



The bronze statue Dickey Chapelle Award.

## WMA President Betty Moseley Brown Wins Dickey Chapelle Award

We are proud to announce that our own WMA President Betty Moseley Brown is the recipient of the 2016 Dickey Chapelle Award! The award was established by the Marine Corps League, and is given annually to a woman who has contributed substantially to the morale, welfare, and well-being of Marines and the U.S. Marine Corps. This award was presented to our president not only for what she does with WMA but also for her leadership as Associate Director, Center for Women Veterans. Dr. Betty Moseley Brown's passion is for veterans and their families.

On 28 September 2016, the 37th Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Robert B. Neller, and the National Commandant of the Marine Corps League, Richard D. Gore, Senior, presented the annual award to Betty at the Pentagon City Ritz-Carlton in Arlington, VA.

The Dickey Chapelle Award honors the memory of Dickey Chapelle, a war correspondent who first covered Marines in combat at the Battle of Iwo Jima and was killed in 1965 while on patrol with a Marine Corps infantry unit engaged in combat operations against enemy forces during the Vietnam War. Chapelle was the first American woman correspondent to be killed in action. She is remembered for going to extraordinary lengths to cover a story in any war zone.

Other notable recipients of this award include RADM Grace Hopper, Astronaut Sally Ride, and former North Carolina United States Senator Kay Hagan.

Congratulations Betty, for making proud WMA and woman Marines everywhere!

*By Corrina Martell*  
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*with Betty Moseley Brown,*  
*WMA National President*

(Left to Right) Major General Michael Regner, USMC (Ret), Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Robert B. Neller, WMA President Betty Moseley Brown, and Richard D. Gore, Senior, the National Commandant of the Marine Corps League.



## From the Editor: Take Time for Our Loved Ones



I'm sure that 2016 has been busy for all of us. In addition to our volunteer work with WMA, we've had our jobs, meetings, appointments, business dealings, health issues, or even social and political commitments.

As the days get shorter, the weather gets colder, and the year comes to an end, let us all remember what really matters in life – our loved ones. Those who mean the most to us often take a back seat to our other responsibilities throughout the year. Now is a good time to pull them in a little closer with special hugs to let them know that, above all, they are what we value most. For in

the end, it is not any of our ambitions or even our beloved WMA that will comfort us. It is our circle of family – whether good or bad - that our hearts will seek to draw warmth from. Take time for them. They are the ties that bind.

Reevaluate and rethink. Let the upcoming winter make you stop and reflect on what's working and what's not. As the holiday season approaches, may all of us enjoy each and every moment that it brings.

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## Setting the Record Straight: A Clarification

In our last issue, the article "Inspiration and Motivation" stated author Sandra Spatz-Wiszneackas as writing, "Thank you to those who purchased my book, Women Vietnam Veterans: Our Untold Story....." However, the sentence Sandra actually wrote was, "Thank you to those who purchased a copy of Women Vietnam Veterans: Our Untold Story.....". Sandra did not claim authorship of this

book in her article. I apologize for the error.

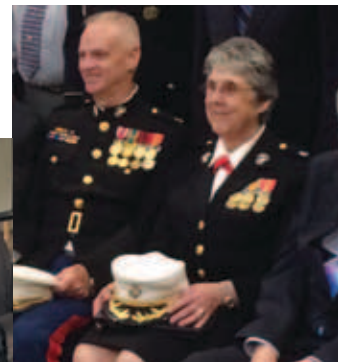
The author of Women Vietnam Veterans: Our Untold Story is credited to Donna Lowery, along with the help of many non-nurse military women who served in Vietnam and who are identified on the book's jacket.

*Corrina Martell*

## Women Marines, We Are: Competitors...



## Respected Veterans...



## Mentors... Volunteers...



## Family...



## ... and Warriors.





10 November 2016

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS**

Each year on or around 10 November, Marines gather in groups large and small to celebrate our history, honor the memory of those who have gone before us, and rekindle the bond that unites all generations of Marines. This year, we mark the 241st anniversary of our Corps – 241 years of uncommon valor, innovation, and combat excellence.

Marines, we are part of something bigger than any of us could imagine. Whether you fought in the battles of World War I, in the Pacific during World War II, in Korea or Vietnam, in *Desert Shield* or *Desert Storm*, or in the streets of Iraq and Afghanistan – or you are just starting out on your Marine Corps journey – we are all part of an elite family of warriors. For the rest of your life, the first term people use to describe you will be “Marine.”

When the Continental Congress stood up two battalions of Marines in 1775, a culture of discipline, vigilance, professionalism, and military excellence was born that has characterized our Corps for nearly two and a half centuries. As Marines, we have a profound respect for our traditions and heritage, and for taking care of each other. We know we’re strongest when we’re together as a team. Wherever you are celebrating our Corps’ birthday this year, look around at the Marines beside you and remember the bonds forged in training, in garrison, and in combat. Take this time to reconnect.

We are Marines for life. It’s our responsibility, our duty, to maintain and build upon the legacy of those who have gone before us. What we do today, guided by what we’ve learned from past generations, will determine the future of our Corps. So as we celebrate this 241st anniversary of our Corps, we also look ahead and prepare for our next success. Take pride in carrying our legacy forward.

Happy Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert B. Neller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Robert B. Neller  
General, U.S. Marine Corps  
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# Marines...Happy 241st Marine Corps Birthday!



This is OUR moment in time. On November 10, 2016, Marines around the world celebrated our birthday at a Marine Corps Ball with friends and family; or, maybe we were at a luncheon; or spent time alone reflecting and toasting our Corps. However you were able to celebrate...thank you for your military service (and your continuous service and lifetime of sisterhood). As we get closer to our centennial where we will be celebrating 100 years of women in the Marine Corps, just think about all the strides we've made over the last few decades since we stood on the yellow foot prints.

Yes, this is our moment in time where we can still make a difference. As I travel across the U.S., I often meet females who also earned the eagle, globe and anchor, and they are unaware of the Women Marines Association and unaware of our commitment to community service, volunteerism and scholarship. Once they hear about our mission and the centennial on 30 August 2018 in Washington, DC, they are all IN! So, I challenge you all to find our Marines, and let them know of this once in a lifetime event. Let's gift them a membership so they won't miss out. Now, is the time to put it on your calendars, and now, is the time to begin saving! We are blessed to be alive at this moment in time to celebrate 100 years of our tradition. See you there!

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

## Happy 241st Birthday, Marines!

The month of November belongs to the Corps!

Whether you attended an official military ball on a Marine Corps installation, or cut a birthday cake in honor of our 241st birthday with your local women Marine chapter or nearest Marine Corps League...Marines paid homage.

Please take time to read the Commandant's message. Remind yourself of



who you are and the family you belong to! Our chapters should try to visit a homeless shelter or veterans nursing home. Get involved in your community. Share your history. Our Corps is steeped in traditions.

There is no greater time to reflect on your blessings with family. This is a time for the Marine family to look back and say, "Here's health to you and our Corps"...

Semper Fidelis Marines,  
**Laura Brown**  
**WMA First Vice President**

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# Our Own Angela Madsen Makes Us Proud!

We've all heard stories about hope and the will to overcome. As Marines, we know how much the human mind and spirit can rise above pain and obstacles. Some of us even know about being brought to the brink of hopelessness, and finding our way back.

For woman Marine Angela Madsen though, having hope and overcoming had an even bigger challenge than most of us will ever experience. She had to do it paralyzed from the waist down.



Angela's 1979 platoon yearbook photo.

Growing up active in sports, Madsen joined the Marine Corps in 1979 and was a military police officer stationed at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, California.

In 1980 she was assigned to play center on the All-Marine women's basketball team. During the first practice game, she fell on the court and another player landed feet first on her lower back – rupturing two discs in her lumbar spine. The injury ended her military career.

Unable to do her job as a Marine anymore, Madsen said that

she felt like everything was pulled out from under her. "It's like falling from a higher place," she said.

When Madsen underwent surgery to her back some years later, she was ultimately left a paraplegic. After a three-month hospital stay, she lost her job, her apartment, and even a relationship she had been in.

"The night I got home from the hospital, the sheriff's notice was on the door," Madsen said. Alone and new to a wheelchair, she had one night to get all her belongings moved out of the apartment.

"I moved my stuff to

a locker at Disneyland and slept on a park bench," she said.

Depressed and overwhelmed, Madsen said that all she could do was count her losses. At one point, she recalled being suicidal.

In one of her darkest hours, Madsen remembers a doctor describing her physical condition as a waste of human life. She said it angered her, but at the same time it made her want to do something about her situation.

After she had been homeless for three months, Madsen said the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) helped her secure an apartment and get financially stable. She said that was the beginning of her life turning around. Then the Paralyzed Veterans of America sponsored a trip for her to go to the National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

Madsen began playing wheelchair basketball, lifting weights, and getting herself into good physical condition. Then her wheelchair basketball sponsor introduced her to rowing at a Learn-to-Row event.

She found she was a natural at the sport, and competed in the 2002 Rowing World Championships where she earned a silver medal rowing against men. She was classified as a TA, meaning trunk and arms competitor. In the subsequent 2003 through 2006 Rowing World Championships, she came in first place and won gold medals competing against both men and women, with one man and one woman in each boat.

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Angela Madsen.



From rowing competitions, Madsen went on to javelin and shot put competitions. Her many athletic accomplishments over the next several years included winning events at both the Parapan Am Games and U.S. Paralympics. She did long distance rowing, founded the California Adaptive Rowing Programs, and wrote a book entitled "Rowing Against the Wind".

This past September, at the 2016 U.S. Paralympics in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, Madsen won 7th place in the javelin event and 8th place in shotput event for mixed class paraplegic and amputees. She was one of 66 athletes representing Team USA, and one of four U.S. military veterans competing on the U.S. Paralympic Track and Field Team.

