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Thanks to Everyone for an Amazing Centennial Convention!



Past National President Theresa "Sue" Sousa presents the Dick & Ruth Broe Award, the award given to the most outstanding chapter, to Lillian Cross representing the Edith Macias Vann Southern California Chapter, CA-7. The award consists of a perpetual plaque that will be returned just before the 2020 Convention, and a streamer for their chapter colors. Congratulations, CA-7!! Ellie Judge would be so proud.

What an amazing 2018 WMA Convention and Professional Development Symposium to mark the centennial of women serving in the Corps! There was so much energy and excitement throughout the entire event. From the Opha May Johnson memorial unveiling to the rousing speech by LtGen Lori Reynolds at the closing banquet, we hope you will, for a long time, reflect on the wonderful

memories, treasured friendships, and the esprit de corps!

Thank you to ALL who were able to travel to the Nation's Capital to join in on the celebration. Thanks to our sponsors and donors whose generosity enabled us to pull out all the stops for our attendees. Big thanks to the Loyal Escorts and all our volunteers! Special thanks to the Marine Corps nonprofits and the Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA) Memorial for their support. Many, many thanks to our esteemed WMA Board for allowing us to think outside of the box to try new things like the cruise sweepstakes and the Whova app! And with sincere gratitude, we especially thank the members of DC-1 and VA-1 for their tireless support!

For those unable to join us, please check out our social media sites that captured many of the memories: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1862363670682969/> and <https://2018wma100years.shutterfly.com/>. Semper Fidelis,



Missing from photo is Area 7 Director Jenifer Nothelfer.

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Reporting In...

National President

What a fabulous celebration we experienced at our recent Biennial Convention and Professional Development Symposium as we commemorated 100 years of women's service in the Marine Corps. We turned the corner on a historic and successful 100 year run as women in the Corps. During the convention we recognized the incredible achievements and history that we as Marines have made during the last 100 years. WMA is a key part of promoting and preserving that history, having been a part of this for 58 of the 100 illustrious years. Just like Opha May Johnson is a key part of our legacy of the history of women in the Marine Corps, WMA too plays a key role in that legacy and we can all step up and be like Opha May, be the first, open more doors to pave the way for women in the future. Whether we be veteran Marines or on active duty, we can all play a part in making history today for our future of tomorrow.

Even though we have come a long way, we still have a long way to go. Who would have thought back in 1960 that we would be where we are now with over 2500 members who range from our WWII veterans to our active duty today? We have over 70 chapters with an additional 14 chapters chartered in the last two years alone and another 28 in the process of forming as we speak!

We must all work together and share our talents to keep WMA moving forward into the future. We all have so much to be proud of since each one of us has made a difference to our unique history of serving in the United States Marine Corps and continue to work towards preserving that history as members of WMA. We cannot and will not lose our focus on our members whether they be our veteran Marines or active duty but we must learn to build the bridges between our generations to not only retain our current members but also to recruit new ones.

We members of the National Board of Directors were elected to represent you, our 2500 + membership. We have the responsibility to conduct the business of WMA to ensure that we remain a vital and relevant association. We pledge to be good stewards of your trust and confidence and to always do what is best for WMA. But we cannot do this without everyone's help and support. Communication and education are key in enabling all members to understand more about WMA. Every member at every level whether as a member-at-large, a chapter member, a National Board member, or one serving at the national level, ALL must be a part of our future. Communication is a two-way street and we will do our part to keep in touch with you but we need to hear from you as well.

I invite...no, challenge...each of you to take ownership in WMA. With your participation at the local, chapter, and national level we can all work together to preserve our history and heritage. Become part of the change. Be a part of the future. I look forward to your support and hope that you will all step up and lend your talents, your voices to the cause. Let's all be a part of making history for the next 100 years of women in the Corps and another 50 years plus of supporting our proud traditions of WMA.



Rhonda Lebrescu-Amtower

1st VP

In 2018 - 2020 let's LEAN FORWARD!

Good day Marines! I'd like to say how extremely blessed and thankful I am to serve as your 1st Vice President for 2018-2020. I'm looking forward to working with all 2,875 of the Marines that make up our association - Marines-at-large, chapter members, active duty, and our auxiliary members - the Loyal Escorts. Thank you for your continued support, you have (and still are) making a difference!

I'd also like to acknowledge my predecessor, Laura L. Brown for the outstanding turnover she gave me prior to assuming this billet. She has "set me up for success" by demonstrating what right looks like in the most professional way possible. It will be difficult to emulate her performance, but I promise to give it my best. Thank you, Laura, for always setting the bar high and inspiring others to climb the ladder of success.

With regards to the efforts made towards the very successful 2018 Convention, we owe much respect and gratitude to our National Officers, Area Directors, Chapter Officers, Chaplain, Historian, Editor, PRO and the Convention Committee Team. You dedicated multiple volunteer hours to the success of an amazing convention. Bravo Zulu to all who helped plan and execute - it was a once in a lifetime event.

Speaking of convention, I had the privilege of listening to previous 1VPs and other billet holders give advice about their experience while serving on the Board of Directors. The common theme heard in these conversations spoke to support and encouragement of each member. Also, the desire to shine a positive light on the noteworthy activities of our local WMA chapters. Our past leaders have a wide range of experience and I hope to tap into that wisdom during my time in this seat. I'm grateful for any words of wisdom they wish to share with me and other new board members.

That said, I hope you'll join me in keeping things simple by LEANING FORWARD to tell your story as it pertains to WMA. I invite you to share how WMA chapter events or programs may have assisted you or someone that you know. I challenge you to share your story by writing an article for this publication. Let your friends embrace your positive story. We know there is much to share and we want to hear from you.

Lastly, as a reminder, the Women Marines Association is the veterans' organization of choice for female Marines (past, present, and future) looking for camaraderie, mentoring, and support. Our mission statement is to preserve and promote the history and traditions of women in the Marine Corps from WWI to the present. I'm committed to this mission statement and look forward to every opportunity to prove it.

Let's keep it moving in a positive direction.



*Semper Fidelis,
Angela Maness*

Area 1 News!

What a great time we had at the National Convention in Washington, D.C. to celebrate 100 years of women in the Corps! We had over 30 hard-charger Marines representing all six chapters from Area 1. Most were new to WMA so we arranged to sit together at the banquets and get to know one another as a team. It was a very unique and memorable opportunity, indeed. We also combined forces for a PX table and enjoyed more camaraderie.

Our oldest Marine attending was Katherine (Kay) Carpenter from MA (Korean Era veteran). One item on her life's bucket list was to attend the 8th & I Parade. She can now check that off, while rejoicing that Marines are, in fact, amphibious and can endure all types of weather. Even the Commandant was heard saying how resilient all the women Marines were when the rain began. He watched many other guests rapidly leave the event, and he was proud to see all the women Marines stood fast, just like we've been trained! We were all soaking wet, but very motivated!



The Area 1 Marine who traveled the farthest came from Nova Scotia, Canada. Lidwine Comeau served in the USMC from 1969-1972 and was stationed at Treasure Island, CA. It was such a pleasure to have her join us and get to know her. I'm very proud to say that

one of our NH Marines, Brianna Renner, joined the convention team to teach Yoga classes for the attendees on Saturday and Sunday morning. We all have many gifts and talents to share with the WMA, and the real fun is unwrapping them and discovering how great our future can be with all of our new sister Marines!

Lastly, and very special to me, is the celebration of four new chapters in Area 1 who received their charters at the Recognition and Awards luncheon: RI-2 Cpl Holly Charette Chapter, NY-6 Cpl Ramona Valdez Chapter, NY-7 Long Island Chapter, and NY-8 Western New York Chapter. These, along with the other nine new chapters in the WMA, were honored and are now very excited and eager to begin their mission.

Quote of the Quarter: "A goal without a plan is just a wish." ~ Antoine De Saint Exupery

Jamie DePaola

Area 10 Director

Greetings Lady Leathernecks,

As your area director I was honored to be able to attend the Biennial Convention to celebrate the 100 years of women in the Marine Corps. I had the opportunity to talk to chapters that were there. We caught up on what they have done, and they shared their ideas and plans for future membership growth. I look forward to visiting each chapter throughout my 2018-2020 term.

I am proud to say that Area 10 has a new chapter which has been formed in Hawaii. Their name is Wahine Koa HI-2, Women Warriors. I welcome HI-2 Chapter President Kathy Kincaid and her officers. I wish them the best for a continuing, long-standing membership on the island. I look forward



Soledad with Kathy Kincaid.

to the installation of the new officers. I know that the island warriors will keep WMA growing.

The WMA executive board approved the national WMA seal for Chapter CA-11 to be used for recruiting women Marines on a standup banner. The banner they purchased is a great investment for their chapter and it is timeless, which can be used year-round. The eras are changing and recruiting the new generation of Marines is our goal but we don't want to forget where we came from.

It is import to read the How to Book and the "SOP," Standard Operating Procedures. These materials are your chapter guide for you to use and to answer any questions you may have.

The next Biennial Convention will be in Omaha, Nebraska in 2020. They want you to bring your Oooooorah to Omaha! I encourage all chapters to attend a biennial convention at least once. It is the best way to find old and new sisters, to explore the state, and just have fun. Start saving up your pennies now!

Remember to be kind to everyone, for everyone has a story untold, a battle not won, struggles they do not share and demons within.

Have a wonderful holiday season and remember our military men and women in harm's way.

Semper Fidelis

Soledad Kennedy, Area 10 Director

Conduct of Official WMA Business

One of the main purposes of our Biennial Convention is to conduct the official business of our association. A major part of this effort is to review and adopt any proposed amendments to our National Bylaws and Standing Rules during our two business meetings. During the 2018 WMA Convention business meetings on Friday, 31 August and Saturday, 1 September, it was determined that all votes held on Friday were invalid due to not having a quorum. WMA Bylaws, Section 3, Quorum, states "the quorum for a business meeting shall consist of a majority of the active (WMA) members registered 'AT' the convention". Active duty Marines, who were not WMA members, were also counted in the number of attendees which adversely affected the population to determine an actual quorum.

