn, the installation clearly met with everyone's approval!

No Marine Corps celebration is complete without a traditional cake cutting ceremony. The MCJROTC cadets marched in with a beautifully decorated cake that featured the fitting image of a proud woman Marine. A message from the CMC General Robert B. Neller was then read, and the cake was promptly cut. As is customary, the first pieces of cake were given to the guests of honor. The next slice was presented to the oldest Marine in attendance, who was Sgt Tess Garber, a proud World War II veteran. Sgt. Garber then handed the cake to the youngest Marine present, SSgt Heather Kennedy, signifying the passing of experience and knowledge from the old to the young.

The day ended with everyone standing proud and singing the Marines' Hymn. Semper Fidelis, MARINES!

Marie Nuzzi

The Holly's Spirit Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run

The amount of details to tell you about the 5K and how it evolved is huge. The beginning was losing our daughter, Corporal Holly Charette, in June 2005.

To keep Holly's name and memory alive, with all her energy that she once brought to our family and friends, we created a perpetual scholarship in her name. We had our first pasta dinner in 2006, which turned into an annual steak fry. This dinner is to recognize the scholarship recipients and their families.

Throughout the years since we launched our first scholarship event, members from our family always came and donated and participated to help make each event successful and memorable. Nine years ago, two of our cousins (Tina and Lisa) wanted to contribute their time and energy in a 5K fundraiser event since they are both avid runners and cyclists and have organized similar events for other causes, such as Multiple Sclerosis.

In 2010, we had our first 5K with over 100 participants. We now average over 220 participating each year. This 5K race is certified with the U.S. Track & Field so professional runners can add this event to their resume. There is also a wheel chair division for the 5K and a Kids Fun Run for the very young groups. Besides runners, we welcome walkers, strollers, and leashed dogs.

All donations and proceeds go directly to the scholarship honoring Holly. In addition to the 5K race each May, we have a committee that is helping to raise funds through other means, such as the Cpl Holly Charette Memorial Motorcycle Run in September, and "A Night



for Holly" (a comedy event at a local establishment featuring her cousin, Jason, who is a rising star in the comedy world).

The result of the fundraising has raised over \$60,000 in scholarships since 2006. Each year a student from Coventry High School and Cranston East, where Holly was alumni, has received a scholarship of \$2,100.

The only shelter in Rhode Island for homeless female veterans was named "Marine Corporal Holly Charette Home" and we like to regularly provide support to this shelter. We are very honored and pleased that the WMA now has a chapter named after her, RI-2 Cpl Holly Charette Chapter. These Marines have become part of our family as they help us with the events to honor their sister and our daughter.

So many of our family and friends, as well as our Marine family, have worked tirelessly each year to make a difference and to keep our daughter's vibrant, en-



ergetic, and beautiful spirit alive. We miss Holly every single day, but we've turned our grieving into giving as we remember every little thing about our daughter, our friend, our Marine.

Regina & Ed Roberts
(Holly's Parents)

(Holly joined the Marine Corps after the events of 9/11 because she wanted to do something for her country. Her life was cut short on June 23, 2005 when a suicide bomber struck her convoy in Iraq. Holly was 21. This year's Cpl Holly Charette Spirit Run/Walk is set for May 12 at Coventry High School, Coventry, RI. If you want to participate, go to this link: <https://www.active.com/coventry-ri/running/distance-running/holly-s-spirit-run-walk-5k-and-kids-fun-run-2018>. ~ Editor)

Women Marines Centennial Essay Contest Winners

The winners of the essay contest are LtCol Beth Wolny (1st prize), Capt Jessica Giusti (2nd prize), and Capt Nicole Kreis (3rd prize). Sponsored by WMA and the Marine Corps Association, the contest highlighted the significance of women who began serving officially in uniform 100 years ago in the United States Marine Corps.

The contest garnered keen competition. Marines from across the country submitted essays. The esteemed panel of judges spent many hours critically reviewing each of the entries to ensure historical accuracy, originality, use of language, and appropriateness to the contest theme.

The winners will receive plaques and \$500, \$250, and \$150, respectively, during the 2018 Women Marines Association Convention and Professional Development Symposium.

Excerpt from LtCol Wolny's essay, "Answering the Nation's Call for 100 Years:"

"As women have answered the nation's call to serve, they have upended previously held social norms and replaced them with new ideas about what women can and should do for the nation. Today, the military could not operate as the most powerful military in the world without its women. The significance of women in the military has always been a two-way relationship – the nation needed women as much as the women wanted the opportunity to serve, to be treated as equally important in the nation's defense as its men."

Convention, Convention, Convention!

As many of you are already aware, convention is a very short time away. I'm hoping to see many of the familiar faces I have seen over the years, and the many new faces that have recently joined our roster.

2018 marks yet another election of the board. If you weren't aware, every convention, nominees interested in being part of the executive board are nominated. The positions, which are open to anyone wishing to be nominated, are: president, vice



president, secretary, treasurer, and three directors. We only ask that you be over 18 years of age, and qualified for the position in some way, i.e., the treasurer should have some bookkeeping/financial management background. While it is ideal to be at convention for such a nomination, those still interested should feel free to nominate yourselves, and send the secretary a brief bio, and the reason you feel you are both qualified and interested in the position, and it will be made available to all members. Her e-mail address is sec@loyalescorts.org.

As many of you are aware, we cannot work convention without the volunteers in the Loyal Escorts. There is a lot to do, and those who are able bodied are the best ones to lend a hand. There are the occasional "meal checks" that we will require the assistance to check bolos for those who have paid for each of the meals. But most importantly, we need help with the registration table, PX, flag stand assembly/break down, and of course, my favorite, the hospitality suite.

For those of you registering, if you could pick an event you wish to volunteer at for 2-4 hours on a single day, it would be most helpful. You can pre-register your volunteerism to gain a spot prior to convention by sending an e-mail to sec@loyalescorts.org.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to forward them to me at president@loyalescorts.org. We also welcome donations for raffle items, especially if it's a raffle item that is related to your state or city. We like to raffle off items during the hospitality suite events, which can help us to raise money to fulfill our responsibilities as a 501(c) (3).

With all of your help, I am sure we can assist in making this convention the best one yet! Congratulations on 100 Years of women in the Marine Corps. Semper Fidelis!

Michael Pearce
President

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

Convention Program Book Ads

Now is the time to submit your ad for the convention program booklet, which every registrant will receive. Your support benefits the convention and WMA national programs and initiatives. Your chapter can memorialize those called to their final duty station, honor a fellow member, share all your accomplishments, and show your support to WMA.

Ads will be accepted in **BLACK & WHITE**, camera-ready hard copy or CD, and electronically. Ads can be designed for you at no charge. Just contact us at ConventionAds@womenmarines.org.

Please make checks payable to WMA 2018 Convention and mail to Women Marines Association (Attn: Ads) P.O. Box 741268, New Orleans, LA 70174. Enclose your hardcopy ad or email electronic ads to ConventionAds@womenmarines.org. All ads must be postmarked or emailed by **15 May 2018** to allow time for the layout and printing. Questions may be addressed to convention@womenmarines.org.

If ad copy is submitted in its original form and is

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)

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SPONSOR INFORMATION

WMA Sponsor Name:

Recruited by:

Chapter Affiliation:

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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:

WMA Newsletter is sent electronically to members with an email

SIGNATURES

Signature of member:

Date:

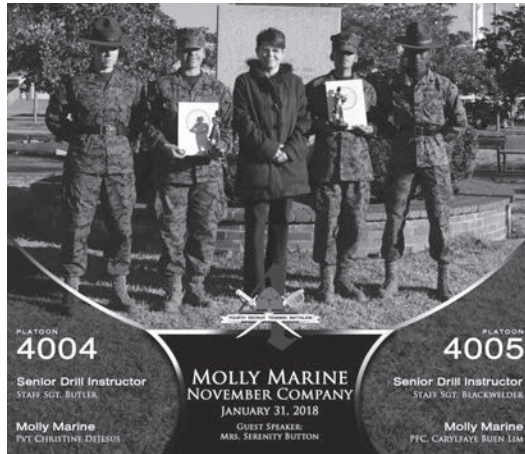
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Mail to: Michael Pearce, 1645 E Madge Ave, Hazel Park, MI 48030

