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100 Years and Still Going Strong

Centenarian and hard-charging Marine, Evelyn Baker, was overwhelmed by all of the birthday cards she received from WMA members in early September. There were so many, in fact, that they had to be attached to ribbons and suspended in columns from the ceiling. For all of these wonderful cards and for the beautiful flowers sent with a "Semper Fi" from "Carol," Evelyn thanks you.

As you can tell from the photos, Evelyn enjoyed blowing out the single candle representing one century on 9 September, and she was amused when her fellow Marines from the Lady Marine Rose (OR-1) Chapter said they are going to use that same candle on next year's cake when they put 101 on it. Evelyn is legally blind, but she can see shapes and colors, so one of her happiest moments came when



Evelyn cuts her birthday cake with assistance from Nanci Visser.

LCpl Michael Norlin presented her with a dozen red roses and thanked her for her service to Corps and Country. She also enjoyed cutting the cake and, of course, receiving the first piece as the Birthday Girl and as the oldest Marine present. LCpl Norlin, age 21, got the second piece of cake as the youngest Marine present. He

rarely moved away from Evelyn's side during the entire party, but whenever he did, Evelyn would ask, "Where is my Marine?"

Evelyn's only living relative, a second cousin, and his wife drove down from Washington state to join in the festivities. The caregiver and the other four ladies who reside with Evelyn in the adult foster home enjoyed the delicious cake and ice cream. They listened with interest as the WMA members sang "The March of the Women Marines," and they joined in gladly to sing "Happy Birthday." Evelyn appreciated her Marine "family" being there in person as well as in spirit to celebrate her 100 years.

Nanci Visser

As is now a tradition, this convention-filled issue of 'Nouncements is dedicated to Evelyn Baker. Something tells me the convention committee won't mind. Happy Birthday, Evelyn!

~ Sondra Metzger

WMA Roundup: Happy Trails to You!

TEXAS, TEXAS YEE HAW! It was wonderful to see our WMA members and guests in Houston. From all corners of the US of A you came to celebrate WMA. From Iraq and Okinawa you came to be counted. And the active duty women were there in numbers that made an impressive statement and they are ready to be heard. As Bob Dylan wrote about a different era, the times they are a-changin'.

To all who came to convention, thank you for taking time to be part of WMA. We have a shared past that deserves to be honored. We have an organization with a purpose and a heritage. Let's work together to keep it strong. To all of our active duty members, we want you back. You are the future of WMA and we need you to keep our organization viable.

As we saw a decline in attendance of the WWII and Korea era members, we were encouraged by the Vietnam era attendance and the generations that followed. To those of you who could not be with us at convention, we missed you. We are already looking forward to the 2010 convention in Denver. It will be the WMA 50th Anniver-



sary. Let's all mark our calendars and plan to be there.

To all of the 2008 convention team, we cannot tell you enough how much we appreciate your contributions. We had a few challenges in hosting the convention; however, by moving forward and working together the team succeeded in making it a memorable convention. To the entire convention team, "Thank you and God bless you."

As many of you know, after we said goodbye, we had an unwelcomed visitor named IKE. All of us are feeling the loss and devastation that our coastal communities have suffered. The TX-2 members are fortunate to have minor losses reported. Thank you for the prayers and expressed concern for us - we are truly grateful. Your thoughtfulness during this difficult time is truly appreciated. For all who have been asking about the Westin and the Galleria, there was minor damage from the storm and they never lost power.

In closing, it was nice to have Betsy Menin and the Sometime Singers send us off to our respective homes with the words of "Happy Trails". So "until we meet again," may God bless each and every one of you and your families. We'll see all y'all in Denver in 2010!

*Semper Fidelis from Texas,
Judy Anderson and Karen Beatty*

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President's Memo

It was such a motivating experience to see so many of you in Houston at our 25th Biennial Convention and Professional Development Conference. Did you know that nearly one third of our attendees were active duty Marines? This was very encouraging to see and it is a good sign of more involvement by our active duty members. I would like to add my congratulations and thanks to our Convention Coordinating Committee for hosting this wonderful event. We all had a TEXAS SIZE good time and accomplished a lot of important business. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of our members in the Houston area who were affected by Hurricane Ike.

I would like to share with those of you who could not attend the convention and review with those of you who were there of my vision for WMA. At the Installation Ceremony I used the analogy of "GASSing" up the Big RIG to help describe that vision. As you may remember back in 2000 we were introduced to the Big RIG as the vehicle to move WMA into the 21st Century. The acronym RIG stands for WMA being Relevant, Improving and Growing. The GAS I plan to use to refuel the Big RIG represents setting new GOALS; raising the level of individual and organizational ACCOUNTABILITY and emphasizing our

SERVICE not only to WMA but to our community and to our Corps.

G = GOALS: The first of three major goals is to develop an Operational Management Road Ahead Plan that will identify the short and long range objectives required to support our WMA Purposes. My second GOAL is to emphasize sound fiscal management to include a new revised funds management program and a fundraising effort that will help to increase our financial base so that we can continue to support our scholarship, education and history programs. My third GOAL is to focus on our public relations effort to educate the community about WMA and to enhance our image in order to appeal to all women who have honorably served in our Corps.

A = ACCOUNTABILITY: By this I mean getting involved whether it is at the national, chapter, or individual level. All too often we have seen where there was only one person running for a national office or where we could not find members to serve as chapter officers. Keep in mind that this is YOUR organization and it takes all of us to make it work. We need to get all of our members fully engaged, accountable and involved.

S = SERVICE: is closely aligned to accountability by getting involved and

making a difference. If you have any doubts as to how you can make a difference think about the many examples of service that we promote in our WMA Purposes. There are so many levels of service that we can perform individually or as a group. How about our participation in the Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service (VAVS) Program that assists our hospitalized veterans; or by our support to our deployed active duty with "care packages" from home?

My vision for WMA cannot be achieved without your support. We are all in this together and WMA is only as good as the sum of the whole. You have placed your trust and confidence in me as your new President but I need the support of each and every member of WMA to achieve this vision. I look forward to the next two years in serving WMA to the best of my ability. I know that together we can do great things for WMA.

*Semper Fidelis,
Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower*

1st Vice President's Message

Good news! Recruiting is paying off in a big way for WMA.

Cheryl Spencer was recognized at the Recognition and Awards Luncheon with the Individual Recruiting Award. Cheryl was responsible for 68 new members enrolling in WMA. That is a benchmark that may not be matched anytime soon. Her chapter, CA-2, grew by 77 members. CA-2 began the contest in Class B and moved to Class A.

The Molly Marine Chapter in New Orleans was also recognized for their recruiting. The Molly Marine Chapter received their charter in 2007 with over 12 members and a Class C. After growing to 38 members, they moved to Class B.

WMA chartered four new chapters during

the past two years. Besides these dramatic increases in membership, WMA continues to enroll members who find us by chance meetings, online registration, old friends, networking with the MCL or American Legion, etc. Let's keep this momentum going forward.

Speaking of First Timers, there were 91 new First Timers at convention. Check out their photo (page 10 of this issue). Melanie Young and her team from New Orleans presented a lively, fun filled, program to inform our convention First Timers of upcoming activities. As you notice the First Timer's photo, you will see a large group of active duty Marines. The MarAdmin was very successful in getting the convention information to the Marine commands. The Mar-

Admin also identified relevant workshops for the active duty to help secure command support.

Recruiting by all of our members and participation of active duty Marines will help keep WMA viable in these challenging times. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your First Vice President. I look forward to working with Rhonda Amtower and the other WMA Board members.

*Semper Fidelis,
Judy Anderson*



Col. Julia E. Hamblet

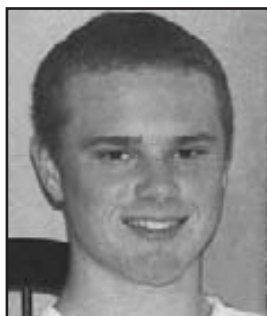
Hamblet Award Nominations

The National WMA Board has approved a \$500 Colonel Julia E. Hamblet Award to be given annually to the individual or team who has done the most to further the recognition of the history of women who have earned the title Marine. This award will be given annually at the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Dinner.

Winner(s) could be male or female, civilian or

military. Nominations are hereby solicited and should include the name, address, phone number and e-mail of the nominee(s) along with the accomplishment(s) that justify consideration for this award. Submissions should be in the hands of Nancy Wilt, 7679 Berkshire Lane, Castle Rock, CO 80108-8885, no later than 10 February 2009.

2008 Scholarship Recipients



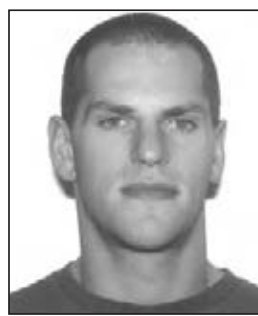
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 University of Michigan
 Major: Engineering
 Sponsor: Patricia Martin - Aunt



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 Sponsor: Maria Pendergast - Friend



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 Art Institute of California-San Diego
 Major/Minor -Media Arts and Animation
 Sponsor: Cheryl Spencer - Friend



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 Major/Minor – BFA Musical Theatre
 Sponsor: Carol Mutter – Friend



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\$1500 Scholarship
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 Major/Minor Biochemistry/Molecular Biology
 Sponsor: Edith Zedonek - Aunt



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 Baylor University
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WOW, Convention Increases our History

My heartfelt thanks to Mary Bacon Hale, Helen Hannah Campbell, Sara Phoenix, Ernestine Stowell, June Whitehurst, Angeline Allen, Judy Anderson and Pat Landry for making the history suite such a huge success at convention. These women obtained the space, worked on set-up, staffed the exhibit and in almost every case added to our history while doing it.

In addition to having the suite open to visitors, it was also the site of an active duty reception with BGen Tracy Garrett. During the reception, our active duty members unveiled the newest piece of art in our collection honoring the women in Iraq.

June Whitehurst appeared with her WWII photo album and what a story it tells. June entered the Corps and would have been in the first Hunter College class, but with her office skills she was not sent to Hunter but to the new office of the Director of Women Marines, working for then Major Ruth Cheney Streeter. June worked in civilian clothes with a hand made arm band that had USMC on it. She worked in the office of Major Streeter and enjoyed every minute of the experience. June was then assigned to the second class at Hunter and has copies of memos where she asks for a few hours off with another co-worker who was leaving for Hunter to pack and get haircuts, etc. Col Streeter authorized by return memo a half a day off for both women. June has kept that message traffic as well as a memo in which Col Streeter gives her very honest comments on a few of the days politicians, a great look at our first Director.

Ernestine Stowell assisted in set-up and gave me more of her story as a Marine. Ernestine graduated from Mt. Holyoke (first school for women Marine officers) and enlisted. During her years as a Marine, Ernestine worked on maps, developing and drawing them. She worked on the battle maps of Iwo Jima. Talk about one of the little known jobs that women Marines did during the war that had great impact. In this day of computer generation of such items, it's good to remember all that was hand done in WWII. Ernestine has also assembled and given the history of our women at Mt. Holyoke. It's a great album and DVD. A huge project done in an outstanding manner.

Mary Hale made it possible to bring the collection to convention and then gave many hours to being in the suite to interface with visitors. Her partner was Helen

Hannah Campbell who joined her in visiting and staffing the suite.

Renowned artist Tim Lawn has presented us with our newest water color painting that is a major gift to our collection. Pictured is a patrol and includes SSgt Kent Padmore, and our women attacked in a convoy later that day. SSgt Padmore is credited with saving ten of our female Marines. It is a magnificent and moving painting. This painting will be on display at



Carol Mutter and others look over uniforms in the History Suite

various venues over the next year.

We also received many new items from members attending the convention. They are being processed as I write this into the collection. Many thanks to those that gave their treasures.



Helen Hannah Campbell finds herself on one of the displays in the History Suite

(world class). Angeline has whipped us into shape. We have developed our final method for preservation and the path is this.

You send us your treasures. We receive and store them in air tight plastic temporary storage containers. A collection is then opened in your name. Yours becomes a collection all its own within The Women of the Corps Collection. A collection can be as small as one Marine holiday menu or as large as Helen Hannah Campbell's 47 boxes.

Your items are inventoried, accessioned into our computer database (by item) and your treasures are then moved to the archival storage that is best for them and stored as your collection. Uniforms are cleaned and

stored in the finest available archival bags for preservation. Your buttons, medals, ribbons, etc are stored with your uniform in an archival attached envelope so that your uniform stays together. Purses are cleaned and stored as are hats, etc., all in the newest and best archival boxes available. Albums and photos are put in archival acid free storage sleeves and boxes.

We have truly become "the hot new collection" in the museum and collections world. We are unique and our new computer system will make it possible to interface with other museums and collections and will eventually allow women Marine families and friends to look up and research their woman Marine.

To date we have 124 completed collections with hundreds to go. This is a major project. Angeline has finished her internship with us and has offered to stay on and continue the project until we have all existing collections complete with CO-1 doing more of the documentation, with Angeline staying as an advisor. Thank you, Angeline, for all you do.

One WMA member indicated she had a pair of Lyle hose she would send... please, send them as they are one piece of the women's uniform of WWII that we are missing.

