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Fallen Sister Cpl Ramona M. Valdez Honored with Street Naming



Cpl Valdez

On 26 August, family members, Marines, the WMA, various veteran organizations, along with New York City representatives were in attendance at a street naming ceremony in the Bronx, held for our fallen sister, Cpl Ramona M. Valdez. The ceremony was carefully planned by Bronx Councilman Fernando Cabrera's office in concert with a handful of active duty and former Marines.

Ramona M. Valdez (June 26, 1984 – June 23, 2005) was a Dominican-born

United States Marine who graduated from Jane Addams High School when she was 15 years old. She attended community college, but decided to join the Marine Corps to help her family economically when she was just 17 years old...after she convinced her mother to co-sign her enlistment papers. She was killed in one of the deadliest days for American women in uniform.

Valdez's mother, Elida Nuñez, moved to New York City from the Dominican Republic and raised her two daughters, Ramona and Fiorela, on her own in the Bronx. There, the Valdez sisters received their primary and secondary education. Ramona started to earn money to help her family at a young age. She was only 14 years old when she worked for the first time selling concessions at the Statue of Liberty.

This street sign named in her honor is located on the square where Cpl Valdez was recruited by GySgt Marcos Rodrigues in 2002. Rodrigues helped to organize the day's event, and with tears in his eyes, he honored Cpl Valdez with a moving speech about her and how she touched his life by her dedication and pride.

Tearful family and friends at East Fordham Road and the Grand Concourse looked on as the sign commemorating the intersection as "Marine Corporal Ramona M. Valdez Square" was unveiled. "It's special to know that her name will be here for years to come, it's just 10 minutes from where we used to live," Valdez's sister, Fiorela, said. "And I'll be able to show my children and grandchildren ...look, this is your aunt. She was my hero."

The family of Cpl Holly Charette, who died in the same attack as Valdez, also attended the dedication ceremony. This was the first time both Gold Star families came together in their grief. It was important to Cpl Charette's parents, Ed and Regina Roberts, and her brother Ray Charette, to make the trip from Rhode Island to New York to meet Cpl Valdez's family and to just hold on to each other



The Valdez family holding the street sign in front of the recruiting station.

following a long twelve years after losing their daughters and sisters from the same IED.

Both Marines enlisted in 2002 and were later assigned to and deployed with Headquarters Battalion, 2d Marine Division, II MEF. On June 23, 2005, they were serving with the Female Search Force where they helped guard checkpoints and search Iraqi women and children. Their convoy was on its way back to Camp Fallujah when a suicide bomber in a car veered across a road and swerved directly into the convoy, causing a massive explosion followed by a sniper attack killing Valdez and Charette, Petty Officer First Class Regina R. Clark, a 43-year-old Navy Seabee on her second combat tour to Iraq, and three male Marines. The explosion also severely burned seven other women Marines.

Many of Cpl Valdez's friends came to honor her. GySgt Estee Fortunado grew up with Valdez and they enlisted together at the same square as the dedication. GySgt Fortunado is still on active duty and stationed at 1st Marine Division. She just had a baby on June 23, who she named Madeley (after Valdez's middle name). Mom and baby joined us at the dedication after a red-eye flight from San Diego to honor her friend. "She signed up because of me," said GySgt Fortunado. "I'm happy this is happening for her today."

City Council member Fernando Cabrera, who requested the renaming, called Valdez, "A true Bronx hero. She will not be forgotten."

In addition to the Bronx street being renamed for Cpl Valdez, on June 1, 2007, the Marine Corps honored her memory by dedicating the II MEF Communications Training Center as the Valdez Training Facility during a building dedication ceremony. Rhode Island has also honored Cpl Charette by renaming a U.S. Post Office in Cranston, RI as well as the naming of the first homeless female veteran shelter in Rhode Island after her. Our fallen sister Marines are immortalized with being remembered in their communities in which they lived.

Additionally, the WMA Area 1 Marines are working hard at starting up a chapter in RI named after Cpl Charette (RI-2) led by Carol Freitas. Also, under the leadership of Colleen McCarthy, the Bronx area Marines are starting up a chapter to be named in honor of Cpl Valdez (NY-6). Our fallen sisters will be remembered by all of us. We will honor them as we embrace their families as our own and serve their communities where they lived.

