



Our 2014 Convention is almost here!

"We're goin' to Kansas City! Kansas City here we come!"

Packed yet? What?!? You're not registered for the convention?!? Well, let's help with that. Just turn to Page 7 and you will find the convention registration, and the following pages have other fascinating convention items of interest.

But you better hurry and register! Unlike other conventions, this one starts on 25 JULY! Not August...not September. So there's not much time. The deadline for registration is 1 June. After that it will cost you \$10 more.

June 1st is also the deadline date for submissions for the WMA chapter awards.

Undecided about attending? Besides the convention, there's a ton of shopping within walking distance of the hotel. There are museums, like the World War I museum that happens to be right next door to the hotel.

And then there are your friends and sister Marines. Who could pass up spending time with them??

Think about it, but don't think too long. The City of Fountains awaits.

Sondra Metzger



The Kansas City skyline at nightfall.

Photo Courtesy of the Kansas City Convention & Visitors Association

National Officer Nominations and 2018 Convention Site Nominations Deadline is Quickly Approaching

The time is fast approaching when the Women Marines Association (WMA) will begin accepting nominations for National office positions for the 2014-2016 term. **The nomination period for National Officer and Board positions opens January 2, 2014 and closes February 28, 2014.**

Your help in reaching out to all members, in good standing, who would enjoy serving WMA at a National level is needed. We welcome women who stand out, demonstrate leadership skills, and who are ready to share those qualities in keeping our WMA strong, vibrant and moving forward! Don't forget, you can nominate yourself for any position.

All National Officer positions are listed in the RM&D. If you, or anyone else, need more information about any positions, please contact me and I'll be happy to provide a job description sheet. The nomination form is on the page before this letter. This can be duplicated.

The 2018 National Convention will be held in Region 1 which consists of Area's 1, 2, 3 and 4 (excluding IL). Submit your bid to host the 2018 National Convention!! If you have any questions regarding hosting a Convention, please don't hesitate to contact me at the information listed. Oregon in WMA Region 3 will be hosting our 2016 Convention.

Exciting times are ahead for WMA!

Can I count on your help? The work is very rewarding and fun!

If you have any questions, or need more information, please give me a call or send me an email. Your Area Directors are there to serve you and answer your questions.

All bids and nominations will be accepted from 2 January to 28 February 2014. See Nomination form on page 25.

Thanks for all your support of WMA and look forward to hearing from you.

Semper Fi,

Kathy Sheppard
National Nominating Committee
Chairman

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Photo by Cheryl Badorrek

Each one of us raised our hand and volunteered for Marine Corps service. Now, we need you again to give service to our Corps. We are over 3,000 members strong and I'm certain that there are many of you with talents and skills (and time) that you can give back to your Women Marines Association. We are losing our WWII and Korea treasured WMA Members in record numbers. **WE NEED YOU!** If you have any of the following talents, please consider service with WMA at the National-level.

Many of our activities are conducted virtually (so, you can be active right from your living room). If you enjoy WMA history and have computer skills; maybe you enjoy connecting with WMA Chapters and our members-at-large; or you have worked or still work in communications, public affairs, advertising and/or marketing; experienced in CPA/accounting, and have worked with non-profits; or have fun in program management...we need your talents!

All you have to do is e-mail Kathy Sheppard at 2VP@womenmarines.org indicating your willingness to serve.

It is in this spirit of moving forward with lessons from the past, that I've asked a group of WMA members to be a part of an ad hoc Strategic Advisory Committee to recommend some initiatives to keep us growing in record numbers, remain even more relevant to all of our members, define/address key topics that will ensure WMA remains a viable organization in the future and addresses critical cross-cutting areas. I'll keep you informed of their progress and let you know how YOU can be a part of this growth.

Finally, our biennial Convention is quickly approaching. Make sure to set your coins aside so you can join us in the City of Fountains to further celebrate. We are women by gender and Marines for life.

Semper Fidelis,

Betty Moseley Brown

1st Vice President's Message: Now It's Time To Do Our Part

It is that time of year...the year before the next convention...when chapters need to begin to put their entries for activity books and history books together, and to decide which issues of chapter newsletters would compete best in competition. Those chapters who have web sites might want to spruce the content up and bring them up-to-date on activities.

The last issue of *'Nouncements* went into great detail to give chapters all the information they might need to put together entries for the Convention 2014 Recognition and Awards competition. The deadline for award submission is



June 1, 2014. Yes, you read it right---after years of having the convention at the same time every two years (Labor Day), the upcoming Convention will be 24-29 July.

Circle the dates, and get started now on sharing your chapter activities through the submission of a newsletter...or a history book...or maybe a submission in every category as our DC-1 chapter did at the 2012 Convention.

Your National Board has just returned home from checking out our Convention 2014 site at the Westin Kansas City at Crown Center, and I can tell you that we were all impressed with that choice. (For those of you who like me enjoy getting up early and sneaking away for a bagel and coffee outside of the hotel, I will share with you that I was happy to discover an Einstein's Bagel place a mere 75

yards from our hotel lobby.) The Board roamed all over and is happy to report that the beds are comfortable, there are five elevators running at all times, there is a frozen custard shop even closer than my beloved Einstein's Bagels, and we are truly in the heart of the city. The MO-KAN chapter has outdone themselves in selecting a convention venue, so now it is time to do our part.

As we continue to try and enlist new members, we are finding some success with our web site, blog, and multiple Facebook pages. That said, our membership drive must be the mission of ALL members, not the few in leadership positions at the National level. **Please make it a priority to find one new sister Marine between now and Convention 2014, and invite her to join us.**

Mitzi Manning

2nd Vice President's Message: We Want to Serve Our Members



The Interim Board Meeting has been completed and your Board accomplished a lot. We had some really good discussions on things that concern the operation of the Organization and how we can

move things forward.

As part of the discussion our President, with Board concurrence, has established a Strategic Advisory Committee which she has asked me to chair. We will be looking at developing a strategic plan for

WMA and how we can improve things to better serve you, our members and assure that WMA remains a relevant Organization in the future.

If you have any ideas or things you think we need to take into consideration please email me at 2vp@womenmarines.org with those ideas. Our goal is to brief the initial strategic plan at the Convention next July.

One of the other functions I have as 2VP is to chair the Nominations Committee for National Officers and Convention site selection.

Later in this newsletter you will find an open letter to all members related to nominations for National Officers. The

Board could really use your help in the operation and maintenance of WMA.

There seems to be a perception that you have to be part of some special group to be on the Board. This is definitely NOT true. All Board positions are open for any member in good standing to fill.

You may nominate yourself or someone else for any of the positions. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. Nomination period runs from January 2, 2014 to February 28, 2014. Please consider this opportunity to become part of the leadership team for WMA.

Kathy Sheppard
2nd Vice President

NOTE: Kansas City 2014 - Hotel Room Rate Increase

Effective 1 October 2014 the new per diem rate for Kansas City, MO as confirmed by GSA has increased 1.9%. As directed by our contract with the Westin Crown Center, WMA's group rate for our 2014 Convention will increase to **\$106** plus taxes per night vice \$99. We regret this increase but please note it is the government per diem rate. The Westin Crown Center is a 5-star hotel and this is by far the best rate available. The rate still applies for up to four to a room.

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15 January 2014

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Our History is *Always* Growing – Part Two



World War II

Did you know that Major Ruth Cheney Streeter, First Director of the USMCWR was a mother of three sons and one daughter? At the time of her appointment as Director in January 1943, her sons (2 Navy, 1 Army) were on active duty while her daughter (age 15) remained at home. Federal law did not allow women with children under 18 to serve in the Armed Forces. The Marine Corps stipulated not only no children under 18 but you could not enlist if you were the mother or wife of a Marine. Just prior to her commissioning Col Streeter received a waiver allowing her to have an underage minor signed by SECNAV and also approved by CMC just prior to her swearing in ceremony conducted by the Secretary of the Navy.

Did you know that Commandant Holcomb wanted “all Marines trained by Marines in a Marine environment and that he was very concerned about the necessity of training the first classes of enlisted women at the Navy recruit training facility at Hunter College, while the first women officers were trained with the Navy officer program at Mount Holyoke College? By September 1943 both Marine schools were being moved to Camp Lejeune.



Did you know that Minnie Spotted Wolf (*at left*) was the first Native American woman to join the Marine Corps? Born on a ranch in Heart, Montana, she joined in 1943, attended boot camp at Camp Lejeune and saw duty at MCAF Mojave, CA, Camp Pendleton and Hawaii. At Mojave she worked for WMA member Kathleen Drummond at the Main Exchange and later also worked as Motor Transport heavy truck driver. Prior to entry in the Marines she was the subject of a girl's booklet that talked about all the different

jobs young women held. After WWII Minnie used her VA education benefits to attend college and earn her teaching degree, returning to the reservation and teaching for 29 years.

Did you know that women Marines taught over 85% of aviation gunnery training during WWII to our male pilots and flight crews? While they were indeed assigned to our major air stations they also were assigned to a number of isolated bases such as MACF Mojave, CA, MCAF Goleta, CA, Eagle Mountain Lake, TX, and Atlantic Field, NC to name a few.



“Pappy” Boynton and the Black Sheep Squadron were only one of the famous units trained by women Marines on these instruments.



Did you know the first women assigned to the FMF (early 1944) were housed in Area 16 at Camp Pendleton? They were housed in a former BOQ with two buildings of two stories that provided 4-6 to a room and the mess hall in the center building. The area was surrounded by barbed wired and a walking patrol of armed (with a Billy club) women Marines on the inside of the wire. Notable WMA women living in this barracks area were Mary Bacon Hale and Charlene “Shorty” Pryer, a former singer with the famous Dick Jurgens band. Also assigned to this area was Marine Sgt. Lena Reggi, who later married Marine hero GySgt John Basilone.