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Pvt Christine DeJesus

Platoon 4005

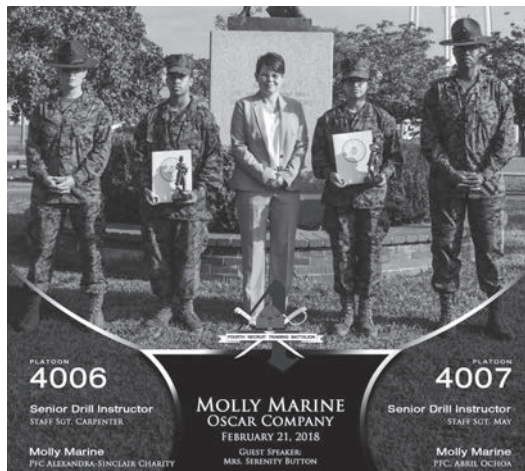
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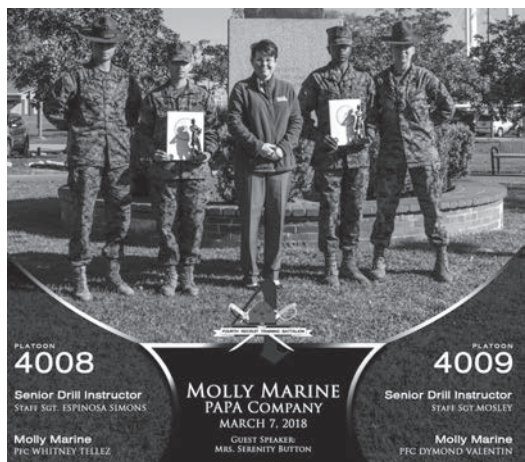
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PFC Whitney Tellez

Platoon 4009

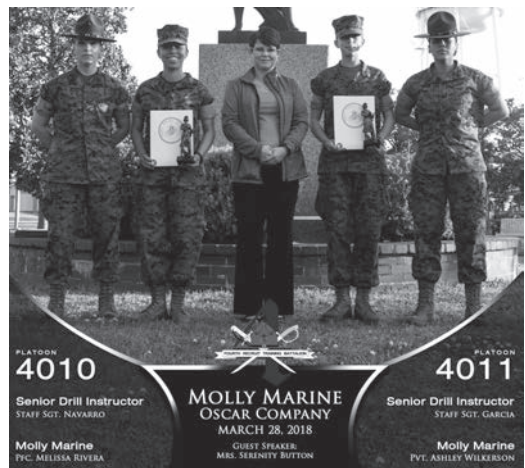
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PFC Melissa Rivera

Platoon 4011

Pvt Ashley Wilkerson



not submitted via email or CD, please submit an additional \$10.00 for scanning fee. Ads can be sent as portrait or landscape.

AD SPACE COSTS and SPECIFICATIONS

(Standard B/W — Camera — Ready Copy Only)
Program Ads

Full Page	7.5 w x 10 h	\$200
Half page horizontal	7.5 w x 5 h	\$100
Half page vertical	3.75 w x 10 h	\$100
Quarter page horizontal	5 w x 3.75 h	\$50
Quarter page vertical	3.75 w x 5 h	\$50
Business Card	3 w x 2 h	\$25
2-Line Ad	1 w x 1 h	\$20
Name Only Ad	One Line	\$10

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

Name: _____

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Point of Contact: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Camera-ready ad enclosed on CD _____
Sent via email on _____. Please verify receipt.

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Hotel Information for 2018 Convention, Washington DC

The 2018 **Women Marines Association 30th Biennial Convention and Professional Development Symposium** will be held at the **Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel 1700 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington VA 22202**. Below you will find all the info you need to make your hotel reservations:

- Convention attendees must make their own reservations. **The nightly room rate is \$99 plus 13.25% hotel room tax.**

- Reservations can be made online at <https://aws.passkey.com/event/49425513/owner/1487/home> or by calling **703.920.3230** (mention 2018 Women Marines Association Convention to get the discount room rate)

- Reservations must be made by **6:00pm on August 7, 2018** to get the discount room rate

- Hotel room accommodations: 2 two queen beds or 1 king bed, refrigerator, microwave, flat

screen TV, in-room COMPLIMENTARY WIFI

- Guests have access to indoor pool and heated outdoor pool, hot tub and whirlpool, state-of-the-art fitness center and exercise room
- The hotel is ADA accessible (recommend call hotel for special accommodations)
- Pet Policy: Service dogs are allowed free of charge (bring any documentation you have for your service dog). Other pets are not allowed.
- If you would like a roommate to help offset the cost of your stay, fill out the roommate request form

Convention Shirt

Pre-order your commemorative t-shirt for the 2018 WMA Convention and Professional Development Symposium. All shirts are only \$14 pre-convention. Save \$3 per shirt by pre-ordering during the 2018 Convention Commemorative T-Shirt Campaign. Go to the 2018 WMA Showroom to order now: <http://www.idmktgpromo.com/showrooms.htm>



Convention PX Tables - \$30

Show off your chapter's unique merchandise and make some revenue for your chapter by reserving a Convention PX Table. For just \$30, chapters can host a table throughout the Convention during PX hours. Table size is 6ft x 30in.

Remember, we will be celebrating 100 years of women serving in the Marine Corps so get creative! Email your PX table requests to 2018 Convention PX Coordinator, Brenda Carrias, at deviviesb@aol.com. Include chapter name, POC Name, POC phone number and email, and number of tables requested. Mail checks to: 2018 Convention Treasurer, PO Box 741268, New Orleans, LA 70174

Calling ALL Authors

Are you a WMA member who has written a book? Do you know someone who has written a book about women Marines? WMA authors and those who have written books about women Marines are invited to participate in the 2018 WMA Convention where you will have a chance to sell your book and be prominently placed to ensure you have wide visibility by convention attendees.

Twenty percent of the author's proceeds will go toward the 2018 WMA Convention. To sign up or for more information, email convention@womenmarines.org.

Shipping Instructions: Getting Your Items to the Hotel

The Crystal Gateway Marriott will allow complimentary receiving of no more than 75 convention-related packages to be stored prior to convention (e.g. chapter flag, PX items). Your packages should not arrive before August 25 and should not weigh more than 50 pounds.

Packages weighing more than 50 pounds, packages arriving after the 75-package limit, and packages

arriving prior to 25 August will incur a fee that will be charged to the sender.

If mailing personal items, please address them to yourself so they will not be counted against the 75 package limit.

Packages must be addressed as follows: Crystal Gateway Marriott, C/O WMA 2018 Convention, ATTN: Your Name and Chapter, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington VA 22202.



Traveling to the 2018 Convention & Professional Development Symposium

Crystal Gateway Marriott

Have you thought about how you will travel to the convention? The great news is you will not need your personal vehicle once you arrive at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. Transportation to special commemorative events will be provided at no charge to attendees, and key sightseeing locations are all accessible by the easy to use Washington, DC metro system.

Traveling by Plane:

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) is the closest and most convenient airport to the Crystal Gateway Marriott.

- **Complimentary Shuttle every 20 minutes** to Crystal Gateway Marriott from 6:05 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; pickup locations are the A Gates and Doors 5 and 9, in the B and C Concourse Lower Level.
- **Subway/Metro Service** - \$3.10
Take blue line (toward Largo) or yellow line (toward Fort Totten), go one stop to Crystal City
- **Taxi / Uber** - Estimated fare: \$10 (one way)

Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) is 37 miles from the Crystal Gateway Marriott. The hotel does not provide shuttle service from BWI. Alternate transportation: Super Shuttle - \$51 (one way), reservation required. Estimated taxi fare - \$90 (one way).

Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) is 27 miles from the Crystal Gateway Marriott. The hotel does not provide shuttle service from Washington Dulles. Alternate transportation: Washington Flyer - \$45 (one way), reservation required. Estimated taxi fare - \$45 (one way). Super Shuttle is also available from Washington Dulles Airport at \$30 for a shared ride (van w/stops) and \$60 non-stop ride (one-way).

Traveling by Bus

Washington Greyhound Station is five miles from the Crystal Gateway Marriott. The hotel does not provide shuttle service from the bus station.

Tentative Schedule of Events for 2018 Biennial Convention Washington DC

Subject to Change

Wednesday 29 August

Registration
Happy Hour
*Moonlight Trolley Tour of Washington DC

Thursday 30 August **First Official Day**

Registration Daytime
*Daytime Trolley Tour of Washington DC
2016-2018 WMA Board of Directors Meeting
2016-2018 Loyal Escorts (LE) Board Meeting
PX Open
Active Duty and First Timers Orientation
Opening Banquet

Friday 31 August

Registration
WMA Business Meeting #1
LE Business Meeting #1
1st VP/ADs/Chapter Presidents Meeting
Workshops
PX
Evening Parade at Marine Barracks 8th & I

* Additional fee; see registration form.

Saturday 1 September

WMA Business Meeting #2
LE Business Meeting #2
Recognition and Awards Luncheon
PX
Trip to Women In Military Service for America (WIMSA)
Church Services
Fireside Chat
LE Hospitality Room

Sunday 2 September

Annual Run/Walk
Memorial Service
Trip to National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC)
LE Hospitality Room

Monday 3 September

Last Official Day
Installation Luncheon
Closing Banquet

Tuesday 4 September

2018-2020 WMA Board of Directors Meeting

Traveling by Train

Union Station is five miles from the Crystal Gateway Marriott. The hotel does not provide shuttle service.

