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Something's Burning

We saw the news from California where hundreds of thousands of acres were scorched in October; homes and businesses were burned to the ground; lives were lost.

During this time, I wondered about our members and their families. An email on the WMA listserv brought responses, but none as thorough and informative as the ones from Lillian Cross:

"I have contacted 15 members of our chapter (CA-7) that were either in the fire areas or close to it. Three I am unable to get a hold of, others I did not talk to but got an answering machine. That is a good thing; at least I know the house is still standing."

I have contacted all the chapter presidents and either left a message on their answering machine or spoke with them directly. The chapters I have called are CA-1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 11, 15 and 29. I took care of CA-7 as our president works days. So far I have no negative report to give.

I spoke with Anna Brown of CA-1. Their president, Bea Gabel passed away in September. Otherwise, no negative report. CA-5 has no negative report.

People have been asking about Grace Amy Carle. She moved to Lemon Grove from Canyon Country (from one fire area to another). I have left messages on her answering machine both before the fire started and today.

I'm hearing that Carmen Lucas is alright. She suffered total loss in the 2003 fires (property and some animals) and is or has been threatened again. Carmen is the last of her Indian tribe and lives on her land that was officially created a reservation."

And then updates every so often:

"Camp Pendleton is holding its own. To the best of my knowledge no structures were damaged or burned. There were mandatory evacuations in the housing area on base. All of the SOI was evacuated, the housing areas were evacuated. There were four fires on base. One was near the generals' and senior colonels' quarters."

If anyone wants to donate, please contact the Salvation Army or American Red

Cross or other legitimate charity and specify 2007 San Diego County Wildfires. The money will go directly to the San Diego County efforts. There are six counties directly affected: San Diego, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Los Angeles, and Ventura. Others may wish to designate one of these counties instead of San Diego. Be sure to specify 2007 (name of county) Wildfires."

If any Member at Large (MAL) in the area needs any assistance you can contact Lillian at 760-724-9861 or at klcross3122@cox.net.

In one of her last reports, she said Grace Carle was in Washington state. She located

everyone she couldn't contact except one member, Clarinne Mazzetti and her husband Max. Lil has since found them. Clarinne was moved to Pauma Valley to a rest home from Escondido before the fires started. Max is staying at a hotel. Their nephew said the fire (Poomacha Fire) came so fast he did not have time to save anything. Max and Clarinne built that house with their own hands out of

adobe. The walls and roof were from trees they cut down.

CA-7 had 13 members that were either evacuated or very close to the fires. One had flames within 100 feet of her house.

Jeanne Botwright was in touch with Carmen Lucas, who is now back home on her land. She said she will try and stay as long as her health is good, then she has to decide what she is going to do.

We greatly appreciate Lil, Jeanne Botwright, Randy Tidmore, and others who responded when the call went out for information. We are glad everyone is safe, and remind all that in times of crisis, WMA's emergency fund is there for you if needed.

Sondra Metzger,
as reported by Lillian Cross



Camp Pendleton firefighters battle a blaze on Lake Drive on the edge of Lake Hodges in Del Dios. Photo courtesy of San Diego Union-Tribune.

NOK: A Word to the Wise

The recent California fires have left much devastation in southern California. CA7 had 15 members that were either in the fire areas or very close to them. Once I identified these ladies, I made up my calling list and was able to contact all but five. To these I mailed letters and received two responses. With the help of John Holvoet, we narrowed the list to one, Clarinne Mazzetti and her very faithful husband Max, who have now been located and are safe.

What is the lesson? When John returned information on these missing five, all but one (the Mazzetti's) had Next-Of-Kin (NOK) information that was **NOT** their spouse. I know I'm guilty of this same thing: my husband is listed as my next of kin. What happens now that both the husband and the wife are missing? Who can we contact to see if they are alright?

None of us plan to be missing some day. I'm changing my NOK information to a relative that does not live with me and one not in the same town. I'm "diversifying" as the saying goes, and I encourage you to do the same if your spouse is listed as your NOK. I also encourage WMA and all chapters to edit their NOK information request on their application/renewal forms to include the words "not living with you".

Lillian Cross



U.S. Navy Chief Aviation Electronics Technician Rexford Sackett looks down on miles of burnt terrain in San Diego as he and fellow sailors prepare to drop water on the blaze from a MH-60S Seahawk helicopter. DoD photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Chris Fahey

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President's Message

Women of the Corps,

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and cards. My recuperation is complete and I have a good knee now. So good, in fact, that I was able to manage the Interim Board Meeting without my Loyal Escort, Tony (he had a temporary job driving for the Avalanche). I was also able to make it to the Modern Day Marine Expo to represent WMA.

Your Board of Directors put in two grueling days and one long night conducting the business of WMA in Denver. While we still have a lot of work to do, much was accomplished. Thanks to CO-1 for hosting a lovely outdoor dinner at Daniel's Park overlooking the mountains. Many thanks to Nancy Wilt for planning and executing, and Ned Wilt for cooking the "elk bites". The dinner was attended by author Sara Sheldon (*The Few, The Proud – Women Marines in Harm's Way*); the Rocky Mountain Division Commandant of the Marine Corps League, Tom Krueger; Iraq War Veteran Jason Murray and his wife Kelsey; and many others. If you've never been to a board meeting and it is held in an area you're close to or would like to visit, I urge you to attend. It's an eye opener!

Modern Day Marine Expo is an expo where defense contractors show their wares. Many active duty personnel attend and we were delighted to have them visit our new exhibit. Nancy has written a great article later in the newsletter. Just let me say, WMA made a mark thanks to the efforts of the CO-1 Women of the Corps History Preservation Project (the History Project) and the board's support of the effort. Though Women of the Corps is a chapter project, the collection and everything the chapter does is to benefit women Marines in the long run. Each of us has a responsibility to do the best we can to preserve our history. If we don't do it, no one will.

Also, while WMA National was granted an advanced ruling as a 501 (c) 3 organization, the chapter group exemption as a 501 (c) 3 group was denied, but we are a 501 (c) 19 group and will not pay taxes. Chapters should have been informed by their area directors about this issue and it was posted on the Yahoo listserv. Each chapter is required to file a form 990 N if your tax year ends after 31 December 2006. The form is not available until after 1 January. It will be an electronic form and

not difficult to fill out. Loyal Escorts remain a (c) 19 and therefore, membership in that group is still limited. If you have questions, please feel free to call your area director, Ken Cross, or me.

I am also happy to announce www.WomenMarinesTravel.org for use by you and your friends and family. See article later in the newsletter.

The coming months will bring the holidays and a time of reverence for and remembrance of those who have given their all and those who are serving and sacrificing much for our well being. I know that you will all be doing your best to honor that sacrifice and help them in various ways. I am proud to be a member of this organization and even prouder to be your president. Thanks for all you do in the name of WMA. I remain yours,

Semper Fidelis!
Paula Sarlls



A New Contest!

To promote the Texas convention, we have a contest for you. All you have to do is locate the graphic image of the state of Texas. For illustration purposes, it looks like this:



Now this image can be anywhere within the newsletter. All you have to do is tell me where it is either by postcard or email. All entries

will be put in separate boxes (the emails will be printed out), and one from each box will be selected. That right! TWO prizes, not just one. However, sending in both a postcard AND an email is cheating, so limit it to one of the two.

Make sure you have this information on the postcard and within the email:
Your name and address
The EXACT location of the image

This image can show up anywhere, in the middle of a paragraph, at the end of an article...even within a photo! So by

"exact" I mean you have to give the page number and whatever is closest to the image, whether it's in an article or near/in a photo. Using this article as an example, you would say it's on Page 1 and within the "A New Contest!" article.

Again, the image in THIS article doesn't count! It's hiding elsewhere within the newsletter. Tell me where it is and I may send you a prize! No phone calls, please, and you can only win once!

Sondra Metzger

Donation Envelope

Women of the Corps,

You will find a donation envelope included in this issue of 'Nouncements. The presentation and preservation of our WMA history, our history as Marines who happen to be female, and the expanding role of the History Committee necessitate additional funding.

Every year we have a booth at three Marine Corps expositions – Quantico, Camp Pendleton, and Camp Lejeune. We have made a concerted effort to upgrade those exhibits and use them to inform attendees and the military contractors who

also exhibit about WMA in hopes that we will both raise interest among potential members and make contacts to raise funds for WMA. The expos are under the purview of the History Committee.

If you're a life member of WMA, I ask you especially to consider what you've received for your one time payment and seriously consider making an additional donation to assist with the presentation and preservation of our history. If you're a term member, your dues barely cover the cost of 'Nouncements and the RM & D. If we want WMA to prosper and grow, we need to be visible and continue to prove our merit in areas like the preservation of our history.

If we don't do this, no one else will. It's up to us. Your donation will be recognized in 'Nouncements unless you ask to be anonymous.

If every member donated just \$10 we could fund these projects easily for this year. Our hope is that we'll be able to raise corporate donations to cover the expenses in the future, but we need you to pitch in now. Thank you for your consideration. I remain yours,
Semper Fidelis,
Paula Sarlls
President
Women Marines Association

History on the Move

MODERN DAY MARINE

Recent activity from the the History Project included sending an exhibit and staff to Modern Day Marine, a huge exposition of the Corps and the technology of the future. A more complete story of the exhibit and activities during this event are told in another article in this issue.

MARINE MEMORIAL CLUB

The History Project recently sent the components of an exhibit to the Marine Memorial Club in San Francisco after being contacted by WMA member and chapter historian, Kathleen Wright. The Club had requested materials for a lobby display on Women Marines. This display is scheduled to remain on exhibit for two - three years. This is a great example of the interest in our history, past and present.

JULIA HAMBLET

The third Director, Women's Reserve/second director of Women Marines, Julia Hamblet has sent her personal items to us. This is a treasure trove of our past. Paula Sarlls and I took two hours to review the treasure found in this box. They included a letter from President Eisenhower and photos with President Johnson, the pen that was used by President Johnson to sign the legislation equalizing promotion of women in the Armed Forces, newspaper and magazine articles on Col Hamblet and a wealth of newspaper clippings. Of special interest are the photos and articles of the first class to graduate from Mount Holyoke. Col Hamblet was among the first women to enlist in the Corps, while others had been appointed to get the WWII program going. Col Hamblet comes from a prominent New England family and is a graduate of Vassar and the University of Ohio for her Masters. Much more will be written by us in coming publications. A heartfelt thank you to Col Hamblet for sharing these treasures with us.

HELEN HANNAH CAMPBELL

Helen has sent over 20 boxes of memorabilia to the History Project. The boxes took one pickup truck and an SUV to deliver them to our storage facilities. We are honored to have these in our possession and will get started on the inventory and documentation at our next work meeting. Helen's items will be discussed in more detail in future publications

When speaking with Helen, recently, I learned that not only was she involved with baseball as a post war chaperon of the All American Women's Baseball League but her father was a pennant level member of the first West Coast Professional Baseball League.

Helen, many thanks for this very special contribution to the History Project.

HISTORY DIVISION, HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS

While at Quantico with Modern Day Marine, our show workers contributed many hours to copying records on women Marines held by the History Division. These valuable glimpses into



Paula Sarlls taking her turn at the copier.

our history are starting to show their age. By copying them, the History Project has a back-up record of the items in their collection. Many of the originals are literally crumbling with age and need our preservation as well as theirs. Time did not allow us to complete this project and we have developed what we hope will be a team of active duty who will finish copying these files for us. The History Division generously donated work space, paper, and the copying machine to us. Their assistance is greatly appreciated and they do a magnificent job protecting and knowing the history of not only women Marines, but our entire Corps.



Nancy Wilt at the History Division copier.

NEW FINDS

Women lost at sea story - We added more to our story of the Liberator bomber lost at sea in WWII with women Marines on board. Two more news articles and one picture were found in the History Division files at Quantico.

WWI - Many new photos and documents of WWI women were obtained at Quantico and we will start including them in the next issue.

Montezuma Red - Documents on Elizabeth Arden interest and interface with our WWII members have been found. It appears that an olive drab green felt case with red cord was designed and held the Montezuma line of make-up during WWII. On the outside of this roll-up style case was the Marine Corps emblem. If you own such an item, we are hoping you will share it with the History Project.

Molly Marine - Found in the old photo section of the History Division files were the original photos of Molly in clay. These forms resulted in the final statue. In addition are pictures of the artist working with his models to form Molly. These photos plus numerous newspaper articles more than doubles the information currently held on Molly Marine. This material will appear in the next issues of 'Nouncements'.

ITEMS STILL NEEDED:

- Uniforms, all eras past and present
- Rain boots
- Rain covers
- Montezuma Red Lipstick and other red lipsticks worn
- Gold Bars Perfume (Bottle, empty bottle or picture of bottle)
- WWII girdle
- Lyle hose
- Buttons and rank insignia.
- Shoes, every generation
- WM (WWII) unit patches

CAN YOU HELP?

Funds continue to be needed to support the History Project. Any amount helps as this project keeps expanding. Contributions may be sent to CO-I through Paula Sarlls or myself.

It is an honor to preserve our history.

Nancy Wilt
WMA Historian

Marine Corps Athletes of the Year

1st Lt. Jessica Utter was honored as the 2006 Marine Corps Female Athlete of the Year. She was part of the Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon Ceremony at The Clubs At Quantico.

Utter, an electronic countermeasures officer at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., was a part of the 2006 All-Marine Triathlon and Ironman teams and the eighth overall service member and first Marine finisher at the Armed Forces Triathlon Championship. Her strong finish earned her a spot on the U.S. Armed Forces team at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire World Triathlon Championship in Sweden, where she placed 5th among

the Armed Forces women. She was the second overall female at the Mt. Rainier Duathlon; sixth overall at the Mother's Day Triathlon in Elma, Washington; and the first female to cross the line at the Race the Rock Triathlon, Langley, Washington. Finally, in October 2006, Utter completed the Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii, in 12:02:07.

GySgt Michael Green, an instructor with the Naval Aviation Technical Training Center at NAS Pensacola, FL, was selected as the Male Athlete of the Year. He is the current Submaster Bench Press world record holder in the 220 lb class.

Both Marines received their plaques from



1st Lt. Jessica Utter proudly accepts her plaque as the 2006 Marine Corps Female Athlete of the Year from LtGen. James F. Amos (left) and SgtMaj Carlton Kent. Photo by Jason Blair.

LtGen James F. Amos, commanding general of Marine Corps Combat Development Command, and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps SgtMaj Carlton W. Kent.