After thorough review of the notes from the Credentials Chair, Bylaws, Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, and court reporter transcripts, it was determined that there were not enough "WMA members" present to constitute a quorum. The president declared the two amendments voted on during the first business meeting as null and void. WMA Bylaws, Section 3, states under Voting Procedures that amendments "may be submitted for consideration by ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS by ballot, prepared and mailed by the National Secretary indicating a deadline for return."

Therefore, National will mail ballots to all WMA members to vote on amendments approved by the Board of Directors.

WMA National Board

Reporting In...The Editor

Hello Marines! Convention is over and hopefully satisfactorily covered in this newsletter. I believe there are more photos in this issue than ever before! You may not finish looking through it before the NEXT newsletter comes out!

Along those lines, this was a quick note to tell you about the photos. This was such a huge convention, there was no way I would have been able to cover it all. Believe it or not, there are a tremendous amount that didn't make it in here. It is with an immense amount of appreciation that I thank the attendees for coming to my rescue. Some of the photos may not be the sharpest. It's the subject that mattered.

Many, many thanks to all of you who submitted photos to the convention app Whova, Facebook, and Shutterfly. I'm one for always giving proper credit, but there was no way to do that this time, so your name will not be under your photo.

And to Cheryl Badorrek...can't tell you how much I appreciate your sharing your photographs. About 90% of the photos were taken by Cheryl. You may see her watermark on the bottom of some; on others it had to be cropped off for space reasons.

I hope you all enjoy this newsletter. The next deadline is January 5, 2019. I'm going to sleep now...

Sondra Metzger

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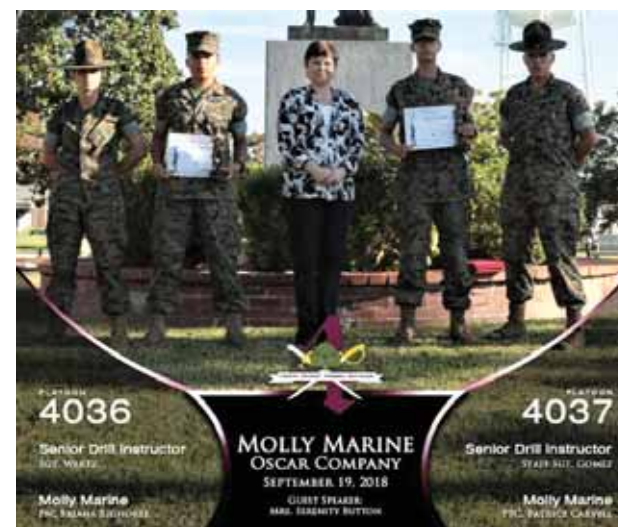
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The 2018 Miramar Airshow Honors Women Marines

Beautiful and bold, the female members of the United States Marine Corps were honored at this year's Miramar Airshow in San Diego, September 28-30. A major role in representing the 100 years of service by these women was provided by the CA-2 San Diego County Chapter of the Women Marines Association. For three days members staffed a display in the Expo Area to introduce and educate the community about our share in Marine Corps history.



WWII veteran Randy Tidmore with MSgt Alfred Jaenichen in front of the Historical Society exhibit, along with Loyal Escort Nancy Brock

Two of CA-2's World War II veterans alternately participated in the Meet & Greet events offered each day. Randy Tidmore and Ruth Gallivan were adored by everyone they met, including being treated to lunch in the private chalets along the flight line. Both were able to watch the Blue Angels perform.

Their family members reported that such a good time required several days for the ladies to recover.

Attendees had to pass through the CA-2 display to get to the Meet and Greet. There was a table with information about WMA and reference materials on the history of women in the Corps. Surrounding the table were panels with pictures of the various eras and activities of military service in which women were engaged. An additional table featured the Wreaths Across America program, and a three-fold poster board presented highlights, including pictures and programs of the recent WMA national convention in Washington, D.C.

CA-2 worked with other organizations to provide a comprehensive and excitingly large exposition in the hangar dedicated to the centennial of women in the Corps. We were contacted weeks ahead by MCAS Miramar Marketing staff who prepared excellent pillars with large photos, emphasizing women firsts in the Corps. Special appreciation goes to Eva Marie Gutierrez and Adrienne N. Wilkerson for coordinating this successful collaboration.



Exhibitors around the theme poster in the hangar. Notice the uniforms!

Other exhibitors and contributors included the MCRD Command Museum, the Women's Museum of California, the USMC Historical Company, the El Toro Lady Marines AWR5-7, and a Drill Instructor display. Several collections of vintage uniforms were present and the El Toro ladies were dressed in



Volunteers from CA-2 at our display: Cassandra Wurts, Babs Meairs, Angelique Murray, and Mikki Hurst

their historic garb each day. Also, a special place was set aside to honor the fallen.

The Women's Museum featured an interactive area asking the question "Was there a woman mentor in the military who had

a positive influence on you?" For one of our members that was Kay Miller, who was a past president of our chapter and was represented by a picture in her uniform and her Marine Corps Guidebook. Also in the display case was an evening dress jacket worn by MajGen Angela Salinas, the first female commanding general of MCRD San Diego.

Among the many women pictured was SgtMaj Grace Carle, last Sergeant Major of Women Marines and a member of our chapter. A poster prepared by our vice president Angelique Murray celebrated the women who had served at MCAS Miramar and MCAS El Toro. Copies of the recent publication on the 75th anniversary of women serving at Camp Pendleton were handed out, with some of these women present in person to tell their stories. One of them is our own CA-2 secretary, Manuela Santos, who told *The San Diego Union-Tribune* that "You've just got to be mentally tough and know your job...As women, we know that we're always trail-blazing for the next generation."

A special photo opportunity came with a visit from the Commanding Officer of MCAS Miramar, Col Charles B. Dockery, California State Senator Joel Anderson and the Commanding General of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, MajGen Kevin M. Liams. A proclamation was presented commending the efforts of MCAS Miramar for honoring 100 years of women in the United States Marine Corps.



MSgt Hugh Wurts leading the 3rd MAW Band

A fun activity was a "pass in review" in front of our display by the 3rd MAW Band each day after the opening ceremony of the air-

show. On the third day the band stopped to serenade us! The bandmaster, MSgt Hugh Wurts, just happens to be the husband of our CA-2 president, Cassandra Wurts, but he denies that had anything to do with the special performance.

Volunteers from our chapter throughout the airshow were Cassandra Wurts, Angelique Murray, Mani and Joe Santos, Mikki Hurst, Katie Christman, and Babs Meairs.

Babs Meairs

White House Leadership Development Program

The White House Leadership Development (WHLD) Program engages a diverse annual cohort of GS-15 career employees to work on the federal government's highest priority and highest impact challenges. The program aims to strengthen enterprise leadership across the government by providing senior level federal employees with expanded perspective and skill-sets to address challenges facing the country. These increasingly complex challenges span agencies and jurisdictions, requiring senior leaders to work across agencies and organizational boundaries while leveraging networks on a greater scale than in the past to ensure the government continues to effectively deliver services to the American people.

The Healthcare Leadership Talent Institute (HLTI) is proud to announce that Lelia Jackson, MS, FAC-P/PM is one of two candidates who have successfully competed and been selected to participate in the 2019 WHLD Program! You may remember her as our 2018 convention co-chair.

Lelia serves as Director, Office of Community Engagement-Center for Compassionate Care Innovation and leads VA's efforts to identify emerging treatments and therapies to enhance veterans' well-being. Under her dynamic leadership, the Center primarily focuses on cutting-edge therapies related to posttraumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, chronic pain, suicidality, and other difficult to treat conditions. Lelia is also the national VHA representative to the private healthcare industry related to innovative and alternative therapies. Since 2016, a subset of the veteran population now has access to cutting edge medical treatments previously only available outside of the VA. Examples include light-emitting diode therapy for treatment of traumatic brain injury symptoms and veterinary benefits for service dogs belonging to veterans with a chronic mental health condition.

Lelia Jackson is known for her passion for public service. She served 20 years in the Marine Corps with more than half of her military career as a chief warrant officer specializing in personnel administration. She has a master's degree in technology management and holds a Mid-Level Federal Acquisition Certification for Program and Project Managers (FAC-P/PM). Lelia is an alumnus of the Federal Executive Institute for a Democratic Society; Partnership for Public Service' Executives in Government; and Leadership VA (LVA). Lelia is also very active in her local community where she enjoys spending her spare time serving the underprivileged or less fortunate, or taking in the arts with her husband, Andrew, who is also a Marine.



MCJROTC Awards



*Coolidge High School,
Coolidge, AZ
Cadet Captain Tina Hanna
Presenter – Kim Skelton*



*Union High School, Casa
Grande, AZ
Cadet Allison Manywhisker
Presenter – Kim Skelton*



*Vista Grande High School,
Casa Grande, AZ
Cadet Daryn Wagner
Presenter – Kim Skelton*



*Ridgeland High School,
Ridgeland, SC
Cadet Samantha Smith
Presenter – Serenity Button*



*Pacific High School,
Pacific, MO
Cadet Kiley Stahl
Presenter – Kathy Sutphen*

Reporting In...President, Loyal Escorts



Outstanding 100th celebration of the WMA! Welcome new Loyal Escorts Officers and members. We are looking forward to working together and serving the WMA.

Isaac J. Bazile

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)

2 YR \$30 LIFE 40 AND UNDER - \$180 41-45 - \$150 46-60 - \$130 61-70 - \$105 71-80 - \$80 81+ \$55

SPONSOR INFORMATION

WMA Sponsor Name:

Recruited by:

Chapter Affiliation:

Do you live with sponsor Y N

Sponsor Life Member # if applicable

EMERGENCY CONTACT

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

Address:

Phone:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Relationship:

SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE

Name:

Date of birth:

Email:

Phone:

SERVICE INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE

Dates of Service

Branch:

How long?

MOS

Duty Stations:

ABOUT MYSELF

How did you hear about the Loyal Escorts?

