



Everything Was Coming up Roses in Portland!

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Brigadier General Helen Pratt addresses the 29th Biennial Women Marines Association (WMA) Convention and Professional Development Conference in Portland, Oregon.



Above: WMA National President Betty Moseley Brown, 1VP Laura Brown, and Major General Loretta "Lori" Reynolds.

From The Editor: Here's to a Wonderful Journey!



Greetings sister Marines! As I take over as your new editor, I am very grateful for the example and dedication of my predecessor, Wanda Antoine, who has left me with a quality newsletter that I am proud to oversee. Her guidance and instruction have been priceless. As I move forward to fill her boots, my goal is to continue to make *'Nouncements* a publication that is in keeping with our highest traditions as Marines.

Many of you I already know, but I am looking forward to making contact with those I haven't yet met and forming more lifelong friendships.

With the WMA Convention at Portland behind us, we look forward to the 2018 Convention in Washington, D.C. and the opportunity to connect once again with women Marines from all eras and all parts of the country.

Please feel free to submit to me articles on chapter and area events, notable accomplishments of women Marines, and even your own personal stories that might be a part of women Marine history that we haven't heard yet. Let's serve WMA as we served in the Corps! Here's to a wonderful journey! Semper Fi.

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A Fun Run/Walk in Portland



Above and left:
Women Marines of all eras participated in a fun run/walk in beautiful Portland, Oregon, the City of Roses!

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2016 WMA Convention Award Winners

Right: The Ruth & Dick Broe Award for Overall Outstanding Achievement. This was awarded to LA-1 Molly Marine Chapter at the 2014 Convention, and they received the Chapter's Engraved Award in 2016.



The National Service Award was presented to Immediate Past President Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower by WMA National President Betty Moseley Brown.

Photo by Jerry and Laura Thorsell.



IN-1 Vice President Kay Ross accepts the Chapter Recruiting Award on behalf of IN-1 (with help from outgoing 1VP Kathy Wright and Loyal Escorts President Michael Pearce).

Newsletter Competition

First Place: Motor City Chapter MI-2, Mary Ann Merritt, Editor

Second Place: Semper Fi NC-3

Third Place: Chesty Puller Chapter OH-2

Chapter History Book Award

First Place: Lone Star State TX-1, Andrea Murphy, Historian

Second Place: San Francisco Bay Area Chapter CA-3,

Lily Brockmeier, Historian

Third Place: Molly Marine Chapter LA-1, Angela Merrell, Historian

Website Award

Winner: Motor City Chapter MI-2, Mary Ann Merritt, Webmaster

Chapter Achievement Awards

Class I (5-20 Members):

First Place: Central Coast Chapter CA-11

Class II (21-45 members):

First Place: Motor City Chapter MI-2

Class III (46+ members):

First Place: Molly Marine Chapter LA-1

Recruiting Contest Awards

Individual Recruiting Awards

First Place: Mary Ann Merritt (recruited 43 members)

Second Place: Betty Moseley Brown (recruited 11 members)

Third Place: Melanie Young (recruited 4 members)

Chapter Recruiting Awards

Class I (5-20 members):

First Place: Indiana Chapter IN-1

Second Place: Heartland Chapter OK-2

Third Place: Bombing Bettys Chapter FL-11

Class II (21-45 members):

First Place: Lady Marine Rose Chapter OR-1

Second Place: Lone Star State Chapter TX-1

Third Place (Tie): Twenty-Nine Palms Chapter CA-29
Tarheel Chapter NC-1

Class III (46+ members):

First Place: Molly Marine Chapter LA-1

Second Place: Crossroads Chapter VA-1

Third Place

District of Columbia Chapter DC-1

Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter Recruiting Awards

Chapter Recruiting Awards

Class I (5-20 members):

First Place: Central Coast Chapter CA-11

Second Place: Palms to Pines Chapter CA-8

(No Third)

Class II (21-45 members):

First Place: Motor City Chapter MI-2

Second Place: Lady Marine Rose OR-1

Third Place: Wisconsin Women Marines Chapter WI-1

Class III (45+ members)

First Place: Molly Marine Chapter LA-1

Second Place: District of Columbia Chapter DC-1

Third Place: Edith Macias Vann Southern California Chapter CA-7

Dick and Ruth Broe Award

Winner: Motor City Chapter MI-2

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President's Message: Many Thanks As We Move Forward



Grazie, merci, gracias and THANK YOU to everyone who made the 2016 convention such a success...many thanks! Each convention we publish Courtesy Resolutions to ensure our thanks are officially documented in our business meeting. So once our minutes are ready for distribution, we can make this available for viewing.

From our Commandant and his lovely bride to newly promoted Major General Loretta "Lori" Reynolds, Brigadier General Helen Pratt, and Corporal Shereka Slater (who touched all of our hearts)...thanks to all of you.

Now we begin the journey towards our celebration of 100 years of women in the Marine Corps. If you haven't viewed the spectacular video announcing the 2018 event, I

encourage you to see it. Lelia Jackson and Parisa Fether-son are co-chairs for this event and have been planning an event like none other...you won't want to miss it.

This year, we again have the right to go to the polls and select our next president. If you know of WMA members who may need a ride to the polls or some other assistance to cast their votes, please reach out to them. This will be a chance for history to be made...every vote counts (regardless of who you vote for).

In this issue, you'll read and see the sights and sounds from our 2016 convention. But, it is you, our WMA members who made the event so wonderful. Thank you for being a WMA member and entrusting our new Board of Directors with carrying out the business at hand.

Betty Moseley Brown
WMA National President



*Thank you for your service:
President Betty Moseley
Brown with active duty
personnel who attended the
convention.*

1st VP's Message: 2016-2018, Here We Come!

First, I must give a heartfelt thank you to my predecessor Kathy Wright. Kathy Wright served as 1st Vice President for many years. The turnover binder and many conversations were appreciated.

I have been in the seat for a month now and want everyone to know that the Women Marines Association is an all-volunteer organization. The hours dedicated to ensure our success does not end once the convention ended!



We owe much respect to our National Officers, Area Directors, Chaplain, Historian, Editor, PAO, Parliamentarian and Loyal Escorts!

My request to each of the chapters is to meet

monthly! Nothing compares to Marine comraderie.

Chapter presidents, are your recall rosters up to date? Do your local high school JROTC programs know who you are? Are you visiting your elderly members? Do you know who could use a listening ear? Let's see who can host a mini conference in 2017 and invite all of us to visit! Are you volunteering at your local Veterans Affairs hospital?



Please ensure that the Women Marines Association gets credit for your volunteerism.

I look forward to serving you as the 1st Vice President.

Semper Fidelis,
Laura L. Brown
1st Vice President

The 2016 Convention : Bridging the Future in the City of Roses

The 29th Biennial Women Marines Association (WMA) Convention and Professional Development Conference was held in Portland, OR.

The theme, Bridge to the Future, highlighted the great strides women have made in the Corps in the past and our movement forward as doors continue to open. Marines past and present were in attendance and enjoyed the camaraderie that has always been shared.

Keynote speakers were General Robert Neller, the 37th Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, and Brigadier General Helen Pratt Commanding General, FHG, Marine Forces Reserves in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Conference started off with the "Rose Bowl" as the kick off to the next 4 days. It was a time to meet, mingle and

enjoy before the business of WMA began. BGen Helen Pratt was the guest speaker at the Opening Banquet and talked about the changes that have occurred. She spoke of the importance of such organizations as WMA, and for all women to know our past as we step forward into the future.

We ended with a motivating speech by General Neller that focused on where we are headed and the legacy and the contributions of female Marines to the Corps from all generations.

General Neller and BGen Pratt were gracious to speak to the Marines in attendance and pose for pictures. We were also honored to have Major General Loretta "Lori" Reynolds and Carol Mutter (LtGen, Ret) in attendance.



Left and below: Gathering to bridge the eras that we served



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The convention bridged generations and let all see what it took to be a Marine during any certain period from WWII to present. It built bonds among those in attendance and renewed friendships. From the workshops presented, experts talked about leadership, resiliency, and veteran benefits. The evening “Fireside Chat” allowed those in attendance to ask questions, voice their concerns, and learn from each other.

Our memorial service honored and remembered our sisters who were issued their final orders with a flag being placed for each. The Recognition and Awards luncheon featured the good works of the chapters that ended with the best chapter during this two year period being awarded the prestigious Broe Award during the closing ceremonies.



Above: Celebrating a special camaraderie that endures.

From left: Betty Moseley Brown, WMA National President, with MajGen Loretta “Lori” Reynolds, Elaine May-Stem and Cpl Shereka Slater.

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ENJOYING A BOND THAT WILL ALWAYS CONNECT US TO EACH OTHER.



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Above and left: Dancing the night away with old friends and new.



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Women Marine veterans from WWII and the Korean War.

Photo by Jerry and Laura Thorsell ©



Fun Run/Walk participants helping to build the bridge to the future.

Right: Grace Amy Carle, General Robert Neller, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Betty Moseley Brown, WMA National President.



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BGen Helen Pratt, Cpl Shereka Slater and Area 3 Director Pearl Ann Rich.



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WMA Past President LtGenCarol Mutter (USMC, Ret) and LtCol Rhonda Martin.

Two pinning ceremonies were conducted during the convention to honor those veterans who had served in and during Vietnam.

WMA National President Betty Moseley-Brown presided over this event. More than 200 veterans from this era were present.

WMA is a Commemorative Partner with the 50th Anniversary of Vietnam and has assisted with several events across the United States.

Mary Ann Merritt

TOGETHER WE SERVED - TOGETHER WE GATHER TO HONOR THAT SERVICE.

A grateful nation thanks and honors our Vietnam War Veterans.