Denver 2010: A Walk through Time
Close your eyes and envision a trip back in time from Iraq to Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Vietnam, Korea, WWII, WWI and the War of 1812. Remember the music, dances, drinks and foods of the day. That will be Denver 2010. Mark your calendars for this fun filled convention of the way we were and are today.

Nancy Wilt

We're looking for:

Montezuma Red Lipstick
Lyle Hose
Vietnam Era photos and memorabilia
Desert Shield/Desert Storm Era
1980's uniforms and photos
WWI uniform or pieces, photos
WWII photos of women's quarters and bases



SgtMaj Barbara Titus checks out her photo on one of the displays

Loyal Escort Scuttlebutt

I am extremely pleased with all the Loyal Escorts who were able to attend the Texas Convention. We all worked hard to make things happen and that we did! Thanks to the mailing effort and the business meetings we



were able to pass our new Bylaws and Standing Rules. The 501(c) (3) application is complete and being mailed to the IRS. After five years of work that my predecessor started (IPP Paul Dossin) and our board members, we finally did it.

I want to thank you for your vote of confidence allowing me to serve you as President of the Loyal Escorts for two more years. I also want to thank my 2006-2008 board members for their support and efforts last term. Continuing on for 2008-

2010 are Don Cannon, VP; John Holvoet and Tabitha Cunningham, Directors; and Nancy Leubben, Chaplain. The new officers are Charles Ables, Treasurer and Secretary; Wayne Rennaker, Parliamentarian; David Wiszneaukas, Director; and David P. Murray, WMA Liaison.

As for the convention, those folks in Houston know how to do it well; they did a great job hosting the party. Speaking of parties, I want to thank Don Cannon, Lynn Sparks and her husband Dan for all that they did for the Hospitality Room to make it as successful as it was. Thanks too to MaryAnn Merritt and her husband Jeff for the green scholarship cups which brought in much needed funds for the Loyal Escort Father Covert Memorial Scholarship. I hope our Loyal Escort Memorial table catches on and we have greater participation in the future. We had three pictures of Loyal Escorts that passed away on our table

this year.

I wanted to say "job well done" to Director Tabitha Cunningham and her helpers for running the Space Trading Center table. Under her direction and leadership the Loyal Escorts realized the best sales ever. Thanks to all who visited our table.

Speaking for all Loyal Escorts, we had a great time serving all 375 people who attended. We managed to dodge Hurricane Gustav while we were there and left before Hurricane Ike landed.

We have new ideas for the 2010 Denver convention. Stay tuned for further updates.



Tabitha Cunningham selling the scholarship cups, or what affectionately became known as the "Sippy Dippy" cups.

Ken Cross

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Nita Bob Warner recuperating!

Past National President Nita Bob Warner has been in the hospital since 23 October after suffering a stroke and is responding well to treatment. She will return to Freedom Square Inn where she's been living, but to the nursing home instead of assisted living.

Sue Sousa and Eileen Scanlan were packing for a pre-planned 3-day visit with her when they received a phone call that Nita Bob was in the ambulance and on her way to the hospital. Once they got there, they showed her lots of photos

from the convention, including one of all the active duty, told her all about it and left a program book and a convention tote bag. Having the photos helped with communication with her.

In her mail was her National Service Award pin that NSA recipients received at the convention. Nita Bob thought it was beautiful.

Prayers and cards are appreciated, and I'm sure she'll be swamped with cards once word gets out. Her address is: Freedom Square Inn, 10801 Johnson Blvd, Seminole, Florida 33772.

Buy Jewelry, Make A Scholarship Fund Donation

Ladies, get your checkbooks ready! Maj Jen Nothelfer sells Silpada Sterling Silver Jewelry, and she is donating her commission from her sales on her website (www.mysilpada.com/jen.nothelfer) to the Maj Megan McClung Scholarship Fund. To make a purchase from her website to contribute towards the scholarship fund, simply email Jen at nothelferj@aol.com. Make sure to identify "McClung Scholarship Fund" in the subject line. All orders ship directly to the purchaser which makes it simple for everyone!



The photo shows Jen at her table at our convention in Houston. I don't know what her final total was, but that Sunday it was up to \$450.

So check out her website! For the price of a bracelet or necklace, you get to help a young student continue their journey towards graduating from college, honor one of our finest Marines and look fashionably gorgeous doing it!

Jenifer Nothelfer can be contacted at (252) 288-5128 (home), (610) 662-7346 (cell) or the above email if you have questions.

Fore!

Please consider this your personal invitation to join the International Women's Veterans Golf Association (IWVGA).

In the early spring of 1976, two women, a former woman Marine (Rosemary Dillard) and a Navy Wave (Gwen Danko) were talking about their service and golf. They thought it would be a great way to promote golf through the comradeship of women veterans of all military services. Thus the International Women's Veteran Golf Association was born and after 32

years it is still going strong.

This is an enthusiastic group of women from all services who gather annually in great places (Hawaii, Colorado, Hilton Head South Carolina, California, Florida to name a few), enjoy some golf, have a wonderful time, share stories and meet new playing partners. This event is not just about the golf but the sharing of great times and passing traditions on to those who come after us, not at all unlike WMA.

The 2009 IWVGA Tournament will be

held June 21-24 at the World Golf Village in beautiful St. Augustine, FL, and we would love to have you join us for this exciting event. Please go to our website (<http://home.earthlink.net/~iwvga.ducks/>) to find out more about us and to fill out a membership application. Dues are easy, \$25 a year. See you in St. Augustine in June; it will be a great time!



Christmas at the National Museum of the Marine Corps

Christmas is coming early for WMA. We have been given a wonderful opportunity to participate in the National Museum of the Marine Corps' (NMMC) Christmas season activities.

This year, as part of their holiday planning, the NMMC will erect three Christmas trees on the museum's Leatherneck Gallery overlook. These three trees will be designated each year as "association" trees, and as such, they are inviting Marine Corps associations to decorate a tree in a representative style to showcase their organization through decorations reflecting the contributions and service of their

members throughout the history of our Corps - and thus help the museum tell the broader story of the Marine Corps over the past 232+ years.

The National Museum of the Marine Corps has invited the Women Marines Association to participate as one of the three inaugural associations for this year. Nancy Wilt, our National Historian and Chair of the History Committee, is spearheading this project and is planning an interactive, decorative tree that will duplicate the design of a tree that was used in the White House during the civil war that included patriotic flags and sketches of soldiers.

The WMA tree will be colorful, informative and based on the history of women in the Corps.

The trees will be on display from 4 December through the New Year. Anyone traveling in the Quantico/DC area this December will want to stop and see this commemorative tree and share in our proud heritage as women in the Corps.

Any WMA member interested in being a part of the decorating team contact Nancy Wilt for details. Her contact information is on Page 2 of this and every issue of 'Nouncements.

Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower

Whew!

We didn't exactly blow into Texas, but we certainly blew out! Hurricane Gustav didn't quite make it, but Ike did, and even though the convention was over when it hit the Houston area, unfortunately it has affected some of the coverage of the convention in the newsletter.

The anniversary party will be covered in the winter issue. Marti Raney is writing that article, but her house sustained some major damage, a tree limb fell on her car and she was without power for two weeks, so the article hasn't been uppermost in her mind. We're glad she's okay, and will publish her article in the next issue.

The convention photographer, Pamela, sustained some damage to her office, so there was a delay in getting needed photos to me for inclusion in this issue until she got the roof and floors repaired.

Other things came up during the formatting stage of this newsletter that will show up in articles that are not as in-depth as you might like. Photos are definitely doing more of the talking in this issue, and they came from a variety of members. To those members (the photos are identified as to who submitted what), I thank you so very much! In appreciation I selected a photo of each member from their "stash" to include in this issue.

Sondra Metzger

Thank You!

At our September (CA-7) luncheon, I received the most beautiful card signed by so many, many of you who attended the convention. I was sorry that I could not attend as an acute eye problem kept me from flying at that time. Also, they brought back a beautiful beige afghan with flower pots and blooming flowers throughout and presented it to me. I was thrilled and want to express my THANKS to each and every one who signed the card. There wasn't an inch of space left, there were so many good wishes and prayers. What a beautiful feeling to have been missed as I missed seeing all of you. Hopefully will get to Denver.

*Semper Fidelis,
Ellie Judge*

Welcome Home

Everyone attending the Homecoming felt welcomed home by the time it was over, even those who had never been out of the states!

With a cake cutting led by Capt Sally Falco, Aide-de-Camp to MajGen Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin, bag pipers, speeches, cake and coffee, everyone enjoyed themselves. After the ceremony, the major general graciously posed for photos.



Bagpipers.

Photo by J. Pamela Photography.



MajGen Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin.
Photo by Sondra Metzger.



The ceremonial cake is presented.
Photo by Sondra Metzger.



PFC Nemesi Gomez was the youngest Marine present, while Helen Hannah Campbell was the oldest. MajGen Krusa-Dossin had the honor of cutting the cake for these two Marines. *Photo by J. Pamela Photography.*



The Westin Galleria. *Photo by BettyJean Cannon.*



Long registration lines on the first day. *Photo by BettyJean Cannon.*

A Round up of the Roundup

Let's see: we came, we partied, we voted, we celebrated, we remembered, we partied, we rewarded achievements, we rendered solemn honors, we partied, we danced and we left. That's it! See ya'll in 2010!



MajGen Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin is made an Honorary Texan by Karen Beatty.
Photo by Sondra Metzger.

Oh, I guess you want more. I did leave out that some of us left as honorary Texans: Sue Sousa, Eileen Scanlon, Melanie Young, Karen Reeves, Paula Sarlls, Alyce Jones, Kathleen Eidson, Lou Teixeira, MajGen Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin and Vernice Armour, to name a few. Whew! I ducked that one! As

an Okie, Oklahoma might not have let me back across the Red River!

If you're not sure what I'm talking about from this point on, please refer to "MISSION: HOUSTON" on the front page of the summer issue.

I said we were on the verge of the wildest convention ever. Well, that depends on your definition of "wild". It had its

Texas-sized moments. Exactly how many women Marines in skirts CAN you fit in a jeep? And is Paula doing an imitation of Nikita Khrushchev? Because she forgot the gavel, she improvised, overcame and adapted! What a Marine. For the record, it IS a RED shoe.



Paula Improvises.
Photo by Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower.

Although Texas is known for its...um, exaggerations when it comes to size, the convention committee was not exaggerating when they said the WMA-PX was almost as big as a football field! The place was HUGE!! It was so large that we could have put all the Boutiques in that one room from the past five conventions.



The WMA PX. *Photo by Sondra Metzger.*



Photo by Betty Jean Cannon.

Those who went on the tour of NASA enjoyed themselves. And look! WMA really DOES hang the moon!

Questions were answered from the summer issue: yes, Lou can still carry a tune, as evidenced by the photo of her and Tony Sarlls; Nita Bob was not there (we missed you!), but

Virginia Allred, Helen Hannah Campbell, Lou Teixeira, Sue Sousa and Carol Mutter were; and yes, Helen Hannah Campbell added yet another year to her convention t-shirt, although she didn't wear it.



Tony Sarlls and Lou Teixeira.
Photo by Betty Jean Cannon.



BGen Angie Salinas.
Photo by J. Pamela Photography.

BGen Salinas did not disappoint. In fact, you would enjoy a video of her speech more than reading it. The standing ovation at the end said it all.

MajGen Krusa-Dossin, ever the professional, spoke at the homecoming and re-enlisted GySgt Molly Frank before the panel discussion with Vernice Armour. The gunny wanted to re-enlist

in front of the women Marines at the convention, and we were honored to be there. Notice the mirror.



The re-enlistment of GySgt Molly Frank. *Photo by Sondra Metzger.*

Gen James Conway closed the show with an update on how our Corps is doing.

And then it was over. The launch that took place on 28 August ended safely back on earth on 3 September. All that was left was the clean up.

Many thanks to the convention committee for all their hard work to provide a great atmosphere for us to do our thing. We hope everyone got home safe and as sound as possible after a convention, and looking forward to Denver in 2010.

The rest of the story is going to be told in photographs. So don't stop now! We're not done yet!



Gen James Conway. *Photo courtesy www.Marines.mil*

Sondra Metzger



All the 1st Timers, 2008. Photo by J. Pamela Photography

First Timers

The schedule said all First Timers should assemble in the Monarch Room on the 24th floor of the Houston Galleria to attend the First Timers Meeting. Well, this must have been a typo because what really happened was that we had a very lively and fun First Timers Mardi Gras party hosted by LA-1 President Melanie Young and the lovely ladies of the Molly Marine Chapter, LA-1.

Once all the guests were assembled, the quintet from MCRD San Diego started playing hot jazz and the ladies of LA-1 marched in with their matching white t-shirts, gold sashes, colorful masks, lively umbrellas and lots and lots and lots of very colorful beads. As the music played and the crowd got into the spirit, the LA-1 ladies danced around the room handing out beads to one and all. The excitement of these ladies was totally contagious and everyone was soon caught up in the Mardi Gras spirit.