Jamie DePaola, ADI





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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS



10 Nov 2017

Seventy-Five years ago today, after months of fighting at Henderson Field and along Edson's Ridge, Marines on Guadalcanal spent the night of 10 November 1942 planning and preparing. Although the Battle of Guadalcanal would continue for three more months, the plans laid on our Corps' most sacred day became integral to the amphibious campaigns that followed. Success at Guadalcanal proved to be the turning point that ultimately paved the way for Allied victory in the Pacific. Those warriors defended their positions in brutal conditions against a formidable enemy – and triumphed. Through every major conflict our Nation has seen since the Revolution, Marines performed their duty with utmost courage, devotion, and raw determination. Their valiant deeds in the face of overwhelming challenges give us confidence and inspire us to meet the trials of today. As we pause to celebrate the birth of our Corps this year, we honor the legacy that was passed down to us and we recommit ourselves to carrying those traditions into the future.

This November 10th marks 242 years of warfighting excellence. At places like Trenton, Tripoli, Chapultepec, Belleau Wood, Guadalcanal, Chosin, Khe Sahn, Fallujah, Sangin, and so many others, Marines have fought with an inner spirit – a spirit that bonds us, binds us together as a cohesive team. It's that intangible spirit that has formed the foundation of our warfighting reputation for the past 242 years. Now it's our responsibility to ensure we honor and carry on that legacy. The American people expect a Corps of men and women who are committed, selfless, willing to sacrifice, who epitomize honor, courage, commitment, virtue, and character. We owe our Nation and our predecessors no less.

Today, as we celebrate our 242nd birthday, we must remember who we are, where we came from, and why we're here. We must remember the past, honor those who are no longer with us, focus on today's battles, and get ready for tomorrow. We can and will prevail as we always have, in any clime and place. But we must prevail together, united by the unyielding spirit in each of us that makes our Corps unique – that willingness to put our Corps and fellow Marines ahead of ourselves. Victory in battle comes through the integrated efforts of many – teamwork. We value the sacrifices and contributions of every Marine and Sailor, as well as our family members without whose support we would not be able to accomplish our mission. And we remain committed to being our Nation's Expeditionary Force in Readiness that sets the standard for honor, discipline, and courage. I am proud of each and every one of you. Happy Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis,

Robert B. Neller
General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Reporting In...National President

Thank you to all who support WMA leaders while we work diligently to strengthen our processes and guidelines from the National, chapter and member-at-large levels. While serving, you will recall the privilege of reciting an oath as officers, staff non-commissioned officers, and non-commissioned officers. We will continue to enforce this promise as a non-profit association. Our core values are based on the same leadership principles we learned when we earned the eagle, globe, and anchor.

As we're approaching our centennial, it's the perfect time to review how we conduct business, strategize for the future, and reinforce to treat each other with respect. I am touched, but not surprised, by the many calls, notes, and hugs of support. I heard you all. We must not waiver in our mission of service.

This issue is dedicated to our founders who knew as times changed, so would our Bylaws, Standing Rules, and other guidance. The processes are only as good as we can keep them revised. To the Board of Directors, thank you for your focus and ability to remain above the fray. We will utilize this momentum as preparation into the next century.

Over the last few months, your area directors have been provided with a monthly update of events that will be available for the 2018 convention. Our Convention Coordinating Committee co-chairs (CCC) and host chapters have spared nothing to ensure you have the greatest time possible. Communication is the key. Throughout this issue, you'll find our contact information if you have any questions at all. Alone, we won't be successful but together, we will stay Semper Fidelis!



Betty Moseley Brown

PS - Happy Birthday, Marines!



Women Veterans Salute in New Bern, NC on October 12.

1st VP

Happy 242nd Birthday, Marine Corps!

When was your first Marine Corps Birthday ball celebration? I am certain we can all pinpoint the unit we were attached to. We can all tell the stories of the platoon formations we stood in.