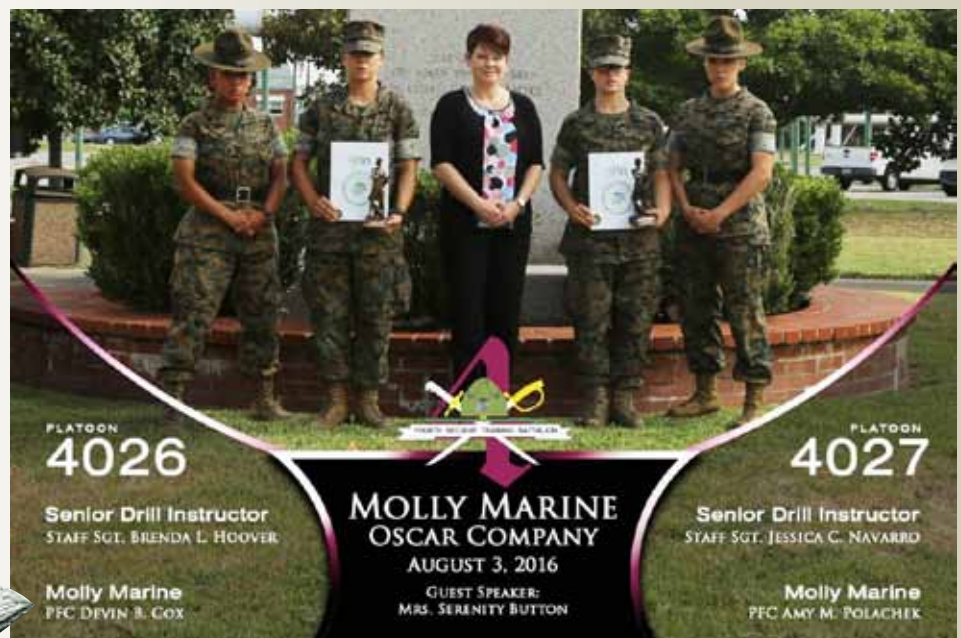


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Molly Marine Award Recipients



Papa Company
20 July, 2016 - Platoon 4025:
Senior Drill Instructor:
Sgt Paz
Molly Marine Award Recipient:
Pfc Chandler C. Sullivan
Platoon 4024:
Senior Drill Instructor:
SSgt Cardona
Molly Marine Award Recipient:
Pfc Kelsey Griffith
Guest Speaker:
Mrs. Serenity Button



Oscar Company, 3 August, 2016 - Platoon 4026:
Senior Drill Instructor: SSgt Brenda L. Hoover
Molly Marine Award Recipient: Pfc Devin B. Cox
Platoon 4027:
Senior Drill Instructor: SSgt Jessica C. Navarro
Molly Marine Award Recipient: Pfc Amy L. Polachek
Guest Speaker: Mrs. Serenity Button

2016-2018 WMA Officers and Area Directors

We are pleased to announce the new Board of Directors for the Women Marines Association (WMA). This is such a rich pool of talent that WMA will be reaching new levels in the next two years.

These officers were installed in July in Portland, OR, at the Installation Banquet surrounded by family, friends, WMA Members and The Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter.

Past WMA Presidents were recognized at the banquet by Past National Presidents Sue Sousa, Carol Mutter, and Immediate Past President Rhonda Lebrescu-Amtower.



PRESIDENT – BETTY MOSELEY BROWN

Betty Moseley Brown has served National President since 2012 and is known as a Veteran's Advocate. Betty enlisted in the Marines in 1978 and served until 1992 in various billets, from a MEPs Liaison to canvassing Marine Corps

Recruiter. Betty worked as a federal government employee with the Marine Corps at MCRD San Diego before joining the Department of Veterans Affairs in San Diego and later moving to Washington, DC. In 2004, Betty Moseley Brown assumed the position of Associate Director, Center for Women Veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, DC and earned her Doctorate of Education in 2006 from the University of Sarasota. Betty Moseley Brown is honored to serve the membership of WMA.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT (IPP) --



RHONDA LEBRESCU-AMTOWER

Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower is a member of the National Board of Directors serving as the Immediate Past President (IPP) since 2012. As a Mustang Marine, she retired in 2000 after 25 years of active duty in the Intelligence Field. She is a WMA

Life Member and has been an active member of WMA since 2000 when she served as DC-1 Chapter President, Area 2 Director, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and then as National President 2008-2012. She also serves as Chair of the Convention Planning Committee (CPC) and Chair of the Standing Operating Procedures (SOP) Committee. She also serves on the Bylaws Committee and the Electronic Communications Committee

(ECC). Rhonda is committed to serving WMA to provide her experience in any way possible.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT – LAURA L. BROWN



Laura Brown retired from the Marine Corps with 30 years of service from 1984-2014. She served in several command billets that included many firsts for women in the Marine Corps and was hand selected by the Commandant to create and manage the Lance

Corporal Leadership Curriculum. A WMA life member and Chapter member in DC-1 and TX-6, she served as the Protocol Officer for the 2014 Convention in Kansas City. She also volunteers for the San Antonio Food Bank and with St. Vincent DePaul.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT – TRACY CROW



Tracy Crow served the Marine Corps as a Public Affairs Officer. She is a WMA life member since 2011. For the past two years, she has served as president of the North Carolina-3 "Semper Fi" Chapter and on the Matching Funds & Grants

Committee. Tracy is a former professor of journalism and creative writing and is an accomplished author. Tracy is a professional speaker signed with Women Vets Speak, and provides keynote addresses, panel discussions, and writing workshops throughout the year.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT – LEASHA WEST



Leasha West is a decorated Marine veteran serving from 1998 to 2002. She is a Life Member of WMA currently serving as the MI-3 West Michigan Vice President in which she is a founding member. Leading in the financial services and insurance industry, Leasha is the owner of

her own agency and has the desire to serve WMA with her expertise on budgets and planning. As a community leader, President Obama awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award to Leasha for outstanding volunteerism.

In addition to her community involvement, she is a multi-year member of the Million Dollar Round Table, was named to the Circle of Excellence by the Women in Insurance & Financial Services and West was also

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chosen as one of North America's Elite Women in Insurance-by-Insurance Business America Magazine. Educationally, Leasha holds a Master's of Science in Financial Services (MSFS) and many prestigious industry designations.

TREASURER – ANGEL ESTEP



Angel Estep has served as National Treasurer for just over a year now, and has learned that it is so much more involved and rewarding than she imagined it would be. She sees areas that are working well so far, and sees some excellent opportunities for improvement and enhancement in the

service that this office can offer to the national organization and to the local chapters. She would love the opportunity to continue and see just how great this office can be. Angel is currently a full-time contract cost/price analyst for the Army Contracting Command, and is studying to become an Enrolled Agent in her tax preparation business. Enrolled Agent is the highest credential that the IRS offers, and will allow her the privilege of representing her clients in court, should the need ever arise. She is also continuing her studies in the area of nutrition and lifestyle coaching. It is her dream to help enough people reach their healthy lifestyle goals. Her experience as Treasurer has inspired her to consider other opportunities in the future. She looks forward to serving another term as National Treasurer

NATIONAL SECRETARY – MARY ELLEN STONE



Mary Ellen Stone is retired from the Marine Corps with 30 years as an Administrative Chief, SJA Legal Clerk & Court Reporter. Administrative Officer for NOAA's National Weather Service, retiring as an IT Specialist evaluating the Marine Corps Total Force System

(MCTFS). She currently serves as WMA's National Secretary, SOP Administrative Coordinator, and on the Scholarship Committee. She also served as Chair of the Business Oversight Committee, the 2014 WMA Convention Treasurer and Vice-President WMA Chapter MO-KAN 02. Adjutant/Paymaster, MCL Detachment, JROTC/ MCJROTC coordinator for the Kansas City Navy League, and Secretary for the Missouri Korean War Veterans Memorial. Her background and experi-

ence in administrative matters is very extensive, and she is proficient in Microsoft Office and Adobe Professional the tools required as Secretary.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY –



ALLISON STEIN

Allison Stein retired from the Marine Corps after serving 22 years as an Administrator and Personnel Officer, respectively. She is currently working as a Supervisory Human Resources Specialist with Marine Forces Reserve in New Orleans, LA. For the past five years she

has held the office of Secretary in the Molly Marine Chapter LA-1 ensuring all business meetings are accurately recorded, membership rosters are current, official correspondence is prepared timely and she also takes the time to send out birthday cards to each member and Loyal Escort. Allison has a great deal of experience in a National Officer capacity due to currently administratively supporting the National Membership Secretary. Her administrative background and experience in Microsoft Word, Excel and other forms of software will be very beneficial and makes her an ideal person for the office of National Membership Secretary



WMA Area Directors

AREA 1 DIRECTOR -

JAMIE B. DEPAOLA

Jamie B. Depaola served from 1975 to 1999, both active duty and reserve in the 01 Administrative MOS and served in command billets before transferring to the reserves. She was

deployed with 25th Marines for the Gulf War as the Regimental S-1 Chief. After retirement, Jamie worked as the Director of Admissions for a private school, where her duties included recruitment of students in grades 6 – 12. In one year, she increased enrollment by 47%. She also performed the duties of the Marketing Director for the school. Following retirement from the Corps, she also volunteered for the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation's (MCSF) New York Leatherneck Ball and later was elected as one of their Vice Presidents. Over the last 10 years, this event has annually contributed over \$1 million in fundraising to the MCSF. Other memberships include The Marine Corps League and the American Legion. She is proficient in Microsoft Office Suite.

