



Retired Sergeant Major Grace Carle, (center) 6th Sgt. Major of Women Marines, at the opening banquet of the 28th Biennial Convention and Professional Development Conference with 35th Commandant of the Marine Corps, General James F. Amos, and Mrs. Bonnie Amos. *Photo by Mallie Ray*

## Convention 2014: Photos, Stories from Kansas City

This year's convention in Kansas City was dedicated to Grace Carle. Carle enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1943, and became the last Sgt. Major of Women Marines in 1974 until her retirement in 1976.

*Wanda Antoine, Editor  
WMA 'Nouncements*

# 2014 VOLUME THREE

## From The Editor

Marines,

I missed all the fun in Kansas City in July, but reading everyone's accounts from this year's convention made me wish that I had been there. No, I didn't get to see Loyal Escorts Immediate Past President Ken Cross sing "*Red Solo Cup*," but I sure did enjoy the pictures from the hospitality suite!



As you will see in this issue, and as President Betty Moseley Brown states in her column, this was truly a convention of living legends.

On the cover, you see General James Amos, 35th Commandant of the Marine Corps, with Mrs. Amos, and retired Sergeant Major Grace Carle, the sixth and last Sergeant Major of Women Marines. You will see photos of other living legends throughout this post-convention edition of *'Nouncements*.

Congratulations to our new Board of Directors (look at that lovely picture below!) and to all award winners. Now it's time to start looking forward to Portland in 2016. I hope to see you all there!

***Wanda Antoine, Editor  
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The WMA Board assembled for a group portrait. Photo by Mallie Ray.



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# Thanks to All for Every 2014 Convention Moment!

## **OOHRAH!**

Memories of our 2014 convention in Kansas City will be treasured memories for our lifetimes. For those of you who were there...are you still flying high? I am! For those unable to join us...you missed a spectacular event. Thanks to the tireless Convention Coordinating Committee who made certain that each member and guest had a terrific time. We'll now begin the preparations for 2016 in Portland, Oregon!

Please look over the list of Courtesy Resolutions that are published in this 'Nouncements... (page 8). WMA is truly thankful for those who went above and beyond to make the convention such a success... special thanks to General James F. Amos, 35th Commandant of the Marine Corps and Mrs. Amos, Sergeant Major Micheal Barrett, Brigadier General Lori Reynolds, Past National and Immediate Past Presidents of WMA, our 2012-2014 WMA Board of Directors, Loyal Escorts, WMA members, Marines and the many devoted sponsors, exhibitors and Friends of Marines... thank you, thank you, THANK YOU!

This convention was dedicated entirely to our living legends...those who earned the eagle globe and anchor.

In 2016 and 2018, as we stroll into our 100th anniversary of women in the Marine Corps...we'll remember our legends who have passed on...as well as those who are still living. While we ALL are legendary...it was my honor to

dedicate the 2014 convention to Sergeant Major Grace A. Carle, the last to serve as Sergeant Major of Women Marines. She was the first to receive my President's challenge coin and throughout the convention received many accolades and hugs. It was absolutely momentous to see Sgt Maj. Carle standing next to our Commandant and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps and LCpl Breanna Brown (who successfully

fun) was memorable and new traditions have been forged. Thanks to ALL for your high energy participation every moment of the convention.

Now, it is time for our next WMA gatherings...Area Three Director, Barbara Chagnon (and one of our National Service Award recipients) has planned a North Orlando/ Lake Mary (Florida) WMA Area 3 Regional Conference on May 15-17, 2015. For more details, contact AD3@womenmarines.org. Our Molly Marine Chapter is also working on an event in the fall 2015 to visit the original Molly Marine in New Orleans, LA. More details forthcoming!

It is time for WMA to move forward, as chapters and as a national non-profit organization. It is said in Luke (paraphrasing) that "...to whom much is given, much is required"... WMA... we still have much to do! As we prepare for Veterans Day, and finding time to spend with family and friends to celebrate holidays and a new year, remember our Veterans, their families and especially our Marines. We are...Women by Gender, Marines for Life!

Semper Fidelis,

**Betty Moseley Brown**  
**WMA President**



**WMA President Betty Moseley Brown with 35th Commandant of the Marine Corps, General James F. Amos, and Mrs. Bonnie Amos.**

*Photo by Mallie Ray*

completed the School of Infantry). What a great moment for all Marines. We shared stories from many decades ago and from our active duty Marines, recognized that many opportunities for us remain. Every event (formal and

**Future Events:** May 2015 in Florida & October 2015 in New Orleans! More details forthcoming!

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# We Are Here to Serve You, But *Please* Stay Connected

The 2014 convention is over; everyone had a great time; and we are now off and running with great enthusiasm and a new slate of officers. If you don't know me, I served for 12 years during the Vietnam Era (1965-77). I then went into the Aerospace Industry and retired from Lockheed Martin 13 years ago. It is an honor and a privilege to be serving as your new 1st Vice President because WMA has become a very important part of my life and I really enjoy working with the amazing women who belong to WMA and who served in our Corps. Even though your board of directors has a variety of duties to perform for WMA, our primary role is to serve our members. We can't do that very well if we lose contact with members because they moved and failed to send us new contact information.



Right now, we are starting to work on publishing the new Resource Manual & Directory (RM&D) that contains a wealth of information about the organization and our members. The accuracy of that document depends *entirely* on the input we receive from each and every member whenever there is a change in their contact information. If we have a bad address for you, you won't get your new RM&D, your dues renewal postcards, or your quarterly '*Nouncements*'. If we have a bad e-mail address, we can't share important information of interest to our membership such as upcoming events, member accomplishments, etc. And one thing that many of our members frequently forget to update is their next of kin (NOK) information because that is what we use to help determine your status should we lose contact and it is also the person to whom WMA sends condolence letters when a member passes. Most of us entered our

NOK on the original application when we joined, and in some cases, that information is decades old and very out of date. I just realized that I didn't update my NOK information when my sister passed earlier this year. Guess I had better take my own advice and get that fixed ASAP.

If you aren't sure what you submitted when you first joined, please send an e-mail or a note to your area director with the following NOK information: ***Name, Relationship, Address, Phone, and E-mail*** and we will update the database to reflect your most current data.

I look forward to our next two years together. If I can ever be of service to you, please don't hesitate to ask. All my contact information is on the page that lists the National Officers.

*Semper Fidelis!*

***Kathy Wright***  
***1st Vice President***

## Help to Preserve the History That *You* Have Made

What a busy time for WMA! We just completed a very successful Convention in Kansas City where the Convention Committee out did themselves. I heard very few negative comments and all issues were handled professionally and with respect. Thanks Dottie and your team of heroes. Now is the time when your new Board truly gets to work. We have several new Board members and new Area Directors. They are all pumped up to hit the deck running. These dedicated women will need everyone's support so WMA can move forward and be successful. We've done great at starting some new chapters but let us not forget that we still have Chapters struggling out there. Please help our ADs and the our new 1st Vice President Kathy Wright to make sure these Chapters remain vi-

brant. One of the various committees that I oversee is the History/Women of the Corps Collection (WOCC) committee. This committee is chaired by Nancy Wilt who has been the mainstay and driving force behind the many tasks that they do. She is the Curator for the WOCC and our "duty expert" when it comes to the history of women in the Marine Corps. I know many of you may not think that you're really a part of the Collection and it's input and maintenance, but trust me you are the reason that the history lives on. Nancy has been holding this mantle for many years and throughout has tried to meet every commitment and every request. She does have some interns that try and help with research and data base input, but she really could use some additional assistance. I've asked Nancy to

detail for me exactly how we, as WMA members can help. Are there things that we can do remotely for her? There will be more specifics in the future on this. We are soliciting someone to sign on to be Nancy's back-up. If you are interested in learning more about the history of women in the Marine Corps and the Women of the Corps Collection, please contact me and we'll set up a time/place when you can speak to Nancy about what the job would entail. Think about it. You are our history. We want you all to feel that you own a part of maintaining the history for future Marines to see.

This is an exciting time in WMA...let's all be a part of its success!

***Kathy Sheppard***  
***2nd Vice President***



# Women Marines Association

## 28th Biennial Convention and Professional Development Conference



Past National President Paula Sarlls and WMA National Secretary Mary Ellen Stone. *Photo by Cheryl Badorrek*



OK-2's Pam Bloustine, Chair, Recognition and Awards, with Karen Kelly, Chair, Financial Advisory Committee. *Photo by Cheryl Badorrek*



A photo from the first timers' meeting. *Photo by Jackie Bazile*



Third Vice President Betty Cook and Convention Committee Treasurer, Mary Ellen Stone. *Photo by Cheryl Badorrek*



LA-1 Vice President Patricia Huttinger with Brigadier General Lori Reynolds. *Photo by Cheryl Badorrek*



Pat Lewis, outgoing WMA National Treasurer with her Loyal Escort, Al Lewis.



Sarah Rivera (LE Director) with CA-3's Barbara Naas and FL-6's Louise and Pete Tamayo. *Photo by Cheryl Badorrek*





Vernice "FlyGirl" Armour and Brigadier General Lori Reynolds.