If you would like an answer to a question or information on opening a collection of your own in the WOCC, the fastest and surest ways to contact me is 303-663-3747 or niwilt@aol.com. Semper Fi,

Nancy Wilt
Curator
Women of the Corps Collection

2013 MCJROTC Award Recipients



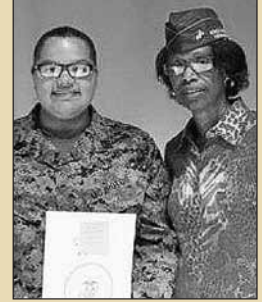
Battery Creek High School, Beaufort, SC
Presenter: Rosa Robertson, SC-1
Recipient: Cadet 1stLt Kira Murphy
Military Instr.: Major Marshalee Clark,
SC-1 member



Paul W. Bryant High School, Cottondale, AL
Presenter: Teresa Winters,
Member at Large
Recipient: Jonna Rainey



Tahquitz High School, Hemet, CA
Presenter: Ozell Barksdale
Recipient: Karlinna Sanchez
Presenter: Sybl Acree



Ramona High School, Riverside, CA
Presenter: Ozell Barksdale
Recipient: Justine O'Donnell



Clearwater High School,
Clearwater FL 10 April 2013
Presenter: Kathy Potthoff, FL-2
Recipient: Cadet Foster



Daniel Boone High School,
Gray, TN, 3 May 2013
Presenter: Gail Williamson, TN-1
Recipient: Cadet Sgt Victoria Warren



Deerfield Beach High School,
Deerfield Beach FL, 9 May 2013
Presenter: Catherine Murry,
Ret'd MSgt, FL-3
Recipient: Jocelyn Bellman



East Gaston High School,
Mount Holly NC 24 May 2013
Presenter: Maj. Marshall Bourgeois
Recipient: Katelyn Medders



Edgewater High School,
Orlando FL 18 May 2013
Presenter: Carolyn Ziegler,
Member at Large
Recipient: Chante Adams



John C. Fremont High School
Presenter: Kim Skelton
Recipient: Cadet Wendy Chavez



Jean Ribault Senior High School,
Jacksonville FL 21 March 2013
Presenter: Berniece Kelpce, FL-7
Recipient: Cadet Cpl Amoni Davis



J. O. Johnson High School,
Huntsville, AL - 1 May 2013
Presenter: Connie Thomas,
Member at Large
Recipient: Cadet Samantha Howard



George Butler High School,
Augusta, GA 17 April 2013
Presenter: Pauline King,
Member at Large
Recipient: Cadet CPL Andre Solomon



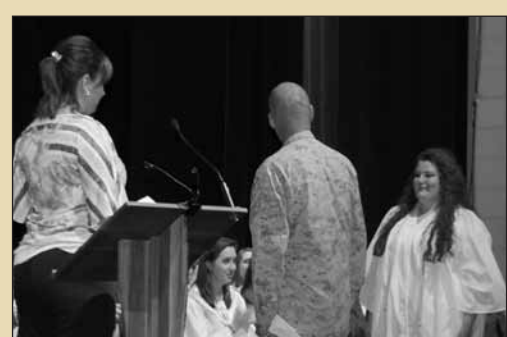
Lejeune High School, Camp
Lejeune, NC 24 May 2013
Presenter: Gail Horn, NC-1
Recipient: Cadet 1st Lt
Christopher Wales



Leon High School,
Tallahassee FL 4 May 2013
Presenter: Kelli Dougherty,
Member at Large
Recipient: Cadet Captain
Gabrielle Adams



Lithia Springs High School,
Lithia Springs, GA 16 May 2013
Presenter: Victoria Turner,
Member at Large
Recipient: Cadet Sgt Ziare Blanche



Montachusett Tech High School, Fitchburg, MA
Presenter: Giovanna Schofield, MA-1
Recipient: Cadet Rachel McDonald.

2013 MCJROTC Award Recipients



MN-1: Como Park Senior High School,
St. Paul, MN May 22, 2013
Presenter: Vicki Latiolais
Recipient: Cadet Linda Vang



NC-1: South Iredell High School,
Statesville NC
Presenter: Brenda Bumgarner,
Member at Large
Recipient: Cadet Tori Plyler



Northeast Magnet High School,
Wichita, KS April 11, 2013
Presenter: Irena Cliver, MO-2
Cadet: Aujanæ McCoy



North Forsyth High School,
Cumming, GA 24 April 2013
Presenter: Romaine Brunson,
Member at Large
Recipient: Cadet Sgt Jennifer Garcia



Orange High School
Presenter: Kim Skelton
Recipient: Cadet Isaiah Montellano



Palm Bay High School,
Melbourne FL 2 May 2013
Presenter: Ana Contreras,
Member at Large
Recipient: Kayschlee Reyes



Parkview High School,
Lilburn, GA 8 May 2013
Presenter: Romaine Brunson,
Member at Large
Recipient: Alec Gilmore



Ridgeland High School,
Ridgeland SC 30 May 2013
Presenter: Serenity Button,
SC-1
Recipient: Cadet Brittany Branham



Rutland High School,
Macon GA - 29 March 2013
Presenter: Diane Raley,
Member at Large
Recipient: Cadet Syndi Dozier



Salem High School,
Conyers, GA 3 May 2013
Presenter: Romaine Brunson
Recipient: Callie N. Perkins



Mt Juliet High School,
Mt Juliet TN 7 May 2013
Presenter: Nellie Perkins,
Member at Large
Recipient: Cadet 1stLt Hailey Coble



U.S. Grant High School, Oklahoma City, OK
Presenters: Maj Jenny Storm,
Dorothy Rimbald, OK-2
Recipient: Cadet Deshea Wahpepah



University High School,
Orlando FL 18 May 2013
Presenter: Carolyn Ziegler,
Member at Large
Recipient: Samantha Parker



Whale Branch High School,
Seabrook, SC - 10 May 2013
Presenter: Cynthia Sosa,
Member at Large
Recipient: Cadet SSgt Paliete Sharpe

MCJROTC Award Recipients Not Pictured (or Photographs Not Available):

Apopka High School, Apopka, FL 22 May 2013 Presenter: Ruby Homyssi, Member at Large Recipient: Angela Collier
Heritage High School, Conyers, GA 25 April 2013 Presenter: Romaine Brunson, Member at Large Recipient: Cadet Cpl Celina Valles
Gateway High School, Kissimmee, FL 8 May 2013 Presenter: Katie Dixon, Member at Large Recipient: SSgt Sonyboy Bal-Morales
Murrieta Valley High School Presenter: Ozell Barksdale Recipient: Shilynn Milligan
Newton High School, Covington, GA 11 May 2013 Presenter: Romaine Brunson Recipient: Sara M. Birdsong
Lake Region High School, Eagle Lake FL - 26 April 2013 Presenter: Ceel Kenny, Member at Large Recipient: Cadet Delia Rodeman



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2014 RECOGNITION AND AWARDS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM Kansas City, MO

Submitter		Chapter Name and #	
Address		City, State, Zip	
Phone		Email	
Type of Entry		Website URL	
Category		Class	
Person Assigned to accompany entry at R&A event			

- Type of Entry (History Book, Newsletter, Chapter Achievement. If entry is Website enter web address)
- Category and Class required for Chapter Achievement Entries

Brief Description of Entry _____

Date of Submission _____ Date Received by R&A Chair _____

DEADLINE for ALL awards entries: **MUST be postmarked on or before June 1, 2014**

Mail all entries to:

**Sondra Metzger
Recognition & Awards
3805 NE 141 Circle
Edmond, OK 73013-7221**

Enclose a self-addressed stamped postcard to be returned as a receipt.

For questions regarding awards, please contact Sondra Metzger at
RA-Submissions@outlook.com

NOTE: If you are ON ORDERS, Please use the form on page 9



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Convention Registration Form

28th Biennial Women Marines Association Convention and Professional Development Conference July 25-28, 2014

You can register online at www.womenmarines.org

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| <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"/> past National President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peace Time | <input type="checkbox"/> Attending my 1 st 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 <input type="checkbox"/> WMA <input type="checkbox"/> Loyal Escort | |

Late Fee of \$10 will be charged after June 01, 2014

A fee of \$10 will be charged for cancellations after 15 June 2014. Refunds will be mailed after the convention.
NO REFUNDS on meals and/or registration after July 10th.

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 on Badge _____

Non-Member Guests - Name on Badge _____

Meal Registration

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

Everyone pays the Registration Fee of \$50. Exception LE's pay \$45.

Date	Event	Package A All Meals	Option B Individual Choice	Non-Member Meals	TOTALS
July 25	Opening Banquet	Included	@\$53.00	@\$56.00	\$ _____
July 26	Recognition and Awards	Included	@\$41.00	@\$44.00	\$ _____
July 28	Installation Luncheon	Included	@\$35.00	@\$38.00	\$ _____
July 28	Closing Banquet	Included	@\$80.00	@\$83.00	\$ _____
Total Cost		\$205.00	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Please specify if you have special dietary or other needs:

<input type="checkbox"/> Package A	@ \$205.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Option B	Sub-total	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Meals	@ Sub-total	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> WMA Registration Fee	@\$50.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> WMA Late Fee after 6/1/2014	\$10.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> LE Registration Fee	@\$45.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> LE Late Fee after 6/1/2014	\$10.00	\$ _____
Total Enclosed		\$ _____

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www.Westin.com/KansasCity

Make your hotel reservation online at <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/WMAC2014>
OR by calling the hotel directly at (800) 937-8461. **WMA room block cut-off date is July 7, 2014.**
Identify handicap room needs when you book your reservations.
Tell them you are with WMA for the preferred room rates of \$106 plus taxes.

I am unable to attend, but wish to purchase a convention program at \$10 each, payable to 'Women Marines Association 2014 Convention' or 'WMA 2014 Convention'.

Mail Completed form with payment made payable to 'Women Marines Association 2014 Convention' or 'WMA 2014 Convention': Women Marines Association 2014 Convention, Attn: Registration, PO Box 1487, Belton, MO 64012

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

2014 Convention Hotel Information, Services and Areas of Interest



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The Westin Kansas City at Crown Center

is encompassed by Hallmark's Crown Center, which offers 85 acres of shops, restaurants, and attractions. We are just steps from The LEGO-LAND® Discovery Center, SEA LIFE Aquarium, Union Station and more.

The Westin Crown Center

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Kansas City, MO 64100
Telephone: (800)937-8461

WMA Room Rate is **\$106** per night plus tax. Cut-off date for reserving your room at the special rate is 5:00 PM central time on July 7, 2014. Room rate is available three days prior and three days after.

An early departure fee of \$75 will apply if a guest checks out prior to their checkout date that will be confirmed at check-in. This does not apply to any guest who might be called to active duty during the event dates.

You can make your reservations at <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/WMAC2014>

Kansas City Accommodation: We're excited to announce the completion of our \$8 million renovation. Work, dine, or just relax in our transformed Lobby. Inspire productivity when you plan your next Kansas City meeting in our reinvigorated meeting and event space. We hope our refreshed arrival experience and new amenities will allow you to leave our Kansas City hotel feeling well-rested and renewed.

Things to do in Kansas City

In addition to the many family attractions housed in Crown Center, there are many things to do in Kansas City for all ages. Take a walking tour of the city, grab a drink in the Power and Light District, or enjoy one of the many great Kansas City restaurants. Other upcoming local events include Rockfest and concerts at Sprint Center.

- Liberty Memorial Kansas City
- Union Station Kansas City
- Bartle Hall Convention Center

- Over 80 acres of shops and restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.

Westin Workout Fitness Studio

You rise to new challenges every day. And to keep yourself fit, you need a workout routine that's challenging and rewarding - even when you're traveling. The Westin Workout Fitness Studio state-of-the-art equipment and high-performance workouts provide the perfect solution for people committed to maintaining personal wellness.

Whether you have time for a full body workout or light stretch our fitness is equipped for both. The Westin Kansas City at Crown Center offers a comprehensive fitness experience in our Westin Workout Fitness Studio. One room offers spinning cycles and the other treadmills. Both rooms are furnished with Pilates workout equipment and DVD instructional equipment.

Your workout may include the following:

- Free weights
- Treadmills
- Ellipticals
- Stationary bikes
- Exercise balls
- Weight training stations focusing on your upper and lower body

Traveling light? Inquire at the front desk about our New Balance Gear Lending program, including men's and women's workout gear.

Kansas City Missouri Hotel Information

Check-in: 3:00 p.m.

Checkout: 12:00 p.m.