The best meal was always the Marine Corps Birthday meal at the chow hall! Do you remember the menu items? Steak and grilled onions, lobster tail (lobster tail didn't come until 2013), shrimp, corn on the cob, green beans, and of course, a piece of Birthday cake. The lines were always out the door but a good unit leader would ensure the section went to the chow hall together. Truth be told, the food was average; it was the excitement of the day that we enjoyed. We all miss the camaraderie. It is the selflessness and sacrifice of our time in service that makes these times priceless. It is that selflessness that we must all still apply to our Women Marines Association.



We are fortunate that we can continue our selflessness within our chapters. Your chapter meetings require a group of selfless leaders! Leaders that will use moral courage to do the right thing. Moral Courage requires communication, judgement, honesty, strengthening others, and works toward keeping the chapter successful. Your Area Directors and National Leadership were voted in by the membership. Collectively we are the Women Marines Association.

As we celebrate our 242nd birthday across the globe, remember it isn't about the meal; it has always been about your fellow Marines.

Laura Brown



8th & 1 celebration during the Interim Board Meeting (photo taken by Cheryl Badorrek)

2nd VP

Hi everyone! Thanks to the volunteers from VA-1 and DC-1 who promoted WMA at the last Modern Day Marine Expo and made it a success! Please see the photo of our updated display set up at the last expo.

The next expo is Marine West on February 7-8, 2018 at Camp Pendleton. We hope you will take the time to stop by if you are in the area. WMA participates in these expos with the purpose of advertising the Women Marines Association; promoting our 2018 convention; and promoting the history of women Marines. For information on assisting with the WMA booth at the next Marine West Expo, please email me at 2VP@WomenMarines.org and I

will forward the information to the correct point of contact.

Welcome to Heather Stevens-White who has assumed the position as our new WMA MCJROTC Program Manager. We look forward to working with her! Thanks to

Barbara Chagnon for her dedication during her time as the program manager and for leading a successful program!

Happy Holidays!

Jeannine M. Franz

New Officers

3rd Vice President

Lori Howard served four years as Morse Code operator with Top Secret SCI clearance. Graduated Summa Cum Laude from Saginaw Valley State University. Taught French and English for 5 years, worked for State of Michigan Veterans Services and Michigan State Police as an analyst. WMA member since 1996 and currently a life member. Served as WMA MI-2 secretary, then FL-6 treasurer and secretary. Currently serve as WMA's representative for Wreaths across America (4 years), assisted Technology Committee with new WMA website by proofreading most pages. Currently Executive Director of the Military Heritage Museum, Punta Gorda, FL. Also, a member of the American Legion and Marine Corps League. Proficient in Microsoft Office programs (Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, Excel, Access, Outlook).

"Besides professional qualifications and a strong work ethic, I bring integrity and common sense to the table. I am honest, reliable, and fair."

Area 3 Director

Please join me as we welcome Patty Morris Collins as your new Area 3 director.

"I am a dedicated person who always gives in 100%. I have great organizational skills both personally and professionally. I currently teach JROTC and am responsible for all records and reports pertaining to the program. I was chapter president for IL-2 until I moved to Florida. During my term, I increased



membership attendance at meetings. I also reached out to Members-at-Large and got them to attend our meetings and some to join our chapter.

I have exceptional communication skills, both verbally and written. I reached out to each member monthly to check on everyone and sent out personal letters to those who did not utilize computers. I have the time and the drive to complete all duties pertaining to the area director job. I also have the desire and the drive to do my part to assist in making the Women Marines Association the best it can be."

Area 4 Director

Please join me as we welcome the New Area 4 Director Judy Ward from Indiana.

"I grew up an Indiana farm girl, raised by Southern parents who taught hard work, loyalty, ethics, faith and American pride. I have extensive background: law enforcement, radio/TV news broadcasting, photography, marketing/special events, higher education, emergency/trauma medicine, and now as an instructional designer. I was in Marine Corps enlisted boot camp at 25 with two college degrees. My careers varied again: Engineer Equip Mechanic (1341), Print Journalist 4321 (Combat Correspondent 4341), Broadcast Journalist 4313, TDY to Beirut with the 24th MAU PAO as a Combat Photographer 4641/Combat Videographer 4671.