WomenMarinesTravel.com online!

Women of the Corps,

I'd like to introduce a new website that will benefit WMA in several ways. The site was purchased by CO-1, but ALL of the profits that CO-1 or any of its members earn from this site will go to support the Women of the Corps History Preservation Project (WOTC), the Convention Coordinating Committee (CCC), and the general fund of WMA. No member of WMA benefits financially from this project. The chapter receives no operating funds from this site. The funds that WOTC receives will simply be to pay for storage and insurance which currently runs \$5300/year. Any earnings above those expenses go to the CCC and National as a donation from CO-1. The goal is to protect the wonderful collection of history that the WOTC project has amassed for WMA members and also to help any chapter that decides to hold a convention in the future.

If you or your friends and family members travel and use the internet to arrange your travel you would benefit WMA by using www.WomenMarinesTravel.com. It works just like Orbitz or Travelocity and there are numbers to call for help on each page you access. In addition to airplane tickets, you can book cruises, hotels, rental cars, and much more on the site. Some of your National Board members have already used the site with excellent results.

The success of this site depends on YOUR participation and assistance. Anyone can use the site; it's not limited to women Marines. The more our members, your friends and family use this site, the more money that goes to the CCC and National. We need to use every resource available to raise funds and many organizations have their own travel sites so CO-1 decided to try this to help WMA raise funds. The Memorandum of

Agreement between WMA National and CO-1 will be approved by the National Board of Directors and a "frequently asked questions" article will be published in the next issue of 'Nouncements.

The fares are competitive with other internet travel sites. I urge you to go to this site and compare rates. Many times rates are less on this site, but if you have a choice between travel sites and one is just a few dollars more, but benefits WMA, wouldn't you use that site? Please consider this when comparing rates.

You can also use this site to buy flowers and there's even a prototype program to buy cars. If you're booking travel to the Houston convention, please use this site to help support the Convention Coordinating Committee.

Please pass this information along to your chapter members and to all your family members and friends.

**Paula Sarlls
President, CO-1**



WMA HQ

This is a photo of the WMA National Headquarters building on Camp Pendleton. Now we ALL know what it looks like.

Engaging Targets

Cpl. Laura A. Buckingham, a Eureka, CA native, and field radio operator with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) communications section practices engaging targets while kneeling aboard a remote shooting range outside Camp Buehring, Kuwait, September 20. Photo by Cpl. Peter R. Miller.



USCG Names New ACO



Rear Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara, US Coast Guard, has been appointed the ACO (Assistant Commandant for Operations). With this new assignment she will become the first woman to head up all Coast Guard operations.

WMA and Modern Day Marine

A recent request went out from Carol Mutter to Paula Sarlls and Nancy Wilt to expand our presence at Modern Day Marine Expos held at Quantico, Camp Lejeune and Camp Pendleton over the next year. WMA in support of this new effort made an investment in the form of modern, light weight, professional display boards. At that point Paula Sarlls and Nancy Wilt developed the portable display and sent it on its way.

This is a huge effort. Developing and packing the easiest of the process by far. The display was shipped to a warehouse in Maryland, held until the show set-up date and delivered to the WMA booth. Paula, Nancy and Sara Phoenix met at Quantico and tackled the set-up. Met by Alice Dolbear, the show opened with a great team staffing the booth.

Visitor #1 was former Commandant Al Grey. What an honor! He stayed for about 20 minutes and reviewed every photo in the display and told us a few WM stories from his day. General Grey was followed by thousands who toured the show and our booth. At times 4 people deep were waiting to enter our display. Hundreds of active duty women were spoken with and given applications for WMA. The response was overwhelming. Our success was due largely to the enthusiasm of the booth staff. Bright smiles, warm greetings and willing to re-tell our WMA story thousands of time brought the show management to see our display as well as executives of Raytheon, General Dynamics, Lockheed Martin and many other giants in the Defense World. We definitely left an impression.

The trip to Modern Day Marine included 3-5 hours a day (before and after show booth duty) at the Marine Corps Historical Division copying woman Marine documents starting with WWI and moving thru today. Five reams of paper were used and thousands of documents copied. Our WMA team was working 15 hour days between the show and the Historical Division work and loved it all. Active duty women will take up the project at the History Division and copy files which time did not allow the team to finish. The information gathered is invaluable to our history preservation.

A reception was held at Lunga Park on base and all active duty women were invited. It was a great evening and a wonderful recruitment opportunity for WMA. While not getting as large a response as hoped, we still made new friends and new members.

While at Modern Day Marine, arrangements were made for the actual WMA/History exhibit to remain in Washington and be displayed at the 10 year anniversary of WIMSA. Thanks you to Alice Dolbear for leading this effort next month.

Camp Pendleton, followed by Camp Lejeune, will be the next expos. Local chapter members will be asked to set up and staff the booths at future shows. I can guarantee you will have a wonderful time doing it.

Thanks to LtCol Dawn Harrison and Sgt Brown of PAO for their invaluable assistance. A special thanks to the Public Affairs staff for helping to take down the display, moving it and storing it overnight for us.

*Nancy Wilt
WMA Historian*



Nancy Wilt, Gen Al Gray and Paula Sarlls.

Many thanks to Carol Mutter for attending and also for visiting the booth several times to meet the active duty women; to the VA-1 chapter for your help in making this event very special; and to Alice and Russ Dolbear, our deepest thanks and a belated happy anniversary.



Photos from the picnic at Lunga Park for all active duty female Marines.



MCL Capital Detachment Honors Two

On 3 October at the Enlisted Awards Parade & Presentation during the 27th Annual Modern Day Marine Military Exposition at Quantico, the Marine Corps League Capital Marine Detachment presented awards to SSgt Casondra A. Smith (left) and Sgt Christine L. DeCaprio. SSgt Smith received her award for being the Career Planner of the Year, and Sgt DeCaprio received the Sgt-Maj Bertha Peters Award. SgtMaj Peters (Billeb) became the first Marine to be assigned as the Sergeant Major of the Women Marines in 1961. Both Marines have been deployed to Iraq. Note their many ribbons. Both have the Navy Commendation Medal, not often awarded to enlisted Marines. Both Marines also received a complimentary membership to WMA.

CA-7 Partners with Veterans Association of North County

Women Marines Association's Edith Macias Vann Chapter of Southern California (CA-7) has joined forces with the Veterans Association of North County (VANC).

VANC is a group of over 25 Southern California veterans clubs, representing over 5,000 North County veterans who are working together to raise funds to renovate "the old police station" in Oceanside into a North County Veteran's Memorial Hall. The hall will include a memorial garden with bricks and pavers available to memorialize one's service to America. Once built, the hall will sustain itself by renting its banquet facility for various functions. In addition, North County veterans groups will have access to the facility for their meetings and reduced rates for functions, as will active duty units in the area. The Hall will be a place for active duty and veterans of all eras and services to meet



VANC President Chuck Atkinson (left) is joined by CA-7 members Barbara Cogburn and Nancy Arroyo-Avila and Warren Altstatt, at a recent check presentation event.

and relax.

CA-7 Members, Barbara Cogburn and Nancy Arroyo-Avila started attending meetings to look into the partnership. The Edith Macias Vann chapter has never had any place to call home. Over the years they have met in people's homes, on base at various locations, and currently having lost their lunch spot at the San Luis Rey Officer's Club, and now meet in Oceanside at Grandma's Restaurant. The veterans hall will assure these veterans groups a place

to schedule meetings, get-togethers, events and storage of their mementos, colors, etc.

VANC would like to offer the opportunity for any WMA members to purchase bricks (\$100--name, rank and service dates) or pavers (\$300--up to two names, ranks, and dates) or a plaque (\$1,500 for family recognition or up to six individuals). These opportunities are for any veteran who served honorably to be recognized in the Veterans Memorial Garden or on the walls within the Veterans Hall in Oceanside, Ca. There will be a master scrapbook of bios and pictures kept onsite at the hall also for everyone to see who is being honored.

For more information or to purchase a brick, paver or plaque, you can contact Peggy Reiber, Secretary of CA-7 at 760-940-6268 or mail your donation, bios and pictures (if available) to VANC, P.O. Box 3046, Oceanside, CA 92051-3046.



Taken at the retirement ceremony of Gen Peter Pace, this is the first time we've ever had four female Marine generals on active duty at the same time. Left to right: BGen Angie Salinas, MajGen Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin, LtGen Frances Wilson and BGen Tracy Garrett. Photo courtesy of Carol Mutter.

Iraqi Lioness Chapter members were joined at a luncheon on October 16 by Army senior executive civilian Lynne Caroe who said, "Women Marines in Iraq are serving as gunners, humvee drivers, female searchers, as well as all the jobs they're trained to do, such as planners,

economists, intelligence, legal, mechanics, supply and sergeants major." Caroe, who is assigned to a provincial reconstruction team, also said "The coalition cannot hold and secure territory in Al Anbar without women Marines." The Marine on the bottom row, second from the right is former Area 3 Director Pat Bond McLane. Hello, Pat! Photo by SgtMaj Robert P. Beith.



Female Staff NCO Academy director makes history

SgtMaj Romona D. Cook earned a place in Marine Corps history this year when she took the helm as director of Marine Corps Base Camp Butler's Staff Noncommissioned Officers Academy, earning the distinction of first female director at any Staff NCO Academy.

Hand-picked by former Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps John L. Estrada, Cook was selected as a standout among her peers.

The Los Angeles native's career began Sept. 26, 1982 when she reported for recruit training at Parris Island. After that, her career took off, sending her to units under every major subordinate command within the Marine Air-Ground Task Force.

Among her many assignments in the Corps is a tour as a drill instructor at Parris Island. And in February 2003, she deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation

Iraqi Freedom as the sergeant major for Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462, Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing. A year after she returned from Kuwait, she was deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

After more than 25 years of service, her variety of experiences leading Marines, both in and out of combat, gave her a better sense of what Marines do every day at all ranks and billets.

Cook's duties often lead to counseling staff and students who are experiencing troubles in their lives, either profession-



SgtMaj Romona D. Cook

ally or personally. She proves herself daily as a Marine leader with how she handles any issue that may arise, according to her staff.

Cook says being director isn't about being a woman or the role model others see her as; it's about the students and what they get out of the academy.

"I love mentoring Marines," Cook said. "That's why I enjoy being a director. I remember when I was a young NCO. The rank didn't give me confidence; it was my first taste of professional military education -- my first NCO course. That's what I want every NCO and Staff NCO to leave the academy with, a sense of confidence in their leadership that they can pass on to their Marines."

Story and photo by
Cpl Juan D. Alfonso
MCB Camp Butler



Molly Marine Essays

One of the requirements for the Molly Marine Award now is for a recruit to write an essay about what it means to be "Molly Marine". Below are a few of the essays, unedited, written by recipients featured in this issue.

PFC Lindsay Sayres, Plt 4030

This recruit believes that a Molly Marine is a recruit whose highest goal is absolute team work. This means that while personal growth and change was very important to this recruit, her team's morale was her top priority. A Molly Marine looks for those recruits who typically "slip through the cracks" and helps to motivate them through her own vigor for training,

This recruit believes that there are many recruits within her platoon that should be honored, as well, but takes it very seriously that her platoon viewed her "Molly Marine". This recruit woke up every morning with the attitude that she had just one day to learn all she could, requiring 110% of effort and determination. She also knew that many fellow recruits did not always experience the same feelings of motivation and did her absolute best to "fire up" her comrades.

This recruit saw in her Drill Instructors and Senior Drill Instructor what a Molly Marine should be, and did her best to imitate them daily. God gave her the strength and her team carried her through!

(Note: Prepared when this Marine was still a recruit)

PFC Stephanie L. Bailey, Plt 4029

Have I really made a difference in this life? Will anyone, besides my family, remember or miss Private First Class Bailey, Stephanie L. when I am gone? I have always lived my life by the phrase "treat everyone the way you want to be treated". I was also taught to take care of those around me. This is exactly what a "Molly Marine" does.

A "Molly Marine" keeps a positive attitude no matter what comes her way. She is a woman who strives to be the best she can be. Being a "Molly Marine" is such an honor that I only dreamed about it. Hearing my name announced to be the recipient for this award made me so ecstatic. It is the best feeling in the world to know you have earned the respect of the recruits in the platoon.

Boot camp has been an emotionally, physically, and mentally draining as well as character building experience. I have had struggles like all the other recruits, and I have chosen to rise above them and let the experiences make me a better leader. Marine Corps Boot Camp and my faith in God have made me into the person I am today.

Receiving the award "Molly Marine" will be a moment that I will remember for the rest of my life. The recruits and the Drill Instructors of Plt. 4029 that have been my family for the past 3 months will always hold a special place in my heart. I will continue to be a strong leader and live out the title they have bestowed upon me, "Molly Marine".



From PLT 4030, PFC Lindsay Sayres, Knoxville, TN, and from PLT 4031, PVT Katrina Oyer, Colorado Springs, CO

Molly Marine Presentations



From PLT 4028, PFC Jennifer Morales, North Providence, RI, and PFC Stephanie Bailey of Central Point, OR from PLT 4029 on 12 September.



PFC Jazmen Ruiz, Schertz, TX, PLT 4032; presenter Linda Priest, SC-1; PVT Sydney Rodriguez, Tucson, AZ, PLT 4033 on 17 October.



Pvt Carrie Forney, Washington, PA, and Pvt Arlene Rodriguez, Walnut, CA presented on 4 July.

PFC Jody Smith, Yuma, AZ, PLT 4024, and PFC Eunice Gonzalez, Stanley, ND, PLT 4025, on 15 August. PFC Smith is 35 yrs old and initiated a letter to the Commandant in order to request an age waiver. She is the mother of 2 sons the oldest of whom is heading to San Diego, MCRD, bootcamp 2 January.



Honor Platoon



This is what outstanding Marine recruits look like. Platoon 4032 is an honor platoon.

Gen Pace Retirement

On 30 September, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen Peter Pace retired after more than 40 years of service to country and Corps. The first Marine to hold the position of Chairman, we honor him and his service with the photos below.

