



Senior Olympian Gives Athletes a Run for Their Money

We have a world-class athlete in our ranks! CA-2 member Frances (Fran) Styles, competed in the National Senior Games in Houston, TX, June 17-24. Fran won medals in basketball and track and field events.

Fran was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1953 and her first duty station was Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. She was assigned to the duty of Depot Education Officer, but that wasn't her only job. Fran was put in charge of women's sports teams on the base. Having been a physical education (P.E.) teacher before she joined the Marine Corps, this was right up her alley.

Fran studied P.E. at the University of Oregon. "As P.E. majors, we had to qualify as an umpire or referee for two different sports, but we couldn't play any." When she taught middle school,

girls still could not compete. When Fran retired, she was a track official who was assigned to officiate a meet at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif. She saw athletes competing and said, "Good grief! I can do this, too!"

The Senior Games are set up by local organizations, such as the San Diego Senior Women's Basketball Association, of which Fran is also a member. Participants must win on the state level in order to qualify for national competition. National competition takes place every two years. This year, Fran came home with five medals for track and field and her basketball team won a gold medal.

Wanda Antoine



Fran Styles, National Senior Games medalist.

Janet's Journey: "We Take Care of Each Other..."

A founding member of WMA has her last wish carried out by her sister Marines. Read the moving story of her journey on page 3.

Young Marines Pvt Aaron Chadwick, SSgt Samantha Rivas, and PFC Oliver Feagin escort WMA Past National President Paula Sarlls at the Orange County (CA) Airport.



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Happy Holidays!

I hope this holiday season is filled with hope and cheer for everyone. I'll be spending my holidays in the Washington, DC area this year, so maybe I'll get to see a white Christmas. (Maybe I shouldn't wish for that!) I hope that I will get to see some of my DC-1 sisters while I am there.



This issue includes a gift for everyone. Janet Taynor, a WWII-Era Marine, had her last wish carried out by Past National President Paula Sarlls, along with the help of CA-8 President Sybl Acree and Loyal Escorts Secretary Helen Page. "Janet's Journey" is a very moving story and proves that, as Marines, we always take care of each other.

We also welcome a new chapter! TX-5 received their charter in August and these ladies are excited about having a chapter in the HOT—Heart of Texas, that is!



Last, but definitely not least, there is Convention information galore in this issue. You can register and book your hotel room starting now! Don't know where to go or what to do in Philadelphia? Well, there is a list of things to do and places to see while you are there.

I am so ready to go back to where it all began. My first duty station was just outside of Philly (NAS JRB Willow Grove) and I can't wait to see the city again. I can't wait to see you all again! Enjoy the holidays.

Wanda Antoine
Editor

Honoring Two from the Greatest Generation

On September 11-13, 2011 the Marine Corps Motor Transport held their convention in Orlando, Florida. I was asked to attend the banquet. It was such a surprise when Terry Hightower escorted me to the stage and Don McCrary placed a medallion around my neck. I was emotionally overwhelmed. I am so proud and honored to have received this recognition for the Greatest Generation of World War II Veterans from The Non Commissioned Officers Association of America. I am one of many Woman Marines that served her country in a time of dire need, when at war.

John Carter (retired Marine from Orlando, Florida) and I both received this award at the Motor Transport banquet. I am still proud to be a Woman Marine and wanted to express my gratitude for this recognition.

Sincerely,
Phyllis S. Lee
DeLand, FL

(Right) Phyllis with Terry Hightower and his wife, Katy Hightower. (Far right) World War II veterans John Carter and Phyllis Lee were presented medallions in recognition of their service to our country.



(Above) Don McCrary and Phyllis. (Right) The NCOA World War II Medallion of Honor and Remembrance, presented to WWII veterans Phyllis Lee and John Carter at the Marine Corps Motor Transport Convention Banquet in Orlando, Florida.



President's Column: Plan Now to Attend Our Convention



As we turn the corner into fall, we put the hot summer behind us and look forward to some cooler temperatures, as well as the fast approaching holiday season. Your National Board of Directors (BOD) was busy this summer as we met in Philadelphia for the Interim Board Meeting (IBM). Since Philadelphia is the site of next year's biennial convention we also had the opportunity to experience the convention hotel located on the city's waterfront.

The Hyatt Hotel at Penn's Landing is a wonderful location for our event and I am sure you will enjoy the festivities, so be sure to save the dates of 30 August – 4 September 2012 and start making your plans to join us. You will see a lot of information in this issue on upcoming news on the convention so be sure to take a close look.

I would like to extend a special welcome and thanks to Betty Moseley Brown and Laura Santiago for stepping up to serve as the Convention Coordinating Committee (CCC) chair and

treasurer respectively. FYI, the previous CCC chair Kathy Van Gorder had to step down because of health and family issues, but we appreciate her continued support. I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to help in the planning process.

Don't forget that our national election process will begin soon; All positions for National Officers and Area Directors are open for nominations.

The IBM was a successful two day meeting and we were able to address many important issues to include updating our Standing Operating Procedures (SOP) that enable the national officers to conduct the business of WMA; reviewing our financial investment policies to ensure our fiscal solvency and discussing the future of the Women of the Corps Collection (WOCC). As I mentioned in my last article, WMA took over ownership responsibility of

the WOCC from the CO-1 Chapter in June of this year. After hearing detailed briefing presentations from both an ad-hoc committee appointed by the BOD and the Women of the Corps Foundation (WCF) that was recently established to help support the WOCC, we decided to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the WCF. The WCF has agreed to help provide both financial and operational support to the WOCC while WMA maintains overall ownership responsibility. You will hear more about this project as we move forward since it is important that the entire membership have a say in the future disposition of the Collection.

I want to wish you all a wonderful holiday season and don't forget to start your planning to attend the 27th Biennial Convention and Professional Development Conference in Philadelphia 30 August-4 September 2012. Also don't forget that our national election process will begin soon and all positions for National Officers and Area Directors are open for nominations, so this is your chance to serve at the national level and have your voices heard.

Semper Fidelis,

Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower

1st Vice President's Message: Where Does Your Chapter Meet?



The arrival of pumpkins in the landscape is the sure sign of fall, and the activities for WMA members and our chapters seem to grow. The WMA chapter participation in Veterans Day and the Marine Corps Birthday events are unique to each chapter. Those days are special to all Marines no matter how they are honored. Recently we have seen businesses around the country recognize veterans and their service. Golden Corral and Applebee's have been offering free meals to veterans on Veterans Day. Other businesses have offered discounts and services. This recognition for all veterans is ap-

preciated with many thanks to the business community for this support.

The first Sunday in October, I met with other WMA Texas members in Austin to welcome the Heart of Texas Chapter, TX-5, to the WMA family. Maria Crowley presented the charter to Cyla Huber, TX-5 president. I had the pleasure of installing the new chapter officers. WMA members from Dallas, TX-1, Houston, TX-2, and San Antonio, TX-3 were invited to share the pot luck meal. TX-5 has been invited to meet at the Highland Hills VFW Post 4443, with their officers extending a welcome and recognition during the activities. The TX-5 chapter will display their colors at the VFW Post.

With the gracious hospitality of the Highland Hills VFW post, I was reminded again of how times have

changed. WMA chapter meetings are held at many different venues. Often it will be a restaurant, or community center, but I am interested in other meeting places like the American Legion or VFW. Would you let me know where your chapter meets? Include your chapter designation and the address and information about where your chapter meets. It would be nice to know how long you have been meeting at that location and any information you would like to share.

Wishing all our WMA members a happy Marine Corps Birthday. Semper Fi,

Judy Anderson



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Janet's Journey

JANET TAYNOR, USMC WWII, WAS BORN IN YOSEMITE, CALIF. ON MARCH 25, 1927 NEAR EL CAPITAN.

Little is known of her life until she joined the Marine Corps on her 17th birthday in 1944. She used her sister's name because she was too young to join. Her patriotism and devotion to country ran deep, as did it for many Americans in those days.

Janet served in motor transport and probably attended boot camp at Camp Lejeune. Little else is known about her service. Once the war ended, Janet became a member of the Scuttlebutt Club, which bound women of the Corps together and helped them stay in touch until the Women Marines Association (WMA) was formed in 1960.

Janet was a founding member of WMA and in 1960 helped to plan the first convention in Denver. She also provided valuable support to me in planning the 2010 Convention. She was a trusted confidant and friend throughout my term as a WMA member (since 2000). She was a founding member of the Marine Memorial Association (Golden, Colo.) and helped to get the Marine Memorial in Golden, Colo. built. She was also a founding member of detachments of the Marine Corps League in Colo. Janet was instrumental in getting the first AIDS respite completed in CO and served over 40 years as a CNA. She received numerous awards for her thousands of hours of volunteer work at the VA. And she provided valuable support to many young women throughout her life to get them on their feet and out of bad situations.

We know that she was married several times and her last husband, Dave "High Pockets," passed away in the early fall of 2010. Of her 9 children, she is survived by 4 living children - Kristin Carmack, Fred Pebley, Lynn Tucker, and Cheryl Arcemont - numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. There are 3 deceased children and 2 other children with unknown location/living status.

JANET PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 13, 2011 FROM A STROKE. Her last wish was to have her ashes spread at Yosemite

where she grew up and where she knew she would feel at peace. Her daughters, Kristin and Cheryl, contacted me and asked if there was any way we could help. I replied, "She was a Marine and I'm sure Marines can help make her wish come true. That's what we do!"

AND SO, THE LAST LEG OF JANET'S JOURNEY BEGAN. The wheels began turning--an invite from Sybl Acree (President WMA CA-8) and Helen Page (National Secretary of Loyal Escorts) to stay with them came to mind and they agreed--housing was taken care of! Then I contacted a CO-1 friend, Tom Allee, who is now with the Center for American Values in Pueblo, Colo. He has been a supporter of our CO-1 chapter for over 7 years, and while working at Frontier Airlines, provided prizes for our 5K when we conducted the first few runs. He helped to obtain inexpensive fares on Frontier and put us in touch with the appropriate people at the Denver Airport to accomplish our mission. Meetings were conducted with the Marine Memorial leadership, the Young

the WMA boulder at the Memorial in her honor and the ceremony went off without a hitch, thanks to the efforts of those great Young Marines. Learn more about the Marine Memorial at <http://us-marinecorpsmemorial.com/>.

AFTER MEMORIAL DAY, WE WORKED TO FIND A GREEN BLAZER AND PATCHES TO CREATE A "UNIFORM" WORTHY OF WMA AND THIS SPECIAL MARINE. We located one at Blazer.com, ordered it and received it just in time. We put the 10" WMA patch on back, the Woman Marine Patch from USA-3 on one sleeve and the "Circle of Friends" WMA patch on the other. A white military blouse was added with a crisscross tie and a couple of pins, including my Past National President Pin. Black slacks and patent leather heels were added to complete the ensemble. Janet would have been pleased!

16 September 2011 – Janet is escorted from the car to the Frontier gate where we departed for California.

The Young Marines provided a formal escort for me and Janet along with Carron Barrella, and Marge Alexander as we marched through the airport, through security, and to the gate.

There, an explanation of Janet's journey was given to the Young Marines. As I stood to enter the walkway to the plane, Janet's story was read over the loud speaker. I didn't expect that and tears flowed from the emotion when the applause and cheers came at the end of that reading. Then silence when the Young Marines saluted and I entered the walk to the plane. The crowd was in awe of us carrying out such a valued tradition (mainly for active duty).



Marines and Marine Corps League and a plan was formed.

31 May 2011 – The Young Marines presented Janet's ashes for a special salute at the Marine Memorial before a crowd of over 200 people who had come to honor the fallen. Special flowers were placed around



Janet's Journey



Thanks to the Young Marines Andrew S. Craig, Dillon L Eckhout, Chardonai Jones, Julian T Jones, Jonathan J Maldonado and Nathan R White, and Young Marines Adult Staff Mike Sheppard, and Mary Eckhout.

Also, thanks to DIA Denver Police Officers Scott Houghton and Henry Jones, Jr.