Internet Options:

- Complimentary wireless Internet in lobby and public areas
- Guestroom Internet available for \$9.95 per 24 hours.
- Premium Guestroom Internet available for \$19.95 per 24 hours: Maximize your connectivity to YouTube, Skype and other 2.0 sites. Reliably reach family and friends and business contacts through your favorite video chat service.

Pet Policy: Dogs up to 40 lbs. are allowed with no charge.

- 100% Smoke Free Hotel
- Outdoor, Heated Swimming Pool
- Track and Tennis Courts

Parking Options:

- Self-Parking: \$16.00 per day

- Valet Parking: \$21.00 per day; Parking charged to guest room.

Hotel Shuttle:

- Fee: Complimentary
- Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM, Monday - Saturday: 3:00pm - 10:00pm
- For the convenience of our business travelers, the hotel offers complimentary shuttle service between the hotel and the downtown government and financial districts as well as other local area businesses.

Location: Located in Hallmark's Crown Center right off I-70



Westin Crown Center-Kansas City

Crown Center Kansas City Restaurants:

- The Brassiere Bar & Restaurant - first floor
- Room Service - available 24 hours a day

Airport: (MCI)

Kansas City International Airport
Super Shuttle from the Airport

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Telephone: 800-258-3826

Book online at:

<https://m.supershuttle.com>

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- I would like to volunteer during convention ☐

WMA Conference Fee Schedule for Marines On Orders

Rank/Full Name _____ Service Name: _____ MOS _____
Birth Date _____ Email _____ Phone _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Name to be printed on Badge: _____ Current WMA Member: Yes / No
Duty Station _____ Military Email _____

WMA "On Orders" Conference Fees Plan C "On Orders"

Plan C	All Inclusive
July 25 Opening Banquet	Included
July 26 Recognition and Awards	Included
July 28 Installation Luncheon	Included
July 28 Closing Banquet	Included
Total Cost of Events	\$205.00

WMA Registration Fee	\$ 50.00
Event Total	\$205.00
Total Conference Fee	\$255.00

Please specify if you have special dietary or other needs:

The Westin Crown Center
1 East Pershing Road
Kansas City, MO 64108
www.Westin.com/KansasCity

Make your hotel reservation online at <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/WMAC2014>
OR by calling the hotel directly at (800) 937-8461.
WMA room block cut-off date is July 7, 2014.
Tell them you are with WMA for the preferred room rates of \$106 plus taxes.

____ I am unable to attend, but wish to purchase a convention program at \$10 each, payable to 'Women Marines Association 2014 Convention' or 'WMA 2014 Convention'.

Mail Completed form with payment to 'Women Marines Association 2014 Convention' or WMA 2014 Convention' to: Women Marines Association 2014 Convention, Attn: Registration, PO Box 1487, Belton, MO 64012

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



2014 WMA Convention Program Booklet Ad and Event Sponsor Information

Dear Military and Veteran Supporter,

The Women Marines Association (WMA) will host our national biennial convention 25-29 July 2014. It is our hope that you will support this effort and purchase an ad, sponsor an event, or make a contribution to our cause.

Formed in 1960, WMA is a non-profit, 501(c)3, charitable organization comprised of women who have served and continue to serve honorably and proudly in the United States Marine Corps. WMA and its members work to preserve and promote the history and traditions of women Marines as well as those of the Marine Corps. We volunteer within our communities and provide assistance to those veterans in need along with conducting programs for charitable and educational purposes.

These ads will be in our 2014 Biennial Convention Program Booklet, which every registrant (over 500) will receive. Your ad will hit your target audiences nationally. WMA has over 80 chapters with members that range from our active duty Marines to our WWII veterans in every state and around the globe, and these treasured mementos are frequently shared with family, friends, and members who were unable to attend. It is definitely the place to advertise to gain a wide base of prospective clients. Event sponsors will be recognized in the program booklets for the sponsored event with a full-page ad and will also receive a copy of the program.

Ads will be accepted in **BLACK & WHITE**, camera-ready hard copy, on disc or CD, and electronically. Electronic ads must be sent to: ConventionAds@womenmarines.org.

Please make checks payable to **WMA 2014 Convention** and enclose them, or in the case of electronic ads, sent them separately. Page size is 8 1/2" x 11", with half-inch margins on each side. All ads must be **postmarked by 15 April 2014** to allow time for the layout and printing. Make out and mail your check to: **Women Marines Association 2014 Convention, P.O. Box 1487, Belton, MO 64012**. Email your ad to: ConventionAds@womenmarines.org

If ad copy is submitted in its original form and is not submitted via email or disc, please submit an additional \$10.00 for scanning fee.

AD SPACE COSTS and SPECIFICATIONS

(Standard B/W - Camera-Ready Copy Only)

Program Ads

	Ad Size*	WMA	Non-WMA
Full Page	7" x 10"	\$200	\$400
Half Page	8.25" x 5.25"	\$100	\$200
Quarter Page	4" x 5.25"	\$ 50	\$100
Business Card	3" x 2"	\$ 25	\$ 50
2-Line Ad	1" x 1"	\$ 20	\$ 40
Name Only Ad	One Line	\$10	\$40

EVENT SPONSORSHIP

Opening Banquet Meet and Greet Sponsor	\$2,500 Only 3 available
Closing Banquet Meet and Greet Sponsor	\$2,500 Only 3 available
Table Decoration Sponsor	\$1,500 Only 10 available
Meal Program Booklet Sponsor	\$1,000 Only 5 available

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Point of Contact: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

_____ Please find my camera-ready ad enclosed on disc

_____ I have sent my ad file via email on _____. Please verify when it is received.

***Ads can be sent as portrait or landscape **Sponsor supplies insert**
Please note donations to WMA are tax deductible as prescribed by law.
Please check with your tax advisor.

CASH Door Prizes to Continue for 2014 Convention

Envelopes should name the donating chapter and reflect the 2014 convention theme of "City of Fountains"

Each WMA chapter is asked to contribute at least one \$25.00 and an envelope to continue the success of the cash door prizes. If your chapter is able to donate more money and envelopes, thanks!

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

The success of the cash door prizes is obviously dependent on the amount of contributions. Cash door prizes will be given at every event on the convention schedule and with sufficient contributions, multiple cash door prizes will be given at each event.

Help to make the cash door prizes another fun and rewarding part of the 2014 Convention! Send your envelopes and checks to:

Allison Stein (Secretary, Molly Marine Chapter LA-1)

"Door Prizes"

2201 Manhattan Blvd, Apt W271
Harvey, LA 70058

If you have any questions, please contact Allison Stein at

hopetrulove@msn.com or phone (205)487-9277.



We encourage you to submit very creative envelopes!

"The Other Side of Oz" - Our 2014 Convention Px

The Other Side of Oz 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.

Table cost is \$35 per table. Make your check payable to:
Woman Marines Association
2014 Convention, P.O. Box
1487, Belton, MO 64012

"The Other Side of Oz"

Chapter Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State : _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

ITEMS TO BE SOLD: _____

2014 Convention Roommate Request

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dates you will be attending: _____

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 _____ (\$53.00+taxes per night) or 4 per room _____ (\$26.50+taxes per night)

Please fill out form and return to: EileenSRN@aim.com • Call 716-672-9380 for current mailing location.

From the Loyal Escorts: A Recruiting Contest and Funding Campaign



Fall is finally here, and if you live in the Northern parts of the United States, You've already noticed the colors changing, and temperatures dropping, and we're only 9 months away from the 2014 Convention.

In the last issue of *'Nouncements*, I mentioned a contest. For each Loyal Escort member you sign up, you will be entered into a Raffle. If we don't make 150 new members by June, there will be a consolation prize. The prize (or prizes) will be determined by how many new members we sign up. So if we can get 3 new Loyal Escort Members per state, it would be enough to reach the minimum to award a tablet device.

If you're a Loyal Escort, make sure you note on the application that you're the one who recruited the new member, otherwise it will default to the WMA sponsor. Board Members of the Loyal Escorts qualify for this contest. Those who cannot participate are myself and members of my family. (*Sorry, Mom.*)

I recently returned from a trip to Kansas City to attend the IBM conference, where I was able to scout out the territory. There are plenty of shops in the mall attached to the Hotel, as well as many different restaurants within a short distance. I will refrain from giving free advertising to any of the Restaurants, however, if you'd like some recommendation, come see me. There are plenty of great places, some a little pricey, most very reasonable.

Looks like we'll be doing something a little different at this convention, and taking a Streetcar to the Hospitality suite. We're still working out the details, but get ready to have a good time at the legendary hospitality suite hosted by the Loyal Escorts.

The Loyal Escorts are running a new campaign through 19 December on Indiegogo. com – If you have the chance, take a look: <http://igg.me/at/leggs>

We have a lot we'd like to do over the next year, so if you like what we do, and would like to contribute, please take the time to check out the link above, and forward

ward the campaign to friends. Even a \$5 donation can make a big difference.

As many of you already know, we like to make sure we take care of our veterans and active duty during the convention, and beyond. If we're able to raise enough money, we would like to start assisting the WMA with their Emergency Grant Fund.

You can also visit our Escorts website at <http://www.loyalescorts.org> – where you will find links to our Facebook Fan Page. We have over 100 fans, so let's increase that number!

In the next *'Nouncements*, we will be posting certain jobs that we need assistance with during convention. So all of the Loyal Escorts out there that will be attending, please consider volunteering an hour or two of your time during convention so that we can help support the WMA. I don't expect everyone to spend their entire time stuck working, so an hour or two from everyone certainly helps us out a lot.

See you in the next issue!

Michael Pearce
President
Loyal Escorts
of the Green Garter



Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Website: www.loyalescorts.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/WMALeggs
Fundraiser: <http://igg.me/at/leggs>

An OUTSTANDING Holiday Gift Idea

Wondering what to give a friend or family member for the holidays?

Consider a gift membership in WMA or Loyal Escorts. You can do this quickly and easily online for WMA at our web site:

(<https://www.womenmarines.org/MemberShipForm.aspx>), or you can use the membership applications in this issue of *'Nouncements*.

Already a member? Send a donation in their honor. If you note on your donation that this is a gift, a letter recognizing the gift from you can be sent to the individual you are honoring.

WMA makes it easy for you to take care of some of your many To-Dos on your holiday list!