After the first round of excitement calmed down, we moved smartly into the second round of fun with the introduction of our very own Kathleen Eidson who delivered her traditional First Timers performance with all the wonderful Georgia charm and enthusiasm for which she is so well known. By the time Kathleen finished, the entire room was on their feet clapping and cheering for this delightful woman. Quite a few WMA members attend this meeting each year just to see Kathleen dazzle them with her unique songs, her Southern charm and her bubbly personality. She is a real WMA treasure!

Even though all the normal business events were conducted, it was done in such a fun environment it hardly seemed like business at all. The schedule went something like this:

- conduct business, hand out beads
- introduce guests, hand out beads
- introduce national board members, hand out beads

- award door prizes, hand out beads
- ask a question, hand out beads

I think you get the idea. The Louisiana ladies never seemed to run out of beads and all the attendees were trying to get more and more of them. LA-1 also treated us to a short Molly Marine movie about the ladies of the Corps which was filmed during the late 60s/early 70s. It brought back some great memories for the older ladies and gave the younger Marines an idea of what the Corps was like in the "good old days". And of course, after the movie, LA-1 handed out more beads.



LA-1 getting ready to strut their stuff. Photo by J. Pamela Photography

Another special treat was a visit from SgtMaj Gene Overstreet, USMC (ret), who was the 12th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps. SgtMaj Overstreet said that he gets to visit many veterans' organizations all across the USA and that he believes WMA is just about the best run and most active veterans' organization he has encountered. He also said that we do a great job of ensuring the organization remains viable by bringing in new young members. We thank the Sergeant Major for his kind words and for taking the time to join us in Houston.

For just about the first time, the majority of first timers were active duty Marines. What a treat for all of us to be with these exceptional young women. They certainly appeared to be having a great time and it was wonder-

ful to have them with us for the entire convention. Please keep coming to the conventions because we inactive Marines get an opportunity to personally thank you for your service and to enjoy your company. You are setting the standard very high for all who follow! Oooh-rah to you all!

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that the Molly Marine Chapter has only existed since 2007 and yet they stepped up and accepted the challenge to host the 2008 First Timers Meeting. On top of that, Hurricane Gustav was seriously threatening to hit Louisiana as the convention started, but the women of LA-1 came to Houston, put on a great meeting and then many turned around and went home the next day. We will keep our WMA sisters in Louisiana and all along the Gulf Coast in our prayers throughout this long and difficult hurricane season.

I would like to offer a big Oooh-rah and "well done" to all the members of LA-1 who planned and supported this most successful event and to offer a special "thank you" to Melanie Young who stayed for the entire convention and was such a wonderful representative for her chapter. In spite of the weather issues, LA-1 was able to adapt, improvise and overcome in true Marine Corps fashion. Semper Fidelis, ladies!

Kathleen Wright, CA-3



Melanie Young handin' out the beads. Photo by J. Pamela Photography.

Opening Banquet



Opening the banquet were (l-r): Jackie Bazile, Lynn Sparks, Judy Anderson, Melanie Young and Maria Crowley. Judy was co-chair of the convention while the other ladies were in charge of specific events.
Photo by J. Pamela Photography.

(Right:) Karen Beatty, convention co-chair, flies into the banquet in her shuttle.
Photo by J. Pamela Photography.



(Left:) Melanie Young carries in her LA-1 chapter flag.
Photo by J. Pamela Photography.



(Left:) Mary Bacon Hale receives the Julia Hamblet Award from Paula Sarlls. Mary could not attend the banquet in April due to health problems.
Photo by Sondra Metzger.



(Left:) Lillian Cross receives the National Service Award from Paula Sarlls for her work during the California fires last year, checking on and keeping track of members in harm's way, and then making sure we all knew what was going on.
Photo by Sondra Metzger.



(Above:) John Holvoet receives the National Service Award from Paula Sarlls for his work on our database, which went way above and beyond.
Photo by Sondra Metzger.



(Left:) BGen Angie Salinas.
Photo by Sondra Metzger.



Past National Service Award recipients received a pin to wear designating their award. From left to right are: Trish Martin, Sondra Metzger, Virginia Allred, Nancy Wilt, Mary Bacon Hale, Carol Mutter, Sue Souza, Eileen Scanlon, Mary Ann Merritt, Dorothy Munroe, Mabel Otten. *Photo by Betty Jean Cannon.*



Recognition & Awards

All photos by Sondra Metzger.

NEWSLETTER

- 1st Place – Mary Ann Merritt, MI-2
- 2nd Place – Esther Rau, CA-7
- 3rd Place - Maryannette Smith Schneider, CA-3

HISTORY BOOK

- 1st Place - Kathleen Wright, CA-3
- 2nd Place - Lona Turner, MI-2
- 3rd Place – Catherine Carpenter, MA-1

WEBSITE

- 1st Place – Paula Sarlls, CO-1
- 2nd Place – Mary Ann Merritt, MI-2

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT

CLASS II CATEGORY A

- 1st Place - Kathleen Wright, CA-3
- 2nd Place - Mary Ann Merritt, MI-2

CLASS II CATEGORY B

- 1st Place - Kathleen Wright, CA-3
- 2nd Place - Mary Ann Merritt, MI-2

CLASS II CATEGORY C

- 1st Place - Kathleen Wright, CA-3
- 2nd Place - Mary Ann Merritt, MI-2

CLASS III CATEGORY A

- 1st Place - Barbara Cogburn, CA-7

CLASS III CATEGORY B

- 1st Place - Catherine Carpenter, MA-1

RECRUITING

CHAPTER BY CLASS

CLASS I

- 1st Place – LA-1
- 2nd Place – SC-1
- 3rd Place – TX-1



Ken Cross and Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower present the 1st place streamer for chapter recruiting (Class 1) to Melanie Young, LA-1.

CLASS II

- 1st Place – CA-2
- 2nd Place – VA-1
- 3rd Place – MI-2

CLASS III

- 1st Place – CA-7
- 2nd Place – IL-2
- 3rd Place – DC-1



Rhonda presents the 1st place WMA Chapter Recruiting Award to CA-7's Barbara Cogburn (Class 3) and Cheryl Spencer, CA-2 (Class 2)

Rhonda presents 2nd place certificates to Brenda Moore, SC-1 and Mary Roa, IL-2, for Chapter Recruiting.



LOYAL ESCORTS

CLASS I - OK-2

CLASS II - OH-2

CLASS III - CA-2



(Left) Ken and Rhonda present the Loyal Escort Recruiting Award, Class I, to OK-2 representative Sondra Metzger.



(Above) Ellen Leidy receiving the Class II Loyal Escort Recruiting Award for OH-2.



Mary Ann Merritt with MI-2's awards



CA-3 showing off their awards.



(Left) Ken Cross and Sondra Metzger present the Chapter Website Award to Paula Sarlls, CO-1.

Photo: June Dempsey



(Right) Barbara Cogburn, CA-7, and Ken Cross with CA-7's 1st place streamer for chapter achievement.



Third place certificates were given to Joan Wright, TX-1, Natalie McPherson, MI-2 and Betty Moseley-Brown, DC-1

(Right) Cheryl Spencer picks up another streamer for CA-2 for Class III Loyal Escort Recruiting.



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OVERALL CHAPTER

1st Place - CA-2
2nd Place - CA-7
3rd Place - LA-1

OVERALL INDIVIDUAL

1st Place - Cheryl Spencer, CA-2
2nd Place - Mary Ann Merritt, MI-2
3rd Place - Paula Sarlls, CO-1

AREA DIRECTOR

Area 6 - Judy Anderson, TX-2



Cheryl Spencer, CA-2, walked away a real winner, picking up streamers for overall chapter recruiting and overall individual recruiting.



(Right) Rhonda presents Judy Anderson, Area 6 Director, with the Best Area Director award.

Four chapters received their charters: LA-1, IN-2, IL-3 and TX-4. Melanie Young accepted for LA-1; BettyJean Cannon accepted the charters for IN-2 and IL-3; Irma Sanchez accepted for TX-4.



Texas Roadhouse Live

Yee-Haw Time!

Ace photographer BettyJean Cannon taking a break from behind the lens.

Carol Mutter, Marti Evans, Wendy Hopkins and Karen Kelly look like they're ready to scoot a boot at the WMA Roundup.
Photo by Wendy Hopkins.



FINALLY! Some boot scootin' boogie! Photo by J Pamela Photography.

Pat Kelly wearing a hat one doesn't find in Washington, DC too often. Photo by BettyJean Cannon.



Remembering...

The National Memorial Service was a somber yet uplifting experience for me. As a first timer, I had no idea what to expect. As a new member of the Sometime Singers, I was honored and humbled to be a part of the service. National Chaplain Joan Hammond, past National Chaplain Mitzi Manning and then-incoming National Chaplain Betty Jean Cannon came together to provide a tribute to those 194 members lost to us since the last conven-

tion, along with 14 Loyal Escorts. When Denne Howard, in dress blues, played "Taps", it was as memorable as any rendition I've heard played graveside at a national cemetery.

I've had to pause and compose myself as I think of a par-



Left to right: Denne Howard, LCpl Martinez, Sgt Vielman, Sgt Keosouriya and PFC Gomez.

Photo courtesy of Wendy Hopkins.

yet performed as if having the opportunity to render this final salute was their favorite part of the convention. Perhaps it was.

Trish Martin

2010 Convention Luncheon

The 2010 luncheon opened with CO-1 member Pam Shelby looking for Paula Sarlls - "Has anyone seen her?" - and then it seemed in the back of the room she was coming in from the golf course. They reviewed the great venues in Colorado and downtown Denver available to visitors at the 2010 convention, but Paula always returned to the many golf courses in the area. One might have thought she was an avid golfer!

The brochures handed out to members were full of great ideas and more can be found at www.denver.org and www.colorado.com. Colorado Getaways is a popular TV show that highlights great places to visit in Colorado and you can see many of those places on line at <http://cbs4denver.com/video/?cid=109>.

Following a delightful lunch featur-

ing ginger pear soup, a great salad trio, and mountain berries in Devonshire cream, Col Dan Mater highlighted more wonderful features about Colorado with videos and discussion of times he served with women of the Corps.

BGen Tracy Garrett, the first and only female general in the reserves, spoke about women Marines and the importance of our history. She is looking forward to seeing everyone in Colorado.

The luncheon ended with a discussion



of the great historic menus we have in the "Women of the Corps" collection and how we plan to use them for the menus in 2010. Nancy Wilt also described a great coffee drink being designed for the event and the best history exhibit ever seen.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Denver and look forward to celebrating 50 great years of WMA with you!

Paula Sarlls
2010 Convention Chair

Jones Donates Painting to History Project

Marilyn Jones (left) donated an oil painting of her to the History Project that was given to her by a male Marine in 1977.

Accepting the painting are Nancy Wilt and Paula Sarlls.

Anyone wishing to donate to the History Project should contact Nancy Wilt at: 7679 Berkshire Lane, Castle Rock, CO, 80104, 303-663-3747, niwilt@aol.com.



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Gen James T. Conway with escort SSgt Diane Durden.
Photo courtesy www.Marines.mil.



Paula Sarlls, Gen Conway, MajGen Charles Bolden and SgtMaj Carlton Kent. Photo courtesy www.Marines.mil.



Gen Conway and the Loyal Escorts. Photo courtesy www.Marines.mil



Gen Conway with convention photographer Pamela and MajGen Charles Bolden, former NASA astronaut.
Photo courtesy www.Marines.mil.



From left to right, Kay Rand, Gen James Conway, Jan Gochanour and Judy Klima. The three are sisters who all went into the Marine Corps.
Photo by Donna Perdue.



We had the honor of the quintet from MCRD San Diego entertaining us at various events. Seen here with SgtMaj Kent and Gen Conway. Photo courtesy www.Marines.mil.



Sometimes Singers led by Betsy Menin.
Photo courtesy www.Marines.mil.



Mary Merritt gets her chance for a photo op with the CMC.
Photo courtesy www.Marines.mil.

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Gen Conway with PO2 Tony Lorge and his wife Sgt Corinne Lorge.

Photo courtesy www.Marines.mil.



Gen Conway and Kathy Van Gorder.

Photo by Kathy Van Gorder.



Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower and her Loyal Escort, husband Jim.

Photo by Kathy Van Gorder.



Chaplain Joan Hammond and her husband Edward Leis.

Photo by BettyJean Cannon.



Paula Sarlls with Edith Ynacay (right) and her daughter-in-law.



Tony and Paula Sarlls.

Photo by Donna Perdue.



Newly "pinned" National President Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower and Immediate Past President Paula Sarlls.

Photo by J Pamela Photography.



Lillian and Ken Cross.

Photo by BettyJean Cannon.



Gen Conway with Karen Beatty and Judy Anderson.

Photo courtesy www.Marines.mil.



Ken Cross, Sue Sousa after presenting LaVerne Marts, CA-3, with the Ruth & Dick Broe Award for overall chapter achievement. *Photo by J Pamela Photography.*



One Convention, three generals.
Photo by Jackie Bazile.

Candid Retrospective



Two Marines, one Marine chaplain.
Photo by Jackie Bazile.



Gen Conway and Carol Mutter after the closing banquet. Looks like someone owes someone some money!
Photo courtesy www.Marines.mil



Donna Perdue, Carol Mutter and SSgt Diane Durden. Photo by Donna Perdue.



Maria Crowley with BGen Salinas at the opening banquet.
Photo by June Dempsey.