I SAT AT ATTENTION ON THE WAY TO CALIFORNIA. Several people came up to thank me for what I was doing and to ask about women in the Marine Corps and tell me their story of a son or daughter in the Corps. WMA was mentioned in each instance and a card given to them directing them to our web site.



At Orange County airport in CA, the procedure was reversed and a folded flag was added to the procession- A flag that was personal and had sentimental value to the leader of the Young Marines, Jack Closson. Folks in the airport took note and hands went over hearts as we passed. Thanks to Young Marines,

whose Unit name is LCpl Kenneth L. Worley Young Marines, Jack Closson is the Unit Commander. Participating were YMSSgt Samantha Rivas, YMPFC Oliver Feagin, YMLCpl Michael Hernandez and YMPvt Aaron Chadwick.

Thanks to Lt. Mike Miller and Special Officer Alan Kayano of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

17 September 2011 – We attended a CA-8 meeting and explained the mission. I was honored that so many women came out to see me. One lady, Pauline



and hear their many stories. These are wonderful women, as are each of our members-cherish them while you can!

20 September 2011-- Sybl, Helen and I arrived in Yosemite. In true Loyal Escort fashion, Helen drove the entire 300 miles! She and Sybl decorated the van with flags appropriately displayed for the occasion. We visited the main offices and asked for any last minute instructions. I'd previously obtained permission from the Department of the Interior, Park Superintendent, to spread the ashes and was given specific instructions about how to do that. It took some research, but we finally located the right individual who told us that as long as we followed those guidelines we could do it where ever we wanted.

We located a trail near El Capitan and

found a spot at least 100 yards from public view. Sybl and I saluted Janet and sang the Marines Hymn and March of the Women Marines (which you can hear by visiting www.WMACO1.org). I then proceeded to spread the ashes. When completed we gave a final salute and exited the park.

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MY HEART WAS FULL, KNOWING THAT WE HAD COMPLETED THE MISSION AND TEARS FELL AS WE DROVE AWAY. Helen and Sybl were similarly affected. Lessons were learned by young and old alike and people were touched in ways Janet probably never imagined.

Marines, we take care of each other from the time we meet in boot camp to the time we leave this earth to guard the streets of heaven! God bless each of you and Semper Fidelis!



Janet's daughter Kristin handing the ashes over to CO-1 President, Paula Sarlls - April 11, 2011 in front of the historic B&B Café in Castle Rock, CO.

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)

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

Life Members

Name	Chapter	Date of Death
Abbott, Elizabeth (Byrne)	NY-5	8/14/11
Adkins, Mary Helen	MAL CA	4/23/11
Astridge, Lavera F.	MAL NY	10/25/10
Bidstrup, Waltha	MALCA	2/12/10
Bibbee, Kathryn E. (Bauer)	MAL OH	2/15/11
Borstein, Viiola E. (Gerry)	WA-1	5/4/11
Brackett, Shirley		
Schmetzer (Maxwell)	MAL CA	10/10/10
Brown, Loretta (Liehs)	MAL NC	7/7/11
Bruni, Mildred Irene (Ford)	TX-2	10/14/10
Brunner, Hazel	MAL ID	8/15/10
Brunner, Lillian E. (Seguin)	RI-1	8/31/11
Burkhart, Elizabeth F. (Flores)	MAL NC	7/23/09
Buzzard, Mary E.	MAL IL	8/17/11
Callaway, Mary J.	MAL MO	6/27/08
Campbell, Mary Elizabeth	MAL FL	6/22/02
Carpenter, Eleanor		
F. (Walker)	MAL MA	7/9/02
Cheslin, Dorothy		
Lucille (Mowl)	CA-5	10/6/11
Cioffi, Bernardine M.	MAL NY	6/27/05
Ciraolo, Dorothea		
J. (Pasternak)	MAL NJ	4/19/08
Clark, Martha Jane	CA-7	8/2/11
Collins, Mary (Evans)	CA-6	8/23/11
Coy, Annette	WI-1	7/24/11
Cyphers, Ruth (Endlar)	MAL NJ	3/14/11
David, Marie S. (Short)	MAL CA	7/3/07
Davis, Eileen (Joyce)	MAL FL	3/31/10
Dingle, Mary		
Catherine (Dickson)	MAL WA	5/20/10
Drinkwater, Nelda		
K. (Cason)	MAL MD	3/29/11
Dutton, Patricia (Caires)	CA-3	9/23/10
Ernst, Muriel R. (Appel)	MAL WI	2/26/11
Erskine, Valerie (Barker)	CA-5	7/1/11
Eubanks, Julia F. (Flynt)	MAL GA	4/20/06
Fenton, Margaret		
S. (Scottino)	MAL TX	10/25/07
Fogle, Barbara Y. (Lasker)	MAL FL	9/8/09
Fostyk, Frances L. (Lloyd)	MAL PA	12/16/07
Garver, Elizabeth		
Brent (Wiesenber)	MAL NC	4/16/10
Goldman, Gladys, R.	FL-3	11/19/08
Gross, Mary E.	MAL WA	5/29/10
Guilfoyle, Irene		
A. (Lubkert)	MAL NY	5/2/11
Haglund, June B. (Bailey)	MAL FL	9/17/10
Haugen, Stella	MN-1	9/18/11
Hartman, Bernice L.	MAL FL	6/27/11
Hartmann, Beatrice		
C. (Anderson)	CA-10	7/4/11
Haungs, Ruth Marie	FL-8	5/28/11
Haynes, Rose		
M. (Morris)	MAL MA	12/31/10
Herzog, Florence		
T. (Winska)	MAL NY	11/25/09
Hockman, Helen		
E. (Mackinen)	FL- 8	1/26/11
Hollenstein, Jean B.	MAL CA	9/2/11
Holzbauer, Ila I. (Carter)	CA-5	12/13/10
Howard, Jane Louise	MAL CA	5/13/11

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Hudson, Mary Ellen		
(Smith/DuPont)	MAL AZ	5/16/09
Jones, Priscilla D. (Colin)	MAL VA	9/6/10
Ketterer, Eileen M.		
(Stufflebeam)	MAL IL	8/20/10
Klimek, Clara (Slaga)	MAL NY	10/21/08
Kruszynski, Bernadette		
(O'Donnell)	MAL OH	5/2/11
Kuhlman, Thelma J.		
(McMullen)	MAL KS	11/2/07
Loomis, Jane Y. (Yaeger)	MAL NY	10/6/05
Mackey, Jeanne		
McIntosh (Costa)	CA-12	4/29/09
Mangold, Maryann	MAL MI	8/14/11
Matthews, Marjory		
C. "Pepper"		
(Curtner/Fitts)	MAL CA	7/18/11
Mauser, Jean M.	MAL PA	2/9/05
Maust, Aileen (Burns)	DC-1	8/22/11
McElveen, Marjorie		
M. (Marlow)	AR-1	12/7/10
McGonical	MAL TN	5/27/11
McLaughlin, Marge M.	MAL NJ	6/14/11
McMann, Glenda		
Marie (Powell)	NY-3	6/25/11
Medaver, Winifred L.	MAL MA	12/14/10
Mickle, Jacqueline		
D. (Gallatig)	MAL PA	8/26/09
Miller, M. Eileen	MAL PA	12/1/07
Mitchell, Mary (Maureen)	MAL AZ	4/1/07
Moos, Geneva F. (Waters)	MAL CA	7/5/11
Needelman, Ethel		
K. (Kaplan)	FL-3	9/10/09
Nording-Butler,		
Mary S. (Bolha)	MAL CA	1/25/07
O'Reilly, Nancy (Sapp)	MAL AZ	2/27/10
Petra, Jeannette L.		
(Vietnhans)	WSA-1	4/5/11
Petrie, Kathleen D.		
(Daley-Robertson)	MAL NM	4/5/09
Radzio, Natalie Constance	MI-2	8/17/11
Reese, Margaret		
M. (Stone)	MAL NY	9/12/10
Ronck, Ruth Joyce		
"Joy" (Vidro)	MAL TX	7/2/11
Roussos, Beverly		
Joyce (Stocks)	MAL ID	10/17/09
Russell, Eleanor Magruder		
"Eli" (Bach)	CA-1, CA-3	8/21/11
Salic, Frances W.		
(Kelly/Wood)	MAL IL	7/16/10
Schall, Florence M. (Atz)	MAL MN	1/2/08
Sequin, Giovanna		
"Geo" (Bianchi)	MAL NV	5/28/11
Shelton, Margaret "Marge"		
(Guntle/Thibault)	OR-3	9/12/11
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Virginia (Hunter)	MAL CA	11/29/07
Sipps, Caroline B.	MAL PA	8/3/04
Skidmore, Madeline		
Victoria (Bruner)	MAL AZ	1/4/10
Smith, Doris L.		
(Joy/Gardner)	MAL MO	1/5/05

Taps

Life Members

Name	Chapter	Date of Death
Smith, Eunice Alice (Blauet/Feltman)	MAL GA	11/18/10
Smith, Vivia E.	MAL AZ	10/21/07
Spanos, Mary B. (Funderburk)	MAL MI	6/27/11
Stevens, Nellie C. (George)	CA-3	8/18/11
Sugiura, Patricia M. (Patten)	MAL WA	10/1/09
Suly, Mary (Czupik)	OH-1	7/21/11
Summers, Bessie G.	MAL CA	7/4/11
Tedrow, Betty R. (Kennedy)	MAL PA	1/3/09
Tillinghast, Barbara (Church)	MAL OH	4/3/10
Turner, Mollyrene (Bingaman)	MAL AZ	12/31/10
Underdahl, Patricia (Knight)	MAL VA	9/12/10
Wermer, Marguerite A. (Julien)	MAL IL	2/9/06
Wesley, Helen Mabel (Angus)	CA-2	7/4/11
Wiles, Irene C. (Crossley)	MAL NH	1/31/11
Williams, Mary Jane (Lemon)	MAL MI	1/28/03
Winnie, Roberta (Poodry)	MAL NY	4/11/04
Woolger, Laura H.	MAL PA	1/25/11
Yenglin, Maurine L. (Laura)	MAL AZ	1/20/10

Term Members

Name	Chapter	Date of Death
Bean, Lola M.	MAL CA	11/10/04
Burkes, Edith A	MAL CA	4/28/06
Cleland, Pauline D. (Davis)	MAL OH	4/23/11
Dietz, Evelyn H. (Slowinski)	MAL WI	10/06/10
Giles, Katherine Faye (Kane)	MAL NC	10/25/10
Gillette, Patricia Harrie	MAL CA	4/3/11
Griffore, Lorraine	MAL CA	11/14/06
Jesty, Dorothy (Pokol)	OH-1	8/31/11
Marsh, Elizabeth (Leahy)	CA-1	7/4/10
McHugh, Edna E.	MAL CA	2/22/04
Messinger, Alic S. (Steele)	MAL FL	5/4/11
Piemme, Margaret J.	CT-1	2/22/11
Radics, Gloria L. (Lloyd)	MAL CA	7/18/11
Reeves, Reba Vivian	MAL NV	9/5/10
Schweitzer, Mary Louise	MAL NH	3/22/11
Shannon, Carolyn S.	MAL CA	11/21/09
Shea, Marcella Jayne	MAL CA	3/20/11
Stott, Athylia Irene (O'Brien)	MAL OR	8/6/10
Sweeney, Catherine Nairn	MAL CA	12/03/10
Van Dyck, Genevieve V. (Legner)	MAL CA	9/25/11
Wise, Ida Elvina	MAL CA	9/3/07

Membership Update

2062	Life Members
784	Term Members
2846	Total Members

Molly Marine Award Recipients



Award recipients for Series 4032, presented on 19 October, were PFC Rocio Mondragon-Chavez, Austin, TX for Plt 4032 and for Plt 4033, PFC Shelby Taylor, Ridgewood, NJ



Molly Award recipients for Series 4034, presented 2 November, were PFC Joi Pierce, Simpsonville, SC, and for Plt 4035 PFC Christina Patten, Haymarket, VA

Getting to Where It All Began! Forward March to the Hyatt

From Philadelphia International Airport:

Taxi - \$28.50.