Recruited By:

WMA Newsletter is sent electronically to members with an email

SIGNATURES

Signature of member:

Date:

**Make checks payable to Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter
Mail to: Michelle Gutt, 2300 Marigold Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76111**

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

Alexander, Marjorie	1274	09/25/18	CO-1
Angil, Dorothy (Einerson)	2963	09/17/18	CA-29
Aquadro, Eileen (Maher)	1829	09/23/18	MA
Beadling, Lois	3459	06/12/18	DC-1
Bennotti, Helen (Ahern)	1571	07/18/18	MA
Brunelle, Rita (Lessard)	27	0/14/14	MA
Campbell, Helen (Crookham)	746	07/30/18	PA
Cogswell, Marilyn (Newhouse)	1884	10/18/17	AZ
Dokken-Cameron, Lynda (Arneson)	2096	09/06/17	MT
Donley, Ethel (Sigel)	1151	03/13/18	PA
Ensor, Nancy (Houghton)	2741	06/02/18	CA
Hagaman, Margaret (Bogner)	1699	05/08/18	CO
Johannsen, Inez	438	08/09/16	AR
Joseph, Erika (Bellamy)	3709	01/10/17	FL
Kirchgessner, Jackie (Luther)	966	05/03/16	CA-5
Kmiecik, Alice (Sands)	3158	09/10/18	FL
Linck, Violet (Ervey)	1522	07/01/18	DC-1
Little-Crawford, Audrey	2369	11/24/14	TN
Meredith, Rita	2661		MA-1
Moffett, Joyce (Matthews)	1085	06/12/18	OR-2
Nielsen, Janis (Christensen)	3167	03/31/18	NY
O'Toole, Betty (Miller)	2013	11/14/13	MO
Otis, Lucille (Stacey)	1235	10/14/17	MI
Quintana, Felicita	2849	11/22/17	CO
Ramplin, Mary Ellen	3703	07/17/18	WA-3
Strong, Beatrice (Zimmerman)	1623	07/10/18	CA-2
Thorpe, Emily	1282	01/18/18	FL
White, Frances (Bowman)	3000	04/06/18	AR

Term Members

Bailey, Mary (Yinger)	06/08/18	KY-1
Beatty, Rachel (Mitchell)	07/03/18	WA
Butler-Ludwig, Ester	07/09/18	CA
Drake, Natalie (Drake)	06/05/18	CA
Farley, Beatrice (Scott)	08/05/18	MA
Geesaman, Marion	06/29/18	DE
Hill, Dorothy (Hill)	09/27/18	MO-1
Hokit, Catherine (Toothman)	03/03/18	OK
Keller, Regina (Artingstall)	04/28/16	IL-2
O'Quinn, Sarah (Gray)	08/11/18	KY-1
Velding, Josephine (Miller)	09/20/18	MI

*Trees willingly and naturally
shed their leaves after putting on a
radiant fall show of colors.
Is there anything in your life
that's ready to be released?
Enjoy the brilliance of all that has
ripened and come to fruition, but be
willing to let go; it will pave the
way for new beginnings.
~ Mind Fuel Daily*



Chaplain's Corner

Autumn seems to me to be a time of transition....

Perhaps it's the hunter-gatherer in us that causes us to take stock of the condition of our homes and yards; to prepare

to batten down the hatches in the face of winter storms. To BE PREPARED for what Mother Nature may throw at us. I know, we have other weather issues throughout the year, but fall seems to cause the most activity - at least in the North East. It might be a good time for us to take stock of our own lives. I am finding out the hard way that not keeping up with the assorted everyday clutter, becomes overwhelming. How many pictures we've taken with no one in them - and now no idea where? I was going to scan them all into a digital album and share with the family. Some of that family is gone. I've also

discovered that I don't need as much as I used to, and finding new homes for my treasures is a daunting task. Some of our members have become the custodians of their chapter's memories and remembrances, and find the volume is more than they can manage. I'd love for someone to step up and say "Send them all to me! I will scan them into a digital file and ask that it be saved to the WMA server, so anyone who is interested could look at those memories of members who are no longer with us to share their special events or to reflect on the Memorial booklets and Prayer cards we've gathered." If you would like to try and take this on, please email me at Chaplain@womenmarines.org.

Eileen Skahill

New Monument

A new Women Veterans Monument was dedicated on 10 March in Las Cruces, NM at Veterans Memorial Park, 2651 Roadrunner Parkway. There are six bronze statues, woman size 5'2" - 5'8" tall and of all services - Army, Marine, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Army National Guard, and in uniforms from WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Cold War, and current. You can walk among them. There are two shelters from the south west sun and places to sit under them and along the front of the monument. One last finishing piece will be plaques on the screening with a picture of each statue telling what women veterans of that era did. It has been in the works for about five years.

A plaque in the shape of New Mexico with text "On behalf of the United Military Women of the SouthWest and the State of New Mexico, with this Monument we honor all women veterans for their service to our country. The Land of Enchantment welcomes you to Veterans Memorial Park in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Presented to the Women in Military Service for America, 2018." A photo album of the progress, groundbreaking ceremony, and dedication was also presented. Marine Carol J. Gaines did the presentation during the Women Marines Association trip to WIMSA on 1 September. One of the guest speakers was Patricia Horton, Area 8 Director from Arizona. It was an OohRah Day!!! Make Las Cruces a destination stop as you cross our great country.



*Semper Fidelis,
Carol J. Gaines*

Happy Birthday, Opha May!

On August 13, a celebration of 100 years of women serving in the Marine Corps was conducted at WIMSA. The cake was cut (with assistance from a helpful corporal), by LtGen Lori Reynolds, Betty Moseley Brown, and Sue Sousa.

Opha May Johnson would be in awe at the fact that her birthday has become one of the most celebrated around. Indiana-1 celebrated where she was born in Kokomo, IN (see their Chapter Clipping). Then there was another celebration at WIMSA on August 13th for 100 years of women serving in the Marine Corps (may as well have been a birthday party!). National President Betty Moseley Brown, LtGen Lori Reynolds, and Sue Sousa spoke, and afterwards, all participated in cutting the cake.



A Monumental Day

After two years of working on this project we have finally come to the end. On August 29, a dedication ceremony was held at St Paul's Rock Creek Cemetery to unveil the monument to our first woman Marine, Opha May Johnson. When we started this project two years ago we had thought maybe we would have about 60 people able to attend. We actually had about 200!! There were four buses that carried attendees from the WMA Convention to the site.

The Commandant was our guest speaker. LtGen Reynolds was able to attend as well as many other dignitaries. Since it



CMC General Robert Neller

was the end of August it was very hot but everyone that attended seemed not to notice. Thanks to Lelia Jackson and her husband, we had tents and chairs set up. To help try and keep folks cool, we handed out clean frozen wash cloths to everyone. The Commandant gave a great address and then the monument was unveiled by the Commandant, LtGen Reynolds, Betty Moseley Brown, Sue Sousa, Carol Mutter, and Rhonda Lebrescu-Amtower. We were able to have an ensemble from the President's Own play for us and a bugler from the Drum & Bugle Corps to play "Taps." The ceremony was well covered by NBC, the Defense News Agency, and was live streamed on Facebook. What a great day. What a great way to start off the celebration of 100 years of women in the Marine Corps.

We would like to thank all who contributed to help make the project a reality. We have been able to raise a total of \$35,000 which paid for the monument, and the ceremony expenses, and will allow us to pay for landscaping in the spring. A special thanks goes to Donna Campbell who ran a silent auction at the convention and was able to raise \$3,585 for



The dignitaries

the project. Again, thanks to all who contributed no matter the level. It all helped to get us to our goal.

Kathy Sheppard



The unveiling



Emcee Kathy Sheppard



SgtMaj of the Marine Corps SgtMaj Ronald Green, Betty Moseley Brown, Sue Sousa, Rhonda Lebrescu-Amtower, Carol Mutter, LtGen Lori Reynolds, and CMC General Robert Neller.



MOONLIGHT TROLLEY TOUR



Taken by convention attendees.



MEET & GREET



TOUR OF THE CAPITOL



People standing in line to view the late Senator John McCain's casket in the Capitol rotunda.

REGISTRATION



PX



1ST TIMERS

As you can see by the photos, this was a record-setting attendance for the 1st Timers Meeting. After introductions and remarks by Chair Danielle Dillard and Betty Moseley Brown, an overview of WMA was given by Elaine Stem, followed by an overview of the convention.

Following the handing out of doorprizes, there was historical entertainment of "then and now." In closing, the attendees were challenged to make friends from different eras and take pictures.



Danielle Dillard served as chair and emcee of the event



OPENING BANQUET

The evening started with a no host reception, then the opening banquet. As a traditional part of the Opening Banquet, chapters participated in the flag ceremony and processional, carrying in their chapter flags. After that, a very impressive color guard from TX-7 presented the national colors. The members of the color guard were: Jackie Bazille, Angela Maness, Audrea Killalea, and Rosa Osborn.

Convention co-chairs Lelia Jackson (DC-1) and Parisa Fetherson (VA-1) welcomed everyone and introduced a video of the unveiling of the marker on Opha May Johnson's grave. This was a very welcome addition to the evening for those (like myself) who didn't make it to the unveiling.

Afterward, Angela Maness, Laura Brown, Rosa Osborn, and Audrea Killalea paid tribute to POWs and MIAs. It was a very moving part of the banquet.

CMC General Robert B. Neller was the guest speaker and spoke of women's contributions to our Corps.

The night ended with the presentation of three National Service Awards:

Jacqueline Caputi, OR-1, was the impetus for the involvement of WMA with the Oregon University program called "We Are Not Invisible," bringing attention to the presence and importance of women veterans, as well as the art presentation of women in combat called "Combat Grass". Jacqueline worked with the project founders and got other members of OR-1 involved to share these programs, not only on campuses, but nationwide in veteran facilities, and even in the Congressional halls. In addition, Jacqueline took it upon herself to research the 1980 existence of the original Women Marine Rose and reignite the OR-1 Lady Marine Rose namesake rose. This led to a partnership with Heirloom Roses to create a new, improved version of the Lady Rose, one that will last through tough winters. Nationwide the new rose will be marketed as the "Because She Served" rose to honor all strong women who have served their country, their family, and their lives.