*Photo by Cheryl Badorrek.*



WMA President Betty Moseley Brown greets Brigadier General Lori Reynolds at the closing banquet. *Photo by Cheryl Badorrek*

**Prints, CD's and Convention Books** are available to purchase through Mallie Ray.  
**The photos can be viewed at [www.mallieray.smugmug.com](http://www.mallieray.smugmug.com).**

Prints are \$5 for a 4x6, \$7 for a 5x7 and \$10 for an 8x10. Please add \$5 to your total for shipping.  
 Some print orders that have come in are still being processed.

Digital images can be purchased individually or in bulk. Single images are \$10 each. For a CD of 10-20 images, it is \$7 per image, 21-40 images are \$6 per image, 41-75 images are \$5 per image and 75+ images are \$4 per image. This allows you to print as many photos as you would like of each image on the CD.  
 Single images will be sent to you via email.

**Convention Books** will be \$145. These are a gorgeous, hard bound, 11"x13" photo book, with over 500 photos from the convention, covering the opening ceremony, photos with the commandant, awards luncheon, hospitality nights, memorial service, installation luncheon, closing ceremony and other small events in between. These must be pre-purchased and a minimum of 50 need to be ordered. **The order deadline is October 31st.**

The convention book can be ordered online through the link  
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A portion of all proceeds will go to the WMA.  
 To place your order, you can fill out the order form picked up at the convention and mail it to:

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# 2014 Convention Recognition & Awards Winners

## Newsletter:

3rd: Louise Tamayo, Florida Gators, FL-6  
2nd: Vicki Latiolais, Minnesota Leathernecks, MN-1  
**1st: Peggy Reiber, Edith Macias Vann Southern California, CA-7**

## Website:

3rd: Palms to Pines, CA-8  
2nd: Chester Pully, OH-2, Jennifer Jenkins Webmaster  
**1st: Edith Macias Vann Southern California, CA-7, Bill Reiber, Webmaster**

## History Book

Honorable Mention: Andrea Murphy, Lone Star State, TX-1  
3rd: Palms to Pines, CA-8  
2nd: Norma Wolfforth, Edith Macias Vann Southern California, CA-7  
**1st: Barbara Naas, Greater San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, CA-3**

## Chapter Achievement:

Class 2 Category A:  
**1st: Molly Marine Chapter, LA-1**

Class 2 Category B:

**1st: Molly Marine Chapter, LA-1**

## Recruiting:

Class 1  
3rd: NC-3, Semper Fi Chapter  
2nd: FL-11, Bombing Bettys  
**1st: NC-1, Tarheel**

Class 2

3rd: MI-1, Motor City  
2nd: TX-1, Lone Star State  
**1st: CA-2, San Diego County**

Class 3

3rd: VA-1, Crossroads  
2nd: LA-1 Molly Marine  
**1st: DC-1, District of Columbia**

## Loyal Escort Recruiting

Class 1: NC-1, Tarheel  
Class 2: MI-2, Motor City  
**Class 3: DC-1, District of Columbia**

## Individual Recruiters

3rd: Mary Ann Merritt, MI-2  
2nd: Theresa Sue Sousa, DC-1  
**1st: Betty Moseley Brown, DC-1**

**Most Squared Away Award** (Getting submissions in *a full month* before the deadline)

**Edith Macias Vann Southern California, CA-7**



National Service Awardees (NSA) are presented an NSA pin, sponsored by Past National President Paula Sarlls and an Eagle with an inscription for their achievement by WMA. NSA Awardee, Barbara Chagnon receives this accolade from WMA National President, Betty Moseley Brown. Other recipients were Valerie Breidenbaugh and WMA Motor City Chapter (MI-2).  
*Photo by Mallie Ray*

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# 2014 Convention Courtesy Resolutions

WHEREAS the following individuals and organizations have contributed significantly to the Women Marines Association and the 28<sup>TH</sup> Biennial WMA Convention and Professional Development Conference, the Association wishes to express our genuine and heartfelt gratitude to:

SERGEANT MAJOR GRACE A. CARLE, to whom this convention is dedicated, for serving as the last "Sergeant Major of Women Marines".

THE MAYOR OF KANSAS CITY, SYLVESTER "SLY" JAMES, JR.---A Marine Brother---and his excellent city staff for providing a Letter of Welcome for the Convention Program Book.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT RHONDA LeBRESCU AMTOWER AND PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT SUE SOUSA for their expertise and guidance, especially to the Convention Committee and the Board.

OUR CORPORATE DONORS, GENERAL MOTORS, LLC AND HALLMARK CARDS INCORPORATED for their generous financial support.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS FROM WITHIN OUR MEMBERSHIP to this 28<sup>TH</sup> Biennial Convention: Pam Bloustine, Patricia and Tom Kennedy, Mitzi Manning, Betty Moseley Brown, Kathleen Wright, Florida-5 Orange Blossom chapter, MO-1 St. Louis chapter, TX-2 Gulf Coast chapter, and the Loyal Escorts.

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PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT SUE SOUSA for acting as the installation officer for our new National Board of Directors.



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## 2014 Convention Courtesy Resolutions (Continued)

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SERGEANT MAJOR LAURA BROWN FOR SKILLFULLY SERVING AS PROTOCOL OFFICER FOR THE CONVENTION, AND HER ABLE ASSISTANT LANCE CORPORAL BREANNA BROWN, who has made us all proud by completing the Enlisted Infantry Training Course.

KATHY WRIGHT FOR DIRECTING THE FLAG CEREMONY for the Opening Banquet.

MELODY BRONSON AND ALL THOSE WILD TEXAS WOMEN for the First-Timers Program.

JENNY STORM AND THE WOMEN OF OKLAHOMA-2 for the Recognition and Awards Luncheon.

SONDRA METZGER FOR THE JUDGING OF ENTRIES and creating certificates for the R&A Award Winners.

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JOE AND KAREN HUBBARD for providing the wonder-

ful recorded music for the Memorial Service. Joe was formerly a member of The President's Own.

TO THE MANY ACTIVE DUTY MARINES WHO, WHEN ANTICIPATED HQMC FUNDING WAS NOT FORTHCOMING, CAME ANYWAY AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE.

SPECIAL THANKS TO GENERAL JAMES AMOS, COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS, HIS LOVELY, ARTICULATE, AND HUMOROUS FIRST LADY OF THE CORPS, TO OUR OWN BRIGADIER GENERAL LORI REYNOLDS, NOW SERVING A JOINT TOUR WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IN THE PENTAGON, AND TO SGT MAJOR OF THE MARINE CORPS MICHAEL P. BARRETT FOR EACH BRINGING THEIR INSPIRING MESSAGE TO OUR GATHERING.

VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT, BETTY MOSELEY BROWN, for so gracefully presiding over this wonderful convention. And to Karen Beatty and Allied Products for their wonderful mementos, especially the new "OOHRAH" awards!

TO THE WOMEN---PAST, AND PRESENT---WHO HAVE WORN THE EAGLE, GLOBE, AND ANCHOR, and those women who will wear it in the future.

And the **BIGGEST THANKS AND LOUDEST "OOHRAH"** TO THE 28TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE: CHAIR DOTTIE STOVER-KENDRICK, CO-CHAIR DENIESE ELOSH, TREASURER AND JACK-OF-ALL-TRADES MARY ELLEN STONE, REGISTRATION LEAD LIZ BECKET, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, KAREN HUBBARD, PX COORDINATOR SELINA WASHINGTON, LOU ANN WEEKS, YVETTE CLIFFORD, AND ROOMMATE COORDINATOR EILEEN SKAHILL.



Bess Gamble-Williams, Sgt. Major Laura Brown, and Choctaw Williams. Photo by Cheryl Badorrek

# 2014 WMA Scholarship Program

## Scholarship Recipients Named

*Congratulations  
to our recipients!*



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Sponsor: Lelia P. Jackson



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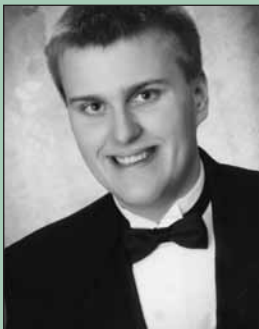
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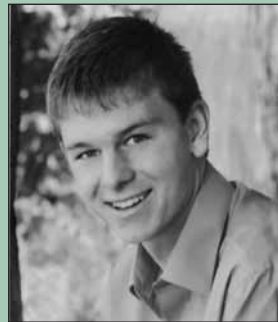
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 Mills College  
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## About The WMA Scholarship Program:

For those sponsoring a student/students for the 2015 WMA Scholarship Program, please help ensure that your nominees have completely filled out the application as required.

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

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

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

If you have any questions, contact Dottie Stover-Kendrick at [scholarship@womenmarines.org](mailto:scholarship@womenmarines.org).