Lady Liberty Shuttle Service - \$11.00 per person. Proceed to a phone in baggage claim area and dial 27 for pickup for Ground Transportation. Van makes multiple stops, runs every 20 minutes from 5:30a.m. to 12:00a.m. 215-724-8888

From Greyhound Bus Station:

Taxi - approximately \$6.00.

From Amtrak Train Station:

(Located at 30th St Station. 4 miles from hotel)

Taxi - approximately \$12.00 to \$15.00.

SEPTA (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority)

There are three trains that run in the city, Orange, Blue and Green. The Orange Line runs north and south underneath Broad Street, one of the main thoroughfares in Philadelphia. The Blue Line runs east and west under Market Street, another thoroughfare. Orange and Blue Lines intersect one another at City Hall with a free interchange. The

Green Lines are mainly located in west Philly eventually turning into surface trolleys.

The closest stop to our Hyatt hotel near Philadelphia airport is at 2nd and Market Streets (Blue Line). This is only a five minute walk from our front door. One way fare for any of the trains through the city is \$2.00. Multiple tokens can be purchased at specified locations for a discounted price.

For more information please visit their website at www.septa.org.

Proudly Introducing...

The 2012 Convention Planning Team has grown, expanded and is running full tilt to bring you the best of the best for your upcoming event. Plans are being made and deals are being hammered out to assure that this will be one of the best you have ever attended.

Your chair is Betty Moseley Brown, co-chair is Mary Ann Merritt, treasurer is Laura Ginger Santiago and secretary is Kay Croll.

We met and gathered with several volunteers during the recent IBM in Philadelphia to share our common goal of making the 2012 Convention a HUGE success. That success will take lots of planning and hard work but your team is up for the job. As the convention gets closer, we will be giving you more and more tidbits of our plans from your menus to what to see and do in your spare time.



Due to family commitments, Kathy Van Gorder, has had to step down as the 2012 Committee Chairperson. We would like to take time to thank Kathy for all of her help and valuable assistance.

She got the ball rolling and the current committee will keep up the momentum to bring you one of the best events ever. It will be hard to beat some of the few past ones but we will certainly try.

Thank you Kathy for stepping up and assisting, for getting us a great contract with the Hyatt, and all of your hard work.

2012 Convention Roommate Request

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone : _____

1. Smoker? Y N

2. Early riser? Y N

3. Night Owl ? Y N

4. Need more than 20 min. in the bathroom to be ready for the day? Y N

5. Prefer to sleep in a very cool room (68° or less)? Y N

6. Do you have an age preference for a roommate? Y N

• If yes, then age range: _____

7. Room Preference: 2 per room _____ 4 per room _____



Please fill out form and return to: EileenSRN@aim.com

Or mail to:

Eileen Skahill
32 McClurg St.
Westfield, NY 14787

Women Marines Association

2010 Convention and Professional Development Conference

Schedule of Events • 31 August - 4 September 2012

Thursday, Aug 30, 2012

1500-1800 Registration
1900-2100 Molly Marine Celebration

Friday Aug 31, 2012

0800-1700 Registration
0800-1200 2010-2012 WMA Board Meeting
0830-1200 2010-2012 Loyal Escorts Board Meeting
1000-1400 Patriots PX
1215-1245 Active Duty Orientation*
1300-1500 First Timers Meeting*
1530-1630 Flag Ceremony Rehearsal
1800-1900 No Host Reception
1900-2200 Opening Banquet

Saturday, September 1, 2012

0800-1700 Registration
0900-1100 WMA Business Meeting # 1*
0900-1100 Loyal Escorts Business Meeting # 1
1130-1300 Welcome Home Warriors
1300-1800 Patriots PX
1400-1500 Workshop #1*
1530-1630 Workshop #2*
1900-2300 Patriots Pub/Loyal Escorts Hospitality

Sunday, September 2, 2012

0700-0800 2nd Annual Fun Run/Walk
0800-1600 Registration
0800-1200 Worship Time/Personal time
1100-1500 Patriots PX
1130-1330 Outside Event/Tour
1400-1500 1st VP/Area Directors/Chapter Presidents+
1530-1700 WMA Memorial Service*
1900-2300 Patriots Pub/Loyal Escorts Hospitality

Monday, September 3, 2012

0800-1600 Registration
0830-1030 WMA Business Meeting # 2*
0830-1030 Loyal Escorts Business Meeting # 2
1100-1200 Workshop #3
1230-1500 Recognition and Awards Luncheon*
1530-1700 1st VP/Area Directors/Chapter Pres+
1600-1800 Patriots PX
1900-2300 Patriots Pub/Loyal Escorts Hospitality Suite

Tuesday, September 4, 2012

0800-1600 Registration
0830-1030 Workshop #4 *
1100-1200 Board of Directors Photo
1200-1400 Installation Luncheon*
1430-1630 2012-2014 WMA Board Training
1430-1630 2012-2014 Loyal Escort Board Meeting
1800-1900 No Host Reception
1900-2200 Closing Banquet

Wednesday, September 5, 2012

0800-1200 2010 -2012 WMA Board Meeting

* Mandatory Events for Active Duty:

- Active Duty Orientation *
- First Timers Meeting*
- Workshops 1-4 *
- WMA Business Meetings 1 & 2*
- WMA Memorial Service*

+ Denotes mandatory for Area Directors and Chapter Presidents

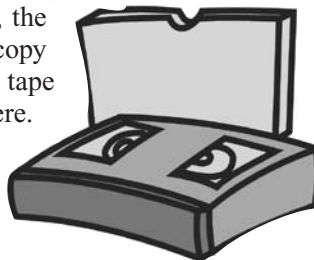
*Denotes mandatory for Active Duty

This is a tentative schedule and subject to change

Seeking Molly Marine Videos from the 2000 Convention

At the 2000 WMA Convention, hosted by the DC-1 Chapter, a highlight was the celebration of the Molly Marine statue unveiled at Quantico. Following the ceremony, the convention attendees adjourned to Little Hall Theater for a narrated video entitled *Molly Marine--Statue, Tradition, and Sisterhood*. Following the convention, a VHS copy of the video was made for each of the 10 Area Directors, so that chapters within their areas could borrow the video and

have more of our sisters view it. When I took over as the Area Two Director last year and got my turnover box, the Area Two copy of the VHS tape was not there. The 2012 Convention Committee has a real need for



this video. We are asking the Area Directors (and former Area Directors) to check their turnover files or personal files for the VHS tape. The Convention Committee would have a DVD made and then return your tape. Any Area Director who is able to assist us, contact Mitzi Manning by email at ad2@womenmarines.org or by telephone at (703) 379-4023.

Mitzi Manning

PHILADELPHIA 2012

The Comcast Center

It is time to shake that Piggy bank and get ready for one of the best adventures of a lifetime! The WMA Convention will be landing in one of the most historic areas known to Marines! The birthplace of the Marine Corps is about to be invaded by the women Marines! There is so much to do and see in the city and the best part is that many of the venues are very inexpensive or free.

The tallest building is the Comcast Center at 975 feet tall. It is open to the public and also can boast about being the greenest building located in Philly. The building features a public plaza with a gorgeous fountain display, a dramatic eight-story "Winter Garden" and an energy-saving "glass curtain" that wraps around the Comcast Center, allowing for a 360° view of Philadelphia's urban landscape.

The Market at Comcast Center

Another one of the new building's main draws is its awesome selection of eateries. The Market at Comcast Center, located right below the building's main lobby, has more than 24,000 square feet of food retail and some 20 storefronts for your enjoyment.

Places like Bucks County Coffee Co., Di Bruno Bros., LaScala's, Mexican Post, Sook Hee's Produce, Susanna Foo's Dumpling Kitchen, Under the "C" gourmet seafood and Tokyo Sushi give you a wide variety of culinary tastes to try. The Comcast Center even has a picturesque outdoor café that is perfect for spring, summer and fall dining. Located immediately in front of the building's main entrance, the Plaza Cafe is a great place to stop by for a lunch, a light bite, drinks or dinner. A beautiful fountain display lines the seating area, while the fare comes from Table 31's exceptional kitchen. And the view looking up at the tallest building between New York and Chicago is pretty nice, too. So definitely add a visit to the Comcast Center to your "to-do" list during your stay in Philadelphia.

Hyatt Regency at Penn's Landing

Talk about a room with a view. The Hyatt is a great hotel that is the only hotel located directly on the Delaware River Waterfront. Here you can walk around the boardwalk, enjoy the riverfront, walk thru many of the close area

parks and enjoy the day as you please.

All of the rooms at the Hyatt were just completely renovated and now have only the finest that the Hyatt offers for sleeping and relaxing.

The area is full of things to do. On the weekends there are a variety of festivals only a block from the hotel. Fireworks were seen out our windows on the Saturday that we were there for the WMA Interim Board meeting and a free concert could be heard across the river in New Jersey.

Right next to the hotel is the Independence Seaport Museum. With historic vessels to board, a ship's hull to rivet, and cargo to unload with miniature cranes, Philadelphia's maritime museum conveys what the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers have meant to the city over the years. Along with displays that chronicle the city's contributions to naval and commercial maritime history, there are exhibits about what makes boats float, the China trade and local small craft.

Berthed right outside are the Olympia, the nation's oldest floating steel warship (1892), most famous for being Admiral Dewey's flagship during his Spanish-American war victory in Manila Bay, and the Becuna, a classic World War II submarine that fought battles in the South Pacific. Workshop on the Water is a working boat shop where you can watch artisans build and restore traditional wooden boats.

The museum, dedicated to exploring the maritime history of the Delaware River, the Delaware Bay, and tributaries, opened on Philadelphia's waterfront in July 1995 after more than 35 years of rich history as the Philadelphia Maritime Museum. In 1996, the museum assumed responsibility for the Olympia and Becuna, which are both designated as National Historic Landmarks.

Sightseeing in Philly!

Philadelphia contains over 100 museums. If art is your interest, then you'll want to visit the Philadelphia Art Museum. It is located on the Ben Franklin Parkway. This is where Sylvester Stallone, in the film "Rocky" jogged up the museum steps in record time! The museum showcases paintings, furniture and pottery from the Pre-Christian Era to modern time. It even has a Japanese

Tearoom that was disassembled in Japan and brought to Philadelphia. Touring the museum can be exhausting, so plan to spend the whole day. The regular admission price is \$8.00, **but if you go on Sundays before 1 p.m. the admission is FREE.**

There are many cultural museums to tour, but two of the most interesting are The African American Museum and The National Museum of Jewish History. The African American Museum is located at the NW corner of 7th and Arch Streets. This marvelous museum showcases folk art, artifacts, and often has musical attractions. The admission is \$6.00. The National Museum of Jewish History is located at 55 North 5th Street. The museum exhibits historical documents, artwork, films, and personal memorabilia. This fascinating attraction has an **admission price of just \$2.50.**

One of the most bizarre attractions and certainly not for the faint hearted is the Mutter Museum. The Mutter Museum is operated by the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. The museum is a strange collection of medical oddities. It exhibits skeletons of Siamese twins, preserved bizarre shaped tumors, and collections of primitive medical instruments. The Mutter Museum is a must see; you'll never forget it. Admission price is \$8.00 and located at 19th South 22nd Street.

Equally as strange, but less gory is the Eastern State Penitentiary. The penitentiary was an operating prison between 1829-1971 and housed some of the most notorious criminals including Al Capone. The penitentiary offers a display of prison artifacts, an exhibit of death row, and guided tours. An odd site, but truly a remarkable piece of history. The penitentiary is located at 22nd and Fairmount Streets. **Admission is \$7.00.**

Philadelphia's historical district is phenomenally beautiful, restored and well kept. You'll want to stroll along the streets of the Olde City and take in the splendor of the old world charm. Most of the old brownstones and cottages of the early settlers still remain. One fascinating way of seeing many of these glorified old homes is to take the Tour of Historic Haunted Philadelphia.