Now, I take on another new challenge as I want to become your Area 4 Director. I swear to serve honorably, fairly, firmly; with total support of each of the WMA chapters under my directorship. I pledge to be always available to you and to work with you to grow your chapter."

Area 6 Director

Please join me as we welcome Angela Werner Maness as our new Area 6 director.

Angela is a native of Honolulu. She served in the Marine Corps for over 30 years, retiring in June 2017 as a SgtMajor. You may remember her from a past issue when she was selected to serve as the first female senior Marine at 8th & I. At retirement, she was serving as depot sergeant major, Parris Island.

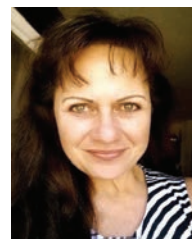
She comes to us as a proactive thinker and is active on multiple social media platforms such as LinkedIn, Together We Serve, and Facebook.

A life member of WMA, Angela is in good standing with her original WMA chapter, NC-2 Wings in Cherry Point and volunteers with TX-6 Gruene Marines. She is also a member of the Alamo Detachment 315, Marine Corps League, San Antonio.

Currently a fulltime student at San Antonio College, Angela is pursuing a degree in business management. She has been around the WMA her entire active duty career and now looks forward to serving as a retiree. She's a "keep it simple" kind of Marine that likes the bottom line up front ("BLUF").

Angela adds, "I would like to thank the Marines who have served in this billet before me for an opportunity of a lifetime. You all have given me a great example to emulate. I will do my very best to continue the outstanding reputation that AD6 has established. I look forward to working with you and am excited to start making things happen!"

Mary Ann Merritt, PRO



Welcome to the Opha May Johnson Project

This is the first article that will be written over the next year as I try and keep everyone informed about what we are working on to celebrate and honor Opha May Johnson.



As some of you may be aware, Opha May and her husband are buried in St Paul's Rock Creek Cemetery in unmarked graves. Over the past several years there have been individuals that have tried to get this oversight corrected but could not seem to get forward motion. As of October 1, the WMA Board of Directors has authorized an ad hoc committee to get this project done. The committee listed below have already begun working to get the Opha May and Victor gravesite marked appropriately. The committee members are:

- Kathy Sheppard – Chair
- Nancy Wilt – Curator/Historian, WOCC
- Kathleen Potthoff – Committee Secretary
- Cecily Thorton – Operations Manager, St Paul's Rock Creek Cemetery
- Father Allan Johnson Tayler – Pastor St Paul's Church
- Jim Jones – Historian, St. Paul's Rock Creek Cemetery
- Nick Steven – VA Memorial Products
- Jim Rudolph – Owner, Veteran's Funeral Care
- Carol Mutter- Honorary Member
- Don Gardner – Honorary Member

We now have a timeline in place and are working toward completing the major portions of the project by the end of June 2018.

The concept is to clean up the area of the gravesite, get Opha May her VA marker that she earned as well as erect a gravestone monument (exact design still being worked) at the grave site that would commemorate the fact she was a WWI veteran. We also plan to make sure that her husband Victor's grave has a marker yet to be determined. In parallel we are going to work with the Marine Corps Museum to get a bronze plaque placed at the Museum commemorating her service as the first woman Marine.

We are still working on what all this will cost. Once we know that, we will be asking approval from the WMA Board of Directors to solicit funds to pay for this tribute. We will be asking WMA members as well as Marines and others to contribute to this fund so everyone that wants to help can do so. We are also going to see if we can get some sponsors to help. Exactly how all the contributions will be processed is yet to be determined but I will get that information out as soon as I can. Please think about how you can help support this effort as we move forward.

The year 2018 is going to be an exciting time and we are excited to finally get this project under way. I am the primary point of contact for this effort so please direct any questions to me at krs4golf@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance for your support for this effort.

Kathy Sheppard

WMA Matching Funds and Grants (MFG) Applications for FY2018

Each fiscal year, the WMA MFG Committee reviews applications and administers the budget for matching funds requests from WMA chapters and emergency funds from eligible individual veterans.