## WMA Chapter Clippings

### CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

This has been a busy time for the Greater San Francisco Bay Area Chapter CA-3. In June, our chapter celebrated 50 years! We had a very nice lunch and celebration, where all in attendance received a special 50th anniversary gift. We received letters of appreciation from Women Marines Association National President Betty Moseley Brown, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General James Amos, and the 17th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Michael Barrett. A special treat at the celebration was the attendance of two charter members who helped start the Chapter 50 years ago – Maryannette Schneider and Alice Gunnerson. A great time was had by all, and we look forward to another 50 years of sisterhood and camaraderie.

In July, CA-3 joined with the Marine Corps League, 1st Marine Division, and the Young Marines to form the Marine Corps contingent, marching down the streets of Redwood City for the annual 4th of July Parade. We marched to the cheers of thousands of spectators. Also in July, it was our pleasure to award two CA-3 scholarships. The winners will each receive a check in the amount of \$500.00. A big congratulations to our 2 winners – Deanna May (sponsored by Barbara Naas and Sarah Rivera) and Brenda Phillips (sponsored by Patricia Ellison).

At the end of July, several members of CA-3 – Women Marines and Loyal Escorts – traveled to Kansas City for the 28th Biennial Women Marines Association Convention. There, our Loyal Escorts helped to ensure the success of the Opening Ceremony flag posting, the Closing Ceremony, and hosting two successful Hospitality Suites. At the Awards Ceremony, CA-3 Historian Barbara Naas won the History Book competition, adding another banner for our flag. And, Chapter President Susan Johnston accepted a 50th Anniversary banner to add to the Chapter Colors.

Our own Kathleen Wright was installed as National 1st Vice President. Congratulations, Kathy. All conference attendees left Kansas City looking forward to Portland in 2016.

*Susan Johnston*

### CA-7 Edith Macias Vann - So. California

CA-7 has been busy the past few months. First we had the chapter elections and Installation of Officers. The 2014-2016 Officers are President, Nancy Arroyoavila; Vice President, Kristina Johnson; Secretary, Lillian "Lee" Tusa; Treasurer, Lillian Cross and Immediate Past President, Peggy Reiber.

The chapter continues to support and fundraise for the Veterans' Association of North County and their new building that is taking shape.

The CA-7 summer picnic was held at the center in August. We have had some of our long time members having health issues. Dorothy Munroe broke her arm, but is now back at the meetings.



**CA-7 participated in the Oceanside Freedom Day parade. Riding in the Mech Museum Camp Pendleton vintage 5-ton are CA-7 members L-R Lillian Cross, Charlene Itchkawich, Jackie McCoy, Lee Tusa, Clare Tucker, Nancy Arroyoavila, Mary Anthony, Shirley Downey, and Mikki Hurst. Peggy Reiber took the picture.**

Alyce Williamson is healthy and will turn 98 in July also. We did lose Loyal Escort, Charles Anthony, spouse of member Mary Anthony, to cancer in May.

It is also noted we had 10 members and Loyal Escorts go to Kansas City!



**CA-7 Memorial/living quilt pictured L-R Nancy Arroyoavila, Charlene Itchkawich, Lillian Hagener, Peggy Reiber, Mary Anthony, Lillian "Lee" Tusa, Jackie McCoy, Shirley Downey, Norma Wohlfarth, Dorothy Munroe, Alyce Williamson, Anna Hopkins, Barbara Cogburn, Mary Lou Voigt, and Lillian Cross.**

### CA-8 Palms to Pines

CA-8 is dark till September 20. Everyone is on vacation. Four members and one Loyal Escort from CA-8 went to Kansas City, looking forward to a great time.

By the time you read this KC will be just a wonderful memory and we'll be planning for the next one.

We lost two of our loyal members, Juanita McMakin Cartwright (Juanita was a platoon ahead of me in boot camp and we served in Hawaii at the same time she was at PH and I was at KB we played sports against each other) and Gwen Herbert (WWII). Both had been ill for some time and we will miss them dearly. Eddy Stephens is recovering from a fall.



We have a new board. Johnnie Williams, President; Jade Dabney, Vice President/Treasurer and Cassandra Thompson-Jervis, Secretary. We are looking forward to the new year. We turned in 56,268 pull tabs to Ronald McDonald house and hope to do much better this year. Several members were in the Veterans Day Parade in Riverside. Joanne Evans was honored at the 1st Annual "Boots of Honor" lunch for female veterans with a retired Air Force MSgt and an active duty Army MSgt.



From KC Helen Page and myself are heading for her home in Maine until September, when it should be cooler in CA. Hope we all had a safe trip home. Till we meet again in Oregon good health, good fun, and may the good Lord keep us all safe. Semper Fi.

*Sybl Acree*

## CA-29 Twenty Nine Palms

At a recent Women Marines Association chapter meeting, President Elaine Bowden presented a donation check of \$100.00 to chapter representative Nichelle Webb to present to Ana Martinez, the outstanding female MCJROTC cadet at Desert Hot Springs High School awards ceremony on May 8th. In addition, a certificate and ribbon from WMA-National will be given to the cadet.

Additionally, a donation check of \$100.00 was presented to Diana Montero, the representative from the Mojave Viper Young Marines 29 Palms unit. The funds will assist the unit's continued support and character development of youth in the Morongo Basin.

The Women Marines Association, Chapter 29 Palms welcomes all former, retired and active duty women Marines to share in the camaraderie.

The membership consists of women that served in the Marine Corps during WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Gulf war and Iraq and Afghanistan.

The chapter welcomed new members Nichelle Webb, Geneva Walters and Marlene Linsalato to the April meeting held at Brenda Roberts' home in 29 Palms. Treasurer duties were transferred from Cheri Vocelka to new treasurer, Betty Laferriere.

Dorothy Angil represented the CA-29 Palms WMA chapter and presented a wreath in memory of all women Marines that died in service to their country at the Memorial Day ceremonies held at the 29 Palms Cemetery on May 26. Georgia Shirey represented the chapter at this event at the Joshua Tree Memorial Cemetery.

Information on the 29 Palms Chapter can be obtained from Elaine Bowden at 760-367-6187 or email [elbow29@earthlink.net](mailto:elbow29@earthlink.net).

*Elaine Bowden*



**Escort Isaiah Harrison welcomes new escort Bob Shirey to the WMA 29 Palms chapter as Pres. Elaine Bowden looks on**

## CO-1 Colorado Columbine

The Colorado Chapter was well represented at the WMA National Convention in Kansas City! Our President, Paula Sarlls drove WWII Marine and Artist – Marge Alexander along with Korean Era Marine Jo Slater. They were joined in KC by me, the newly appointed Vice President, Sasha Cruz; National Treasurer Pat Lewis and her Loyal Escort husband; and our newest member Julia Lee! We all enjoyed the convention and give great big thanks to MoKan 2 for a great convention!

Marge presented one of her latest paintings depicting WWI to the National WWI Museum and is shown in the photo with Jonathan Casey, Museum Archivist and Edward Jones Research Center Manager. Jonathan and the museum employees couldn't have been more gracious as Paula, Jo and Marge toured the facility and dined in their lovely restaurant.



*Sasha Cruz*

## FL-2 Florida Gulf Coast

### *Women Marines Anniversary Celebration*

The FL-2 Gulf Coast Chapter hosted an open house type reception to celebrate our anniversary in February 2014. Chapter members were asked to bring in any military memorabilia such as uniforms and pictures. Short bios with service dates and locations were printed for chapter members highlighting their individual military displays.

Chapter members were joined by many members of the local Morris F. Dixon, Jr. Detachment 54 of the Marine Corps League in this celebration. Food was catered by Tina Bostic (chapter vice president) and her husband Neal.

Of particular note was the attendance of WMA National President Betty Moseley Brown who, as always, gave an inspirational speech and Dorothy Hill, a WWII Marine veteran who wore her military memorabilia, her uniform from serving during WWII.

Rosina "Speedy" Gibson

The chapter said goodbye to Speedy at an internment ceremony in April, 2014 at Bay Pines National Cemetery. Military honors were rendered by a combined FL-2 Chapter and Marine Corps League Detachment honor guard. Speedy was an active member of the chapter and her death leaves a significant void. Fair winds and following seas Marine, Semper fi.

*Kathy Potthoff*



## GA-1 Dogwood of Atlanta

On June 7, Marines of the Dogwood Chapter gave their time and talents to volunteer a DAY OF SERVICE at the local Buckhead Christian Ministry THRIFTique clothing ministry. Assisting with the day's duties, the Marines helped organize, set up and sort donations in the store and at receiving. After the three-hour shift, everyone met for lunch and chapter discussion.



**Pictured left to right, Kathleen Eidson, Tracy Wilson, Romaine Brunson and Victoria Turney at the Thriftique Clothing Ministry in Atlanta, GA.**

Chapter member Kathleen Eidson has been selected to go on the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. on 17 September. She is extremely excited, and says it is a great 95th birthday present. Her birthday is on 15 September. Fellow chapter member Romaine Brunson has been given the great honor of being her escort. Anyone familiar with Kathleen knows she will keep her fellow veterans and travelling companions well entertained.