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AREA DIRECTOR 2 – KAREN LAINO GIANNUZZI



Karen Laino Gianuzzi served in both the Marine Corps and Navy from 1971 -2001 in naval cryptology. She is a WMA life member and is originally from Philadelphia, PA. She has served as Director of Plans, Policy and Budget for the Office of Naval Intelligence. Karen earned a BA degree in German and an MA in Education Administration, along with an MS in International Relations and Strategic Policy. Following retirement, she worked for DoD in several capacities in the intelligence field to include Chief of the U.S. Senate Team, Legislative Affairs Office, NATO Advisory Committee on Special Intelligence, and Director of Intelligence International Military Staff, at NATO HQ, along with several other positions. The position of area director for WMA involves leadership, organization, outreach and a loyal interest for the organization. For 42 years in service, anything she has worked on, She has given full attention to the project at hand. She will do the same for the Area Director position.

AREA 3 DIRECTOR - PEARL ANN RICH



Pearl Ann Rich served from 1958-1961 as an Intelligence Assistant, and spent 20 years at UTMB, Galveston, TX, and retired in 2005 from Houston ISD. She served on Health Occupation Students of America Texas State Board and Texas State Health Occupation Association. She is active in military organizations including, WMA, WVA, ETMAC, MCL, and the Sharps Ridge Project initiated by the WVA. Her background and experience in the organization, development, visibility and service to the community at large will allow her to bring the knowledge and skills necessary for the position of Area 3 Director

AREA 4 DIRECTOR – TIFFANY TESSMER



An analyst Veteran, Tiffany Tessmer works full time while attending Henry-Putnam University for a degree in Counterterrorism. After leaving the USMC, she began volunteering with organizations such as Active Heroes, Team RWB, and supporting campaigns such as Mission22. Working in

Intelligence, she is highly skilled in Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, and Word as well as professional communication skills. Tiffany has skills in marketing and campaigning, as well as reaching out to large numbers of people. She is able to communicate effectively among large numbers as well as identify target audiences and embrace what is applicable to them. She has the skills to work in teams both large and small. She respects the concept of chain of command and has the skills needed to ensure a smooth flow throughout the echelons of The WMA. Tiffany feels she could bring a fresh insight, new ideas, and make a solid difference as an Area Director. Tiffany feels she has the skills to work with the chapters and the members at large to build a strong, productive area. Tiffany feels she is a positive role model who will bring good light and positive attitude Area Director 4.

AREA 5 DIRECTOR -

Information pending for Area 5 Director.

AREA 6 DIRECTOR – PATRICIA HUTTINGER

Patricia “Patty” Huttinger retired from the Marine Corps with 34 years of service as an 0170 Personnel Officer. She is a WMA life member and Vice President of the LA-1 Molly Marine Chapter. She is also an active member of the Cincinnatus Club, Legion of Mars, Military only Mardi Gras Krewe and charter member of the Marine Corps Heritage and WWII Museums.



Her background and experience as a leader and in administrative matters is very extensive. She is proficient in Microsoft Office and Adobe Professional. Boosting WMA and Chapter membership is very important to her. She enjoys volunteering and helping others in any way that she can.

AREA 7 DIRECTOR – BECKY LOWELL



Becky Lowell was elected as AD7 in February 2015, and she accomplished the establishment of a new Chapter NE-1 in Nebraska. Lowell has attended receptions for women Marines who are returning from boot camp and provided WMA membership information to (Continued)

to them. She contacted veteran services, recruiters, and the Marine Corps League to represent the WMA. She has represented the WMA and NE-1 Lady Leathernecks in the Budweiser Salute to Veterans parade. She accomplished all duties related to being Area Director. She also updated and maintains a dialogue for WMA events and issues on the Area 7 Facebook page. She is currently involved in a fund-raising project that will benefit both NE-1 and the Marine Corps League. Her next endeavor is to create an area newsletter. She is attempting to address and include everyone in the information share and encouragement.

AREA 8 DIRECTOR – PATRICIA HORTON



Patricia Horton left active duty in 1993, and retired from Marine Corps Reserves in 2010 as a NBC Chief. She served 12 years on active duty 10 on the Full Time Support (FTS) program. After leaving the Marine Corps, she worked as a Project Manager in the automotive industry for 4 years obtaining Project Manager Professional (PMP) certification. She worked 13 years as a Logistical Management Specialist for the Tank-automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) of the US Army. She served as Senior Vice Commandant and Junior Vice Commandant for the Marine Corps League (MCL). Horton worked with the MCL Young Marines Program in both California and Michigan. She believes that her background both as a Project Manager and as a Logistical Management Specialist will be an asset in working as Area 8 Director.

AREA 9 DIRECTOR -

MARGARET “PEGGY” REIBER



Margaret “Peggy” Reiber served in the Marine Corps for 23 years. She earned a degree in Business Management, and spent 13 years in nonprofit Management. Reiber worked 6 years in Human Resources. She currently works as an Office Manager, and served the CA-7 Chapter as Secretary, Vice President, and maxed out term limits as President of the Chapter. In February 2015, she became the Area 9 Director

AREA 10 DIRECTOR – SOLEDAD KENNEDY



Soledad Kennedy joined the Marine Corps in August 1977 and is currently in the Inactive Ready Reserve awaiting retirement in December 2016. She retired from the Bureau of Prisons in 2013. Currently serving WMA as Area 10 Director, she has visited all the Chapters throughout California and listened to their concerns, achievements and requests. She keeps the Chapters informed with changes and events in WMA. She is the contact person for the Commemorative Partnership with the Vietnam Veterans group at the WMA National level, honoring our Vietnam Veterans. She wants to continue to support WMA with new and inventive ideas and move WMA forward in Area 10 for the next generation ahead.

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Women Marines Association
Public Relations Officer*

Did You Know...?

During World War I, woman Marine Private Elizabeth Bertram was serving in Denver, Colorado and wanted to qualify on the rifle range. She requested permission from her officer-in-charge, Major Charles Guggenheim, to accompany the male Marines she was serving with to the rifle range qualification course. Major Guggenheim refused her request, but agreed to let her go to the Denver Police practice range.

At the practice range on a cold, windy day under pelting icy rain, Pvt Bertram shot an Enfield Army Rifle in the standing, kneeling, sitting, and prone positions. When she

returned to Major Guggenheim's office the next day her target sheets were spread on his desk. He acknowledged that she had “qualified unofficially” and would be allowed to go to the official range with the next class of male Marines.

Unfortunately, Pvt Bertram never ended up going to the official rifle range because shortly thereafter, on 11 November 1918, the Armistice was signed and she was transferred to inactive duty along with the rest of the women Marine reservists.

Corrina Martell

Reports From Area 1, Area 9 and Area 10 Directors

Area 1:

THE FEW AND THE PROUD sister Marines from Area 1 attended the 2016 WMA Convention in Portland, Oregon with enthusiasm and an eagerness to learn how to better serve our WMA organization going forward; especially as we prepare for our 100th anniversary of women in the Corps in 2018.



Left to right: Jennifer Jackson, BGen Helen Pratt, and WMA Area 1 Director Jamie B. DePaola.

Although we have been a quiet area for some time, we are reigniting ourselves and strapping our boots or heels back on while we celebrate our sisterhood as Marines. As Brigadier General Helen Pratt said during the convention, "...we sacrificed our sisterhood to support our brotherhood..." As I looked in the rear view mirror of my career as a Marine, I related with her comments immediately; and that made me sad. We have several generations of great women with untold stories about our lives as Marines and the unique bond we have with one another as sisters. I have learned that it's so important to connect with one another and share our stories, the old and the new, the good and the bad. We were once ordinary women who chose to do extraordinary things by becoming a Marine. The WMA provides us all the opportunity to celebrate our unique identity as women Marines and to nurture the sisterhood that we may have sacrificed once upon a time.

After I accepted the position as Area Director 1 this past April, my husband, Peter, offered to organize a race to help me promote the WMA in the area. He was then "Volun-Told" to become a Loyal Escort

and he is now on the Board of Directors for the Loyal Escorts. This race was supposed to be a local hometown race, but within two weeks the interest grew to be a statewide event with co-hosts of the WMA, American Legion, VFW and the Disabled American Veterans. It is now the Connecticut Veterans Day Patriot Race. Interestingly, these other veteran organizations were not aware of the WMA. The CT-1 Nutmeg Chapter have partnered with these three other veteran organizations and are now very busy helping to plan the race for the morning of November 12th.

Area 1 ladies, listen up because you're invited to the following!

In addition to the 4-mile race in November, I have arranged to have an Area 1 Luncheon Program on the afternoon of November 12th at the Manchester Country Club, Manchester, CT, with keynote speaker, Kirsten Holmstedt, author of "Band of Sisters," "When the Girls Come Marching Home," and "Soul Survivor." The CT-1 Nutmeg Chapter will have a few fun surprises at the luncheon that they are excited to share. And, of course, we will have birthday cake to celebrate 241 years of our beloved Corps!

A few of us hard-chargers from Area 1 will be attending the 29th Annual Women Veterans Luncheon in Randolph, MA, on Saturday, October 22nd from 1100 to 1400. On Monday, November 14th, Area 1 members will be attending the Semper Fi Society's Luncheon at noon in Boston with over 2,000 guests in attendance. Coincidentally, they will be celebrating 29 years of their event as well.

Contact me for more information on the events.

The wheels of Area 1 are beginning to turn again and the enthusiastic response continues to grow. More good news to follow from your sisters in the Northeast USA!

Favorite quote for Area 1: "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

~Anne Frank

Submitted by Jamie DePaola
AD1@womenmarines.org

Area 9:

A huge thank you to all who attended our convention, and those who supported but could not attend. Oregon-1 did a magnificent job and we thank them immensely. There were certainly old friendships renewed and new ones forged--so another success!

Of course we are all looking forward to 2018 and Washington DC!

Peggy Reiber

Area 10:

Greetings Lady Leathernecks

I am honored to be your Area 10 Director for another term. I plan on visiting the chapters during 2017-2018 and I look forward to seeing you all again.

The Portland Oregon 29th Biennial convention was a great opportunity for Area 10 Chapters to sing "California Girls" and received an award for their talents in the WMA Rose Bowl 2016.