Application for membership in Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

The Auxiliary of the Women Marines Association

LOYAL ESCORT MEMBER APPLICATION		
APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Name:		
Date of birth:	Phone:	Cell:
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Email:		
New Renew Reinstated Life ¹ (Sponsor must be Life member)		SSN#
2 YR \$25 LIFE 40 AND UNDER \$175 41-45 \$145 46-60 \$125 61-70 \$100 71-80 \$75 81+ \$50		
SPONSOR INFORMATION		
Sponsor Name:		
Chapter Affiliation:		Do you live with sponsor Y N
Sponsor Life Member # if applicable		
EMERGENCY CONTACT		
Name of a relative not residing with you:		
Address:		Phone:
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Relationship:		
SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE		
Name:		
Date of birth:	Email:	Phone:
SERVICE INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE		
Dates of Service		
Branch:	How long?	
MOS		
Duty Stations:		
ABOUT MYSELF		
SIGNATURES		
Signature of member:		Date:

Make checks payable to Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter
Mail to: David G. Wiszneaukas, 4914 Mulholland Drive, Lake Oswego, OR 97035-4394

(Endnotes)

1 -- Must provide Sponsor Life member number

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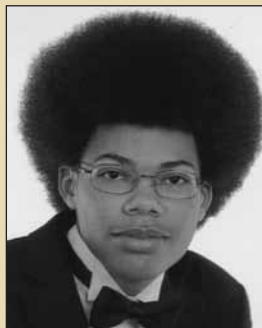
WMA Scholarship Program

Scholarship Recipients Named

*Congratulations
to our recipients*



Ditmore Memorial Scholarship
Ariel Breidenbaugh
Towson University
Sponsor: Valerie Shields, mother



Sopcak Scholarship
Jonathan Nowlin
ECU
Sponsor: Ryan Hays, friend



Sopcak Scholarship
Tiffany Brooks
University of Missouri
Sponsor: Nancy Brooks, mother



Sopcak Scholarship
Samantha Arnold
Barton College
Sponsor: Patricia Arnold Ebner, mother



Sopcak Scholarship
Jacob Cassanova
Western Michigan
Sponsor: Lori Howard, mother



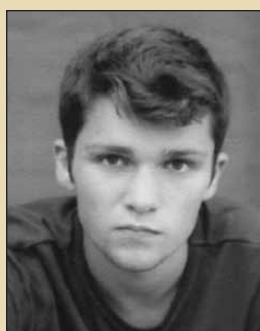
Sopcak Scholarship
Suzanne Dodd
Harrisburg Area Community
College
Sponsor: Self



Sopcak Scholarship
John Hurley
Fairfield University
Sponsor: Heidi Hurley, mother



Sopcak Scholarship
Lauren Heery
Loyola University Maryland
Sponsor: Paula Sarlls, acquaintance



Sopcak Scholarship
Eli Jenkinson
University of Michigan
Sponsor: Genevieve Jennings-Luckey, friend



Sopcak Scholarship
Rachel Lauve
Ball State University
Sponsor: Kathryn Howard, friend



Sopcak Scholarship
Kaitlin Leway
Norwich University
Sponsor: Lora Leway, mother



Sopcak Scholarship
Britni Nelson
Rockhurst University
Sponsor: ShirI Elosch, friend



Sopcak Scholarship
Tatiana Parra
Texas Tech University
Sponsor: Maria Crowley, friend



Sopcak Scholarship
Eric Perry
Missouri State University
Sponsor: Olayinka O. Perry, mother



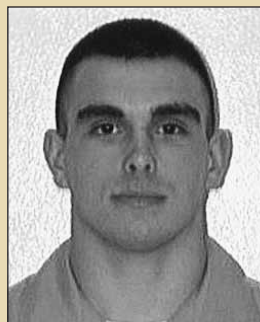
Sopcak Scholarship
Elizabeth Shelton
University of Virginia
Sponsor: Mary McIain, great aunt



Wiebke Scholarship
Micaela Heery
Washington University-St. Louis
Sponsor: Patricia Moyes, friend



Memorial Scholarship
Shannon Ivey
North Carolina A&T University
Sponsor: Lelia Jackson, acquaintance



Memorial Scholarship
Glenn Karnes
University of Kansas
Sponsor: Mary Ellen Stone, acquaintance



Memorial Scholarship
Blake Karnes
University of Kansas- Registrar
Sponsor: Mary Ellen Stone, acquaintance



Memorial Scholarship
Olivia Moulds
Virginia Polytechnic University
Sponsor: Harriet Moulds, grandmother



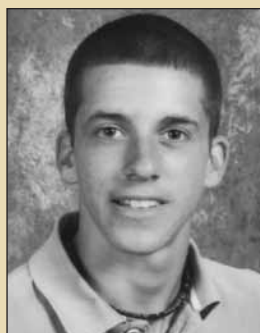
Memorial Scholarship
Anna Mulli
University of Maryland
Sponsor: Lelia Jackson, acquaintance



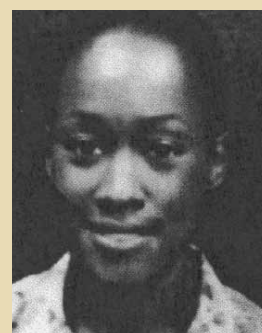
Memorial Scholarship
Ferrin Reidinger
San Jose State
Sponsor: Staci Reidinger, mother



Memorial Scholarship
Jessica Smith
University of Michigan
Sponsor: Genevieve Jennings, friend



Memorial Scholarship
Bryce Szadzievicz
Southern Arkansas University-
Sponsor: Lynn Sparks, grandmother



Fallen Warrior Scholarship
Maj Marshalee Clarke, USMC
University of Maryland
University College
Sponsor: Linda Priest, friend



Guyeyan Scholarship
Kristi Guzman
Bradley University
Sponsor: Muriel Underwood, great, great Aunt



Gridley Scholarship
Barbara Haber
Baker College of Flint
Sponsor: Genevieve Jennings, friend



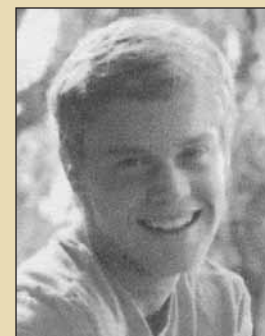
OR-1 Chapter Scholarship
Ian Horner
Valley City State University
Sponsor: Patricia Kennedy, grandmother



FL-3 Chapter Scholarship
Javon Bostic
Stetson
Sponsor: Tina Bostic, mother



Loyal Escorts Scholarship
Samuel Dent
University of Maryland
University College
Sponsor: Sunny Montas, friend



McClung Scholarship
John Kendrick
University of Arkansas
Sponsor: Dorothy Stover-Kendrick, mother



About The WMA Scholarship Program:

For those sponsoring a student/students for the 2014 WMA Scholarship Program, please help ensure that your nominees have completely filled out the application as required.

Go to the WMA website under Scholarships to see the application requirements.

Please go through sections II, III, IV, V, and VI with the applicant, ensuring that it is complete.

Note the mailing deadline. All applications and supporting documents **must** be postmarked no later than that date.

If you have any questions, contact Dottie Stover-Kendrick at scholarship@womenmarines.org.

June's Story: *My Memories of 1943, Part Three:* Atlantic Field and Christmas

BY JUNE DAISY JOHNSON WHITEHURST as told to Wanda Antoine



I landed at Cherry Point early in September 1943. Having never been on a military base before, I found U.S. Marine Air Station Cherry Point, NC, a fascinating place to explore. It was new and still expanding – good housing, movies, bowling alleys, shuffleboard, and a river a bicycle drive away from our barracks in which to swim and boat. Our Link building was air conditioned and dust-proof for maximum efficiency of the instruments. A variety of military planes flew in and out. Mary and I soon fell into the routine of teaching and a variety of fun things to do in our off-duty hours.

Early in October, we were told volunteers were wanted to transfer to an outlying base, Atlantic Field. Mary looked at me and said, “June, let’s go!” I agreed. On October 7, we packed our sea bags (by then well aired out).

The next day, leaving by troop truck, we sat on hard benches facing each other across the truck. The only light was the partly closed exit at the rear of the truck. This kept part of the dust out. The mostly unpaved road was long and bumpy.

Atlantic Field, a small out-lying air base was in the process of being developed.



Two dive-bombing squadrons of Douglas Dauntless planes in the final stages of training before shipping out to the south Pacific were stationed here. The SBD squadrons were credited with turning the war around, as at the beginning of the war we were overwhelmed by Japan’s air and naval forces.

The essential buildings had been built, including the WR Barracks housing 60-80 women. Our building was H-shaped



Mary Henry and June Daisy Johnson on the steps of the Link Shack on Atlantic Field, NC.

with sleeping quarters at one end and a large rec room in the middle. The NCO quarters, entrance area, and sick bay made up the front end.

About 40 women were already there. When I arrived October 8, 1943, corporal was the highest rating among women (I was still a PFC). My group included five Link Trainer operators and about ten more women. Women had taken over duties at the control tower, aerology, parachute rigging, aerial gunnery, and Link. Others were assigned to truck driving and office duties (I don’t remember any woman being on mess duty).

As I jumped out of the truck, as far as the eye could see were “boondocks” and desolation. Very soon we would find a large population of ants, mosquitoes, flies of all kinds, chiggers, and numerous other insects (and no PX at which to buy any lotion or spray)!

I could see a small group of buildings – mess hall, admin building, slop chute, several men’s barracks, officers’ quarters, water tower, landing strip, and in a distance control tower and “line” where our

“Link Shack” was located. This would be my home for the next 18 months.

The sparseness and ruggedness were a sharp contrast to Cherry Point. We came to love Atlantic Field and enjoy the challenge of life without all the embellishments. We learned to not just “make do,” but make the most of the simple life we found there. The mess hall had just opened. Before that, the men ate in the slop chute which also housed the library. Church services, after all the evidence (except the smell) of the beer was cleaned up, were held there. Friday night movies (this was made up of silent movies and cowboy serials) were also held here.

We were met at the truck by Cpl Mary Beth Rosser who was our barracks NCO and our two women officers. All the other women were on duty. A few men in the near distance were checking us out. As we were shown our rec hall, I noticed a brightly lit up juke box and an upright piano, as well as folding chairs around the sides.

Here is where we danced and jitterbugged, played ping-pong and shuffleboard during evening hours.

Next was a small lounge where we could sit in our PJs and robes. It was furnished with a couch, chairs, and coffee table. A number of box games were on shelves along the walls.

Our sleeping quarters consisted of bunk beds with foot lockers at the foot and dressers in the space between the bunks. Mary and I chose a bunk opposite the door as she again let me have the top bunk. I let her choose the dresser and I took the foot locker.

Before we unpacked, we were anxious to see out Link Building. We walked the length of the landing strip, past the control tower to the line where the two squadrons spent their days.

As we opened the door to the Link Shack, Mary and I were met by the two men we “freed to fight.” Truthfully, they did not seem happy to see us, as this was certainly “choice duty” for them.

They had the two Links in good mechanical shape and showed us around the room. As it was by then late in the day, we walked back to our barracks and to the mess hall about a block away.

At 7 P.M. the juke box in our Rec Room was playing. The room was full of men who had come there to meet us and dance.

There were two shifts of us at the Link Shack. The other three women had the first shift. Mary and I did afternoon until evening and every other Saturday. We taught the gunners as well as the pilots.

I felt I was really helping the war effort when a pilot would come in and tell me about being lost during a flight, then by doing the maneuvers I had taught him, he was able to find his way back. Or a gunner would come by and ask me to schedule his pilot for a "Link Hop" as

he almost flew them into the ocean the night before.

Here I picked up the nickname "Daisy June." Red Skelton on his radio program had introduced a new character to be the girlfriend of Clem Kadiddlehopper. He ran a contest to name the character. My mother submitted the name "Daisy June" which Red Skelton chose. She never told me this until after the war. Whenever I entered the mess hall, I was greeted by the man dishing up chow, "Here comes Daisy June!" imitating her entrance on the program.