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates, left, presents Gen. Pace with his certificate of retirement as his wife Lynne looks on during an armed forces hail and farewell ceremony at Ft. Myer, Va., October 1, 2007. DoD photo by Cherie A. Thurlby. (Released)



Gen. Pace and his wife Lynne. DoD photo by U.S. Air Force SSgt. D. Myles Cullen



This says it all about a Marine's 40 years in the Corps. DoD photo by U.S. Air Force SSgt. D. Myles Cullen



Gen. Peter Pace hugs U.S. Marine 1st Lt. Andrew Kinard at the Pentagon September 27, following his final press conference as chairman. Kinard, who lost both legs to an improvised explosive device in Iraq, now works at the Pentagon. DoD photo by SSgt. D. Myles Cullen, U.S. Air Force. (Released)

Female search teams work to eliminate Fallujah's inbound threats

There's less violence on Fallujah's streets these days, but there are still some insurgents bold enough to try to sneak weapons through one of the city's numerous checkpoints. As the threat remains, so do the Marines who regulate inbound traffic by searching for contraband on possible smugglers. Due to the sensitivities of Arabic culture, this task, at times, requires a woman's touch.

In order to search women, Combat Logistics Battalion 8, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), provides a temporary Female Search Team upon the request of 2nd Marine Division's Regimental Combat Team 6. They can provide their support for up to five days at a time.

Cpl. Valarie J. Ward, an armorer with the battalion's Headquarters Company, served in Iraq on a prior tour, but stayed on base. She said she feels she has helped sustain the city's stability during this deployment by serving with the search teams.

"We're helping," said the Phillipsburg, Kan., native. "If it wasn't for us, somebody could've been sniped."

Ward is referring to an incident in which a woman was found to have a rifle scope wrapped with her baby in a blanket as she



Female Search Team members (from left) (bottom): Cpl. Valarie Ward, GySgt. Toshia Sundermier, LCpl. Rebekkah Hodges, SSgt. Elizabeth Taggart, Cpl. Kelly Nielsen, LCpl. Jennifer Roldan; (top) 1stSgt. Raquel Painter, Cpl. Rikki Ramsey, Sgt. Janet Nutall, SSgt. Maranda Townsend, Cpl. Mona Kohl, LCpl. Korvette Adamsvalle, LCpl. Michelle Hernandez, LCpl. Karem Cuevas, 1stLt. Amy Bernard, LCpl. Ceciley Crowley.

passed through an entry control point. The search teams have also discovered copper wire used to make improvised explosive devices, unusual amounts of U.S. money and even a man.

"He was dressed as a woman with a package on his tummy," said 2dLt. Haley N. Katz, a battalion watch officer who has participated on the search teams. "He tried saying he was pregnant."

Consequences for the smugglers depend on the situation. If an item is confiscated, an onsite legal representative rules whether or not the individual can be reimbursed.

Katz said the search teams have taken options away from smugglers and kept weapons out of the hands of the enemy.

"If we weren't out there searching women, they would exploit that," she said. "I think it's a matter of operational necessity."

This deems the search teams a priority, said Katz. To ensure the Marines remain proficient, they review searching techniques, basic Arabic language skills, and intelligence updates once a month.

Katz said the operational tempo increased for the search teams during September as they prepared for the Ramadan holiday. The demand for female search teams also rose when

classes at a local university started. Many buses brought young Iraqis through the entry control point to continue their education. The female Marines said they noticed some of the young women they searched seemed to be westernized.

Katz told of a young woman she thought stood out.

"She had a pink headscarf, pink watch, pink purse, pink shoes, pink eyeliner and she looked fabulous," said Katz. "Whether or not they choose to wear a pink headscarf, it's great they feel free enough to have that choice."

Cpl Andrew Kalwitz
2nd Marine Logistics Group

2007 Scholarship Recipients



Ethel & Armin Weibke
\$1500 Memorial Scholarship
 Kelsey Gerdes, Coon Rapid, MN
 Iowa State University
 Major/Minor: Chemical Engineering
 Sponsor: Liz Whitbeck - Friend



Lily H. Gridley
\$1500 Memorial Scholarship
 Jean Dahlquist, Wauwatosa, WI
 Swarthmore College
 Major/Minor: Double Major
 Engineering & Physics/English
 Sponsor: Maureen Hornung - Friend



Lily H. Gridley
\$1500 Memorial Scholarship
 Erin Myers, Stafford, VA
 University of Virginia
 Major/Minor: Biomedical
 Engineering
 Sponsor: Bonnie Myers - Mother



Lily H. Gridley
\$1500 Memorial Scholarship
 Derek Slattery, Ludington, MI
 Spring Arbor University
 Major/Minor: Music Performance/
 Worship Arts
 Sponsor: Lori Robinson - Friend
 Previous Winner



LaRue A. Ditmore
Music Scholarship
 Hannah Brandt, Prosperity, SC
 Winthrop University
 Major/Minor: Music Education
 Sponsor: Patricia McCleary - Cousin



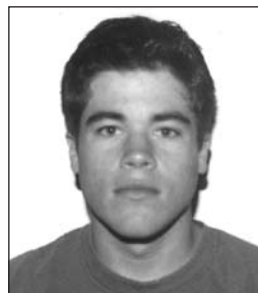
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Music Scholarship
 Donna Fullerton, Altamonte Springs,
 FL
 Seminole Community College
 Major/Minor: Music/Art
 Sponsor: Self



LaRue A. Ditmore
Music Scholarship
 Katelyn Gyhra, Omaha, NE
 Michigan State University
 Major/Minor: Music Education
 Sponsor: Mary Ann Merritt -
 Acquaintance



WMA \$1500 National Scholarship
 Allison Antis, Greensburg, PA
 Pennsylvania State University
 Major/Minor: Information Sciences
 & Technology
 Sponsor: Nancy Anderson - Friend



WMA \$1500 National Scholarship
 Joseph A. "Tony" Bertucci, Jr.,
 Martinez, GA
 Georgia College & State University
 Major/Minor: Biology/Chemistry
 Sponsor: Megan Guinee- Friend
 Previous Winner



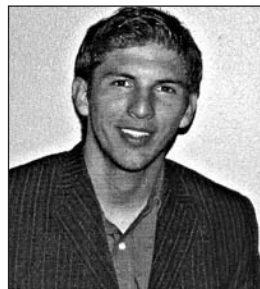
WMA \$1500 National Scholarship
 Erica Carter, Henryville, IN
 Oakland City College
 Major/Minor: Elementary/Special
 Education
 Sponsor: Consuelo Hamm -
 Acquaintance



WMA \$1500 National Scholarship
 Jillian Foley, Arnold, MD
 Northwestern University
 Major/Minor: Mathematics
 Sponsor: Mary Foley - Mother



WMA \$1500 National Scholarship
 Kathryn Kelly, Holland, PA
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Major/Minor: Computer Science/
 Electronic Arts
 Sponsor: Laura Sampsel - Friend



WMA \$1500 National Scholarship
 Trevor Martinet, Pueblo, CO
 Colorado State University - Pueblo
 Major/Minor: Business Administration
 Sponsor: Sally Martinet - Mother
 Previous Winner



WMA \$1500 National Scholarship
 Stephan Paul, Uncasville, CT
 Providence College
 Major/Minor: Biochemistry/Spanish
 Sponsor: Barbara Chagnon - Aunt



WMA \$1500 National Scholarship
 Alyse Rand, Montezuma, GA
 University of Oklahoma
 Major: Broadcasting & Electronic
 Media/Business
 Sponsor: Ellen Olander - Friend
 Previous Winner



WMA \$1500 National Scholarship
 Caroline Tegzes, Lenoir City, TN
 New York University
 Major/Minor: Marketing
 Communications: Advertising and
 Public Relations
 Sponsor: Doris Keane - Friend



WMA \$1500 National Scholarship
 Jamie Thomas, Union, WA
 University of California
 Major: Political Science
 Sponsor: Dorothy Munroe- Friend
 Previous Winner



WMA \$1500 National Scholarship
 Craig Zubke, Adrian, MI
 Central Michigan University
 Major/Minor: Business
 Sponsor: Lori Casanova - Aunt



**Oregon Chapters \$1500 Meg
 Dawes Memorial Scholarship**
 Megan Garr, Aumsville, OR
 Chemeketa Community College
 Major/Minor: Nursing
 Sponsor: Florence Gapp -
 Grandmother



**Gulf Coast of Florida \$1 000
 World War One Memorial
 Scholarship**
 Monica Herrera, Coconut Creek, FL
 University of Florida
 Major/Minor: Physical Therapy/
 Health Science
 Sponsor: Elvira DuNaier - Friend



Gold Coast of Florida \$1000 Blanchard Miller Memorial Scholarship
Cynthia Bellinger, Lynchburg, SC
Morris College
Major/Minor: Elementary Education
Sponsor: Nancy Aubitz - Mentor



Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter \$500 Father Charles Covert Memorial Scholarship
Nikita Apriesnig, Camp Lejeune, NC
University of San Francisco
Major/Minor: Chemistry
Sponsor: Loy Apriesnig - Mother



Minnesota Leathernecks - MN-1 \$500 Jeanette I. Sustad Memorial Scholarship
Lauren Siv, Lake Ann, MI
University of Michigan
Major/Minor: Nursing
Sponsor: Sharon Sir - Mother

New Scholarship Established

Through a very generous contribution of Dr. & Mrs. Michael McClung, a scholarship has been set up in memory of their daughter, Major Megan McClung, the first and highest ranking female Marine officer to die in Iraq as a result of hostile action. She is also the first female Marine officer ever to die in hostile action. She graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1995. More information on Major McClung can be found on the cover of the Winter 2007 issue of *'Nouncements*.

This special memorial scholarship is fully funded for at least ten years. Additional contributions will lengthen the duration of the award. Those wishing to donate should make checks payable to WMA and note that the funds are for the Major Megan McClung Memorial Scholarship. Please mail checks to the WMA, P.O. Box 8405, Falls Church, VA 22041-8405.



Major Megan McClung

Carol Mutter

MCJROTC Awards



Paula Sarlls presenting the WMA award to Cadet Sergeant Gloria Sanchez on 16 May at Adams City High School in Commerce City, Colorado.



Cadet Catherine Place accepting her Outstanding Cadet Award from Denne Howard.



OK-1 presenter Wanda Graham with Cadet SSgt Kealey Gibson and her senior military instructors (SMIs), MSgt Richard Williams and LtCol Terry Hill, Sapulpa High School. Both SMIs received certificates of appreciation from WMA.



SC-1's Brenda Moore (bottom left) and Maria Knox (bottom right) with the female cadets in the Rutherfordton (NC) Central High School MCJROTC. Out of 80 cadets, 48 are female. Cadet Cpl Jessica D. Hunt received the WMA Outstanding Cadet Award.



The Outstanding Cadet award is presented to Cadet Samantha Verheyden from Battery Creek High School by SC-1's Maria Knox.



Marge Collins made presentations at Palm Bay High School, Palm Bay, FL to: Emily Weber (left); (center) Joanne Ortiz; and (right) Michelle Hamel.

Beirut Memorial Observed



As part of the Beirut Memorial Observance Ceremony MajGen Robert C. Dickerson, Marine Corps Installations East Commanding General and Col. Adele E. Hodges, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune Commanding Officer march together for the traditional laying of wreaths.

Photo by PFC Ryan E. Turnage.

1,200 pound Marine retires after 17 years

A Marine's years of service are usually rewarded with a good retirement check and continued benefits, but for one 1,200 pound Marine, retirement means lots of good carrots in an open pasture in Arizona.

Marianas Honey, one of the Palomino Mustangs that served in the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard, was medically retired October 1 after 17 years of service due to an old injury to her knee, said GySgt Ivan Collazo-Sanchez, staff noncommissioned officer in charge, base stables.

Honey was born in 1986 in the lands protected by the Bureau of Land Management in Nevada. She was captured two years later and transferred to the Palomino Valley Wild Horse and Burro Placement Center in Sparks, Nevada.

When she turned three she was adopted by Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow.

Before she could go to parades, she had to undergo extensive training to include crowd control, tactical maneuvers and marching.

She finally earned the title "Marine" on March 11, 1998. She was also given a Marine name, "Marianas Honey", in honor of the Marines that breached the Marianas



Members of Headquarters Battalion surround Marianas Honey during her retirement ceremony. Photo by Cpl Quentin Grogan.

Islands.

Since that time she has officially made appearances in 267 events throughout the western United States to include nine appearances in the Tournament of Roses Parade, in Pasadena, with her last performance being the Pelco's Toys for Tots Parade in Clovis.

Honey carried out her duties willingly without hesitation, despite the fact that she carried a potentially crippling injury within her, said Collazo-Sanchez. He said Honey showed signs of injury a week before the 2006 Rose Bowl Parade, and she would have to be replaced by the backup horse.

It was discovered that Honey's front left quarter had an old bone crack in her knee, that if gone unnoticed further, would ultimately make her go lame. This would eventually require her to be humanely put down. Her injury was so severe that she would not even be able to carry a child much less a

Marine.

"She proudly carried Marines in spite of her injury, because of her performances, many people have joined the Corps and many old Marines wish they were still in," said Collazo-Sanchez.

Her 17 years of service in horse

years is equivalent to 38 human years, and after all that time of faithful service as part of the only remaining Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard, she will retire to live with a familiar face, SSgt Cody Sepulveda, former member of the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard, who separated from the Marine Corps in January.

"That was her baby," said Collazo-Sanchez, "they were together 2 years before (Sepulveda) separated from the Marine Corps".

It seems an almost perfect ending for a Marine that gave her all in service to the Marine Corps, said Collazo-Sanchez.

"To see them take care of each other in the coming years is the way it should be," he said, "Marines caring for Marines."

LCpl Josh Carmona
MCLB Barstow



Manning Honored

Mitzi Manning (kneeling) was ordained a Deacon in Full Connection in the United Methodist Church on June 11th at the Virginia Annual Conference. She continues to work as the Older Adult Pastor at Fairlington UMC in Alexandria, VA., and this summer filled in at the Air Force Retirement Community (Falcon's Landing) holding services while they were looking for a new chaplain.

Colorado Chapter Hosts 5K Run

The Colorado Columbines Chapter hosted the 2nd annual United States Marine Corps Memorial 5K Fun Run/Walk September 23 in Golden, Colorado.

The event, which attracted numerous runners and a fantastic audience, began with an all-female Marine Color Guard from Marine Air Control Squadron 23, Buckley Air Force Base followed by 14 year old local Broomfield citizen Sumer Albright singing a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. The Adams City High School MCJROTC also provided a detail for the opening ceremony.