I encourage all chapters to participate in the Women Marines Association Recognition Awards during our bi-annual conferences. It is a great way to get the chapter recognized



for their local accomplishments. I will be talking more about that when I visit each chapter.

The 2018 conference will be in Washington D.C. and you should start making plans to attend the 100 celebration of our women Marines.

The holidays will be upon us soon and time will be limited. Have fun putting on costumes, preparing a fest for family, and wrapping gifts for love ones. Enjoy your family, community events, and local activities.

We are an elite group of women bond by one core. A band of sisters are we from the past, to the present, and forever more.

Semper Fidelis
Soledad Kennedy

WMA Chapter Clippings

CA-2 San Diego County



Left to right: Michele Kramek, Angelique Murray, Maria Rodriguez, and Mikki Hurst.

We are pleased to announce the new officers for CA-2. Maria Rodriguez, President, Angelique Murray, Vice President, Mikki Hurst, Secretary and Michele Kramek, Treasurer, were sworn in at the June Monthly Meeting held at the Veterans Village of San Diego. The swearing in was performed by the Chapter Chaplain Babs Mears. Congratulations to the new officers for CA-2.

The Recognition and Awards Ceremony highlighted at the Convention in Portland Oregon July 21-28, 2016. The Rose Bowl Event recognized the good things chapters are doing and their volunteer efforts. CA-2 was recognized at the convention as the "Most Entertaining".



CA-2 presented a \$500 check to the Veterans Village of San Diego. The check enabled VVSD to buy a rowing machine for the residents of the facility. It was a small token of thanks for welcoming CA-2 home. In previous years, CA-2 has had their monthly meeting at various locations until we partnered up with VVSD. This is home for us and we have enjoyed the bonds that have formed with residents and staff. Thank You, VVSD.

Secretary Mikki Hurst presented the WMA Outstanding Cadet award to Cadet SSgt Idalis Cuin for Sweetwater High School, located in National City, CA.

Vice President Angelique and her Loyal Escort, Matthew Murray participated at the Memorial Day Walk at VVSD.

In June, our member Maura Donnelly introduced us to an organization "Daughters of the American Revolution", which in turn led us to partner up with the San Diego Family History Center. They have a dedicated room for conducting oral histories. Our June meeting was held at the Center. We completed four oral histories, with Bucky Edwards, Fran Styles, Maria Rodriguez and Irene Dominguez.

Michele Kramek

CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

Monthly meetings of the Greater San Francisco Bay Area Chapter CA-3 continue to be well attended. Members, Loyal Escorts, and guests met to celebrate National Volunteer Month on April 16th at a meeting hosted by Angie Fredekind and Lucy Danielson. Plans continued for the 4th of July parade.

Our May 21st meeting did not have a volunteer hostess, so we held a 'no-host' meeting. Members brought gifts for the raffle, some table decorations, and we held an exchange. Members brought tee shirts and other memorabilia to trade. Many members left with a 'new' tee shirt, or other piece of Marine Corps remembrance. We discussed the many changes coming to our Marine Corps – including the possibility of women registering for the draft.

On June 18th, at our monthly meeting hosted by Loyal Escort Cheryl Christensen, we celebrated Father's Day and all of the sacrifices our Marines who are fathers make, including the sacrifices of the fathers of our Marines. We finalized our plans to march in the 4th of July Parade in downtown Redwood City.

On July 16th, our monthly meeting was again hosted by a Loyal Escort – Kathleen Sao.



Starting on July 20th, CA-3 members, Loyal Escorts, and family members began their trek to Portland, Oregon to renew old friendships, and make new friendships.

We took the train, drove and flew. A great time was had by all. Members purchased new tee-shirts and other merchandise at the PX, attended events with great meals, and relaxed and danced at the Loyal Escorts Hospitality Nights. National President Betty-Moseley Brown brought Vietnam commemorative pins for those veterans eligible to receive them in attendance. One of CA-3 veterans, Maggie Hart, was thrilled to receive a pin, and especially thrilled to have opening ceremony speaker Brigadier General Helen G. Pratt attach Maggie's pin to her collar.

At the Recognition and Awards Luncheon, CA-3 member Lily Brockmeier was awarded 2nd place for her History Book submission. Way to go Lily on your first submission. All attendees left looking forward to attending the 30th Convention, which will be held in Washington DC in 2018. Start saving – it promises to be a great time.

CA-3 members were busy during this time.

On Monday, 2 April, Kathy Wright and Connie Guaraglia attended the All Women Veteran's Luncheon aboard Coast Guard Island in Alameda, California.



This was Connie's first outing since her serious illness earlier in the year. They also brought a WWII Navy WAVE friend with them- Anita O'Neill.

On Saturday, 14 May, Kathy Wright, Loyal Escort Angie Fredekind and WWII Navy Wave Ginger Jacobson traveled two hours to Amador County to visit Quilts of Honor which is a 501(c)(3) that makes patriotic quilts which they gift mostly to wounded veterans. During this visit, Ginger Jacobson was awarded a quilt for her service during WWII.

On Sunday, 22 May, our long time WWII veteran and CA-3 Doris Panzer, moved from the Bay Area to be closer to family. She will be greatly missed by CA-3.



On Wednesday, 25 May, Kathy Wright traveled to Modesto, CA to attend the graduation of Kamau Ortiz who is the son of our own La-Donna McTiller. Kamau was a frequent guest at our CA-3 meetings before he and his mother moved from Oakland to Modesto. We wish him well.

On 30 May, Susan Johnston attended the Memorial Day Service in Tracy, California. This service included speeches, placement of wreaths at the 'unknown veteran's

grave site', firing of 3 volleys, Taps, and a ceremony at the Tracy War Memorial, with a reading of the names of the fallen war heroes of Tracy.

On Wednesday, 2 June, Nancy Zaunbrecher-Payne attended the change of command ceremony for the Defense Distribution San Joaquin. Marine Corps Colonel Andre T. Harrell took command of the Defense Logistics Agency's major West Coast distribution hub.

On Monday, 4 July, CA-3 members and Loyal Escorts joined the Marine Corps contingent to march in the Redwood City 4th of July parade. We marched to the cheers of thousands – many yelling out "Thank you for your service". Our contingent started with the color guard and contingent of the Young Marines, followed by the Marine Corps League, CA-3, and 1st Marine Division. We had veterans from World War II who were riding in military vehicles, Korean veterans, and Vietnam Veterans.

During this time frame, Kathy Wright has continued to attend the monthly brunches of our local Navy Waves group. They used to be part of WAVES National but had to disband a few years ago because all the members are in their late 80's and 90's. One of the WAVES is a nun in Fremont and she will turn 100 next February. She looks and acts like she is in her 70's.

CA-3 President Susan Johnston, who recently joined the American Legion James McDermott Post 172 Honor Guard, participated in 10 funerals, mostly for Army veterans but one was for a Marine Corps veteran.

As you can see, CA-3 continues to be very busy.

Susan Johnston

CA-3

CA-7 Edith Macias Vann So. California

Taps was sounded for long-time CA-7 member Eileen Appleby on 26 March.

Services were held on 26 April at the California Center for the Arts, for which she was a founder. Semper Fidelis, Eileen.

Chapter members, led by Kathleen Ables, participated in the 2016 Walk for Multiple Sclerosis event held on 16 April in Carlsbad. The chapter raised \$440.00 for the National Multiple Sclerosis research program.

In May, Karla Jessup presented two WMA Outstanding JROTC Cadet Awards at the El Camino Real High School in Oceanside. Along those lines, our scholarship committee selected and awarded WMA CA-7 scholarships to three local high school students. During our June meeting, we swore in our 2016-2018 chapter officers. Congratulations to Karla Jessup (President), Brenda Hockenhull (Vice President), Lillian "Lee" Tusa (Secretary), and Lillian "Lil" Cross (Treasurer). In addition, Joanie Schwarz-Wetter became a new WMA CA-7 member. Welcome Joanie!!!

Speaking of Joanie, she gave a talk in the June meeting informing the members that the MCRD museum will be conducting oral interviews with female veterans of Marine Corps Women Reserves (MCWR) beginning with those who served during the WWII era. Eventually, the interviews will be opened up to female Marines from all eras. Several of our chapter members plan to participate.

Our new President, Karla Jessup, was appointed as chair of the 'Adopt the WRBN' project that will establish a marker aboard MCRD to memorialize the existence and contributions of the Women's Reserve Battalion (1943 – 1946) at the Marine Corps Base, San Diego.

Some of our chapter members became charter members of the newly formed Marine Corps League Camp J. H. Pendleton Oceanside Detachment. Our Kathy Kincaid, who was the organizing officer, was elected as the Adjutant/Paymaster.

We had a great turn out at the WMA Convention with 23 chapter members and 3 Loyal Escorts making the trek by plane, train, and automobile up to Portland, Oregon. Attendees were reunited with old friends and even made some new ones. Members of the Recognition & Awards (R & A) committee were able to see the fruits of their labor during the awards ceremony held on 23 July. Great job ladies!

We held our annual Summer Social gathering on 13 August 2016. The theme was celebration of our members in their nineties and the women who served during the World War II era.

Guest speaker, Dr. Linda Dudik, founder of the WWII Experience (an educational nonprofit organization), gave a wonderful presentation complete with an artifacts display. We were pleasantly surprised to see that her presentation included history on our chapter's namesake, Edith Macias Vann. We also honored our member, Alyce Williamson, who became a centenarian back in July.

Glynis Rates

CA-11 Central Coast

Central Coast has celebrated 30 years as a chapter from the county of San Luis Obispo to Santa Barbara. We are still growing strong.