Fun at NASA.
Photo by Jackie Bazile.



Behind the scenes at the photo shoot for the new board. Photo by Mary Merritt.

(Right): Muriel Underwood having too much fun at the Space Trading Center.
Photo by BettyJean Cannon.



Is Eileen Scanlon really stuffing ditty bags?
Photo by BettyJean Cannon.



(Left): Paula said she would get SgtMaj Titus and sure enough, the lady herself. Welcome, SgtMaj!
Photo by Sondra Metzger.



Hazel Strook.
Photo by Sondra Metzger.

(Right): Convention co-chair Judy Anderson is either having a great time or the convention is over!
Photo by J Pamela Photography.



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Current editor Sondra Metzger with
"Editor Emeritus" Virginia Allred.
Photo by Abbey Warner.



Who remembers
this antique??
Photo by Sondra Metzger.



12th SgtMaj of the Marine Corps Gene Overstreet
with Kathleen Eidson and SSgt Diane Durden.
Photo by Donna Perdue.



For the convention and to mark
their 50th anniversary, NASA
donated a space suit that was
worn by Buzz Aldrin.
Photo by Sondra Metzger.



Don Cannon joins other Loyals Escorts to put
up the flag stands.
Photo by BettyJean Cannon.

Active Duty Participants



Thank you, Marines, for attending our convention!
Photo by J. Pamela Photography.



How many former Marines will fit in a Jeep?
Photo by Sondra Metzger.



Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower visiting with some of the active duty during the 1st Timer's meeting. Photo by BettyJean Cannon.

Remembering Maj McClung



One of the displays in the History Suite had uniforms and other items that belonged to Maj Megan McClung and were donated by her family. Beneath her cover is her running shoes.

Photo by Sondra Metzger.



Marine Corps University-sponsored active duty attendees. Photo by J. Pamela Photography

Installation Ceremony



Marines escort the Area Directors into the banquet hall. Photo by J. Pamela Photography.



National President-elect Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower. Photo by J. Pamela Photography.



Sue Sousa installing Rhonda. Notice the two Marines making sure Rhonda doesn't run! Photo by J. Pamela Photography.



The 2008-2010 board. Photo by J. Pamela Photography.



Women Marines Association Board Members



Back row (l-r): Ellen Leidy, Yinka Perry, Lisa Huerta, Paula Sarlls, Heidi Tanada, Betty Cook, Mary Ellen Stone, Sara Hefty and Lillian Cross. Front Row (l-r): Ernestine Stowell, Deniese Elsoh, Judy Anderson, Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower, Kathy Van Gorder, Cheryl Gardner and Karen Reeves. *Photo by J. Pamela Photography.*



Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Board Members

(Standing): John Holvoet, Ken Cross, Donald Cannon, Dave Wiszneauckas and Wayne Rennaker. (Sitting): Tabitha Cunningham and Charles (Chuck) Ables. *Photo by J. Pamela Photography.*



Interesting sight at the convention...the Marine Corps emblems on Navy Corpsman PO2 Tony Lorge's ribbons and insignia.

2dLt Whipple Named USMC Female Athlete of the Year



Gen James Conway and SgtMaj Carlton Kent present 2dLt Justine Whipple with the 2007 Marine Corps Female Athlete of the Year award.

Molly Marine Rally Point

The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation recently embarked on a new development phase to expand the National Museum of the Marine Corps. A key element of the development plan is the completion of Semper Fidelis Memorial Park, a place for remembrance and reflection within which Marines, family members and friends may honor those who have served and sacrificed in our Corps. The Park consists of a network of paved trails connected to several rally points and is located on beautifully landscaped high ground adjacent to the National Museum. When complete, it also will include a chapel and various features evoking our maritime tradition.

Marine fraternal organizations will have the opportunity to honor their comrades-in-arms through the placement of

memorials and statuary at select locations throughout the Park, the most prominent of which will be the rally points. We're very pleased to say that one of the larger rally points will be centered around a Molly Marine statue. The funds to cast the Molly statue were provided by Patrick and Phyllis Taylor of New Orleans who also helped with the Molly Marine Restoration project in 2000-2002. That effort resulted in the placement of new Molly statues at Parris Island and in front of the Gray Research Center at Quantico.

The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation is encouraging all the fraternal organizations of the Marine Corps to join in sponsoring the expansion and completion of Semper Fidelis Memorial Park. WMA could help in the effort, and would be

recognized in the Park through its sponsorship of the Molly statue if we contribute significantly to the project. The total cost to complete Semper Fidelis Memorial Park is roughly \$15M. Our recognition will be proportionate to the amount of funds we raise and contribute.

I would ask that each of you decide on how much you can contribute to this very worthwhile, long-lasting and visible project. Send your donations directly to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation on the below form. With board approval, WMA will provide matching funds for our members' donations up to a maximum of \$10,000.

*Semper Fidelis,
Carol Mutter*

YES! I'm proud to support the Molly Marine Rally Point!

I am enclosing a gift of \$ _____ ☐ My check is enclosed ☐ Please bill my credit card

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Credit Card Information

Please charge my: ☐ American Express ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover

Card Number: _____ Expires: _____

Signature: _____

Please detach and send this completed form with your check payable to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation or your credit card information to: MCHF WMA Program; 3800 Fetter Park Drive; Suite 104; Dumfries, VA 22025. 811WMA

A Most Difficult Passing

In 1996, my OK-2 chapter members and I traveled to San Antonio for our first convention. We were all excited; we had just created the first WMA Historical Calendar, and now we were going to get to meet some of the women featured in our calendar. And boy, did we! WR band members, Nita Bob Warner, Sergeant Majors of Women Marines, Col Margaret Henderson and more.



Mary receives a certificate from then National President Carol Mutter for her work with the MCJROTC.

On top of all the friends we made, we came away from that convention with something unexpected...a mentor. Among all the heavy weights was this one little hard-charging, highly motivated woman who took us by the "purse straps" and led us into life as it was then in WMA.

And now I have the honor as granted by her chapter to write this article about the passing of Mary A. Sabourin.

Mary Sabourin was one of WMA's "treasures", and on 18 October, she reported to her last duty station. Slowed down by health issues at 85 but still driving herself from Hubert to Jacksonville to help Mary Laskowski in her book store, Book Exchange II. Mary was at the book store when she sat down in the seat of her walker and never got back up. The woman who found her said she looked like she was sleeping.

But she wasn't. Gone was the motivation, the inspiration, the true meaning of "Semper Fidelis". I have met few women in WMA who are as motivated about the Marine Corps today as they were when they were in uniform. Everyone loves it, but there was something different about Mary. The Corps and everything it touched was her life. Mary Sabourin was the definition of "ooo-rah".

When the Marine Corps began including women in the Marine Combat Training (MCT) course at Lejeune, Mary was in her prime. She would take extra newsletters with her and visit the women while they were there, giving them support and

doses of that motivation of hers. There is no telling how many lives she touched just doing that one thing, or how many women made it through because of her.

"Mighty Mo" was one of her nicknames, but I knew her better as the "lady of many hats". She was very involved in her community, working tirelessly for the Onslow Community Ministries Christmas Cheer program, which provides toys, clothing and food for less fortunate children and their families during the holiday. She loved children, and loved helping people in her community. Volunteering became her "job" after retiring from the Corps in 1976. When she was Area 3 Director, she was the most active area director, forever on the road visiting chapters in her area. She was also chair of the MCJROTC award program at the same time.

She never stopped trying to improve things in WMA. She wasn't content doing things the way they've always been done when the Corps and life were constantly changing. Many a WMA National President shuddered when Mary strode up to the microphone at a business meeting because they knew her passion, and they were never sure how that passion was going to play out. She was one of three members who could do that, and now all three are gone. So you can bet there's a past national president or two shuddering under their halos.



Me and Mary at a convention. One of my favorite photos of her.

She rounded out her WMA career by chairing the 2006 convention in Louisville. After that, her health took precedence and she "retired" from national-level work.

Mary's Marine Corps career started in 1945 as a Post Exchange clerk at Lejeune. She was discharged in 1946, but re-enlisted in 1949. In 1950 she was one of the 2,700 WRs mobilized for the first time in our history during the Korean

War. In 1975, SgtMaj Sabourin was the only female sergeant major assigned to B Company at Camp Lejeune, and was one of the first women to actually receive the sergeant major designation.

One of her proudest moments came when she was honored along with 22 others at Camp Lejeune by then Commanding Officer Col Adele Hodges with the "Hardcore Warrior" award during Military Retiree Appreciation Day ceremonies. At this time, she is the only female on a roster of 44 awardees.

Mary didn't want us to mourn her death; she wanted us to celebrate her life, so there were no services. Her remains will be taken to Newark Valley, NY, for burial next to her parents.

However, her chapter, NC-1, is planning to honor Mary at some upcoming events. Plans include honoring Mary at the 1 November Veterans' Day parade by putting her photo on the car she always rode in. Their Veterans' Day display at the mall will just be about Mary. At their 12 December Christmas party, they are going to do the WMA memorial service, inviting all local veterans groups. Col Adele Hodges is the guest of honor.

In February, they will dedicate a highway marker about women Marines in front of Camp Lejeune that Mary worked hard to have placed there. Col Hodges will again be the guest speaker as well as base and local leaders in attendance.

Mary is survived by her nephew, Kelly O'Donnell and his wife Judy, and several other nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Women Marines Association, P.O. Box 8405, Falls Church, Va., 22041-8405 or to the Onslow Women's Center, 226 New Bridge Street, Jacksonville, N.C. 28540.

On 18 June Mary was driving when her car ran out of gas. Three people stopped to assist her. She wrote a letter to the editor of the local newspaper about it, thanking the people for stopping and helping her to get back on the road. I end this with a line from her letter.

"One can wonder that the Creator places us in situations like my mishap to give each of us a chance to be a guardian angel, Good Samaritan or the recipient of such kindness as I experienced."

To our guardian angel and Good Samaritan, Semper Fidelis, Mary.

Sondra Metzger

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"To know Mary was to really believe in the Corps"

I had the honor of working with, and then for, Mary Sabourin as a Platoon Sgt in the late 1950s. I think she woke up Marine Green in the morning as she was so gung ho and such a hard charger. To know Mary was to really believe in the Corps. And, I might add, nothing ever got by her. Like a mother she had eyes in the back of her head!

She always insured that "her juniors" had time for liberty. She took us to the beach and we hunted sand dollars, always packed a lunch that included cold chicken, carrot sticks and celery. You could take that menu to the bank! Mary and I stayed in touch

over the years and became fast friends.

Conventions were always laughs and hugs with her. Carmen Lucas and I referred to her as "Mighty Mouse". She was mighty, but there was nothing "mousey" about her. If she thought you needed a "reminder" about something, she gave it to you, not mincing any words. I'm sure between her, Jo Gebers Davis, Sarah Thornton and other fine ladies, everything is under control up there.

Semper Fi, Mary. You are missed and you were loved.

Jeanne Botwright



Mary with Jeanne at the 2004 convention.
Photo by June Dempsey.

Passing of 27th Commandant

Gen Robert H. Barrow died in his sleep on 30 October in his home town, St. Francisville, LA. In death he joins his beloved wife of 53 years, Patty, who passed away in 2005. The general was 86.

A highly decorated veteran of three wars, Gen Barrow's greatest accomplishments were his many enduring reforms to the Marine Corps during his service. As Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina, he began his efforts to improve the quality of Marines. He continued those efforts when he became Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Headquarters Marine Corps, in 1975, emphasizing recruiting high school graduates, and creating screening programs for recruiters and drill instructors. He was instrumental in the decision to dual hat the commanding generals of the recruit depots as Commanding generals of the two recruiting regions.

In 1979, General Barrow was confirmed as Commandant of the Marine Corps. He was the first Marine to serve a regular four-year tour as a full member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He continued his leadership in personnel reform, believing that a better quality of recruit led to an increase in performance and



Gen Robert H. Barrow

retention in an all-volunteer service. General Barrow responded aggressively to racial tension in the Marine Corps, ended tolerance of drug abusers and problem drinkers, and gave commanders the authority to discharge Marines who created recurring problems. General Barrow was instrumental in establishing the now-proven Marine Corps program to pre-position equipment on ships near areas of potential conflict.

General Barrow retired from the Marine Corps on 30 June 1983. He returned to St. Francisville but continued to serve his country in retirement as a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and the President's Blue Ribbon Commission on Defense Management (the Packard Commission).

In December 2002, Parris Island honored the general in a dedication ceremony renaming the Depot Headquarters Building, Barrow Hall.

General and Mrs. Barrow are survived by five children, eleven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. A private funeral for family and friends was held on 3 November in St. Francisville.

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Subject: Final honors for General Barrow

We were able to meet personally with all the family the night before the funeral. It was very sad but there was a thankfulness that he had been granted a peaceful death at his home with his girls surrounding him.

The Marine Corps did a fantastic job. They sent an advance party two days before...a young general and scads of other folks. Then six plane loads of Marines arrived...150 Marines from 8th & I, plus about 15 Marine generals. The General expressed his desire many years ago to be buried in Louisiana and not Arlington so the Marine Corps said they would bring Washington and all its ceremony to St. Francisville. The visitation was from 10 to 12 at the church parish hall where the changing of the guard every 30 minutes was almost too much to bear for us as it expressed the

reality of our loss so vividly. At noon the casket was moved to the front of the General's cottage, where he had died peacefully in the arms of his three daughters four days earlier.