Time passed. On Thanksgiving I sent my folks a card I made saying *"Dear Family, Here's the PFC stripes which so proudly I wear. This is the Red Book I studied with care. Then came the corporal's test thru which I tore my hair. Now I thought you might like to share in the*

news - I've made corporal!" All of the Link operators made an increase in rate.

A little over a mile away, Coast Guardsmen were stationed on an island in the reefs of Core Sound. They had tamed some wild horses inhabiting the island. They were happy to issue an open invitation to the WRs to come over to go horseback riding.

A large fir tree was found nearby, cut down, and brought to our barracks. We decorated it with store-bought and handmade decorations.

December 1943 found us singing Bing Crosby's "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and "White Christmas."

Christmas 1943 dawned with several inches of fresh snow outside. Also it was cold inside! Nor could we turn lights on. All electricity was off on the base including the mess hall.

No Christmas songs blared from the juke box. There was no hot water for showers. Finally the mess hall had some hot coffee and cold sandwiches for us for brunch. There were still a lot of "Merry Christmases" and sharing of goodies we received in our Christmas packages. Snowballs flew. I got my face washed with snow the first and only time (by Bill Levin). Finally the electricity came on in time for a late supper and for warm showers before bed. Our juke box sent forth music, but we turned it off to sing Christmas songs around our piano.

I have no special memories of New Years. Thus 1943 came to an end.

During the ensuing year and a half, I had lots of great times at Atlantic Field - made sergeant the next spring, 1944, went to Cherry Point in the summer for an accelerated class in Dead Reckoning Navigation, met the Marine who was to become my husband.

I married him two months later, spent 57 wonderful years with him and our seven children. Two of our sons served as Marines and were decorated in Vietnam.

June Whitehurst



Four Link Trainer instructors in work uniforms: Mary Henry, June Daisy Johnson, "Andy," and "Etch."



7.25% of our Corps

According to SgtMaj of the Marine Corps Michael Barrett, 7.25% of our Corps [14,264] are women. In 1960 MGySgt Geraldine Moran was the only one...today, there are 43 Master Gunnery Sergeants. In 1961 SgtMaj Bertha Peters was the only one...today, there are 23 Sergeant's Major.

A few notable billets...

SgtMaj Tamara Fode - 3dMLG

SgtMaj Irene O'Neal - IGMC

SgtMaj Bonnie Skinner - CJTF-HOA
(Army MGen)

SgtMaj Angie Maness - MBW

SgtMaj Stephanie Murphy - OCS

SgtMaj Lanette Wright - 24 MEU

SgtMaj Kecia Jordon - MCAS BFT,SC

SgtMaj Lisa Nilsson - 2MAW (Fwd)

SgtMaj Laura Brown - MCBQ

First Female Marine completes Assault Climber's Course

History was made in the chilly, mountainous terrain of Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center Bridgeport when the first female Marine completed the Assault Climber's Course.

Cpl. Heather Redenius, combat engineer, 8th Engineer Support Battalion, began the course on August 12, 2013 and pushed through until its conclusion on September 4.

"Assault Climber's Course is a very challenging course that tests Marines mentally as well as physically," said Capt. Hunter Armour, unit training group instructor, MCMWTC. "Of the 36 Marines that started the course, 18 graduated."

According to Armour, the course tested Marines on the tying of knots, rope systems, and climbing vertical and near vertical landscapes. During the course, the Marines conducted most of their training at Leavitt Training Area, which



Heather Redenius, 23, of Janesville, WI.

consists of multiple rock faces that range from approximately 25 to 50 feet in height.

"After running a physical fitness test, unadjusted for elevation, Marines are run through a series of classes, demonstrations, and periods of practical applications," Armour said. "Assault climbers are trained to be capable of influencing the battlefield in a unique way. They are taught to tie systems to cross gorges, water

obstacles, package casualties, raise and lower casualties over vertical and near vertical obstacles, establish lanes for Marines to overcome similar obstacles, and set retrievable rappels on such objectives."

"I volunteered for the course to branch out and learn something new," Redenius said. "It was very fast paced, but I en-

joyed every part. For me, the most challenging part was the climbs. We learned to use climbing equipment called 'cams' and 'nuts' to scale the sides of very high cliffs."

The practical application of using the climbing equipment culminated in the final events of the training course.

"Their final exercises involved the climbing of Big Face, which is approximately 150 to 200 feet in height depending on the climb," Armour said. "Then, they ran the battalion staff through multiple fixed lanes at the Asteroid Field, an exposed rock that includes vertical and near vertical terrain."

However, Redenius and 17 of her fellow Marines completed the task.

"At no point did I consider giving up," Redenius said.

With the Marine Corps offering existing military occupational specialties and training packages to females, Marines like Redenius show that they are ready to accept the new challenges that lie ahead.

Courtesy of MCB 29 Palms, CA

Photo courtesy of John Sudbrink / The Daily News

Molly Marine Award Recipients



Molly Marine Recipients P Co
11 September 2013
L to R: PVT Aria N. Hollingsworth, Plt 4031, Tigard, OR; Ms Romaine Brunson, GA-1; PFC Civlianna M. Dudock, Plt 4030, Phoenix, AZ



O Co Molly Marine Recipients
28 August 2013
LtoR: PFC Storm K. Reichard, College Station, TX; PFC Samantha M. Nelson, Springfield, VA



Molly Marine Recipients with visitors MCL Members, Gainesville, GA, WMA Chapters GA-1, SC-1. (l-r): PVT Aria Hollingsworth, Plt 4030, Tigard, OR; PFC Civlianna M. Dudock, Plt 4031, Phoenix, AZ with veteran Marines visiting from Marine Corps League Detachment 655, Gainesville, GA, WMA Dogwood Chapter, GA-1 Atlanta, GA and local Phyllis Alexander Chapter, SC-1, Beaufort, SC. Veteran service of these individuals include WWII, Korea, Post Korea, Viet Nam, and Post Viet Nam



Molly Marine Presentation P Co 31 July 2013
Recipients left to right: PFC Tiffany A. Atkins, PLT 4024, Coraopolis, PA; BN Chaplain Lt Stephen Benefield; PFC Jennifer L. Sare, Plt 4025, Willard, MO. Chaplain Benefield shared that PFC Sare's family is known by his family in Missouri.



Molly Marine Presentation N Co
14 August 2013
LtoR: PFC Ellie M. VanNostrand, Plt 4026, Culpeper, VA; PFC Kelsey N. Gallo, Plt 4027, Greenwood, Delaware



Molly Marine Recipients P Co
30 October 2013
LtoR: PFC Mitzi Z. Venegas-Fausto, Plt 4037, Santa Maria, CA; LCpl Brianne C. Sharrard, Plt 4036, Uledi, PA

WMA Chapter Clippings

AZ-1 – Arizona Roadrunner

Mary Ann Derryberry of Anthem, former Corporal of Marines (1969-1972) and current veterans' advocate, was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame on 25 October.

Mary Ann's primary focus is on homeless and at-risk veterans. She volunteers at the Arizona StandDown,



Mary Ann Derryberry



Medal awarded to inductees

Vets Helping Vets events, Mission Continues, and other non-profit organizations. She chairs the Women Veterans Advisory Board of Veterans First Limited, which creates programs to meet the unique challenges of women veterans. She is a proud supporter of the Anthem Veterans Memorial and has been the organizer and chair of the Daisy Mountain Veterans Parade since its inception in 2005.

Born in Duluth, MN, Mary Ann served at FMFLant Communications in Norfolk, VA. She is a life member of DAV and WMA and a charter member and two-term past commander of American Legion Post 128 in Anthem.

Congratulations, Mary Ann! OOO-RAH!

Jeanne Botwright

CA-3 – Greater San Francisco Bay Area

Greetings to all. As usual, this has been a very busy and active quarter for our chapter. In September, our meeting hostesses were Lily Brockmeier and Zita Cussary and they chose to have a baseball theme. Most of the attendees came in their favorite teams colors. Needless to say, the two most common were the San Francisco Giants and the Oakland A's. Lily happens to also be our scholarship chair so she decided to make this meeting about raising funds for our scholarship fund. Our chapter awards one or two \$500 awards each year. Lily really surprised us with a silent auction of the painting shown below. Standing next to the painting is our



surprise guest, President Betty Moseley Brown, who stopped by while attending other events on the West Coast.

Lily had the painting done by her niece and she did a wonderful job. Betty tried very hard to win the auction, but she was edged out by the CA-3 President, Kathy Wright, who donated

the painting to the chapter. It was a great event, we raised lots of money for the scholarship fund, and the chapter voted to make Betty an honorary life member of our chapter. Welcome aboard Betty!

We have some additional good news. Our own Lucy Danielsen has recovered well from her fall in May and she was able to attend the meeting in September. It was wonderful to have her back and she looked terrific.

At our September meeting, we had ten of our Loyal Escorts and I want to thank them for all their continued support. They add so much to our chapter and we truly appreciate their participation. On the bad news side, this was the last meeting for Wanda Antoine whose husband, Howard, was transferred to San Antonio. That means our newest little treasure, Isabel Victoria, went to Texas with her Mom and Dad, and we will miss her as well. We wish the entire family a smooth relocation and a great tour in Texas.

This brings us to the start of yet another fall/winter season. Please take care and stay well. We want all our Marine sisters to be strong and healthy so they can attend the 2014 Convention in Kansas City.

Semper Fidelis,

Kathy Wright

CA-7 – Edith Macias Vann S. California

Hello all from warm and sunny southern California! CA-7 is very fortunate to have many wonderful ladies. Recently we are taking time to highlight two special ladies.

First, we have Jackie McCoy. Jackie has been selected as the Oceanside Veteran of the Year for her contributions to the community. Jackie served many years as a senior patrol for the San Marcos Police Department, and for the past five years is a regular at the VA center in La Jolla and now Oceanside. Jackie also is the liaison between the VA center and CA-7. Jackie was selected as the Veteran's Association of North County (VANC) Veteran of the year, which made her eligible for the Oceanside City award.



Jackie McCoy

At the November meeting of CA-7 Grace Amy Carle will be the honored Guest speaker. SgtMaj Carle was the last Sergeant Major of Women Marines. She is an active member in both CA-2 and CA-7.

Peggy Rieber

**Grace Amy Carle
with SgtMaj Jennifer
Simmons comparing notes!**



CA-8 – Palms to Pines

Two more of our WWII ladies answered the final call to their new duty station, Dorothy Jeffares and Vivian Bolton.

It was an honor and privilege to have these ladies as members of CA-8. Dorothy was our sunshine chair and Vivian was historian for many years. They will be greatly missed.

We would like to welcome two new members, Cassandra Jervis-Thompson and Jade Dabney. It's great to have new members.

Our August meeting was very productive as October was dark. Lots of activities coming in November a number of parades, ceremonies and, other veterans programs.

We can't attend them all but will do what we can. We are getting ready for Toys for Tots, to turn in our tabs, our Christmas party, and elections so the next three months will be busy ones.



MCL Detachment #965 Cmdt Luis Martinez, Sybl Acree, Loyal Escort National Secretary Helen Page, and Guest of Honor Juanita Cartwright.