Madsen's future goals include trying a different sport, such as surfing or fencing. She said that she would also like to attempt to row to Hawaii all by herself. "There's amazing sunrises and sunsets and gratitude for what it's like to be truly alive," said Madsen of rowing on the ocean.



### **Angela Madsen's Paralympic Experience:**

- 2012 Paralympic Games - bronze (shot put)
- 2008 Paralympic Games – seventh (rowing)

### **Career Highlights:**

- 2016 U.S. Paralympics Track and Field, 7th (javelin), 8th (shot put)
- 2015 U.S. Paralympics Track and Field National Championships, 1st (shot put), 2nd (discus); Parapan Am Games, gold (javelin), silver (shot put)
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track and Field Trial, gold (shot put), silver (javelin)
- 2011 Parapan Am Games, silver (shot put)
- 2008 Paralympic Games, seventh (rowing)
- 2000-08 Rowing National Championships, 1st (rowing)
- 2003-06 Rowing World Championships, 1st (rowing)
- 2002 Rowing World Championships - silver (rowing men's 1X)

"I've already lived the worst part of my life," she said. "Nothing's ever going to be as bad as that. I have a life rich in content now."

*Corrina Martell*

# **ATTENTION MARINES!**

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# Marine Corps Women Reserve, Marine Base San Diego 1943-1946

**‘Free a Man to Fight’** – the call to arms in February 1943 when the Women’s Reserve (WR) of the United States Marine Corps was activated. The first WR reported to Marine Corps Base (MCB) San Diego in September 1943 and more arrived virtually every week. By February 1944 there were 3000 WRs serving in the San Diego area, at MCB, with Marine air units at North Island, at Camp Elliot (now MCAS Miramar), Camp Mathews (now the site of the University of California at San Diego), and a myriad of smaller postings through the county.

One of the members of CA-2, Fairy Virginia “Tex” Cornwell, remembers going to Texas to enlist and then taking the train to boot camp. She says that is how she earned her lifelong nickname. “Tex” had been working for one of the oil companies before her enlistment, and the Marine Corps seized on her experience and sent her to Camp Pendleton after boot camp to run the Motor Pool. “Tex” said she was only at her new job for a day or two when the commanding general at MCRD San Diego ordered her to the base to run his motor pool.

The small base in San Diego expanded rapidly to accept all of its new personnel. What had been Lott Field just inside Gate 4, MCB’s recreational fields, gave way to new construction of WR Barracks, quarters for their officers, a small exchange and rec hall, and other battalion facilities. By VJ Day there were 661 female enlisted Marines and 19 female officers on duty at MCB – they had freed an infantry battalion worth of male Marines for combat while Corps wide 18,850 women freed up the equivalent of almost a division. HQMC final statistics at the end of the war recorded WRs in over 225 different specialties, filling 85 percent of the enlisted jobs at Headquarters Marine Corps, and comprising one-half to two-thirds of the permanent personnel at major Marine Corps posts.

The WRs came from around the nation from varied backgrounds, and for a variety of reasons, and they served in



many different ways at posts and stations of the Corps. In San Diego they worked in the message center, the film library, in administration, separations section, payroll and the recruit classification sections. They ran the PX, served in the motor pool as drivers and mechanics, in the Public Affairs Office, the Quartermaster’s Department, as base education and recreation officers, and even as the secretary for the exclusively male Sea School, and as secretary in the base brig.

While they worked with male Marines all day their lives were otherwise fairly segregated. Many of the WW II veterans have stated that they were largely welcomed by the male Marines, although one told me at convention that when she was snapping in at her new job the male Marine she was replacing muttered, “Nobody asked me if I wanted to be freed to fight.”

On base the women had their own chow hall, and a separate woman’s only section in the theater. Downtown San Diego featured a Servicewoman’s USO and a Transit Hotel for Servicewomen. The WRs wrote their own columns in the base paper, the Chevron, originally called ‘Skirtin the Base’, then ‘Wom-

en’s Reserve – Views and News’, and later as ‘Nobbin with Natalie’. They organized sports teams, winning the 11th Naval District Softball Championships in 1944 and 1945, as well as fielding a team in the Service Women’s League for Basketball. They organized a bowling team, shooting team, a chorus, and a 50-woman fancy drill platoon.

The WRs were managed as a separate command directly supervised by woman officers, but provided augmentation to other existing organizational structures aboard the MCB, and by December of 1943 there were enough WRs on MCB to justify the activation of the WR Battalion (WRBN). The WRBN was initially commanded by an experienced male officer, Major Troy Nelson with Second Lt Dorothy Miller as his executive officer. Second Lt Miller was promoted to 1st Lt in February 1944, and the next month relieved Major Nelson and became the Battalion Commander. She was promoted to captain and then Major in June of 1945, and she remained the battalion commander until she was released from active duty during the demobilization in April of 1946. Women came into the MCB commands and contributed to the base mission. Over time, the WR contributions changed attitudes; the best known example of this transformation of attitudes came from the top, the Commandant of the Marine Corps. In a simple statement General Holcomb spoke volumes: *“Like most Marines, when the matter first came up, I didn’t believe women could serve any useful purpose in the Marine Corps . . . Since then, I’ve changed my mind.”*

When the war ended, demobilization was both welcomed and regretted, as women of the Marine Corps Women’s Reserve changed back to civvies and went home to resume their lives. The story of the Women’s Reserve Battalion of Marine Base, San Diego during the Second World War was not well known, even among Marines.

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As the base took on a new look, and a new name - The Marine Corps Recruit Depot - the stories of the women of 1943 were put away, only resurrected on the annual birthday celebration in February, or when a visitor was looking for the old WM barracks. The ladies of the greatest generation earned the title Marine, did what needed to be done, and quietly faded into the wave of demobilization after the war's end.

Women arrived back on base as mobilized reserve members during the Korean War and eventually as regulars in the Corps. The female barracks was closed and eventually, like most of the wooden structures on base, torn down. Change is inevitable, and often for large institutions like the Marine Corps, a good thing. What is not so

good is forgetting the past. The Women of WW II left a legacy which is not women's history, or women Marine history, but MARINE CORPS HISTORY. We who wear, or have worn, Marine Green all owe them a debt of gratitude, and they will not be forgotten.



The MCRD Museum team decided to resurrect the story of the women of 1943 in order to fix their place in Marine Corps Recruit Depot history. The new permanent exhibit tells the story of the base and is called the Marine Corps Women Reserve 1943-1946. It features the photographs and uniforms of the era, and the text tells the story of that stalwart group of pioneers. The display has an open metal locker with uniforms ready for inspection. A mannequin in pin stripe green

borrowed from the National Museum of the Marine Corps stands by for review. A case contains ration cards, gloves, a hand bag, coin purse and mirror, a hat box and several different female covers of the era. Recruiting posters adorn the walls, and a large collage of photographs of the base, and the women who served on the base from 1943-1946, is prominently displayed.

One special feature of the exhibit is the "Scuttlebutt Wall." This wall is blank; it is waiting for the rest of the women of 1943 to add their photographs, and become part of "herstory."

*Submitted by Carl F. Huenefeld II, Colonel, USMC(Ret) and Barbara McCurtis*



## 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.

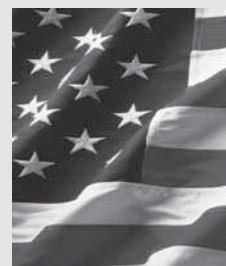
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Detwiler, Sandra	09/02/16	CA	#1939
Elliott, Lois (Kunkel)	10/15/15	OR-1	#2179
Franco, Gloria (Gunderson)	08/25/16	NY-3	#122
Geiling, Mary (Stowell)	10/28/16	WA	#1541
Gibbs, Eleanor (Marshall)	9/5/16	TX-2	#1645
Gustafson, Eleanor (Clark)	5/1/16	KS	#1660
Harrison, Veronica (Smith)	10/18/16	IL-2	#1234
Hiter, Rita	6/6/16	NY	#197
Hubach, Cornelia (Hope)	07/13/16	CA-6	#488
Klatt, Elizabeth	09/02/16	CT	#1422
LeBlond, Louise (Callander)	10/15/16	NY	#1252
Leggat, Klarys (Paxton)	12/19/15	MI-2	#1942
Manson, Carol	3/11/16	WI-1	#1683
Reeves, Claudia (Montgomery)	08/25/16	KY-1	#2611
Rieveley, Anne (Meyer)	11/30/13	MA-1	#2907
Smith, Ursula (Marley)	6/14/16	KS	#2378
Thyrring, Lucille (Longo)	10/20/16	CA-3&6	#3165
Trestler, Phyllis (Blichfeldt)	6/26/16	MI	#2202
Valentine, Alice (Greene)	6/8/16	MI	#2281
Walker, Rebecca (Depper)	9/25/16	AD-8	#3587
Woodcock, Helen (Ehrlinger)	6/27/16	NY	#1013

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### Term Members

Higgins, Clare (Shillue)	10/5/16	MA-1
Kellerhals, Clara (Foxworthy)	7/19/15	IL
Lewis, Betty (Hildebran)	8/25/16	GA
Newtown, Clara (Greene)	5/13/16	KY
Thomas, Veroniva (Gersch)	10/3/16	OH-2



## Chaplain's Corner:

It is so heartwarming to see on social media that many chapters have begun projects to help the less fortunate this holiday season. However, that need for many of our veterans is year round. I hope all the chapters who have ongoing projects submit information about them to 'Nouncements.