Rosy Marcelino-Macias, OR-1, joined just prior to the 2016 Biennial Convention and immediately got involved in the planning, registration, and exhibits that lent to the success of the convention. Meanwhile, even as a new member, Rosy took on the position of Vice President of the chapter—and in the frequent absence of the President, she led the OR-1 chapter to get involved with their community, as well as other veteran organizations. Combined events with Red, White, & Blue have brought new members to the WMA. Rosy was a willing and active member of the group of OR-1 Marines who participated in the project "We Are Not Invisible" campaign, as well as the Narrator for the "Combat Grass" exhibit in Salem. In addition, Rosy also added to the WMA exposure by arranging the first known WMA involvement with Oregon's Adopt-a-Street program. Rosy added to the chapter funds by arranging fundraisers including car washes and Zumba-a-thons, which were to be used to ensure all members had a chance to attend the WMA convention to mark the 100-year anniversary in Washington, DC.

Adrianne McLarahmore, DC-1, assumed the duties of National Treasurer and immediately became aware of a possible issue with our status as a public charity. She worked tirelessly to understand the tax law and WMA's earnings, and provided the required data needed to confirm our public charity status to the IRS. In addition, she was able to file the National 990 tax return for 2016-17 without having to file for an extension which had been the case in several of the previous years. Adrianne's early tenure also included taking on the responsibility of ensuring all chapters filed their 990N's without risk of losing their 501 (c) 19 tax exemption status. As a result, in 2018, for the first time ever, ALL chapters filed their 990Ns and none are at risk of losing their exemptions.

Adrianne also took on the preparation of WMA's two-year budget and oversaw the Mid-Year Budget review to help ensure WMA's budgetary obligations were maintained throughout the year.

When WMA switched publishers for WMA's *Nouncements*, it wasn't just a matter of hiring a new printer. WMA had to change its entire process with USPS - the periodical permit had to be updated from San Antonio to Boston and automatic postage payments had to be set up. But knowing that the publication and delivery of *Nouncements* would literally grind to a halt if these things weren't handled, she spent hours learning what had to be done and then filling all the necessary paperwork to make all the needed updates. This process itself took weeks. To the membership this was a seamless change, but behind the scenes it was anything but seamless.



SgtMaj Marines surrounding LtGen Lori Reynolds and SgtMaj of the Marine Corps SgtMaj Ronald Green.



LtGen Lori Reynolds, Angela Salinas, Carol Mutter, and BGen Roberta Shea



Adrianne McLarahmore



LtGen Reynolds with former SgtMaj of Women Marines, Grace Carle.



Convention co-chairs Parisa Fetherson and Lelia Jackson



CMC General Robert Neller



Jacqueline Caputi and Rosy Marcelino-Macias





HISTORY COLLECTION



Some of our World War II WRs.



SUNSET PARADE AT 8TH & I



The drum major is GySgt Stacie Crowther, the first female assistant drum major for the Marine Band.



TX-7 in front of the Commandant's House



Grace Carle surrounded by members from TX-7

To see a video of this Sunset Parade, you must first log onto Facebook, then go to the below link:
<https://www.facebook.com/marines/videos/1937392542966126/>
 To search by title, search for "The President's Own premieres 'Century of Service.'"

RECOGNITION & AWARDS

Newsletter

1st Place - Edith Macias Vann Southern California Chapter CA-7,
Editor Kathy Kincaid
2nd Place - San Diego County Chapter CA-2,
Editor Michele Kramek

Chapter History Book

1st Place - Edith Macias Vann Southern California Chapter CA-7,
Historian Lillian Tusa
2nd Place - Greater San Francisco Bay Area Chapter CA-3,
Historian Kathleen Wright
3rd Place - Lone Star Chapter TX-1, Historian Andrea Murphy

Website



1st Place - Edith Macias Vann Southern California Chapter CA-7, Webmaster Jeanine Huebner

Chapter Achievement



Class II (21-45 members) - 1st Place - Lady Marine Rose Chapter OR-1



Class III (46+ members) - 1st Place - Molly Marine Chapter LA-1

Recruiting - Individual



1st Place - Melanie Young, LA-1
2nd Place - Betty Moseley Brown, DC-1
3rd Place (tie) - Doris Keane, TN-1
Mary Ann Merritt, MI-2

Recruiting - Chapter



Class I (5-20 members) -
1st Place - Lady Leathernecks Chapter NE-1
2nd Place - Dogwood of Atlanta Chapter GA-1
3rd Place - Phyllis M. Alexander Chapter SC-1



Class II (21-45 members) -
1st Place - Lady Marine Rose Chapter OR-1
2nd Place - Motor City Chapter MI-2
3rd Place - Lone Star State Chapter TX-1



Class III (46+ members) -
1st Place - Molly Marine Chapter LA-1
2nd Place - Edith Macias Vann Southern California Chapter CA-7
3rd Place - District of Columbia Chapter DC-1

Recruiting - Loyal Escorts



Class I (5-20 members) -
1st Place - Rocky Top Chapter TN-1
2nd Place (tie) - Queen City Chapter NC-4



Class II (21-45 members) -
1st Place - Tarheel Chapter NC-1
2nd Place - Motor City Chapter MI-2
3rd Place (tie) -
Emma Holmes Chapter OH-2,
Texas Gulf Coast Chapter TX-2



Class III (46+ members) -
1st Place - Molly Marine Chapter LA-1
2nd Place - District of Columbia Chapter DC-1
3rd Place - Edith Macias Vann Southern California Chapter CA-7

Recognition & Awards

New Chapter Streamer Presentations

FL-12 - Heart of Florida chapter
 FL-13 - Sgt Reckless chapter
 HI-2 - Wahine Koa chapter
 MD-2 - Montezuma Reds chapter
 NC-4 - The Queen City Chapter
 NC-5 - Port City Chapter
 NY-6 - Cpl Ramona Valdez Chapter
 NY-7 - Long Island New York Chapter
 NY-8 - Western New York
 PA-4 - Steel City Marines
 RI-2 - Cpl Holly Charette Chapter
 TN-3 - Music City Marines Chapter
 TX-7 - Opha May Johnson Chapter
 OH-2 - Name change from Chesty Puller to Emma Holmes Chapter



The award ceremony also included the presentation of a specially made afghan to Theresa "Sue" Sousa by Betty Moseley Brown. Sue is the last surviving member of the original group who started WMA, therefore, she is now known as "Mom." Thought I was going to say "Mother Theresa" there, didn't you?

WIMSA TOUR

Loaded up the buses and off we went to visit our memorial, Women In Military Service for America. The first item on the agenda was gathering in the auditorium. It was standing room only there with an overflow area in the hallway. Lelia Jackson started the program, then Betty Moseley Brown entertained us while technical issues were worked out with the video titled "Women by Gender, Marines for Life." Excellent video. We heard remarks from the president of WIMSA, Maj-Gen Dee Ann McWilliams, US Army (Ret), and the reading of the poem, "The WRs Have a Birthday," by Norma Rambo.

Next came the unveiling of the painting, "Semper Fi Sisters: A Century of Leadership." Apologies for not having a good photo of the painting. The stage lighting created quite the glare on it.

Afterwards, it was chow time! Mission Barbeque provided great food and drink for all.

And a trip to Arlington wouldn't be quite right without paying respects to one of our fallen, Maj Megan McClung.

A very exhausted group boarded the buses back to the hotel when they were ready.



Arlington, and Megan McClung's gravesite.



Isaac Bazille having fun with the photographer.



Mission Barbeque provided the food and drink for attendees.



Chow line



A packed house!



Mary Ellen Stone points to her photo on one of the displays at WIMSA.



Marine Norma Rambo



Carol Gaines presents a plaque of the women veterans' memorial in Las Cruces, NM to Dee Ann McWilliams



Lelia Jackson



Betty Moseley Brown presenting an award to WIMSA President Dee Ann McWilliams.



The unveiling of the painting



HOSPITALITY ROOM



Dancin' the night away!

FUN RUN/WALK



NATIONAL MUSEUM



Maria Crowley and her name on the Board of Directors plaque.



The Lego version of the Iwo Jima Memorial.

*THE Museum
The trip of all trips...
the National Museum
of the
Marine Corps.
What else is there
to say?*



Our Molly keeping an eye on things.



The medals earned by Chesty Puller.

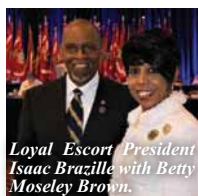
INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

With Mitzi Manning taking control of the podium, the Loyal Escorts and WMA National Board members were installed into their new positions.

One of the interesting points of the luncheon was the tree each attendee found as the centerpiece on their table, along with little slips of paper and pens. We were asked to jot down (in very short form) anything we would like to say to the new WMA board, then hang it on the tree. I bet reading all those slips of paper was fun.



The day before installation, LtCol Jenifer Nothelfer was officially retired from the Marine Corps by LtGen Carol Mutter (Ret). The next day, she was installed on the WMA National Board as Area 7 Director. How's that for commitment and dedication!



Loyal Escort President Isaac Brazille with Betty Moseley Brown.



Rhonda Lebrescu-Amtower, our new president...for the second time!



Carol Mutter and her husband Jim with some of our active duty.



Past National Presidents Carol Mutter and Paula Sarlis



CLOSING BANQUET

One would think we'd all be tired by now after everything the convention committee set up for us, but there was still one last item on the schedule...the Closing Banquet.

She had been at the convention most of the week and was a wonderful speaker.

The convention committee arranged a little uniform fashion show. I think some of the younger Marines were surprised at what us senior Marines have worn over the years.

The winners of the essay contest sponsored by WMA and the Marine Corps Association were presented with their prizes.

The Ruth & Dick Broe Award was presented by Theresa "Sue" Sousa to Edith Macias Vann Southern California CA-7 representative Lillian Cross. Lots of cheering on that one! Congratulations, CA-7!

As her last act as national president, Betty Moseley Brown exchanged the National President's pin for the Immediate Past President's pin worn by Rhonda Lebrescu-Amtower.

The committee had a surprise for the active duty Marines at the banquet. Every table had a combat boot as a centerpiece. The only ones permitted to take the centerpieces were the active duty. If they could find both boots in their size, they ended up with a free pair of boots. There was no rhyme or reason as to the placement of the boots, so it made for an interesting scavenger hunt.

And then, it was over. Everything was packed up, not to be opened again until 2020 in Omaha, NE. See you there!



President Emeritus of WMSA, BGen Wilma Vaught (Ret), caught up with Sondra Metzger and Karen Kelly

Holly Charette's parents stopped by to say goodbye before they headed home. It was wonderful having them join us, and I think they had a good time as well.