The procession then proceeded to Grace Episcopal Church. CMC Gen James Conway led the procession, followed by the Marine Band playing with muffled drums...very emotional and somber. Residents and students in St. Francisville stood silently with many holding their hands over their hearts.

Next came three platoons of Marines from 8th & I, then the hearse. I was honored to be an honorary pallbearer and along with seven others escorted the hearse, which was very emotional for me. Family and friends followed.

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The service was extremely personal with four of the five children recounting special memories of their father. Gen Conway spoke of his great contribution to our country, followed by the primary eulogist, retired CMC Gen Carl Mundy, who, as always, was most eloquent.

The rector really nailed it, using one of Chaucer's poems, describing General Barrow as a knight from "Canterbury Tales", a gallant, courteous, and courageous soldier. After the Eucharist, the procession went into the cemetery where Bob was laid next to his beloved Patty. As the casket was moved into place, an artillery piece fired a nineteen gun salute. Four Marine jets made a dramatic flyover. Then came the Marine rifle squad firing three rounds. The body bearers folded the American flag, as only they can

do. Five flags were used, one for each of the General's children with each flag being presented by the Commandant.

Lifting our spirits, a Marine jazz group played Bob's favorite Dixieland jazz selections at graveside. We learned that the band had composed and played the melody of songs when the General assumed command of the Marine Corps in 1979.

The church was packed with standing room only, and everyone left with the impression that the General had received the well deserved recognition of his valued service to his country as well as the unconditional love of his family. Among the attendees were Sen. Jim Webb, Gen Al Gray, Gen & Mrs. Tony Studds and Medal of Honor recipient Barney Barnum. The most interesting call of condolence to the family came the day before the funeral by Barack Obama. He spoke to Rob and asked for an address so he could express his admiration for the General's outstanding contribution to the nation.

I first met General Barrow in Vietnam in the summer of 1968, when he assumed command of the 9th Marine Regiment and I was acting commander of the 4th Marine Regiment. We stayed in close touch over the years. He was commanding the Recruit Depot at Parris Island and I was living on Hilton Head and working in Savannah.

He encouraged us (and the Mundys) to buy a place here in Cashiers. In his words, "You are not buying a house but a life style". When we moved here, by chance, we built our houses across the road from each other. I designated myself as his Aide-de-Camp and Nancy and I became very close to Gen Barrow and Patty.

It was an honor to be his friend and I shall miss him to my last days.

Jim Hawn



Another female Marine dies in Iraq

On 19 October we lost another female warrior. LCpl Stacy Ann Dryden died from injuries as a result of a non-combat related incident at Al-Asad Air Base, Anbar province. She had been in Iraq only two months, and was assigned to 1st Supply Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, IMEF, Camp Pendleton as a packaging specialist. Her death is currently under investigation. At this writing, not even her family knows the circumstances surrounding her death. All they know is, she's not coming home the same way she left.

Stacy was from North Canton, Ohio. She always loved a challenge. It didn't matter if it was singing in her school choir or cheerleading. After graduating from high school in 2004, Stacy worked several jobs before that love of a challenge brought her to the Marine Corps. She felt they were the toughest to join. The adventurer was seeking a better life for herself. The 22-year-old enlisted on 27 March 2007, and the Corps became the love of her life.

LCpl Dryden went by "Annie", but she earned the nickname "Fiery Angel" be-

cause she could be very sweet but very tough if you got on her bad side. Possessing a beautiful singing voice, she often sang for her unit, and was entered in an upcoming talent contest in Iraq. She loved her family, her friends and lived life to the absolute fullest.



LCpl Stacy Ann Dryden

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger released the following statement regarding her death:

"Lance Corporal Stacy Dryden was a brave Marine who dedicated her life to the preservation of our nation's freedom. She loyally served her country with pride and honor and her sacrifice will not be forgotten. On behalf of all Californians, Maria and I offer our prayers and condolences to Stacy's family and friends as they mourn this terrible loss."

In her honor, flags at the California state capitol were flown at half-staff.

LCpl Dryden's personal awards included the National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

She is survived by her parents, paternal grandfather, a younger brother and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services with full military honors were held in Canton on 28 October. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the U.S. Marine Corps, Toys for Tots Program.

Semper Fidelis, LCpl Dryden.

Sondra Metzger

A Passing of Note

I would be remiss in my position as editor if I did not mention that Ada Dodson, former editor of the WMA newsletter, passed away on 25 September. She was 94.

During her membership in WMA, Ada also served as National Secretary from 1972-1974.

I met Ada at the San Diego convention and wished I would have had more time to visit with her. She was quite the lady.

Ada is survived by her four children, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Burial was held at Riverside National Cemetery.

Thank you, Ada, for blazing the trail for me and my sister editors of 'Nouncements. Semper Fidelis.

Sondra Metzger



Chaplain's Corner

Ladies,

I was so glad to see everyone at the convention. I hope everyone made it home safe and you are all well.

I want to thank everyone for their help at the Memorial Service, and I wish to specially thank Joan Hammond for all her wonderful work.

Let God be your savior and help you get through the hard times. Please keep the troops and their families in your prayers.

BettyJean Cannon

Taps

Term Members

Emerson, Jeanne F., WA, died 7 July 2008
Geiman, Edna M., NY, died 15 August 2008
Hill, Wanda L., MO, died 10 September 2008
Hoffman, Miriam M., MD, died 24 December 2006
Jarvis, Dorothy C., WA, died 25 August 2007
Kight, Marjorie J., PA, died 2008
Labarge, Leona E., CA, date unknown
Newquist, Marjorie B., IL, died June 2008
Russell, Beverly L., CA, died March 2007
Westholm, Mary E., NH, died 4 June 2008
Wilson, Robbie Bell, TX, died 26 May 2006

Life Members

Benedict, Margil C., TX, died 1 April 2008, LM #955
Blue, Betty J., CA, died 15 February 2008, LM #1385
Byford, Ruth Mary, FL, died 19 July 2008, LM #513
Cox, Mary Ann, WVA, date unknown, LM #340
Dodson, Ada Marie, CA, died 25 September 2008, LM #15

Life Members (continued)

Dunaway, Marbrey P., TX, died 15 July 2008, LM #1628
Flock, Rhua, "Bobby" V., MD, died 19 July 2008, LM #2104
Foster, Marjory L., ID, died 28 April 2008, LM #1267
Gladish, Viola Marie, Ohio, died 1 November 2002, LM #841
Kinsman, Dixie, C., CA, died 15 March 2008, LM #1869
Martens, Margaret J., WI, died 8 May 2008, LM #1594
McAndrews, Marjorie M., MN, date unknown, LM #1095
McEnaney, Florence, CA, died July 2008, LM #2474
Nischwitz, Norine T., MO, died 12 August 2008, LM #2341
Papale, Phyllis M., CA, died 26 April 2008, LM #694
Rabe, Flora Theresia, FL, died 20 June 2008, LM #86
Roper, Estelle Anne, TN, died 10 April 2007, LM #1609
Seiferth, Berniece Ellen, TX, died 16 March 2007, LM #2347
Skipper, Irene Jane, NC, died 28 July 2008, LM #1036
Sopcak, Agnes M., IN, date unknown, LM #573
Urias, Florence Court, CA, date unknown, LM #1892
Zedler, Dorothy P., MD, died 2 September 2008, LM #2173

Molly Marine Award Recipients



18 July - Plt 4020, Pvt Stephanie Zirkle, York, SC (left) and Plt 4021, PFC Casilia Loessberg, Rancho Cordova, CA.



15 October - Plt 4033, PFC Rita Toilolo of Pago Pago, American Samoa; Plt 4032, PFC Melanie Joe, Vallejo, CA.

20 August - Plt 4024, PFC Julie D. Buskirk, Palm Bay, FL;
Plt 4025, PFC Shannon C. Vallejo, San Jose, CA. PFC Vallejo was not available due to a medical appointment; she will be a med hold following graduation.



1 October - (Top): Plt 4030, LCpl Crystal Blanchard, Menomonie, WI; (Bottom): Plt 4031, PFC Stella Linn, St Anthony, ID. LCpl Blanchard was not only the Molly Marine Award recipient but also the series honor grad, was meritoriously promoted to LCpl, received a Certificate of Commendation, had the high PFT score, and was second in shooting. Both recipients requested to be photographed with their platoons.



5 November: Plt 4034, Pvt Lindsey Russell, East Moline, IL; Plt 4035, PFC Tiffany Rieves, Clarksville, TN

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

During the summer of 1982, in the wake of a presidential directive, Marines went ashore at Beirut, Lebanon. Fifteen months later, on 23 October 1983, extremists struck the first major blow against American forces — starting this long war on terrorism. On that Sunday morning, a suicide bomber drove an explosive-laden truck into the headquarters of Battalion Landing Team 1/8, destroying the building and killing 241 Marines and corpsmen.

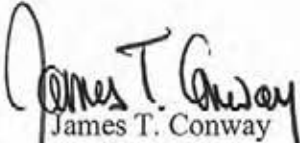
Extremists have attacked our Nation, at home and abroad, numerous times since that fateful day in Beirut. Their aim has always been the same — to kill as many innocent Americans as possible. The attacks of 11 September 2001 changed our Nation forever, and our president has resolved that this Nation will not stand idle while murderous terrorists plan their next strike. Marines will continue to take the fight to the enemy — hitting them on their own turf, crushing them when they show themselves, and finding them where they hide.

Only a few Americans choose the dangerous, but necessary, work of fighting our Nation's enemies. When our chapter of history is written, it will be a saga of a selfless generation of Marines who were willing to stand up and fight for our Nation; to defend those who could not defend themselves; to thrive on the hardship and sacrifice expected of an elite warrior class; to march to the sound of the guns; and to ably shoulder the legacy of those Marines who have gone before.

On our 233rd birthday, first remember those who have served and those “angels” who have fallen — our reputation was built on their sacrifices. Remember our families; they are the unsung heroes whose support and dedication allow us to answer our Nation's call. Finally, to all Marines and Sailors, know that I am proud of you and what you do. Your successes on the battlefield have only added to our illustrious history. Lieutenant General Victor H. “Brute” Krulak said it best when he wrote, “... the United States does not *need* a Marine Corps ... the United States *wants* a Marine Corps.” Your actions, in Iraq and Afghanistan and across the globe, are at the core of why America loves her Marines.

Happy Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis,


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

Chapter Clippings

(I took a little editorial license with this issue. Some of you who did not submit photos are going to find out that you have one! It was one way to get more convention photos in this issue. If this upsets anyone, my sincerest apologies. I look forward to hearing from you. ~ Editor)



AR-1 Arkansas Diamond

We had a meeting this last March in Harrison to elect new officers. Vera Newtown stepped down as president and Frankie Langenegger was elected as our president for 2008-2009. Margaret Deuster had resigned from the organization for personal reasons. She has made such lasting contributions as secretary for our chapter that she will be missed by all! Marcia Philman was elected as our new secretary. The other officers for 2008-2009 are Vickie Davis, treasurer; Virginia "Ann" Gould, vice president; Mildred Homan, parliamentarian; and Frankie Langenegger, historian. Marcia Philman is also busy as the new Finance Officer for the local American Legion Post 52 in Mountain Home.

We have been gaining a few younger members, so we are still active. Our next meeting was held in Conway on 18 October.

Marcia Philman



Marcia Philman (front row, second from the left) joins the other newly installed officers of Legion Post 52.



AZ-1 Arizona Roadrunner



(L-r) June Dempsey, BGen Angie Salinas and Mary Ann Merritt at the convention anniversary party.

All AZ-1 members were contacted about our fall meeting held at the home of Bettie Lerdall on 18 October. We were anxious to show pictures of the Houston convention taken by June Dempsey. We want to encourage participation in the Denver 2010 convention and this should do the trick.

We welcome Area 4 director Betty Jean Cannon to our chapter. She and her Loyal Escort, Don, are going to be "winter visitors" to Arizona.

One of our most active members, Gretchen Thibodeaux, is fighting cancer and I'm sure would appreciate cards and notes of encouragement. Gretchen's address: 3334 W. Acoma Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85053. Semper Fidelis, Members of AZ-1!

Bettie Lerdall



CA-2 San Diego County

What a wonderful time we had in Houston at the 25th Biennial Convention! From the opening Anniversary Party to the final Grand Banquet it was everything we were told it would be -- and more! The workshops were informative and interesting for all of us, not just the active duty; the Space Trading Center was spacious and full of goodies; the Space Center and seeing that "little capsule" was amazing and those wild nights at the Hospitality Suite -- proof positive that Houston really knows how to throw a party!! There were 30 active duty members attending from CA-2 including Sgt Aurora Gandy on leave from Iraq. Sgt Gandy is a

CA-2 life member. She had a great time at her first convention, and has returned to Iraq until her tour is up in March 2009.