*"The holiest of holidays are those kept by ourselves in silence and apart; The secret anniversaries of the heart."*

- HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

*Eileen Skahill,  
WMA Chaplain*



# Join or Renew Your Membership Today!

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Current Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Date of Birth:

Home Phone:

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SSN:

### ALTERNATE ADDRESS INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

E-mail:

Reason for Alternate:

Start Date:

Stop Date:

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of a relative not residing with you:

Address:

Phone:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Relationship:

### SPOUSE INFORMATION

Name:

Date of Birth:

E-mail:

Phone:

### MILITARY INFORMATION

When Served:

Name (s) Served Under:

Maiden Name:

Plt. and Series:

MOS:

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The Resource and Member Directory (RMD) will be sent in CD format. If you prefer another format please check below.

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**One only**

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### SIGNATURE AND VERIFICATION

By my signature, I verify that all information contained within is correct and that I am eligible to apply having served or honorably serving in the United States Marine Corps.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

Fill in application, print and mail with payment to:  
Women Marines Association • P.O. Box 377  
Oaks, PA 19456-0377



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# Giving: 'Tis the Season!

When thinking about giving and doing for others especially at this time of year, please consider including WMA in those thoughts. There are many easy ways to help WMA and others at the same time.

Sign up with Amazon Smile and name WMA as your charity of choice, and recommend your family and friends do the same. Then when you buy gifts from Amazon (through the Amazon Smile link), WMA will get a small donation from Amazon based on all you buy from them. It doesn't cost you any more and WMA benefits.

Also, please remember to help honor our fallen heroes through the Wreaths Across America program (<http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>). Since implementing this program within WMA we have received almost \$1,000 while showing the feelings of a grateful nation in veterans' cemeteries across the US. Any order with the code MI0040P will help the our association with the great work we do. Again, friends and family can benefit WMA as well through these wreath purchases.

In another example of small things adding up to big things, I encourage you to consider the I PLEDGE program. There's nothing very formal about it. You just personally pledge to send to WMA a specific dollar amount every month -- \$5 or \$50 or more. You can terminate it any time. It really does add up. And if you ask your bank to send it automatically every month to our PO Box address, (on the last page of this newsletter) you'll likely not even miss it.

If you already have a pledge coming to WMA monthly, consider increasing it.

All donations can be made "in honor of" or "in memory of" individuals. You can also remember WMA in your estate planning. For more information, please contact me.

There are also a couple of things you can do that don't require any money out of your pocket. Just sign up for digital copies of our newsletter and of the Resource Manual and Directory (RM&D). These are the two biggest items in our budget. If we could avoid printing and postage costs, that would help us put our limited funds to use in other areas like the Matching Funds and Grants Program. Also, we're trying to make the year 2018, the 100th anniversary of women serving in the USMC, a very special year. But even small projects require money.

Many of you help WMA by volunteering and helping others -- some of which are documented elsewhere in this newsletter. We thank all of you for all you do for WMA and for others!

Your board is very careful with your money and always examining expenses very carefully. Our most important expenditures are to support our members and veterans, while also honoring our past and preparing for our future.

Any help you can provide will be recognized in 'Nouncements, the RM&D, and the Convention Program book.

**Carol A. Mutter, Past National President  
and Chair Ways and Means Committee**  
[Carol.Mutter@womenmarines.org](mailto:Carol.Mutter@womenmarines.org)

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## From the Loyal Escorts: Winter is Coming!



The year 2016 is coming to an end. According to the Farmer's Almanac, we'll be seeing a cold and snowy winter (at least in Michigan.) Unlike last year, for many of our Michiganders snow should fall, and won't necessarily disappear very quickly, which is great for my snow blower I bought last year and only used twice.

Leadership isn't always easy. In a position of leadership, you have to leave your bias aside and evaluate what is best for the organizations you associate with. Personally, I find this difficult at times. There are people I work with that I don't necessarily dislike, but have difficulties working with. Luckily for me, my life experiences have taught me that even when you don't like a person's personal-

ity, that doesn't mean you can't work towards a common goal. This might sound easier than it sounds, but we do it every day, and it's important to do what is best for everyone involved.

That being said, starting in 2017, members whose e-mail addresses are registered in the Loyal Escorts membership database, and who receive the paper copy of 'Nouncements, will begin to receive the electronic copy of 'Nouncements. During 2017, we will be attempting to contact members who do not have an e-mail addresses, and convert them to electronic 'Nouncements recipients. There will be exceptions made for existing members. You are welcome to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

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Christmas is almost here, and this is a time for thinking of others. While it's easy to think of family, I would like to suggest that you think of others outside of your friends and family circle. Volunteer at a VA hospital, stop and talk to a homeless person and offer them a free dinner, or maybe pay for the groceries for the lady with four kids who realized she went over budget after getting to the checkout Isle at the grocery store. Whatever it might be, pay it forward. It's a time of giving, without reciprocation. At least, that is

what I would suggest you try to do outside any food drives, toy drives, or other organized donation recipient program. Spread the holiday cheer. Happy Holidays to you and yours. I look forward to a new year, and a new start.

*Michael E. Pearce, President*  
*Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter*  
*president@loyalescorts.org*

## Application for membership in Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

### The Auxiliary of the Women Marines Association

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Current address:			
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
Email:			
New	Renew	Reinstated	Life (Sponsor must be Life member)
SSN# (last 4 digits only)			
<b>2 yr \$30   Life   40 and under - \$180   41-45 - \$150   46-60 - \$130   61-70 - \$105   71-80 - \$80   81+ \$55</b>			
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WMA Sponsor Name:		Recruited by:	
Chapter Affiliation:			
Do you live with sponsor?   Y   N      Sponsor Life Member # if applicable			
<b>EMERGENCY CONTACT</b>			
Name of a relative <b>not</b> residing with you:			
Address:		Phone:	
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
Relationship:			
<b>SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE</b>			
Name:			
Date of birth:	Email:	Phone:	
<b>SERVICE INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE</b>			
Dates of Service			
Branch:		How long?	
MOS	Duty Stations:		
<b>ABOUT MYSELF</b>			
How did you hear about the Loyal Escorts?		Recruited By:	
<b>SIGNATURE</b>			
Signature of member: _____ Date: _____			
<i>Make checks payable to <b>Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter</b> Mail to: Michael Pearce, 1645 E. Madge Ave., Hazel Park, MI 48030</i>			



# Updates From the Area Directors

## Area 1 News

It has been a very busy few months in Area 1 since the 2016 convention, as we spent a lot of time preparing for the Inaugural Connecticut Veterans Day Patriot Race that was held in November. WMA co-hosted the event with the American Legion, the VFW, and the DAV. When all is said and done, you can be sure that many will know the women Marines have landed in Area 1. The marketing blitz with hard copy brochures and social media, press releases and a live radio interview has promoted not just the race event, but the Women Marines Association. Some of the other veteran organizations were not aware of our existence in this area until now. All good news!



**Jamie De Paola and Parisa Feathersen with MCJROTC cadets from Reading, PA**

In September, I was invited to participate in a panel discussion at the Hartford Stage to discuss what it means to be a woman in the military. On behalf of my sister Marines, I joined two other panel-

ists who were from the CT Army National Guard and the U.S. Army. This panel was hosted by the playwright of "Queens for a Year," T. D. Mitchell (writer from the TV show "Army Wives"). The play received great reviews, and follows five generations of women Marines, so it only seemed fitting that a Marine be on this panel discussion. It was quite the experience!

A few weeks later, I was asked to support the Modern Day Marine 2016 Expo in Quantico and I was fortunate to work with the impressive VA-1 Chapter team on the first of the three-day Expo. It was an honor to work with Area 2 and witness, firsthand, their commitment to the annual MDM.

I learned that Area 3 and 10 also participate in the MDMs at Camp Lejeune and Camp Pendleton, respectively, each year. I gained tremendous respect and admiration for their

commitment to work these long days each year at the MDM Expos. (OOHRAH Ladies from Area 1!) We met many active duty Marines, many Marine Corps League members (MCL is the host of these annual Expos), some MCJROTC cadets, and quite a few civilians; and we communicated to all of them about the WMA and about our centennial celebration in 2018. Most of them were not aware of the WMA nor about the 100th anniversary in two years. This proved to be a successful investment to promote our organization. We especially focused on meeting the women Marines and thanking them for their service. It was a proud day for us to be in the presence of these amazing Marines!

Another favorite Area 1 quote: *"We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided."* ~ J.K. Rowling

**Jamie DePaola, AD1@womenmarines.org**

## Area 10 News

Greetings Lady Leathernecks

As the Area 10 Director, I am on my journey to visit the chapters in my region. I enjoy visiting with each chapter to find out how they are doing and what I can do to help.

My first stop was with Chapter CA-15 San Fernando Valley. We enjoyed a wonderful Chinese luncheon and the chapter officers shared what they do for their community. They had a new member who joined them. They are growing, one Marine at a time.

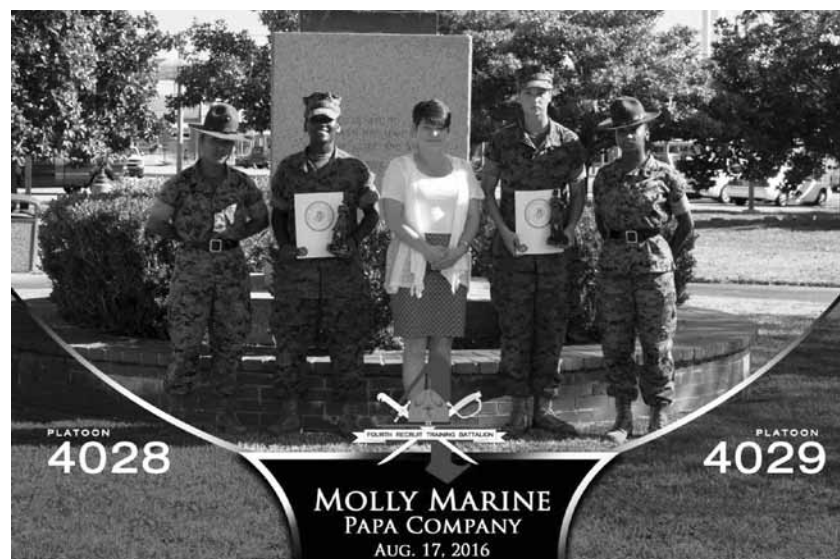
Marines living in Hawaii have been contacted and are still working to form and reactivate a chapter in Hawaii. "HI-1" is in the near future.