Traveling by Car or Personal Vehicle

We strongly encourage not traveling by personal vehicle because parking is expensive. The Crystal Gateway Marriott is conveniently located near the Washington DC Metro System. Easy to follow metro maps will be given to all attendees.

Parking

Hotel parking is \$29 per day self-parking; Valet Parking is \$34 per day.

Crystal City Parking: \$21 weekly, free entry after 4 pm weekdays, all day weekends and holidays. For more information, go to: www.crystalcity.org/_files/docs/parkingmap.pdf.

RV Parking: There are several RV parks and campgrounds in the DC area. Here are a few:

- ★ Fort Belvoir Camp: <https://belvoir.armymwr.com/programs/recreational-lodging-travel-camp>
- ★ Cherry Hill Park: cherryhillpark.com
- ★ Burke Lake Park: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burkelakepark/burkecamp/>

Wheel Chairs and Scooters

The 2018 Convention will be accessible for all. Persons requiring a wheelchair can contact Scootaround at 1-888- 441-7575, or <https://www.scootaround.com/mobility-rentals/wheelchair-rentals>. Scootaround

comes highly recommended by the Crystal Gateway Marriott.

Metro Access Paratransit

MetroAccess is a shared ride public transportation service for people who are unable to use fixed-route public transit due to disability. "Shared ride" means that multiple passengers may ride together in the same vehicle. The service provides daily trips throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan region offered in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

MetroAccess operates 7 days a week, 365 days a year, providing service within a three-quarter mile corridor around existing fixed-route services such as Metrobus, Metrorail, and jurisdictional bus services, at least during all hours of operation that service is operated on these modes. MetroAccess fares are two times the fastest comparable fixed-route fare, with a maximum fare of \$6.50. The lowest available fare 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the requested pick-up time will be provided during the booking process. Customers are required to pay the fare to the driver prior to boarding the vehicle. For more information: <https://www.wmata.com/service/accessibility/metro-access/>.

Very Important Logistics Note: There are **TWO** Marriott hotels in Crystal City. The 2018 Biennial WMA Convention and Professional Development Symposium will be at the **Crystal Gateway Marriott**, 1700 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202; (703) 920-3230. The Crystal Gateway Marriott is 2 miles from Washington National Airport.

Register for the 2018 WMA Convention early to avoid paying the late fee. You can register on-line at the WMA website or by mailing in the appropriate registration form.

Cash Door Prizes at the 2018 WMA Convention

Enter the "Best Envelope Contest" while also adding to the fun of winning one of them filled with cash! Each WMA chapter is asked to contribute at least one \$25 cash donation and envelope for the cash door prizes. While \$25 is the minimum requested, feel free to donate more envelopes and money, thanks!

Monetary contributions from Members-at-Large and Loyal Escorts are also welcome with your creatively designed envelopes. A special gift will be awarded to the chapter or individual whose envelope is judged as the "The Best Envelope."



Criteria for the contest: Envelope should most reflect the 2018 Convention theme: *100 Years Proud 1918 – 2018*. Chapters or individuals submitting envelopes should include chapter or individual's name in left hand corner on the front end of the envelope. Envelopes must be received by August 29, 2018.

Cash only please – No Checks

Send envelopes to: 2018 Convention Envelope Contest, 4250 Southwinds Place, Apt. 211, White Plains, MD 20695 (**Attention Donna Genovese**). Envelopes should arrive no later than August 29, 2017. Questions should be addressed to Donna Genovese at dmgmarine@verizon.net.

2018 Table Reservations–Please Reserve Tables NOW!

All meal events will be OPEN SEATING with the exception of reserved tables. We would like to provide your chapter or special group the opportunity to reserve a table for up to 10. This will be your table during any particular meal event. Your chapter or special group name will be placed on a reserved table, and you will be informed of your table assignment.

Reservations and checks must be submitted by July 1, 2018.

Cost to reserve a table will be \$50.00 per event for each chapter or special group.

Make your check payable to: WMA 2018 Convention, and write "Table Reservation" in the memo block. Mail check and the form to WMA 2018 Convention (Table Res), P. O. Box 741268, New Orleans, LA 70174.

Chapter or Reservation Name:

POC Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

2018 Convention Roommate Request

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Date of Arrival: _____ Departing: _____

1. Smoker? Y N
2. Early riser? Y N
3. Night Owl? Y N
4. Need more than 20 min in the bathroom to be ready for the day? Y N
5. Prefer to sleep in a very cool room (68° or less)? Y N
6. Do you have an age preference for a roommate? Y N
If yes, then age range: _____
7. Room Preference:
*2 per room _____ *3 per room _____ *4 per room _____

Additional Information: _____

Please fill out form and return to Mary Billingsley, 2018 WMA Convention Roommate Coordinator, at ml2billingsley@yahoo.com or mail to: Mary Billingsley, 2018 WMA Convention Roommate Coordinator, P.O. Box 128, Quantico VA 22134. Mary may be reached by phone at 540-645-1515.

Women In Military Service For America Memorial

The Convention Planning Committee has lots in store for Convention attendees while at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial (WIMSA). Also coined the Women's Memorial — WIMSA is the only major national memorial honoring all servicewomen—past, present and future. Over 2.5 million women have served or are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and the Women's Memorial honors their legacy.

To specially mark the centennial, the Headquarters Marine Corps Public Affairs Office (PAO) and WMA have partnered to produce a video honoring the service of female Marines. *"The Salute to Women Serving in the Marine Corps"* video will be unveiled at the Women's Memorial. It will highlight female Marines' milestones and achievements spanning the past 100 years.

Additionally, the painting "Semper Fi Sisters" will be unveiled. The painting illustrates the connection of women Marines from 1918 – today and captures the strength and esprit of a century of women warriors. This painting has been in the works for a long time to honor the service and sacrifice across generations.

Attendees will experience the collective history of women in the military through the individual stories of service, sacrifice and achievement. Each profile honors the distinct contribution women have made since the American Revolution, and additionally, provides inspiration for future generations.

With such exhilarating activities, attendees will surely work up an appetite! Not to worry! *Mission BBQ* is partnering with WMA to offer their delicious BBQ. There will be no charge to Convention attendees.

To help make sure this legacy of women's service to

WMA MEMBERS ONLY

2018 Convention mail in Meal Registration Form



30th Biennial Women Marines Association Convention and Professional Development Symposium
30 Aug - 3 Sept 2018

You can register online at www.womenmarines.org

Late Fee of \$10 will be charged after 15 July 2018 A fee of \$50 will be charged for cancellation after 1 Aug 2018. No refunds after 10 Aug 2018. Refunds will be mailed 30 days after convention finalization.

A SEPARATE FORM IS NEEDED FOR EACH ATTENDEE

-Meal Registration-

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

Date	Event	Package A All Meals	Option B Individual Choice
30 Aug	Opening Banquet	Included	_____@\$70.00
01 Sept	Recognition and Awards	Included	_____@\$48.00
03 sept	Installation Luncheon	Included	_____@\$48.00
03 Sept	Closing Banquet	Included	_____@\$84.00

Trips (FREE Transportation to Registered Attendees Only – Additional Seats \$15 per person)

- (1) _____ Fri, 31 Aug-Parade at Marine Barracks, 8th & I Streets SE, Washington, DC for the Evening Parade
- (2) _____ Sat, 1 Sep-Trip to Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA) Memorial
- (3) _____ Sun, 2 Sep-Trip to National Marine Corps Museum at Quantico, VA

PAID TRIPS

- (1) _____ \$40 DC Trolley tour by night 29 August 2018, 8pm
- (2) _____ \$40 DC Trolley tour by day 30 August 2018, 8:30 am (held during LE Board Mtg, WMA Board Mtg, PX set-up)

Full Name _____ Service Name _____
Email _____ Phone _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Name to be printed on Badge: _____ Primary Chapter & Name _____
____ My First Convention ____ Mobility Impaired ____ I would like to volunteer ____ Special Dietary Needs _____

ALL ATTENDEES MUST PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE. NO EXCEPTIONS.

REGISTRATION FEE \$50	TOTAL \$50.00
MEAL PACKAGE A \$242.00	TOTAL _____
MEAL PACKAGE B ____1 \$70.00 ____2 \$48.00 ____3 \$48.00 ____4 \$84.00	TOTAL _____
FREE TRIPS ____1 ____2 ____3 ____ADDITIONAL TICKETS _____ \$15 EA PER NON-REGISTERED GUEST	TOTAL _____
PAID TRIPS ____1 ____2 @ \$40.00	TOTAL _____
DONATION	TOTAL _____
LATE FEE IF AFTER 15 JULY 2018 \$10	TOTAL _____
	GRAND TOTAL _____

Mail completed form with payment to:
WMA Convention Treasurer, P.O. Box 741268, New Orleans, LA 70174

Make your hotel reservation online <https://goo.gl/8N2SfA> OR by calling the hotel directly at (703) 920-3230
Identify handicap room needs when you book your reservations. Tell them you are with WMA for the preferred room rates of \$99 plus taxes. Crystal Gateway Marriot 1700 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202

To be completed by Convention Treasurer: Date Received _____ Registration Number _____
Registration Acknowledgement Sent On _____

the nation is never forgotten, women Marines are encouraged to take the time to register their own story by submitting a profile of experience along with a photograph. Let your unique story be recorded as part of this collective history.