The tour takes about 2 hours, and you will get to see at least half-a-dozen infamous haunted homes. The homes are some of the oldest in Philadelphia, ranging from tiny cottages to ostentatious mansions. The ghost stories are both eerie and amazing as much as they are a great way to learn about the history of Philadelphia's earliest citizens. The tour costs \$10.00, and tickets can be purchased at a neighboring restaurant at 6th and Chestnut, called Willie & Duffy's. This tour is simply a must do! Although not on the tour, you'll want to visit the nearby former home of Edgar Allan Poe. The home is located at 532 N. 7th Street. Mr. Poe lived in this home between 1838- 1844. He wrote The Raven while in residence there. The Poe family owned and rented several homes in the Philadelphia area, but the 7th Street site was the only one in which Mr. Poe personally resided. The home was in disrepair for many years,

but has been rescued and restored by the Philadelphia Historical Society. Many of Poe's personal papers and original drafts are on display at the home. **Admission is FREE!**

Although New Jersey is known as the Garden State, Philadelphians can't figure out why that is since Philadelphia is a gardener's paradise! Fairmount Park is one of the largest parks in the United States. It begins in Philadelphia Museum of Art area and continues to the Montgomery County line. It's circumference is approximately 28 miles.

The park contains plentiful wildlife, and bird watching is an avid sport. Within the park there are various sites such as war memorials, nature centers, fountains, picnic areas, concert halls, and mansions. One of these magnificent mansions is the Ebenezer Maxwell House. It is a splendid example of Philadelphia's high society Victorian life. It is located at 200 W. Tulehocken Street.

The gardens at the Maxwell house draw enthusiasts from all over the county.

Fairmount Park also contains dozens of hiking trails, and since the park borders on the Schuylkill River, boating and canoeing are favorite sports. Along the Kelly Drive side of the park, one can rollerblade and bike ride. At the far north end of Fairmount Park the Morris Arboretum is located. The arboretum is maintained and funded by the University of Pennsylvania, and it is breathtaking. There are over 2,000 types of plants from all over the world. There is also a collection of rare trees that is a must see! Guided tours are available as well as a self-guided tour. The arboretum is located at the corner of Germantown and Northwestern Avenues and the **admission is \$6.00.**

*Information courtesy
www.visitphilly.com*

Philadelphia- Where It All Began

1. In 1946 Philadelphia became home to the first computer
2. Philadelphia saw the first Zoological garden in July 1874
3. In Philadelphia in 1775 Johann Behrent built the first piano in America calling it under the name "Piano Forte."
4. Philadelphia is the site of the first presidential mansion.
5. Betsy Ross made the first American flag in Philadelphia.
6. Philadelphia is home to the cheesesteak sandwich, water ice, soft pretzels, and TastyKakes
7. The Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia in 1776.
8. Philadelphia is home to the Liberty Bell.
9. In June 1778, a 700 wagon caravan escorted the Liberty Bell on its return to Philadelphia from Allentown along Towamencin's Allentown Road. Nine months earlier, when British troops threatened to capture the city, the bell had been whisked into hiding via the same route
10. Each year on Christmas day the "Crossing of the Delaware" is reenacted at Washington Crossing
11. Pennsylvania is the only original colony not bordered by the Atlantic Ocean
12. Benjamin Franklin founded the Philadelphia Zoo, the first public zoo in the United States
13. Fairmount Park in Philadelphia is the largest city park with over 8,000 acres.
14. Philadelphia was once the United States capital city
15. Did you know that in 1800, not L.A., not New York, but Philadelphia was our largest city, a distinction it held until 1830.
16. The actual attached livers of Chang and Eng, the original Siamese twins, lie in preserving fluid at the Mutter Museum on South 22nd Street.
17. When Rocky Balboa caught that orange as he ran through the Italian Market in the first Rocky movie, it wasn't scripted.
18. They had to tear down between 200 and 300 18th Century houses when they built I-95 along the Delaware River.
19. You can walk through underground walkways from 8th Street to 18th Street and from Arch to Spruce.
20. You can go up the City Hall tower and stand right beneath the feet of William Penn.
21. The PSFS building on Market Street was the first modern "skyscraper" in the United States.
22. Mother's Day was started here in 1914 by Anna Jarvis.
23. The Wanamaker Grand Court Organ that stands within a 7-story area within the Macy's store at Market, while 13th Streets is the largest operational pipe organ in the world and is still played twice a day.
24. The City lies almost 90 miles from the Atlantic Ocean, and yet was the largest port in the country for many years.
25. Where the Philadelphia Museum of Art now stands, there used to be a huge reservoir that supplied water from the Schuylkill River to the inhabitants of the City.
26. Bubble gum was invented here.
27. The game of Monopoly was started here.
28. The idea of the Philly cheese steak apparently hails from the Abruzzi region of Italy.



Convention Registration Form

27th Biennial Women Marines Association Convention and Professional Development Conference

Aug 31 – Sept 4, 2012

You can register online at www.womenmarines.org

<input type="checkbox"/> WWII	<input type="checkbox"/> National Officer/Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Korea	<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Officer
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> VA Volunteer
<input type="checkbox"/> NATO	<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Heart Recipient
<input type="checkbox"/> Desert Storm	<input type="checkbox"/> FET/Lioness
<input type="checkbox"/> OEF/OIF	
<input type="checkbox"/> Peace Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Attending my 1st Convention
<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter College Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> Need to schedule my oral history
<input type="checkbox"/> Camp Lejeune Boot Camp	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobility impaired
<input type="checkbox"/> Molly Marine	

I would like to volunteer during convention ☐ WMA ☐ Loyal Escort

Late Fee of \$10 will be charged after 15 July 2012

A fee of \$10 will be charged for cancellation after 31 July 2010. Refunds will be mailed after the convention.

Full Name _____ Service Name _____

Birth Date _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name to be printed on Badge: _____ Primary Chapter & Name _____

Loyal Escort(s) Name for Badge _____

Non-Member Guests Name for Badge _____

Meal Registration

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

Date	Event	Package A All Meals	Option B Individual Choice	Non Member Meals	Totals
Aug 31	Opening Banquet	Included	_____ @ \$55.00	_____ @ \$58.00	\$ _____
Sept 1	Warrior Welcome Home	Included	_____ @ \$17.00	_____ @ \$20.00	\$ _____
Sept 3	Recognition and Awards	Included	_____ @ \$35.00	_____ @ \$38.00	\$ _____
Sept 4	Installation Luncheon	Included	_____ @ \$34.00	_____ @ \$37.00	\$ _____
Sept 4	Closing Banquet	<u>Included</u>	_____ @ \$77.00	_____ @ \$80.00	\$ _____
Total Cost		\$210.00	\$ _____	\$233.00	\$ _____
			_____ Package A	@ \$210.00	\$ _____
			_____ Option B	SubTotal	\$ _____
			_____ Non-Member Meals	@ \$233.00	\$ _____
			_____ WMA Registration Fee(s)	@ \$50.00	\$ _____
			_____ WMA Late Fee after 7/15/2012	\$10.00	\$ _____
			_____ LE Registration Fee(s)	@ \$35.00	\$ _____
			_____ LE Late Fee after 7/15/2012	\$10.00	\$ _____
			Total Enclosed		\$ _____

Please specify if you have special dietary or other needs:

Hyatt Regency Penn's Landing
201 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd
Philadelphia, PA 19106
www.hyattregencyphiladelphia.com
215-521-6557

Make your hotel reservation online at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/wma>
OR by calling the hotel directly at 215-521-6557.
Identify handicap room needs when you book your reservations.
Tell them you are with WMA for the preferred room rates of \$119 plus taxes.

____ I am unable to attend, but wish to purchase a convention program at \$10 each, payable to Women Marines Association

Mail Completed form with payment to Women Marines Association to: Women Marines Association
Attn: Registration P. O. Box 261, Eatontown, NJ 07724

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

WMA Election Nominations Open 1 January 2012

Elections for the 2012-2014 terms are upon us. It's time for you to consider becoming more involved in your Women Marines Association. Things can only improve if everyone gets involved in the process.

Nominations for the WMA National Officers for the 2012-2014 terms will open 1 January 2012 and close 15 March 2012. Any WMA member in good standing may seek election to any National office.

Members desiring to serve or want to nominate someone to serve are invited to fill out the nomination form enclosed

in the 'Nouncements or find it on the web site www.womenmarines.org. Return your filled out form with a short biography to:

Kathy Sheppard
6715 Monarch Park Dr.
Apollo Beach, FL 33572

You may also email your form with bio to 2VP@womenmarines.org.

If you would like more information on any position or have any questions you can contact me via phone (813-318-2305) or email (2VP@womenmarines.org) . You can also contact your Area

Director or Chapter President for assistance.

This is your opportunity to help support your Association and help us support current and former Women Marines. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kathy Sheppard
2nd VP



WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION NOMINATION FORM • 2012-2014 TERM

Nomination for the Office of: _____

Nominee Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email Address: _____

Chapter membership: _____ Resides in Area: _____
(i.e. FL-2) (i.e. Area 4)

Life or Term member: _____

Comments: _____

I verify that this nominee is a member of WMA and will accept the nomination.

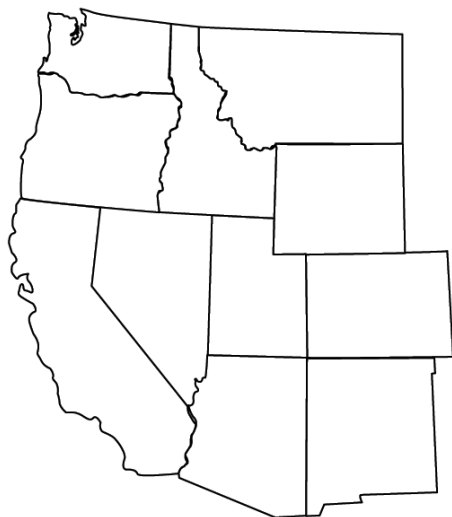
Signed: _____ Date: _____

Submit each nomination on a separate form, **prior to 15 MARCH 2012.**

Mail to:

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6715 Monarch Park Dr
Apollo Beach, FL 33572

2016 Convention Site Nominations due by 15 March 2012



The Women Marines Association National Convention and Professional Development Conference for 2016 will be held in Region 3. Region 3 consists of:

- Area - 8
- Area -9
- Area – 10

Plus Montana, Wyoming and Colorado

Now is the time to submit your bid to host the 2016 National Convention!! Remember bids must be submitted by March 15, 2012.

If your chapter members wish to submit a bid to host the 2016 Convention please contact your Area Director or me for the Convention Bid form.

If you have questions regarding hosting a Convention, please don't hesitate to contact me or your Area Director for more information. I can be reached by phone (813-318-2305) or email me at (2VP@womenmarines.org)

Nominating/Convention Site Chair
6715 Monarch Park Dr
Apollo Beach, FL 33572
Tel: 813-318-2305
Email: 2VP@womenmarines.org

VAVS Report

The VA fiscal year begins in October. Perhaps this is the year you can become a regularly scheduled volunteer. It will give you a chance to see the local hospital in action and meet some of the staff. You and your fellow veterans will benefit from your service.

If you are the WMA local representative or deputy, remember to keep the women Marines in the area informed about the activities at the hospital. Let the



Area Director know and she can pass along the word. Do you have a stand-down that the Women Marines can help at? If so let them know about it.

Thank you for volunteering.
Kay Kroll

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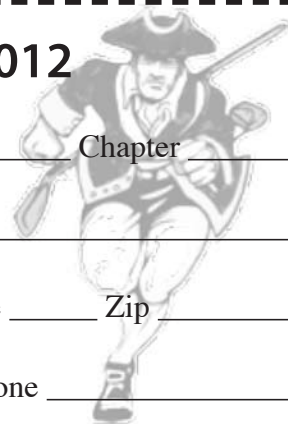
If you have time to visit the new Museum of American Jewish History, near Independence Mall, you will see a picture and article about Eva Davison and her service in the United States Marine Corps in World War I.