Chapters are being reminded to save their pennies so that they can plan on joining WMA at the bi-annual conference in Washington, D.C for the 100 year celebration for women Marines.

I would like to see at least one member from each chapter come out and represent their chapter. I will keep you posted on further information on the conference.

Semper Fidelis,

**Soledad Kennedy, AD10@womenmarines.org**



## Molly Marine Award Recipients

**17 August, 2016 - Platoon 4028:**  
**Senior Drill Instructor: SSgt White**  
**Molly Marine Award Recipient:**  
**Pfc Chamcera Boggs**

**Platoon 4029:**  
**Senior Drill Instructor: Sgt Curry**  
**Molly Marine Award Recipient:**  
**Pfc Kristen Sitek**  
**Guest Speaker: Mrs. Serenity Button**

# Personal Affairs: Take Time for Yourself

I recently experienced a very difficult situation that made me re-commit to prioritizing the really important things in my life, to include getting my personal affairs in order.

The adult daughter of a very good friend was murdered in her home in the morning – in broad daylight! Fortunately her children weren't there at the time. But what a reminder that life is short and we need to make the most of every day! She was 39 years old and this came out of nowhere.

We know that we can die anytime -- on the highway (none of you text while driving, do you?), or as a result of any one of a number of situations.

But it won't happen to us, right?! I know Vickie felt the same way. She had big plans.

It's sometimes hard to discuss, but you and your family MUST discuss estate planning.

Make a will or set up a trust. Assign someone you trust as your Power of Attorney; I know you had to do this in the Marine Corps before you deployed, but it's still important now.

Get legal assistance and make this happen. Don't put it off. It's important to your family! And to your peace of mind! And we all hope that it won't be put to the test any time soon.

You also have to commit to review the paperwork every couple of years, or when your situation changes (children, spouse, etc).

Best wishes to all for a wonderful holiday season and a safe and happy 2017!

**Carol A. Mutter**

**WMA Past National President**

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Wreaths Across America





# CPL JUANITA BAKER: MEMORIES AND HONORS

In September 2015, I was one of 50 World War II veterans who traveled on the Oregon Honor Flight from Portland, Oregon to Washington, D.C. to see the World War II Memorial. I was the only woman veteran in the group.

The trip was made possible by the non-profit Honor Flight Foundation. To qualify, veterans had to have served in the U.S. military from Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946, and had to have not yet visited the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Upon arrival in Washington, D.C. we were greeted by dozens of patriotically dressed school children formed in a double line and waving flags. We were wheeled through to the accompaniment of military service hymns and the clapping of people in the airport.

The year 2015 marked 70 years since the end of World War II, and we noticed a big difference between wartime Washington, D.C. years ago, and the way it is today. During WWII, Washington D.C. was wide open and



**Juanita Price being interviewed at PDX prior to departure by KPTV, Portland, Oregon.**

welcoming - especially to people in uniform. Today, it has tight security with frequent requests for photo ID, and the presence of FBI agents in public crowds.

Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel in Arlington became our "home" for three nights and two lovely evening dinners. Daytimes we were on two air-conditioned Dillon busses into Washington, D.C. for sightseeing.

In the Sheraton lobby on the first evening there, a group of young women came up to me and asked about my

husband. When they found out that I was the one who was the veteran, the questions began.

Another women Marine in the lobby who had served 21 years joined our conversation, and after she and I shared our stories, the younger generation decided that we had started the women's movement.

The first monument we visited was the 7.4 acre World War II Memorial which surrounds the Rainbow Pool on the Mall. It offers an unobstructed view halfway between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.

We went into the Pacific Theatre Pavilion on the south side of the pool and gazed across to the Atlantic. Columns radiate from the pavilions. Each represent a state or territory's military effort in the war.

Most stunning is the Freedom Wall. Each of the 4048 bronze gold stars represents 100 Americans who died or remain missing during the war.

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**Oregon Marine Veterans and guardians at WWII Memorial, Juanita Price in center.**



**Pacific Theatre Pavilion of WWII Memorial. With guardian Janet Bowler.**

**Presentation of US Flag and Congressional Record of 18 September 2015 to veteran Juanita Price.**





**Female students from private school listened to Juanita.**

Before leaving the World War II memorial, each veteran was photographed being presented by our guardians with an American flag flown over the U.S. Capitol, and a certificate of tribute printed that day in the Congressional Record detailing the name and military service of our 50 Oregon Honor Flight veterans.

At the U.S. Capitol and the Congressional meeting room we had photo opportunities with our Oregon politicians.

We were warmly greeted and thanked by Sen. Ron Wyden, Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, Rep. Greg Walden, Rep. Peter Defazio, and Rep. Kurt Schrader. I was photographed with Rep. Earl Blumenauer. Sen. Jeff Merkley had arranged a U.S. Capitol tour in the North Theatre of the building. A guide/narrator led us through the tour.

We felt at home as we looked up into the dome in its remodeling shroud. Among all the stairways and winding hallways, the crypt room holds the Compass Stone as the center of the city, at the time the Capitol was built.

Leaving the Capitol, we stopped at the U.S. Navy Memorial on Pennsylvania N.W.

At the Lincoln Memorial our Oregon Honor Flight group gathered below the statue, and tourists crowded together to watch as we sang "God Bless America" acappella -- a touching moment. I offered a flag to a tiny Japanese girl, to her parents' delight.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall is arranged by each year of the war. The wall panels list soldiers' deaths in order of occurrence. As the war years went on, the panels became larger to list all the casualties, so the monument path declines to accommodate them, then rises to ground level at war's end.

We met a Vietnam veteran there who would not accept thanks for his service. "I'm no hero," he said, but did hug and thank one of our WWII veterans for his compassion. A woman stood on a ladder to make a rubbing of her veteran's name. Photos were taken of men facing a comrade's name and saluting.

It took four decades to build, but the Korean War Veterans Monument is the most original and effective.

In a triangular field of scrubby juniper bushes, 19 stainless steel statues depict a squad with tired, worn faces on patrol wearing windblown ponchos and helmets. Here are true GI's. This is what a ground war is all about.

A granite curb lists the 22 countries of the United Nations that sent troops or medical support in defense of South Korea.

The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial expands into five concrete rooms. It contains a prologue of his early life, and commemorates four terms as president of the United States. Quotations from his speeches are carved into the walls. I found his most famous "Four Freedoms" speech of 1941. The statue of Eleanor Roosevelt is a lovely tribute.

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**An Iran/Afghan War amputee veteran meets WWII veteran Juanita Price at base of the Lincoln Memorial.**



**Maj Beatrice Hood Stroup quote: "This isn't just my brother's country, or my husband's country, it's my country as well. And so the war wasn't just their war, it was my war and I needed to serve in it."**



From the FDR Memorial we wandered down to the Potomac River. I exchanged my wheelchair for a walker, and Janet Bowler and I walked the Potomac Riverwalk. On the river bank is the Martin Luther King, jr. Memorial.

The U.S. Air Force Memorial, with a view of the Washington Monument and the Capitol, gives a timeline from the early history of the Air Force to the integration of all U.S. Air Forces in 1948. It's composed of three soaring metal blades representing vapor trails in the sky.

The U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial of five Marines and a Navy corpsman raising the American flag atop Mount Suribachi tells its own familiar story. A full scale replica of the Iwo Jima statue, stored in a warehouse on the Quantico base, was brought out during the WWII for war bond parades and special occasions. My photo of it was published in the 2006 WMA calendar.

Finally we approached the gate of Arlington Cemetery, chosen as the site of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial. Commonly known as WIMSA, founded in 1987, it contains a data base to be searched for names and photos of women registered here from the Revolutionary War forward. Since I am a charter member of WIMSA, the clerk found my registration and projected it on a huge screen in the foyer for our Oregon veterans group to see.

We then attended the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Four members of our Honor Flight placed a wreath to symbolize our visit. The guard on duty slowly marches 21 steps before about facing to retrace the 21 steps in front of the tomb. The 21 steps represent a 21 gun salute.

Anytime we found ourselves in a crowd of tourists, Janet Bowler would remind me, "Put on your cap, Juanita, you are a veteran."

One day during our trip, a group of sixth grade girls from a private school approached me with their teacher and asked for my story. I told them that during World War II I served at the Post Photographic Laboratory on the Marine Base at Quantico, VA, only 50 miles from Washington, D.C. I held a photographers rating in the USMC Women's Reserve, and our lab trained Marine combat photographers to send to the Pacific theatre. I did the quartermaster duty of keeping track of the photographic training gear such as cameras and cases, film and film packs, filters, bulbs, tripods. I also learned to repair cameras.

The flight home to Portland featured a familiar military ritual "mail call." We were each handed an envelope containing thank you cards made by Oregon grade school children. It was a nice going-home remembrance.

As we exited the gate at the Portland airport, military uniformed men stood at attention on our right and passengers gathered behind the rope to our left. Scottish bagpipers played as we wheeled through another gauntlet to the accompaniment of clapping and shouts of onlookers.

Two ladies who represented the Quilts of Valor Foundation approached and asked for a photo. They presented me with a beautiful quilt and a certificate. The quilt had a floral backing with a sewn-on placard identifying that it had been pieced and quilted by two women from LaGrande and Hermiston. The certificate read, "In gratitude from a grateful nation." It was the biggest surprise of my trip, and one of the nicest awards I've ever received in my entire life.