Lithia Springs High School Marine Corps JROTC Cadet/1stSgt Zharia Smith was this year's recipient of the Women Marine Association's Outstanding Cadet Award. Presenting the certificate and ribbon during a recognition ceremony was WMA-GA-1 chapter member Victoria Conkel Turney, GySgt, Retired.

***Romaine Brunson***

## **KY-1 Winning Colors**

After the spring rush of MCJROTC award ceremonies and Memorial Day activities, members worked together to finish making items to sell at the WMA convention.

Mary Broussard and Brenda Moore drove to Kansas City with a car full of tooth fairy pillows, clothes pin Marine ornaments, ruffled scarves, handmade carryalls for walkers and two very special raffle gifts from the family of our beloved WWII Marine, Kathleen Drummond, who died this year.

The last convention Kathleen attended was in Denver and before she ever left Louisville, she was "busted" by TSA for having a flask of vodka in her carryon bag – she was 91 at the time and thought they would not pay attention to a little old lady in a wheelchair!

When her family heard the story during the planning of her funeral, they decided to donate two decorative decanters of bourbon to the chapter to raffle off at the convention in her memory.

We want to thank everyone who listened to Kathleen's story and made our raffle such a great success.

Rhonda Amtower won the decanter, which was a replica of the Iwo Jima Monument.

She cracked the seal and shared it with everyone attending the final party hosted by LEGGS during the convention. Pictured toasting Kathleen are Mary's 1972 classmate, Pat Wahls, KY-1 VP Brenda Moore, Mary Broussard and WO Mary Barerra who was getting her first taste of bourbon.



Mary and Brenda thoroughly enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones at the convention and want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make it fun for all of us. If you have not been to a convention, start saving up to go to Portland in 2016.

***Mary Broussard***

## **LA-1 Molly Marine**

On 9 April, several members got together to enjoy "Fine Sewing by Arlette". Ms. Arlette opened her home/sewing school up to us to begin working on "fine" items to sell during the 2014 Conference. We cut out camouflage patterns to sew beautiful all-purpose bags! Afterwards, we enjoyed refreshments. Members that acted as seamstresses that evening were April Bell, Georgiana Hildebrandt, Kimberly Allen, Darlene Graves (LE), Barbara Ruffin (LE) and Melanie Young.

On 13 April, nursing home visits were made to two of our favorite WWII veteran members: Marian Landry and Frances Hoffman. Each received beautiful flowers in a cute porcelain bunny flowerpot and a palm to commemorate Palm Sunday. It was a happy moment for each!

On the 14th and 15th of April, our chapter held its annual Easter egg fundraiser at the Marine Corps Support Facility (MCSF), Marine Forces Reserve, in New Orleans. Among those who purchased candy filled eggs were the Commander of Marine Forces Reserve/ Marine Forces North, Lieutenant General Richard P. Mills and the Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battalion, Lt. Colonel Brian J. Hardy. Many thanks go out to the Marines, Sailors and civilian employees of the MCSF for their continued support. Once again the fundraiser was a huge success!

Members were extremely busy on 26 April! Patricia Huttinger (Vice President), Kimberly Allen (Special Projects Officer) and Elizabeth Damron represented WMA by attending the Marine Forces Reserve Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) Mega Muster in the New Orleans Superdome. They were the chapter's beacon of esprit de corps on recruiting Marines and Loyal Escorts! Kimberly did an exceptional job of setting up our booth, adorned with WMA applications, business cards, green and white mints, balloons, doubloons, green and white M&M's decorated with the Molly Statue and "WMA" and an IPAD slideshow depicting "Women in the Corps". Many contacts were made and applications taken! During the IRR muster, Major Tracy Sampson opened her lovely home to host the monthly meeting--a fun day for all!

On 10 May, GySgt Deidra Chapman decided to surprise two of our WWII veteran members that reside in nursing homes in New Orleans.



She dropped by the Lambeth House to celebrate Frances Hoffman's 91st birthday; giving her flowers and cake.

After the visit with Frances, she went to the Chateau de Notre Dame to wish Marian Landry a Happy Mothers' Day with flowers and a card. Deidra's thoughtfulness and representation of the chapter was truly appreciated!

On 16 May, Major Victoria Kinsey had her promotion ceremony at one of the most memorable, unique locations ever! The major was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in front of our beloved "Molly" (original Molly Marine statue), located on the corner of Canal and Elk Place in New Orleans. Her father and husband had the pleasure of pinning on her silver oak leaves.

Several Marines and civilian employees of Marine Forces Reserve were in attendance, along with chapter members Taneika Key, Melanie Young and Victoria Kinsey (of course). Congratulations Lieutenant Colonel...OORAH!

On 17 May, we had our Memorial Day Observance event at the First Annual Veterans Festival held at the Northshore Harbor Center in Slidell, La.

Activities available were a Veteran's tribute show, veteran organizations booths, car extravaganza, amusement rides, indoor arts and crafts shopping, entertainment, Louisiana cuisine and drinks. All proceeds benefitted the East St. Tammany Habitat for Humanity's Veterans Build Program.

Members in attendance were Mary Draughn, Darlene Graves (LE), Kimberly Allen, Barbara Ruffin (LE), Karen Williams, James McCann (LE), April Bell, Allison Stein, Vicki Haynes, Jodi Lara and Melanie Young.

On the evening of 17 May, Lt. Colonel Victoria Kinsey had her "Wetting Down" at the Warehouse Grille in New Orleans.

Chapter members had the opportunity to congratulate and celebrate Victoria's achievement with loads of camaraderie, good food and drink!

As we all know, not many women make it to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel, which makes this celebration even more special. We are proud of Victoria Kinsey!

On 19 May, Melanie Young and Marvin Savage (LE) attended the high school graduation of Briana Perez in Robertsdale, AL. Briana is the daughter of Tara Perez, Molly Marine LA-1 Charter member.

It was a very proud and special occasion for everyone; especially Briana. She was awarded the WMA LeRue A. Ditmore Music Scholarship and a scholarship from the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation!

On 23 May, SSgt Hideshi Dyer and Dalia Robles presented Gabrielle Moore, "Cadet of the Year" at the New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy, with the MCJROTC WMA Certificate of Achievement and a gift from our chapter.

On 31 May, April Bell, Vicki Haynes and Melanie Young took the opportunity to "take care of one of our own" by helping Frances Hoffman move to another room in the Lambeth House.

The quarters aren't as large, therefore a lot of her personal items were given to friends, charity groups and books were donated to Molly Marine LA-1 to later sell in a Book Sale Fundraiser.

The VFW Post in Marrero, LA was kind enough to let us hold our brunch meeting in their beautiful building on 21 June. The meeting was very eventful in preparation for the upcoming 2014 Conference in Kansas City!

Our Special Projects Officer, Kimberly Allen, had been hard at work designing special items for the PX table; she brought them to the meeting for all to admire. We also welcomed two new members to the chapter! Following the meeting, we all enjoyed a delicious potluck where a large part of the menu was provided by member Taneika Key, of "Key Kuisine".

On 2 July, Molly Marine LA-1 members were pleased to witness the Assumption of Command Ceremony for chapter member Colonel (Brigadier General select) Helen G. Pratt. Colonel Pratt will command the Force Headquarters Group, Marine Forces Reserve, New Orleans. A very proud occasion for Col. Pratt and Molly Marine LA-1! A reception, catered by chapter member Taneika Key of Key Kuisine, immediately followed the ceremony.

Melanie Young (President), Patricia Huttinger (Vice President), Allison Stein (Secretary) and April Bell (Treasurer) went to the Force Headquarters Group, Marine Forces Reserve to meet with Brigadier General (select) Helen Pratt on 9 July and presented her with a congratulatory card and gift on behalf of the members and Loyal Escorts of Molly Marine LA-1. Another proud day in July!



Seven members and one Loyal Escort of LA-1 attended the 2014 WMA Professional Development and Leadership Conference in Kansas City, MO. During this magnificent conference, we received several accolades. We are proud to say that we received 3 awards during the Recognition and Awards Luncheon. We received certificates and a streamer for attaining 1st Place in both Category A and B for Chapter achievement and also a certificate for placing 2nd in recruiting. Loyal Escort, Marvin Savage, was installed as the Vice President of the Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter at the Installation Luncheon, another proud moment. The most gratifying moment during the convention had to be the Closing Banquet, where we were pleasantly surprised with being selected as the "Ruth & Dick Broe Award" recipients for Overall Chapter Achievement. "Bringing home the gold", once again! Photographed are members that attended, front row: Elizabeth Damron (Area 6 Director), Georgine Clontz, Patricia Huttinger (Vice President), Dalia Robles. Second row: Angela Merrell (Historian), Allison Stein (Secretary), Marvin Savage (National Vice President, Loyal Escorts) and Melanie Young (President).

*Melanie Young*

## MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks

On May 26, Liz Whitbeck, Sandra Heredia, Vicki Latiolais and Loyal Escort Mary Frances Feiler attended the Memorial Day ceremonies at Ft. Snelling. After the ceremony, Liz and Sandra had a photo opportunity with Governor Dayton. Liz was also able to see and be greeted by individuals who she was acquainted with from the United Veterans Legislative Council, Marine Corps League and Women Veterans of Minnesota.