CA-2 showing off their streamers after the Recognition & Awards luncheon.

attend the 19th annual Military Women's Luncheon where we will again have the pleasure of a very special speaker - BGen Angie Salinas. November 4 will find us, as always, helping celebrate the Marine Birthday with a cake cutting ceremony at the VA Hospital. We will provide cookies, nuts, candies and punch and help distribute birthday cake to all Marines. Looking forward to 9 November, we have reserved a WMA table at the MCRD Staff NCO Ball. Several of us will be riding (and a few active duty members will be walking!) in the annual Veterans Day Parade on 11 November. And of course we will be getting our holiday boxes ready to send to our WMA members in Iraq.

December will find us back at the VA Hospital where we will once again help decorate Christmas trees. Toys for Tots is high on our list in December so we will be actively soliciting donations.

We wish all of you a Joyous Holiday Season and most of all—Peace on Earth!!

Nancy Brock



CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

It is hard to believe that we have six months of CA-3 activities to report in this column. Where does the time go? Most of our monthly meetings are held at Harry's Hofbrau in San Leandro because it is centrally located. We did, however, have some notable exceptions during this period. In April, we were at Harry's and our own Lillian Rufsvold turned 90. Congratulations to Lillian on achieving such a significant milestone and for being so healthy and active. She is an inspiration to us all!

Several of us joined our CA-6 friends for their quarterly meeting on the 3rd of May. Then, Louise Tamayo hosted our CA-3 meeting on May 18th at her home in Danville. As usual, it was a lovely event.

On 24 May, Maggie Hart hosted a CA-9 meeting at her home in American Canyon which was very nice indeed as we shared good food and good times with good friends. In June, Connie Davis hosted a patriotic CA-3 meeting at Harry's. July was another special month because our 19 July meeting was hosted by Betty Lieser at her home in San Leandro where we enjoyed a delicious spaghetti feast and absolutely perfect patio party weather. The 16 August meeting at Harry's was the last regular meeting before the convention and we were all excited to get to Houston and see how our History Book, Newsletter, and Chapter Achievement entries would fare.



LaVerne Marts (right) receives the Ruth & Dick Broe Award from Sue Sousa.

In late August, LaVerne Marts, Betty Lieser, Kathleen Davis, Kathleen Wright, Louise and Pete Tamayo and LEGGs members Pamela Marts and Sharon Wright headed for Houston in spite of the hurricane warnings. WMA was blessed because the hurricane never made it to Houston during our convention. The ladies from the Texas chapters put on a great event and a good time was had by all. The First Timer's meeting was hosted by the Louisiana Chapter and it was too much fun for words. Great job Louisiana! We hope none of the hurricanes affected any of our Louisiana friends. You are in our hearts and prayers.

We especially enjoyed the company of all the active duty Marines who joined us in Houston. What a fantastic group of young women! CA-3 added several streamers to our flag and even managed to win the Broe Award for the very first time which made this convention especially memorable for our chapter. Unfortunately, a subsequent hurricane did strike the Houston area and we sincerely hope that all members of our WMA family escaped with little or no damage. We send our prayers and best wishes to you all!

Upon our return, we had a combined CA-3, CA-6 and CA-9 meeting on 20 September at Paradise Valley Estates in Fairfield and were joined by special guests Lillian Cross (Area 10 Director) and her husband, Ken Cross (Loyal Escorts President). The food was exceptional, the meeting informative and the company most enjoyable. We send a special thanks to Lucille Thyrring for hosting this event and to Lillian and Ken for traveling to Northern California to join us.

Unfortunately, we have missed the company of a few of our regular attendees due to illness. Connie Guaraglia has had a series of health problems and will shortly have eye surgery to remove some scar tissue. Alice Gunnerson broke her ankle at the end of August and is currently sporting a large and heavy cast which limits her ability to get around. We wish both ladies a speedy recovery so that they can soon join us at our meetings. Nell Stevens is on a new treatment schedule which conflicts with our meetings and we miss seeing her each month. Lucille Thyrring had knee replacement surgery and spent 3.5 months undergoing therapy and treatment but is now well enough to be back home and doing quite well. Ooh-rah Lucille! All of these ladies are in our prayers and we miss their smiling faces at our meetings.

It was wonderful to see so many old and new friends at the convention and we can't wait for Denver! If the next two years fly by as quickly as the past six months, we will all be together again very soon!

Semper Fidelis and God Bless!

Kathleen Wright

WMA CA-5 Orange County California

We had twenty members attend our annual picnic at the home of Mary Ann Rogers. After a wonderful meal of hamburgers and hot dogs accompanied by several potluck side dishes, we played bingo and conversed with one another.

We are so proud that our new WMA national president is from our chapter. Bev Daugherty was kind enough to transport our chapter



Helen with CMC General James Conway.
Photo courtesy of www.Marines.mil.

flag to Houston for the opening ceremony. AMAZING Helen Hannah Campbell didn't let a small thing like age keep her from attending convention and she looked mighty spiffy with our Commandant of the Marine Corps! Helen received recognition at the anniversary party by way of a beautiful red Marine Corps jacket for being the only member who has attended ALL the WMA conventions. Later in the week, she was also recognized at the homecoming for being the oldest Marine present.

We're planning a get together in October prior to the Women's Veteran's luncheon in November.

Valorie Lephart

WMA CA-7 Edith Macias Vann Chapter

FIRST our chapter wants to give a huge thank you to our Texas chapters for the wonderful job they did on the convention, and let the Houston folks know our prayers are with them after hurricane Ike hit them hard.

CA-7 ladies assembled in September after the summer break--and everyone must have missed each other since we had 35 people at the meeting. If that was not good enough, at the end of the meeting the group was surprised with a visit from Oceanside Mayor Jim Woods. He had just come from an anniversary remembrance of the Chosin



Sitting, Treasurer Marie Proulx; standing (l-r): President Barbara Cogburn; Secretary Lee Tusa; Vice President Charlene Itchka-wich and Oceanside Mayor Jim Woods

Marines at Camp Pendleton and passed around a challenge coin he was presented for all to see (probably did not hurt that elections are coming up--but it was still a nice surprise).

What a great way to get back into our meeting routine! But the work is coming-- sign ups will begin for the breast walk to raise money and awareness, then talk of a Christmas party for active duty women, not to mention forming the committee for our anniversary luncheon in February!

Peggy Rieber

WMA CA-9 Redwoods

While Redwoods Chapter is still on the "slippery slope" for attendance, we are together and functioning. On 20 September we hosted another wonderful luncheon at Paradise Valley Estates in Fairfield. Again, Vice President Lucille Thyrring, a PVE resident, made the arrangements which included Greater San Francisco (CA-3) and Mt. Diablo (CA-6) chapters. As usual it was a gala affair enjoyed by all; PVE remains our "most favored" place for such celebrations. Many thanks to Lucille and the PVE staff for excellent services all-round.

President Maggie Hart guided us through the program with her usual efficiency and charm. Highlights: We paid tribute to Lucille for all she does for Redwoods Chapter with Secretary Doris reading a chapter newsletter article which described these contributions and the always cheerful, willing way she delivers them. We were glad to see Lucille up and about after her long recovery from surgery.

Maggie also gave special recognition to CA-3 members for the awards received at the Houston convention: President La Verne Marts, Secretary Maryannette Schneider and Historian Kathy

Wright. Their flag is aglow with streamers for these accomplishments including the coveted Broe Award. Congratulations to all!!

Maggie then introduced special guests Area 10 Director Lillian Cross and her husband Ken who is National President of the Loyal Escorts. They certainly added a sparkle to our gathering as well as delivering some interesting insights from the convention on National issues. We were pleased to be informed of these subjects and to participate in discussion of them. I am sure that all would agree with me that we have two excellent people in important National positions. We thank them both for their contributions and for attending our luncheon.

I was very glad to share a table with two of our most loyal members - Natalie and Lee Drake. I don't know how I missed the fact that Lee is a life member of the Loyal Escorts. Shame on me! But what a lovely awakening, thanks to Ken who discovered this. Natalie and Lee have recently moved to Napa. It is nice to have them as neighbors although at opposite ends of town. Welcome, Natalie and Lee!

Under Maggie's guidance, we have established a scholarship fund for family members of Redwoods Chapter. Two awards of \$250 each have been awarded: one to Zachary Mills, grandson of Nell Stevens, and the second to Sean Panzer, my grandson, who is pursuing a career in the culinary arts.

TAPS: Past member Leona LaBarge passed away last May. We have honored her and Connie Post, whose demise was reported earlier, by sending donations to the National Scholarship Fund in their memories. Although both these ladies had withdrawn from active membership due to illness, they were remembered fondly as women Marines, friends and part of Redwoods history.

Doris Panzer

The chapter also discussed the MC Memorial 5K held on October 26th benefiting the chapter projects and the MC Memorial in Golden. Look in next issue for more on that event.

Paula Sarlls

WMA DC-1 District of Columbia

The DC-1 chapter had 13 members attend the convention in Houston. Chapter President Betty Moseley Brown proudly carried our chapter flag in the flag ceremony at the opening banquet, and accepted our third place recruiting award at the Recognition and Awards luncheon.

Chapter members shared convention stories at the 20 September chapter meeting at Henderson Hall Club. The group shared their favorite things about convention, which included the Homecoming, appearances by BGen Angie Salinas, MajGen Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin, the Commandant, and the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps. Several of the members picked the memorial service, where life member Bobbie Flock was remembered, as their favorite moment. Chapter Secretary Bridget Young and member Donna Genovese are shown proudly wearing their Marine Corps jerseys from the convention.



In December, the chapter will gather at Joe Theismann's Restaurant in Old Town Alexandria to collect Toys for Tots and 2009 calendars for the veterans in the home in Washington, D.C.

Mitzi Manning

WMA CA-29 Twenty Nine Palms

WMA CA-29 Palms has been a busy chapter this summer. Dorothy Angil and Elaine Bowden attended the Memorial Day ceremony at the 29 Palms, CA cemetery representing the 29 Palms Chapter of WMA. Dorothy presented a wreath in honor of all women Marines that have served and died for their country.

Member Denne Howard played "Taps" during the Memorial Service at the WMA convention in Houston.



Our chapter met for our quarterly meeting at Carrows Restaurant in Yucca Valley in August and five new members joined our ranks. We welcomed Donita Bologna, Kathleen Hoard, Holly Siva, Georgia Shirey and Brenda Roberts. The chapter also congratulated member Dana Ogle on her promotion to the rank of Captain this past June.

Elaine Bowden

WMA FL-4 Tampa Tarpons

Instead of quarterly meetings, we are keeping in touch by our quarterly newsletters in which we include all members' news as well as new WMA information, military dates and happenings.

We continue to gather items for our project, The Spring, helping abused women and children, sometimes even men.

November 11 will bring two veterans parades and also a ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park at 11 am.

Member Becky Elmore has moved to Georgia.

We will individually support the Marines Toys for Tots mission in December. The convention news via the WMA listserv was interesting!

Laverne Myers

WMA FL-8 Spaceport Chapter

We held our first chapter meeting in September. It was great to see all the "old gals" again. We haven't had a meeting since May, as we take the summer off. There were many stories and adventures to be told.

We welcomed new member Mary Szeluga.

Most of the meeting was dedicated to planning our activities for the coming season. The local chapter of the WAVES is hosting the annual All Women's Veteran Luncheon in November, which we will be attending. Our chapter should be the host in 2009, and we had a lively discussion on that subject. We have lost some of our members in the past three years, and we were wondering if we could handle another luncheon. As with all chapters in the WMA, many of us are from the 1943 era and are slowing down. But, YES! We will do it again! Way to go, girls!

The Massing of the colors will be held on 11 November and

WMA CO-1 Colorado Columbines



CO-1 members meet and must sit in the hall as the store room used for the history project is too full to meet inside. They're learning about the archival storage process so they can now take over some of the work that the interns have been doing. Our interns are busy with school and jobs so can't put as much work into the project as she previously did.

the Marine Ball is coming up soon, so plans have to be made.

Hopefully all of the above plans will be successful. All these big discussions made us hungry, so we stopped for lunch. We meet at Mary Bevan's clubhouse.

More to report next time. Keep well and happy!!!

Mary Bevan

WMA IL-2 Blanche Osborne



Lined up at the head table are new officers LaVergne Novak, Mary Roa, Helen Laukes and Martha Nawrocki

In February, new officers were elected: Mary Roa, president; LaVergne Novak, vice president; Helen Laukes, secretary; and Martha Nawrocki, treasurer. Area 4 Director BettyJean Cannon did the installation. Mary Roa had broken her ankle the week before and couldn't come to the meeting so Genevieve Bowen, outgoing secretary was her stand-in.

At the same meeting, the Chicago Young Marines presented the chapter with an engraved plaque, in appreciation for the financial help we have given them for the past few years. The honor of cutting the Anniversary Cake was given to Bernadette Kryuszynski, the chapter's first president in 1972, and the youngest Young Marine, Diana Antunez.

At our April meeting, Joy Reeves had the winning bid for an auction item of two nights' free stay at a local downtown hotel. She said she was giving the prize to one of her daughters.