*Submitted by Juanita Baker Price*



The Korean War Memorial – "Freedom is not free."



Oregon Honor Flight Marine veterans at Iwo Jima Statue, USMC Memorial, Juanita Price at far right



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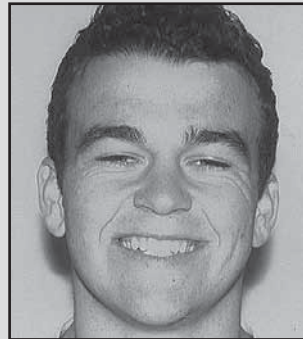
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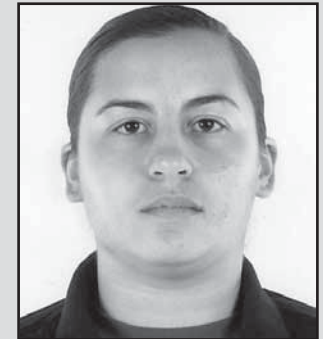
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Emily Corwin (ROTC)  
Sponsor: Carmen Cloe  
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# 2016 WMA MCJROTC Award Recipients



A. Crawford Mosley High School,  
Lynn Haven, FL. 30 Apr 16.  
Presenter: Wendy Avery, MAL  
Recipient: Penelope Swanson



A. Crawford Mosley High School,  
Lynn Haven, FL. 30 Apr 16.  
Presenter: Wendy Avery, MAL  
Recipient: Sade Hernandez



Desert Hot Springs High School,  
Desert Hot Springs, CA.  
Presenters: Elaine Bowden  
and Nichelle Webb, CA-29  
Recipient: Anissa Madrid



Jean Ribault Sr High School,  
Jacksonville, FL 18 May 2016.  
Presenters: Vanessa Tave,  
Bernie Kelpec, Sharon Russell,  
Arddy Farrell, FL-7  
Recipient: Elisah McDonald



Casa Grande Union High School,  
Casa Grande AZ 20 Apr 2016.  
Presenter: Kim Skelton, MAL  
Recipient: Angelique Coronado



Ray High School,  
Kearney, AZ. 21 April 2016  
Presenter: Kimberly Skelton  
Recipient: Emaleyna Alvarado  
(This was the last year for  
their program).



J. O. Johnson High School,  
Huntsville, AL 20 Apr 2016.  
Presenter: Theresa Yankey, AL-1  
Recipient: Michelle Sandoval



Daniel Boone High School,  
Gray, TN 6 May 2016.  
Presenter: Ann Larson, MAL  
Recipient: Sylva Baldacci

Battery Creek High School, Beaufort, SC.  
13 May 2016  
Presenter: Sgt Maj Angela Maness, NC-2  
Recipient: Grace Munford.



Ray High School,  
Kearney, AZ. 21 April 2016  
Presenter: Kimberly Skelton  
Recipient: Alycia Ballajio Estrada  
(This was the last year for  
their program).



James Pace High School,  
Brownsville, TX 19 May 2016.  
Presenter: Erica Ramirez, Dean of Instruction  
Recipient: Samantha Godines



Tuba City High School,  
Tuba City AZ. 13 May 2016.  
Presenter: Cadet Captain Tracee Lomatuway'ma  
Recipient: Cheryl Yazzie

Kellogg High School,  
Kellogg, ID 5 May 2016  
Presenter: SgtMaj Jeffrey Smith  
Recipient: Sarah Risley



El Camino High School,  
Oceanside, CA 5 May 2016  
Presenter: Carla Jessup, CA-7  
Recipient: Kimberly Gonzalez



Garfield High School,  
Woodbridge, VA 28 Apr 2016  
Presenter: Parisa Fetherson, VA-1  
Recipient: Rose Shahid



Jeffersontown High School,  
Jeffersontown, KY. 21 Apr 2016  
Presenter: Mary Broussard, KY-1  
Recipient: Mary Taylor



Lejeune High School,  
Camp Lejeune, NC. 27 May 2016  
Presenters: Shirley John, June Mills, NC-1  
Recipient: April Pellicore



Lake Region High School,  
Eagle Lake, FL. 21 Apr 2016  
Presenter: Ceel Kenny,  
WWII MAL  
Recipient: Vanessa Ayala



Ruskin High School,  
Kansas City, MO 8 May 2016  
Presenter: Yvette Clifford,  
president of MO KAN 2  
Recipient: Crinesha Palmer



George Butler High School,  
Augusta, GA 26 Apr 2016  
Presenter: Maria Lemus, SC-2  
Recipient: Tanasia Holley





Mountain Grove High School,  
Mountain Grove, MO 22 Apr 2016  
Presenter: Lt Col Sharon Long  
Recipient: Mackenzie Sloan



River Rouge High School,  
River Rouge, MI 19 May 16.  
Presenter: Betty Jean Cannon, MI-1  
Recipient: Alyssa Little



Rutland High School,  
Macon, GA 5 May 16  
Presenter: Pamela Davis, MAL  
Recipient: Mikeyla Clark



Round Rock High School,  
Round Rock, TX April 16.  
Presenter: Joan Miller,  
FRA Aux Past Regional President  
Recipient: Ayesha Gonzales



Mount Juliet High School,  
Mount Juliet TN 4 May 16  
Presenter: TN State Rep. Susan Lynn  
Recipient: Sabrina Dunn



Springfield High School,  
Springfield, OH 17 May 16  
Presenter: Capt Jason Schrage, SMI  
Recipient: Hailey Cydrus

Venice High School,  
Venice, FL 18 May 16  
Presenters: Irene Toth  
and Lori Howard, FL-6  
Recipient: Crista Brigham



Oceanside High School,  
Oceanside, CA 5 May 16  
Presenter: Carla Jessup, CA-7  
Recipient: Tabitha Anderson



Ponchatoula High School,  
Ponchatoula, LA 22 Apr 16  
Presenter: Nicole Bailey  
Recipient: Cristina Gomez-Resendiz



Ridgeland High School,  
Ridgeland, SC 25 May 16  
Presenter: Serenity Button, SC-1  
Recipient: Kayleigh Newnum



Johnson College Preparatory,  
Chicago, IL 3 Jun 16  
Presenter: Dr. Stacy Dixon, MAL  
Recipient: Ny'ashia Williams



Murrieta Valley High School,  
Murrieta, CA 23 April, 2016  
Presenter: Sybl Acree, CA-8  
Recipient: Alex Milligan



Fontana High School,  
Fontana, CA 4 May 2016  
Presenter: Ozell Barksdale, CA-8  
Recipient: Brittany Espinoza



Eisenhower High School,  
Rialto, CA 6 May 2016  
Presenter: Ozell Barksdale  
Recipients: Rosy Martinez and  
Jasmine Lara



Romona High School,  
Riverside, CA 20 May 2016  
Presenter: Ozell Barksdale  
Recipient: Diana Hernandez

Tahquitz High School,  
Hemet, CA 13 April 2016  
Presenters: Sybl Acree and  
Ozell Barksdale, CA-8  
Recipient: Alyssa Soto



North Davenport High School,  
Davenport, IA 13 May 2016  
Presenters: Florence Moellers  
and Terri Calhoon IA-1  
Recipient: Cadet Jamie Ultsch



Not Pictured/No Photo Available at Press Time:  
Shelby County High School, Shelbyville, KY 26 April 2016  
Presenters: Phoebe Riner and Susan Vogedes, KY-1  
Recipient: Emma Spurlock

## WMA Chapter Clippings

### CA-2 San Diego County



Left to right: Navy Veteran Kathy Bruyere, San Diego County WMA Vice President Angelique Murray and her Loyal Escort Dan Murray

On 20 August 2016 San Diego County Chapter celebrated the anniversary of their chapter charter.

The Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Women Veterans held a Women Veterans Town Hall Meeting on 23 September. Vice President Angelique Murray and Secretary Mikki Hurst attended the event.

Operation Dress Code is partnering with the California Department of Veterans Affairs, Courage to Call and American Legion Post 731, to bring The Dress Code Boutique to San Diego.

On Saturday, 15 October, donations of new and gently used professional clothing, shoes and accessories will be distributed to women veterans at The Dress Code Boutique, where they will receive a free and personalized shopping experience.



Sept 17: CA-2 members enjoyed a visit 17 September to the new permanent exhibit of WWII women Marine reserves at the MCRD Command Museum. Women Marines were stationed on MCRD San Diego from 1943 to 1946.

From left: Gail Hanna, Ruth Gallivan and Fran Styles.

### CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area



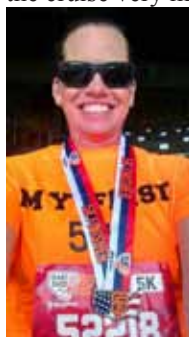
The Greater San Francisco Bay Area Chapter CA-3 held two of their monthly meetings during this time period. At the August meeting hosted by Loyal Escort Elaine Vallecillo-Miller, chapter members all congratulated Lily Brockmeier on her second place win for her History Book. Also, guest Linda Kleensasser from the VA Women's Center spoke to the group about the services offered for women at the VA. This year CA-3 awarded their yearly scholarship of \$500.00 to Brenda Phillips, the daughter of CA-3 Loyal Escort Patt Ellison. Congratulations to Brenda.

At the September meeting, hosted by Nancy Zaubrecher-Payne, CA-3 celebrated and recognized National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Kathy Wright shared a Shutterfly book she designed commemorating CA-3's participation in the 29th Biennial Women Marines Association Convention and Professional Development Conference held in Portland.