The Portland Oregon conference was educational and enjoyable. The bonding with fellow Marines is always a great pleasure. During the Recognition and Awards Luncheon, Chapter CA-11 received a recruiting award from the Loyal Escorts and a first time achievement award from WMA for our local involvement for the past two years as a chapter.

We continually search and interact with fellow veterans and when we least expect it we are finding woman Marines among us. Our chapter is growing one Marine at a time and we hope to continue to grow for another 30 years.

Soledad Kennedy

DC-1 District of Columbia



Tricia Byrne, Lisa Green, Andrea Dickerson, Vivian Price-Butler, Vernise Crawford, and Patricia Lee gather in the staging area before the parade. Barbara Swanson participated fully in the parade, but is not seen in this photo.

In a show of combined forces, members of DC-1 and VA-1 Chapters walked or rode down Pennsylvania Avenue in the Nation's Annual Independence Day parade celebration on the 4th of July. Vivian Price-Butler, DC-1 President, Tricia Byrne, DC-1, who organized the chapters' participation along with Lisa Green, Andrea Dickerson, Vernise Crawford, Barbara Swanson, and Patricia Lee all came together in the staging area prior to the parade.

The members were ecstatic to see the crowds' excitement and appreciation of our Women Marine Veterans carrying the flag. It was obvious the crowd was totally in awe of our country's military service and –the service of all Marines!

As we continued to celebrate summer events, congratulations to the Portland, Oregon Women Marines Association Chapter on a job well done for a successful and memorable – 2016 WMA Convention!! Also our own DC-1 member, Donna Genovese, who graced the convention by carrying the flags for the ceremonies! DC-1 was awarded 2 separate honors for Chapter Recruiting, Award Class III – 3rd place and Chapter Recruiting Award Class III – 2nd place...OOH RAH!!

Gaile Lee

IL-2 Blanche S. Osborne

The first order of business was electing the following as our new officers: Patricia Collins, President; Victoria Cobbett, Vice President, Jacqueline Webster, Secretary, and Helen Ehlers, Treasurer. They will be sworn in at our May meeting.

The guest speaker was SgtMaj Oscar Jordan, I & I Staff, 2nd BN, 24th Marines Reserve Training Center, Chicago. He described his style of management, changes in the USMC, and the young people who are volunteering today.



The members at the February meeting: seated at the table: SgtMaj Oscar Jordan, Muriel Underwood, Helen Ehlers. Standing, L to R: Patty Klop, Patricia Collins, Anna Sourlie, Mary Roa, Victoria Cobbett, Gwen DePinto, Jacqueline Webster, Ann DiValerio, and Carol Euba

Long time friend of the chapter, MCL member Mike Ruffner told of the reorganizing of the Marine Corps Coordinating Council, Marine units in the area, and their purpose and cooperation. When introductions were made at the beginning of the meeting, Mike had introduced two MCL members from his area who became new members of the chapter. One was a WMA MAL Jacqueline Webster, and one joined WMA at the meeting, Anna Sourlie. We welcomed both with open arms.

At the meeting, member Patty Klop, LtCol USMCR, invited members to join in the celebration of Women's History Month at the monthly drill weekend of 3D Civil Affairs Group, consisting of over one hundred Marines. Patty selected four women Marines who shared their experiences of serving during WWII to Korea, and Vietnam. The four selected were Muriel Underwood, Corporal, USMCWR, WWII; Mary Roa, Sergeant USMC, who served during the Korean War; Vickie Cobbett, Sergeant, USMC, who served during the Vietnam War, and Carol Eubanks, Gunnery Sergeant, USMCR, who was on active duty from 1973-1976, then transferred to the reserves in 2002 and served a total of 20 years.



At the 3D Civil Affairs Group meeting, Muriel Underwood describing Camp Lejeune boot camp training for WRs in January 1944 to two Marines, SSgt Matthew Duquette and Sgt Andrew Alaniz

Each described their boot camp training and experiences during the different times. The Commanding Officer of the 3D Civil Affairs Group is Col John C. Church. Col Church served alongside Maj Megan McClung, the first female Marine Corps officer killed in combat during Iraq War.

Because of Helen Laukes's death, we are no longer qualified to

hold our meetings in the dining room of the retirement community of Beacon Hill. Much discussion was given as to where would be a convenient place for all since members are scattered all over a 75-mile radius. For the May 7th meeting we finally settled temporarily on Huntley, Ann DiValerio's retirement community, close to the Wisconsin border, and close to expressways.

Muriel Underwood

IN-1 Indiana

IN-1 was represented at the Biennial Convention in Portland, Oregon, by Carol Mutter, Vice President Kay Ross and Mai-Lee Smith.

They set up a table at the PX where they sold items, some of which were created by Mai-Lee, and attended the various workshops and business meetings.



IN-1 members Kay Ross and (Gy Sgt) Mai-Lee Smith at their PX table at the convention.

They also enjoyed creating many new friendships and re-connecting with old friends. It was quite the surprise when the chapter also received an award for Chapter Recruiting! The chapter members are looking forward to D.C. in 2018!

Kay Ross



IN-1 members (Gy Sgt) Mai-Lee Smith, Carol Mutter and Kay Ross at the Closing banquet.

KY-1 Winning Colors

The chapter continues to use proceeds from our craft sales to purchase coffee, snacks, soups and other light meals for the families visiting the small hospice unit at our local VA Hospital. Recently two very good friends died within several weeks of each other and their widows remarked how much they and other family members appreciated not having to leave their loved ones during their final hours.

This is the last time we can do something for a veteran and his/her family and we feel honored to be able to do so. Brenda Moore and Mary Broussard attended the convention in Portland bringing with them a \$500 check from the chapter. We had raised money from a quilt raffle to offer a scholarship offsetting expenses for an active duty Marine to attend the convention. Despite a lot of advertising and two deadline extensions, we had no applicants so our members voted to make a donation to the convention committee for whatever was most needed.



Cherish Joostberns and Brenda Moore sewing at the PX table at Convention.

Brenda and Mary thoroughly enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones at the convention. We want to thank the convention committee for all their hard work as well as everyone who bought some of our crafts.

Earlier in the year we elected new officers: President Brenda Moore, VP Mary Broussard, Secretary Phoebe Riner and Treasurer Laura Santiago.

Upcoming projects will be collecting socks for the Homeless Veteran Stand Down in October and getting crafty for the November show that helps us fund our VA donations.

Mary Broussard

LA-1 Molly Marine Chapter

On 16 April, Karen McCann hosted a meeting in a private room at Piccadilly's restaurant in Gretna, LA. As always, we enjoyed the camaraderie, great company and delicious food and door prizes!

Two Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) awards were presented by LA-1 members on 22 April. At the ceremony at Franklinton High School the WMA MCJROTC Certificate was presented to Cadet Jossie McNeese. At the MCJROTC award ceremony at Ponchatoula High School Nicole Bailey presented the WMA MCJROTC Certificate to Cadet Cristina Gomez.

On 6 May, Cheryl Ellis attended the Plaquemine High School Award banquet. The WMA MCJROTC certificate was presented to Cadet Leah Sanchez.

The Louisiana Women Veterans (LWV) organization invited LA-1 to their May meeting held on 7 May. LWV President Anna Sanders, retired Air Force, presented the Louisiana Honor Medal to LA-1 members.

On Mothers' Day, 8 May, Jennifer Koon-Fink visited the Pillars Nursing Home in Biloxi, MS. Jennifer visited the nursing home in the name of the Molly Marine Chapter, to deliver flowers to the residents who are mothers. Our eldest member, Frances Hoffman, turned 93 on 9 May. A birthday party was held at her residence, the Lambeth House in New Orleans.

On 12 May, GySgt Crystal Reynolds and SSgt Hideshi Dyer attended the New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy's Award ceremony in New Orleans, LA. GySgt Reynolds presented the WMA MCJROTC certificate to Cadet Collen Burns.

Veterans were honored at the 3rd Annual Louisiana Veterans Festival on 14 May in Slidell, LA. The guest speaker was LtGen Russel Honore, United States Army.

Jesuit Catholic High School in New Orleans, LA had their Awards Ceremony on 19 May. Nora Huete, LtCol (ret.)/LA-1 member, presented the WMA MCJROTC certificate to Cadet Staff Sergeant Melvin Allen III. The MCJROTC Commander at Jesuit Catholic High School is LtCol (ret.) Tim Huete, also a Loyal Escort. Nora and Tim proudly saw their nephew, Cadet Corporal August Huete, receive the "Military Order of World Wars Bronze Medal" for being recognized as the outstanding freshman MCJROTC cadet.

On 28 May, Molly Marine Chapter members Dalia Robles and Jennifer Koon-Fink visited the Biloxi National Cemetery to participate in their annual Memorial Day flag placing ceremony. On 30 June, the Navy League of New Orleans held their annual "A Taste 'N Toast to Our Armed Services" where the "Marine of the Year", "Sailor of the Year" and "Coast Guardsman of the Year" were recognized. Corporal Shereka K. Slater of Marine Forces Reserve (and a member of LA-1) was recognized as this year's "Marine of the Year". The Commander, Marine Forces Reserve/Marine Forces North, LtGen Rex McMillian was in attendance.

Nineteen LA-1 members attended at the WMA conference in Portland, OR. At the Awards and Recognition Luncheon we proudly walked away with numerous accolades: 3 streamers for our colors and 5 certificates. Awards were Chapter Achievement, 1st Place, Class III; Chapter Recruiting, 1st Place, Class III; Loyal Escort Recruiting, 1st Place, Class III; History Book, 3rd Place and Individual Recruiting, Melanie Young, 3rd Place.

Melanie Young



LA-1 Molly Marine Chapter receiving streamers and certificates from 2014 WMA Convention Front row: Sylvia Rosario, Deloris Romero, Melanie Young, Dolores Dove (LE), Tim Huete(LE) Back row: April Austin-Bell, Patricia Hutteringer, Nora Huete, Cheryl Ellis, SSgt Alice Ramos, Dalia Roble, Cpl Shereka Slater.