In Chicago's big Memorial Day parade, the chapter members were able to ride in a humvee furnished by the 2nd BN, 24th Marines. Although the reservists are deployed in Iraq now, there was one available, heavily armored with the quarter inch steel plates on top of the cab and doors which were padded on the inside. Riding in the back were Helen Laukes, Mary Roa, Muriel Underwood, and one of our younger members, Maj Patricia Bacon, USMCR, who returned last summer from a tour in Ramadi and another tour at the Landstuhl Medical Center in Germany. It was a beautiful sunny day, no rain, and crowds were the largest yet.

Muriel Underwood

WMA LA-1 Molly Marine



LA-1 at the 1st Timers Meeting. Photo by J. Pamela Photography.

Since the last issue of Chapter Clippings, the Molly Marine Chapter focused most of its time on getting ready to Laissez Les Bons Temps Roulez (Let the Good Times Roll). That was exactly what we

did during the First Timers Meeting at the convention in Houston. Thanks to the support of many WMA members, this meeting was a huge success!

On 14 June we had a garage sale at the home of Frances Hoffmann, WWII veteran and chapter member. The garage sale raised most of the money to fund the musical support for the quintet during the convention.

On 24 July we had dinner at Sammy's Seafood Restaurant in

New Orleans to celebrate our one year anniversary.

On 6 and 11 August we assisted in the community by serving food to the homeless at the New Orleans Mission.

Melanie L. Young

WMA MA-1 Bay State

It's been a while since our last column and much has gone on.

Our congratulations to our new slate of officers. Kay Carpenter, Ruth Sullivan, Barbara Signor and Pat Morrisette continue in their previous offices. Thank you all for stepping up to the plate again.

A number of Memorial Day services around the city were attended by chapter members.

Fifteen or so members enjoyed a July picnic at Joyce Barden's home. Our festivities were moved indoors thanks to the extreme heat. It was a very nice time.

August found us back up at Marine Barracks, Plum Island, at the summer home of Claire Wagstaff and Agnes Griffin for our annual Lobster Fest. We had over 30 members and guests at this great summer attraction. Food was excellent as always. It was a beautiful day at the seashore.

August also brought some very sad news. Roni Noyes passed. Roni was a dedicated and long time member of our chapter. Never one to say "no" to any request, she had served as the chapter historian and the author of the chapter column in 'Nouncements for many years. Roni always stepped up to the plate when requested to give a hand. Her ready smile and flair for jokes will be missed. A number of us attended her services. Rest well, Marine.

Barbara Blount was the one chapter member able to attend the Houston convention. According to Barbara there was much to see and do. She accepted the chapter awards for first place in a Chapter Achievement category and third place in the History Book competition. Congratulations to all who made these submissions possible by all the work that we do in the name of WMA.

We have started up with our September meeting. Plans are in place for our October country store, and our Christmas party is in the planning stages.

The mornings are crisp and the smell of fall is in the air. Some of the trees are getting dressed for the autumn display.

Toys for Tots is two weeks away and several chapter members have made themselves available to volunteer in the office or in the warehouse.

The Christmas holiday season is not far behind. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, enjoy the holiday season and stay up until midnight to welcome in the New Year.

Kay Carpenter

(They must have needed a good reporter for the Heaven's shores edition of 'Nouncements. Semper Fidelis, Roni. ~ Editor)

WMA MI-2 Motor City

We from Michigan first and foremost must send our THANKS to TX-2 for the great convention and hospitality they provided us. We had a fantastic time. MI-2 was also very proud to take home a streamer for the newsletter and many, many second places. We now have our goals set for the next convention in Denver and we are looking forward to it.

MI-2 was proud to have seven members present and a few of our Loyal Escorts. We hope to be able to improve that number for the



Roni Noyes circa 2001 when she was honored by Editor Emeritus Virginia Allred for her contributions as a Chapter Clipping reporter.

next one. We continue to strive to recruit on all fronts.

Motor City came home and got right back to business. On 1 October we mailed out 380 boxes to our deployed military personnel and have begun our Christmas project Operation Holiday Joy. It is our hopes to once again send filled Christmas stockings to our troop who are deployed in harm's way. If any are interested in participating in this project ask your Area Director for a copy of the newsletter we sent out to them.

We have improved our website and the artwork is original. We would love for you to check us out on the web at <http://womenmarinesmichigan.org>. Although it is not a commercially-made site nor made from templates, we are very proud of it.

We look forward to the upcoming terms of our newly appointed officers and give our thanks to those who have served us faithfully. Semper Fidelis!

Mary Ann Merritt



Sondra Metzger presents the first place Newsletter Award to Mary Ann Merritt. Photo by June Dempsey.

There's a slight change in our officer roster: June continues as president; Charlotte Wallace, vice president; Peg Zimmerman, paymaster; and Marge Rowoth, secretary.

All in all, we combined a business and social meeting. As always, we were pleased to see these members; Olga and Ed Kaish....he's a former Loyal Escort; Janis Nielsen, Peg Zimmerman, Marge Rowoth who introduced us to her son Bob, and Peg Bandy.

We'll convene again in March.

Peg Bandy



OH-2 Chesty Puller



OH-2 in Houston.



NM-1 Sandia Chapter

Our July meeting was held at the Calico Café. There were 10 members and one guest in attendance – all had a good time. We discussed many issues about hosting the 2009 Women Veterans luncheon. This will be our second time hosting this great event.

Our bumper stickers and neck pouches are selling well and are for sale in 'Nouncements. We funded several need projects at the VAMC and with the help of matching funds were able to donate \$500.00.

Our members turned out in full to present the eight MCJROTC awards at various high schools in New Mexico. This has been an annual event for many years.

A donation was made to the newly named VAMC "Raymond G. Murphy Medical Center". Congratulations to our new VAVS Deputy Marlene Dewyer.

Our next meeting will be held in November. Our sick call list includes the following members: Cedar Sorrell, Eve Stith, Connie Siebert, Barbara Winslow and Barbara Archer. Our thanks to those who attend our meetings and may God bless our troops who have and are serving and who have put and are putting their lives on the line every day.

Billie M. Mitchell



NY-5 Central New York State

President June Worden opened her home for a pot luck luncheon meeting on 13 September. In answer to a request from the VA Hospital for T-shirts and other personal items, we brought in 19 new T-shirts for distribution.

Mega congratulations are due to June who has achieved the rank of lieutenant in the New York State Troopers. She is one of 12 women who have attained this rank in the state troopers. We're proud of you June!

Another of our members, Rosemary McDonald Osterman, has received the coveted 2007 Distinguished Female Veteran Award from the Onondaga County Veterans Council for her outstanding community service.

Beverly Taylor sent us convention resource material for discussion. Beverly was the only member who made it to convention this year.



OK-2 Heartland Chapter

Although only a few members of our chapter made it to the convention this time, those who remained behind were not sitting around doing nothing! We were so glad that Gustav did not interfere with the festivities; we were doing our part to keep it away from Houston until everyone got home safely. Someone or something was watching out for y'all for sure! We hope all the members and their families down in the area affected by Ike are OK, and will let us know if they need anything.

WOW! That time already? Time really flies when you are having fun! Most of us who were back here in Oklahoma were busy with last minute details involved in OK-2 hosting the 6th Marine Division Reunion here in OKC on Sept 16-21. Joan Willauer, Pam Bloustine and Brenda Blair did a great job with this undertaking! From the reports we have had so far it went off with barely a

Elva (Elvie) Pounders



Pam Bloustine, Gen Magnus, Joan Willauer and Brenda Blair at the 6th Marine Division Reunion banquet.

hitch. We were fortunate to have Gen Robert Magnus, former Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, as our guest speaker, and a lot of support from several groups, organizations and individuals in pulling this off – too many to name here, but we are certainly grateful for their help, especially the members of the Marine Corps League, who met most of the arrivals at the airport, and our good friends from the Women Veterans Organization of Oklahoma (WVO). We also had wonderful support from the hotel staff, and notably, their event coordinator Bandi, who went above and beyond in assisting us in every way possible. One more special thanks to the City of Del City for the beautiful 6th Marine Division banner and the proclamation honoring the “Heroes of Okinawa”, and State Senator Jim Reynolds and Representative Scott Inman for the proclamation from the state of Oklahoma.

Brenda and Phil Sutton hosted our June chapter meeting at their home in Harrah with a great barbeque and shrimp boil with all sorts of fixins. Then on 31 August we had our annual Pool Party and meeting at Pam’s to tie up loose ends for the 6th’s Reunion and set things in motion for a very busy next four months. We actually did get a chance to spend a bit of time by the pool.

On a sad note, a few days after our meeting at Pam’s she sadly informed us that her horse Keeper who had been battling with cancer had passed. At least we had a chance to say good bye to an old friend before he left us.

Now it is onward to get going on plans for 1 November and Oklahoma Women Veterans Recognition Day. This has grown into a really popular event and we are hoping to beat the attendance record this time around. It is a day-long event with all sorts of great door prizes, guest speakers, food and good friends, not to mention learning who has been selected as Oklahoma Woman Veteran of the Year. WMA has had a pretty fair track record in that regard. We may be fewer in numbers, but a force to be reckoned with! Pam and her crew have already been busy getting things set up.

Before that day comes we have a few more events before us. One was the October 4th Race for the Cure in OKC, followed by a strategy meeting to finish off the paperwork from the 6th MarDiv event and discuss more about Recognition Day. On 31 October, we will have our usual game booth for the Halloween Carnival at the VA Medical Center. All of these are leading up to several Marine Corps Birthday celebrations as well as our annual fundraiser, The 5th Annual Starlight Dance and Variety Show which falls on November 15th this year.

We want to thank Sondra Metzger and Deb Patillo for their reports about the convention. Deb got our chapter flag there, which was very convenient since we were awarded another streamer for Loyal Escort recruitment! And thank you to Sondra for all the things she does for WMA. We are lucky to have such great chapter members! That means ALL of you!! Ya hear!!

Dorothy “Jingles” Rimbold

WMA OR-1 Lady Marine Rose

How are we supposed to say good bye to summer? So much to say, so little room! Summer saw our chapter busy with so many activities. From the Memorial Day Observance at Willamette National Cemetery, to the Strawberry Festival hosted by Carnett and Ruth Falconbury on their stunning houseboat, to the impressive invitation from the Native Americans hosting the Grande Ronde Pow Wow to honor all veterans, not to mention invitations from our sisters in other areas of Oregon and Washington, and lastly to our brothers inviting us to the Marine Corps Family Day.

To start out, Hattie Kelley helped with our brothers-in-arms, Bill Call, Third Marine Division, working in the booths for Armed Forces Day on 17 May. Many people came to see the types of booths, from Revolutionary reenactments to modern day armaments. What a great turn out!

As usual, the Strawberry Festival was a great success. Carnett Falconbury made his scrumptious chicken pot pie while Golda Fabian provided her mouth watering shortcakes and Sally Van Wie brought the local juicy strawberries. It was great to have Lois Elliott, a chapter member who now lives in Kansas, attend. Many from our chapter brought salads that were quickly eaten up. What a day!

The weather couldn’t be more perfect for the annual Hillsboro 4th of July parade. Heidi Tanada, Golda Fabian, Sandie Robertson and Sally Van Wie joined the parade carrying our Women Marines banner and handing out 1,000 American flags and throwing candy to the appreciative crowd.

It was a very warm day on 12 July when Heidi Tanada, Golda Fabian, Sandie Robertson and Sally Van Wie along with Loyal Escort Joan Morey attended the Grande Ronde Pow Wow. This is hosted by the Confederated tribes. Each year the Native Americans wish to honor those who have served in the armed forces by showing their dances and to give the Warriors Medal of Valor from the Native American Nations of the United States of America. It is a great honor to receive the Warriors Medal.

Our chapter was invited to the yearly Salem Picnic on 19 July, hosted by OR-4. Hattie Kelley, Golda Fabian, Heidi Tanada and Dolly Ruble along with Bunny Gray attended with many others. Again, we were privileged to have Marion Knox as our auctioneer.

On 26 July, Nanci Visser, Heidi Tanada, Elaine Premo and Golda Fabian joined the WA-1 members at Emerald Downs race track in Kenton, WA, for a “Day at the Races”, the chapter’s annual summer fun day. After a delicious luncheon, there was an exciting afternoon of betting on the races and tallying the wins and losses. It was great to be with the WA-1 group and we hope to be invited again next year!



Sally Van Wie, Heidi Tanada, Paul Flores Golda Fabian and Sandy Robertson at the pow wow.

August 2 had many of our chapter members and other Marine groups celebrating Corps Family Day at Oaks Park in Portland.

Our chapter had polo, t-shirts and mugs with a logo depicting women Marines that sold at the convention in Texas. Many checked out our booth to see the catchy logo.

We want to take special mention to an honored member of our chapter. Evelyn Baker celebrated her 100th birthday on 9 September.

Sally Van Wie

WMA OR-3 Eager Beavers

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest.....

Wow!! Summer just sort of blew by us and here comes another fall season. The women of OR-3, with a few exceptions, took vacation time for the months of July and August.

There are few events that OR-3 members seldom miss. One of these is the annual summer picnic hosted by the OR-4 chapter located in Salem. Once again, we sent a number of members to enjoy the pot-luck luncheon, spirited bidding auction, and camaraderie of sister Marines.



Maggie Wise and Karen Reeves dressed the part for the Roundup at convention.
Photo courtesy of BettyJean Cannon.