On 21 August 2016, CA-3 Vice President Kathleen Wright, CA-3 Loyal Escort Angie Fredekind and CA-3 Loyal Escort Vern Smith participated in a day of sailing around San Francisco Bay on one of only 2 active WWII Liberty Ships - the Jeremiah O'Brien. The ship

is located at Pier 39 and is open for tours daily. Every few months, the ship is taken out to tour all the bridges and facilities along San Francisco Bay to include the Golden Gate Bridge, the Bay Bridge, Alcatraz Island, and the ports of Alameda and San Francisco. It was a beautiful day and everyone enjoyed the cruise very much.



Sarah Rivera

On September 11th, CA-3 Loyal Escort and National Director Sarah Rivera participated in her first ever 5K run - the "Giants Race", held at ATT park.

Sarah was surrounded by tons of people, over 4000 to be exact, and actually raced right behind folks from the VA in Palo Alto who were running/walking for fallen officers and veterans. Sarah finished the race in a minute under an hour and then got to enjoy the ball park with her Mom, CA-3 member Barbara Nass, her son Joseph, and friend Richard.

CA-3 President Susan Johnston participated in 5 funerals/memorials services as a member of the American Legion Post 172 Honor Guard.

*Susan Johnston*



## CA-7 Edith Macias Vann So. California

The latter part of the summer season was filled with outings and preparations for upcoming events and activities.

In August, some of our chapter members, who are also members of Marine Corps League Detachment #21, participated in the detachment's "Fun Day at Petco Park" event in San Diego. The Padres lost, but it was a fun evening socializing with other members, family, and friends of the Veterans Association North County (VANC) family.

After the summer hiatus, the chapter got back to business in September by preparing for upcoming fall and winter activities and events that include participation in the Wreaths Across America and Toys for Tots programs. The chapter is also planning to team up with the Marine Corps League Detachment #21 to celebrate the Marine Corps birthday in a joint event on 12 Nov 2016. Member Jeanie Huebner stepped up to be our new Webmaster. She did a great job in refreshing our website, to include updating the merchandise section with the new merchandise that we offered at the WMA convention.

Members attended the opening of the World War II Marine Corps Women's Reserve Battalion Exhibit at MCRD San Diego's History Museum. They described it as a memorable experience and recommended it as a "must-see" exhibit. Some members also attended the 2016 MCAS Miramar Air Show. As usual, it was a hot September day, but enjoyable.



Left to right: Lillian "Lee" Tusa and San Diego County District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis.

In a recent awards ceremony, the San Diego County District Attorney, Bonnie Dumanis, recognized chapter member Lillian "Lee" Tusa for her many hours of volunteer work since 1998 in the District Attorney's Victim Assistance Program. Outstanding job Lee!!!

*Glynis Rates*

## CA-8 Palms to Pines

We were sorry to see Wanda Antoine leave as Editor of WMA 'Nouncements. She did a great job and was well appreciated. We missed her in Portland, but are looking forward to seeing her in Washington, D.C in 2018. Good luck on your new adventure Wanda! Welcome aboard, Corrina Martell.

Congratulations to our new board and Betty Moseley Brown for her third term as president. OOHRAH!



Johnnie Williams, Ozell Barksdale, Mary Eliseo, Sybl Acree, and Helen Page attended the 2016 convention in Portland. It was so much fun seeing old friends and making new ones. We drove and enjoyed the beauty of Oregon. MT. Shasta and Mt. St. Helen were both beautiful with snow on them. Wish we had more time.

Helen was re-elected National Secretary of the Loyal Escorts. Congratulations.

Our two big projects are "Toys for Tots" (which Johnnie will start shopping for soon) and "Wreath Across America".

President Williams' sister Regina McCall has been visiting from the Bahamas. She was still here when the storm hit Bahamas. She had property damage but her family was all safe. Thank the Lord, and we pray for all our other sisters that may have been in the path.

Ozell and I both have just finished reading the book, Women Vietnam Veterans. We got the book from WMA member Sandra Lynn Spatz (Wiszneuckas) at the convention. Neither of us knew we had women Marines serving in the Vietnam War. There was a lot of women there besides women Marines, Army, Navy and Air Force. You expect nurses, but not office people. My hat's off to them. This book is well worth reading.

We have changed our meeting time from 11:30a.m. to 10:00a.m. It's still the third Saturday. This will give everyone Saturday afternoons for other things. We hope it works out better.

Semper Fi,  
*Sybl Acree*

## CA-11 Central Coast

Greetings Lady Leathernecks,

Central Coast Women Marines are still thriving here on the gold coast of California. We have joined the ranks of our sisters making a stand to be noticed.

We joined up with our brothers in the Marine Corps League in support of the Santa Maria local Stand Down for veterans and homeless veterans. We enjoyed the camaraderie with our fellow Marines and know we help make a difference helping others. We continually search and interact with veterans trying to get the word out looking for women Marines who we know are among us.

The Marine Corps' 241st Birthday celebration preparation is underway and we hope to have a busy schedule in the month of November with items to sell to support the ball.





We have started to collect toys for Toys for Tots in the Santa Barbara County; it is going to be a great Holiday Season for everyone. We look forward to a productive and active chapter on the horizon for the future of WMA.

Semper Fidelis,  
*Soledad Kennedy*

## CA-15 San Fernando Valley



At our last meeting from left to right, (back row), Carolyn Agabon, President, Military Women Across The Nation; WMA Area 10 Director Soledad Kennedy, new member Marie Grandy, Beth Brown, and Joan Vitale, CA-15 President. Seated at left is Nonie Lann, Secretary/Treasurer, and Louise Brown.

It's been too long since our last chapter clipping.

CA-15 activities have continued in the interim. We're proud to say that we have a thank-you from the VA for gifts totaling \$2,500.00, and we have also contributed to the support of Canine Companions and Fisher House.

*Joan Vitale*

## KY-1 Winning Colors

The ladies from KY-1 Winning Colors had a great time at the Robley Rex VA Medical Center's annual Women Veteran's Conference in September. We had 4 of our chapter members there and met 5 more Marines that we hope to bring into WMA and our chapter. We are working on projects for a craft show held at Seneca High School, this helps support their MCJROTC and the funds from sales are used to support our local veteran projects.



We would like to congratulate our vice president, Mary Broussard, and her husband, Al. They were inducted into the 2016 Kentucky Veteran Hall of Fame on 17 September and introduced to Governor Matt Bevin.

As we gear up to November 10th and our local celebrations we would like to wish all Marines a "Happy 241st. Marine Corps Birthday! Semper Fi!

*Brenda Moore*

## LA-1 Molly Marine

On 20 August, several members made a trip to Denham Springs, LA to help a "Marine in need", our very own Cheryl Ellis. East Baton Rouge and Livingston Parishes were hit hard with severe flooding that displaced several thousand citizens who lost everything. Thanks to LA-1 members taking the time to lend a hand, Cheryl was able to remove damaged carpet, furniture, etc., before mold became uncontrollable. Members that volunteered their time and worked extremely hard in the smoldering heat were Patricia Huttinger, Jack Huttinger (LE), Deloris Romero, Felix Romero (LE) and Chase Romero (Deloris' son). Other members helping Marines in the area were Sylvia Silva and Nicole Bailey. Members commented on how surreal everything seemed, and were amazed at all the destruction; pictures did not do justice showing the devastation surrounding the area and hardship facing the people. LA-1 members felt they were able to provide some relief and plan to continue to volunteer wherever needed.

The Marine Corps Reserve Centennial Leadership Dinner was held on 26 August at the WWII Museum in New Orleans, celebrating 100 years of the Marine Corps Reserve. Several former Marine Forces Reserve Commanders were in attendance, along with Marines that traveled miles to observe the celebration.



The guest speaker was Lieutenant General Rex McMillian, Commander Marine Forces Reserve. Members enjoying this special occasion were Brigadier General Helen Pratt, Sheri Hummer, Patricia Huttinger (Area 6 Director), Jack Huttinger (LE), April Austin-Bell, Georgia Hildebrandt, Dalia Robles, Pat Hackbarth, William LaPratt (LE) and Melanie Young. Members in the photo are Georgia, Dalia, Pat, Melanie, Sheri, April and Patricia.

On 28 August, 5 members and 1 Loyal Escort traveled to Denham Springs, LA to continue the much needed work of cleaning up the ruins made by the flood that occurred mid-August. Cheryl and Matt Ellis were grateful for LA-1 and their work to diligently to remove mold damaged items and dry wall from her son's residence. Members devoting their time helping "one of our own" were Patti Huttinger, Sylvia Silva, Jennifer Koon-Fink, Dalia Robles, Hector Robles and the Robles children.

Visitation Committee members decided to meet with Frances Hoffman and Tommy Merrick on 29 August at Piccadilly's restaurant for dinner. Frances is our eldest member, 93 years old. Once a month, the committee pays her a visit by joining her for dinner at her favorite restaurant! Visiting with Frances and Tommy were April Austin-Bell and Melanie Young.

The first meeting, following the 2016 conference, was on 17 September at El Paso Mexican Restaurant in Gretna, LA. Patricia Huttinger, Area 6 Director, installed newly elected officers during the meeting. The ceremony was one of the most inspirational ones witnessed by LA-1 members. Installed were Melanie Young (President), Dalia Robles (Vice President) and Deloris Romero (Secretary). Several new members were in attendance; an awesome turnout!

On 1 October, several members attended a "Pink Prom" fundraiser for breast cancer awareness. "Krewe de Pink", an organization that recognizes breast cancer awareness each year, hosted the exciting event. Entertainment was provided by the "Top Cats", a popular New Orleans band. There was a silent auction and several door prizes.

A prom king and queen were also crowned. Members attending the prom were Patricia Huttinger, Jack Huttinger (LE), Deloris Romero, Felix Romero (LE), Pat Hackbarth, Karl Hackbarth, Melanie Young, William LaPratt, Jennifer Koon-Fink and Cpl Shereka Slater.