The first male (Aaron Fitzgerald) and female (Brandy Erholtz) to finish the race each received a pair of roundtrip tickets courtesy of Frontier Airlines. Their finishing times were 17:21 and 17:29 respectively. The second and third place male runners were Andy Cahoy, with a time of 19:06 and Dan Arkreieri finishing with a time of 20:44. The second female runner was Tami Kochen finishing at 19:29 and the third female was Leigh McCoy coming in at 24:23.



Amy S. Contreras



A BIRTHDAY MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS


Since the birth of our Nation, our liberty has been purchased by valiant men and women of deep conviction, great courage, and bold action; the cost has often been in blood and tremendous sacrifice. As America's sentinels of freedom, United States Marines are counted among the finest legions in the chronicles of war. Since 1775, Marines have marched boldly to the sounds of the guns and have fought fiercely and honorably to defeat the scourge of tyranny and terror. We are Marines — that is what we do.

In the words of President John F. Kennedy: "In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger." Magnificent heroes fought in the wheat fields of Belleau Wood, in the snows of the Chosin, and on the streets of Hue City. Your generation bears this obligation now, and it is borne on mighty and capable shoulders. Just like the Marines at Belleau Wood — we are once again engaged in sustained operations ashore. Just like at Belleau Wood — the Marines have been given the toughest sector and have prevailed over a resilient and determined enemy — who has made us pay for our gains. Once again, as in any struggle, the road ahead is far from certain, but as Marines, we are not dissuaded by the challenges of war or the tough conditions of a warrior's life. Indeed, we don't just accept our destiny — we shape it.

On our 232nd birthday, to every Marine — those still in uniform and those who have served honorably in the past — be proud of who you are and what you do. Know that your citizenship dues have been paid in full; you are part of this Nation's elite warrior class. Cherish our families who offer marvelous support, abiding resolve, and steadfast patience. Remember those who have served and those who have fallen — their names are chiseled on the roll call of America's heroes. Those who have carried the battle colors of our Corps have forged our heritage, and today's generation of leathernecks chart our future. Carry the colors with pride; carry them with honor.

Happy birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis,


James T. Conway
General, U.S. Marine Corps

Marine Corps Birthday Message

America is blessed to be the free republic that it is because of the sacrifice and service of our military members. On 10 November 2007 we celebrate the 232nd birthday of the United States Marines - an elite group of individuals called to a very special purpose in our country's history.

This day is set aside to honor all Marines who have ever served, from those who sacrificed their lives in historic battles to those who served in rolls some may call less glorious. Nonetheless, all served

an important part in the history of the nation. All paid their dues as United States Marines.

All Marines throughout history can be proud of their unique role in molding the nature of this country and preserving the rights we all enjoy today. All Marines can be certain that they are not followers, but are leaders who shape their destinies as well as that of the country. When my father was on his death bed he proudly told the doctors that I was a "do-er" and I say that

each of you Marines is a "do-er" because that is what Marines are. They act vs. react; they adapt and overcome vs. complaining and acquiescing; they innovate and create vs. settling for the status quo; they are The FEW the PROUD, the UNITED STATES MARINES!

Happy Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis
Paula Sarlls

National Office Nominations

Nominations for WMA National office for the 2008-2010 term will open 1 January 2008 and close 15 March 2008.

Any WMA member, in good standing, may seek election to any National office.

Members desiring to serve are welcome and encouraged to complete and return the nomination form found at the top of Page 22 in the 2006-08 Resource Manual and Directory. **(NOTE: Please see the new name and address listed below for returning nomination forms.)**

If you will consider running for office, are interested in serving on one of our many Committees listed on Page 15 of the Resource Manual and Directory, or would like more information on any position, please feel free to contact me either via telephone or email. You may also contact your Area Director or chapter president for assistance.

Please include a short bio and photo with your nomination form to be used on the election ballot.

WMA is always looking for leaders. Is now your time?

I look forward to hearing from members desiring to serve WMA! Semper Fidelis!

Karen L. Reeves

Return Nomination Forms to:

Karen L. Reeves
Nominating/Convention Site Chair
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Springfield, Oregon 97478
Tel: 541-741-1213
Email: klro42@aol.com

Convention Site Nominations

The Women Marines Association National Convention and Professional Development Conference returns to Region 1 in 2012.

Region 1 (CONUS) is represented by:

- Area 1 (CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, & VT)
- Area 2 (DE, DC, MD, NJ, PA, VA, & WVA)
- Area 3 (AL, FL, GA, NC, SC, & TN)
- Area 4 (IN, MI, OH, KY, excluding IL)

Now is the time to submit your bid to host the 2012 National Convention! Your bids must be submitted by 15 March 2008.

If you or your chapter members wish to submit a bid to host the 2012 convention, or have questions regarding hosting a convention, please don't hesitate to contact me. Semper Fidelis.

Karen L. Reeves

Hey Santa...!

It's almost the holiday season and that means our WMA members are making their wish lists. High on all their lists must be the 2008 Women Marine Association Historical Calendar. This calendar features WMA Marine friends, both personal and historical. When you think about holiday gifts for your "Corps" friends remember them with a 2008 historical calendar. Grab them while you can for the holiday sale price of \$10.00, plus postage.

Happy Holidays from your friends at Texas-2, Host of the 2008 Women Marines Association Biennial Convention & Professional Development Conference, "Mission: WMA Roundup 2008".

Remember to add the calendars to your gifts to order; Judy Anderson, 726 Beachcomber, Houston, Texas 77062; make checks payable to TX-2 ; \$10.00 each calendar plus \$3.00 postage.



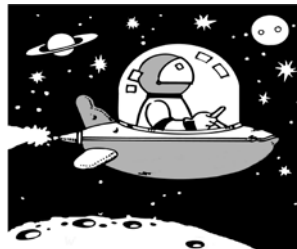
WMA PX – Space Trading Center

MISSION: 2008 - Your mission is to prepare for your Docking Station at SPACE TRADING CENTER 2008. The Space Trading Center will be located in the GALLERIA OF STARS, Houston, Texas. Copy that?

"9-8-7..." expect the most gigantic room for a trading center at the 2008 Galleria Space Center, Houston. How about a room as big as an indoor football field (well, almost that big) as the launching pad for our Space Trading Center! That's close to the size we'll have for our WMA Star Traders at the 2008 convention. There will be plenty of space and docking stations for each and every WMA chapter planet.

"6-5-4 ..." space traders can expect rocket boosters in the form of door prizes for the best space and star-studded decorated table. WMA stars, astronauts and aliens from all WMA planets will also be eligible for door prizes, just for walking through our Space Trading Center and Galleria of Stars. So, get working on your mission for the 2008 Convention! Sign up and send in your application and check made payable to WMA 2008 Convention to BJ Huggins, P. O. Box 1821, Pasadena, TX 77501.

"... 3-2-1 - Blast-off!!!! Roger !!!"



(Translation –For those "unspace" oriented members, the WMA PX for this convention will be in the biggest room WMA has ever had, so get your reservations for space in as soon as possible! Decorate your table and win a prize! Walk through and win a prize! And yes, this also used to be called The Boutique.)

Space Trading Center Reservation Form \$50.00

(aka, WMA-PX)

Chapter Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Items offered: _____

Special needs: _____

Send in your application and check or money order (made out to "WMA 2008 Convention) for \$50 to: BJ HUGGINS, P. O. Box 1821, Pasadena, TX 77501

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

25th Biennial Women Marines Association Convention and Professional Development Conference August 28 - September 3, 2008



Mail completed form, along with payment to:

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To be completed by Registration Chair

Date Received _____

Registration Number _____

Pre-convention Registration must be received by 30 June 2008.

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

Date	Event	Package A All Meals	Option B Individual Choice	Non Member Meals	Totals
29 Aug	Opening Banquet	Included _____ @ \$46.00	_____ @ \$47.00	\$ _____	
30 Aug	Recognition & Awards Luncheon	Included _____ @ \$44.00	_____ @ \$46.00	\$ _____	
01 Sep	2010 Convention Luncheon	Included _____ @ \$42.00	_____ @ \$44.00	\$ _____	
02 Sep	Installation Brunch	Included _____ @ \$26.00	_____ @ \$28.00	\$ _____	
02 Sep	Closing Banquet	Included _____ @ \$62.00	_____ @ \$64.00	\$ _____	
Cost:		\$210.00	\$220.00	\$ _____	

Hotel meal costs include Service Charge, gratuity and TX sales tax - total 30.25%

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We will provide reserved seating at the Opening and Closing Banquets,
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Seating is limited to 8 persons per table, and will be assigned
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Opening Banquet (provide name and chapter)

Closing Banquet (provide name and chapter)

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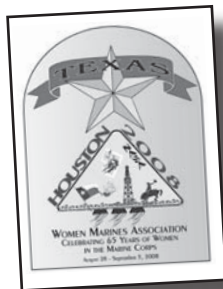
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All members are encouraged to purchase and/or sell ads for the convention program. The program will have a memorial section where you can honor deceased members, family and friends, and corporate sponsors are welcome to advertise. We know each convention registrant will be proud to have a copy as a keepsake and/or purchase extras for those unable to attend.

The program will be in black and white, and the program size is 8 x 11" with half-inch margins (see ad sizes below). The two outside covers are designated for preplanned use. The advertising costs are detailed for members and non-members. All ads must be submitted in BLACK

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Giddy up y'all! It's time to roundup new members and open new chapters. The prizes below are your recruiting incentives and will be awarded at the 2008 WMA Houston Convention. To qualify for those prizes you must be a WMA member in good standing at the time of the awards. Only applicants postmarked before 1 August 2008 will be eligible for credit to win the big prizes. You need not be present at the convention to win.

Contest Timeline: 2 Aug 2006 – 1 Aug 2008

1. Individual Award: For the individual who recruits the most new WMA members during the contest period. Your name **MUST** appear on the application form in the section "Enrolled By."

Prizes: Grand Champion \$250
Reserve \$100
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2. Chapter Awards:

A. For the chapter that recruits the most new WMA chapter members during the contest.

Prizes: Grand Champion \$250
Reserve \$100
3rd Place \$50

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B. Loyal Escorts: For the chapter that recruits the most new Loyal Escort members during the contest period. One award will be given within each chapter size class as noted above. The affiliated chapter **must** appear on the application form in the section "Sponsor Chapter Code."

Prize: Loyal Escort Recruitment Streamer for Chapter Flag

3. Area Director Award: For the most new WMA chapters organized within her assigned area during the contest period.

Prize: Special Pin and \$150 (To help supplement the AD's budget for new chapter support.)

Let's GIDDY UP and roundup some new members!

Golf in Houston!! Calling all WMA and Loyal Escort Members Thursday August 28, 2008

Name _____ Date of arrival in Houston _____

☐ Yes I plan to play in the Fun WMA Golf Tournament.

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Note: Fees will be announced at a later date

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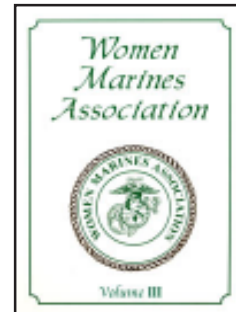
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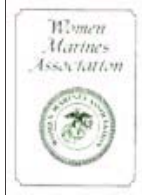
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Chapter Clippings

(Please keep in mind that the Clippings for California chapters were written before the fires. ~ Editor)



CA-2 San Diego County

Our summer has been a relaxing one. We managed to get together twice in August. On 11 August, several CA-2 members journeyed up north to Oceanside and enjoyed a potluck luncheon at the home of Ellie Judge. It was a fun day with lots of good food, entertainment, and camaraderie.

On 18 August, I invited all members, families, and friends to a picnic/pool party at my home. Everyone enjoyed the barbeque spare ribs, with all the trimmings, cooked by our Loyal Escort Nancy Brock.

We attended two book signings in October, one at MCRD and one at Miramar Air Station, for "Band of Sisters". On 3 November, the 18th annual Military Women's Luncheon was held at the MCAS Officer's Club. All branches of service attended this event, which has grown annually, with 175-200 attending this year. On 6 November, CA-2 was once again at the VA Hospital to help celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday. We provided cookies, nuts and punch, and cut and distributed birthday cake provided by MCRD. The Veterans' Day Parade, 10 November, found a few of our WWII members riding in a military vehicle and some younger ones walking behind. After a week of rest, on 17 November we will again gather at the Holiday Inn Bayside for a Thanksgiving luncheon and election of officers to be installed in February.

Early December a few good members will decorate Christmas trees at the Veterans Hospital and Kay Miller will keep us busy with our Toys for Tots campaign.

And so our year will come to an end with happy thoughts and prayers going out to all of you for the holidays.

Randy Tidmore



Left to right: Randy Tidmore, Jan Davis, B.J. Strong, Ruth Gallivan, Nancy Brock.



CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

At September's meeting, we had a guest speaker from the Marines' Memorial Club in San Francisco, Bob Wenger, who wants to do a display window honoring women Marines from World War I to today's active duty Marines. Kathleen Wright and Laverne Marts have met most of his requests for photos, posters, and a dress blues cover from the 50's.

Pat Ryan, Veterans Administration, also a guest speaker, was trying to locate women of all the branches of the military for a float in the upcoming Veterans' Day parade. The Marines were well

represented! The city of San Leandro provided Pat with a brand new bus for the parade. Thank You.

Money was collected for postage to help send more boxes to our adopted platoon in Iraq. Kathleen Wright is doing a super job of finding all sorts of goodies, too long to list. The platoon looks forward to their goodie boxes arriving.

Maggie Hart, Laverne Marts, Kathleen Wright and Betty Lieser all became new members of WMA CA-6 while attending a luncheon meeting in Walnut Creek.

November will be a very busy month, with breakfast being served at the Memorial Building in San Leandro for the Marine Corps League Detachment #919 annual breakfast. Laverne Marts and Betty Lieser have been delegated to once again decorate the hall for the occasion.

We were off to a Marine only cruise in Benecia, their 17th annual birthday cruise. This was the third cruise that the women Marines have attended. Laverne Marts, Maggie Hart, Louise Tamayo and her husband Pete, Doris Panzer, Kathleen Wright and Betty Lieser will attend from CA-3. Semper Fidelis.

Betty Lieser



CA-5 Orange County California

Our annual picnic held 25 August was attended by 26 members and guests. We were fortunate the weather wasn't too hot that day. As always, the food and games were enjoyed by all.

Valorie Lephart, our vice president, chaired the committee in charge of the Women Veterans luncheon on November 3rd. Our chapter was the host this year. Members from the Navy, Army and Coast Guard attended. All proceeds are forwarded to W.I.M.S.A. The program was the history of the "Star Spangled Banner" presented by Valorie.