The annual Chapter picnic was held indoors at Lorraine Morgan's residence on Saturday, June 14. We were fortunate to have the picnic indoors as Mother Nature had other plans with the intermittent rain showers. We had plenty of food and good company but thankfully, no ants.



Frances Haubrich and Vicki Latiolais attended the 28th Biennial Women Marines Association (WMA) Convention & Professional Development Conference held in Kansas City, MO. Congratulations to the winners of the Camosock stockings: Diana Anderson and Melody Bronson, and to Staff Sergeant Mary Ann Miller, winner of the scratch-art WMA logo.

On August 9, the chapter met at the Four Seasons in Mahtomedi, MN for lunch and recap of convention events. Please consider joining us on 1 November for the Women Veterans of Minnesota annual fall luncheon to be held at Ft. Snelling as the chapter extends a welcome to any social event and/or meeting. For more information, email [vlatiolais@comcast.net](mailto:vlatiolais@comcast.net) or call 612-803-6641.

*Vicki Latiolais*

## NC-3 Semper Fi

NC-3 was proud to be represented at the 28th Biennial Convention of WMA, held in Kansas City July 24-28, by three of our four officers and a Loyal Escort. Brad Barker officially became our first Loyal Escort, and hopefully we will recruit a few more before our next trip to Portland, OR in 2016. During the convention, President Tracy Crow proudly carried our flag forward at the opening banquet on July 25th, and all three officers went to the stage to receive our charter and chapter streamer at the Recognition and Awards luncheon on July 26th. The biggest surprise of the convention for us, however, was receiving a certificate for taking 3rd place in recruiting for the category of small chapters.



## OH-2 Chesty Puller

Our women have been traveling around the world. We had three members in Europe at the same time. Jenny Jenkins, Paula Banks and Donna Perdue. I am sure they have many stories and pictures to share. We kept up with them on Facebook and they were having a good time.

Ellen Leidy, Elva Pounders and Loyal Escort Marilyn Cunningham enjoyed a week in Florida. They had dinner in Jacksonville with Ellen's cousin, who she hadn't seen in over 42 years. They went on to Orlando and stayed at a time share which was donated by a friend. Elva and Marilyn met up with a friend who they haven't seen since 1978. They made a side trip to St. Petersburg and saw Elva's nephew. They went to Universal Studios and saw Harry Potter's area and drank some of the Butter Beer. They stopped in Brunswick Georgia and stayed the night with OH-2 member June Aubuchon. OH-2 member Judy Tullis changed jobs and is now in North Carolina, so we gave her a big shout-out when we drove by her exit. It was a good trip.

Susan, Lora, Tania and Marilyn went to the conference and by the pictures, they really had a good time.

Our Captain Carly Giebel is now in Albany, New York. She will enjoy the fall but watch out for winter.

We lost WWII members Lee McCutchan and Helen Hannah; they will be missed.

We will be having our summer picnic at Tracy Gavidia's home and hope to see more of our members.

Our members are still out there doing work in their communities and helping out the vets. Like other chapters we are spread throughout the state and it is hard to get everyone's information.

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy your friends and family.

*Elva Pounders*

## TX-1 Lone Star State

The Cedar Hill Pet Memorial Project, Inc. was a labor of love for Project Chairperson and TX-1 Member, Theresa Brandon. She led the charge to save a pet cemetery and the efforts to turn it into a memorial for all service dogs. She coordinated many volunteers to make this pet memorial happen. The battle to save the park started in October 2011 as she rallied volunteers and created a non-profit organization. The group was able to purchase the park in March 2012 then embarked on an effort to upgrade the 1.8 acre area. Theresa and the Board of Directors not only saved the park but were able to get much needed upgrades.





The internationally known artist, Susan Bahary, agreed to sculpt the war dog memorial. The final dedication ceremony had a large turnout. The USMC Brass Quintet from New Orleans played for the ceremony and onsite for the sculpture installation. The Mayor of Cedar Hill said a few words and the master of ceremony was Larry Mowry with CBS News. The project had lots of support from local institutions such as schools and Boy Scout troops and they were all present. The keynote speaker was Mike Ritland, a former Navy Seal, who wrote the book *Trident K9 Warriors* and lives in Texas, training dogs on his ranch for a multitude of clients. He was featured on *60 Minutes* due to his experience training dogs for the U.S. Navy SEAL Teams. It was a fantastic event and many board members attributed the success of the project to Theresa Brandon and her ability to "take the hill" in the only way that Marines know how. Our chapter contributed to this good cause and has a paver stone at the base of the memorial sculpture.

**Andrea Murphy**

## TX-2 Texas Gulf Coast

Texas -2 held our summer potluck on the August 9th at the Bayland Community center in Houston, Texas. Our new member Lisa Dijkman and her daughter Kiara were present with new prospect, Brittany Burton, that had contacted Lisa through our Facebook site on the WMA website. Karen Beatty's sister, Sheryl Muras, who has become our newest Loyal Escort was also there for a meet and greet with members.

We held our regular business meeting and then went on to talk about the convention with those who weren't able to attend.

Karen Beatty brought pictures to show and pass around and Marti Raney brought WMA shot glasses/toothpick holders from the convention to pass out to members who weren't able to attend.

It was an energy-charged meeting with all the excitement about the convention and the positive energy gushing out of Brittany.

We closed the meeting with a picture of the quilt that we raffled at the convention that was won by our own Loyal Escort Judy Parker. In closing, I would like to thank Kansas City for an electrifying WMA convention and with Betty Moseley Brown at the reins how



Pictured left to right, Marti Raney, Claudia Heideman, Brittany Burton, Lisa Dijkman, Sheryl Muras, Karen Beatty, Judy Anderson, Eleanor Gibbs.

else could it have been less exciting?

Welcome to our new Area 6, Director Elizabeth Damron, we are looking forward to your leadership.

**Marti Raney**

## WA-3 North Sound

The North Sound Chapter met on 2 August at the Village Restaurant in Marysville, Washington. Two speakers from Operation Extreme made a presentation of their Christa Camp Program for children of deployed military. There are two camps located across Puget Sound from Seattle near Port Orchard.

Miracle Ranch, for elementary age children, and Island for junior and senior high school students. The main events occur the third week of June and Tuesday is Marine Day. Family Day is on Memorial Day and is Military Appreciation Day.

In addition to well-trained camp counselors, military chaplains are on deck to talk with campers about their concerns and to acknowledge what they and their parents are dealing with. This is the largest military camp for kids in the United States. We are urged to get the word out to fellow Marines as they would like to see more Marine dependents participating in this week-long program.

The meeting closed with a report from those attending the National Convention in Kansas City, encouraging others to attend the next one by first-timer Virginia Wright, who enjoyed putting faces to the names of our National Officers and commented on how hard everyone works on our behalf.

**Betty Strand**

## CA-15, The Way We Were!



Here are CA-15 members "Back in the day". Clockwise from the top are Elaine Wegner, Louise Brown, Nonie Lann, Pat Murray, and Joan Vitale. Semper Fi and OORAH from CA-15!

## Note to Chapters: The I.R.S. Problem Has Been Resolved

Many of our chapters received letters from the IRS stating that they did not file their 990N for 2012. These letters were written in error because all of the chapters who notified National about receiving such a letter are actually current with their 990N reporting. In order to “fix” this problem, our National Treasurer filed a 990N for all the chapters that received such letters. These filings were submitted on 16/17 August. This satisfies the IRS requirement to respond by Aug 27. Chapters don’t need to send anything to the IRS. Chapters for whom a 990N was submitted include: 2014 Convention, AL-1, CA-1, CA-10, CA-11, CA-15, CA-2, CA-29, CA-5, CA-7, FL-11, FL-4, INT-1, NAT-1, NC-1, NC-2, NM-1,

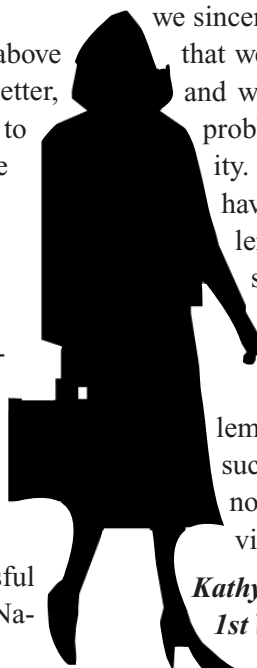
NY-5, OH-2, OR-3, SC-2, TX-1, WA-3, and WV-1.

If your chapter is not listed above and you did receive such a letter, please send a brief message to your area director and to the National Treasurer at [Treasurer@womenmarines.org](mailto:Treasurer@womenmarines.org) stating that you are in receipt of such a letter. Be sure to give the treasurer your chapter number (i.e., TX-1).

It is our understanding that some of the chapters tried to get information about this problem prior to the convention and were less than successful in getting a response from National.