Essay winners, l-r: Capt Nicole Kreis (3rd prize); Capt Jessica Giusti (2nd prize); LtCol Beth Wolny



Active duty who found both boots.



And then it was over.



PLATOON BOOK PROJECT

I'd like to thank all the women Marines that brought their boot camp platoon books to the WMA DC convention. I was able to scan 28 books to add to my database. This allows me to be able to at least offer Marines an electronic copy.

From the convention I was able to mail out five hard copy books to Marines that did not have a copy of their own.

If you can scan your book, I'd love a copy, please email it to me at sgt-vshields@yahoo.com.

I have 328 hard copies of platoon books that I have collected. Feel free to email me if you are looking for yours and I will be happy to check.

These books are such an important part of our personal history. I love doing this and I enjoyed talking with so many Marines that sat down at my table. Such interesting stories of our time in boot camp.

Semper Fi

Valerie (Shields) Breidenbaugh



OMAHA

Now, Let's do it again in Omaha NE - bring your Oohrah!

What a great celebration of 100 years of women in the Marine Corps hosted at the Women Marines Association (WMA) Convention near Washington, D.C.! And now it's time to carry the momentum to the great city of Omaha.

Omaha, Nebraska - Bring your Oohrah! Come to the 2020 31st Biennial Women Marines Association Convention and Professional Development Symposium in Omaha because you made lifelong friends; because we Marines have shared experiences that very few people fully understand; come because we've got your six! No more excuses, it's not too far, you're not too old, too busy. Life is short and we in Omaha are planning for another blow-out convention experience. Come because you belong here.

Within walking distance of our convention hotel are two thriving districts: the Old Market district houses a lively shopping, dining, and nightlife destination. Street musicians and artists offer entertainment as you wander in and out of the

many boutiques and galleries that line the cobblestone streets. The Capitol District also includes dining and entertainment surrounding a modern town square. Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium is one of the top 10 zoos in the country. Omaha also boasts the Joselyn Art Museum, which features art of the ancient world; European and American painting; modern and contemporary art; photography; and the American West. The Durham Museum, within walking distance, is dedicated to preserving and displaying the history of the United States' western region and includes interactive exhibits and train station experience.

The convention is planned for 4 September - 7 September 2020 at the Hilton Hotel. OOH-RAH in Omaha!!

*Penny Hardiman and Jenifer Nothelfer
Co-Chairs, and NE-1 Chapter Members
2020 WMA Convention*



CA-3 – Greater San Francisco Bay Area

It has been a while since we reported. CA-3 has held several monthly meetings. Our April meeting was hosted by CA-3 Secretary Bonnie Dabalos-Castro and Loyal Escort Patti Ellison. New member Stephanie Borges introduced herself. She is a civilian aide to a one-star general! The first civilian aide he has had! As such, her schedule often changes, but she will attend meetings when possible.

At our May meeting, hosted by CA-3 member Nancy Arroyavila and Loyal Escort Sarah River, we celebrated Armed Forces Day. At that meeting, it was announced that the San Leandro Public Library was hosting an Iwo Jima program, with two survivors of that conflict scheduled to speak. Nancy Arroyavila announced that PGE was holding a volunteer event to fill boxes to be sent to troops overseas. Lily Brockmeier announced that the deadline to apply for the CA-3 scholarship would be in July. Loyal Escort Cheryl Christensen spoke about a program that Crown Royal had to honor veterans. She submitted her parents' names and received an engraved plaque. Loyal Escort member Vern Smith is still collecting signatures to submit in the hopes of having a future ship named after Joe Rosenthal. CA-3 President Susan Johnston participated in the National Day of Prayer Commemoration held at the Tracy City Hall with the presentation of colors.

The June meeting was hosted by Loyal Escorts Angie Fredekind, Barbara Morgan, and Cheryl Christensen.



L-R: Paul Giadrone, Lynn Giadrone, Nancy Zaunbrecher-Payne, Lily Brockmeier, Sheila Trevail, Molly Howe, Don Johnston, Kathy Wright, Susan Johnston, and Ricky Payne at the closing banquet of the convention.

At the July meeting, hosted by Susan Johnston and Nell Marie Forsey, Molly Howe officially took over as webmaster

for CA-3's newly designed web site. She asked that we all look at it and send in any suggestions we might have to further improve it. Kathy Wright announced that she has taken over as WMA National 3rd Vice President, a little sooner than expected. Susan Johnston and Don Johnston participated in Memorial Day events, first by placing large flags along the entrance to the Tracy Public Cemetery, then by placing a small American flag at the gravesites of all veterans interned at the Tracy Public Cemetery, followed by participating in the presenting of colors and gun salute at the laying of wreaths ceremony at the cemetery, and finally in the gun salute at the Tracy War Memorial events during the Memorial Day weekend.

Lily Brockmeier announced that one scholarship application was received, and the CA-3 annual scholarship for 2018 was awarded to Brandon Zaunbrecher – CA-3 member Nancy Zaunbrecher-Payne's grandson. He is currently enrolled in his second year at Lainey College in Oakland. His goal is to obtain an AA degree and transfer to a 4-year college to pursue a bachelor's degree in project engineering. He is also a starting running back for the football program in Lainey. Congratulations Brandon! CA-3 is proud to help you achieve

your goals.

During this time, CA-3 Vice President Kathy Wright, along with several members of CA-3, attended the Celebration of Life and scattering of the ashes of CA-3 founding member LaVerne Marts. CA-3 member Molly Howe graduated, Lily Brockmeier added a USMC tattoo onto her wrist, and Nell Marie Forsey welcomed a great granddaughter, Embrey Rose. Verne Smith marched in the 4th of July parade in Alameda with Force Recon, and Susan Johnston marched in the 4th of July parade, and participated in the presentation of colors in Tracy.

At the August meeting, hosted by Loyal Escort Sarah Rivera and CA-3 member Nancy Arroyavila, CA-3 celebrated the Anniversary of Women Marines. Vern Smith requested a woman Marine to speak at the Marine Corps League on November 3rd – celebrating the Marine Corps Birthday, and the anniversary of women in the Marine Corps. Kathy Wright volunteered to speak at this event. Final plans were discussed for attendance at the Biennial Convention, including scheduling members to be present at the CA-3 table in the PX. CA-3 will be selling neck coolers made by CA-3 member Barbara Naas, necklaces (including Marine Corps emblem necklaces) made by Kathy Wright, WMA embossed pens, and raffling off 4 items – a Barbie USMC doll, a Ken USMC doll, a USMC blanket and a camouflage blanket, both blankets hand made by Tina Thomas who donated the material and her services. A portion of the earnings will go towards funding the CA-3 annual scholarship. A total of 12 CA-3 members and Loyal Escorts, and one member's sister, will be attending the convention. All are looking forward to this event celebrating 100 years of women in the Marine Corps.

The September meeting was hosted by Nancy Zaunbrecher-Payne. At this meeting, CA-3 remembered Patriot's Day. Molly Howe talked about her upcoming trip to Europe – Budapest! We all look forward to lots of pictures and exciting tales. At this meeting, members talked about their attendance at the Biennial Convention in Washington D.C. We were thrilled with our goodie bag – and the special Woman Marine Anniversary coin we found in it. There were so many "special" and favorite moments. The Parade at 8th & I was high on everyone's list, as was attending the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Also talked about was the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, and Arlington Cemetery. Some of us also attended the unveiling of the monument on Opha May Johnson's gravesite, where the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Robert Neller, spoke. We visited the World War II Monument, saw the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, visited the Iwo Jima Monument, toured parts of the Smithsonian, and toured other points of interest in Washington D.C. We all agreed that this convention was well worth the trip. The food was great, the trips were wonderful (despite the occasional rain), the programs were interesting. We all found interesting items for sale at the various chapter PX booths. The silent auction items were popular, and the vendors attending were pertinent and helpful. Some of us rose early on Sunday morning to attend the Annual Fun Run/Walk. While the active duty Marines and a few brave souls ran, most of us formed up and walked/marched the two-mile event, chanting all the way. Our PX table was successful, earning funds to continue the annual CA-3 scholarship. At this convention, CA-3 Loyal Escort Don Johnston was elected to the Loyal Escorts National Board of Directors, and Kathy Wright won 2nd place with her history

book entry. Congratulations to both of our members. CA-3 is already looking forward to the next convention in Omaha in 2020.

During this time, as part of the combined American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard, CA-3 President Susan Johnston also participated in 11 funerals/memorial services and participated in the annual burying of the ashes of retired American flags at the Tracy Public Cemetery.

Susan Johnston

CA-5 Orange County California Members-at-Large

Welcome home conventioners from what had to be the Convention of the Century much less the celebration of 100 Years of Women Marines! Well done! Of course, we stay-at-homes were green with envy and decided to go to Acapulco to celebrate also! No, not the city in Mexico but the restaurant. We drank margaritas to cheer you on. Hope you heard our OORAH'S loud and clear!



The Foxes with Pastor Manuel, his wife Purity, and children.

Ellie Fox returned from Kenya and her church mission to provide for the people of Nkoisusu. And provide they did...the church got a cement floor...classrooms were built along with desks and workbenches...began a Widows program, making bread over a charcoal fire, and special sewing projects allowing these women to find hope, dignity, and a means of a livelihood. Ellie did her laundry in a bucket and lived in a tent! They all had challenges and they'd do it all over again happily.

CA-5 said "good-bye" and Godspeed to several of our loved and treasured sister Marines...Hildegard "Penny" Prengschat on 30 April, Jeannine "Bunny" Gray on 1 May, Sr. Eileen Parker on 3 September, and Dorothy "Dottie" Angil on 17 September. We also lost CA-5 Champion Maj Larry Lephart, USMC (Valorie's love) on 22 July.

Four of us had the privilege of attending Sr. Eileen's interment 11 September. It was most fitting...two of the honor guard were Lady Leathernecks. Lorry Vaca wore her dress blues to honor Eileen and us Women of the Corps present. We were humbled. The nuns present were in awe of us...the symbolism of the flag rite...the playing of "Taps"...the reading of the Woman Marine Prayer...our presentation to Eileen's burial chamber of four red roses (thanks to Carlene Wojciechowski) at the conclusion. The nuns would not let us go until we were each given a hug by each of them. If interments can be joyous...this was it! That wall has many sister nuns of Eileen's resting in this beautiful "Garden of Stone." She's in good company! The sisters have Eileen's flag and it will fly at the convent...they also have an elegant copy of the Woman Marine Prayer.