You can pre-register with the Women's Memorial prior to the convention and see your profile during the visit. It is as simple as going to the following link: <https://womensmemorialstore.wufoo.com/forms/online-registration-and-donation-form/>

You might recognize the following profile:

WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE FOR AMERICA
SgtMaj Laura L. Brown USMC Ret.

Member 643076 HIGHEST RANK: SgtMaj

SERVICE: Marine Corps From Jul 9, 1984 to Dec 31, 2014

WAR/CONFLICTS: Operation Enduring Freedom
Operation Iraqi Freedom

BORN: Jul 16, 1966 HOMETOWN: San Antonio, TX
BIRTH PLACE: San Antonio, TX
MAIDEN: Salazar MIDDLE: Lynn
PREVIOUS: Sheppard
NICKNAME: AKA:
SERVICE NAME:
DECORATIONS: Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal w/2 Stars
Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal w/3 Gold Stars

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES:
SgtMaj Laura L. Brown had an illustrious 30 year career marked with excellence, determination, hard work, and many achievements. Hailing from San Antonio, TX, she placed her feet on the yellow footprints on July 9, 1984. After graduation, she quickly moved up the ranks ahead of her peers through her tireless dedication to duty and can-do spirit! Her primary technical military occupational specialty was disbursing, but leadership was always at the core of everything she took on. This is evidenced by her duty station assignments throughout her career. Laura served as a drill instructor and was also the first female history instructor for both male and female recruits. Laura held several key command billets to include Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 35 Sergeant Major, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade Aviation Combat Element Sergeant Major, and Marine Corps Base Quantico Sergeant Major. SgtMaj Brown proudly served in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. She received numerous awards and accolades over her career that spanned three decades. Notably, Sergeant Major Brown's decorations include the Legion of Merit Meritorious Service Medal with two stars and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with three gold stars and recipient of the 2011 Major Megan McClung Leadership Award. When asked what she is most proud of looking back at all of her achievements-she said, "to have led the nation's finest fighting force Marines!"

REGISTERED BY:
HONORED BY:

Marine Corps Recruit Training Platoon Books Exhibit

You have your honorable discharge certificate and your DD214, but your platoon photo and platoon book are just as important as is any picture of you in uniform. Marines can call MCRD Parris Island Recruit Photo at 843-228-1555 and get a copy of their platoon photo. However, there is no way to order a replacement platoon book.

In the front of the book there are photos of every phase of training. In the back of the book are individual photos of the women that you trained with, formed a bond with and of the Marines in the chain of command that trained you. Most books include the first names of recruits which help locate platoon mates.

Valerie Shields Breidenbaugh, WMA History & Document Curator, has digitized more than 600 platoon books and counting! She also posts her scanned platoon books onto put WMA Shutterfly page and to YellowFootPrints.com. She has had dozens of women email her copies of their platoon books and in turn Valerie has emailed copies to female Marines...far too many to count! What began as a hobby is now her passion. "I so enjoy helping women Marines receive a piece of their personal Marine Corps history" says Valerie.

Bring your platoon book with you to the 2018 Convention. Stop by Valerie's platoon book exhibit table. It will be co-located with the WMA authors. Valerie will scan your platoon book and add it to the data base of books. Valerie can be contacted at historian@women-marines.org or sgtvshields@yahoo.com.

Tour the White House

Carve out time to tour the White House when you're in the Nation's Capital. Tours are free of charge and are scheduled on a first come, first served basis. Requests can be submitted up to three months in advance and *no less than 21 days in advance*. Submit your request through your Member of Congress as early as possible since there are a limited number of spaces available.

Please note, all information submitted (e.g. name, date of birth, city, etc.), must exactly match the government-issued photo ID you will present when arriving at the White House.

Self-guided tours are available from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (excluding federal holidays or unless otherwise noted).

If you are bringing guests to tour the White House with you and they are a citizen of a foreign country, they must contact their embassy in Washington, DC for assistance in submitting a tour request.

For more information, go to: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/participate/tours-and-events>.

THE MONUMENTS BY MOONLIGHT



Old Town Trolley Tours

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Wednesday, August 29, 2018 @ 8 p.m.

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Taps

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



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

Life Members

Anderson, Elsie	1325	02/04/18	DC-1
Campbell, Lucille (Mayfield)	1990	02/02/18	CA
Cole, Begonia (Saxton)	1957	12/03/17	TX
Mallard, Zee	649	10/26/16	CA
Marts, Laverne	1704	02/18/18	CA-3
Morgan, Sylvia (Downer)	3343	02/06/18	FL-2
Mucaria, Rosalina (Martins)	2117	01/30/18	MA
Nordstrom, Nancy (Cuiffo)	198	01/23/18	FL
Perkins, Helene (Berry)	1472	01/04/18	FL
Roethler, Joyce (Miller)	2059	01/06/18	IN
Stevensen, Doris (Stephan)	1894	02/12/18	CT-1
Techky, Anastasia (Kizis)	1453	01/17/18	PA-3
Wise, Margaret	124	02/14/18	OR-3

Term Members

Blackmon, Mary (Wicking)	03/13/18	FL-2
Bowen, Genevieve (Gordon)	01/02/18	IL-2
Bradley, Veronica (Byrnes)	02/25/18	CT
Goss, Violet "Pat" (Pendleton)	03/06/18	OK-2
Hawes-Hartford, Elizabeth (Allen)	01/07/18	OR

Huckaba, Ann (Jackson-Taylor)	10/12/17	TN
Klemmedson, Dorothy (Merida)	05/28/17	CA
Mattiucci, Vivian (Thompson)	12/06/17	CA
Raines, Elizabeth (Mahoney)	02/05/18	OK-2
Walz, Florence (Tobin)	06/29/17	NJ
Wolford, Linda (Clark)	02/03/18	SC

Chaplain's Corner

Spring is trying to cover our beautiful lands with new growth, but Mother Nature seems to have other plans. As I write this, many "low" temperature records are being broken. It may be late, but Spring will come! A season of rebirth and renewal. It is a time for us to evaluate our focus and direction in life. Do we still uphold our Corps values in everyday life? Are we kind to everyone we meet? How many times a day do you smile? How often do you bring a smile to someone else's face?

We have a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old comrades, forge new friendships, and find new avenues for service this summer at our Centennial Convention and Professional Development Conference in Washington, DC. I suspect this event will draw the largest turnout ever! We have many WWII Marines still with us. I encourage all the chapters to do everything possible to get them to Washington.

"Begin today. Declare out loud to the universe that you are willing to let go of struggle and eager to learn through joy." ~ Sarah Ban Breathnach

Passings of Note

Linda Clark-Wolford assumed the duties as Area 3 Director in 2009. She was a 70s era Marine, enlisting in 1972. After spending her first enlistment at HQMC, Linda re-enlisted and transferred to San Diego where she served as the first female admin chief at recruiters' school. After her second enlistment, she got out and spent the next 11 years in the reserves. She was honorably discharged as a staff sergeant. During her time with WMA, Linda served as president of GA-1. She retired as a social worker who worked with the Vet Center Program conducting individual and group therapy with combat veterans. She passed away on February 3. Linda was 67.



Veronica "Ronnie" Bradley joined the Marine Corps in 1942 and was stationed in Santa Barbara, CA repairing airplanes. Ronnie, with clipboard in hand, also served as the model for the "Be a Marine. Free a Marine to fight" recruiting poster. What led her to join the Marines was the "bucket" cover worn by a woman in a recruiting poster. After her discharge, she worked for Bell Telephone before getting married and raising a family. Being on the poster is one of her favorite memories...that and dating Lee Marvin. She passed away on February 25 at the age of 95. Her ashes will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery. (Photo: Carol Kaliff / Hearst Connecticut Media)



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Chapter Clippings

CA-2 – San Diego County

On March 21 we had a welcome home for Michele Kramek and Dharma Grace. It was held at Michele's apartment complex. It was great to see Michele coming along in her recovery. Cassandra brought Dharma so we can meet her. She said her husband Hugh is a great dad! I believe that we are the first chapter to have a baby!