This past summer we have had at least six members in the hospital. Nice to know they are home or healing and soon will be home. To all our members who are now ill, we send our wishes for good health.

The Annual Christmas Party will be 2 December at the Claim Jumper. This is always well attended and a fun afternoon. After a delicious buffet, we have our gift exchange. Toys for the Toys for Tots program are collected. This year we will be nominating our board for 2008-2010. Semper Fidelis.

Mary Ann Rogers



CA-7 Edith Macias Vann So. California

CA-7 is busy catching up from their summer break. At their last meeting, the chapter was busy preparing for members who will be walking in the Stride for Life Breast cancer walk in Balboa Park on 21 October. Member Dot Munroe is a breast cancer survivor, and the chapter is very thankful she is for all she does for us!

They also modeled a sample hunter green jacket that we will be offering for sale at the WMA PX. This is in addition to many other items--so watch for our booth in Houston! The next meeting will also be the Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon which falls on 10 November this year.

The chapter is also very proud of CA-7 member SSgt Jacqueline Caputi, currently deployed with MWSS-272 in Iraq, and a proud charter member of the newly established WMA Lady Diamondbacks, I am sure she will contribute as much to their chapter as she does back here at CA-7. Hurry home SSgt Caputi

and be safe.

The chapter will be sending care packages for the holidays to our fellow WMA members so far away. God speed to all our military serving around the world.

Peggy Reiber



SSgt Caputi in Bangor, Maine heading to Iraq.

We work tirelessly to catalog, store, and preserve the memorabilia you send us. This all takes a lot of money and your donations help. Please keep them coming.

Jan Clay

WMA FL-8 Spaceport



Our first meeting of the year was held at Perkins in Viera on 14 September (see photo). We welcomed a new member, Peggy Dowd, from West Melbourne and said

goodbye to long time member Lucille Misurella. We are sorry to see her go, but wish her and her family well in their move to Arizona.

Plans were made to collect items for servicewomen in Iraq. We met 12 October for our regular meeting to assemble and pack the items. Marge Collins coordinated the effort to assure a variety of articles. The meeting was held at Mary Bevin's condo social hall.

We attended the All Women Veterans Luncheon on 20 October hosted by the WAC Space Coast Chapter at Patrick Air Force Base.

Betty-Jo Birney

WMA IA-1 Wild Rose



The Wild Rose Chapter of Iowa where special guests of the 132nd Fighter Wing located in Des Moines. Iowa's WMA members received dignitary like attention and treatment from unit members.

IA-1 on the flight line.

Our chapter meeting was held in the wing classroom overlooking the flight line and its activities. In addition to conducting regular business, members received a tour and briefing on the wing's activities from Command Chief Master Sergeant (CCMS) Ed Schellhase. We participated in two, once in a life time, events. Members were allowed hands-on privileges, latterly, with an F-16 Fighter Aircraft. Even more unique, we participated in the launch of a flight of four F-16 from the flight line. Our entire body rumbled and vibrated as each F-16 gathered speed before taking flight. The last F-16 to take off shot straight up and gave a special airborne salute to the women Marines watching. The sound of freedom will be forever present in our minds and hearts. Semper Fidelis to all!

Sandy Martin

WMA IL-2 Blanche Osborn

The long summer was broken up with the chapter picnic held in Gene Bowen's lovely back yard, which is located on the

WMA CA-8 Palms to Pines

September 15 was our meeting at Millie's Restaurant in Moreno Valley after our summer hiatus. Eleven members, four guests and three Loyal Escorts attended.

While most of us spent the summer trying to keep cool during our California heat wave, a number of our members choose to travel. Eddie Stephens and her husband Bud spent their time camping at Silent Valley feeding the bob cats that wandered into camp. Ozell Barksdale took a trip to Italy. In spite of lost luggage she had a wonderful time. Holly Kiyett and her family took a trip around the U.S. with the highlight of the trip visiting the WIMSA Memorial and showing her children the pictures there of herself and her mother Shirley Salladay Kadlec who served as a woman Marine in 1953. Edith Ynacay and her husband Bob attended the Sergeant Major reunion at MCRD in San Diego with their 17-year-old granddaughter Terrie, who has received a scholarship from the Marine Corps.

At our next meeting on 17 November our president Rosemary Abrego-Holmes will bring her sword for a cake cutting to celebrate the 232nd Marine Corps birthday.

Remember: The Past Is Our Heritage - The Future Our Challenge - Now is Our Responsibility. Semper Fidelis.

Sybl Acree

WMA CO-1 Colorado Columbines

Colorado Columbines Chapter is very pleased to manage the History Project. We have named it the "Women of the Corps History Preservation Project", but will refer to it as the "History Project" for simplicity and continuity.

In support of the project and the Marine Corps Memorial in Golden, the chapter conducted the 2nd Annual Marine Corps Memorial 5K run/walk. The run is gaining in popularity and publicity and we hope that within the next couple of years it will help to sustain the project significantly. See article elsewhere in 'Nouncements.

The chapter also supported the national president and the Interim Board Meeting by hosting a dinner at Daniels Park for the board and several other distinguished guests.

We continue to seek a permanent home for the project's collection and have identified several venues that look promising: one in San Antonio, one in Colorado Springs and one in Denver. Keep watching this space for more info.

We were also happy to support our national history chair in efforts to professionalize the exhibits for WMA at the Modern Day Marine expos. The expo exhibit will be presented at the WIMSA Anniversary, also.

Loretta Krook is also working on oral histories and will be presenting information at the convention to help all chapters do the same.

northwest part of Chicago. At the potluck picnic, Mae Skerce finally coaxed her boot camp buddy, Dianne Schuld to join WMA and the chapter. Also at the picnic, Carol Walters drove up from Braidwood (about 50 miles) to tell us about the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, who is eligible to be buried there, and how to go about it. Carol volunteers one day a week to help with the record keeping.

The only other member news that I've heard is from Connie Svoboda about her 200th skydive. There's quite a tradition in



Connie Svoboda and skydiving friend (and Marine) Bob Gudkis, who has over 1700 jumps and has been skydiving for 22 years.

skydiving when you hit a big round jump mark: the person jumps naked and Connie jumped from a DC-9 jet. She writes about her jumping experience: "I have been jumping for five years now, and have jumped from about 15 different kinds of jumpships--planes, helos, jet. My next goal is to jump from a hot air balloon. I can't wait! I enjoy it, it gives me great satisfaction, and just like being a WM, it sets me apart from all the others. Or shall I say, ABOVE all the others. Life is good! I choose to live it my way."

Muriel Underwood



LA-1 Molly Marine

On 29 September, Melanie Young, Sonya Sellers, Linda Dixon and Billie Rankin took a road trip to Lafayette to visit and honor one of our WWII veteran members, Marian Y. Landry, a member of both the LA-1 and TX-2 Chapters. Our chapter decided to incorporate this as a quarterly event. Several WMA members in our area are WWII veterans in their 80s and want to participate, but are unable to make meetings due to the inability to get around as well as they used to. Once a quarter we will choose one of these special ladies to take to lunch and have an informal meeting at a location at or near their residence. We found that this visit brought such joy to Marian and the members able to attend, that our chapter decided this act of recognition is definitely a must! Marian shared numerous mementos, memorabilia and stories with us that we are documenting in our history. These ladies will not be forgotten. WWII veterans, thanks for your service and for "paving the way"!



LA-1 celebrating Marian Landry's service (Marian's in the middle).

On 13 October the entire chapter had lunch at Mother's Restaurant, followed by a meeting at the WWII Museum in New Orleans, which was hosted by another one of our WWII veterans and a volunteer at the museum, Francis Hoffman. Judy Anderson, Area 6 Director/President of TX-2, joined us for lunch, attended the

meeting and presented us with our chapter charter! Thank you Judy for making this meeting extra special!

Please mark your calendars for the 65th Anniversary of Women in the Marine Corps being celebrated at the Molly Marine Statue in downtown New Orleans on 13 February 2008. Your chapter invitations will come in the mail with all the information. We will have a ceremony at the statue followed by a luncheon. We would love it if you could make it down to share in the camaraderie.

Melanie L. Young



MA-1 – Bay State

Judy found 18 MA-1 members in Joyce Barden's lovely back yard enjoying a summer picnic, playing "Nines" and chatting away. It is always a very nice time and it is most gracious of Joyce to open her home for us.

In August, we again found our way up to Plum Island in Newburyport to Claire Wagstaff's and Agnes Griffin's summer home, making it at least over 30 years since our first lobster fest up here. Had a great time dining on chowder, lobster, chicken, steamers (clams), corn on the cob, and assorted salads, desserts and drinks. Must have been 25 of us there. It is always the best crowd of the year. Claire and Agnes were the usual delightful hostesses.

An interesting aside about a number of us is that we have all known each other since the early 50s when we all were members of the 2nd Infantry Battalion, the Marine Reserve unit here in Boston at that time.

President Micaila Britto attended the reading and signing of the book "Band of Sisters" written by Kirsten Holmstedt. In attendance were Captain Vernice Armour, GySgt Rosie Noel, Cpl Carie Blais and Army Master Sergeant Margaret Furman whose stories are featured in the book.

President Britto had the pleasure of meeting the family of Cpl Holly Charette who was the first Marine female to be killed in combat. Micaila had the pleasure of presenting the family with the "Band of Sisters" challenge coin.

Toys for Tots has crept up on us again. Today we welcomed the start of the season with an indoor picnic (thanks to our unpredictable weather). We are geared up and ready to go.

At the picnic, we honored chapter member Jean Jackman who has decided to hang up her cover and retire from Toys for Tots. Jean has been a fixture for the past 12 years. Like the mailman, through rain, snow, sleet, and ice, she has been at her desk, driving 72 miles roundtrip each day to do this. We presented her with a lovely clock set into a wooden book-like case. The Eagle, Globe and Anchor graced the front and on the inside of the cover was a very nice tribute to Jean from all of her friends at Toys for Tots. Jean has been my right hand in the running of the office these past several years and she will be terribly missed.

Happy Holidays to everyone.

Kay Carpenter



MI-2 Motor City

MI-2 started Plates for Preston in July of this year. A call was sent out to find license plates from all over the world for Preston McFarland. Preston has a genetic disorder called neurofibromatosis type 1 (or NF-1). This is a form of cancer of the optic nerve.



Preston and his plates

Preston's dream was to have a license plate from every state. The response was fantastic. We were able to collect over 131 plates from all over the US and from several countries as well. The look of joy on his face was fantastic. Plates are still coming in and MI-2 was proud to be able to help this brave child with his dream.

New officers were elected and will take over the helm of MI-2 starting Jan 2008. Our new officers are Christine Tonegatto-Salo, president; Wendy Hopkins, vice president; Isabel Bond, treasurer; and Debra Drummond, secretary. MI-2 looks forward to the next term with these fine Marines at the helm. We thank the prior board for their service.

Operation Caring Friends is still going strong. We have several units that we have been supporting as well as the Fallujah Hospital. Our goal for October is to pack and ship 1500 boxes. We are on track as we write. The Eastern Michigan Young Marines and the Flint and Macomb detachments of the MCL have been supportive as well as the community and members of our chapter. Our Adopt a Marine/Soldier is still going strong and we continue to support our Marines and deployed military on an ongoing basis.

October brought the Octoberfest to the John Dingell VA Hospital in Detroit. MI-2 donated soap, shampoo, t-shirts, socks, pencils and puzzle books for the bags that were given to each hospitalized veteran. We worked in conjunction with the UAW Region 1 Veteran Council to assure that the veterans were given bags of needed items along with a few extras that included chit books and phone cards. Our next event at the VA Hospital will be decorating the Christmas trees after Thanksgiving.

Our upcoming events include Operation Holiday Joy, our Christmas stocking program for our deployed troops, The Michigan Stand Down for Homeless Veterans and our Toys for Tots collection.

Mary Ann Merritt



Carol Watson is very proud of this article that appeared in our *Las Vegas Veterans Reporter* Newspaper Sept. 1, 2007.

“Carol Watson (USMC Veteran) and president of the local WMA chapter has volunteered at the VA Women’s Clinic for the past four years. She is the force behind the newly decorated walls in the Women’s Clinic. The décor consists of 13 posters and 35 smaller photos featuring women from all branches of the military service from WWII to present. She continues her quest for more photos/posters of women veterans. If you have

any items you wish to donate to the VA Women's Clinic please call 636-3076 and leave a message for Carol. On your next visit to the Central Clinic, she extends an invitation to view the photo gallery and dedication to women veterans."

Our latest chapter project was to mail 24 packages to our Iraqi Lioness Chapter. Since the postage increased, the cost was \$214.80. We had a donation of \$100.00 from a Navy gal, who worked with the Marines when she was on active duty. When we were at the post office carrying all these boxes from place to place, a lady was watching us and asked what we were doing with all those boxes. As we explained what it was all about she jumped right in and helped us carry the boxes to the window, then she said "I want to do more." She then gave us a donation of \$100.00. As we started talking to the window clerk, he told us he was also a Marine veteran and he gave us \$20.00. What a wonderful day it was to have those caring folks help us out with the cost of the mailing. This is just a small example of how patriotic the people in our country are. OOH-RAH!!

Carol Watson



Our chapter, as small as it is, lost two members in August.

Maye Ryan, age 97, died on 18 August and Ada Wells, age 79, died on 30 August. Maye enlisted in 1943 and was in the first class of the newly established Marine Corps Women's Reserve.



Wanda Graham, Maye Ryan and Pietje Wall at Maye's birthday party.

She was the oldest living female Marine in the state of Oklahoma. Ada's death was very sudden. She was active in our chapter, and was the mother to five sons.

We shall truly miss these two members. Donations have been made to the scholarship fund for both of these ladies.

We are making plans to participate in Tulsa's annual Veterans' Day Parade in November and looking forward to the Houston convention in 2008.

Pietje Wall



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Our Annual Salute to Veterans Starlight Dance and Benefit Show on 22 September was a huge success this year. The monies raised will be used to help fund the Annual Women Veterans Recognition Day Program which will be held at Ft. Sill in Lawton this year with none other than BGen Angie Salinas as the keynote speaker! We're excited about that since women from all branches and from all over the state will be gathered at this event. Not to mention the potential for media attention. Plans for this event are still ongoing in cooperation with the Women Veterans Organization of Oklahoma, the VA and others.