The weekend of 7-10 October was very rewarding. A few members of the Women Marines Association decided to travel to Arlington, TN to pay Annie Grimes (90 yrs old) a visit. She made history, during 1950-1970, as the first African American female to become an Officer in the Marine Corps.

Ms. Grimes wasn't able to attend the 2016 conference in Portland, OR, due to the cancellation of her flight.

In the spirit of "taking care of one of our own", we chose to deliver the lovely red conference bag, along with all of the giveaways, souvenirs, memorial service book, journal, etc., inside. We took her to a "Sip and Paint" outing on Saturday, attended Sunday

school and church Sunday morning, and took her to a theatrical play Sunday evening. The visit made her weekend! WMA members visiting with Annie Grimes were Sylvia Riley (MI-2), Tashal Williams (LA-1) and Melanie Young (LA-1).

*Melanie L. Young*

## MA-1 Baystate

"If we can't be there, we will make our own fun!" This was the theme of the BayState MA-1 Chapter's summer gathering.

In July, members of our chapter decided to celebrate the WMA Convention in style by holding our own "mini convention". Kay Carpenter, past president and now secretary of the chapter, brought



**Members from OH and West Michigan came in the night before the meeting and many of us met that night for dinner.**

in the chapter scrapbooks which held many memories and won multiple awards, to share with the group.

As we looked through the books, memories and stories started marching in!! We told stories from past conventions, shared photos, broke out in song a few times and shared information about some current convention and WMA happenings. Many of our ladies find it difficult to travel, so we decided to celebrate the during same weekend and think of all our sisters afar!



**Selfie style photo with Heidi Hurley, Chapter President, "SMILE!"**

In September our chapter members took a tour of the Toys for Tots facility

in Boston's Fan Pier District in preparation for the upcoming season. Toys were stacked in bins and boxes ceiling high! Our chapter, (especially these ladies,) have been dedicated to the Toys for Tots cause, and running the show for many, many years. Toys for Tots season officially starts in the middle of October.

After the tour, we had a wonderful lunch in South Boston. Missing from the photo (because she has the camera) is chapter president, Heidi Hurley. Semper Fi and HELLO to ALL!

*Heidi Hurley*



**Pat Morrisette, Kay Carpenter, Barbara Signoroni and Connie Libardoni getting ready to support another active holiday season for "Toys for Tots."**



## MI-1 Motor City



**Dinner at The Christmas Station included members from all over Michigan, and a few from Ohio, who came together to share chapter experiences and ideas for continued growth.**

As always our chapter has been busy since the 2016 convention. We want to keep the Broe award mentality for the next 2 years. We strive to do the best that we can for our chapter, for our members and those that we serve both active duty and veterans.

We have a great meeting in Frankenmuth uniting our two chapters and getting a running start on our next chapter in Michigan. We had a great turnout despite a surprise race in town that did make a few members just a bit late. Many came on Saturday night and enjoyed our Bavarian small town famous for its chicken. Our Area Director Tes Tesmer was in attendance as well with her great energy.



**Members gathering for dinner with our Area Director Tes Tesmer in Frankenmuth.**

Many of us met Saturday and enjoyed a great dinner at a little restaurant on the outskirts of town called The Christmas Station. Family owned and run, it had to be the best food we have gotten in ages- from the perfectly plated salad to the wienerschnitzel to the mashed potatoes that were proclaimed the best ever. We shared laughs along with boot camp stories.

Coming up we have our Troop Packing party in November with hopes of packing at least 500 boxes. We have already raised the \$7k for the postage. This packing will include all of the Christmas stockings that are handmade by our local sewing group.

One of our other donors have already sent 3 big boxes of socks and shirts. We then follow up the next day, going to see our veterans at the VA Hospital and serving them coffee, donuts and special treats for them all.

Mi-2 is growing and loves seeing other chapters starting up in MI. First we had MI-3 on the west side of MI and now we will have MI-4 in the Bay City/Saginaw area.

We hope to continue to see Michigan grow.

**Mary Ann Merritt**

## MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks

Chapter President Michelle Livingston attended the Marine Corps Coordinating Council meeting on 13 September. In October information was received on activities involving Marines throughout the State of Minnesota and the Metro Area, including upcoming Marine Corps Balls and Medal of Honor Convention. It is our hope to continue to reach out to other Marine organizations in order to spread the word about WMA and the Minnesota Leathernecks Chapter. Michelle also attended the Toys for Tots meeting on 6 October and will bring the chapter up to date on how members can effectively participate.

On 17 September, chapter members Julie Williams, Michelle Livingston, and Vicki Latiolais traveled to Rochester, Minnesota to attend the Salute to Women Veterans sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs Women Veterans Program. The event was held at the Quarry Hill Nature Center and led by Courtney Amundson with Mindful Restoration, LLC and Ashley Laganieri, Minnesota Women Veterans Coordinator. Attendees were instructed on how they could redirect their attention and awareness while engaging in outdoor activities, and enjoyed a hike through the Nature Center.

Linda Munson, Michelle Livingston, and Vicki Latiolais attended the Metro Marines Dinner on 29 September to hear more about the Toys for Tots Program in the Twin Cities Metro Area. Volunteers will be needed for both the warehouse and at the KARE11 tent. In 2014, the Twin Cities were second in the nation for toy collection and placed third in the nation in 2015.

The Twin Cities hosted the Medal of Honor Society Convention 4-8 October. The opening ceremony was held at the U.S. Bank Stadium and open to the public.



**Elizabeth "Liz" Whitbeck and her treasured WMA scarf.**

The Women Veterans of Minnesota hosted their fall luncheon at the Charles Knaeble VFW Post #494 in Crystal on 8 October honoring Korean women veterans, including MN-1 Chapter member Mary McGee (now living in PA). The luncheon featured guest speaker Helen Pearlman, Nurse Executive at the Minneapolis VA Hospital. The chapter provided dessert for the luncheon with members Lorraine Morgan, Julie Williams, Linda Munson, Frances Haubrich, Michelle Livingston, and Vicki Latiolais attending. Also attending was MAL Lucienne (Lucie) Stein-Cartford. Michelle Livingston gave the Chapter update. Julie Williams and Frances Haubrich headed the raffle drawings.

The chapter is planning to gather on 6 November at McCormick & Schmick's Seafood & Steaks for its annual Veterans' Day meal. Our final 2016 event will be when we meet again on December 10th in the party room at the residence of Lorraine Morgan for the annual holiday party and collect for Toys for Tots.

**Vicki Latiolais**



## OK-3 Heartland Chapter

The Heartland Chapter held election of officers at its 24 September meeting at Pelican's Restaurant, Midwest City. Elected were: president, Dorothy Rimbold; vice president, Jenny Storm; Secretary, Sondra Metzger; treasurer, Pam Bloustine.

Plans were made for the upcoming Oklahoma Women Veterans Recognition Weekend on 21-22 October. The event begins with a very entertaining hospitality suite the evening of the 21st and concludes with the Recognition Day program on the 22nd. Silent auction items will be available for bidding both days. The chapter will be selling veteran-oriented t-shirts as well. The Wyndham Hotel, Tulsa, is the place where everything happens this year.

The chapter is also preparing for the Halloween Party on 28 October at the VA Medical Center in Oklahoma City. Each year we participate with games and giveaways.

Last but not least, 8 November is the date for the birthday luncheon held by the U.S Marine Corps Coordinating Council of Oklahoma.

Until next time, Semper Fidelis and Happy Birthday, Marines!  
*Sondra Metzger*

## OR-1 Lady Marine Rose

Members of OR-1 attended The Mid-Willamette Valley Stand Down that was held on 31 August in Salem, Oregon. Over 50 providers participated, including federal and state agencies, community organizations and veterans' organizations.

A full range of services, resources and opportunities were provided, including employment counseling, veteran's benefits registration, educational counseling, housing assistance, health and dental care and mental health evaluations and counseling.

Rosy Macias was the Stand Down Coordinator for this event and she reports that the event registered 290 veterans, including 18 women, and 102 Homeless Veterans. Those veterans that label themselves as homeless have been connected with local resources and are getting the help they need to help themselves. Clothing, sleeping bags, coats, gloves, socks, and backpacks were available for all at risk veterans, and tents and propane were provided to homeless veterans.

Veterans were able to get haircuts, massages, reading glasses, bicycle repair, pet care and more. The Medical Team Dental Van provided care to 40 Veterans with a value of services at \$16,258. The major services performed were 15 fillings and 35 extractions, along with the exams and x-rays and some other miscellaneous. This was made possible by the generous donation from the Wounded Warrior Project which also covered the fee of the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Mobile Van. They provided over 50 sight and hearing screenings to those that needed the most.

OR-1 gave a warm welcome home on 9 October to a group of American heroes from WWII who were returning from a trip to Washington, D.C. The World War II veterans made the trip through Honor Flights, a program offering them a free four-day trip to Washington D.C. to tour the memorials and monuments. The vets were met with lots of cheers and a truly heartfelt "thank you for your service" by many veterans, local organizations and family members that made the trip just for them.

OR-1 was also on hand 21 October to welcome home another Honor Flight group.

On 11 October, Rosa Macias represented WMA and OR-1 when she attended the service for Jerry Layne Winn, a homeless veteran who served in the U.S. Air Force for eight years during the Vietnam Conflict. Fellow veteran Winn had a rough beginning in life, and it seems it wasn't great later. On 27 August, Jerry took his own life and joined the 22 vets per day in this country who make that awful choice to end their pain.