The Marine Corps League Detachment #965 held its monthly meeting at the Villa Mesa Care Center in Upland to honor its long time member Juanita Cartwright, a resident in the center. Juanita was honored for her devotion to the Marine Corps. She is a life member of the WMA and member of CA-8. It was my pleasure to present her with CA-8's outstanding member certificate and our Women Marines Award.

Semper Fidelis!

Sybl Acree

FL-6 - Florida Gators



FL-6 member Ruth Melley died on September 13 in Venice, FL. Ruth served from 25 March 1943 to 5 December 1945 as a stenographer and was honorably discharged from Camp Lejeune with the rank of Master Technical Sergeant. R.I.P. Ruth, Semper Fi.

FL-6 gathered in September at the Oyster Bar in Punta Gorda for a meal and camaraderie with our Sister Marines. We had a great visit

with one another and the notes and letters I received from members that live away were read and the ladies really enjoyed hearing from you! Thanks for taking the time to keep in touch with us.

We also have a member who will turn 100 this November, Claudine Barnett, Happy Birthday Claudine! Happy Birthday Marines! Semper Fidelis!

Louise Tamayo

KY-1 - Winning Colors

Members spent a busy spring presenting WMA awards at our four local MCJROTCs and attending various Memorial Day activities. Then we participated in the Jeffersontown KY Gaslight Festival parade. Brenda Moore moved from SC to Louisville and joined our chapter in August, just in time to help us come up with craft ideas for a booth we wanted to have at the Gaslight Festival. Mary Broussard, Carolyn Woodson and Jacqueline Rector joined her for a couple of work days to stuff cloth pumpkins and finish other projects.



Members participating in the Gaslight Festival Parade were (l-r): Brenda Moore, Mary Broussard, Alison Porter, and Susan Vogedes.

DC-1 member Cheryl Badorrek was working in Lexington and visited Mary Broussard, attending our August meeting.

She visited again in September to help with craft sales during the Gaslight Festival.

LA-1 - Molly Marine

The Molly Marine Chapter began the summer with an "Ice Cream Social" meeting on 27 July at the Marine Corps Support Facility, New Orleans. Family and friends were invited to this fun event. The ice cream, cones and toppings were absolutely delicious! We welcomed our newest Loyal Escort, Barbara Ruffin. We also had an active duty Marine as a guest. Yes, we put a national and a chapter application in her hand! Members and guests that attended were Jodi Lara, Allison Truelove, GySgt Dalia Robles, SSgt Hideshi Dyer, Sgt Chantel Williamson, Cpl Elizabeth Damron, Vicki Haynes, Kimberly Allen, Monica Lewis (LE), Barbara Ruffin (LE), Elicia Lara, Laiaa Hunter and Tamir Zeria.



Volunteering is one of our favorite pastimes! On 18 August, despite a thunderstorm in the area, several devoted chapter members took a trip to the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport, Mississippi to spend time with its residents. We made root beer and coke ice cream floats, gave each veteran a flag and spent time with them thanking them for their service and letting them know that they aren't forgotten. The Recreation Director, Kimberly Clothier, said our visit was a special treat to many that don't get visitors. This volunteerism event was extremely gratifying! Members that braved the storm for this fine event are featured in the photograph: Mary Draughn, Patricia Huttinger, Darlene Graves (LE/holding MacKenzie), Ashlyn Ruffin, Kimberly Allen, Barbara Ruffin (LE), Karen Williams, Melanie Young, Teresa Anderson, Cpl Elizabeth Damron and Dustin Damron (LE/holding Ryan).

"Taking Care of Our Own"...On 29 August, April Bell (Treasurer/Visitation Committee Chair) did just that by paying a visit to two of our WWII veteran members residing in New Orleans. She visited Marian Landry (93) at the Chateau de Notre Dame Nursing Home and Francis Hoffmann (90) at the Lambeth House. She said Marian was watching women's tennis on the television and Francis was in her favorite spot, the puzzle table. Each one of them was very happy for the visit!

Everyone is still talking about all of the fun they had at Buffalo Wild Wings in Metairie on 21 September! A brief meeting was held, afterwards everyone showed off their favorite team's jerseys while enjoying delicious buffalo chicken wings. A special presentation was made to Monica Lewis (LE), celebrating her last meeting as a Loyal Escort. She is leaving for Marine Corps recruit training on 23 September...OOHRAH! Cpl Elizabeth Damron (Special Projects Officer) taught the group a chant, then surprised Monica with the biggest piece of chocolate cake she could find so she could indulge one last time! Members that shared in all of the fun were Jodi Lara, Allison Stein, CWO3 Jamila Moore, Elizabeth Damron, Sgt Chantel Williamson, Susan Bourgeois, Monica Lewis (LE).

Guests in attendance were Angel Stein, Olivia Goncalves, Kaitlin Oswald and Patrick Bourgeois.

During 2-4 October, Marine Forces Reserve, New Orleans held a Lance Corporal Seminar. Two of our members participated in the seminar! The purpose of the seminar was to showcase what the Marine Corps has to offer, touching on various USMC Programs. This was held in an effort to retain these young Marines on active duty. Discussions were on leadership, followership, and discipline. Cpl Elizabeth Damron, chapter special projects officer, gave an overview of the Women Marines Association and the accomplishments and activities of the Molly Marine Chapter LA-1. She and Sgt Allen Banks (LE), two of our top recruiters, set up a booth displaying our chapter achievement binders, and had chapter and national applications readily available! Sgt Banks informed us that he has a list of ladies interested in membership. Sgt Banks and Cpl Damron are commended for a "job well done!"

Melanie L. Young

MN-1 – Minnesota Leathernecks

The chapter met at the VA Hospital on September 14. Topics of discussion were the recent chapter picnic and summer activities. Attendees also discussed the upcoming November meeting which will be held on the Marine Corps birthday at McCormick & Schmick's restaurant, upcoming Veterans' Day activities, and our December holiday gathering on December 21 at the residence of Lorraine Morgan.



First row (l-r): Hazel Hines, Janet Keleher, Elizabeth Whitbeck, Julianna Austin, and Ruth Perry. Second row (l-r): Geraldine Shea, Ruth Knox, Janice Theiler, Marjorie Luke-cart, Lorraine Morgan, Georgine Knutson, and Dickie Voth.

The photo was taken at the Ft. Snelling Officer's Club on October 12 and hosted by the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs and Women Veterans of Minnesota. Five of the twelve World War II honorees are Marines: Hazel Hines, Elizabeth Whitbeck, Julianna Austin, Geraldine Shea and Lorraine Morgan. It was a great opportunity to socialize with other women veterans.

Please contact vlatiolais@comcast.net for more details concerning any upcoming MN-1 activities.

Vicki Latiolais

NC-1 - Tarheel

On September 14 women Marines, LE members, their families and guests met at the Supreme Buffet Hibachi Grill to celebrate NC-1 Tarheel Chapter's 40th Anniversary. There were 17 WMA members, four LE members, and 17 guests present.

We were honored to have our event attended by the Commanding General of Marine Corps Installation East, BGen Castellvi and his wife, AND as a special surprise, our own National President Betty Moseley-Brown was able to join us to celebrate.

NC-1 President Shirley John provided opening remarks thanking everyone for attending and Charter Member Naomi Malone provided the invocation. Guest Speaker was SgtMajor Ernest J. Hoopii of Marine Corps Installations East, whose comments focused on the enormous strides Women Marines have made through the decades. National President Betty Moseley-Brown was greeted enthusiastically by the group and read a congratulatory message from Area 3 Director Barbara Chagnon as well as providing her own well wishes in her engaging dynamic style.

With the events of the day slowing down, there was finally time to visit. NC-1 President Shirley John had us speechless and worshipping her spunk while regaling us with stories of her personal dealings as a young PFC with none other than the infamous Chesty Puller.

Gail S. Horn



Betty Moseley-Brown and Naomi Malone

OH-2 - Chesty Puller

We held our 8th Stand Down and had 27 women and 411 men attend. We shared our table with Northcoast Waves 21 which Ellen Leidy, Lois Cameron and Elva Pounders are members.

We held our Ohio Women's Conference and had 750 women attend. It was a wonderful conference and we had Jessica Lynch (Army POW in Iraq) as our guest speaker. She endured pain which I hope none of us have to experience. She enlisted just before 9/11 and wanted to go to school and become a teacher. After 9/11 she went to war. She is now working on her Masters and hopes to get her Doctorate. She will never be completely healed, but life is getting better every day. If you have a chance to hear her speak, please go. Another speaker was our own Betty Moseley Brown and she was GREAT!!!

We held a meeting after the conference and planned a Christmas party and discussed election of officers. The photo was taken during the conference but is missing several other members who attended.



We want to welcome back home Judy Tullis from her travels with SAMS Club. We are getting our travel pictures from Donna Perdue but she says this is work???

We are getting ready for a Summit County Cookout for our veterans at the Veteran Service Commission and Cookie Week at the Summit County Veteran's Clinic.

For all our OH-2 members and all WMA members: please vote, remember Veterans' Day, Happy Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and New Year. Safe travels and good health.

Elva Pounders

OK-2 - Heartland

The few active members we have are usually running full speed ahead during this time of the year.

The fall activities got rockin' and rollin' with the annual Vets Fest dance on 21 September. We didn't have to post any bail, so I guess everyone had a good time AND behaved themselves!



Next came our meeting at Primo's in Midwest City. Discussions were conducted on hosting the R&A luncheon at the convention, our next meeting, and upcoming events. We also recognized Deb Patillo for winning first place for the wooden urn she made and entered in the Great State Fair of Oklahoma! You should see this in person; the photo does not do it justice. Deb is very talented when it comes to wood working. Congrats Deb!!

Next came the 29th Annual Oklahoma Women Veterans Recognition Day activities. Held in Tulsa for the first time since 1993, the Tulsa chapter of Women Veterans of Oklahoma (WVO) stepped up and helped out with the event, which was hosted by the OKC chapter of the WVO and OK-2. Pam

Bloustine served as co-chair and emcee, and members Joan Wil-lauer, Deb Patillo, Karen Kelly and I pitched in both in front of and behind the scenes. Deb even donated her prize-winning wooden urn for the silent auction. BGen Wilma Vaught came back to speak again. I'm not completely sure, but given the number of times she's been here, I think she just may like us! All the comments I've seen have shown that it was a wonderful event, and our women veterans were overwhelmingly honored.

The next event was the Halloween party at the VA Medical Center in OKC. Dorothy Rimbold and Brenda Sutton staff our game booth every year and have a blast doing it. This year was no exception.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 1 December at Primo's. Members will be bringing toys for donation to Toys for Tots.

Until next time, everyone have wonderful and safe holidays! And Happy Birthday!

Sondra Metzger

OR-1 – Lady Marine Rose

Greetings from Lady Marine Rose Chapter OR-1!

After a busy summer for all, it was good to see everyone at our September and October meetings. We meet at The Hazelwood the fourth Saturday of the month.

Dolly Ruble received a plaque honoring her service to our country during WWII at the Aurora Airport get together in August. A couple, dressed in Marine WWII uniforms, provided Dolly with her first jeep ride to the presentation. She had a great time!