MI-2 Motor City Chapter

The 2016 convention brought many accolades for the members of the Motor City Chapter. We were blessed to be the recipients of the Newsletter, Website and Ruth and Dick Broe perpetual plaques.

Our streamers included not only the above but Loyal Escort Recruiting award. It seems we have our work cut out for ourselves this coming convention.

On 13 August we had our meeting and picnic at the home of

Mary Merritt. Before our business meeting we were treated to a wonderful BBQ with Loyal Escort Cathy Cousino manning the grill and Mike Pearce making sure that everything was running smooth. Everyone brought a dish to pass.

At our meeting we outlined where the next 2 years would take us and discussed the next meeting in Frankenmuth as well as what we will focus on as our main projects. There are many exciting things to come. Recruiting is on the top of our list.

Our chapter was delighted to meet with our new area director. Tes Tesmer is a true joy. She fit right in and was such a good sport when we had her paint the state of Michigan. She is a die-hard Buckeye. At least we weren't painting the University of Michigan logo. She is anxious to help build WMA and work with the chapters and members at large.

We look forward to our next meeting in September where we hope to get a new chapter started in the Saginaw area, as well as meeting with our members from all over the state. This should be a great recruiting event for us as well.

Check out the mugs and shirts we have to offer in the store area. MI-2 challenges all the other chapters to be active and get involved. We hope to see at least 20 entries in each category come 2018.

Mary Ann Merritt

MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks

The Chapter had to cancel its 11 June 11 picnic but rescheduled it to take place at Lorraine Morgan's residence on 20 August.

Chapter officers for 2016-2018 for the MN-1 Leathernecks will be Michelle Livingston as President, Julie Williams as Vice-President, Linda Munson as Treasurer and Vicki Latiolais as Secretary.

Michelle Livingston, Chapter President, was a volunteer at the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) Stand Down held on 2-3 July 2-3, in the Metro area. Multiple agencies provided assistance, allowing the Stand Down to serve approximately 673 veterans. Veterans were provided information regarding VA benefit information, obtaining treatment at a VA medical facility, hot meals, clothing, hygiene kits, legal assistance (including court, federal and state tax assistance), housing and employment assistance, mental health resources, DMV, haircuts, chaplaincy, and public benefits information. Michelle indicated that homeless female veterans can be referred to the Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC) with the VA Medical Center. The CRRC can provide the woman veteran with a safe place to stay and assistance to get them back on their feet.

By volunteering at the Stand Down, Livingston also got the opportunity to learn about a variety of other agencies providing assistance to veterans. One in particular is Majestic Hills Ranch that

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Motor City Chapter with their awards and pictures they painted.

offers a therapy program called "Heroes on Horseback" to veterans returning from combat tours. The program is looking for those interested in volunteering and/or assisting the veterans in the therapy program.

Dianne Cupples, now living in Tennessee, was recently in the area and was able to see Carol Isnardi, our Wisconsin Chapter member, for a quick visit.

We congratulate Gina McManus, a "Minnesotan", as the new Area 5 Director.

As always, if you are in the area you are welcome to join the Chapter for any upcoming activities.

Vicki Latilais
MN-1 Secretary

NC-3 Semper Fi

What a jam packed summer we have had! Our members have been traveling all over the globe, and a fantastic 5 WMA members and 2 Loyal Escorts attending the WMA National Convention. Our regular quarterly meeting has been moved to the tail end of summer and is scheduled to be combined with a cookout at Dee Green's home in Sanford on August 27th.

The good news from convention was that our chapter president, Tracy Crow Weidemaier, was installed as the National 2nd Vice President, and that the chapter newsletter, created by Tracy and CJ Scarlett, won second place in the National newsletter competition.

Secretary Mitzi Manning has again volunteered to create a theme basket to be donated to the Durham VA Voluntary Services "Country Store" silent auction, for the benefit of the Community Living Center and the Hospice units. The chapter will be making plans for October and the second "Writing Your Military Story" workshop, which NC-3 will again co-host with Dress for Success, Raleigh. In addition to continuing with the inaugural group, a new writer's group will be started. Some of us are polishing up our initial "story" submissions, and look forward to some critic, suggestions, and, hopefully, praise for our efforts. We will also discuss the Marine Corps Ball. Last year at the Reserve Ball in Greensboro we had almost 100% attendance, and we will be looking forward to celebrating together again this year.



As we move forward toward 2017, our officers, Tracy Crow Weidemaier (President), Catherine Barker (Vice President), Mitzi Manning (Secretary), and Dee Green (Treasurer) will be working to get 100% attendance at the 2018 National Convention in Washington, DC.

Mitzi Manning

OH-2 Chesty Puller Chapter

We have had a busy summer and the days just keep falling off the calendar.

Janice Lasko joined the American Sewing Guild (ASG), so when we start our quilt making again, she will be at the top of our list for sewing. We had our summer picnic at Ellen Leidy's home and held a meeting. It was nice to see our members.

Karen Pressler attended her first WMA Convention and said, "It was really Great".

Lora LeWay will be having knee replacement on 23 August 2016 but she is still busy volunteering at our local Uniontown Fair. Nancy Steele will be hosting our next meeting on 3 December 2016 at her home in Ravenna. She is busy working and taking care of horses in need.

Ellen and Elva will be volunteering at the Canfield Fair 2 September 2016, They represent the Marines from Unit 21 Military Women Across the Nation.

Summit County will be holding their 11th Annual Stand Down on 13 September 2016, OH-2 has been volunteering since the beginning.

Akron VA Clinic held their picnic and the veterans had their fill of good hamburgers and hot dogs. We have our Marines cooking, serving and cleaning up every year.

Judy Tillis has done us proud by sticking with her weight program and losing so much weight. She was always cute but now, WOW!!!!. She is a Beautiful Woman Marine.

We had a nice surprise when Diane Durden came back to Akron to run in a 50/100 mile endurance marathon. Diane completed the 50 Mile run and it was a run the men said they would have to think about running again. We enjoyed lunch at the Red Robin on Friday and Diane ran on Saturday. We hope she can come back next year.

Jenny Hawkes Jenkins just keeps busy with her family, work, travels and WMA projects. Her kids are keeping her busy with college and school activities.

I think Donna Perdue is at home in Indiana. Donna travels the world and is enjoying life.

For all our OH-2 members wherever you are, safe travels, good health and know we are thinking of you.

Elva Pounders

OH-3 Florence Jelsma Fawley Chapter

Although we're officially just a year old, OH-3 Florence Jelsma Fawley Chapter isn't just toddling around -- we're moving forward at top speed. In recent months, chapter members have participated in Memorial Day events in central Ohio and the DC area. During a Columbus Crew soccer game, Susan Daood was recognized for her support of the Young Marines program and other patriotic causes.

Kiarra Bronston and Cassandra Renfroe joined our ranks. Phyllis "PJ" Browers, Marilyn Jones and Susan Daood represented the chapter at the WMA National Convention in Portland. Congratulations to Tania Shugarts for receiving the chapter recruiting award from National! Central Ohio area WMA members Janet Kemmerer, Dottie Wolfe and Ginny Matthews will be among the WWII and Korean War era veterans on Honor Flight Columbus's all-women veterans flight to DC on 9/10/16. *(Continued)*



Our summer chapter meeting was held 8/6/16 in Huber Heights, where a collection of items was taken for veterans. WMA members at large in the Columbus-Dayton area are welcome to join us during our next meeting -- check with Susan Daood for details at OH3@womenmarines.org.

Jenny Jenkins

OK-2 Oklahoma Chapter

It's been a long, hot summer. The chapter members have been going about their lives and trying to keep cool while taking the summer off from any chapter activities, but a few members have been very busy.

Our June meeting was more of a reconnaissance meeting to find out who would be going to the convention and who could help out with a reunion being held in August in Norman, OK.

On 2 July our Immediate Past Chapter President Jenny Storm, Major, USMCR, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel by LtCol Kimberly Hayworth, USMCR, in Oklahoma City. It was the first time in her career that all of Jenny's family could be in attendance for one of her promotions. LtCol Hayworth not only promoted Jenny, but also relinquished command to her of Combat Logistics Battalion 451, Charlotte, NC, in a change of command ceremony on 23 July in Charlotte. Congratulations, LtCol Storm!



**LtCol Kimberly Hayworth and
LtCol Jenny Storm.**

Anyone who attended the convention in Portland knows what our chapter president has been up to for several months. Pam Bloustine served as chair for the Rose Bowl, the meet-and-greet held the night before the convention started. We have heard from others that it was a major hit! We're glad everyone enjoyed it. Pam didn't do it alone...her committee consisted of (l-r): Eileen Scanlon, Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower, Sue Sousa, Pam, Karen Kelly, and Mitzi Manning. Ladies, thank you for all your hard work!

Pam hasn't had much time to unpack since she got back. The reunion I mentioned earlier is the 6th Marine Division Association reunion that is being held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Norman from 23 – 28 August. Pam and Joan Willauer are hosting it this year with the help of volunteers. Joan's late husband Jeff served with the 6thMarDiv.

OK-2 congratulates all those chapters who submitted entries for Recognition & Awards, and Linda Priest, Erin Holvoet, and Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower on receiving the National Service Award! Congratulations, ladies!



The WMA Convention Rose Bowl committee: (l-r): Eileen Scanlon, Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower, Sue Sousa, Pam Bloustine, Karen Kelly, and Mitzi Manning

Sadly, we must finish this clipping with condolences and sincere sympathies to Sooner Chapter, OK-1, on the loss of a very special lady, Pietje Wall. Our chapter grew out of OK-1, and Pietje was a wonderful example of dedication to WMA and women veterans for us to follow. We will miss her, and are better for having known her. *Semper Fidelis*, Pietje.