We received a wonderful thank you note from Michele:

"I would like to give my thanks to all of those from Women Marines Association, Chapter 2, San Diego, CA who gave their time and friendship when I had 5 surgeries and finally an amputation of my left leg. Daily Mikki Hurst, Babs Meires, Angelique Murray, Maura Donnelly, and Gail Hanna. I could never repay you guys, it meant a lot to have your love, friendship and giving your time to help me through. This journey all started October 20, 2017, and finally, on January 23rd, 2018, ended. The only choice left was to amputate. I woke up in ICU and not to long after Angelique Murray was right there and these AWESOME women Marines continued to provide their assistance when I need it. They helped my family tremendously and did whatever they could to provide support, tear time, and listening...not once did I feel like I was alone. Thank all of you from the bottom of my heart. Give a Huge Shout out to those wonderful women of WMA, CA-2. Michele Kramek"

If you are stationed aboard Camp Pendleton or was there between 1943 and today's date, we want to hear from you! In celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Women Marines at Camp Pendleton, the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce, along with the Camp Pendleton Historical Society, is planning the production of a commemorative publication marking this historic milestone for trailblazing women. Members of CA-2 and CA-7 will assist in this endeavor.

Everyone has a story to tell and who better to tell yours than your sister Marines. So, let us hear from you. Send us photos and memorabilia along with a written description of your assignments and experiences while at Camp Pendleton. We have editors to assist you with the final product and a photographer who will take photos and scan items for you. Your article must meet with your approval before it is published.



Nancy Brock, Cassandra Wurts, and Randy Tidmore enjoying some baby time with Dharma Grace.



Randy Tidmore proving how strong women Marines are to Dan Murray.

We need your help! Let's remember those who have gone before and recognize those who are yet to come. To participate, contact: Caliwomenmarines@gmail.com, or phone 442-500-8105.

Angelique Murray

CA-3 – Greater San Francisco Bay Area

CA-3 continues to hold well attended monthly meetings. The January meeting, hosted by CA-3 Loyal Escorts Elaine Vallecillo-Miller and Greg Miller, celebrated the New Year.

The February Meeting was hosted by CA-3 Vice President and Treasurer Kathy Wright. At this meeting, we celebrated the anniversary of the Women Reserves, with our oldest Marine present, Zita Cusary, passing the first piece of birthday cake to our youngest Marine present, Molly Howe. At this special meeting, CA-3 welcomed a very special guest of honor – National President Betty Moseley Brown. Betty spoke to the group, and afterwards, graciously posed for numerous pictures!



Cutting of the anniversary cake



Chapter members with National President Betty Moseley Brown

During this time period, as a member of the combined American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard, CA-3 President Susan Johnston participated in four memorial/funeral services. Also during this quarter, CA-3 welcomed two new members – Stephanie Borges and Molly Howe. We welcome both of them to CA-3!

It is with great sadness that I must report the passing of one of our charter members. LaVerne Marts reported to her final duty station on 18 February. She is now resting inside the Gates of Heaven. LaVerne continued to attend CA-3 meetings as long as she was physically able. She served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War, and also served as CA-3 president from 2004 – 2008. She will be missed.



LaVerne Marts

Susan Johnston

CA-5 – Orange County California Members-at-Large

The 75th Anniversary of WR's in the Marine Corps was celebrated by OCCMAL women at Vista thanks to the superb party that CA-7 threw and sponsored. Those Ma-

rine women know how to do it up right! Well done, Marines, and thank you. Joining in were (l-r): Sonia Gryske, Cheryl Garbett, Ellie Fox, Patricia Singer, Eileen Sampson, and Eleanor Wilson. It was a total female color guard from the Wounded Warrior-West Battalion



doing the honors. A grand monetary collection was done for WIMSA and terrific gift baskets. We even had a handsome keyboard fellow making beautiful music for us. A most unique commemorative pen for our 75th was presented to each guest; when you press/tap the top, it lights up with "Women Marines...75 Years...Diamond Jubilee."

We have had losses in our membership, our family, our friends. Carlene Wojciechowski's husband, MSgt Bob Wojciechowski passed 12 January. This special, gentle soul will be missed...he was our go-to-guy when CA-5 was active and we needed to get messages to Carlene, CA-5's Omega President. I am sorry to report the loss of Billie Brozovich on 11 September 2017 and Zee Mallard on 26 October 2016. Billie served 30+ years in the Corps. Both women were life-members of CA-5 and WMA, and yet we did not know them. What a loss for all of us!

Ellie Fox and husband Gerry returned from Kenya late January. They and their pastor and his wife were on a mission for the church in finding a new village/community that was in need of a school and other assistance. They were successful and the adventure will begin in July with the return of a crew of dedicated, stateside volunteers to make the impossible happen. Gerry found time before they were homeward bound to build several desks for the school. We should call him the "Masai Kenyan Tool Guy!" Gerry is the guy in the white shirt, middle, back row; Ellie is to the left of him.



Gerry and Ellie Fox in Kenya

It's a small, small world when you are a Marine as to how you might reconnect from time-to-time with a Marine from your past. Carlene told of how Eleanor Wilson was the marriage counselor officer when she married Bob, almost 50-years past. Patricia met up with Kathleen Ables, CA-7, last September. They originally met in 1972 when CA-5 presented a bicycle to the women at Camp Butler, Okinawa. Kathleen was the CO.



Camp Pendleton Motor Pool

Camp Pendleton is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year also. The Chamber of Commerce has published a wonderful magazine commemorating the occasion. This summer a second issue is coming and they want to feature a lot of the women that served at Camp Pendleton. Did you serve there? If so, they would love to have your story and pictures for the publication. Send to Camp Pendleton Historical Society, PO Box 5497, Oceanside, CA 92052. I have this photo identified as Camp Pendleton Motor Pool 1945. I'm thinking it should be 1954 because of the two women in dresses. Anyone know these ladies?

Here is a "shout out" for our Marine Birthday Queens: Tippy Paine 5-11; Susan Roley Malone 5-13; Connie Schroller 5-31; Sarah Martinez 6-16; Mary Ann Merritt 6-17; Kate McQuillan 6-19; Jeannette Clayson 6-27; Vanda Bresnan 6-30; Eileen Scanlon 7-5; Kelly Bruner 7-6; Betty Mosley Brown 7-10; Sonia Gryske 7-20; Mary Ann Rogers 7-27; Lee Kearney 7-31; Ada Russik 8-20; Eleanor Wilson 9-10; Lorre Wardyn 9-13; Val Lephart 9-19; Shirley Redding 9-27; and "Fran" Richey 9-27. Best wishes to all. Hope your wishes and dreams come true.

It's almost summer, so make it an adventure for yourselves...relax, reconnect with a Marine sister...do something wonderful with someone that means the world to you! Big Blessings!

Patricia Singer

CA-7 – Edith Macias Vann Southern California



Color guard from the Wounded Warrior Bn

The Edith Macias Vann Chapter CA-7 celebrated the 75th Anniversary of Women Marine Reserves on 10 February. This "Diamond Jubilee" was attended by active duty and veterans. Sgt Abeo Johnson, Sgt Janice Walker, Cpl Megan Sutherland and LCpl Sarah Balla were our all-female color guard and came from the Rafael Peralta Wounded Warrior Battalion. Also in attendance from Wounded Warrior Battalion was SgtMaj Mario Fields along with his wife. We honored and recognized all Marines who served during WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Bosnia, Gulf War, Afghanistan War, and Iraq War, and asked that they stand to be recognized.

Our guest of honor was Grace Amy Carle, SgtMaj, USMC (Ret). SgtMaj Carle was the last SgtMaj of Women Marines. Our keynote address speaker was Col Marianne S. Waldrop, USMC (Ret), Ph.D. We were so happy to have three of our living charter members in attendance: Anna C. Hopkins, Ana B. Johnson, and Mary Lou Voigt.



SgtMaj Grace Amy Carle being escorted into the anniversary festivities

Thanks to all the members who donated gift baskets. A big thank you to the anniversary committee who worked hard for months and was dedicated to making this anniversary luncheon a HUGE success.

We set up and manned a booth at the Marine Military



Marine Military Expo booth

Expo held February 7-8 aboard Camp Pendleton. It was a pleasure to speak to the active duty women Marines. Many of them never heard of the Women Marines Association and stopped by for information. We passed out brochures about the WMA, how to join WMA, and informed them about the upcoming 100th Anniversary in Washington, DC.

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Iris Biggers

CA-11 - Central Coast

Greetings Lady Leathernecks! Central Coast Women Marines are thriving here on the golden coast of California.

We have been busy supporting and volunteering our time with the community and other veterans groups to let them know the Marines have landed, and we successfully have recruited Marines, family, and friends to join our chapter. Our newest member is Dr. Veronica West, LMFT, and a Veteran Adjunct Counselor in the Veteran Success Center in Allen Hancock College.

We have had a great time during the month of March with the Vietnam Veterans of America and United Veterans of America during a parade and ceremony. We enjoyed a wonder barbeque and got the information out to the community about what we do. Semper Fidelis!