Heidi Tanada, Golda Fabian, and Hattie Kelley attend many bazaars in the Portland area. They sell litter bags that are fantastic for use at home or in the car! Some people use them to keep remote controls in one place! Thank you to Heidi, her sister Bobbi, and Golda for spending many hours selecting the material and sewing! The sale of the litter bags helps to provide funds for the Meg Dawes scholarship.

Golda gave a short presentation about Angel Flight. They are a group of pilots around the country who provide free flights for medical care. These pilots give of their time and talent to many who live in rural areas.

Several of our members will be active participants in the Veterans' Day Parade on November 11th in the Hollywood District in Portland. As usual, Golda will walk the parade route. It's hard to keep up with a Marine...no matter what her age!

A reminder about Honor Flights for anyone who served in any branch of the military during WWII or Korea. Many states have this organization that provides a free flight for you and a guest to visit Washington, DC to see memorials to thank you for your service to our country.

As the holidays quickly approach, we wish you all a happy and healthy season and best wishes for 2014!

Judy Rankin, LE

OR-3 - Eager Beavers

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest...

Here we are closing in on the end of yet another year wondering where the time goes. Here's a recap of what the OR-3 chapter has been doing.

Our chapter said goodbye to long time member Dea Cutting. Dea was one of our 'coast' members, residing in Florence. She decided to relocate to Texas to live with her daughter and be closer to family. Dea's smile is missed by us all.

They say when one door closes another opens and that's true for our chapter. We have welcomed new member Sabrina Messenger who lives in Corvallis. We are looking forward to making the short trip to have a meeting there. Sabrina assures us that there are many great places to share a good meal and have our meeting. Welcome Sabrina!!

Sadly, Treasurer Eva McDonald lost her Navy veteran husband, Frank, in February and Secretary Karen Reeves lost her mom last Christmas Day.

Our chapter took part in two community projects this past year. In July, we once again made improvements to playground apparatus at a local park. The kids love the WMA painted dinosaur!!

In early October, chapter members again took part in the Willamette River Cleanup. Over five cubic yards of trash was picked up along the river bank and surrounding area. We continue to offer our outstanding clothing line for all WMA members and family. Those who have purchased and worn their shirts all report how good the quality is. We encourage everyone wanting to look really good at the upcoming national convention to order early!! Visit us at this address for information:

home.comcast.net/~or-3 or call Stephanie Wilcox at 541-554-6015.

Our Veterans' Day Parade and Christmas gathering will round out our 2013. We hope everyone has a blessed and safe holiday season. We all look forward to sharing our chapter happenings next year!! Semper Fidelis!

Karen L. Reeves

TN-1- Rocky Top

It's fall, and that means that TN-1 Rocky Top Chapter is in full swing! Our chapter has a permanent meeting space at the Ben Atchley State Veteran's Home in Knoxville and we are able to combine our meetings with visits to the residents there.

At our August meeting, we had the honor of meeting with Louise Owens, an Army veteran and a resident of the home. She entertained us with stories of her life and service in the Army during WWII.

The members also tackled the business of planning our fall and winter community activities, starting with the Homeless Veterans' Stand Down. TN-1 has been providing large care and comfort kits to the underserved female population in this group, and has staffed the distribution of hygiene items for the past few years. Members of our chapter worked alongside other women veterans from the area sorting and distributing clothing that was donated for homeless women. Helping out in this effort were Jessica King, Jody Khan, Lindsay Long, Eileen Nieler, Theresa Raymond, Pearl Rich, Becky Cornish and Laura Ward.



Members (l-r) Lindsay Long, Laura Ward, Jody Khan, Jessica King, and (LE) Melodie Haskins after the Knoxville Marine Corps League Mud Run.

scort Melodie Haskins ran to represent the Rocky Top Chapter. A muddy and fun time was had by all!

Jessica King-Hodge has begun publishing "The Woman Veteran" website for US military service women past and present. The web is chock full of information geared towards the veterans community, but there seems to be very little available specifically for women veterans. Jessica is posting regular updates on topics of interest to all women veterans, so please subscribe and share this link: www.thewomanveteran.com. The site also features a "Wall of Honor" that showcases inspirational women veterans. The first honoree is our very own Tommye Kelly, a WWII Celestial Navigation Instructor. Nominate yourself or a friend to appear in this feature!

October brings Breast Cancer Awareness Month and for Rocky Top Chapter, that means supporting member Lindsay Long's (breast cancer survivor) Casting For Recovery organization. CFR provides free weekend retreats for breast cancer survivors and uses fly fishing as a means to promote physical and mental healing from the disease. As coordinator of the East Tennessee chapter of CFR, Lindsay organizes the "Turning Leaf Tour," a series of bicycle rides through the fall colors of the Great Smoky Mountains. TN-1 is proud to support Lindsay and this cause by assisting with registration for the event.

With the holidays fast approaching, TN-1 is looking forward to participating in the MCL Birthday Luncheon, the Knoxville Veterans' Day Parade, a Pearl Harbor Day Memorial and supporting the local Marine Corps Reserve unit's Toys for Tots campaign. Happy fall, y'all, from Rocky Top!

Laura Ward

TX-1 – Lone Star State



New officers, back row (l-r): Melody Bronson, Polly Weidenkopf, Margarita Rivera, Katherine Townsend, and Area 6 Director Maria E Crowley. Seated are Maureen Moehle and Andrea Murphy.

Our chapter president created a new Facebook page under "Women Marines Association Lone Star TX-1." Please use this new page to view and share with other chapters.

Also, on September 14th we had our new officer installation. The new officers for TX-1 Lone Star Chapter are as follows: Chapter Chaplain - Maureen Moehle; Chapter Historian - Andrea Murphy; Chapter Secretary - Margarita Rivera; Chapter Treasurer - Pauline "Polly" Weidenkopf; Chapter Vice President - Melody Bronson; Chapter President - Katherine Lorenz-Townsend.

Polly was also named Marine of the Year by the Marine Corps League at their national convention in August.

Margarita Rivera

TX-2 – Texas Gulf Coast

Aloha, from Texas 2! We held our October meeting at the Bayland Community Center in Houston, but with a Hawaiian twist.

The meeting was originally scheduled for August, but because of members having other commitments it was postponed to October! Of course in this part of Texas, the weather is still very much on the warm side, so we were all able to dress appropriately in our Hawaiian attire, and Marti even showed up in a grass skirt and straw cabana hat.

Leis were given to all who attended and with Hawaiian music in the background it was a very festive meeting.

It was a pot luck affair and Judy's stuffed baked chicken entrée was wonderful with Marti bringing a traditional Hawaiian salad prepared by Tracy, and Karen brought a homemade cheesecake that by Claudia's description was "Yummy with a capital Y"!



President Judy Anderson, Claudia Heidman, Sheila Thorne, Opal Flowers, Karen Beatty, Eleanor Gibbs, and Vice President Marti Raney

Karen talked about her time in Hawaii with the Marine Corps Softball Team and that she had been on the team with Past WMA president Rhonda Amtower. She didn't realize the connection till her father found a small treasure box with mementos from that time period that he returned to her. She was even standing right next to Rhonda in the pictures, talk about small world, that's what the WMA is all about - the reconnecting of women who share a common bond that withstands the test of time. Judy told a story that Marian Ives had told her about Hawaii during WWII when Marian got a bottom pat from a general during a decorating event when he mistook her for his wife. She also told us about Marian's discovery of golf in Hawaii, and how she went on to win tournaments over her husband Dwight.

Judy told us about the retirement ceremony held in San Antonio for MajGen Angie Salinas. There was a ceremony where a flag was passed down through a line of Marines that held the General's rank through her career ending with MajGen Salinas receiving the flag at the end of the line. It was a very emotional affair and that even though at this time the Marine Corps does not have this ceremony, it would be a nice addition for future consideration at retirement ceremonies. The General is moving back to the Texas area, so we are hopeful that she might be able to attend one of our meetings in the future.

The bi-monthly business meeting was conducted and plans for decorating the VA hospital in December and placing wreathes or mementos on the graves of our past members at the VA cemetery were scheduled. Our next meeting will be December 14th and it will be the Toys for Tots and Christmas celebration. Till then we wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and Aloha from TX-2.

Marti Raney

WA-3 North Sound Chapter

After a beautiful summer, it is hard to see the rain and cold weather again, but we are grateful we are in the great Puget Northwest!

Our chapter met on 31 August at the Village Inn, Marysville, WA. President Betty Strand presided and nine were in attendance.

The chapter will continue our annual award to the outstanding cadet in the MCJROTC at Snohomish High School.

With Karen Wheeler's suggestion and ideas, the chapter has unanimously voted to proceed with the project of "Care Packages" for Marines (male or female) in overseas locations, especially those who do not receive packages. We will prepare 5 or 6 boxes of needed articles from a list prepared by Karen Wheeler. Our area director, Terry Hall, will provide up with names of recipients.

The boxes will be assembled at our 20 November meeting. We are really excited about this project.

Another project members are working on is a booth to sell items at the Kansas City convention in 2014.

The chapter has been invited to attend the birthday celebration of the Marine Corps on 2 November sponsored by Marine Corps Support Group. It will be a noon brunch to be held at the Bellevue Hilton Hotel in Bellevue, WA. I am planning to attend with my sister and I hope to see other members there.

The chapter members are also invited to the MCJROTC birthday celebration on 16 November.

We have lost another WMA member who was active with WA-1 for many years. Juanita Leighton died on 1 September in Seattle, WA. Juanita served four years in WWII and two years in the Korean war. She was a life member and also a member of the American Legion. Juanita loved all things Marine Corps and we loved her too.

Semper Fi,

Louise George

WI-1 - Wisconsin

Summer was speeding by but on 29 July Annette Howards and Connie Allord were driven up to Camp American Legion once again by Connie's daughter, Julie. It is in northern Wisconsin near Lake Tomahawk. Although Annette was in poor health, she was determined to participate in all that was offered: a trip to a concert in the park, other events in the area and most of all her favorite pontoon rides on the lake and her continuing efforts to pass "Fishing 101", as she put it. She would pass on determination alone. We returned home on Saturday and the next Thursday she had a routine exam at the Madison VA Hospital where she collapsed, was admitted into ICU and the family was called. I saw her the next day where we said our good-byes and she passed away that night, peacefully and with no regrets. Her heart was always with her family first but



Annette Howards

The Marine Corps was close behind. She participated in every veteran event that was within her grasp. Sad as it was, her funeral brought out veterans from every service to give her a sendoff she'd be proud of. Sister WMA members and others came from the surrounding area and a carload from Milwaukee, driven by Linda Dancker, our president.

The annual luncheon meeting for Wisconsin's women of all services was held at Lake Winsor Golf Club, near Madison, on 25 August, a beautiful early fall day. There were only four women from WWII and all were Marines. Other than the guest speakers, each of them was asked to give a brief summary of what they did in the service, mostly for the benefit of the younger members. They were Mibs Ewald of Mazomanie, Marion Forrer of Stoughton, Ruth Hawks of Wausau, and Connie from Madison.

On 10 September, Marge Marshman and Connie were invited to a reception held in an Air Force hangar at Truax Field. Since they have been active with the WWII Honor Flights and also honorees themselves on the first flight out of Madison, they were asked to just mingle with the guests and answer any questions about the flights. Volunteer escorts were provided - Connie's appearing in his dress blues - always a hit with everyone.