The matching funds application form for chapters is provided in Appendix A of the WMA "How to Book," along with additional detail on acceptable expenses. Matching funds

for chapters are limited to a maximum of \$250 per chapter, per fiscal year (1 July-30 June) and funds to be matched must be used to provide service, supplies or equipment to support living military veterans. The term "matching" means that WMA matches the amount of money the chapter spends in support of veterans up to the limit of \$250 - e.g., in order to receive the maximum of \$250, the chapter must spend \$500. Completed applications with supporting documentation should be submitted to MFG@womenmarines.org for review and processing.

A one time, per person, grant of up to \$1,000 is available to assist veterans in need. The program is available to all veterans. Requests for an emergency grant should be submitted to MFG@womenmarines.org. The initial message should include a detailed explanation for the request, and include the amount being requested. By return email, the committee will send specific instructions on how to provide supporting documentation and independent verification of need and eligibility. Upon receipt of a complete emergency funds application, the committee will review the case and make a decision on funding.

All MFG applications are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis until the year's budget is exhausted.

Catherine Barker

2017 National Women's Hall of Fame Induction of Carol Mutter

Every two years in Seneca Falls, NY there is an induction into the National Women's Hall of Fame to recognize American women whose lives and groundbreaking work add chapter upon chapter across the centuries of making history. Included in the ten inductees this year was Carol Mutter. Inductees come from all walks of life: entertainers, politics, medical, chefs, inventors, military. To mention a few of the notable inductees are Abigail Adams, Susan B. Anthony, Eleanor Roosevelt, Gloria Steinem, Lucille Ball, Oprah Winfrey, Sally Ride, BGen Wilma Vaught USAF, and now our Carol Mutter.



One force of nature, Sue Sousa, meeting another, Gloria Steinem, to thank her for all she did so we can do what we do today.

At this year's induction we were honored that the Governor of NY was there to induct his mother, Matilda Raffa Cuomo. Also presenting was Gloria Steinem.

WMA members present were Sue Sousa, Eileen Scanlon, Eileen Skahill, Pam Bloustine and Karen Kelly. Also in attendance was Major General Robert Castelli, Director, Manpower Management, who had served with Carol.

The program emcee was Ginny Ryan, a news anchor from 13WHAM and is an award winning reporter. After reading Carol's introduction, BGen Wilma Vaught, President Emeritus of the Board of Directors of WIMSA, placed the medallion on Carol. Carol then spoke about her upbringing, choice of career, and what this award meant to her.



WMA members in attendance



Carol giving her acceptance speech

The day started off with a breakfast reception, then a luncheon followed by the induction ceremony. In the evening there was a gala reception at the historic Gould Hotel.

It was an inspiring moving day. Congratulations Carol on this esteemed honor.

Karen Kelly, Pam Bloustine, Eileen Scanlon

Statement from WMA Past National President Carol A. Mutter

The Women Marines Association (WMA) has been experiencing some issues that are being discussed throughout social media channels by individuals who apparently feel their voices haven't been heard. Some of those issues are discussed below. Four officers on our national Board of Directors have resigned – for various reasons, some connected to these issues and some not. (All of those vacancies have since been filled. For three of them we had more than one volunteer each!)

An Ad Hoc Committee has been formed and approved by the Board of Directors for the purpose of reviewing the stated concerns and WMA's current procedures related to these issues. The delay in getting the Ad Hoc Committee started has been because we had to find people who would be both perceived as and, in fact, be impartial. Also, we needed to be sure to have as full a Board as possible to vote on the ballot authorizing the Ad Hoc Committee, so we waited for the votes on the new Board members to be declared final. The Board has now voted to approve the Ad Hoc Committee and they are beginning their work. The members are:

★ Maria Crowley – Marine Corporal; former WMA AD and 2VP plus held several chapter offices; Life Member WMA, with background in Human Resources, compliance and auditing. She has also served as a Civil Services Judge for the city of Dallas

★ Karla Jessup Merrell – chapter president in California and a Colonel (retired)

★ SgtMaj Al McMichael, USMC (ret) - Former SgtMaj of the Marine Corps and also Command SgtMaj for European Command working with many nations.