Dr. Veronica West (right) with Soledad Kennedy

Soledad Kennedy

CA-29 - Twenty-Nine Palms

Women Marines Association Chapter CA-29 was honored recently by the City of Twenty-Nine Palms during Women's History Month with a proclamation from Mayor MacArthur Wright. The proclamation acknowledged the service and participation of the women - active duty, veteran, and retired - to the community of Twenty-Nine Palms to include their active participation in the community outreach proj-



ects, sports, parades, and community service in which they donated many volunteer hours working with the local youth organizations. In addition, the proclamation recognized the 75th Anniversary of continual service and the 100th year since women first officially served in the USMC since 1918. Pictured are members Lorraine Chamberlain, Kathleen Arbaczewski, Georgia and Bob Shirey, Brenda Roberts, Elaine Bowden, President Diane Durden, Kristie Mitchell, and Betty Laferriere.

The chapter will hold their next chapter meeting on May 5th. The chapter plans on celebrating the 75th Anniversary and 100th year of women in the USMC on May 19th with a luncheon, speaker and cake cutting. All women Marines and their guests are invited to check the chapter's Facebook page (WMA CA-29) for more info.

The chapter welcomes all former, retired, and active duty women Marines to share in the camaraderie. The membership consists of women that served in the Marine Corps during WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Information on the 29 Palms Chapter can be obtained from the chapter's Facebook page or send email to ca29@womenmarines.org.

Elaine Bowden

CO-1 - Colorado Columbine

The CO-1 chapter partnered with Bed, Bath, and Beyond store 436 in Aurora to gather goodies for the troops. Our flyer was placed at the registers and people bought a "Working Hands" and "Healthy Feet" creams in February and red and black licorice in March. The chapter has formed a Go Fund Me page to pay for postage to send the items to Marines in Iraq. Over 500 bags of licorice and 300 packages of hand and foot cream were purchased. Photo featured has Bed, Bath, and Beyond employees including manager Jeannie Goodwin (2nd left) along with Chapter President Paula Sarlls (right).



The chapter celebrated the WR anniversary at The English Tea Cup in Aurora with over 40 in attendance including the state Commandant of the Marine Corps League, Garry Gibson, and the Vice President of the US Memorial Association, Mark Eckhout, along with their Secretary Mary Eckhout. Guest speakers were Jenna Williams and Shannon Newell who are coordinating the move of the VA Hospital in Denver to the Rocky Mtn. Regional VA Center. Jenna is a Marine and Shannon is a West Point graduate and both have quite distinguished resumes! Young Marines from the Buckley Field Unit assisted with the ceremonies. The WWII women were especially honored - we are blessed to have Marge Alexander, Marge Muzzillo, and Babe Houser with us! We were also honored to have every era of women Marines with us (WWI excepted, of course).

Our April meeting will be at the new VA facility to include a tour of the facility.

Paula Sarlls

DC-1 – District of Columbia

DC-1 held a special recognition ceremony on the 75th Anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve at the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) in Washington, DC. Front and center were WMA life members Muriel Kupersmith, Phyllis Bradford, and Norma Rambo.



There was standing room only as DC-1 members, Loyal Escorts, AFRH residents and staff, and local government officials paid homage to these three WWII trailblazers. After her motivating speech that received several rounds of applause, National President Betty Moseley Brown presented citations and gifts to each of the ladies on behalf of DC-1. Founding WMA member and Past National President Theresa "Sue" Sousa also specially greeted Muriel, Phyllis, and Norma. The Director of the Washington DC Veterans Affairs, Ely S. Ross, who is also a Marine, presented the Mayor's Proclamation. The Washington Post did a fantastic job covering the event. DC-1's 75th Anniversary of Marine Corps Women's Reserve event covered two full colored pages of the Metro Section in the Post the very next day! Norma, Muriel, and Phyllis – all very humble – each expressed their determination to serve their country and to wear the United States Marine Corps uniform.

Lelia Jackson

KY-1 – Winning Colors

The KY-1 Chapter would like to say "Thank You" to our Marine sister Tonnie Renfro. Tonnie is a professor and instructor at Spenserian College and sponsor of their veterans club. She is a WMA life member and a long-time supporter of our chapter. We recently asked for the



school to help us with our mission to supply light meals and snacks for the family room at our local VA Hospice Unit. Under her leadership, the faculty and students at Spenserian recently donated soups, coffee, and a variety of snacks valued at more than \$150 to the chapter. The chapter supplemented the school's donation with a similar one of our own. The drive will continue through June and they are well on their

way to a big donation as you can see in the picture.

We are all excited about the 2018 convention and can't wait to see everyone attending. Semper Fidelis! Brenda Moore

MA-1 – Bay State

The Bay State Chapter is very proud of own Barbara Signor. Barbara was recently honored as South Boston's 2018 Parade Chief Marshal for the Annual St. Patrick's Day parade, also known as Evacuation Day. This honor was given by the Allied War Veterans Council. She was only the third woman so honored.



Barbara Signor

Barbara was nominated for Chief Marshal because of her 25 years of service and caregiving in Boston. Barbara is a Marine, a professional caregiver, a skilled volunteer, a tireless veterans' worker, a devoted single mother of three and most especially, a good and cheerful soul. Barbara enlisted in the Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict, is a lifetime member of both the



chapter and the Women Marines Association, and a member of the Saunders American Legion Post (AL#383). Barbara has served many positions: president, secretary, treasurer, and chaplain. She has volunteered for countless years for Toys for Tots, is an active member of MA-1, and is full of fun, stories, and dedication. Congratulations Barbara!

Heidi Hurley

MI-4 – Mid-Michigan

Introducing MI-4 Mid-Michigan Marines! They met, filled out all of the paperwork, and are already busy planning events! They are looking forward to the chapter being chartered at the upcoming convention in DC.

Chapter officers are: president, Darcy Andrews; vice-president, Denise Corman Hoffman; secretary, Leanna Kingsbury; treasurer, Anna Marie Colombo.

Mid-Michigan will cover the Frankenmuth, Flint, Bay City, Saginaw, Midland and surrounding communities. They are already planning their visit this month to the Saginaw VA and working on the May meeting. All are very excited to represent WMA in the Mid-Michigan area. They can be reached at MI4@womenmarines.org.

Mary Ann Merritt



Members of the new Michigan chapter, MI-4, with PRO Mary Ann Merritt



MI-4 officers (l-r): Darcy Andrews, Leanna Kingsbury, Ann Marie Colombo, and Denise Corman Hoffman.

MN-1 – Minnesota Leathernecks

On January 27, the chapter met at the Hopkins VFW for a game night hosted by Michelle Livingston. We were joined by Chris Magnuson with the Women Veterans Initiative. We played a few lively games and hope Chris will be able to attend future WMA Chapter events.

The women Marines of MN-1 celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve at Elsie's in NE Minneapolis on February 17th. Julie Williams hosted the celebration as well as provided cupcakes for dessert. We hope that Shannon Omities, Edith Heidtmann and her daughter Rebecca will join us again for future events. We also enjoyed meeting Michelle Livingston's out of town Marine guests from Iowa, Jamie and Marshall McCalley and their daughter Evelyn.



MN-1 members surround Liz Whitbeck on her birthday.

On March 4, chapter members met at Coventry, the residence of Liz Whitbeck, to celebrate her birthday. In attendance was Liz's daughter, Betsey Whitbeck, Carol Isnardi, Frances Haubrich, Julie Williams, Sandra Heredia and friend Judy Anderson, Lor-

raine Morgan, Vicki Latiolais and her granddaughter, Shayla Wright. The chapter would like to thank Betsey for making the arrangements for the chapter to have lunch with Liz and be able to enjoy a little camaraderie. Liz was the 2017 Minnesota Woman Veteran of the Year and a Veteran's Voices Award recipient. Flags for Fort Snelling and their supporters would like to raise enough funds to place flags on every veteran's grave at Ft. Snelling by Memorial Day. One of the photos in the fund raiser notes a photograph of Liz Whitbeck and Mary Frances Fieler, chapter Loyal Escort, at Memorial Day ceremonies.

France Haubrich and Vicki Latiolais attended the memorial service for Life Member Betty Jane Capron (Life Member #835) on April 5th and held in St. Paul Park. Betty was a dual member of the FL-6 and MN-1 chapters.

On May 17, the Como Park Senior High School will have their annual JROTC Awards Ceremony. The 2018 WMA Award recipient is Cadet Ever Bless. Como Park Senior High School has the only Marine Corps JROTC in Minnesota.

On May 26 the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs will be hosting the 2018 MDVA Women Veterans Conference at the Ramada Plymouth Hotel and Conference Center in Plymouth from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event is free. The keynote speaker will be U.S. Army BGen Pat Foote. Conference attendees will have a chance to view the "I'm Not Invisible" exhibit. Chapter member Julie Williams is one of 33 Minnesota women veterans selected for the campaign. Viewing of the Minnesota campaign kicked off on February 23 with a private event and then a public exhibit on February 25 in the Minnesota Capitol rotunda. The display can be viewed at various locations and events throughout Minnesota in the coming months.

Chapter members will again participate in the Memorial Day ceremonies on May 28 joining ranks with the Women Veterans of Minnesota. Please consider joining us.