Reserve Your Space Today for Philadelphia Patriot's PX 2012

The Patriots PX will be a great place to show off your chapter wares and earn a bit of cash to fill your coffers. We invite you to bring your enticing goods and lead the charge on your chapter path to financial security. If you have questions regarding hosting a Convention, please don't hesitate to contact me or your Area Director for more information. I can be reached by phone (813-318-2305) or email me at (2VP@womenmarines.org)

Table cost is \$25 per table. Make your checks payable to Women Marines Association and mail to: **Women Marines Association Convention 2012. Atten: Patriot PX, Box 261, Eatontown, NJ 07724**

Patriot's PX 2012



Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Items to be sold: _____

ALERT Need your Response!

Beginning with the 2012 - 2014 term, The Resource Manual and Directory (RM&D) will be sent to each member in a Compact Disk (CD) format. **To receive a paper bound hard copy or to have it sent to you electronically, you must fill out and return this form. If no response is received from you before June 30th you will automatically receive the RM&D in the CD format.**

Please check your preferred method of delivery:

_____ Electronic via e-mail (you must provide a valid e-mail address below)

_____ Hard Bound Mailed Copy

_____ I would be interested in getting '*Nouncements*' in an electronic version as well.

Name _____ Phone _____

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E-mail: _____ (Needed for electronic copies)

Mail to: WMA P.O. Box 377 Oaks, PA 19456-0377 or update your account on our website: www.womenmarines.org

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Loyal Escorts: It's Time to Begin Planning for Philadelphia

Hello to all Loyal Escorts.



It is time to start thinking about our next convention, which will be held in Philadelphia, PA between August 31, 2012 and September 4, 2012. Besides your decision about whether

or not you will be attending the convention, I want you to consider what you can do to help in our efforts to provide support to WMA at the event. As you probably know, Loyal Escorts' primary mission is to support WMA. What you may not realize is that we were initially organized at a convention with a goal of providing support to the convention. We have since expanded our role to encompass more than convention support, but convention support is still a very important part of our mission.

In Philadelphia, we will need volunteers to help in several areas. To be fair, I hope that each Loyal Escort at the convention will provide some volunteer time during the event. As a minimum, we will need volunteers for:

- Manning the LE registration desk
- Escorting WMA members at check-in and registration
- Escorting dignitaries at the formal banquets
- Checking credentials at the entrance of the banquets and luncheons
- Assembling and disassembling the flag stands
- Setting up and tearing down of displays at the Memorial Service
- Assisting the placement of the flags at the flag ceremony (Opening Banquet)
- Manning the Loyal Escorts table during open hours of the boutique (PX)
- Setting up and supporting the Hospitality Suite

We will provide a place on the Loyal Escort convention registration form for

you to indicate which areas that you wish to volunteer to support. Of course, you should not expect to spend all of your time working at the convention. I have received an inquiry from one member who is interested in playing golf during times when Loyal Escorts have no other duties, so if any of you are interested, please contact John Hubert (36hubert@gmail.com).

Another issue somewhat related to the 2012 Convention is the election of Loyal Escorts leadership for the 2012-2014 term. By our rules, all positions are elected at each biennial convention. The elected offices are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Directors. We are in the process of creating written descriptions of the duties of each position. We hope to have them available by the end of the year.

If you think that you might be interested in a position, send an e-mail to LE@womenmarines.org and request a copy of the description. If after reading, you are still interested, contact Ken Cross, chair of our nominating committee and put your hat in the ring.

Of course, you can always wait until convention to be nominated, but I think that going through the committee is a better solution.

By the time that this is published, we will have completed distribution of life-member cards to all of those who became a life member in or after 2008. For those life members who joined or upgraded their membership prior to 2008 and did not receive a permanent life member card, please contact me to arrange delivery of your permanent card. For those life members who received a metal permanent card and wish to replace it with the new permanent card, we will provide you with a new card for a fee of \$4.00 (covers the cost of production and mailing).

This period's new member report is shown in the table. The report lists those who joined since June 30, 2011. We offer a warm welcome to our new additions. Now, to a more somber part of the membership report. Kathy

Wright, WMA Area Director for WMA Area 10 (and sister to our own Loyal Escort Director, Shaaron Wright) did a name-by-name search on our membership database, and identified 40 members who have passed away. Combine that with other deceased members who we had identified, and the list of deceased members identified since the last convention and the total number comes to 53.

Of this total, I have identified 3 in earlier columns. Rather than identify the other 50 within this column, I am providing a listing to the editor of *'Nouncements* with a request that she publish it as a separate Loyal Escorts Taps listing. (Editor's Note: See page 16) As of October 4, 2011 our current membership is 239, comprised of 60 term members and 179 life members.

I fully appreciate Kathy's efforts, but it truly upsets me that we had lost contact with our membership to such a degree that we did not know of our members' deaths, some of which occurred in the 1990's.

This problem has solidified my resolve to purify our e-mail and address list, so I still want each of you with e-mail to send a short message that tells us your name, physical address, phone number and e-mail address. Send the message to: LE@womenmarines.org.

I want to point out that Tabitha Cunningham-Radzick has some shirts embroidered with the Loyal Escorts patch available for sale. If you are interested, contact Tabitha at (330) 784-4648, e-mail: tlcmenagerie@hotmail.com for information regarding price, available sizes, and colors.

John E Holvoet

President

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter



Loyal Escorts New Members

Name	City	State
Darlene Graves	Pearl River	LA
Daniel J. Lecce*	Camp Lejeune	NC
Marvin D. Savage	Slidell	LA
John L. Smith*	Riverside	CA

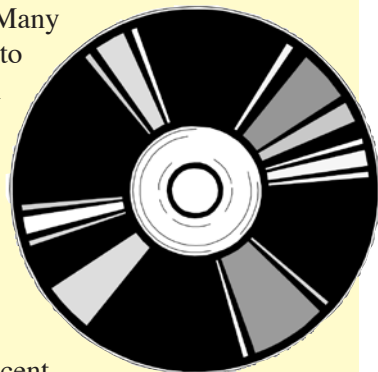
* New Life member

Loyal Escorts: Taps

Last Name	First	M.I.	City	State	Date of Death
Abbott	John	M	Portland	OR	3/3/2010
Allen	Joe	B	Havelock	NC	3/2/2002
Anderson	Anna	M	Washington	DC	11/2/2007
Bassford	Ralph		Vienna	VA	3/12/2009
Beach	Zoya		Bishop	CA	10/27/1998
Butts	Eugene	A	Midway Park	NC	11/20/2009
Cash	Raymond		Houston	TX	1/1/2001
Darr	Robert		Moline	IL	8/8/2006
Donnell	Arthur		Hot Springs	SD	11/19/2001
Farris	John	L	Englewood	CO	1/7/1998
Fisher	Walter		Irvine	CA	1/30/2003
Fostyk	Yaroslav		Philadelphia	PA	9/15/2005
Glass	William	W	Rockville	MD	3/15/2008
Gordon	Alvina		Crystal Lake	IL	1/31/2010
Gray	Gilbert		Kingston	NY	10/3/1999
Greene	Edgar		Palm Harbor	FL	4/23/2000
Harrison	Paul	H	Houston	TX	7/20/1996
Heart	Richard	J	Arlington Hts	IL	10/8/2009
Hill	Maben	E	Westminster	CA	6/15/2010
Johnson	Corwin	L	Yakima	WA	7/7/1990
Johnson	Karl		Livermore	CA	8/4/2002
Jones	David	M	Jourdantown	TX	9/6/2009
Karges	Chalres	E	Seward	AK	12/16/2000
Kelly	Thomas	O	La Plato	MO	3/15/1999
Keppel	George	E	Livermore	CA	3/13/2010
Kraseski	Walter	J	San Diego	CA	6/10/2004
Krich	William	M	St. Petersburg	FL	1/3/2004
Kruszynski	Joseph	M	Chicago	IL	2/4/2000
LaChapelle	Jimmy	L	Triangle	VA	4/14/2010
Laskowski	Herbert	L	Jacksonville	NC	5/7/1999
Leon	James		Alexandria	VA	1/29/2009
Macpherson	Ann	V	Largo	FL	5/2/2009
Mammone	Joseph		Albany	NY	10/15/2002
Marts	Pamela	J	Latrobe	PA	8/27/2010
McDowell	Charles	F	Fremont	CA	6/25/2011
McLaughlin	Albert	J	Freehold	NJ	5/23/2000
Morey	Jennie	J	Forest Grove	OR	2/2/2010
Nee Delman	Paul		St. George	UT	3/4/2001
Prokopchak	Edna	M	Silver Spring	MD	8/14/2011
Raftery	Arthur		Sacramento	CA	5/5/2010
Roethler	Richard		Fairbanks	AK	8/2/2002
Sherron	Victor	B	Valrico	FL	2/23/1999
Smoke, Jr.	Edgar	I	Alexandria	VA	12/19/2007
Tozer	Donald	W	Riverview	FL	5/7/2011
Trotter	John	D	Norman	OK	2/26/2009
Underhill	John	H	Guilford	CT	2/18/2002
Ward	Hazen		Indianapolis	IN	8/11/2009
Weipert	Gene	F	Redmond	OR	8/28/2000
Witcher	Robert	W	Hutchinson	MN	2/16/2010
Ziegler	Mary	E	Ventura	CA	10/10/2010

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Did you know that you now have a choice in the format of the Resource Manual and Directory (RM&D) you can receive? We are now offering the option of receiving the RM&D in the current hard copy format or now on a CD or in electronic form. This effort of reducing the number of hard copies of the Resource Manual and Directory (RM&D) beginning with the 2012-2014 issue that will be published after next year's convention, along with offering 'Nouncements in an electronic version, is based on a decision made at the national level to help reduce our budget deficit. For your information, it costs about \$20,000 to publish and distribute the RM&D every two years and about \$25,000 a year for the (4) quarterly issues of 'Nouncements. Many other organizations are going to this same type of distribution format including the Marine Corps Association who now publishes/distributes the *Marine Corps Gazette* and *Leatherneck* magazines both in hard copy and electronic format.



If you look in your most recent copy of the 2010-2012 RM&D you will see several references to this plan including page 2 in the Letter from the IPP, pages 10, 23 (on the membership application), 25 and 26 and finally on page (127) there is a detachable form that you can tear off and send in to identify your preferred format.

In addition, if members are willing to make a donation to help offset the cost of these publications, that will help tremendously. This information reminder will be published in the upcoming issues of 'Nouncements, on Facebook and through your Area Directors.

We have a full year to work on this project but it will take your participation to get it done.

If we can reduce the number of hard copies and provide the publications in either the CD or Electronic format, we can save a lot of money. I appreciate your support in this effort to assist WMA to maintain its fiscal responsibilities and demonstrate your individual involvement in continuing to make WMA the professional veteran's organization that it is.

Semper Fidelis,

Rhonda Amtower

National President, WMA



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WMA Chapter Clippings

CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area



CA-3 members Susan Johnston, Lily Brockmeier, and Barbara Naas with Loyal Escorts Sarah Rivera and Don Johnston at 4th of July Parade in Redwood City, CA. Other CA-3 participants included Kathy Wright, Maryannette Schneider, LaVerne Marts, Maggie Hart and Connie Guaraglia.

This has been a very strange summer for Northern California. Most of the summer felt more like late spring or early fall and the week that fall actually did arrive, so did our summer heat. Go figure! CA-3 had a mixed summer with some good and some bad news along the way. On 4 July, we marched in the Redwood City Parade in an all Marine unit which included CA-3, the Marine Corps League, 1st Marine Division and Young Marines. Our combined Marine unit won first place in the Patriotic Division which earned a \$40 cash award for our treasury. We get excellent support from the residents of Redwood City and look forward to this parade each year. August found us standing outside our local Macy's during their "Shop for a Cause Day" on 27 August. We were selling discount coupons to Macy's to raise money for Wreaths Across America and we managed to earn 50 wreaths for Golden Gate Cemetery during this one day event. In September, we joined our local American Legion post in providing a flag ceremony at Park Elementary School in Hayward. It was Red, White and Blue day at the school and the kids really enjoyed seeing the Colors presented by the American Legion. In September, we awarded a \$500 scholarship to Jackie Funcheon. Jackie is the daughter of Mary Standley who was a founding member of CA-3. Jackie is completing her Masters in Public Health and we wish her great success.