We must also offer condolences to the family and friends of chapter member Sharyl Plato, who passed away in May. *Semper Fidelis*, Sharyl.

Sondra Metzger

WA-3 Northsound Chapter



We enjoyed an informal get together in Port Townsend, WA at The Bayview Restaurant, which has a magnificent view of the bay and the ferries coming and going. Best of all, they let us linger and visit for the afternoon. The get together was special since three WMA members-at-large drove to join us, and we all enjoyed having new faces and sharing a good time. Our next meeting will also celebrate the Marine Corps birthday and will be held on 5 November at noon in the Marysville, Wa. Area. So if you are around Washington state, mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Peggy Rieber





Inspiration and Motivation: Thanks from Author Sandra Spatz-Wiszniauckas

Telling the Story of the Women Veterans of the Vietnam War

From where do we draw inspiration?

WMA members are blessed. We need look no further than each other.

What motivates us to leave our comfort zones?

For members of WMA, it's commitment to honoring and preserving WMA's legacy and determination to include today's women who serve, and tomorrow's women who will serve, in WMA's circle.

WMA, in partnership with United States of America's 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War*, gave pins and proclamations to Vietnam veterans and Vietnam era veterans at WMA's 2016 Convention and Professional Development Conference.

Betty Moseley Brown invited me to offer some personal reflections from a Vietnam veteran at WMA's 29th Biennial opening banquet.

Reticent, but inspired by Betty, and so many other remarkable women of WMA, I left my comfort zone to tell those who never knew that thirty-five women Marines served one or more tours of duty in Vietnam between March 1967-March 1973, faced risks and dangers that pervade a war-rav-



General Robert B. Neller, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps, Dr. Betty Moseley Brown, National President, WMA, and Sandra Spatz-Wiszniauckas, Vietnam Veteran, 1968-1969.

aged country, and received ribbons and citations for honorable military and civic service.

Thank you WMA and Betty Moseley Brown for recognizing the dedicated service of Vietnam veterans and their families and Vietnam era veterans and their families. OOHRAH and Semper Fi!

Thank you to those who purchased a copy of my book, Women Vietnam Veterans: Our Untold Story and

journeying with the women Marines and other non-nurse military women who served. I loved meeting you.

All proceeds from the sale of the book have been donated to WMA/WOCC in tribute to Nancy Wilt, WMA's dedicated and inspiring historian.

Sandra Spatz-Wiszniauckas
Author,

**WOMEN VIETNAM VETERANS:
OUR UNTOLD STORY**

*Visit <http://www.vietnamwar50th.com> for more information

From the Loyal Escorts: What a Convention!



It was awfully nice to meet so many people this convention, as well as seeing so many familiar faces. I'd like to give a special shout out to the Convention Planning Com-

mittee and all those who worked hard, both before and during convention. This includes the Loyal Escorts who volunteered their time to support both our organization, as well as WMA.

Our hospitality suite went well, thanks to many of you. Everyone seemed to have a good time. One of our directors, Sarah Rivera, cleverly made Jell-O shots that most people seemed to enjoy. I had no idea you could make Jell-O with a microwave. I still need to find out how she did that.

I'd like to take a moment to thank our former board, some of which continued into this new cycle, and others who did not. I have appreciated all the support I have received from each of you. For those who continued on into this new cycle, and our new board members, thank you for stepping up to help make the Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter the best we can possibly be. I look forward to all of the new ideas we can put together going into the 2018 Convention in Washington DC.

I'd like to introduce you to the new LE Board. Please welcome Director Peter DePaola, Director Michelle Frey-Gutt, Director Sarah Rivera (not in picture), Vice President Richard Gruetzner, Secretary Helen Page, Treasurer Katie Connell (not pictured), President Michael Pearce, and last, but not least, Immediate Past President Ken Cross.

I'd also like to specially recognize Isabella Kennedy. This young lady was amazing during convention, always

volunteering to help out. It was especially nice to meet you during this convention and I hope to see you in Washington DC.

I think this wraps it up for this article. As always, if you'd like to be more involved, feel free to send me an e-mail at President@loyalescorts.org. I welcome all input, criticism, and praise. Let me know what you're doing in your chapters. I especially love writing about what others are doing elsewhere. If there's a special Loyal Escort you feel deserves special recognition, please let me know. There is a special award out there for extraordinary service to the Loyal Escorts and WMA. It should be a cold winter this year, so enjoy the warmth that is left. Thanks everyone for making Portland, Oregon a special visit.

***Michael Pearce, President
Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter***



Pictured from left to right, Director Peter DePaola, Director Michelle Frey-Gutt, Vice President Richard Gruetzner, Secretary Helen Page, President Michael Pearce, and Immediate Past President Ken Cross. Not pictured: Director Sarah Rivera and LE Treasurer Katie Connell.

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Name of a relative not residing with you:

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The Auxiliary of the Women Marines Association

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City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
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New	Renew	Reinstated	Life (Sponsor must be Life member)
SSN# (last 4 digits only)			
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Name of a relative not residing with you:		
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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 the souls of all our departed sisters rest in peace.

Life Member

Membership No.

Appleby, Eileen (Daggett)	3/25/16	CA-7	#2548
Crause, Jeannette	3/28/16	MO-1	#1277
Baum, Jacqueline	6/25/16	IA-1	#3185
Davis, Kathleen (Perry)	2/8/16	CA-3	#3311
Donovan, Billie (Tavitian)	1/8/16	MAL FL	#1502
Doring, Marian (Walsh)	2/4/16	MAL NY	#253
Foerster, Barbara	1/12/16	FL-6	#2529
Gibbs, Nelda	5/23/16	WI-1	#1403
Gouig, Jeanne (Grabinski)	1/22/16	MAL CA	#699
Greene, Marion	8/1/06	MAL SC	#815
Hawks, Ruth (Edie)	6/9/16	WI-1	#2032
Hubach, Cornelia B. (Hope)	7/13/16	MAL-CA	#488
Kearns, Dorothy	4/28/16	MA-1	#315
Laird, Jean (Balcom)	1/29/16	CA-5	#580
Langdon, Marcelle "Honey" (Deamer)	1/26/16	WA-3	#1446
Laukes, Helen (Hamen)	2/1/16	IL-2 & CA-5	#212
Leifer, Frances		OH-1	#2014
Linares, Janice (Duke)	11/11/15	CA-8	#2714
Maciel, Mary T.	7/2/16	MAL OK	#2986
Manolakis, Molly (Samaras)	2/23/16	FL-3	#3103
Merrifield, Kathleen (Roach)	5/8/16	FL-2	#1651
Metler, Blanche (Garipey)	11/13/15	FL-6	#1191
Miller, Lois (Smith/Staples)	3/3/16	MI-1	#2735
Miller, Lois "Sue"	7/10/14	MAL OH	#1558
Nelson, Vera B. (Dodds)	2/21/16	CA-7	#1437
Oxnam, Elizabeth (Raimor)	3/11/16	AZ-2	#987
Peterson, Agnes (Taeavella)	11/20/15	MAL CT	#1881
Raymer, Betty Lee (Hutchins)	2/24/16	MAL AZ	#77
Schaefer, Marilla (Glasgow/Dodds)	12/30/15	MN-1	#3460
Stoll, Evelyn Pearl (Norris)	7/14/16	MAL MN	#2843
Tucker, Myrna	7/20/16	MAL MA	#2554
Webster, Evelyn (Molitor)	5/3/16	DC-1	#1611
White, Maggie Mae	10/20/15	MAL NY	#99



Term Members

Abbott, Helen (Fugina)	2/29/16	OR-1
Brooke, Velma (Comstock)	3/28/16	CO-1
Berg, Constance (Forrester)		OR-1
Burns, Thelma (Stallings)	3/2/16	TN-1
Christensen, Lorayne M.	3/18/16	AZ-1
Fawley, Florence (Jelsma)	5/6/16	OH-3
Franconere, Rita	7/27/16	MAL NY
Gallun, Marjorie (Reeb)	3/28/18	DC-1
Gilbertson, Eleanore (Branden)	2/9/16	MN-1
Schei, Geraldine	3/30/16	MN-1
Wall, Pietje G. (Smits)	7/23/16	OK-1

Chaplain's Corner:



Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

JOHN 14:27

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched -- they must be felt with the heart."

HELEN KELLER

**Eileen Skahill,
WMA Chaplain**

New Merchandise From CA-7 Edith Macias Vann So. California Chapter

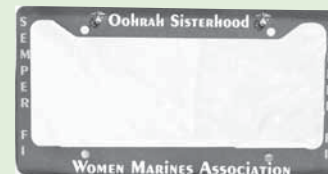


Travel Mug, 15 oz, white aluminum, green WM logo (two sides) and gold "Oohrah Sisterhood Women Marines Association" centered
Cost: \$15.00 (includes shipping)



Luggage Tag; 3.5" x 2.5", aluminum, "Proud Member Women Marines Association" WMA logo on one side and "Oohrah Sisterhood" and WMA logo on the other side
Cost: \$10.00 (includes shipping)

License Plate Frame, aluminum, "Oohrah Sisterhood" on the top, and "Women Marines Association" on the bottom
Cost: \$12.00 (includes shipping)



(Checks Payable to EMVSC CA-7 WMA)

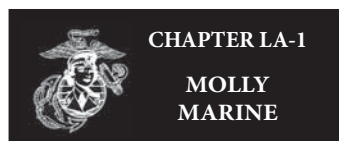
Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4011, (760) 724-9861, Website: womenmarines.net (visit the website to see the items in color)

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WMA Flag Call for pricing

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SALE ITEMS! WMA Drawstring Bag \$8.00
WMA Briefcase Bag \$15.00
Turner WMA History Books 2 for \$25

WMA Cover – with Chapter Embroidery, and EGA \$55.00 each

WMA Cover – w/Chapter, "Life" Embroidery, EGA \$60.00

Chapter designation: ____ - ____

Example: CA-1 (4 spaces only except for USA 1, 2, 3)

Size: (1" above ears – allow for hair style)

20-1/2 - 20-7/8 ...XSm	22-3/4 - 23-1/8...L
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Please specify the cover size, chapter information, if "Life" is requested, shipping address, and a contact number.