Singer Sonja Martinez entertains between dances at the Starlight Dance. The gown she is wearing is hot pink, selected as a tribute to the WWII veterans.

Our annual summer meeting was held at Pam Bloustine's home on 8 September after a few postponements, with President Joan Willauer, Vice-President Brenda Blair, Treasurer Pam Bloustine, Pat Goss, Deborah Patillo, Brenda Sutton and OK-2 "Artillery" members Cheryl McLain and Clara Mark.

We looked forward to and participated with other female vets in the area in the annual Komen Race for the Cure on 20 October.

We participated this year as a "team" – Women Warriors. Immediately following the race most of us headed to Del City for the WVO meeting at the American Legion Post.

On the heels of the race came the Annual Halloween Carnival at the VA on 31 October, where our chapter, decked out in our costumes, had our popular "Poker Scrabble" game for the patients to play and win prizes. Several of our members went to DC for the WMSA anniversary celebration festivities. Then, there were all the Marine Corps Birthday events leading us to 17 November, the recognition day program and BGen Salinas. If we survive all of these activities and the usual Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Year action, we will have one heck of a Chapter Clipping for the winter issue! Then it is on to February and the Anniversary of Women Marines!

Dorothy "Jingles" Rimbald



OR-1 Lady Marine Rose

We love a parade! On 4 August, five of our members took part in a welcome home parade in Tigard honoring the nine hundred Tigard-based members of the Oregon Army National Guard's 41st Brigade who had recently returned from duty in Afghanistan. Hattie Kelley and Golda Fabian rode in a beautifully restored 1948 Chrysler convertible, and were part of the WW II veterans' contingent that was invited to be grand marshals of the parade. Further

back in the parade and carrying the Women Marines Association banner were Sandra Robertson and Elaine Premo with President Heidi Tanada following in a snazzy little black restored convertible. As usual, the women Marines got a rousing ovation from the crowd.

August 15th through the 19th the chapter was busy with our annual garage sale. Heidi struck up a conversation with the manager of a hotel that was in the process of remodeling. Being a former Marine, the manager donated 70 refrigerators, 30 microwaves and 15 wing back chairs to the garage sale, which netted us a tidy profit along with the other items we had for sale. Other members pitched in to help with the pricing, sales, and last day cleanup. This was our best garage sale ever! Many thanks to Heidi, her Stanley, Golda and Sandra for moving the items from the hotel to the sale.

On September 6, six of our member attended a funeral for Laura Jane Nelson who died at age 60. Some of you ladies from the Vietnam era may remember her as Laura Schneider. While Laura was not a member of WMA, the family was very surprised and appreciative to have the women Marines there to pay their respects.

September 9th saw Helen Haslett and Golda Fabian taking part in a 3 mile walk for ALS. Helen's son has the disease so they took part in the walk to help raise funds for research and treatment. Accompanying them were Helen's daughter-in-law, granddaughter, and Golda's friend Peggy Redmond.

Also on the 9th, Heidi, Hattie, Jackie and Golda visited our oldest member, Evelyn Baker, who was 99 years old on that date. They presented her with candy, red roses, cards and best wishes from the members. Evelyn still lives alone with help from her good neighbor, Carolyn Jones. As we left, she stood in the doorway and bade us good-bye with a twinkle in her eye and a "See you next year!" A true Marine!



Happy 99th birthday, Evelyn! Left to right: Jackie Eittreim, Evelyn Baker, Golda Fabian, Hattie Kelley and Heidi Tanada.

On 22 September, the Third Marine Division Association honored the women Marines at their meeting held at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas. Ten of our members were present and Nancy Visser gave a very informative talk on the history of women in the Marine Corps.

This year we decided to add another fund raiser to our events with a Fall Harvest Luncheon and Auction which we held on October 6th. Heidi's son, who is a chef at a local restaurant, prepared a delicious luncheon of chicken and dumplings. Marion Knox, auctioneer extraordinaire, came with the members from OR-4 and delighted all with her jokes, repartee, and auctioneering skills. Considering the fact that this was our first attempt, the luncheon went very well and we made a tidy profit.

We are now back on our regular meeting schedule after our summer hiatus and are looking forward to November and the various veteran events that we attend throughout the community. We wish you all a happy holiday season with a reminder to say a prayer for all of our service men and women who are scattered all over the world serving our great nation. Semper Fidelis.

Golda Fabian



OR-3 Eager Beavers

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest...

Our chapter's activities have been fairly quiet the past couple of months. That's not to say what we have done has not been enjoyable.

Take the July outing to the OR-4's annual picnic and auction. Sandie Morris, Deb Barker, Stephanie Wilcox (Deb's daughter), and Karen Reeves made the short trip up I-5 to enjoy the festivities.

In addition, we were able to share in the celebration of OR-4's 25th anniversary. We all enjoyed a portion of the anniversary cake and watched as Area Director Heidi Tanada presented the chapter with both chapter and individual remembrance gifts.

August this year was one where OR-3 members vacationed and did not meet.

In September, Deb Barker and Karen Reeves flew to Denver, Colorado to attend the WMA Interim Board Meeting. While there wasn't much time for sight-seeing due to a heavy work load for board members, the highlight of the weekend was a group dinner hosted by the members of CO-1 in Daniels Park outside of



At Daniels Park, (l-r): Karen Beatty (TX-2), Karen Reeves and Deb Barker. Photo courtesy of Judy Anderson.

Denver. We were served a wonderful meal which included "elk bite" appetizers. For many of us, it was our first experience eating elk and turned out to be a refreshing surprise at how good it tasted. The evening concluded with songs around the fire and a toast to women Marines and our Corps. It truly was a magical time!!

Our next regular meeting was held in mid-October. Along with planning our events for the remainder of the year, we also discussed chapter officer nominations coming up in November. Our chapter has several positions that need to be filled.

Until next time, each of us from OR-3 wishes all Happy Birthday on November 10th, Happy Thanksgiving, and Merry Christmas!! We all hope that your holiday season is full of love, peace, and blessings. Semper Fidelis.

Karen L. Reeves



PA-2 Liberty Belles

Activities and accomplishments by PA-2 during the first quarter of 2007-8 include:

July: Trip to Wellsboro to meet with a new member of PA-2 and try to make plans for starting up a new chapter in her area.

August: Shipped another large box of items to our adopted Marines in Iraq. Currently collecting empty medicine containers to be sent to Iraq and Afghanistan troops. We have been told that when their medicines are dispensed, they have to be distributed in paper cups due to a shortage of these containers.

September: Lent support with our presence as MCL and WMA members (see photo) to the "A Hero's Welcome" organization to welcome two Marines from our area home on leave from Iraq. These two young men were on the high school football teams for Boyertown and Pottsgrove and their teams faced each other in a

a game on Sept. 28 at Pottsgrove. With state representatives and Montgomery County Commissioner Jim Matthews on the scene, a moving presentation was witnessed by an overflow crowd of local citizens. "A Hero's Welcome" is a new organization founded by the oldest granddaughter of George "Reds" Hyland, a former Commandant of the Valley Forge Detachment. Marine Sharon Hyland is also the daughter of a Marine and the sister of a Marine. She has set up a website for this program: www.aheros-welcome.org.



We also supported the Pottstown Joint Veterans Council at their 24th Veterans Day Dinner on 3 November at the Pottstown American Legion hall, and attended the Salute to Women Veterans at the Coatesville VA Facility on 1 November. We have plans in the works to link up with the Marine Corps League in April to support the Youth Physical Fitness (YPF) program.

Kathy Van Gorders



TX-1 Lone Star

This goes back to March but we want to report the absolute wonderful experience we had at our chapter meeting. We had the pleasure and honor of welcoming 1stLt Amber Coleman who was in the Dallas area visiting her family. She was taking a well-deserved leave after completing her tour of duty in Iraq and headed for her home base, Camp Pendleton. Amber told us about her duties and what it's like being involved in the action in Iraq. We were all extremely impressed as she related her experiences with regard to her particular MOS and the platoon under her command. I think all of you would be very proud of Amber, knowing that she is serving the Corps and our country so very well.

We are excited to welcome as new members of our chapter the following: Rebecca Joanne Bellino (Wass or Palmer); Erica Ann Haferkamp; Sondra J. Martin (Nott); Mary L. Lum.

Continuing the saga of TX-1's involvement in the Meet and Greet A Hero program at DFW International Airport, Joan Wright found herself among a group of Marines returning from their tour in Iraq, and headed for Camp Lejeune. How great is that?



Joan Wright and her Marines

We have also been following the progress of Marine Cpl Patrick Myers who lost both his legs on 10 November 2005 while in action in Iraq. Since that time he has been in rehab at BAMC in San Antonio but as of 17 August, he is at home with his wife in Keller. Our chapter invested in his future by contributing to the funds needed to retrofit his home to accommodate his needs. He continues to exhibit unlimited spirit and determination (he has just enrolled in one of our local community colleges to begin his

studies in the field of architecture), and we are extremely proud of Patrick.

At our chapter meeting in August, we had the pleasure of welcoming Judy Anderson, Director of Area 6. Judy shared with us some of the preparations going on with regard to "Mission: Roundup 2008". It sounds as if the south Texas mission team is well on the way to a successful convention. TX-1 is kind of far from the action but we are excited to at least be involved in the process - we will be responsible for rounding up door prizes, such as gift cards, etc. We will be looking and asking for items that will be easy for the winners to carry back home.

TX-1 sends large congratulations to the Molly Marines down in New Orleans for all the hard work and determination that it took to get back on track with your chapter.

So long and Semper Fidelis for now.

Joan Wright



TX-2 Texas Gulf Coast

Well, y'all, fall is slowly but surely making its way into the Houston area. The weather has "cooled" to the 80's and the leaves are changing colors and dropping from the trees.

TX2 Chapter has had a busy summer. We've worked on our by-law changes, members have continued to volunteer at the VA Hospital, we've collected patriotic party supplies and sent to Afghanistan for the July 4th holiday and helped with the "Golden Age Games" in August. We've worked on our quilt squares (hope your chapter is getting yours completed), and we've continued to work the never-ending details of the convention. We've had convention meetings between our regularly scheduled meetings, and exchanged so MANY e-mails you wouldn't believe it!!



Judy Anderson caught having a good time at Daniels Park in Denver.

We're currently gearing up for participation in the Veteran's Day Parade through Downtown Houston, the Marine Corps Birthday Ball and our "Toys for Tots" drive in December.

Several of our members have had some health issues this past summer, and they've had to make some really tough decisions...our hearts

and prayers go out to them and their families.

You know, since I've become more active in our chapter, I've really come to appreciate all of our members as the great ladies they are. They have wonderful ideas and stories to share, and their lives did not end when they got out of the Corps -

Chaplain's Corner

Sitting here looking out the window in Virginia, I see many birds coming and going from their feeder. They all seem very happy, joyful, maybe celebrating this event in their lives. They are very happy to share their food with the squirrels, I note.

Wonder what this has to do with you and me as being Marines in our past? I know, the word CELEBRATE brings great ideas to my mind. Birds celebrating, why not!

Not knowing for sure what the noun or verb CELEBRATE means, I went to see what Webster had to say. Found that number one definition is: "To observe (a

day or event) with ceremonies or respect, rejoicing, festivity". Then how about this second definition, "To perform a religious ceremony."

So where do I go from here? It IS very easy, we are all celebrating, or are being celebrated; and there must be a celebration in our lives. Being a Marine is a celebration, like none other. Celebrating life in each of us is a great favor, a wonderful experience.

In this season we are thinking or planning a lot of celebrations. Just think for a moment what plans and emotions come forth when we just mention Rosh Hashanah followed by Yom Kippur. Even

went on to accomplish wonderful things in their families, communities and careers. It breaks my heart that some of them either can't or don't attend the regular meetings - whatever the reason. I miss them.

We look forward to seeing you in August, and want to encourage you to get those reservations in.

We would like to wish each and every one of you the very best as we move into the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season. Enjoy each and every moment of this wonderful time of year...however you celebrate it!! Semper Fidelis, y'all!

BJ Huggins



WI-1 Wisconsin Women Marines

The fall meeting of Wisconsin Chapter 1 was held in Fond du Lac on 6 October with Hazel Strook once again hosting. Election of officers was held and they are: president, Julie Schaffer; vice president, Linda O'Hara; treasurer, Rosmarie Barbera; secretary, Ellen Healey. Mibs Ewald and Julie Schaffer displayed some of their uniforms, WWII and present.

A first for Wisconsin was an All Women Veterans Conference on 28 and 29 September at Ft. McCoy with over 200 registered from throughout the state and sponsored by the WDVA. Gundel Metz is the Women Veterans Coordinator for the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and with a hard working committee did a wonderful job of making it happen. We met and stayed at the Wisconsin Military Academy with wonderful accommodations. You will find a photo in another section of 'Nouncements. She was our keynote speaker from Washington and is a member of WMA.

For the past few months the Marine Corps League from Madison has been traveling throughout the state to visitations or funerals of the military that have died in Iraq and Afghanistan to present the family with miniatures of the "Fallen Warrior" memorial, a heartbreaking ceremony for even supposedly tough Marines. Annette Howards, Mary Lloyd and Connie Allord are the three WMA members who have been participating with the detachment. Another presentation for a woman soldier from Madison who was killed recently was on 16 October.

The annual All Women Veterans luncheon, usually held in Milwaukee, this year was hosted by WI-1 on 27 October. Ruth Holman and Linda O'Hara headed the committee.

Have a Happy Birthday, Marines and to all veterans a Veterans' Day to remember.

Connie Allord

Halloween/All Saints Day brings forth the feeling of fall, a sort of change in the season. If you have a lot of trees in your area, falling leaves conjures up a time of change, winter is not far away. Truly a celebration for each of us, no matter where we live.

Then coming very soon are the store decorations depicting the Christian observance of Advent, then the big celebration of Christmas. About the same time Jews celebrate Hanukkah. Then many African Americans celebrate Kwanzaa. These are very emotional time for a lot of folks. How about that second part of the definition for celebration, rejoice, to perform a religious ceremony. (Continued on following page)

(Continued) O yes, one more celebration, we have all lived on earth another year, a celebration of life. By the way, may each of you have a most blessed '08.

O, yes to get a bit personal, did you have a nice birthday this past year? I still have time; my birthday is the last day of this year. May I add a prayer of blessing to all who have celebrated your birthday this past year.