Barbara Bregoff, one of the Women Marines in residence at the VA facility at Yountville which is located in the heart of the beautiful Napa Valley.

Our most recent activity was to attend the All-Marine BBQ and Picnic which is held annually at the Veteran's Home in Yountville, California on 18 September. Yountville is home to about 1,000 male and female veterans and quite a few of the residents are Marines. We had a total of nine CA-3 members and two Loyal Escorts in attendance this year and everyone enjoyed a lovely afternoon in the company of Marines from all over the Bay Area. Only a few of the Women Marine residents were able to attend the picnic so representatives of CA-3 visited several of the Women

Marine residents in their quarters following the picnic.

There are currently five WMA members in residence at Yountville. Unfortunately, two of the long term residents - Patricia Gillette and Marjory C. "Pepper" Matthews - had recently reported to their final command.

Sadly, several members of CA-3 reported to their final command this summer. In June, we lost Lorayne M. Christensen who had been a member of CA-3 for many years. In August, we lost Nellie Stevens (Life #1826) who was a past chapter president and was currently our Scholarship Chairman. Even though Nellie had been ill for many years, her passing was sudden and unexpected. Also in August, we lost Eleanor Magruder Bach Russell (Life #2932) who had only been with our chapter for about three years. Eleanor was diagnosed with advanced cancer and passed about a month following the diagnosis.

Our CA-3 president read the "Memorial to a Woman Marine" at each of the services for Lorayne, Nellie and Eleanor. Recently, we discovered that two of our inactive members had passed during 2010. Patricia J. Dutton (Life #271) and Nina F. Ninas (Life #9) were life members of CA-3 however, both had been inactive for many years. Each of these ladies will be missed.

It is hard to believe we are already approaching the end of another year. Time certainly flies as we get older. We are looking forward to the Joint Service Women Veteran's Luncheon which is scheduled for 5 November because the scheduled guest speaker is our own Maj.Gen. Angela Salinas. Oohrah! CA-3 wishes all our Marine sisters a healthy and happy holiday season. Remember that we have a convention coming up in 2012! Please save your pennies and make your reservations so we can once again enjoy each other's company in Philadelphia - the birthplace of our Corps. Be well!

Semper Fi,

Kathy Wright

CA-8 Palms to Pines



Paula Sarlls takes time for a photo with CA-8 members.

CA-8 was dark for two months. Our September meeting was more of a fun meeting as we had a very special guest, Paula Sarlls, Immediate Past National President. Paula was on a mission she called Janet's Journey. Helen Page (LE)

and I were honored to play a small part in the last leg of Janet's Journey. I'm sorry more of you could not have attended our meeting. Those that did enjoyed every minute with Paula. Thank you Paula for the honor.

It was also a great honor to have long time CA-8 member, Pauline Buzan attend. It's over an hour drive from Laguna Wood and very tiring for a 90 year old (91 on 10/22). We thank her son Boris for bringing her.



CA-8 with special guest, Paula Sarlls.

Ozell Barksdale attended the Cal Vet Veterans Conference in Ontario, Calif. 7-8 October. She brought back a lot of good information.

We have been invited to attend the Perris, Calif., Veterans parade 5 November. We also have more lap robes to delivery to the VA hospitals. So we hope to be back in the swing of things soon.

Gwen Herbert is still in assisted living but still hopes to go home. Bud Stephens (LE) came home on 16 October. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

I'm happy to announce our CA-8 web link will be posted on the WMA site as soon as Mary Ann approves and posts it. I hope it will help keep everyone up to date on CA-8.

Sybl Acree

CA-11 Central Coast Wine Country

Greetings Lady Leathernecks,

Central Coast Women Marines are still thriving here on the gold coast of California. We have joined the ranks of our sisters making a stand to be noticed. We want to thank the sisters who believed in us and helped us achieve the goals. The members voted not to disband our small chapter on 17 September! CA-11 elections also took place and the new current officers are Lenore (Lee) Kalem, vice president, and our new life member Gloria Heitman (Pousson) is the secretary. President Soledad Kennedy and treasurer Betty Cook went unopposed. We have had a slippery hill to climb during the past two years trying to rebuild our membership due to members



passing away and relocations. But we have been lucky enough to find two Women Marines in the area and we will be working on them. We are working with the local recruiter, SSgt Barrios, in the Santa Barbara district area searching for our future Women Marines while in boot camp and out in the fleet, becoming pen-pals and informing them of what we are doing in their local cities. Pictured in the photo with 1st Sgt Kennedy are SSgt Barrios and the future Marines in the poolee program for 2012.

We have ventured into a fund raising project with candy sales. Sales started slow in February 2009, but now look promising. We have all the military logo branches for sale to include the WMA logo. Visit our website for more information. The form is easy enough. Just print and fill out, fax, e-mail or mail it. Place your candy order requests early for the upcoming events.

The Village Women's Military Veterans group held a luncheon on October 4 and we introduced ourselves to the group. We had an enjoyable day with the various military branches of



women who served and we made future plans to meet again. Pictured with CA-11 members is the guest speaker, Air Force Reserve pilot Major Kelly Funk.

The Marine Corps 236th Birthday celebration preparation is underway and we hope to have a busy schedule in the month of November with candy sales. We look forward to a productive and active chapter on the horizon.

Semper Fidelis

Soledad Kennedy

DC-1 District of Columbia

We are sad to report that our beloved DC-1 member Aileen Maust, passed away on 22 August 2011. DC-1 Chaplain Mitzi Manning conducted the "Band of Sisters" ritual at Aileen's graveside service.

A life member of DC-1 and the Women Marines Association, Aileen served with distinction as a Past President and a multiple term treasurer of DC-1 until her health started to fail. She embraced WMA and the principles upon which our organization was founded, but lived a life of quiet faith and service and modeled those attributes for others. Many of you may remember Aileen from one of the many National WMA Conventions she attended with her Loyal Escort husband, Gene. For many years, Aileen and Gene transported and took responsibility for the WMA National Merchandise table in our boutique. Aileen will be greatly missed by many, but especially DC-1.



Semper Fidelis.

Lelia Jackson

FL-2 Florida Gulf Coast

So far we have been safe from hurricanes, fires and floods but our thoughts and prayers are with those who haven't been so fortunate.

FL-2 Gulf Coast Chapter had a fun time at their May meeting which was a covered dish picnic held at Taylor Park in Largo. We had one new member present.

Our 10 September meeting was held at the Marine Corps League building in Largo with ten members present. Kathy Sheppard, national 2nd Vice-President, announced she is on the nominating committee and they are looking for a few good Women Marines to run for office. Please help and keep that RIG moving forward.

FL- 2 will also be looking for new officers. Both president and vice-president have serious health problems and election time is coming in the next few months. Hopefully, those younger new members will be able to continue what the WW II members started and the Korean and Vietnam veterans have helped keep going. I have faith in the Corps!

FL- 2 sponsored three student volunteers in the Bay Pines Healthcare System Summer Student Program. There were 83 students who contributed 7,441 hours. OORAH to them!

Maxine Wehry attended the Memorial Day Program at the Bay Pines Cemetery on 30 May, 2011. We celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday at our 12 November meeting in the MCL building in Largo, at noon. Our two Kathys chaired the event. Doris Plummer and Mary Blackman will once again co-chair our Christmas Party on 10 December.

We heard from Marjorie Ellison after she returned from the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. She recommends it to anyone. It was terrific!! There were 3 women and 72 men on the flight. I have been signed up, but haven't been called.

At the last VAVS meeting they announced the new National Care Giver Program which Bay Pines now is offering as a result of public law 11-163. This is for the caregivers of Post 9/11 veterans who were catastrophically disabled in the line of duty. It ensures the caregivers can receive a stipend and health benefits for caring for the veteran at home instead of placing them in a nursing home facility. I'm sure this creates a better atmosphere for the veteran. For more information call toll free 1-855-260-3274 or www.caregiver.va.gov. The chapter offers their condolences to members Karen Kelly on the death of her mother and to Maxine Wehry on the deaths of her two sisters only two weeks apart. May they rest in God's peace.

Here's hoping there will be no heart valve surgery recommended for me and I will be sent home in time for the November meeting. Semper Fi

Maxine Cardinal Wehry

LA-1 Molly Marine

The Visitation Committee is still hard at work! April Bell is gracious enough to ensure visits and calls are made, on a regular basis, to our elderly chapter members. On 7 July, she and Georgia Hildebrandt visited Francis Hoffmann. Once a month the Lambeth House has live violin music at dinner. April checked on the date in August for interested members to attend. On 9 July, April received a phone call from our eldest member Marian Landry. Marian is considering moving from Lafayette, LA to the Lambeth House in New Orleans, in the near future. On 15 July, April visited Frances Hoffmann once again. Not only does April care about our elderly chapter members, she took the time at the Lambeth House to visit with Mr. Alfonse Sutton, a retired Marine Colonel. He volunteered at the WWII Museum and is a current resident of the Lambeth House. She shared Frances' birthday album with him and then the three of them attended Friday mass.

The New Orleans Mission is one of the community service activities we actively support. Hundreds of the city's homeless get fed daily at the Mission. On 14 July, Angela Merrell donated eight bottles of laundry detergent on behalf of the Molly Marine Chapter. Our chapter voted to donate \$100 toward supplies for the Mission. On 21 July, Sgt. Shellie Birden and Melanie Young used the funds to purchase cleaning supplies. Immediately after purchasing the supplies we delivered them to the Mission's Director and head chef, Loretta Kimmick. Ms. Kimmick commented "I can always count on my girls (Molly Marine Chapter)!"

On 20 August, we had a meeting followed by a brunch at the Sunrise Café in Slidell, LA. Our newly appointed vice president, Jodi Lara hosted this meeting. During this meeting, we had the pleasure of appointing Jodi as vice president to serve until the 2012 elections, and Cpl. Elizabeth McQueary was appointed as the Special Projects Officer to serve a two year term. They are extremely motivated, full of great ideas and ready to take our chapter to another level!

On 11 September, chapter members joined Operation Homefront Louisiana for a Freedom Walk, uniting communities behind a commitment to never forget the lives we lost in the attack on our country 11 September, 2001. The purpose was to honor service members, veterans, and first responders, renew our commitment to freedom and the values of our country, and to reflect on the events of 11 September. The event took place at Audubon Park, New Orleans. Members that participated in the walk were Sgt. Chantel Williamson, GySgt Deidra Chapman, Cpl. Elizabeth McQueary, Allison Truelove and Melanie Young.



The 15th of September marked one of our most motivating meetings/events ever! Numerous members and guests attended. We had the pleasure of the New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy (NOMMA) Commandant, Colonel William Davis, speak to our group at Marine Forces Reserve, New Orleans. Col. Davis spoke on the mission and vision of the Academy and asked if our chapter would like to provide mentorship to the female cadets attending. The Academy is in its first year. The meeting was so inspiring that we received five new member applications that evening!

Following the meeting, we had pizza, cookies, drinks and loads of camaraderie!

Note: We are sorry to announce that Col (ret.) Alfonse Sutton, whom April Bell visited during July, passed away on 15 September.

Melanie Young

MI-2 Motor City

The Motor City has kept their engines revving and is on the move. In the past year we have shipped over 1200 boxes to our men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our last packing of the year will be 2 December as we finish off the year with our "Operation Caring Friends - Operation Holiday Joy" package drive. We will be shipping filled Christmas stockings to our men and women who are deployed in harms way. Our goal is to ship over 3,000 again this year! The letters that we get back from all of our men and women make it all worthwhile. Pictured is the Romeo Postmaster Alex Stubbs and his crew. They are loyal supporters who attend every packing and donate many hours to get these boxes to their destination quickly as possible.