If you are planning to be in Minnesota, please feel free to contact and/or join members in upcoming 2018 events: June 16th - Chapter Picnic; October 27th - Anoka Halloween Parade; November 10th - Keegan's Pub for the Marine Corps Birthday; or December 8th, chapter holiday party. For further details on the chapter, noted, or additional upcoming events, please email us at mn1@womenmarines.org.

Vicki Latiolais

NC-3 - Semper Fi

The NC-3 Semper Fi Chapter met on February 24th to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Women's Reserve and 100 years of women officially wearing a Marine uniform. We met at Michele Crandall's house, where we cut the cake and presented cake to oldest Marine Mitzi Manning and to youngest Marine Rhonda Dandridge.

Following a meeting and pizza lunch, with anniversary cake for dessert, the chapter worked on products for our PX table for the 2018 Convention. With an active membership of nine, we are hoping to get most of them to DC.

Our chapter voted to become a sponsor at the Bronze Level for the Durham VAMC 5K run, which raises money to send veterans to compete in various adapted athletic games throughout the country.

NC-3



NC3.jpg – NC-3 members

OK-2 Heartland

Once again, a piece of the "heart" in Heartland is gone. Members paid their last respects to Violet "Pat" Goss on March 10th. Pat was a very proud WWII WR who was stationed at MCAS Santa Barbara (the "Country Club of the Corps") with her heroes, Nita Bob Warner and Doris Kleberger.

Pat Pendleton was an Arkansas native who was working in an ordnance plant making detonators for the M57 artillery shell and bomb nose cones before she enlisted on May 1, 1943. She was the youngest woman in the state to enlist at that time, and was in the first group of WRs to go through boot camp at Camp Lejeune. When she transferred to Santa Barbara, she worked in the machine shop and lettered in softball and basketball. Both sports were ranked as semi-pro, and they played military and civilian teams all over



OK2.jpg: Pat Goss



California. She was later transferred to Motor T and was one of only two WRs to have that MOS.

Pat married her Army husband Wallace Goss in July of 1945 and was honorably discharged on September 27, 1945. Wallace became a career soldier for the next 20 years, and her life consisted of traveling all over the US and Europe, and raising three children who survive her (also 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren).

Along with being a member of our chapter, Pat also belonged to the United Daughters of the Confederacy; the Boomer Detachment, MCL, Lawton; and the Oklahoma Women Veterans Organization.

Pat was one of the cogs of the chapter. She was one independent, smart lady, and we will miss her down home Arkansas view of life. Her humor, her gung-ho attitude and her love of fishing were unmatched. She was dedicated to the Corps and proud of her service to the end. Semper Fidelis, Corporal Pendleton.

That makes two angels in a month's span. I know Pat and Betty Raines are keeping an eye on us.

Sondra Metzger

OR-1 – Lady Marine Rose

Spring is here! We have installed new officers for our chapter and have exciting news to tell! OR-1 would like to introduce our officers: President Jacqueline Caputi, Vice-President Rosy Macias, Secretary Melanie Bjerke, and Treasurer Cristina Gonzales. After the installation, we got down to business!

The anniversary of Women in the Corps was celebrated at the Chart House restaurant in Portland. Chapter member and Pastry Chef Michelle Malik made the cake with all the Marine Corps trimmings!

In addition to the Anniversary luncheon and installation of officers, guests Dustin and Jo Ann Janes, representing the Quilts of Valor Foundation, presented Muriel "Dolly" Ruble, our oldest Marine, with a quilt in honor of her service to this country. Muriel's time in the Corps was written up in the last 'Nouncements.



Muriel "Dolly" Ruble with her quilt

In 1980, our chapter presented a rose called The Lady Marine Rose at the Women Marines 11th Biennial Convention held in Seattle, WA. Capcord color, Montezuma red, it was strong and vivid in beauty. This was a ten-year dream of the Greater Oregon Chapter from Portland. We adopted the rose and changed our name to

Lady Marine Rose. Unfortunately, the rose perished in the winter of 83-84. The company who handled the rose lost the entire stock and was forced out of business. We believe there are less than five remaining, with one of these at 8th and I.

This year, to honor all women who serve, OR-1 and Heirloom Roses of St. Paul, OR are presenting a new rose, a heartier rose called "Because She Served." Thanks to Heirloom Roses, this rose will carry on the color of Montezuma red but is stronger and more robust than the one before! This rose will last! We hope to have this rose, "Because She Served," available for purchase online very soon.

Our next meeting was in March at the VFW Post in Albany. In the picture, we are proud to display our new shirts! Written on the sleeve is "Lady Marine Rose."



Because She Served rose

During this meeting, one of the exciting items discussed was a parting gift to present to President Betty Moseley Brown for her dedicated service to WMA National and always working on continuing the legacy. But what could it be? Ideas churned in the members' heads and one of them stood out.

This year is the 100th anniversary of Women in the Corps and our first Marionette, Opha May Johnson, does not have a headstone on her grave at Rock Creek Cemetery in Washington, DC. We wanted to do something in remembrance of her. On April 26 the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs is sponsoring the 10th Anniversary Women's Conference in Sunriver. Betty Moseley Brown has accepted an invitation to speak at the conference. At that time, our chapter will present President Betty Mosely Brown with a check from OR-1 and a challenge to all chapters to donate to the Opha Mae Johnson Monument Project for a headstone. We want future generations to remember and all to never forget the first women who enlisted into the Marine Corps in 1918. In addition, we intend to plant a "Because She Served" rose at her grave.

We continued into the next month with more and exciting events from our members. We had active duty member Sgt. Sam Hang of class 5-18 (that's 5th class in fiscal year 18) at Camp Pendleton, who graduated from Sergeant's School. Congratulations, Sam!

Ed Bock of the South Willamette Valley Honor Flight mentioned in our meeting that very few women have applied to go to DC. The Honor Flight has expanded to include Korean and Vietnam War veterans. So far, three of our members qualify to go on the Honor Flight. Ruth Falconbury is a Korean War vet; Heidi Tanada and Sally Van Wie are Vietnam era vets. Ed also mentioned that WWII and terminally ill veterans have priority.

Our women Marines are busy with so many activities! Past President Christina McCarty will be riding in the Police Unity Tour. Christina (left) and more than 400 law enforcement officers from many states (including Oregon) will start the ride in New Jersey and end in Washington, DC for the National Law Enforcement Memorial Candlelight Vigil for the fallen officers of 2017. This vigil is to raise awareness of



Christina McCarty (left)

the officers who have died in the line of duty.

I've mentioned Team Red, White, and Blue in past 'N o u n c e - m e n t s , but we have a new one c o m i n g ! Some of our m e m b e r s will be running in April for Run as



OR-1 showing off their new shirts

One of 2018 and another run, the Spring Half Marathon in May which starts at Heirloom Roses in St. Paul.

As the weather turns to warmer and longer days we are getting closer to the 2018 Convention, our members will become busier with more activities. I can't wait to tell you all about them! We of Chapter OR-1 here in ORYGUN wish you happy spring days! Semper Fidelis!

Sally Van Wie

PA-2 Liberty Belles

PA-2 Liberty Belles held a meeting on 7 April to celebrate our founding on this date in 2006. We made plans for the rest of 2018 to include Memorial Day & Veteran's Day parades, bingo with residents at the SE Veterans Center in Spring City, placing flags on the graves of local veterans, sponsoring a craft show at the Vet Center in the fall, etc.

We enjoyed meeting new members and ended the day with cake.

Pam Kubczak



PA-2 members



Anniversary Cake

TN-1- Rocky Top

On 16 December, members and guests gathered at the Knoxville Civic Coliseum to attend the 94th birthday celebration for our own WWII veteran Eileen Neiler. The coliseum is home to the SPHL Ice Bears hockey team. The Ice Bears provided soft drinks, pizza, a birthday cake and assorted items for the birthday girl. The highlight of the evening was when they announced her birthday over the loudspeaker.

Rocky Top Chapter started the year on February 10th



Birthday for Eileen Neiler

with our annual Anniversary celebration held this year at Calhoun's Restaurant in Turkey Creek, Knoxville. Ten members and their guests attended to honor our special Guest,

WWII Veteran Eileen Morgan Neiler. After ordering off the menu, we were honored to have Eileen tell us about her Marine Corps history, followed by the cake cutting ceremony by our oldest and youngest Marines.

Also at this time, Barbara Chagnon, member and Vet-2Vet TN Representative, presented the certificate and pin for the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War to members Gail Williamson and Pearl Rich.

On 24 March, members gathered at the Amvets Post in Maryville for the chapter's bi-monthly meeting and election of officers for the 2018 - 2020 term. The new officers are: president, Debra Henderson; vice-president, Barbara Chagnon; secretary, Teresa Greene; treasurer, Doris Keane.