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Texas Chapter 2, Women Marines Association

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WMA Chapter Merchandise Sales

Send chapter ads to Corrina Martell, Editor@womenmarines.org. IMPORTANT, PLEASE NOTE: When WMA sales items are no longer available, please notify Corrina so they can be removed.

Books

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

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

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



Item: "Parris Island: A Woman's Memoir of Marine Corps Boot Camp" Signed copy by author Lisa Cordeiro

Cost: \$16.95 (\$3.95 shipping)

Chapter: MA-1

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



Item: Women Marines Padfolio

Cost: \$28.50 to include shipping and handling.

They really are great. It zips all the way around, has a pocket on the outside and several on the inside zippered one on the inside. Writing pad is included. Logo is large and it looks great.

Contact: WMA MI-2 Motor City, PO Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065



Thermal bags

12 inches tall X 11 inches wide and 8 inches deep. Great size for shopping.

Zipper closure, nice long handles for easy carrying. Sells for \$6/ea (plus \$2 postage) or \$30/6 (plus \$5 postage)

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Each shell is unique and one of a kind, since each shell is a unique color and no two are the same.

Hand carved by artist sisters Silvia and Elva of San Diego Arts for Women Marines.

Cost: \$15 includes shipping & Handling
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Riverside, CA 92509, syblee@att.net
(951) 231-4531



WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

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

Shirts and Sweats

Item: White golf shirt with embroidered green WMA logo circled by the phrase, "More Than A Woman A Woman Marine" ☆
Cost: All sizes (S) to (XXXL) \$28.00 (price includes shipping)
Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1
Contact: Heidi Tanada, 17103 S.W. Eldorado Dr. Tigard, OR 97224-2075

Item: Light gray t-shirt with small green WMA logo on front and large logo on back; both circled by the phrase, "More Than A Woman A Woman Marine" ☆
Cost: Sizes (M) to (XXXL) \$16.00 (price includes shipping)
Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1
Contact: Heidi Tanada, 17103 S.W. Eldorado Dr. Tigard, OR 97224-2075

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

Adult	Ladies Polos (S-XL) \$30.00 (2XL) \$32.00 (3XL) \$34.00 (4XL) \$36.00 (5XL) \$38.00	Short Sleeved T-Shirt (S-XL) \$18.00 (2XL) \$20.00 (3XL) \$22.00 (4XL) \$24.00 (5XL) \$26.00
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Youth Youth Polo (S-XL) \$22.00 Short Sleeved Tee (S-XL) \$15

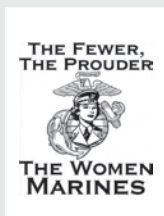
Infant/Toddler: Please contact for availability and prices

Embroidery Options:

Option 1:

Option 2:

Option 3:



Website: <http://wmaor3.wix.com/shirts>

Contact: Stephanie Wilcox at (541) 554-6015 or email swilcox818@yahoo.com for more information.

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 for information.

Item: **4th BN Shirts** Unisex cut. Cost: \$23.50 each. Sizes M, L, XL, 2X. Crew neck unisex. Send your check our money order to WMA Motor City PO Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065. Specify size and color. Comes in Black and Burgundy. Large logo on back and small crest on front.

Item: **Ladies cut TShirt with V neck.** Logo in Hunter Green. Cost: Shirts are \$23.50 with shipping and handling. Make checks or money orders made out to WMA Motor City, PO Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065. Sizes are S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X State color. Comes in Vintage Khaki and gray. Specify color!

Tee Shirts with the WMA EGA Logo, center/front. White with Green Logo and Women Marines Association around the top of the EGA Logo. Sizes available: Specify - Med, Lg, XLg Cost : \$20 + \$5 S&H

Sweatshirts: 2XLg only available. White with Green image of 3 WMs from Charles Waterhouse's rendition.

Only 6 remaining in inventory and will *not* be re-ordered.

Cost: \$20 + \$5 S&H Please include phone number.

Check/Money Order payable to PA-2 Liberty Belles

Mail to: Kathy Van Gorder

584 Barrington Road, Collegeville, PA 19426

PH:610-489-3756



Item: Car Flag - WMA Logo (Clips to car window)

Cost: \$10.00 plus \$6.00 shipping cost

Item: Table Flag - WMA Logo 4"x6" with stand

Cost: \$5.00 and shipping cost \$6.00

Chapter: CA-11 Central Coast

Contact: Soledad Kennedy, 4062 Capella Street,

Lompoc, CA 93436

Fax/Office (805) 733-2175, Cell (805) 588-0650

Email: usmcrfemale@yahoo.com

website: www.centralcoastwomenmarines.com

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: Trish Martin, 7026 Seidel Rd., San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 824-8441



Item: Charm "Semper Fi"

Cost: \$15.00

Chapter: Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)

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Light weight aluminum with
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Inquire for special pricing.) Contact: WMA, TX-2, P.O. Box 1821
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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: 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 Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4011, (760)
724-9861, Website: womenmarines.net (visit the website to see the items in color)

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,
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Benton, AR 72015



Item: Handmade soy wax candles (Lavender, White Tea and Ginger, Rose,
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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.
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Checks: WMA-Phyllis Alexander Chapter: SC-1
Contact: Rosa Robertson, WMA, P.O. Box 5296, Parris Island, SC 29905 (or via
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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 Dr.,
Oceanside, CA 92056-4011, (760) 724-9861,
Website: womenmarines.net (visit the website to see the items in color)



Item: "Koozie" Bottle or Can size sleeve for sweat absorption, foldable foam,
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(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: Stella Delgado-Kinnison, 204 General Patch NE, Albuquerque, NM
87123.

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)
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(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)
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Cost: \$29.75 (Includes Shipping).
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Cost: \$18.50 including shipping.
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Ruth is 100 Years Young! It's Time to Party!

It was not her first birthday celebration of 2016, and it wasn't going to be the last. Gladys "Ruth" Gallivan of San Diego turned 100 on 1 April, and if people want to keep throwing her parties, she is not inclined to stop them.

Born 100 years ago in Darlington, WI, Gladys Ruth Tresner enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1943, one of the many women who took over military jobs on the homefront so men could head for the front lines. After boot camp at Camp Lejeune, NC and a stint at the Cherry Point Air Station (also in North Carolina), she volunteered to head out to what is now San Diego's Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

Gallivan was honorably discharged in 1945, but the Marines had her for life. She went on to have a civilian career at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, retiring from her job as a general's assistant in 1986 after decades of service.

Sandwiched between a 1 April surprise party at MCRD and a celebratory dinner with friends, the Women Marines Association's lunchtime event at Veterans Village of San Diego served tea and trays of finger sandwiches and treats in honor of Gallivan's love of a tea party. There was also a surplus of respect and admiration in honor of the pioneering woman she was and the role model she continues to be.

"I am in awe of Ruth," said Maria Ro-



Gladys "Ruth" Gallivan, 100 years young.

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- Maria Rodriguez Callejas, WMA San Diego County Chapter president

driguez Callejas, current chapter president of the San Diego County Women Marines Association. "I think I have it easy compared to what women like her went through. Back then, you were supposed to be home raising a family. When you look at these women who went out and did something adventurous and have some stories to tell, they are inspiring to me. She is a trailblazer."

Ruth Tresner married Navy man Jim Gallivan in 1955, and the couple raised two sons, Michael and Daniel. The family settled in Serra Mesa, and Mike and Dan both graduated from Kearny High School. Mike married Daphne, and Dan married Maya. There are now three granddaughters in the family mix.

Ruth Gallivan's time as an enlisted Marine was short, but the fighting spirit seems to have settled in for good. She avoids all medications, but she will not say no to a beer or a glass of white wine. "She is amazing for being 100," said daughter-in-law Pring, as she and her fellow attendees waited for Gallivan to make her entrance. "To me, she embodies what I think of as the military. She is very pro-America. She is very engaged. And she is very proud of her military time."

Gallivan entered the auditorium with a jaunty spring in her step and many hugs to share on the way to her table, which was decorated with a gold "100" balloon and a dainty china tea service. She was given a blue

birthday sash and a flowered hat, along with a stack of birthday cards sent by admirers.

When asked how she will celebrate her next birthday she replied, "I'm sure it won't be as good as this," she said. "This is perfect."

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Cpl Shereka Slater, MARFORRES, is Navy League of New Orleans ' 2016 Marine of the Year

Cpl Shereka K. Slater, Marine Forces Reserve's Marine of the Year, and WMA President Betty Moseley Brown. On 30 June, the Navy League of New Orleans held their annual "A Taste 'N Toast to Our Armed Services" where the "Marine of the Year", "Sailor of the Year" and "Coast Guardsman of the Year" were recognized.

Corporal Shereka K. Slater of Marine Forces Reserve (and a member of LA-1) was recognized as this year's "Marine of the Year".

Congratulations, Cpl Slater!



Going Green

The cost of doing business no matter where you are is going up. In Portland it was discussed the high cost of printing and mailing your WMA Newsletter 'Nouncements' (\$25,000 per year) and the Resource Manual and Directory (RM&D) (\$20,000 every 2 years after convention). We are asking that as members you assist us be good stewards of our WMA funds. You can do that by electing to get your

publications *electronically*.

To go green, send an email to Allison Stein at MSec@womenmarines.org and let her know if you want the RM&D or 'Nouncements (or both) delivered electronically. 'Nouncements are available online once you log into the WMA website under the membership portal.

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