In September we hosted the Michigan All Service Women's Luncheon. It was a great event capped off with a cake cutting that honored our oldest and youngest veterans who were present. We have representatives from the VA Hospital who provided information on hospital registration as well as the benefits now offered for our women at the hospital. Phil Smith from the VA joined us and spoke on getting benefits that we are entitled to but seldom use. We look forward to hosting this event again in 2013 in Frankenmuth, Mich.

Our calendar for the rest of the year is just as full with the wreath laying at the Great Lakes National Cemetery, celebrating the Marine Corps Birthday and decorating trees at the VA hospital. We wish everyone a great holiday season!

Mary Ann Merritt

OH-2 Chesty Puller

What a year in Ohio!!!

The weather changes at least once a week and now it is like the beginning of winter. We have been busy around the state and in no certain order we participated in or helped at the following events: Traveling Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall, packing flu kits for VA Clinics, opening of veterans domiciliary at VA Wade Park Hospital, Summit County Stand Down, charity pancake breakfast, HOPE PGA member helping women learn to golf, decommissioning of Brecksville VA campus, Project Homeless Connect, Cancer Run, Ohio Women Veteran Conference, Veteran of the Year, Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, U.S. Marine Corps Birthday Ball Committee, Soap Box Derby Super Kids Classic, Habitat For Humanity, Memorial Day Services, Placing flags on graves, National Cemetery Honor Guard, VA Clinic picnic, VAVS meetings, Marine Corps

Ball gowns for women at Camp Lejeune and other events from members we don't hear from.

Our Area 4 Director Ellen Leidy has been busy traveling to conferences for both the WMA and Marine Corps League. She is a busy woman.

Jenny Hawkes Jenkins (Potter) just updated our web site and what a great job she does keeping it up. Check us out.

Congratulations to Ricky and Brandie Bello on their marriage.

Get well wishes to our members who have been under the weather.

Good Health, Good Wishes and Happy Holidays for the coming months from OH-2.

Elva (Elvie) Pounders

TX-3 San Antonio Rose

Several of our members attended the Memorial Day ceremony at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. Chapter members (and sisters) Nicki Frey and Jeanne Varelans were walking recruiting posters, as usual, and attracted the attention of Yoli Vega. Yoli is now a life member of WMA and very active in our chapter. We're hoping for a repeat at the Veterans Day ceremony.

Earlier this year five of our members were interviewed and photographed by Therese A. Hughes for her project, "I am a U.S. Veteran: Women of War and Conflicts." This is a photography exhibit and photo journal of military women, past and present. The goal is to increase the public awareness of military women and their role in our nation's defense. It is scheduled for display at the WIMSA memorial later this year. We strongly encourage everyone to visit the exhibit, if possible, and to take part if you are given the opportunity.

In August, we attended a Stand Down for women veterans, sponsored by the Texas Department of Labor. Our own Manuela Hernandez was part of the panel, representing Marines and Vietnam veterans. Area 6 Director Maria Crowley was a guest speaker, speaking not only as a veteran but as a successful businesswoman. They both did an outstanding job and represented us well.

We are pleased to announce that longtime member Donna Kluckman has moved to San Antonio from Fredericksburg, TX. Her children think it was to be closer to them, but we know she wanted to be closer to us. Donna faithfully made the long drive for meetings, but now she will be able to join us for other functions, as well.

By the time you read this, we will have attended the charter presentation to the new Texas chapter, Heart of Texas, in Austin. The force behind this, Cyla Huber, was with us until she found enough central Texas members to start a new chapter. I wish we could take some credit for the amazing job she has done, but I'm afraid it is all due to Cyla's hard work. Expect to see great things from this chapter in the future.

We have returned to our old favorite, Joseph's Bakery, for meetings. We meet the last Saturday of every month, except November and December. Anne Collins will host our Christmas party at her home once again this year.

Trish Martin

WI-2 Wisconsin Women Marines

Summer is family time and vacations, but veterans, past and present, are family. We remember. Several members from Milwaukee and Madison made a trip to Fond du Lac for the dedication in the cemetery for the flag poles in the new portion of the cemetery in honor and memory of veterans. Since the chapter had donated the Marine's flag pole in memory of their recently deceased sister, Hazel Strook, it was fitting that members take part. The flag poles of all services are placed at the entrance, proudly waving their own particular flag. After the dedication, members found their way to Hazel's grave for a short memorial and placing of flowers.

Linda O'Hara and Linda Dancker attended the kick-off dinner for planning the Milwaukee Veterans Day parade scheduled for 5 November. Hopefully, some of the Madison and other members will join them.

With a Madison Stand Down planned for October, some of the old "Stand Downers" from the past assembled to begin the planning, including Marjorie Marshman, Connie Allord and Annette Howards. New, eager and always ambitious Mary Lloyd joined the committee. The new version of "Stand Down" is like re-inventing the wheel, but plans are coming together and the final test will be on 8 October. The Red Cross is co-sponsoring so we hope to score an A+ on that day with a big "hand-up" to many veterans in need or homeless.

The 5th annual Wisconsin Women Veterans Conference was held at Ft. McCoy in late September. The Marines showed their strength in two categories. Only two WWII women were in attendance, both Marines, Marion Forrer and Connie. Mary Lloyd was the winner in the Run-Walk category. As she explained it, there were two groups of runners ahead of her. This was unacceptable, and she thought 'Those kids aren't going to beat me.' So, she took off and came in first place. Way to go, Mary! Seven members of the chapter were in attendance at the conference.

The fall meeting of the chapter was held at a new restaurant at Johnson Crook, WI since our usual meeting place had abruptly closed. The place was nice but attendance was down. We did enjoy the conversation, the food, the meeting and each other. There's always much to discuss for the future so will look forward to lots of participation. A moment of silence and a prayer were in remembrance of our recently departed members - Ida Beltz and Annette Coy. Although Annette passed away in California, a memorial was held at a daughter's home in Wisconsin, attended by Linda Dancker and Ruth Holman. Attending the funeral for Ida in Green Bay, Jean Binks-McGrath represented the chapter in her dress blues, much to the appreciation of family and friends.

Until we meet again, happy trails ahead for all sister Marines.

Connie Allord

DC-1 Members Visit Fellow Women Veterans

Decked out in their conspicuous Marine Corps attire, DC-1 members Barbara Hluboky, Cynthia Wallace and Lelia Jackson visited the women Veterans who reside at the Washington, DC VA Medical Center Community Living Center. The residents were delighted to meet the DC-1 members and to share their stories with them. It was equally a treat for DC-1 Marines. Each of the ladies talked about how pleased they were with the staff and care they receive at the Community Living Center. Ages ranging from their 40's to 104, each Veteran offered a bit of military history, a little about the part of the country they are from, and some good old woman Veteran to woman Veteran advice. Alyce Dixon, who was fashionably adorned, said she believes one



should always look their best—for themselves first and then worry about others. Ms. Dixon (who turned 104 on September 11th) invited DC-1 members back for the party on September 10th. She was a member of the Army's 6888th Postal Battalion.

The 6888th Central Postal Battalion, the Army's only African-American unit, was the only unit to serve overseas during World War II. Before leaving, DC-1 members presented each woman veteran a gift bag from the chapter.

DC-1 members also had the opportunity to talk with several of the male Marine Veterans who also reside at the DC VAMC Community Living Center. Of course, they were also decked out in their Marine Corps attire. They too swapped stories with their fellow Marine visitors and took the time to pose for a few pictures. Once a Marine, Always a Marine! Ooh Rah!

Lelia Jackson



LA-1 Members Attend NOMMA Meeting

LA-1 members and guests had the pleasure of hearing Colonel William Davis, Commandant of the New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy and Ms. Cecelia Garcia, NOMMA principal, speak at Marine Forces Reserve in New Orleans on 15 September.

New 'HOT' Women Marines Chapter Fired Up

When Cpl. Barron, now Huber, was inspecting aircraft and ensuring they were ready to take to the skies over Camp Pendleton, Calif., in 1990, the Aviation Structural Mechanic didn't know she'd be in Austin, Texas 20 years later leading a different group of Marines.



Cyla Huber, 44, of Seattle, is the president of one of the newest Women Marines Association chapters. The WMA "Heart of Texas"

Chapter 5 was established earlier this year, and they're calling Austin home. Huber recognized there was a need for a Women Marine's chapter in this part of Texas.

"The closest chapter was in San Antonio, and I felt there wasn't a chapter bridging the gap in the distance between Dallas and San Antonio," she said.

Being the leader the Corps taught her to be, she got in touch with Maria Elena Perez Crowley, the area director for the Texas WMA chapters, and voiced her concern for a chapter in the Austin area. Crowley agreed with her.

"I knew that a chapter was needed for the Austin area, and as Area Director, I was more than happy to get involved," Crowley said.

Huber got the ball rolling and the new chapter started coming together quickly. After a few more gatherings over the span of a couple months, 14 members were present and accounted for.

In June the chapter, who likes to be referred to as "HOT" TX-5, made Austin's VFW Post 4443 their official meeting place. The members came together with the desire for the camaraderie they once enjoyed in the Marine Corps.

Member Cathleen Gruetzner, historian and vice president for "HOT" TX-5, said she "wanted the chance to work with other Marines and have a sense of family again."

Becky Brewington, who's treasurer for the Chapter, saw an opportunity to serve her community and also be a part of the Marines again.

"I've been wanting to be involved in community service and being part of

what makes Austin great," Brewington says, "I also love to be part of representing the professionalism and esprit de corps of the USMC."



"HOT" TX-5 has been busy since its formation, including winning "Most Patriotic" for their entry in the Round Rock Fourth of July Parade this year.

"Winning the award was a surprise," said chapter president Huber. "I was so proud of the women for their work on our entry."

Their showing at the Round Rock parade also brought the chapter coverage in the *Austin American Statesman*.

"There was Cathleen Gruetzner of the Women Marines Association, shouting at the crowd, with irrepressible optimism, "It's a semper fi day! Oo-rah!" and getting the crowd to shout it back," read the article in the *Statesman*.

Gruetzner's motivation had her busy



prior to this parade, too. She was presented the "Most Original Overall Entry" award at the Lexington Parade in Lexington, Texas April 30.

"I am pleased that the Women Marines Association is getting attention and that other female Marines are learning about us through the media," said Gruetzner.

Huber is also motivated in recalling where the group has come and where they are headed.



"I'm very impressed by the diverse group of women Marines that have all worked to put together our chapter," she said. "Progress has in a lot of ways went very fast considering we only started out with 5 members and now have 14 after only six meetings, two of which were social/community events. We have accomplished a lot considering we have limited resources."



But, Huber and her fellow "Heart of Texas" Marines won't let limited resources stop them from accomplishing their mission.

"Like Marines we are doing a lot with a little," she added.

The chapter is continuing to reach out to find new members on their facebook page and their website, www.txwomenmarines.org.

The Marines of "HOT" TX-5 have big plans for the future. Their official charter was presented to Crowley by the WMA national secretary Joan Cordero in August and their installation meeting is scheduled for Oct. 2nd. The group also plans on entering in the Austin Veteran's Day Parade, they want to support the local Toys for Tots drive during the holidays, they plan on furthering their relationship with Austin's VFW Post 4443. Above all they're eager to expand their presence and service in the Austin area community.

Jen Sloan
WMA "Heart of Texas"
Chapter 5 Secretary

Marine Memorial 5K Run/Walk

The Marine Memorial 5K Run/Walk was a great event this year. Our events coordinator Carron Barrella and her support team are outstanding! Many thanks to our emcee, Mark Crowley of KNUZ radio and the color guard was generously provided by the Adams City High School MCJROTC cadets. The Women Marines Association, Colorado Chapter wishes to thank The Marine

Corps League Frank J Carroll detachment for their participation (Iwo Jima Float) and support of the event, including their great auxiliary.