Barbara Chagnon



Anniversary luncheon



New Officers

TX-2 - Texas Gulf Coast

Spring has finally sprung in Texas after a record setting cold winter. The groundhog took an exceptionally long time this year to climb out of his hole, but maybe he's like a lot of us, with the aches and pains of a cold winter. The wildflowers were a little late this year also, but we are now once again covered in the beauty of a colorful bouquet of Blue Bonnets, Flaming Arrows, Indian Paint Brushes, and Cactus Roses.

We celebrated the 75th Anniversary of Women Reserves at the elegant historic Post Oak Grill in the Galleria area of Houston. We have been celebrating the birthday there for a number of years now, so the staff always welcomes us like family. We were given a different room this year from years past because we had a larger group, with many prospective Marines wanting to join the WMA. The décor was beautiful and the entrees were over the top with 4-star flavor and a graceful flare to each plate that made the food look almost too good to eat.

TX-2 President Judy Anderson welcomed everyone to the luncheon. There were 12 members present, two honored mothers, and five prospective members.



TX-2 Anniversary luncheon (l-r): Cindy Meyer, President Judy Anderson, Audrea Killalea, Rosa Osborn, Maria Artiaga (Rosa's Mother), Heather Brodersen, Beverly Franklin, Karen Beatty, Barbara Barnhard, LaSondra Jones, Lynn Sparks, Heidi Ruiz, Lupita Hernandez, Tracy Harrison, Melissa French, Marti Raney, Mary Werner (Angela and Audrea's Mother) and Area 6 Director and Guest of Honor Angela Werner Maness.

Heather Brodersen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Lynn Sparks read the Commandant's anniversary message from General Robert B. Neller. The Commandant's message was especially warming this year as he acknowledged the three quarters of a century that we as women have been Marines, the 100th anniversary of Opha Mae Johnson's enlistment during WWI to become the first female to enlist in the Marine Corps, and the sad farewell to our own WMA MSgt Catherine Murray who passed away at 100 years old. LaSondra Jones read the Ooh-Rah message from WMA President Betty Moseley Brown.

Betty Huggins led us in prayer and Karen Beatty lit the Memorial Candle as we remembered WWII WMA member Marian Ives. We had everyone present do introductions while we lavished in our meal. We had two pairs of Marine sisters by birth present: Angela and Audrea Werner, and Heather and Hedi Brodersen. So there were some wonderful memories of following in the family footprints.

President Judy Anderson introduced current Area 6 Director Angela Maness as our guest of honor who was accompanied by her mother Mary Werner. Angela talked about her military family and their roots and her and sister Audrea's journey into the Marine Corps. She spoke on the upcoming convention in Washington, D.C. and the memorial being made at the grave of Opha Mae Johnson in Rock Creek Park in D.C. She also spoke on the future consideration of a WMA uniform for special occasions. She was presented with our bag of chapter goodies for being our guest of honor by Judy Anderson and Karen Beatty.

Betty once again provided the chapter a beautiful double chocolate brownie Anniversary cake that her daughter made and decorated for us with a cake replica of the WM bell cover and roses. It was a site to be seen and very delicious. The cake cutting ceremony honored Beverly Franklin as the oldest Marine present and Lupita Hernandez as the youngest. It was a wonderful fun filled meeting with families of Marines and all the sisters that were all "born" at Parris Island. We sang the Marines' Hymn at the conclusion and a big Ooh Rah to our WMA and the Corps.

Hope to see ya at the Convention in Washington, D.C.!

Marti Raney

TX-3 – San Antonio Rose

Our last three meetings of 2017 each resulted in the closure of the three restaurants where we held our meetings. We may have found a permanent home at the last remaining Lion and Rose in town—we have had two meetings there in a row. We are still searching for that perfect spot.

While we are excited about each new member, we had two unexpected surprises. The recruit/series commander duo of Teri Barrow and Trish Martin of nearly 40 years ago was confirmed by photos of them together in



TX-3 members (l-r): Teri Barrow, Laura Brown, Karrii Billiard, Yoli Vega, Trish Martin, Nicki Frey, Adele Simmons, Jeannie Varelles, Racheal Saucedo, Angie Maness

Teri's platoon book. Then new member Venesa Delgado, at her first meeting, called her Parris Island platoon mate, Racheal Saucedo, who joined us at the meeting. They hadn't

seen each other since graduation 21 years ago. We may think we have changed, but some people just can't be forgotten.

We have a big event planned for November 10th. It's not what you're thinking—it's the wedding of Kaarii Billiard to her Marine, Walter! While we wish them the best, we are disappointed with her decision not to include all of us as bridesmaids. Or even one of us.

By the time this is published, Maryalice Proctor-Payton will have had her ankle surgically repaired at Audie Murphy VA Hospital and will be dancing again. Maryalice was a patient, then a dedicated volunteer for many, many years at the VA hospital in Dallas before moving to Boerne in the San Antonio area. Maryalice never misses an opportunity to let people know that she and her visitors are Marines.

Trish Martin

TX-7 – Opha May Johnson

On February 24, a group of WMA members gathered to discuss forming a new WMA chapter in the northern area of Houston. We chose a chapter name, Opha May Johnson, to honor and recognize the 100th year anniversary of Opha May Johnson's service as it coincided with our chapter's new beginning.

We held our first chapter meeting on March 10 and discussed plans for attending upcoming JROTC award ceremonies; Memorial Day events; visitation with home-



TX-7 at their first meeting

bound Marines and future coordination with local recruiters. This group is so motivated it has already designed its chapter polo shirts in addition to starting its first t-shirt sales fundraiser.

Membership is increasing quickly and we are looking forward to making our presence known in the north Houston area. Additionally, we are encouraging all of our members to make their way to the 2018 WMA Convention! We will see you very soon! Semper Fidelis!

Audrea Killalea



TX-7 wearing their t-shirts



TX-7 chapter logo

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WMA Afghan



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Example



Example



WMA Cover with Chapter Embroidery and EGA. \$55.00

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

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

Books



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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

Clear Vinyl Bag with Long Zipper, WMA Logo Women Marines Association.
Green/White Size: 9" x 12" Cost: \$6.25 (includes shipping)
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Flags

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

Table Flag - WMA Logo 4"x6" with stand
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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



Apron, short, three pockets, white with WMA Logo
Cost: \$10.00 plus \$6.00 shipping
Chapter: CA-11 Central Coast
Contact: Soledad Kennedy, 4062 Capella Street, Lompoc, CA 93436
Fax/Office (805) 733-2175, Cell (805) 588-0650

"No Sweat, the WOMEN Marines are on duty" Koozie, bottle or can size sleeve, foldable foam. Green with WMA logo in white on one side, white letters on the other side.
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NEW ITEM!



WWII Poster Mug

Mug with Vintage Women Marines Recruitment Poster Art, "BE A MARINE • FREE A MARINE TO FIGHT"
Cost: \$12 each, plus \$5 shipping & handling
Checks should be made out to IN-1
Chapter: IN-1 Contact: Kay Ross • Email kayross@comcast.net (317) 698.6637

Women Marines Padfolio

Cost: \$28.50 to include shipping and handling.
They really are great. It zips all the way around, has a pocket on the outside and several on the inside zippered one on the inside. Writing pad is included. Logo is large and it looks great.
Contact: WMA MI-2 Motor City, PO Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065

Travel Mug, 15 oz., white aluminum, green WMA logo (two sides) and gold "Oohrah Sisterhood Women Marines Association" centered
Cost: \$15.00 (includes shipping), (Checks Payable to EMVSC CA-7 WMA)
Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056-4011, (760) 724-9861,
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Flip Flops Created Especially for Women Marines!
The left shoe is yellow, and is labeled "Recruit" - The right shoe is red, and is labeled "Marine." The flip flops come in two sizes - Large and Medium.
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"The Few, The Proud, The Women Marines" Bumper sticker

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.

Jewelry

WMA Logo Earrings
Cost: \$10.00/pair (includes shipping)
Chapter: Make checks payable to: TX-3, WMA
Available in Clip-on only.
Contact: Trish Martin, 7026 Seidel Rd., San Antonio, TX 78209, (210) 824-8441



Charm "Semper Paratus"

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



Shirts and Sweats

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

Light Gray T-Shirt with small green WMA logo on front and large logo on back; both circled by the phrase, "More Than A Woman A Woman Marine"
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Ladies cut T-Shirt with V neck. Comes in Vintage Khaki and Gray with logo in hunter green.
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Tee Shirts with the WMA EGA logo, center/front. White with green logo and Women Marines Association around the top of the EGA Logo.
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License Plate Frame, aluminum, "Oohrah Sisterhood" on the top, and "Women Marines Association" on the bottom.
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Comes in a variety of colors, with a variety of sayings: "Fewer... Prouder...."
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USMC Sun Catchers (also have other military branches)

Cost: \$5.00 each Size: 4" round w/suction hanger
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 Cost: \$5.00 each (includes shipping) Size: 6-1/2"x4-1/2"
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"Woman Marine" Ribbon Magnet, 8" x 4"

Cost: \$7.00 (includes shipping & handling)
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