Hildegard "Penny" Prengschat



Sr. Eileen Parker



Dorothy "Dottie" Angil



Larry Lephart



Carlene Wojciechowski, Ellie Fox, Eileen Sampson, and Patricia Singer.

Here's a big shout-out for our Marine Birthday Queens to be: Ellie Fox 11-17, Ann Erb 11-19, Eileen Sampson 11-23, Goldie Nannes 11-25, Judy Schaut 12-03, Soledad Kennedy 12-11, Jeanne Botwright, 01-01-2019, Beverly Daugherty 01-05, and Lil Cross 01-31. That's all folks!

The perfect gift for all seasons...Peace on Earth and in our homes.

Patricia Singer

CA-7 – Edith Macias Vann Southern California

The Edith Macias Vann Chapter CA-7 has been busy over the summer. On August 13 MAG-39 Women's Leadership and Education Forum, aboard Camp Pendleton, celebrated 100 years of women Marines in the Corps.

There was a uniform pageant and cake cutting ceremony. Chapter member Col Marianne Waldrop (Ret) was the guest speaker. Our chapter also had a booth providing information, history and membership on Women Marines Association. The chapter's quilt was wonderfully displayed as well.

The Oceanside Chamber of Commerce held a reception Monday evening, August 13 to unveil its newest publication: *Celebrating 75 Years, Women Marines on Camp Pendleton*. The release of the magazine came exactly 75 years after when the first woman Marine arrived at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. Women Marines, active duty, retired,

and veterans were in attendance. Several chapter members are featured in this commemorative magazine. The Camp Pendleton Historical Society, Women Marines Association chapters CA-7 and CA-2 and the Camp Pendleton History Museum provided historical content and photos, which included a timeline of women in the Marine



Chapter members attending Oceanside Chamber of Commerce reception are: Kathleen Ables, Lillian Cross, Lillian Tusa, Ruth Osborn, SSgt Hillary Aguirre, and Iris Biggers.

Corps (100 years). Women Marines also provided their own photos and stories of their careers and memories while serving aboard Camp Pendleton.



Awards won by our chapter at the convention.

The hard work by Chapter CA-7 during 2017 and 2018 certainly was not unnoticed. The results of the recognition and awards competitions during the 30th WMA Biennial Convention and Professional Symposium Recognition and Awards Ceremony was nearly a sweep by our chapter. We won the following awards: 1st Place Newsletter, Editor Kathy Kincaid; 1st Place Website, Webmaster Jeanie Huebner; 1st Place History Book, Historian Lillian "Lee" Tusa; 2nd Place Class III Recruiting; 3rd Place Class III Loyal Escort Recruiting; Overall Outstanding Chapter Achievement, Ruth and Dick Broe Award, accepted by Lillian Cross.

The highlight of the awards won was that the chapter was the recipient of the Ruth and Dick Broe Award. This, the highest overall Outstanding Chapter Achievement award, is presented to the chapter that has accomplished the most in keeping the objectives of the Women Marines Association as demonstrated by their entries in the chapter achievement categories.

Iris Biggers



MAG-39 Women's Leadership and Education Forum attendees

CA-11 Women Marines - Central Coast

Greetings Lady Leathernecks,

Central Coast Women Marines is thriving here on the gold coast of California. We have joined the ranks of our sisters from all branches of service and locating Marines in our local area.



Sgt Jessica Kennedy

We were honored to have our youngest active duty Marine chapter member Jessica Kennedy participate in the ceremony that honored our fallen during the opening banquet for marking the 100 years in the Marine Corps at Washington, D.C. Jessica went to the meet and greet for her first time. The women from World War II, Korean, and Vietnam eras, history in the flesh, shared their stories with her.

The American League Post 211 has partnered with our chapter to do a Stand Down in the city of Santa Maria in October. The chapter was approved to use the National WMA seal and will be using it for a stand-up banner recruiting new members at the event. This is our first of many partnership activities to recruit Marines using the banner.

We have had a great time during the month of July with the

Vietnam Veterans of America and United Veterans of America at the 4th of July parade and ceremony. We enjoyed a wonder barbeque and had a WMA informational booth set up to share with the community what WMA is all about.

We will be joining the Season of Hope kick off and start collecting toys for Toys for Tots in Santa Barbara County starting October and it will be broadcast on the local news channel.

The Marine Corps' 243rd Birthday celebration preparation is underway and this chapter will have a table just for us. We donated handmade candies and a raffle basket to help support our Marine Corps League Detachment 1340, and we enjoy the camaraderie. When Marines get together we make things happen.

Have a wonder holiday season and pray for those in harm's way.

*Semper Fidelis,
Soledad Kennedy*

IN-1 - Indiana

IN-1 Chapter members attended a special ceremony August 13 in Kokomo, Indiana, the hometown of Opha May Johnson. A crowd of local and state officials, active duty



Carol Mutter was the keynote speaker.



Carol accepting a plaque that reads "Opha May Jacob Johnson commemoration, August 13, 2018, Kokomo, Indiana" from Jeff Handy, Past Commandant of the Albert E. Shockey Detachment #960 from Kokomo



All the Marines who attended the ceremony in Kokomo.

Marines, and veterans of all branches gathered at Foster Park on the 100th anniversary of the enlistment of Opha May Johnson to commemorate her historic achievement. Carol Mutter was the keynote speaker.

Catherine Ross

KY-1 - Winning Colors

The ladies of KY-1 thoroughly enjoyed ourselves at our 2018 WMA Convention. What a way to celebrate our 100th anniversary! There were so many awesome events and the time spent with so many new and old friends felt so awesome. THANK YOU to every person that took part in planning and coordinating this convention. Each and every one of you did an outstanding job. Thank you to all our new board of di-



Chapter members present at the convention accepted their 2nd place award for recruiting Loyal Escorts.

rectors for volunteering to lead us and being there for us. The chapter is working on building our membership and promoting the WMA mission. "Semper Fi Marines".

Brenda Moore

LA-1 – Molly Marine

On July 13, a Molly Marine LA-1 Chapter Loyal Escort, Col Karl Hackbarth retired from the United States Marine Corps after 38 years. His retirement ceremony took place at the New Orleans World War II Museum where he was presented with a 1949 Willy's Overland CJ-3A, a gift from his wife, Pat.



Karl Hackbarth and his family

On July 21, the chapter meeting took place at the Wine Market in Slidell. We had an awesome turnout. We discussed the upcoming Biennial Convention, the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, donating to the New Orleans



July meeting at the Wine Market

Mission, and volunteering and booking a tour at the VA Hospital in New Orleans.

On July 22, two of our LA-1 members, Sylvia Silva and Cheryl Ellis, visited Ms. Vera Nuschler, one of our WWII Marine veterans, for her 94th birthday. Not only was she visited by the Molly Marine LA-1 Chapter but also by the Marine Corps League and the Louisiana Women Veterans to celebrate her birthday.

On August 18, the chapter held its meeting at the Algiers Regional Library in New Orleans. We discussed the upcoming Biennial Convention and finalized all the details for the trip. We went over incorporating more volunteer opportunities with our September meeting. It was a great turnout.



The conventioners!

From August 29 to September

3 the chapter attended the Women Marine Association 30th Biennial Convention to celebrate 100 years of women in the Marine Corps. LA-1 won streamers for chapter achievement, membership, and Loyal Escort recruiting. Melanie Young won the first-place award for individual recruiting.

On September 15, the chapter volunteered at the Southeast Louisiana National Wildlife Refuges Waterway Clean-Up. Members rallied at 0845 to begin the clean-up. With the combined effort of members in canoes and those walking the shore we collected 150 lbs. worth of litter cleared



Molly Marine Chapter members

from our bayou and swamps. Afterwards we gathered for lunch prior to our chapter meeting. We discussed our next volunteer event at the New Orleans Mission on October 18. LA-1 has been collecting items for the Mission and will be presenting them with a cash donation from the chapter. Additionally, we discussed the upcoming Veterans' Day events, a Marine Corps Birthday celebration invitation from the Marine Corps League by Mary Draughn, and our upcoming Christmas party.

Sgt Sarah E. Park

MN-1 – Minnesota Leathernecks

On May 17, the Como Park Senior High School held their annual JROTC awards ceremony where Cadet Ever Bless was presented with the 2018 WMA Award.



Michelle Livingston "found" Julie Williams at the Minnesota State Fair – I Am Not Invisible Campaign

The Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs hosted the 2018 MDVA Women Veteran Conference on May 26 with U.S. Army Brigadier General Pat Foote as the keynote speaker. Conference attendees had the opportunity to view the "I Am Not Invisible" campaign which chapter Vice President Julie Williams was a participant. Minnesota was the second state to honor 33 of its women veterans with an exhibit featuring their portraits and their stories.

Julie Williams and Michelle Livingston attended the Second Annual Women Veterans Gala on May 24 in Rochester. The Olmsted County Veterans Services offices and Chapter 28 Disabled American Veterans (DAV) hosted the event. The gala was an event for laughter, learning, and celebrating women and enjoyed by the attendees.

Chapter members attended the Memorial Day ceremonies at Ft. Snelling Cemetery by joining ranks with Women Veterans of Minnesota.

On June 16th, the chapter met at Interlachen Park in Hopkins for their annual picnic. Michelle Livingston brought her grill and members supplied the side dishes.

On August 29th, Minnesota members Frances Haubrich, Michelle Livingston and Vicki Latiolais traveled to Washing-

ton, DC for the 30th Biennial Convention and Professional Development Conference held August 29 to September 3. Upon our arrival at the airport, we met a Twin City Marine, Karen Shaw (also a participant in the "I Am Not Invisible" campaign). Also attending was chapter member Dianne Cupples who now resides in TN. Sharing the convention experiences with MN-1 was Diana Anderson from Texas and Darlene Phetteplace from North Carolina. From start to finish, the convention was full of amazing activities, meetings and camaraderie. We enjoyed the DC night trolley tour with stops at the United States Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima), the opening banquet with the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Evening Parade at Marine Barracks, the trip to WIMSA, Arlington Cemetery, the trip to the National Marine Corps Museum at Quantico, the WMA Memorial Service, shopping at the PX, and the closing banquet. Frances Haubrich carried the chapter colors during the opening banquet. A definite highlight was Michelle being able to locate her grandfather's gravesite at Arlington Cemetery. Each day was a great memory making experience for all of us. We now look forward to taking our "Oohrah to Omaha" in 2020.