Another annual event, this year hosted by the United Women Veterans, was the luncheon meeting at the King Veterans Home where they invite the women veterans living there to join them. As usual,

As a result of the All Service Women's luncheon, Mibs, Marion, and Connie were invited to Janesville as guests of the women county veterans service officers who were part of the state-wide county veteran service officers.

Only Mibs and Connie could make it but again were asked to give a brief talk on what women did in WWII. The younger veterans are always anxious and curious about our duties and often impressed and surprised.

The fall meeting of the WMA, WI-1 chapter was held in Fond du Lac on October 5, which seems to be the most central for most Wisconsin members.

They always have an endless list of things done and those still to be done but mostly get great joy in seeing members who live in areas not convenient to most activities.

In closing, we say our goodbye to Annette, yet another of our WWII Marines who served so proudly and continued to serve until the end. Semper Fidelis, dear Sister Marine.

Connie Allord

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Comments: _____

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

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Submit each nomination on a separate form, prior to 28 Feb 2014.

Mail to: Kathy Sheppard, 6715 Monarch Park Dr, Apollo Beach, FL 33572

Taps

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

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

Life Members

Alence, Anita	MA-1	7/30/13	#482
Auer, Jane	MAL NV	2/14/13	#1625
Barton, Mary Ruth	MAL AZ	12/29/11	#706
Beckwith, Lucia (Britton/Goodlow)	MAL CA	10/7/13	#1941
Carroll, Jean (West)	MAL CA	8/17/13	#2750
Conrad, LaNelda (Putman)	MAL ID	1/14/13	#1692
Cook, Arline	MAL FL	9/23/11	#3282
Crawford, Maraynelle	MAL AR	5/16/12	#3072
Dadiskos, Ruth	MAL MA	5/10/12	#2901
Force, Edda (Lynch)	MAL NY	8/30/11	#125
Franson, Mary Emm	MAL IA	5/2/13	#2824
Griffin, Elaine (Gordon)	MAL TX	5/17/12	#1920
Hansen, Caryl (Harms)	CA-3	9/19/13	#527
Heldman, H. Sherry	FL-3	9/16/12	#2062
Hensley, Mary "Mae" (Browne)	MAL NJ	3/30/13	#1622
Hesser, Gloria	MAL PA	10/19/11	#1460
Howards, Annette (Nierenberg)	WI-1	8/9/13	#1435
Jennings, Georgia (Powers)	MAL UT	7/5/13	#563
Johnson, Maryellen	MAL IA	5/7/13	#365
Johnson, Nona (Hall)	AK-1	8/11/13	#784
Kelley, Carol (Schilling)	USA-3, MN-1	9/1/13	#1675
Knight, Arline (Flanders)	MAL NM	10/10/11	#2218
Krich, Mary (Joyce)	FL MAL	9/29/11	#761
Leighton, Juanita	WA-1	9/1/13	#189
Ludeman, Betty (Hartt)	MAL MI	12/13/12	#610
Mendenhall, Beverly (Novacek)	CA-5	10/2/12	#1684
Murphy, Mary (McLaughlin)	MAL VA	8/26/12	#1441
Ordino, Joan (Adomunas)	MAL NJ	9/27/13	#2628
Painter, Shirley (Schafer)	OH-2	3/1/12	#2423
Palmer, Doris (Kelley)	MN-1	8/8/13	#963
Pullen, Firginia (Jarrell)	MAL NC	9/14/12	#360
Schultz, Dorothy (Wightman/Cleary)	OR-1	7/20/13	#1161
Shotts, Shirley	CO-1	5/25/12	#2280
Siebert, Constance	MAL NM	1/11/12	#2552
Smith, Marian (Heikla)	MAL OR	12/22/08	#1436
Sturtz, Shirley (Osterday)	MAL OH	1/28/13	#1807
Ullrich, Emily (Kearney)	MAL IL	11/25/11	#136
Walker, Beverly (Prentice)	GA-1	9/3/13	#2915
Walton, Olaj (Prior)	MAL NY	8/7/13	#2148
Warner, Eleanor (Crocker)	HI-1	3/8/13	#222
Weeks, Jane (Molitar)	MAL MD	5/7/13	#1501
Young, Bernice	MAL OH	9/30/11	#3017
Zimmerman, Emily	FL-7	7/16/13	#289

Membership No.

Term Members

Alexander, Patritia (Gildin/Benson)	CA-2	7/24/11
Baker, Betty (Balmer)	MAL PA	6/30/12
Black, Margaret (Strnad)	FL-10	8/5/13
Bolton, Vivian (Capaul)	CA-8	8/8/13
Bonadio, Jean	CA-7	8/22/13
Cromie, Rosa	MI-2	3/6/13
Dulleba, Virginia (Reed)	MAL RI	8/18/13
Grise, Eleanor	MA-2	8/20/13
Henke, Nancy	CO-1	8/24/13
Janot, Audrey (Robinson)	MAL PA	7/11/11
Jackson, Pamela (Cameron)	MAL CA	7/12/12
Judd, Mary Le (Martin)	FL-7	4/27/13
Kelley, Rosemary Catherine	WI-1	6/27/13
Ludwig, Elva (Bouchin)	MAL OH	1/13/13
Melley, Ruth M.	FL-6	9/13/13
Phillips, Ethel (Clift)	MAL NC	4/21/13



Chaplain's Corner

"Let us be silent that we may hear the whisper of God." -- RALPH WALDO EMERSON

With our world of technology ever expanding, we seem to be bombarded on all sides by noise and someone (or something) clamoring for our attention. Many of us have our phone set to remind us of appointments, voice mail, text messages and so on. TV commercials scream at us to buy things – “and wait there’s more”, politicians talk over each other on the news to get their point across and reporters loudly focus on what seems to be mostly bad news (and what a lot of that we are having these days!). Some of you have families clamoring for your attention. You get the gist. It is good for the soul when we can just turn everything off and find a quiet place. If you have never done this, I encourage you try it if even for just a few minutes. You will be surprised at how time seems to slow down and if you make this a routine, you are likely to find that you begin “hearing” the quiet.

Mary Broussard

A Passing of Note: Dr. Michael McClung

The father of fallen warrior Maj Megan McClung, Dr Michael E. McClung, Sr., passed away suddenly and unexpectedly of natural causes at his home in Coupeville, WA, on July 2. He was 68.

He was married to Re McClung for 44 years. They have lived in Coupeville since retiring eight years ago.

Dr McClung received a master of science from the University of Southern California and a Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate School in Claremont, CA.

He was a captain in the Marine Corps, having served from 1967 to 1979, earning the Vietnam Service



Dr. Michael E. McClung, Jr.

Medal, a Purple Heart, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross and many other medals. After serving in the Corps, he worked in aerospace as a project manager and then as Director of Technology Systems at DayRunner.

Michael was commandant of the Marine Corps League Detachment 1210 named after Megan, and was coordinator of the Toys for Tots campaign on the island.

He is survived by his wife, son, two grandchildren, a sister and brother.

A proud Marine, a loving husband, a devoted father, an inspirational and selfless friend, a mentor, a scholar, a leader, a hero.

VAVS: Check Out These Three New Programs for Veterans

Have you checked out the VA lately? Three new programs for veterans are out there.

1. They are partnering with non-profit groups to give disabled veterans recreational opportunities. Are you a member of a canoeing, fishing, climbing, or other organized group or club that would sponsor an activity for veterans? If so, contact the Voluntary Services staff at your local VA Medical Facility.

2. They have established an **E-donations** program to make on-line credit or debit card contributions to the VA for programs that are not funded by government appropriations. Look for the symbol on the VA web page. From the VA web site: *Donations provide Veteran patients with many essential services and programs that otherwise would not be available to them, such as transportation services, social service assistance, rehabilitation equipment, recreation programs, activities, homeless Veteran's services, holiday*

gifts, phone cards and many other options. Your donations are 100 percent tax deductible and all administrative costs for VA are already appropriated by Congress, so you can be assured your entire donation is going directly to support Veterans in the way you choose.

3. For veterans registered in the VA Health program, there is MyHealthyVet. Each patient's health treatment records and appointments are consolidated in one place. The veteran can access the record from any computer. It is especially helpful if the vet is using a combination of VA and outside providers. Many vets are computer illiterate and there is a need for volunteers to help them learn how to access and use MyHealthyVet.

If you are volunteering at the VA, check with your local Voluntary Services Chief to see that WMA is getting credit for your time, both regular and occasional, and for any donations.

As an honorary member of the Dept

of Veterans Affairs National Advisory Committee, the reported hours worked are consolidated under the WMA organization.

Where we have volunteers, we may be members of the facility's VAVS Committee. This committee provides guidance to the facility, and helps provide resources for un-funded programs. If you are interested in being on the committee, check with me, the WMA National Certifying officer.

If you volunteer at a State Veterans Home, in those states that have them, your hours can be applied to the VA program if the local VA facility and the State Home have signed a memorandum of understanding.

Annually all the reported hours are forwarded to the National Rep and reported to the WMA Board. Consider volunteering. I did and I have enjoyed several interesting assignments.

Kay Croll

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Thursday July 24, 2014

1500-1800 Registration
1900-2100 No Host Reception-Cash Bar

Friday July 25, 2014

0800-1700 Registration
0800-1200 WMA 2014-2016 Board Meeting
0830-1200 Loyal Escorts 2014-2016 Board Meeting
1000-1200 PX Set up
1300-1600 PX Grand Opening
1230-1300 Active Duty Orientation*
1330-1530 First Timers Meeting*
1500-1600 Flag Ceremony Rehearsal
1730-1830 No Host Reception
1830-2130 Opening Banquet

Saturday July 26, 2014

0800-1700 Registration
0830-1030 WMA Business Meeting #1*
0830-1030 Loyal Escorts Business Meeting #1
1200-1430 Recognition and Awards Luncheon*
1500-1600 WS #1*
1630-1730 WS #2*
1730-1800 PX Opens
1900-2300 Loyal Escorts Hospitality

Sunday July 27, 2014

0700-0830 3rd Bi-Annual Fun Run/Walk
0800-1600 Registration
1000-1200 1st VP/AD's/Chapter Pres+
1000-1200 PX Opens
1230-1400 WMA Memorial Service*
1430-1630 WMA Business Meeting # 2*
1430-1630 Loyal Escorts Business Meeting #2
1900-2200 Loyal Escorts Hospitality

Monday July 28, 2014

0800-1600 Registration
0900-1000 WS #3*
1100-1200 BOD Photo
1200-1400 Installation Luncheon
1430-1630 WMA 2014-2016 Board Training
1430-1600 Loyal Escorts 2014-2016 Board Meeting
1730-1830 No Host Reception
1830-2130 Closing Banquet

Tuesday July 29, 2014

0800-1200 WMA 2014-2016 Board Meeting

* **Mandatory Events/Workshops (WS) for Active Duty:**

- Active Duty Orientation *
- First Timers Meeting*
- Recognition and Awards*
- Workshops 1-3*
- WMA Business Meetings 1 & 2*
- WMA Memorial Service*

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