For this communication breakdown, we sincerely apologize. Please know that we have a new board in place and we have actively worked this problem as our highest priority. For information only, we have identified a fix to the problem that causes generation of such letters and the National Treasurer will be working with the IRS to address and correct this problem. Any chapters who receive such letters in the future should notify the National Treasurer via their Area Director.

**Kathy Wright**  
*1st Vice President*



## Past National President receives Award

The very last Civilian Marksmanship award was presented on February 22, 2014 to American Legion Post 1992 member Paula Sarlls.

The ceremony was conducted by Congressman Mike Coffman, USMC (Ret.) and a luncheon held afterwards at the Red Lion hotel (who also graciously provided a beautiful cake for the luncheon). Shown in the photo are (L-R) State Senator Todd, Paula, Congressman Mike Coffman, and the CMP Representative – Scott Madrox along with the M1 Garand rifle she received as the award.

Paula is the President of the Women Marines Association CO-1 Colorado Columbinas, WM History Chapter (2002-present), Past National President of WMA (2005-2008), a Gold Star Wife, newly elected President of the Marine Memorial Association, Secre-



tary of the Colorado Freedom Memorial, Chaplain for the Marine Corps League, past Secretary and current co-chair of the Membership Committee for United Veterans Committee of Colorado, past chair of the Aurora Veteran Affairs Commission, and much more. She works tirelessly to help veterans and their families in Colorado. She will be planning the Memorial Day and Veterans Day events at the Marine

Memorial this year, the Marine Memorial 5K at Aurora Reservoir is September, and she is the originator of the Aurora Memorial Day Ceremony at the Aurora Municipal Center. Her service didn’t end when her tour of duty in the Marine Corps ended (1967-71). She is a Southwest Denver native and a proud Coloradoan! As one of 6 children (4 boys-2girls) she is the only one with military service and she served as an Air Controller at Quantico, VA. She also had a distinguished career with the VA, IRS, and 21 years with the US Customs Service.

She was widowed in 2009 when her husband of nearly 40 years died from Agent Orange cancer as a 100% disabled veteran. Her unending devotion to veterans isn’t done for recognition, nonetheless we thank her for all she does.



# Remembering Our History

*The OSS and Captain  
Charlotte Day Gower, USMCWR*

Back in 1974, a blockbuster book was written called *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*, by John Le Carré. In recent months, I was contacted by a graduate student working on her thesis requesting to know, what I knew, about WWII Marine Charlotte Day Gower. While I only knew what I thought was a small amount of this Marine's history, I knew enough to be of help to the grad student. While providing the information I knew, the Le Carré book popped back into my mind and I thought a title for a Charlotte Day Gower book could be *Anthropologist, University Dean, US Marine, Spy*. Giving this unique WWII Marine such a title, however, would, even today, only tell us a little of her life. So let me fill you in on what is known about this "Mystery Marine."

Charlotte Day Gower was born in 1902 in Kankakee, Illinois and led an ordinary American life until she started her college education. A good student, Charlotte attended Smith College and received her bachelor's degree in 1922 at age 20. She changed her direction from seeking a medical degree to anthropology and chose to study at the University of Chicago where she received her master's degree in 1926 followed in 1928 by her Ph.D., a rare accomplishment for a woman of that time, adding to this fete she was also a trained ethnologist and the author of *Milocca, A Sicilian Village* as part of her thesis work for her Ph.D.

In the 1930's, Dr. Charlotte Gower accepted dual positions as Dean of Students and teacher at Lingnan University, Hong Kong. Life in Hong Kong was exciting until the Japanese started their conquests through the Pacific. Hong Kong, considered the "Gem of the Pacific" in that era, started preparing for war in the late 1930's. By 1941, fortifications and troops were protecting Hong Kong. The British could not hope to defeat the Japanese, but they did hope for a delaying period so that other islands and countries in the Pacific could increase their defenses. At 8:00 am on December 8, 1941 the Japanese attacked. Charlotte not satisfied to stand by, organized and set-up first aid stations throughout the city of Hong Kong. On December 25, Great Britain surrendered Hong Kong to the Japanese, and Charlotte, as well as others found assisting the British and Chinese, were interned as prisoners of war. This included civilians, foreign workers, diplomats, the international community and military. Char-

lotte, understanding that the military would return to fight the Japanese, taught both Japanese and Chinese, to the military and diplomatic personnel. Charlotte was repatriated after several months as a POW. After arriving home in the United States in mid to late fall of 1942, Charlotte was briefed on the future USMCWR and asked if she was interested.

From our Marine perspective, Charlotte served as a WWII Marine who was unique in the fact that she was one of the small handful of women, sworn in before the nationwide public announcement (Feb 13, 1943) that women would be recruited into the Corps. Sworn in as a captain, who would, supposedly, be the USMCWR Representative for Training, at the time of commissioning, Charlotte would have been forty-one years old by 1943.

Little else was known about Charlotte Gower until Lieutenant Colonel Patricia Mead, USMC, wrote about her in *The Marine Corps Women's Reserve in WWII*. This book was the first official Marine Corps history published on the women who served in WWII.

Little has ever been known of her military service, and later, as you read, you will discover the reason. I spoke with WMA member June Whitehurst, who served in the early days of 1943 in Colonel Streeter's office, if she knew Captain Gower. The response was

that there was a captain who would drop by their area and then leave after checking in with Colonel Streeter. The captain always left Colonel Streeter's office as a bit of a mystery to her staff. I had reached that same conclusion while researching the original handful of WWII women officers, sworn in January and February 1943 before the public announcement of the USMCWR, a number of years ago.

Research back then and now has provided the following on Captain Gower.

She served from January 1943 until late 1947 when she was discharged. Throughout that entire time, her actual job remained a bit of a mystery. Apparently, while serving our Corps, Captain Gower was actually working for the OSS (Office of Strategic Services), the forerunner of the CIA. Once discharged, Charlotte Day Gower was the first or second woman recruited by the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency). She retired from the CIA in 1964 after spending her military

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**Charlotte Day Gower Chapman, 1902-1982. (This photo is believed to be her PhD Grad photo.)**

and civilian life as an Intelligence Officer for the CIA. At some point Charlotte married, but nothing is known (as yet) on her husband. After retirement she resided in Washington DC and died in 1982 of at the age of 80.

Ms. Todd, the graduate student that contacted me, has requested the files of Charlotte Day Gower Chapman from the CIA for review. She has not been granted permission or the files, as yet.

HQMC has also been queried and it appears that their files on Captain Gower may also reside with the CIA at this time. Ms. Todd has agreed to share whatever information she may receive. I have written various British Military Archives for information on Charlotte as a POW as well as a Colonial History of Hong Kong organization for information they may have on Charlotte's civilian career in Hong Kong and information on her rescue work during the Japanese attack.

Months of locating documented research from numerous sources has provided us with this beginning story of Charlotte Day Gower Chapman. Stay tuned for more on this unique story as more research comes in to us.

### World War Two Personal Stamps

America was coming out of the Depression, and money was still in short supply when America started the buildup for WWII. Americans volunteered by the hundreds of thousands, many arrived with no shoes, or holes in the ones they had on, clothes were few and personal items minimal, but they answered the call of their nation. Luxury items such as watches and cameras were near nonexistent among those that served in the early years of the war. Families did not attend boot camp graduation ceremonies. Time, restricted travel and cost did not allow military grad ceremonies similar to those of today. No money for travel and moving the military made civilian travel nearly impossible, yet the desire to see their loved ones in uniform and healthy was still in their hearts. The solution was a postage size stamp of the service man of woman in uniform, including their covers. The head and shoulders photos were sold in sheets of 100 stamps for \$1.00 with a pre-glued back. Towns, cities and larger military command post offices had the needed cameras, and the program was quickly in place. The stamps could not be used for postage fees on a letter or postcard and had no monetary value as did regular postage stamps of the day.

One of our earliest WOCC collections to arrive provided a huge treasure of military uniforms and memorabilia. This unique collection provided our first look at these unique stamps. Starting our research with the US Postal Service, we found out more on the stamp program but we also discovered the fact their files did not have much information on the stamps nor did they possess any of these unique stamps. Three individual loose photo stamps (in the donor's name) were shared with the Postal Service, from the multiple sheets

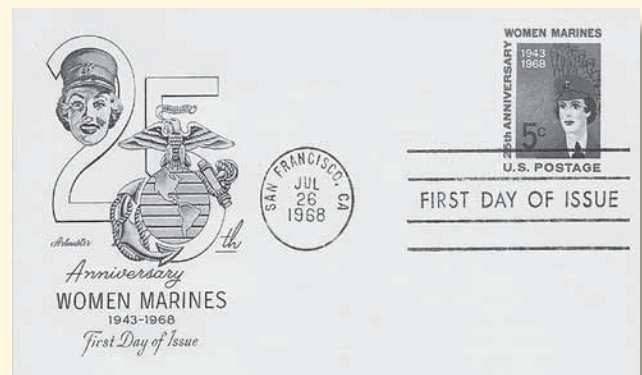
and loose stamps in the WOCC collection, saving more American history.