Vicki Latiolais, Michelle Livingston, President Betty Mosely Brown, Diana Anderson and Frances Haubrich

September 29th found Marines Julie Williams, Frances Haubrich, Lorraine Morgan, Charity Mares, Amy Spriggle, Chris Magnusson, and Vicki Latiolais attending the Women Veterans of Minnesota annual luncheon held at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776.

If you are planning to be in Minnesota, please feel free to contact and/or join members in upcoming year end events: November 10th - Keegan's Pub for the Marine Corps Birthday; November 16th - Women Veterans Build Habitat for Humanity, or December 8th - chapter holiday party. For further details on the MN-1 Chapter or upcoming events, please contact us at mn1@womenmarines.org.

Victoria Latiolais

NC-3 – Semper Fi

NC-3 Semper Fi Chapter had good representation at the wonderful 2018 WMA Convention at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA. President Tracy Crow, Vice President Catherine Barker and Loyal Escort Brad Barker, Treasurer Dee Green, Secretary Mitzi Manning, Michele Crandall, Del Mims, and Loyal Escort Ed Mims all made the trip and had a great time. The funds raised selling and raffling our handcrafted mementos of 100 years of Marine women will help to fund our support of the Durham VA Community Living Center/Hospice in



Our table in the PX

activities during the upcoming year.

For the annual Country Store Silent Auction, members put together a theme basket with nearly \$200 of spa items. Our

next project will be a booth in the VA Hospital cafeteria on Halloween. Veterans groups run each of the booths and buy the prizes to be given to the veterans. Future plans for the chapter include a November meeting/Marine birthday gathering, support for a Women's Warrior Writing Workshop, and perhaps another Wines for Humanity wine tasting.

Mitzi Manning

OH-2 – Emma Holmes

Our name change is official, and we received our streamer at the 2018 convention.

We did not know where Emma was buried, and after the convention we began our search. We were told that when Emma died, Dec 2013, the ground was so hard, her ashes were kept until May 2014. She did have a small private service but we will be having a service with our chapter in the spring of 2019. She is buried several miles from the home of our chapter president.



Emma Holmes

Emma was such an inspiration to everyone who knew her. She spent 67 years in a wheel chair but it did not stop her from doing what she wanted to do. She traveled and attended many WMA conventions. She was diagnosed with MS about 1946 and continued with rehabilitation the rest of her life.

Emma graduated from Kent State University and was attending the University of Minnesota drawing medical operation illustrations. She would be in the operating room doing the drawings which were used for training. She continued with her art, drawing posters at all the facilities where she lived, at church and the rehabilitation center. She would get down on the floor to draw the large posters. She lived her life and did not complain.

She was life member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, WMA OH-1 and OH-2. Emma would not have wanted a chapter named after her in life but it is our honor to keep her name alive in death. We live as long as we are remembered. She served from 1943 until 1946. She was separated with a medical discharge.

We had one of our members leave her apartment in Wilmington, NC because of Hurricane Florence. The city was surrounded by water but her apartment was not harmed. We are glad you are safe, Judy Tullis.

The chapter held its 2018 Summit County Stand Down and had about 25 women come through. We will be helping Lora LeWay with the Stark County Stand Down on 1 November.

We are preparing for our Ohio Women Veteran Conference on 10 August 2019. It is one of the largest in the United States.

*Enjoy your holidays.
Elva Pounders*

OK-2 – Heartland

The chapter celebrated with the women veterans of Oklahoma by participating in the 34th Annual Oklahoma Women Veterans Recognition Day on October 6. The event is two days long. The evening before there is music, dancing, food, and



Loyal Escort Clara Mark selling t-shirts at the Women Veterans Recognition Day.

dance a lot of wonderful and much needed information. Our Joan Willauer was recognized as the only WWII veteran in the group of over 200 attendees. Donations were collected for WIMSA totaling over \$10,000.

A few members attended the convention in Washington, DC and really enjoyed themselves. This was the largest convention to date! On to Omaha in 2020!

Sondra Metzger

OR-1 – Lady Marine Rose

Greetings from Oregon!

It is with a sad and heavy heart that we start this 'Nouncements with the passing of our oldest sister Marine, Muriel "Dolly" Ruble. She was one of the founders and a charter member of this chapter. In addition to our chapter, Dolly started another chapter in Salem. In our last article, she is shown receiving a Quilt of Valor from Dustin and Jo Ann Janes, representing the Quilts of Valor Foundation. She now has a new job with our Supreme Commander. I know she will be doing a perfect job.



Muriel Ruble

The 10th Anniversary Women's Conference was held in Sunriver. Betty Moseley Brown accepted an invitation to speak at the conference. In the last 'Nouncements, we mentioned our chapter wanted to do something special for the 100th Anniversary of Women in the Corps. We presented Betty Moseley Brown with the first "Because She Served" rose and a check to challenge other chapters to donate towards the Opha Mae Johnson Monument Project. Betty was thrilled!



(l-r) Vice President Rosy Macias, AD9 Peggy Reiber, President Jacqueline Caputi, Betty Moseley Brown, Guardians of the Rose: Sally Van Wie and Heidi Tanada

Our May meeting was a little bit different than usual. We had our "High Tea" monthly meeting at the VFW Post#6 in Hillsboro. Sheryl Loberger and her family arranged the delicious cucumber sandwiches, tea, cookies and more. Everyone participated in decorating a hat. What a way to have a meeting!

We had a pleasant surprise when one of our chapter members, Hattie Kelley, 94 years young, was on a television commercial for Meal on Wheels. It was delightful to see Hattie showing her USMC picture of WWII and herself of today. In addition, she was the poster person for the Portland Monthly Magazine, May edition! What a great tribute! Meals on Wheels

just a great time had by those who wish to attend. This started out years ago as a little get-together in a hotel suite. It has since grown into a ballroom full of good times, good food, and great camaraderie with servicewomen from all branches.

The next day, OK-2's Pam Bloustine served as the emcee, and what a job she did! This year we had great speakers who gave those in atten-



Hattie on her scooter participating in the Run/Walk at the convention. You go, girl!

delivers tasty and healthy meals to those who need it. It is such a worthy cause to help those in need. Congratulations, Hattie!

I have mentioned in our last monthly article of the sale of the beautiful rose, "Because She Served." The rose is on sale now at www.heirloomroses.com. It has been such a hit with Heirloom Roses that they are now in the process of making more!

One of our local television stations heard about the rose and requested a member of our chapter to come and talk live on the Portland Today Show! The picture shows local anchor crew Rod Hill, Kathy Marshall holding "Because She Served" roses standing next to chapter member Guardian of the Rose, Sally Van Wie, and anchor crew, Ashley Korslien standing next to Heirloom Roses representative, Stephanie Corker. We discussed the history of our rose and the symbol it represents to all women in all branches of the Armed Forces and for women who work hard helping others.



And last, the 30th Biennial Convention. Our chapter members had a wonderful time, and Hattie Kelley was the Queen of the Convention! Everyone wanted to have their picture taken with her. She also celebrated her 95th birthday while there and was properly celebrated with everyone singing "Happy Birthday" to her. Our chapter also won 1st place awards for Chapter Achievement and Loyal Escort Recruiting. Jacqueline Caputi and Rosy Marcelino-Macias also brought home the National Service Award, the highest award given to a member. Congratulations, ladies!



Have a great holiday season!

*Semper Fidelis,
Sally Van Wie*

TN-1 – Rocky Top

31 August: Thanks to chapter sponsors Teresa Greene, Deb Henderson, Angii Heidbrink and Lindsay Long for enabling us to win the Class 1, Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter, First Place Chapter Recruiting Award. It's always nice to add another streamer to our chapter flag.

On 8 September, TN-1 members held their bi-monthly meeting at the AmVets Post 22 clubhouse in Maryville. Members were asked to bring school supplies to the meeting as a donation to the Post Auxiliary Project in gratitude for their generosity for letting us use their facility. Many donations were received, and the auxiliary was



Pearl Rich and Lindsay Long accepting our certificate and streamer



A portion of the donated school supplies.

extremely pleased to get these items on behalf of a local school.

Following our business meeting, quarterly birthdays were celebrated. Laura Ward and Loyal Escort Linda Cantrell were presented with birthday cupcakes.

On 12 thru 15 September, TN-1



LE Pam Pritchett, Members Deb Henderson, Barbara Chagnon, Lindsay Long, Pearl Rich, Laura Ward, Eileen Neiler, Shannon Harlan, Doris Keane, Teresa Green, LE Joy Goodwin, and Linda Cantrell.



Deb Henderson and Teresa Greene assisting the MCL with Mud Run Registration.

Long, Teresa Greene, Deb Henderson, Pearl Rich and Loyal Escorts Joy Goodwin, Linda Cantrell and Pam Pritchett.

Barbara Chagnon



unteering at the VA hospital, working for Toys for Tots, and attending the USMC Birthday Ball in Houston.

Audrea Killalea

VA-1 - Crossroads Chapter

The last several months for VA-1 have been a whirlwind of meetings and organizing functions in preparation, along with DC-1, for the 30th WMA Biennial Convention and Professional Development Symposium. It's over, and we hope those who attended had a great time. So many activities, workshops, and tours were planned for your enjoyment and camaraderie.

We had our quarterly chapter meeting in May at the Globe & Laurel, which is a Marine Corps icon near The Crossroads of the Marine Corps. They always treat Marines wonderfully and provided a special menu for us.