So...it has been my hope and wish in this message that you can and do CELEBRATE...all that you are, the God you worship, the events of your life, being a Marine, the love of your country, those you love, the military now serving, our wounded warriors, all veterans, all Marines.

My wish is that I have caused you to CELEBRATE...I guess I could count all the reasons, but that would take too long and surely would miss a lot. Just celebrate, and do not forget the birds outside your and my windows.

*Blessings
Joan Hammond, A Marine*

Wisconsin Veterans Conference



Betty Moseley Brown (4th from right) spoke at the first Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Women Veterans Conference, September 28-29, at Wisconsin Military Academy, Ft. McCoy, WI. Joining her are several Marines and Acting Secretary William Kloster. Photo courtesy of Betty Moseley Brown.

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7/1/07 - 10/31/07

Life

Barbour, Hanna G., CA, died 1/10/07, LM #59
Blair, Martha M., CA, died 8/14/07, LM #356
Boyer, Virginia M., IA, died 7/9/07, LM #1118
Burns, Jean S., NY, died 10/5/06, LM #2134
Conner, Dorothy J., WA, died 6/13/07, LM #1850
Gabel, Beatrice L., CA, died 9/3/07, LM #1309
Green, Sonya A., FL, died 4/18/07, LM #1824
Guveyan, Virginia, MA, died 6/25/07, LM #41
Laws, Catherine M., FL, died 4/24/07, LM #1618
Minnecci, Georgia, IL, died 7/2/07, LM #1112
Monk, Nila F., WV, died 8/19/07, LM #1305
Phillips, Anna C., OK, died 8/31/05, LM #1643
Pinwar, Dolores, FL, died 4/4/07, LM #1158
Rosenau, Jean L., FL, died 9/24/07, LM #2686
Rudden, Helen C., CA, died 5/1/07, LM #1367
Sweet, Eleanore N., WA, died 6/23/07, LM #819
Wells, Ada M., OK, died 8/30/07, LM #1945

Term

Bender, Colleen J., IN, died 7/9/07
Hall, Eunice A., CA, died 6/27/07
Humberson, Hazel H., TX, died 4/18/07
McManus, Ethel G., OH, died 7/12/07
Nance, Irene F., MO, died 8/7/07
Ryan, Lula M., OK, died 8/13/07
Shryock, Jennie M., AZ, died 7/13/07
Shuyler, Sedley G., VA, died 3/24/07
Taylor, Elaine H., AR, died 1/28/07

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Life

Allbee, Susan K., AZ, died 6/24/07, LM #2569
Anderson, Carolyn M., OR, died 6/29/07, LM #2503
Armstrong, Trude M., CO, died 2/24/06, LM #1462
Babler, Josephine R., WI, died 6/30/06, LM #2084
Bennington, Audrey L., IL, died 4/10/07, LM #1603

Calcagno, Mary F., CA, died 12/18/06, LM #1055
Case, Myrtle F., TX, died 1/25/07, LM #10
Cressey, Dolores C., CA, died 4/18/07, LM #1294
Gebhardt, Patricia J., MI, died 2/18/07, LM #455
Gleason, Elsie J., MI, died 5/6/07, LM #2216
Harsh, Louise B., WA, died 2/1/07, LM #1967
Jacobson, Marjorie E., FL, died 11/26/06, LM #224
Jamieson, Mary, CA, died, 8/28/04, LM #528
Johnson, Marylye F., CA, died 11/9/06, LM #1659
Kelleher, Evelyn L., CA, died 7/8/05, LM #2138
Kennedy, Leona R., AZ, died 2/14/02, LM #78
Letizia, J. Lorraine, OK, died 1/6/07, LM #1621
McKinney, Doris S., GA, died 12/29/06, LM #793
Mears, Mary G., CA, died 9/13/06, LM #1217
Meyer, Betty L., AZ, died 6/18/07, LM #307
Molnar, Ann T., CA, died 3/1/07, LM #1641
Parent, Bernice M., CT, died 5/8/07, LM #2759
Paukert, Shirley M., OH, died 2/1/07, LM #653
Piskorik, Pauline A., PA, died 11/06, LM #2157
Pruett, Margaret R., WA, died 9/29/06, LM #1987
Ritzo, Lynda S., PA, died 6/26/07, LM #1940
Rockamann, Jacquelyn J., MO, died 3/31/07, LM #564
Schmahl, F. Maureen, WA, died 1/27/07, LM #2204
Shearer, Peggy A., IA, died 5/7/07, LM #1423
Sheets, Mary A., CA, died 11/22/06, LM #1298
Shirey, Helen M., OH, died 9/11/06, LM #2174
Sidwell, Mary A., OR, died 6/24/07, LM #516
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Membership Totals

LIFE MEMBERS	2130
TERM MEMBERS	1402
HONORARY MEMBER	1
TOTAL MEMBERS	3533

Individual and Organizational Donations

Donor	Honoree
The Christian P Anchutz Foundation	To support history preservation
DELPHINE B BAETA	In memory of Mary Blair
FERN P HAUSS	In memory of Ann Molnar and Beatrice L Gabel
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WMA Chapter OK-1	In memory of Ada Margaret Wells
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WMA Chapter TX-2	In memory of Myrtle Case
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Members who contributed in response to the mailer envelope in the 2006-2008 RM&D

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WMA's WIMSA Chair Matching Donations

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BGEN BREWER'S CHAIR:

WMA MEMBERS - TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS = \$505.00
 PAULINE HAINES WALKER, MARY L MCLAIN, FERN P HAUSS, MARION M GRIMES, ARDI LONG, LILLIAN L RENFRO

WMA MATCHING CONTRIBUTION - \$0 - CHAIR IS FULLY FUNDED

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR COL BISHOP'S CHAIR:

WMA MEMBERS - TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS = \$275.00
 MARY L MCLAIN, DOROTHY G ABEL, KAY M CROLL
 WMA MATCHING CONTRIBUTION - \$580.00 - CHAIR IS NOW FULLY FUNDED.

GRAPE Theory of Motivation

GROWTH - Working to make your chapters viable and to sustain itself with new, interested, active members.

RECOGNITION - Praise for achievements... positive and constructive critical feedback... receiving an award, printed references to an individuals activities...being listened-to...being known in the community...getting the word out.

ACHIEVEMENT -The opportunity to see the results of one's efforts...the opportunity to reach goals that one has established to do any event.

PARTICIPATION - Involvement in the chapter decision making...planning and scheduling chapter and region activities... being part of an organization that embraces that we are Marines.

ENJOYMENT - Having fun in a warm, friendly, supportive atmosphere. Sharing the Esprit!

AND REMEMBER: Sour grapes happen when there is no motivation, growth, recognition, achievement, participation or enjoyment.

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter



Fellow Escorts,

We are about ten months away from the 2008 Texas Convention. Our newest Director, Tony McPherson has written an SOP for all hands for the Hospitality Room. He did a beautiful job. This will help us in future conventions to operate this function effectively and efficiently. Good job, Tony!

Our Secretary, Jeanne Cantrell, has sent out 164 renewal applications. To date 64 members have responded. If you have not sent in your renewal, please do so as soon as possible. And while I am on the subject of renewals, please let me explain renewals according to the existing and proposed bylaws. At this time renewals are not 2 years from date of application. Unless a member is a life member, renewals are due 01 January of every odd year (2007, 2009, 2011, etc). The best optimal use of your renewal fees are to renew on or about January of every odd year.

And speaking of our hard working Secretary, Jeanne's husband Herman had an amputation of half of one foot. We all wish him well. Jeanne's address can be found on page 2 of this issue if you would like to send a get well card. They would appreciate receiving them, I'm sure.

Jeanne is also the chairperson of the Budget Committee. Her committee members are PNP Earl Blount, Tony McPherson, and David Wiszneaukes, Paul Giaudrone. As soon as she is able to, she and her committee will produce a budget for us.

The bylaws have been revised and are ready to go to print for distribution to the membership for approval. Just as we got everything together we received word as all the WMA chapter presidents did, that the WMA group exemption, which included the Loyal Escorts, was denied. This has presented a lot of questions that I am trying to get answered. I have been working with an accountant to get these questions answered and apply for the appropriate IRS exemption code. The bylaws will be printed and sent to the membership for approval with the IRS exemption code deleted. I will keep you updated on my progress with the application process through this column.

The information for the 2008 convention in Houston is published in this issue of 'Nouncements'. Please send your REGISTRATION money to Jeanne Cantrell at the address on the form. Your MEALS money goes to WMA to their address. Register as soon as you can (\$20). I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you in Houston as possible. I have a lot of things in the fire at this time and as I get to them I will pass it along to the appropriate person for action. Take care, and be safe

Ken Cross

**Register as soon as you can.
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as many of you in Houston
as possible.**

A Wish Comes True



Chris Wildenthaler, SC-1, made dress blues for the little boy in the photo, Brandon. They were made sight unseen and only from measurements received via e-mail from Florida. Chris presented them to Brandon at Parris Island in November when he arrived via limousine after having been made an honorary sergeant at Camp Lejeune. Brandon has cystic fibrosis, and his wish with the Make A Wish Foundation was to be a Marine.

Capt Goeman Recognized



Capt Andrea L. Goeman was awarded the Marine Command and Control Officer of the Year at the Marine Corps Aviation Association annual symposium by Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen James Conway. Capt Goeman was with MASS-1, MAG-28, 2nd Marine Air Wing (at Cherry Point) and was recognized for her service while they were deployed to Iraq.

Photo courtesy of MarineLink.



Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Registration Form

**25th Biennial
Women Marines Association
Convention & Professional Development Conference
Houston, TX
28 August – 3 September, 2008**

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 30 JUNE 2008

ALL LOYAL ESCORTS MUST REGISTER SEPARATELY FROM THEIR SPONSOR FOR THE CONVENTION.

USE THE WMA CONVENTION FORM FOR
MEAL REGISTRATION ONLY.

Please Print:

Name _____ WMA Sponsor Name _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Please word badge (First / Last name) _____

Pre-registration for Convention \$20.00

Meals Registration: Use WMA meals form

Additional Information:

Hotel Reservations must be made directly to the hotel.

Special Diet needs should be included with your

Meal Registration Form.

Mail Meal Registration form with check, payable to 'WMA 2008 Convention' to:
BJ Huggins, P.O. Box 1821, Pasadena, TX 77501

Mail this registration form with remittance to:

Jeanne Cantrell, Sec. Treas., 11 Brown Street, Irving, TX 75061,

email address: jeannestoy1@juno.com

Make check payable to: **Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter.**

Mark Check: **Registration**

BULLETIN BOARD

The conversion of MCAS El Toro to Orange County's "Great Park" is underway. California State University has undertaken to preserve the history of the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station through the Oral History Project. They are collecting recorded interviews of military and civilian personnel who served at El Toro.

If you were stationed at the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station or have significant memories of El Toro and would like to participate in the Oral History Project please call (714) 278-8415 or send your contact information to coph-eltono@fullerton.edu.

For more information on the development visit: www.ocgp.org.

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The DAR is also working on oral histories. Contact your local group to see if they can do your oral history.

WMA also has a new Oral Historian, Loretta Krook. Her home phone number is 720-344-1976.

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On Jun 1, 2007, the II MEF Communications Training Center at Camp

Lejeune was dedicated as the Valdez Training Facility in honor of Corporal Ramona Valdez who died in a 2005 suicide bombing in Iraq. Valdez was considered to be an invaluable member of the 2nd Marine Division Communication Operations Section during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Her most significant work was with the Division's Counter IED Working Group. The success of the tests conducted by the Working Group was in a large part due to Valdez's knowledge of single-channel radios. The impact Valdez made in her field was a driving force behind the dedication of a top communications training facility.

"Her legacy will live on here for years to come," said Col. John A. Del Colliano, the division chief for network plans and policy for Command, Control, Communications and Computers, Headquarters Marine Corps. "We're dedicating a training facility in her honor to guarantee future Marines have the same skills and knowledge when they get to the field."

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Madison Avenue's Advertising Walk of

Fame now has a new member in its ranks. "The Few. The Proud. The Marines." will be forever enshrined on the famed walk, according to the announcement given on 26 September during Advertising Week 2007 held in New York.

Advertising Week, the largest and most prestigious annual gathering of advertising and media industry leaders in North America, has named the United States Marine Corps an inductee to the "Walk of Fame" for advertising slogans. Voting took place via the World Wide Web August 28 through September 25.

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A veteran - whether active duty, retired, national guard or reserve - is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to and including my life."

That is honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand that.

Author unknown

Hello?? Are You Out There??

One of our OR-1 members, Lois Elliott, has moved to Kansas to be near a daughter, and would like to know if there are any WMA members living near her. She is living in a retirement facility in Baldwin, KS and would like to have any member living near contact her. Please get in touch with me and I will give you her address and phone number. My email address is fabian2@easystreet.net and my phone number is 503-590-2342. Thank you and Semper Fidelis, Golda Fabian.

Hello, Arizona Members?? Are You Out There??

If you are, AZ-1 is looking for you! They are trying to rebuild the chapter and need your help! If you live near the Phoenix area, or if you don't and you just want to help them rebuild, get in touch with either Bettie Lerdall (blerdall@cox.net), or Jeanne Botwright (WMA369@aol.com), and let them know.

If you don't have email, contact Area 8 Director Carol Watson, whose contact info can be found on Page2 of this newsletter.

WMA National Merchandise Sales

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

WMA Cap (3 months delivery).... \$30.00

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

Sizes for WMA Caps:

20 1/2 - 20 7/8 XSm
21 1/4 - 21 5/8 Sm
22 - 22 3/8 M
22 3/4 - 23 1/8 L
23 1/2 - 23 7/8 XL
24 1/4 - 24 5/8 XXL

Medallion, '90 Denver Conv \$3.00
50th Anniversary Medallions \$5.00
50th Anniversary Paper Weights ... \$10.00

Make All Checks Payable to WMA

Contact: Gloria Nix, Merchandise Sales Chairman
3802 North 12th Ave., Pensacola, FL 32503-3162
Cell: (850) 936-2016 Home: (850) 433-5292
email: wmadixidust@cox.net

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Merchandise

Item: USMC ribbon magnet, yellow and red ... \$3.00

Item: Marine Corps emblem antenna toppers, black or silver & gold (please specify) \$5.00

Item: Streamer holder for Chapter Flag ... \$7.00

Item: Loyal Escort ball caps ... \$8.00

Item: Loyal Escort Patch ... \$5.00

Item: "I love my Woman Marine" small bumper sticker ... \$2.00

Item: "I love my Woman Marine" round magnet ... \$3.00

Item: "I love my Woman Marine" round button ... \$2.00

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

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



Chapter Merchandise Sales

Send chapter ads to Sondra Metzger, 3805 NE141 Circle, Edmond, OK 73013-7221, Editor@womenmarines.org. When WMA sales items are no longer available, notify Sondra so they can be removed.