August brought our national convention. OR-3 was represented by President Karen Reeves, Vice President Deb Barker, and Loyal Escort Stephanie Wilcox. Karen was installed as the WMA 2nd Vice President. Stephanie and Deb took care of business in the Space Trading Center...and did an outstanding job for both OR-3 and WMA National. It should be

noted that the National Merchandise table benefited from the capable help of two WA-1 members, Pat Karrasch and Betty Strand, and OR-1's own Hattie Kelley.

Our chapter had the pleasure of welcoming two new members over the summer, Lois Price and Deb Newman. Great to have both of you onboard!!

Our September meeting revolved around Karen, Deb, and Stephanie sharing news about what went on at convention. Long standing member Eva Read was recognized for her new assignment as Chairman of the WMA Matching Funds and Grants Committee. Along with Barb Hosier of OR-4, both have been hard at work assisting chapters who have requested Matching Funds and a sister Marine needing help with a grant. By the way, this committee would welcome another member coming from either the OR-1 or OR-2 chapter!!

Plans will be finalized in the October meeting for our participation in the November Veterans Day Parade, our annual Christmas gathering, and the Marine Corps Ball. That celebration will surely see a contingent of OR-3 women Marines attending.

The New Year looks promising and exciting for OR-3. We continue to seek out and connect with other women Marines in the area. We are already working on having more OR-3 members attend the next WMA convention in Denver in 2010....our big "50"th!

All the women from the OR-3 chapter send the warmest wishes to all for the upcoming holiday season. Be safe, have fun, and remember...we are...Semper Fidelis!

Karen L. Reeves

WMA TX-3 San Antonio Rose

Ten members and one Loyal Escort met at our regular meeting spot in September. We welcomed back Maggie Chavez and Donna Kluckman after what seemed like a few years away. They said it had only been a few months, and they had good excuses. We spent time getting to know our newest member, Maryalice Proctor Payton, who has moved to Boerne, just outside of San Antonio, from Dallas. Sadly, we said good-bye to longtime member Ellen Fox, who is moving to Pennsylvania to be close to her daughter. Ellen assured us that she has already checked into chapters there, and that her daughter is willing to drive into Philadelphia once a month for meetings.



Trish "jammin" in the Hospitality Suite.
Photo courtesy of BettyJean Cannon.

Convention attendees came back with high praise for the convention and eager to share what they had learned. We also heard a brief report about volunteer possibilities at the VA clinic here (not the big hospital) and learned about a program called RSVP that can reimburse volunteers for mileage to their volunteer site. It is run by Catholic Charities, and might be something other chapters will want to look into for their members. After electing new officers, those that

still had room ordered ice cream sundaes, and gained new respect from the rest of us for being able to finish them.

Trish Martin

WMA WA-1 The Evergreen State

Hope you all had a great summer regardless of storms, etc. and that the national convention was a huge success.

Our last get-together of the chapter was at Emerald Downs Race Track in Auburn in July. Once again, it was a fun day! It was especially nice to have the members and guests from the Portland, OR chapter: Area Director Heidi Tanada, Golda Fabian, Nancy Visser and a guest. The following members of WA-1 attended, as well as their guests: President Pat Karrasch, Vice President Betty Strand, Treasurer Zelda Barrows, Juanita Leighton, Anne Zink, Barbara Pratt, Trudy Miller, Julie Sheriden, Honey and Art Langdon (Loyal Escort), Gerry Ahnstrom, Louise George and Janet Lockhart (Loyal Escort).

We are looking forward to hearing all about the convention in Houston. Five of our members were in attendance: Pat Karrasch, Betty Strand, Virginia Allred, Barbara Pratt and Anne Zink.

IN MEMORIAM

We are very sorry that we have lost another faithful and dear member - Jeanne Frances Emerson, who died on 7 July. Jeanne served in the Marine Corps from April 1943 to October 1945. A celebration of life was held on 21 July at the Horizon House in Seattle. The following members were in attendance: Pat Karrasch, Zelda Barrows, Gerry Ahnstrom, Juanita Leighton, and Julie Sheriden. We loved you, Jeanne, and will miss you very much.

Semper Fidelis.

Louise George

Since last reporting Wisconsin has sadly lost two more members of the chapter. Mary Stanley of LaCrosse passed away after her battle with cancer. Peg Martens of Madison passed away after being in a nursing home for some time. Both ladies served in WWII and were active in chapter activities and will be missed. It was also learned that Elsie Lajcak of Oshkosh had passed away but was not a chapter member, only national.

Mary Lloyd, being one of the younger members, participated in the run-swim-run event sponsored by the Cambridge Middle School to raise money for the Marine Corps League's Fallen Warrior program. Annette Howards and Connie Allord joined other members of the League in cheering her on - not bad for becoming a grandmother not long after!

In July Marion Forrer, Annette and Connie made their annual trek to northern Wisconsin's Camp American Legion to enjoy a week on the lakes, the camaraderie of veterans of all eras and take advantage of the great therapy available and not having to cook. Even the fish were biting. Nature at its best, in contrast to the devastating floods earlier in the summer but all WMA members were spared.

August is the month for women veterans to travel to the King Veterans Home to take the women veterans who reside there out to lunch, which is always a highlight for them. In return, the traveling veterans enjoy the setting of the sprawling campus which is on a chain of lakes in central Wisconsin.

On 23 August Annette and Connie joined the MCL in the joyful homecoming welcome at Madison's Truax Field for the Marines of Golf Company who had been deployed to Iraq, this time intact and with few if any injuries. Proud families waited with open arms and tears of joy in their hearts. It's an experience to always remember.

The all-Wisconsin 2nd Annual Women Veterans Conference was held from 26 - 28 September at Ft. McCoy's Wisconsin Military Academy where many of the state's women veterans gathered for a packed week-end of activities.

At the Friday evening reception women from various eras of duty were called front and center for recognition and group photos. There were seven from WWII and every single one was a MARINE. It was also well noted and all Marines present were so proud. Just proves that Marines are a hardy bunch. Of the Marines attending there were Mibs Ewald, Marion Forrer, Betty Gill, Annette Howards, Ruth Hawks, Mary Lloyd, Marge Marshman and



Connie Allord holding her Wisconsin Woman Veteran of the Year award with Acting Secretary Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Kenneth B. Black.

Connie Allord, all WMA members. There were several younger members who will hopefully join the ranks. There were general meetings with speakers and also workshops to address various needs of women veterans. After the Saturday morning opening ceremonies, BGen Wilma Vaught from WIMSA was the keynote speaker and very well received.

Later it was announced that there would be a new award presented for "Wisconsin Woman Veteran of the Year". Much to her surprise, wonderment and awe, a beautifully engraved acrylic standing plaque was presented to Connie Allord - a most humbling and emotional experience. It was presented by Gundel Metz, women veterans' coordinator for the WDVA and acting WDVA Secretary Ken Black.

WMA members will this week be looking forward to their fall meeting in Fond du Lac on 4 October.

Connie Allord

Convention Leftovers from the WMA-PX

Pins

CA-3 is selling the Woman Marines and WMA pins shown below. The pins are 1 inch in size and cost \$5.00 each which includes shipping.



Check is preferred payment method. We cannot handle credit card transactions. Make checks payable to CA-3, WMA. Send orders to: Kathleen Wright, 349 Howard Dr, Santa Clara, CA 95051.

Shirts

Shirts: "I'm the Marine in This Family" Shirts
Polo - Red \$20 Includes postage

Small - 1
Large - 1
X Large - 1
XX Large - 2

T-Shirts - Black \$15 Includes postage

Small - 2
Medium - 1
Large - 9
X Large - 12
XX Large - 5

T-Shirts - Red
\$15 Includes postage

Small - 3
Large - 4
X Large - 7
XX Large - 2

T-Shirts - Cream
\$15 Includes postage

Large - 3
Sweat Shirts - Black
\$20 Includes postage
Small - 1
Medium - 2
X Large - 2
XX Large 1

Mail to: Ellen Leidy, 1107 Columbus Ave, Barberton, OH 44203, 330 603-0676, leidyrun@aol.com. Make checks payable to WMA OH-2.

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: Joan Cordero, 203 Londonberry Lane, Jacksonville, NC 28540 (910) 546-9903 lalatina1@hotmail.com



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

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

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

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



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

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

Contact: Joan Cordero, 203 Londonberry Lane, Jacksonville, NC 28540 (910) 546-9903 lalatina1@hotmail.com



Item: "The American Flag" Booklet

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

Chapter: Palms to Pines

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



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

Signed copy by author Lisa Cordeiro

Cost: \$16.95 (\$3.95 shipping)

Chapter: MA-1

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



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

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

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



Cards/Stationery

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

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

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



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: Shannon Cross, 516 Pusan Dr., Oceanside, CA 92058



Decals

Item: WMA Decal (Inside auto windshield)

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

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

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

Item: Seals

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

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

Shirts and Sweats

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

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

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



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

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

Make checks payable to: WMA, VA-1

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



Item: "I'm The Marine In This Family" Black Polo Shirts.

Cost: \$20 plus \$5 postage. Size: S-3XL

Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller

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



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

Cost: All prices include shipping and handling per item.

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

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

M - XL - \$28 ea

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

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

Checks: Old Dominion Chapter, WMA VA-2

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

E-mail: mickeyjennings@hotmail.com



Item: Dark Green Windbreaker Jacket with WMA logo on front left side. Sizes: S- XL (Sizes run larger than usual)

Cost: \$34.00 Includes postage and handling.

Checks: EMVSC, CA-&, WMA

Contact: Charline Itchkawich, 536 Mimosa Ave., Vista, CA 92081-9117

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, 4707 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209 (210) 829-8522

Item: WMA Logo Earrings (matches gold bolo)

Cost: \$10.00/pair (includes shipping)

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

Please designate one:

☐ Wire/Dangle ☐ Clip-on

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



Women Marines Association **MERCHANDISE SALES**

Item: WMA Ring, Jeweler - Jostens

Cost: Lustrium (*non precious white*) \$181.00

Questa (*non precious gold*) \$218.00

10 Karat Yellow Gold \$325.00

14 Karat Gold \$395.00 (*Cost includes three initials inside ring & shipping*)

Note: Include ring size and phone number when ordering

Chapter: FL-7 First Coast

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



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

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

Cost: \$19.75 each (including shipping)

Chapter: FL-7 First Coast

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



Item: Charm "Semper Fi"

Cost: \$15.00

Chapter: Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)

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



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

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

Chapter: CA-3

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

Miscellaneous Items

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

Cost: \$5.00 each

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

Contact: Pat Murray, 40701 Rancho Vista #92

Palmdale, CA 93551 (661) 718-8324



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

Cost: \$5.00 each (includes shipping)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Item: WMA logo Rubber Stamps

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

Contact: Shannon Cross, 516 Pusan Dr., Oceanside, CA 92058

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: Joan Cordero, 203 Londonberry Lane, Jacksonville, NC 28540 (910) 546-9903 latinala@hotmail.com

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

Checks: Payable to Bay State Chapter, WMA

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

Item: Molly Marine picture, 8 x 10

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

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



Item: 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: Shannon Cross, 516 Pusan Dr., Oceanside, CA 92058

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

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

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



Item: 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

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

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

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

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

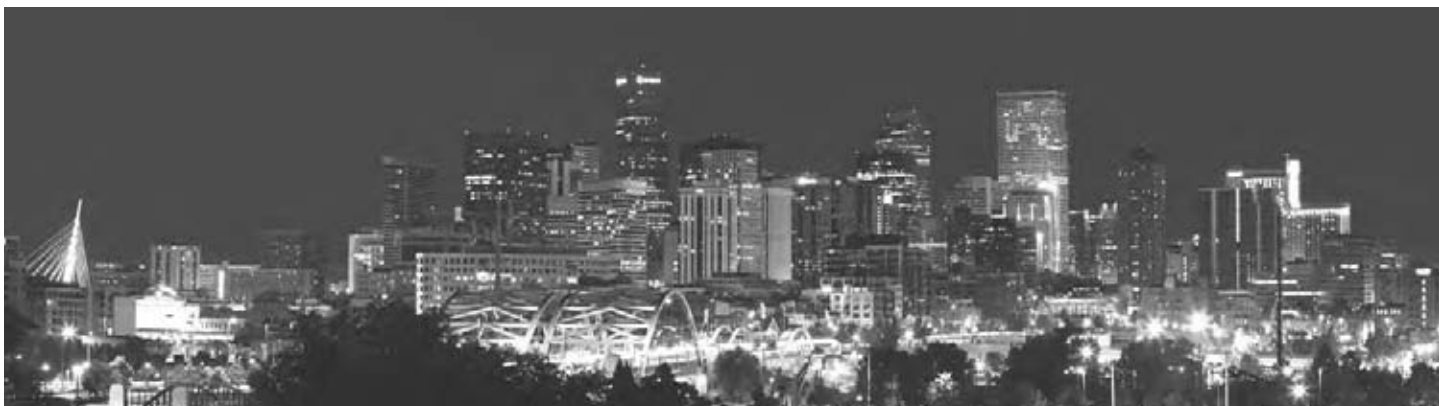
Item: "Woman Marine" Ribbon Magnet, 8" x 4"

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

Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller

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

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