By late 1943 or early 1944 the US Postal service stopped the program due to war overload of the US Postal Service. Civilian professional photographers took over making the stamps. While increasing the cost of the stamps, some civilian photographers also changed the stamps in appearance as well. The majority of the professional stamp photos remained the military head shot; however, a percentage of the photos became somewhat risqué at times. Covers were removed, women opened their uniform collars, removed their uniform jackets and heads were often angled with "come-hither" smiles. It was apparent that women of all the services were sending these photos to others than family and hometowns. The WOCC has received a few more examples over the years but the stamps are very rare and hard to find.

### More Women Marine Stamps

#### Recruiting Stamps

Stamps were constant reminders of the personnel needs of the Armed Forces. They were added to the front of military and civilian mail and given out to servicemen and women for their personal mail. The women Marine stamps were issued from 1943 until late 1944 when Allied victory was more assured. These stamps like the personal stamps could not be used to cover mailing costs and had no monetary value. Recruiting in the WOCC for a number of years and are often used in exhibits, lectures and student graduate studies. A total of four stamps were done highlighting the USMCWR.



1968 US Federal Postage stamp.

### Federal Postage Stamps

A Woman Marine Stamp was issued in 1968 to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Women Marines as part of the **Year of the Woman Marine**. The first day of issue took place in San Francisco and was a major press event.

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## The Year of the Woman Marine 1968

The Commandant called Marine Reservist, Colonel Ruth Broe to active duty in 1966 to develop a program to first honor women Marines and to turn that program into a major recruiting program that would have a huge effect on women's recruiting in the years to come. Colonel Broe was extremely talented and creative in the public relations field and devised a number of programs and events to recognize, and honor women Marines. The program kicked off in 1968 and honored the 25 years of continuous service by Women Marines that started in 1943.

*Note:* Every woman Marine unit celebrated the woman's anniversary started that started with the 1st anniversary on February 13, 1944. Engraved invitations, and cake cutting ceremonies, lunches or formal dinners, were common place at all commands with women assigned. Invitations to events were sought after by senior staff (officer and enlisted and their ladies). The anniversary was never considered to be a birthday celebration, as all Marines celebrate only one birthday, that of November 10th.

Colonel Broe planned an exciting year long program of events. She started by making the first official attempt to locate the names and contact data from HQMC files on the women who served in WWI. Less than a third of the women were listed in HQMC files, but it was a start, and those found were invited to be part of the ceremonies.

The following is a partial listing of the numerous organized activities and events that took place in 1968.

- **1968 Woman Marine Postage Stamp**, First Day of Issue, San Francisco, by the Postmaster General of the United States followed by a celebration luncheon, with the national press covering the event from Coast to Coast.
- **Women Marine Color guards** conducted morning and evening colors at all commands with women units on February 13, 1968.
- The **first all-female shooting battery** conducted morning colors to rave reviews.
- The **"Woman Marine Waltz"** was written and played at the Marine Corps Banquet and Ball held in Washington DC, and first danced by CMC and a woman Marine Corporal.
- The **Governors Platoons** consisting of two women from each state made up two boot camp platoons. Graduates were honored by meetings/luncheons with their home state governors, senators and congressman after graduations.
- Women Marine recruiting jumped significantly in the Year of the Woman Marine, far exceeding Marine Corps goals for the year of 1968 and into 1969.
- **Governor Proclamations** from all 50 states were issued



This was in the files of the Year of the Woman Marines and may have been a proposed or used graphic.

honoring women Marines on their February 13, 1968 anniversary.

- **Women Officers** sent group photos from each command as did our enlisted women. These were presented to the Commandant and Director of Women Marines in anniversary books.

- **Molly Marine Ceremony**, Molly underwent a major preservation followed by a huge ceremony honoring Molly Marine, with all past WM Directors present as well as General Hurst who as a Major set-up the first classes at Mt Holyoke and Hunter College. National news coverage, formal luncheon, Molly celebration including the sculptor of Molly, Enrique Alferez, was part of the public events.

- **Women Commands** sent unit gift/ photo memories to HQMC, representing continental and overseas women Marine units or teams. They included Hawaii, Okinawa, Iwakuni, embassies, and NATO Headquarters Europe.

- **An Evening Parade at Marine Barracks 8th and I** was dedicated to the women Marines and attended by WM's past and present from numerous commands as well as all Directors of the Woman Marines and Sergeant Majors of the Women Marines. This parade was attended by CMC, General Officers from major commands, Congressman and Senators and other noteworthy politicians, residents of DC and newsmen.

- **Women Marine Units** across the US lead Veteran Day Parades in major cities across the US.

The "Year of the Woman Marine" was such a huge success that the Marine Corps received the 1969 **"Silver Anvil Award"**, the most prestigious Public Relations Award given for outstanding performance in the world. This was the first Marine Corps win of this renowned award, and has only received a couple awards over the last 40+ years. Colonel Ruth Broe received the award at the Public Relations Society Ceremony to a standing ovation. The "Year of the Woman Marine" set a much higher bar for future Marine Programs.

Colonel Broe went on to become the President of WMA and her husband, Retired Marine Richard Broe, founded the Loyal Escorts.

### *Special Note:*

Many thanks for all the cards and greetings during my recent surgery and recovery. Your thoughts and good wishes were greatly appreciated. Nancy.

*Nancy Wilt, WMA Historian,*

*Curator. Woman of the Corps Collection*

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# Taps

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

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



## Life Members

			Membership No.
Aanderud, Edith (Greenleaf)	OR-1	4/18/14	#651
Alexander, Maria (Calitri)	MA-1	5/16/14	#2279
Austin, Julianna	MN-1	5/5/14	#575
Arnold, Dorothy	AZ-2	6/26/14	#2132
Barnett, Claudine (Harris)	FL-6	12/30/13	#1079
Butcheri, Dorothy (Ranker, Lowitzer)	FL-4	6/9/14	#717
Cartwright, Juanita (McMakin)	CA-8	4/21/14	#3059
Cuccinella, Jean (Brenigan)	CA-1/CA-10	3/11/14	#1295
Gibson, Rosina (Lovullo)	FL-2	3/31/14	#102
Herbert, Martha "Gwen" (Walker)	CA-8	6/20/14	#1280
Kalem, Lenore (Hoy)	CA-11	3/29/14	#1731
Kobert, Shirley (Schmitt)	MAL PA	8/7/12	#2017
McAlhaney, Margaret	MAL VA	1/2/12	#1117
Metelak, Amelia (Janas)	MAL IL	6/5/14	#1216
Michelini, Grace (Bastible)	MAL NY	9/25/13	#1821
Minka, Lois (Rodebaugh)	MAL PA	8/11/14	#34112
O'Connell, Anne (Powell)	MA-1	5/6/14	#1098
Proulx, Marie	CA-7	7/3/14	#3
Romano, Clara (Bobett)	AZ-1	1/20/13	#3351
Shaw, Janet (Kittredge)	CA-5	6/15/14	#61
Sprague, Gertrude	MA-1/FL-6	7/1/14	#24
West, Sharon	NC-1	3/15/14	#157
Wilson, Velma Johnson	OR-2	5/11/14	#2170
Wynkoop, Ruth	MA-1	4/23/14	#571
Young, Lillian O. (Whittaker)	MAL HI	3/18/14	#1307

## Term Members

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Evans, Marjorie (Hawkins)	CT-1	1/9/14
Greene, Marilyn (Duchene)	CT-1	6/13/14
Harris, Dorothy "Bunny"	IN-1	5/28/14
McCutchan, Lee Anna (Sessler)	OH-2	5/9/14
Moore, Evelyn "Sgt Mom"	MAL MA	7/26/14
O'Brien, Patricia (Stevens)	MN-1	10/24/13
O'Boyle, Lois (Adams)	WI-1	8/5/14
Sarber, LaVerne (Novak)	CO-1	6/11/14
Stephenson, Shirley (Beardsley)	CA-5	9/12/13
Schmidt, Evelyn	MAL PA	5/23/14
Stoltz, Regina (Hazey)	MAL PA	12/20/13

# Chaplain's Corner

Our nation, its elected officials and the electorate who votes for them needs our prayers. As you read this, it will be almost time for federal elections.

Please don't be a part of that silent majority who doesn't vote because they think they can't make a difference. In many places 30% or fewer registered voters actually vote. Regardless of your chosen political party, take the time to look at candidates from all parties and vote for the person in each office who is most likely to represent their constituency fairly and honestly regardless of their political party.

Pray with me for more voters to go to the polls and cast informed votes. And pray for those that we elect to work together across political lines to do what is right and in the best interest of their constituents and our nation.





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# Loyal Escorts: Tell Us What Your Chapters Are Doing



Fall is here, and Winter is approaching fast! Boy, what a year. It's hard to believe how quickly this year has passed. The 2014 Convention is well behind us, and the

2016 Convention will be here before we know it! A special thanks to Mary Ellen and Dotty and their staff for making this Convention so successful!