Until the Ad Hoc Committee has an opportunity to look into all issues in detail and their findings are delivered to the Board, WMA's leadership cannot, and should not, discuss these issues in an open, public forum.

Unfortunately, the public discussions are fueling confusion, frustration, and misperceptions. I ask for your patience and understanding, and I assure you that all recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee's review will be made public. Please expect updates on the WMA Facebook page and in 'Nouncements.

Issues and their status:

Actions by and relating to the 3rd Vice President who approves our bills for payment. She brought up some valuable questions which the Board is determined to review and resolve. Some of the disputes under review by the Ad Hoc Committee relate to differences of opinion about the validity of certain expenses. We are trying very hard to get at the facts. As soon as they are known, they will be provided to the extent legally possible.

Accusations have been made regarding fraud, waste, and abuse of funds donated to WMA. I am the officer in charge of the committee to raise funds and keep a very close eye on such things. WMA's Board of Directors takes very seriously its role as a good steward of monies from donors. Everyone on the Board feels an intense weight of responsibility to donors and members, as well as to the IRS, and other legal entities that regulate the financial activities of any 501(c)(3). WMA has processes and procedures set up to ensure any actual expenditures are reviewed by multiple officers and checks are always signed by two officers before funds are disbursed. We are audited or officially reviewed annually by a CPA firm that's familiar with non-profits and we have another CPA on retainer to review all of our financial dealings quarterly. If the Ad Hoc Committee recommends additional measures and/or recommends new/different processes, controls, or actions, WMA will pursue those recommendations with experts and

definitely do whatever necessary and possible to make the right things happen.

Communication, or lack thereof, among the Board members and Officers as well as members of WMA has also been raised as an issue. Again, this is an issue inherent in those that will be addressed by the Ad Hoc Committee.

Questions have also been raised about the collection of women Marine historical items. All donations of memorabilia and personal items to the Women of the Corps Collection have been and continue to be owned by WMA. There was an agreement signed in 2012 by WMA and Women of the Corps Foundation concerning respective roles and responsibilities regarding The Collection. The Foundation has been responsible primarily for fund raising to maintain the collection and prepare it for displays as needed. The Curator for the Collection is an appointed representative of WMA and has been and still is Nancy Wilt. When the WMA Board decided in 2016 that we could no longer effectively manage the Collection, the Board voted to offer ownership of the collection to the Women of the Corps Foundation, in accordance with the 2012 Agreement. However based on new information and changing circumstances, the Board voted in August 2017 to rescind its offer to transfer the Collection to the Foundation. Nancy remains the Curator as an appointed representative of WMA. The entire WMA Board is most interested in maintaining the Collection in the way it deserves. At no time has the Women of the Corps Collection (i.e. the items in the Collection) ever been owned by any organization other than WMA.

I know of two people who have asked for their items back from The Collection:

★ First is a WW II female Marine who donated original oil paintings as well as other items that have been very valuable to the Collection. When she found out that WMA had voted to turn the Collection over to the Foundation, she decided she wanted her items back. Now that WMA has decided to retain the Collection, we are working with her to determine her desires. It is the position of WMA leadership that if she still wants her items back, they will be returned to her.

★ Second is a Korean era veteran who has changed her mind about her donated items. Again, it is the position of WMA leadership that her items will be returned to her as soon as possible. But, the Collection has been moved from Colorado to Texas and has not yet been stored in the organized way it was in Colorado, so it will take some time to locate her specific box and return it to her.

Let us please remember that we are all Marines who have earned the right to wear the eagle, globe and anchor. We have an obligation to uphold the Marine Corps standards of honor, commitment and courage. Courage to tell the truth, yes. But the entire truth. And courage toward stillness and fairness until that entire truth is known. Please, no more personal attacks that disservice us individually and collectively.

I have been very heartened by so many who have expressed sentiments about the value of WMA. Many of us have put much time and effort into WMA because of our strong beliefs in the value of the organization and what we have done and continue to do for veterans, their families, and especially for female Marines.

Most of us want to save WMA because it is so very valuable. But we also want to ensure that it is a WMA that is ethical, honorable and committed to doing the right things for the right reasons. We will get to the bottom of all issues and WMA will emerge from this stronger than ever.