Charmale Gallagher

WA-3 - Northsound

The convention in DC to celebrate 100 years of women in the Corps was the best trip ever for many of us who were able to attend this year. For me, it was very special as I was able to share some of my favorite haunts when I was stationed at Henderson Hall and Quantico with my sister, Loyal Escort Sue Duncan. I think the biggest treat for my sister and I was spending time with our 95-year-old aunt Bettie Lerdall



Lynda Wolf, Area 9 Dir. Peggy Reiber, Loyal Escorts Gloria Hanson & Sue Duncan, Bettie Glassey



From left to right: Jeanne Botwright, Bettie Glassey, Bettie Lerdall, June Dempsey, Lori Lerdall Tucker

and our cousin Lori Lerdall Tucker. The trips to 8th & I for the Sunset Parade, Quantico, and WIMSA were so memorable.

Six of our members from WA-3 were able to attend this convention and over the course of five days we met and enjoyed the company of many new and old friends. We also all worked the PX table for our chapter and very much enjoyed talking to everyone who stopped by our table.



From left to right: Loyal Escorts Gloria Hanson, Lucy Smith, Linda Lockhart, members Betty Strand, Lynda Wolf, Missey Cox, Bettie Glassey, Loyal Escorts Sue Duncan and Karen Ballinger

and fortunately was able to access WIFI and was able to share pictures and videos from the convention with those who couldn't attend.

Bettie Glassey

TX-7 - Opha May Johnson

Where did the time go? During May, TX-7 Opha May Johnson (OMJ) chapter held its installation ceremony for this new chapter's board. The chapter also joined the Flags for the Fallen and placed American flags throughout the Houston National Cemetery in honor of Memorial Day. The following day, TX-7 OMJ chapter participated in the Houston National Cemetery wreath and colors parade for a Memorial Day ceremony. It was our first major event as a chapter. The scarlet and gold handmade wreath was created by member Jennifer Rooth. Pictured with the wreath is member LaShondra Jones. Color guard members included Jennifer Rooth, Rosa Osborn, Audrea Killalea, and Julie Allen. Wreath presenters included members Heather Brodersen, Melissa French, and Jackie Bazile.



In June, TX-7 OMJ member Bev Franklin was an honoree at the Celebration of

the Inaugural Texas Women Veterans Day and 70th Anniversary of Women Armed Services Integration Act, Houston City Hall, Houston. TX-7 OMJ members celebrated Texas Women Veterans Day with her!

In July, TX-7 OMJ chapter prepared its members for the WMA convention.

In August, eight TX-7 OMJ members attended convention and enjoyed meeting so many fellow Marines and Loyal Escorts!

As we roll into the fall season, we are looking forward to vol-



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Hat Pin



WMA Afghan



WMA Ceremonial Flag 3' x 5'



Chapter Replacement Ribbon



Example



Example

Name Tags: 1.50" x 3.00" . . . \$12.00

Nametags are laser etched on dark green acrylic with white text and have magnetic hardware. Please indicate your Name, Chapter and Chapter designator exactly as you wish it to appear on your nametag. (See Example)

WMA Cover with Chapter Embroidery and EGA. \$55.00

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XSmall. (20 ½" - 20 7/8")

Small. (21 ¼" - 21 5/8")

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XLarge. (23 ½" - 23 7/8")

XXLarge. (24 ¼" - 24 5/8")



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Payable to **Women Marines Association** to:

WMA Sales
 C/o Gail Horn
 P. O. Box 12518
 Jacksonville, NC 28546

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

WMA Chapter Merchandise Sales

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



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



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

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
Cost: \$5.00 plus \$6.00 shipping cost
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.
Cost: \$4.00 each, or 20 for \$75.00 (Price includes shipping)
Contact: Pam Kubczak, 1156 Queen Street, Pottstown, PA 19464
pa2@womenmarines.org

"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.

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,
(visit www.womenmarines.net to see the items in color)

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



Shoes

Shoes will have EGA or WMA Logo on one shoe and wording on the other. Shoes with EGA on both sides add \$10. For custom designs, include photo or description - upon approval of artist - prices may vary.

Woman sizes: 6, 6.5, 7, 7.5, 8, 8.5, 9, 9.5, 10, 11, 12, 13

Men's sizes: 7, 7.5, 8, 8.5, 9, 9.5, 10, 10.5, 11, 11.5, 12, 13, 14, 15

Women's & Men's Vans - \$110

Women's Glas - \$75,

Men's Airwalk - \$85

Contact: Lynn Rarick, MI-3 West MI Chapter, lynfo@aol.com

Convention Leftovers

The below items were sold by TX-7 in the PX and are still for sale. Women Marine Veteran hats for sale, while supplies last! The prices are as follows:

Blue with red bill, Pink woman Marine - \$15.00 + \$5.00 shipping

Black patch with red bill, Red patch with black bill - \$20.00 + \$5.00 shipping

Polo shirts available for order. You may also choose to have your name embroidered on the shirt.

Each shirt is \$30 and includes the name embroidered and shipping.

Artic tumblers, 100 years or Proud Female Veteran Marine Corps
\$20.00 per + \$5.00 shipping.

WMA stickers
\$5.00 per + \$.50 shipping.

All shirt, hat, stickers and tumbler orders can be ordered by emailing TX7@womenmarines.org. PayPal payments can be sent to TX7@womenmarines.org.

All sales are final.



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"
 Cost: Sizes (M) to (XXXL) \$16.00 (price includes shipping)
 Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1
 Contact: Heidi Tanada, 17103 S.W. Eldorado Dr. Tigard, OR 97224-2075

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

Ladies Polos	Short Sleeved T-Shirt	Youth Polos
Adult	(S-XL) \$18.00	(S-XL) \$22.00
(S-XL).....\$30.00	(2XL) \$20.00	
(2XL)\$32.00	(3XL) \$22.00	For Infant/Toddler: Please contact
(3XL)\$34.00	(4XL) \$24.00	for availability and prices.
(4XL)\$36.00	(5XL) \$26.00	
(5XL)\$38.00		Website: http://wmaor3.wix.com/shirts

Embroidery Options:

Option 1:	Option 2:	Option 3:	For more information email Stephanie Wilcox at swilcox818@yahoo.com . Make checks payable to: WMA OR-3 and mail to: Stephanie Wilcox, 336 S.71st St, Springfield, OR 97478; call (541) 554-6015 or email or-3@comcast.net
			

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

Ladies cut T-Shirt with V neck. Comes in Vintage Khaki and Gray with logo in hunter green.
 Cost: \$23.50 (with shipping and handling.) Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X
 Make checks or money orders made out to: WMA Motor City, PO Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065. Please state size and color.

Tee Shirts with the WMA EGA logo, center/front. White with green logo and Women Marines Association around the top of the EGA Logo.
 Cost : \$20.00 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling Sizes: M, L, XL
 Please state size.

Sweatshirts White with Green image of 3 WMs from Charles Waterhouse's rendition. Only 6 remaining in inventory and will not be re-ordered.
 Cost: \$20.00 (with shipping and handling.) Size: 2XL Only
 Please include phone number.
 Make Check/Money Order payable to PA-2 Liberty Belles
 Mail to: Pam Kubczak, 1156 Queen Street, Pottstown, PA 19464
 or email: pa2@womenmarines.org

Jewelry

WMA Logo Earrings available in wire/dangle and clip-on
 Cost: \$10.00/pair (includes shipping)
 Chapter: Make checks payable to: TX-3, WMA
 Please designate one: Wire/Dangle or Clip-on
 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.



Luggage Tag, 3.5" x 2.5", aluminum, "Proud Member Women Marines Association" WMA logo on one side and "Oohrah Sisterhood" and WMA logo on the other side.
 Cost: \$10.00 (includes shipping)
 Checks Payable to EMVSC CA-7 WMA
 Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4011, (760) 724-9861. Visit: www.womenmarines.net to see the items in color.

USMC Sun Catchers

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

Travel Neck Pouch, black w/two zippered sections on one side with clear section on reverse with WMA logo, adjustable strap.
 Cost: \$5.00 each (includes shipping) Size: 6-1/2"x4-1/2"
 Chapter: NM-1 (checks payable to payable to WMA-Chapter NM1)
 Contact: Stella Delgado-Kinnison, 204 General Patch NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123

WMA Logo Magnet

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

"Proud To Be A Marine" Ribbon Magnet, 8"x 3"

Cost: \$6 each (includes shipping)
 Checks: Payable to to EMVSC CA-7 WMA
 Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4011, (760) 724-9861,
 Visit: www.womenmarines.net to see the items in color



WMA logo Rubber Stamps

Costs include shipping: Large stamp: \$11.00, Small stamp: \$8.00. Chapter: CA-7
 Checks to: EMVSC CA7 WMA
 Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4011, (760) 724-9861, Visit: www.womenmarines.net to see the items in color.

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

Cost: \$7.00 (includes shipping & handling)
 Chapter: OH-2 Emma Holmes
 Contact: Ellen Leidy, 1107 Columbus Ave., Barberton, OH 44203, (330) 825-8935, email: leidyrun@aol.com

License Plate Frame, aluminum, "Oohrah Sisterhood" on the top, and "Women Marines Association" on the bottom.

Cost: \$12.00 (includes shipping)
 Checks Payable to EMVSC CA-7 WMA
 Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4011, (760) 724-9861. Visit: www.womenmarines.net to see the items in color.

WMA National Membership Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____
 Current Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Date of Birth: _____ SSN: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____

Alternate Address Information

Name: _____ Reason for Alternate _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Start Date: _____ Stop Date: _____

Emergency Contact

Name of relative not residing with you: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Relationship: _____

Spouse Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Military Information

When Served: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Name(s) Served Under: _____ Maiden Name: _____
 Plt. and Series: _____ MOS: _____ Molly Marine ☐ Y ☐ N

RMD Preferences

The Resource and Member Directory (RMD) will be sent in CD format. If you prefer another format please check one only: ☐ Electronic copy ☐ Hard Paper copy

Membership Information: ☐ New ☐ Renewal ☐ Reinstatement

☐ 2 Year Membership \$40

Chapter Name if Known: _____

Enrolled by/How did you hear about WMA: _____

Life Membership: Pick One

☐ Age 30 & Up \$295

☐ Age 50-59 \$180

☐ Age 31-39 \$260

☐ Age 60-65 \$150

☐ Age 40-49 \$210

☐ Age 66 & Older \$120

Signature and Verification

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

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Fill in application, print and mail with payment to:

Women Marines Association

P.O. Box 377, Oaks, PA 19456-0377

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