Jerry Winn had no known family, but that didn't stop his fellow brothers and sisters of the Air Force from gathering one last time for him. The Patriot Guard Riders, many of whom are military veterans, arrived wearing their dress uniforms. All came to honor this man that none of us knew. The service was very well done, the military honor guard was flawless, and the people attending were asked to place a paper leaf on the casket in remembrance of Airman Winn.

This is a need throughout the United States--let's ensure no one is buried alone!

*Peggy Reiber*

## The Spirit of CA-5: A Reunion of the Orange County Chapter

CA-5, although now officially disbanded, received at convention their 50th Golden Streamer representing 50-years of service and commitment to the Corps; WMA's mission; our community; our friends and sister Marines. We did it all and loved every moment. We are honored to have been able to contribute so much to so many throughout these magnificent and memorable 50-years. We stand tall and proud of our achievements.

Now that we are Members-At-Large, many of us still cannot let go. So, Beverly Daugherty, CA-5 Chaplain, out of the blue decided she would have a mini-reunion, and so she did (and we are so pleased she took command). 1 October 2016 was the grand soiree at her home with lunch, memories and pats on the back all around.

Ellie Fox suggested and volunteered again to head up the Wreaths Across America program for Orange County California Members-At-Large (OCCMAL) this year. Happily, we are back in business! We may not be a chapter, but we can still march for a wonderful cause and always promote WMA. So, we not only feasted at Bev-



(Left to right:) Patricia Singer, Ellie Fox, Eileen Sampson, Beverly Daugherty, Vanda Bresnan, Sonia Gryske, Valerie Lephart, Rita Stonebraker and Mary Ann Rogers.

erly's, we managed to sponsor big bucks for wreaths in December at Riverside National Cemetery. And of course we will again assemble and place them on our sister Marines' graves as we have done for the past two years.

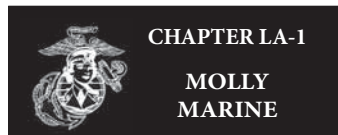
*Patricia Singer*

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(All items include the cost of shipping)

WMA Patch, large . . . . . \$10.00  
 WMA Life Member Pin . . . . . \$10.00  
 WMA Flag . . . . . \$10.00  
 EGA for WMA Cover . . . . . \$10.00  
 WMA Afghan Throw . . . . . \$55.00  
 WMA Flag . . . . . Call for pricing

**Chapter Name Tags** 1.25" x 3.00" name tag with magnetic or pin back; forest green background with white text - \$10.00 each



**SALE** WMA Drawstring Bag . . . . . \$8.00  
**ITEMS!** 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
21-1/4 - 21-5/8 ...Sm	23-1/2 – 23-7/8...XL
22 – 22-3/8 ...M	24-1/4 – 24-5/8...XXL

Please specify the cover size, chapter information, if “Life” is requested, shipping address, and a contact number.

Make All Checks Payable to Women Marines Association and mail to:

Texas Chapter 2, Women Marines Association

P.O.Box 1821, Pasadena, TX 77501

[sales@womenmarines.org](mailto:sales@womenmarines.org)

Contact: **Karen Beatty** • (281)487-8205

## WMA Chapter Merchandise Sales

Send chapter ads to Corrina Martell, [Editor@womenmarines.org](mailto: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](mailto:nmalone@ec.rr.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

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)



**Travel Mug**, 15 oz, white aluminum, green WMA logo (two sides) and gold “Oohrah Sisterhood Women Marines Association” centered

Cost: \$15.00 (includes shipping) (Checks Payable to EM-VSC CA-7 WMA)

Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA

92056-4011, (760) 724-9861, Website: [womenmarines.net](http://womenmarines.net)

(visit the website to see the items in color)

### NEW BOOK!



Item: “Surviving Military Sexual Trauma (In My Own Words): A Memoir”

Signed copy by author Michelle F. Capucci

• Having served honorably in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam conflict, Michelle F. Capucci offers a first-hand account of how Military Sexual Trauma (MST) can threaten one’s sense of safety and damage one’s credibility.

Cost: \$19.95 (\$3.95 shipping)

Contact: Michelle F. Capucci

117 Mann Drive

Chesapeake, VA. 23322

Or visit Michelle at: [michelle.capucci@yahoo.com](mailto:michelle.capucci@yahoo.com)

to order copies. Or order on line at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com);

Available in paperback and kindle format.



### Hand Carved Sea Shells

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

Chapter: CA-8

Contact Sybl Acree, 5015 Pedley Rd. • Riverside, CA 92509,

[syblee@att.net](mailto:syblee@att.net) (951) 231-4531



### Flip Flops Created Especially for Women Marines!

The left shoe is yellow, and is labeled

“Recruit” - The right shoe is red, and is labeled “Marine”

The flip flops come in two sizes – Large and Medium.

Cost - \$15/pr (plus \$3 postage)

WMA, TX-2, P.O. Box 1821 • Pasadena, Texas 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



### 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)

Contact: WMA, TX-2,

P.O. Box 1821, Pasadena, Texas 77501



## 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	Short Sleeved T-Shirt (S-XL) \$18.00
	(2XL) \$32.00	(2XL) \$20.00
	(3XL) \$34.00	(3XL) \$22.00
	(4XL) \$36.00	(4XL) \$24.00
	(5XL) \$38.00	(5XL) \$26.00

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](mailto: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](mailto: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: Apron, Short - Three pockets, White with WMA Logo

Cost: \$10.00 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



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

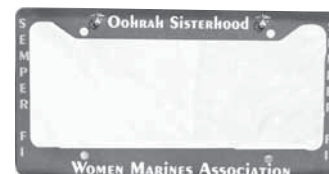
Chapter: CA-11 Central Coast

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

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

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

website: [www.centralcoastwomenmarines.com](http://www.centralcoastwomenmarines.com)



**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](http://womenmarines.net)

(visit the website to see the items in color)

## 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)

Contact: Heidi Tanada, 17103 SW Eldorado Dr., Tigard OR 97224-2075.

## Dog tags

Come in a variety of colors, and with a variety of sayings:  
 "Fewer... Prouder..." "Not all women wore  
 love beads in the 60's and 70's"

Light weight aluminum with laser printed  
 verbiage.

Cost = \$3/ea (postage included)

(May be ordered in large quantity, with *your* wording.

*Inquire for special pricing.*) Contact: WMA, TX-2, P.O. Box 1821  
 Pasadena, Texas 77501



**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)

(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)



## 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



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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

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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

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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)

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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@cc.rr.com

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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)

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

Cost: \$6 each (includes postage)

Checks: Payable to 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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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

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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.

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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

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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)

Portion of proceeds go to "Paws and Stripes".

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: **Beautiful bag** in an off white with logo in hunter green. Very sturdy.

Cost:\$18.50 including shipping.

Chapter: Make checks out and mail to WMA Motor City, PO Box 590, Romeo,  
 MI 48065

Item: **Fallen Warrior Coin** Honoring the memory of fallen Warriors

Cost: \$15 inc/Shipping and handling.

Chapter: Check or M/O to WMA Motor City Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065

**All proceeds go to the Fallen Warrior Scholarship programs.**

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## SOUND ATTENTION...The **Women Marines Association** is Coming to the Nation's Capital in 2018!

The 2018 Convention Coordinating Committee (CCC) is pleased to announce that 30 August - 3 September, 2018, the 30th Biennial Women Marines Association Convention and Professional Development Conference will be held in the nation's capital. The 2018 convention will commemorate and celebrate 100 years of women proudly serving in the United States Marine Corps. We are all part of the legacy that women Marines have built and continue to build upon so we're calling all lady leathernecks to join in the commemoration of the long and illustrious history of women Marines.

The 2018 convention will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, in Arlington, VA. The convention has been extended 1 day longer than usual so we can factor in time to take advantage of the local attractions. The hotel is within walking distance to many shops and restaurants. The metro train is available from the hotel to take you to many of Washington, D.C.'s local attractions, including the White House, U.S. Capitol, national monuments, the Smithsonian Museums, the National Mall, and the oldest post in the Corps, Marine Barracks Washington DC (at 8th & I). South of Washington, D.C is the National Museum of the Marine Corps, which is right outside of the gates of Marine Corps Base Quantico North of Washington, D.C is the Na-

val Academy in Annapolis, MD, where some of the Corps' finest officers hail. Aside from the local attractions, the 2018 convention will offer the usual opening and closing banquet, Professional Military Education, and workshops. However, because 2018 will be the centennial celebration of women in the Marine Corps, the 2018 CCC is planning a few special surprises that you are sure to enjoy. Information about the 2018 Centennial Convention can be found on the WMA website at [www.womenmarines.org](http://www.womenmarines.org) or you can follow us on Facebook by searching 2018 Women Marines Association Convention to keep up with the latest developments. The CCC will provide updates to these media as plans are finalized.

All women Marines are invited to take part in the 30th Biennial Women Marines Association Convention and Professional Development Conference. Mark your calendars for 30 August - 3 September 2018 and start making plans to bring your family and friends to Washington, D.C in 2018 to join in on the exciting experience of attending the 2018 Centennial Convention. **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!**

We Hope to See You in 2018!

**Lelia Jackson and Parisa Fetherson**

**Co-Chairs, 2018 Convention Coordinating Committee**

## White House Tours: Preparations Are Required

Public tour requests must be submitted through your member of Congress. Tours are free of charge and are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. Requests can be submitted up to three months in advance and *no less than 21 days in advance*. Submit your request as early as possible since there are a limited number of spaces available. Please note, all information submitted (e.g. name, date of birth, city, etc.) must exactly match the government-issued photo ID you will present when arriving at the White House.



Self-guided tours are available from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (excluding federal holidays or unless otherwise noted). If you are bringing guests with you to tour the White House and they are a citizen of a foreign country, have them contact their embassy in Washington, D.C for assistance in submitting a tour request.

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<https://www.whitehouse.gov/participate/tours-and-events>

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