Books

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

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

Contact: Mary Sabourin, 339 Bear Creek Rd., Hubert, NC 28539-3409

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

Size: 12-Page Booklet (10"x7-1/4")

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

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

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Item: We Are Marines: History & stories from women who served & are serving

Cost: \$25.00 (\$4 shipping & handling) **Checks:** NC-1

Contact: Mary Sabourin, 339 Bear Creek Rd., Hubert, NC 28539-3409

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Item: "The American Flag" Booklet

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

Chapter: Palms to Pines

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

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

Signed copy by author Lisa Cordeiro

Cost: \$16.95 (\$3.95 shipping)

Chapter: MA-1

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

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Item: "Cooking With Marines", a collection of recipes from Marines (2008 Fundraiser)

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

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

Cards/Stationery

Item: Name Tags, White w/ green border and logo;

Two lines (name and organization); 3"x 1"

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

Contact: Sylvia Morgan, 13662 87th Avenue, Seminole, FL 33776

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

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

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

Contact: Eleanor L. Judge, 282 San Dimas Avenue, Oceanside, CA 92057

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Decals

Item: "My Grandmother was a Marine" decal for t-shirt

"My mother was a Marine" decal for t-shirt **Cost:** \$2.25 each (includes shipping)

Item: Women Marine Rose Decal (1 large, 2 small)

Cost: \$3.50

Chapter: Ohio Emerald (OH-1)

Contact: Mary Lou Gruber, Treasurer, 30427 Wolf Road, Bay Village, OH 44140



Item: WMA Decal (Inside auto windshield)

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

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

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

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Item: Seals

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

Contact: Sylvia Morgan, 13662 87th Avenue, Seminole, FL 33776

Shirts and Sweats

Item: Night Shirt/VCoverup, White, knee length, round neck, WMA logo "The Few, The Proud" in green

Cost: \$20.00 (Incl. postage and handling)

Size: One-size-fits-most, short sleeve only **Chapter:** Bay State, MA-1

Checks: Payable to Bay State Chapter, WMA

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

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

Cost: T-Shirts- M, L, XL and XXL @ \$10.00; Sweatshirts - M, L, XL @ \$24.00,

XXL @ \$25.00 **Pay to:** WMA PA-2 Liberty Belles (Price includes shipping)

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

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Item: Golf shirt Dark (Hunter) Green with WMA logo (matches green covers) embroidered in white. Available in sizes (S) to (XXL)

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

Make checks payable to: WMA, VA-1

Contact: Lori B. Cousins, 2220 Wildflower Way, Locust Grove, VA 22508 (540) 399-9925 Email: BronsonLC@juno.com

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Item: Medium sage Green polo shirts with dark green trim around sleeves, collar and button placket. Two color logo on left chest (dark green and khaki). Personalization with name and/or chapter affiliation available. Please specify.

Cost: \$35.00 includes shipping and personalization

Size: S, M, L, XL and 2XL (If you don't want it snug, suggest a size up)

Chapter: GA-1 WMA

Contact: Sheryl Hobden, 7158 Avalon Dr., Douglasville, GA 30135. 678-838-0620 WMAGeorgia@yahoo.com. Please include your phone and/or email with order.

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Item: "I'm The Marine In This Family" t-shirt or sweatshirt; Your choice of red or black.

Cost: T-shirt, \$15 plus \$5 postage; Polo shirt, \$20 plus \$5 postage; Sweatshirt, \$20 plus \$5 postage. **Size:** S-XXXL

Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller

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

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Item: Blue Denim Shirt Eagle, Globe & Anchor in gold and silver embroidery over left pocket, Women Marines Association in red print left of logo, individual's name printed on right side.

Cost: \$35.00 plus \$5.00 for shipping

Size: S, M, L, and XL (shirts run large) specify short or long sleeve style

Chapter: Texas Gulf Coast **Checks:** Payable to TX-2 WMA

Contact: Judy Anderson, 726 Beachcomber, Houston, TX 77062 e-mail: gulfcoastwm@AOL.com

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

Cost: All prices include shipping and handling per item.

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

T-Shirts: M - 2XL - \$16 each; Short sleeved golf shirts: M - XL - \$28 each

Long sleeved golf shirts: M - XL - \$32 each

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

Checks: Old Dominion Chapter, WMA VA-2

Contact: Mickey Jennings, 6486 Lark Way, Mechanicsville, VA 23111 E-mail: mickeyjennings@hotmail.com

Jewelry

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

Cost: \$20.00 (includes shipping) **Chapter:** Make checks payable to TX-3, WMA

Contact: Anne M. Collins, 519 Devine St., San Antonio, TX 78210-1505

Item: Pin "WOMAN MARINE"
Cost: \$10.00 (includes shipping)
Item: Marine Corps emblem pendant w/18" chain
Cost: \$18.00 each (includes shipping)
Chapter: New York Metropolitan **Checks:** Payable to NY-2
Contact: Roberta Eaton, 18 Maple Court, New Hyde Park, NY 11040-3105

Item: WMA Logo Earrings (matches gold bolo)
Cost: \$10.00/pair (includes shipping)
Chapter: Make checks payable to: TX-3 WMA
 Please designate one: ☐ Wire/Dangle ☐ Clip-on
Contact: Anne M. Collins, 519 Devine St., San Antonio, TX 78210-1505



Item: WMA Ring. Jeweler - Jostens
Cost: Lustrium (non precious white) \$181.00
 Questra (non precious gold) \$218.00
 10 Karat Yellow Gold \$325.00
 14 Karat Gold \$395.00 (Cost includes three initials inside ring & shipping)
 Note: Include ring size and phone number when ordering
Chapter: FL-7 First Coast
Contact: Gayle Plant, President FL-7, PO Box 463, Keystone Heights, FL 32656; (352) 473-7826



Item: WMA Pendant on chain Size: 7/8 inches round
Item: WMA Lapel Pin Size: 7/8 inches round
Cost: \$19.75 each (including shipping)
Chapter: FL-7 First Coast
Contact: Gayle Plant, President FL-7, PO Box 463
 Keystone Heights, FL 32656; (352) 473-7826



Item: Charm "Semper Fi"
Cost: \$15.00
Chapter: Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)
Contact: Cleary Creations, 2225 NE 130th Ave., Portland, OR 97230-1704



Item: Red, White, Blue Austrian Crystal elastic bracelet
Cost: \$12.00 includes shipping **Chapter:** IN-1 **Checks:** Payable to IN-1
Contact: Diane Ward, 8310 W. 88th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46278 (317) 873-4113

Miscellaneous Items

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



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

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

Item: New aluminum license plate in distinctive RED
 lettering on white. Includes a Semper Fi sticker
Cost: \$8.00 (postpaid) **Chapter:** FL-4, Tampa Tarpons
Contact: Laveme H. Myers, 3803 Drexel Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611-1517



Item: WMA "Semper Fi" bumper sticker (for anyplace—boat, luggage, etc.).
 White w/green - 2" x 9"
Cost: \$1.50 ea. for 5 for \$6.45 or 10 for \$11.00; postpaid
Contact: Laverne H. Myers, 3803 Drexel Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611-1517

Item: High quality 16 oz Stainless Steel Insulated Travel Mug w/locking lid, green
 WMA logo on both sides, Comfort handle, fits universal auto holder.
Cost: \$10.00 each including shipping & handling
Chapter: OR-3 **Checks:** Payable to WMA OR-3
Contact: Karen L. Reeves, 6923 Jessica Drive, Springfield, OR 97478
 (541) 741-1213 e-mail: klor42@aol.com



Item: WMA Umbrella, green with WMA logo, Automatic Open Button
 Size: Collapsed 15 inches long, open 21 inches long and 36 inches wide
Cost: \$17.75 (includes shipping) **Chapter:** FL-7 First Coast
Contact: Gayle Plant, President FL-7, PO Box 463, Keystone Heights, FL 32656
 (352) 473-7826

Item: WMA logo Rubber Stamps
Cost: Large stamp: \$11.00 (includes mailing) Small stamp: \$8.00 (includes
 mailing) **Chapter:** CA-7 (Checks to: EMV, CA-7, WMA)
Contact: Marie A Proulx, 748 Pearwood Street, Oceanside, CA 92057-8618

Item: Fanny Pack WMA Logo **Cost:** \$10.00 **Chapter:** FL-2
Contact: Sylvia Morgan, 13662 87th Avenue, Seminole, FL 33776

Item: Clear Vinyl Bag with Long Zipper, WMA Logo Women Marines
 Association. Green/White Size: 9" x 12"
Cost: \$6.25 (includes shipping) **Chapter:** NC-1
Contact: Mary Sabourin, 339 Bear Creek Rd., Hubert, NC 28539-3407

Item: Mouse Pad, 7" x 8", white background, WMA logo, "The Few, The Proud"
 in green
Cost: \$10 **Chapter:** Bay State, MA-1 **Checks:** Payable to Bay State Chapter, WMA
Contact: Joyce Barden, 56 Poor Street, Andover, MA 01810

Item: Molly Marine picture, 8 x 10
Cost: \$12 each (includes shipping) **Chapter:** AR-1
Contact: Vickie Davis, Treasurer, AR-1, 415 Maryland St.
 Benton, AR 72015



Item: 2007 WMA Historical Calendar:
 "Strike Up the Band"
Cost: \$15 each (includes S&H)
Chapter: TX-2, WMA
Contact: Judy Anderson,
 726 Beachcomber, Houston, TX 77062
 email, gulfcoastwm@aol.com



Item: Handmade soy wax candles (Lavender, White Tea and Ginger, Rose,
 Lemon and Lovespell)
Cost: 9 oz. \$10 (plus \$5 Shipping); 16 oz. \$15 (plus \$5 Shipping)
 (Two candles or more contact Bonniesbunch@yahoo.com or Rosa_rmr@yahoo.
 com for correct shipping)
Checks: WMA-Phyllis Alexander **Chapter:** SC-1
Contact: Rosa Robertson, WMA, P.O. Box 5296, Parris Island, SC 29905 (or via
 email)

Item: "Proud To Be A Marine" ribbon magnet, 8"x 3"
Cost: \$6 each (includes postage)
Item: WW II magnet, 3-1/2"x 2-1/2", red lettering on white
 background with blue border
Cost: \$2 each (includes postage)
Contact: Marie Proulx, 748 Pearwood St., Oceanside, CA 92057-8618



Item: Woman Marine cover cross stitch pattern, with backstitch
 eagle, globe and anchor.
Cost: \$2.50 each (includes shipping) **Chapter:** OH-1
Contact: Janet Lascko, 3157 W. 82nd St., Cleveland, OH 44102 or
janlascko@yahoo.com. Payments can be made through PayPal at
 this same email address.



Item: 2006 convention Luggage Tags; Green vinyl with white lettering
Cost: 2/\$5.75 (includes shipping & handling) **Chapter:** Rocky Top Chapter, TN-1
Contact: WMA, TN-1, 818 Wild View Way, Knoxville, TN 379207609

Item: "Koozie" Bottle or Can size sleeve for sweat absorption, foldable foam,
 green, with WMA logo in white on one side, other side in white letters: "No
 Sweat, the WOMEN Marines are on duty" **Cost:** \$4.00 each, or 20 for \$75.00
 (Price includes shipping)
Contact: Kathy Van Gorder, 584 Barrington Rd., Collegeville, PA 19426
 e-mail: VanGorders2@aol.com Fax: 610-489-4383

Item: Bumper sticker, The Few, The Proud, The Women Marines
Cost: \$1.50 each (Price includes shipping) **Chapter:** NM-1 (checks payable to
 Sandia Chapter)
Contact: Phyllis Young, 1070 Stovall Ave., Bosque Farms, NM 87068

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WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION

Application for Membership (PLEASE PRINT) Check Applicable box: ☐ New ☐ Renewal ☐ Reinstated ☐ New Life ☐ Life

Dates served _____ to _____ How did you hear about WMA? _____

Name _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.) (Last Name Used On Active/Reserve Duty)

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip+4)

SSN _____ DOB _____ Chapter Code _____ Phone (_____) _____
(mo/day/yr) (i.e., CA-7)

Molly Marine Award Recipient _____ If yes, year _____ MOS/Special Skills _____

Email Address _____ Please add Email to WMA Communications List _____

Annual Dues include *Nouncements* and the Resource Manual and Membership Directory. Please check your membership level
Annual Dues: ☐ 1 Year \$15 ☐ 2 Years \$25 **Life Dues** (pro-rated by age): ☐ 30 & Under \$220 ☐ 31-45 \$190 ☐ 46-60 \$155 ☐ 61 & Over \$120

I certify that by my signature that I am now serving or have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, regular or reserve components.

Signature _____ Date: _____ Enrolled by: (member/chapter) _____
Please provide Next of Kin information in case of an emergency.

Next of Kin _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

Make check payable to WMA and mail with application to: **Women Marines Association**

P.O. Box 8405 • Falls Church, VA 22041-8405

Application for membership in Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter *The Auxiliary of the WMA*

Check applicable box ☐ New ☐ Renewal ☐ Reinstated ☐ Regular ☐ Life (Sponsor must be a WMA Life Member)

(Please Print)

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

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(Street)

City and State with Zip Code: _____
(City) (State) (zip + 4)

Telephone with area code: (winter) _____ (summer) _____

e-mail address: _____

Contact in case of emergency with address and phone: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____
(Street) (City) (State)

DOB: _____ SSN: _____
Day / Month / Year (Necessary for machine accounting)

Sponsor's Name: _____ Sponsor's Chapter Code: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Is Your Sponsor a [a] _____ Friend [b] _____ Relative? Do You Live with Sponsor?: _____ Yes _____ No

Enclosed Amount of Dues: \$ _____

Dues include *Nouncements* if not already received in household.

2-year Membership - \$25

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(Fee pro-rated by age)

(Sponsor must be a WMA Life member)

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☐ 81 & Over ...\$50.00

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Jeanne Cantrell, Secretary/Treasurer
Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter
11 Brown Street
Irving, Texas 75061-6000



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