It was great to see some familiar faces, and fantastic seeing all of those new faces. Another special Thank You for all the support during convention, especially from the many Loyal Escorts that attended.

And to our new Board, which I would like to introduce:

President: Michael Pearce

Immediate Past President:

Kenneth Cross

Vice President: Marvin Savage

Secretary: Helen V. Page

Treasurer: Katie Connell

Directors:

Sarah Rivera

Gail Rouscher

Richard Gruetzner

Our appointees are:

WMA Liaison: Cheryl Roberts

Parliamentarian: Al Lewis

Chaplain: Sharon Hajduk

I look forward to working with each and every one of you through the next couple of years, and hopefully beyond! We had great sales during the Convention, and great fundraising during the hospitality suite. To all of those who have helped support the Loyal Escorts over the years, it is greatly appreciated. We hope to continue providing nights of enjoyment in the years to come.

For the Loyal Escorts out there that are working with their WMA chapters, I'd like to ask you provide a story with pictures about some of your activities. I'd like to know what you are up to with your local chapters!

The Motor City (MI-2) chapter had their annual Fallen Warrior Golf outing this past August. It was a very successful event. We had approximately 10+ teams, and raised almost \$3000+ for the scholarship fund. We also have a packing party to send care packages to our troops overseas this November.

Most of the work done by the chapter is posted in the Chapter Group on facebook, WMA National Page, (I think, I don't have access, since I'm not a member) in their newsletter, as well as on the Loyal Escorts fan page!

I'd like to post more information from other chapters on facebook, and gather enough information to get our Loyal Escorts "Green Garter Gab" Newsletter restarted. But I can't do it alone, so please, at any events you might have, send me a note, a quick description of the event, and it's purpose, and of course, how much fun and rewarding it is.

As always, if anyone has any questions, comments, concerns, etc., please don't hesitate to send me an E-mail. I will be more than happy to have a discussion about anything related to WMA & the Loyal Escorts.

**Michael Pearce**

**President**

**Loyal Escorts**

**of the Green Garter**



## Meet the new Loyal Escorts Board

Helen Page, Ken Cross, Sarah Rivera, Michael Pearce, Marvin Savage, Gail Rouscher, and Richard Gruetzner.



# Application for membership in Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

The Auxiliary of the Women Marines Association

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<b>ABOUT MYSELF</b>			
How did you hear about the Loyal Escorts?		Recruited By:	
Would you like to get your copy of WMA 'Nouncements electronically via email?   ____ Yes   ____ No			
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## WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

**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:** "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.comhttp://lisacordeiro.com](http://www.lisacordeiro.comhttp://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

**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 CA7 WMA

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

### Candy

**Item:** WMA & Letting 3" Insignia/Logo Green, White, Milk Chocolate or Special Order

**Cost:** Singles .....\$1.50

Box of 8 .....\$6.50

Box of 15 .....\$13.50

Mints Box of 12 .....\$10.50

**Item:** WMA Mint 1" round Insignia/Logo

Green, White, Milk Chocolate or Special Order

Singles .....\$1.50

Box of 12 .....\$10.50

**Chapter:** CA-11 - Central Coast

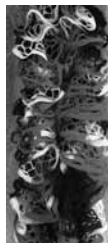
**Contact:** Soledad Kennedy, 4062 Capella Street, Lompoc, CA 93436

Fax/Office: (805) 733-2175 Cell: (805) 588-0650 [centralcoastwomenmarines.com](mailto:centralcoastwomenmarines.com)

[usmcrfemale@yahoo.com](mailto:usmcrfemale@yahoo.com)



### Scarf



**Item:** Patriotic Ruffled Scarf - Red white and blue.

Many other combinations & solid colors. Can email photos of samples. Contact chapter with desired colors. Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.

**Size:** Approximately 58" long, 4" wide **Cost:** \$20 - includes postage.

Checks payable to WMA KY-1

**Contact:** Mary Broussard, 4500 Dakin Court, Louisville KY 40299 (502) 267-4776 or email: [twomarinefamily@gmail.com](mailto:twomarinefamily@gmail.com)

### 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

### Shirts and Sweats

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

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

**Make Checks payable to:** WMA, OR-1

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



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

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

**Make Checks payable to:** WMA, OR-1

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



**Item:** A dult, Youth & Infant/Toddler Shirts, 3 embroidery options, prices include shipping.

Short Sleeved T-Shirt (S-XL)  
\$17.00

	Ladies Polos (S-XL)	(2XL)
Adult	\$30.00	\$18.00
	(2XL) \$31.00	(3XL)
	(3XL) \$32.00	\$19.00
	(4XL) \$33.00	(4XL)
	(5XL) \$35.00	\$20.00
	(6XL) \$36.00	(5XL)
		\$22.00
Youth		(6XL)
		\$24.00
Youth	Youth Polo (S-XL) \$22.00	Short Sleeved Tee (S-XL) \$15
Infant/Toddler	Long Sleeved T-Shirt (6M-4T) \$16.00	Short Sleeved Tee (6M-4T) \$15.00

Embroidery Options:

Option 1:

Option 2:

Option 3:



**Website:** <http://home.comcast.net/~or-3> to see shirt specs, color options and pictures.

**Contact:** Make checks payable to WMA OR-3 and mail to: Stephanie Wilcox 336 S. 71st St, Springfield, OR 97478; call (541) 554-6015 or email [or-3@comcast.net](mailto:or-3@comcast.net) for information.

### Jewelry

**Item:** WMA Logo Earrings

**Cost:** \$10.00/pair (includes shipping)

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

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

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



**Item:** Charm "Semper Fi"

**Cost:** \$15.00

**Chapter:** Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)

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

## WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

**Item:** WMA Ring. Jeweler - Jostens

**Cost:** Lustrum (*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:** 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 payable to WMA-Chapter NM1)

**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 "WOMEN MARINES ASSOC" with emblem. Includes a green and white "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" 2" x 9" green and white bumper sticker (*for anyplace—car, boat, luggage, etc.*)

**Cost:** \$1.50 ea. for 5 for \$6.95 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:** EMVSC CA7 WMA

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

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

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

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

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

**Checks:** Payable to Bay State Chapter, WMA

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

**Item:** Molly Marine picture, 8 x 10

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Checks:** Payable to EMVSC CA-7 WMA

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



**Item:** "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 WMA-Chapter NM1*)

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

**Item:** EGA Zipper Pull (1 inch EGA, 2 inch total length), \$6.00 EGA Yellow Ribbon Lapel Pin (1 inch length) \$5.00, Marine Mascot Christmas Ornament (red ribbon, 2.5 inches in length) \$8.00, EGA Christmas Ornament (red ribbon, 2.5 inches in length) \$8.00, Red EGA Necklace (chain, 18 inches in length) \$10.00.

(*Plus \$3.00 USPS shipping per above items*)

**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 or Vicki Latiolais, 7940 Fairfield Road North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55444 (763)560-6401 vlatiolais @comcast.net

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

**Cost:** \$7.00 (*includes shipping & handling*)

**Chapter:** OH-2 Chesty Puller

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



**Item:** This item has been officially licensed by the US Marine Corps.

**Item:** Ornament "The Fewer" Size 2 3/8" x 3 1/8" Limited 3-D, only 300 minted, 24 Karat Gold on Brass

**Cost:** \$29.75 (Includes Shipping).

Portion of proceeds go to "Paws and Strips".

**Cost:** 24 Karat Gold on Brass \$29.75 (*includes shipping*)

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

**Chapter:** TX-1 "The Lone Star State"

**Contact:** Katherine M LorenzTownsend and mail to: 4025 Tortoise Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76135 Orders can now be placed on line using a credit card at: www.womenmarineskeepsake.com



**Item:** Red "Women" Marine Apron and hotpad and oven mitt combo

**Cost:** \$29.95 (Includes Shipping)

Make Money Order or

Cashier Check out to:

Katherine M. LorenzTownsend  
 4025 Tortoise Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76135



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## 28th Biennial Convention and Professional Development Conference



Past National President Theresa "Sue" Sousa, with LCpl Breanna Brown, and Eileen Scanlon. *Photo by Cheryl Badorrek*



LCpl Breanna Brown with the 17th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Micheal Barrett. *Photo by Cheryl Badorrek*



Ruth and Dick Broe Award winners, Molly Marine Chapter (LA-1). The Broe award is the highest award for overall chapter achievement. *Photo by Mallie Ray*



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Sgt. Major Grace Carle, with Sgt. Major Angela Maness, the first woman to assume the duty of Sgt. Major at Marine Barracks Washington, D.C. *Photo by Cheryl Badorrek*



Fair winds and following seas to  
Sgt. Major Laura Brown,  
our Convention Protocol Officer, who is  
retiring following a 29 year career in the  
United States Marine Corps.  
Semper Fidelis!  
*Photo by Cheryl Badorrek*



Vernice "FlyGirl" Armour, the Marine Corps' first female African American combat pilot, with Annie Grimes, the first female African American officer in the United States Marine Corps. *Photo by Cheryl Badorrek*



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