We'd also like to thank the CO State Commandant, Mike Dighero and the Regimental Commander of the Young Marines, John Fitzgerald and the Foot-hills Young Marines for their support.

A donation will be presented at the

Veterans Day ceremony at the Memorial. Shirts and dog tags will be available for a donation by calling Paula Sarlls.

Put 22 September on your calendar for next year for this great event.

Proceeds benefit the Marine Memorial and the 501 (c) (3) charitable purposes of the CO-1 Chapter.

Paula Sarlls

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The Flag in the Window

There's a silken flag in the window
With a lone golden star in view;
Displayed in tender devotion,
And it's red and it's white and it's blue.

There's a devoted heart there waiting,
As it has in days of yore;
Listening for the welcome footsteps,
That will resound no more.

In the green months with their flowers
He left and joined to fight the foe;
The next springtime he returned,
For with life he answered final roll.

I gaze on that flag in the window,
And think of all it can mean;
A world made safe for Democracy,
And saved by a boy-our Marine.

Peggy L. Walker

Chapter Tool Kit: Results of WMA Chapter Survey

During the Denver 2010 WMA Convention, the Area Directors were tasked with determining the strength of the chapters within their areas. At the 2011 WMA IBM in Philadelphia, the results of the Chapter Surveys were presented. There was some interest in the results of the survey by the chapters and I want to share the information here.

The surveys covered many areas of chapter responsibility including number of members, meeting frequency, officer status, meeting minutes, chapter finances, chapter audits, chapter IRS status, dues status with national and the chapter and chapter life memberships. With approximately 77 chapters in WMA, 53 chapters participated in the survey.

Chapter membership is as high as 100 and as low as two, with the average being 24. The high chapter attendance is

27 and low chapter attendance is 2, with the average attendance at meetings is 9.

Members physically unable to attend were from 0 to 20 with the chapters averaging 7. The chapters meet 2 to 12 times each year with the average being 4.8 meetings each year. Seventeen chapters do not have a full slate of officers. Twenty-one chapters have at least one officer who does not use email. Fifteen chapters have officers who do not attend meetings. Sixteen chapters do not have two officers with signature authority on all active accounts. Twenty-two chapters conduct audits of chapter finances. FL-7 has had the same treasurer for 23 years. Annual dues range from \$2.50 - \$20.00 each year, with average dues being \$9.50. Fifteen chapters offer life membership in their chapters.

Recognized chapters include MA-1,

DC-1, IL-2, LA-1 and CA-7; these chapters are large, active and in compliance with WMA procedures. Thirty-five active chapters were identified with active membership, officer rolls filled and compliant with WMA procedures. Nine chapters were identified as marginal. Four chapters are identified as inactive and do not meet the following: officer support, not enough members, do not meet chapter meeting requirements, and/ or do not comply with WMA procedures.

The surveys provided valuable information about the WMA chapters. The Area Directors and chapters worked together to collect the information and submit it in a timely manner; many thanks to all who participated in the surveys.

Judy Anderson
WMA 1st VP

New Merchandise Item

CA-11 Central Coast Chapter is offering two sizes of chocolate candy featuring the WMA logo.

Item: WMA & Letting 3" Insignia/Logo
Green, White, Milk Chocolate or Special Order
Cost: Singles\$1.50
Box of 8\$6.50
Box of 15.....\$13.50
Mints Box of 12\$10.50



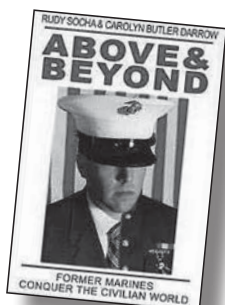
Item: WMA Mint 1" round Insignia/Logo
Green, White, Milk Chocolate or Special Order
Singles\$1.50
Box of 12\$10.50



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WMA National Merchandise Sales Your Purchases Support Our Association!

WMA Patch, small	\$4.00	Medallion, '90 Denver Conv	\$3.00
WMA Patch, large	\$4.50	50th Anniversary Medallions	\$5.00
WMA Pin, Hat (pin or clutch) . . .	\$3.00	50th Anniversary Paper Weights	\$10.00
WMA Pin, Life	\$3.90	WMA insulated travel mugs	
WMA Clock (10 3/4" diameter gold toned frame, green lettering and logo)	\$10.00	(green with WMA patch on one side and the USMC emblem on the other side)	\$8.00
Bezel	\$4.00		
WMA Flag	\$182.00		
Chapter Streamers (36" red ribbon embroidered with chapt. designation and name)	\$35.00		
Book, "Above & Beyond: Former Marines Conquer the Civilian World" (shipping & handling included)	\$30.00		



WMA Cap (3 months delivery). . . \$38.50

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

Sizes for WMA Caps:

20 1/2 - 20 7/8 XSm 22 3/4 - 23 1/8 L
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Make All Checks Payable to WMA

Contact: America Zarate Dones,
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Phone: (813) 810-3437
email: America.Dones@gmail.com

WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Merchandise

Item: "I love my Woman Marine" pin ...\$1.00

Item: "I love my Woman Marine" bumper sticker ... \$1.00

Item: Grandma's Loyal Escort
My Wife's Loyal Escort
Mom's Loyal Escort... \$1.00

Item: Loyal Escort Hat... \$8.00

Item: Loyal Escort Patch ... \$5.00

Item: Loyal Escort Cup w/lid and straw... \$5.00



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

Contact: Tabitha Cunningham-Radzik, 2393 Hillstock Ave., Akron, OH 44312, 330-784-4648 • tlcmenagerie@hotmail.com.

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

Books

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



Item: "The American Flag" Booklet

Cost: \$4.00 (includes shipping) Payable to: CA-8, WMA

Chapter: Palms to Pines

Contact: Ozell Barksdale, President, 5394 Sierra Street, Riverside, CA 92504 (951) 688-2806 e-mail: ozellb@pacbell.net



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

Signed copy by author Lisa Cordeiro

Cost: \$16.95 (\$3.95 shipping)

Chapter: MA-1

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



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

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

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



Cards/Stationery

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Decals

Item: WMA Decal (Inside auto windshield)

Cost: \$1.00 ea. (includes postage). **For Chapters:** \$20 for 25 decals

Chapter: Make checks payable to Gold Coast of Florida (FL-3)

Contact: Ruth Beisner, Lyndhurst E-99, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442

Item: Seals

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

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

Shirts and Sweats

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

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

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



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

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

Make checks payable to: WMA, VA-1

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



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

Cost: All prices include shipping and handling per item.

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

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

M - XL - \$28 ea

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

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

Checks: Old Dominion Chapter, WMA VA-2

Contact: Mickey Jennings, 6486 Lark Way, Mechanicsville, VA 23111

E-mail: mickeyjennings@hotmail.com



Item: Dark Green Windbreaker Jacket with WMA logo on front left side.

Sizes: Available in **Medium Size Only**

Cost: \$34.00 Includes postage and handling.

Checks: EMVSC, CA-7, WMA

Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4401



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

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

Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1

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



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

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

Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1

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



Jewelry

Item: WMA Bolo w/ WMA Logo and cord in gold finish (also available bolo with USMC Emblem only).

Cost: \$20.00 (includes shipping)

Chapter: Make checks payable to TX-3, WMA

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

Item: WMA Logo Earrings (matches gold bolo)

Cost: \$10.00/pair (includes shipping)

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

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

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



WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

Item: WMA Ring, Jeweler - Jostens

Cost: Lustrum (*non precious white*) \$181.00
 Questra (*non precious gold*) \$218.00
 10 Karat Yellow Gold \$325.00
 14 Karat Gold \$395.00 (*Cost includes three initials inside ring & shipping*)

Note: Include ring size and phone number when ordering

Chapter: FL-7 First Coast

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



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

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

Cost: \$19.75 each (including shipping)

Chapter: FL-7 First Coast

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



Item: Charm "Semper Fi"

Cost: \$15.00

Chapter: Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)

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

Item: Lapel pins, "United States Woman Marine" and WMA, 1 inch in diameter

Cost: \$5.00 each (including shipping and handling)

Chapter: CA-3

Contact: Kathleen Wright, 349 Howard Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95051



Miscellaneous Items

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

Cost: \$5.00 each

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

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

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

Cost: \$5.00 each (includes shipping)

Chapter: NM-1 (checks payable to NM-1 Sandia Chapter)

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



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

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

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



Item: New aluminum license plate in distinctive RED lettering on white. Includes a Semper Fi sticker

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

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

Item: WMA "Semper Fi" bumper sticker (*for anyplace—boat, luggage, etc.*). White w/green - 2" x 9"

Cost: \$1.50 ea. for 5 for \$6.45 or 10 for \$11.00 (*postpaid*)

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

Item: WMA Umbrella, green with WMA logo, Automatic Open Button **Size:** Collapsed 15 inches long, open 21 inches long and 36 inches wide

Cost: \$17.75 (*includes shipping*) **Chapter:** FL-7 First Coast

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

Item: WMA logo Rubber Stamps

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

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

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

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

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

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

Checks: Payable to Bay State Chapter, WMA

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



Item: Molly Marine picture, 8 x 10

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

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

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

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

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

Checks: WMA-Phyllis Alexander **Chapter:** SC-1

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

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

Cost: \$6 each (*includes postage*)

Checks: Payable to EMVSC CA-7 WMA

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



Item: Woman Marine cover cross stitch pattern, with backstitch eagle, globe and anchor.

Cost: \$2.50 each (*includes shipping*) **Chapter:** OH-2

Contact: Janice Lascko, 3157 W. 82nd St., Cleveland, OH 44102 or janlascko@yahoo.com. Payments can be made through PayPal at this same email address.



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

Contact: Kathy Van Gorder, 584 Barrington Rd., Collegeville, PA 19426
 e-mail: VanGorders2@aol.com Fax: 610-489-4383

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

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

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

Item: Pewter zipper pulls, yellow ribbon pin, heart necklace or ornaments all with the eagle, globe and anchor.

Cost: \$6.00. \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$9.00 (*plus \$3.00 shipping per item*)

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

Contact: Mary McGee, 2652 Marshall St NE #301, Minneapolis, MN 55418 (612) 788-1216

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

Cost: \$6.00 (*includes shipping & handling*)

Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller

Contact: Ellen Liedy, 1107 Columbus Ave., Barberton, OH 44203 (303) 825-8935 email: leidyrun@aol.com



Item: Ornament "The Fewer" Size 2 3/8" x 3 1/8" Limited 3-D, designed by Former Marine, Artist Gene Roncka

Cost: 24 Karat Gold on Brass \$29.75 (*includes shipping*) Portion of proceeds go to "Paws and Stripes".

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

Chapter: TX-1 "The Lone Star State"

Contact: Katherine Lorenz Townsend, 4025 Tortoise Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76135. GySgtLTUSMC@aol.com subj line: "The Fewer"



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4th Recruit Training Battalion

cordially invites you to join in a
celebration of female Marines

on

Monday, February 13th, 2012

as we commemorate the 69th anniversary
of the official inclusion and recognition of females
in the active component of the United States
Marine Corps on February 13th, 1943.

The celebration will be held aboard
Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island

and will include a day of activities
culminating with an evening dinner.

All are welcome

to join us in celebrating the anniversary of this
remarkable day in United States Marine Corps history.

Interested participants should contact Sara Hollenbeck
at sara.hollenbeck@usmc.mil or (843) 228-4345
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27TH BIENNIAL WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION CONVENTION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

"WHERE IT ALL BEGAN"

When: August 31 - September 4th 2012
Where: Hyatt Regency, Philadelphia, PA

Hyatt Regency Penn's Landing
201 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd
Philadelphia, PA 19106
www.hyattregencyphiladelphia.com
215-521-6557

More Info: Convention@womenmarines.org

Rooms are \$119.00/room (plus tax) for 1-4 guests
This is a 4-Star Hotel on the waterfront



Active Duty and government employees watch for the MARADMIN to attend under orders.

Make plans to attend our next Convention - Philadelphia 2012