Semper Fidelis,

Carol A. Mutter

LtGeneral, USMC (Retired)

Past National President, WMA

Wreaths Across America 2017

Wreaths Across America was formed in 2007 by the Worcester family in Maine, expanding their annual trek to Arlington National Cemetery to lay wreaths on graves. The mission of Wreaths Across America is "Remember. Honor. Teach." Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, their mission is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at over 1100 locations.

The number of wreaths purchased and cemeteries participating increases each year, and last year reached the 1,000,000 mark for wreaths distributed. Ceremonial wreaths were sent to all participating state and national cemeteries, and many local groups received wreaths for their smaller cemeteries and monuments. Wreaths were also provided for 24 offshore cemeteries, including Normandy Beach. A large commemorative wreath was sent to every state house for a ceremony held on the Monday before the main Saturday event.



WMA participates in the Wreaths Across America fund-raising program, in which \$5 of the \$15 cost for a wreath is donated back. In order for the funds to go to WMA, the wreaths must be purchased through our fundraising page or by sending in the form with our group name and specified cemetery listed. Last year, WMA raised just over \$600 with this fundraiser, so this year we'd like to raise \$1000! That's just 200 wreaths. If each chapter purchased a few, this would be an easy goal to achieve.

The cemetery that we designate changes each year, and this year we have chosen Omaha, Nebraska, as Chapter NE-1, Lady Leathernecks, has agreed to lay wreaths there for the ceremony.

The next Wreaths Across America Day is December 16, 2017. If you would like to donate to this cause and sponsor a wreath, please visit our donation page: <https://wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=20065&relate=14880>

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Howard at waa@womenmarines.org.

Traveling to the 2018 Convention & Professional Development Symposium

Crystal Gateway Marriott

Have you thought about how you will travel to the Convention? The great news is you will not need your personal vehicle once you arrive at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. Transportation to special commemorative events will be provided at no charge to attendees, and key sight-seeing locations are all accessible by the easy to use Washington, DC metro system.

Traveling by Plane:

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) is the closest and most convenient airport to the Crystal Gateway Marriott.

✿ **Complimentary Shuttle every 20 minutes** to Crystal Gateway Marriott from 6:05 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; pickup locations are the A Gates and Doors 5 and 9, in the B and C Concourse Lower Level.

✿ **Subway/Metro Service** - fee: \$3.10

- Take blue line (toward Largo) or yellow line (toward Fort Totten), go one stop to Crystal City

✿ **Taxi / Uber** - Estimated fare: \$10 (one way)

Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) is 37 miles from the Crystal Gateway Marriott. The hotel does not provide shuttle service from BWI. Alternate transportation: Super Shuttle; fee: \$51 (one way); reservation required. Estimated taxi fare is \$90 (one way).

Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) is 27 miles from the Crystal Gateway Marriott. The hotel does not provide shuttle service from Washington Dulles. Alternate transportation: Washington Flyer; fee: \$45 (one way); reservation required. Estimated taxi fare: \$45 (one way). Super Shuttle is also available from Washington Dulles Airport at \$30 for a shared ride (van w/stops) and \$60 non-stop ride (one-way)

Traveling by Bus

Washington Greyhound Station is 5 miles from the Crystal Gateway Marriott. The hotel does not provide shuttle service from the bus station.

Traveling by Train

Union Station is 5 miles from the Crystal Gateway Marriott. The hotel does not provide shuttle service.

Traveling by Car or Personal Vehicle

We strongly encourage not traveling by personal vehicle because parking is expensive. The Crystal Gateway Marriott is conveniently located near the Washington DC Metro System. Easy to follow metro maps will be given to all attendees.

Parking

Hotel parking is \$29 per day self-parking, \$34 per day-Valet Parking.

Crystal City Parking: \$21 weekly; Free Entry after 4 pm weekdays, all day weekends and holidays. For more information, go to: www.crystalcity.org/_files/docs/parkingmap.pdf

RV Parking: There are several RV parks and campgrounds in the DC area. Here are a few:

Fort Belvoir Camp (<https://belvoir.armymwr.com/programs/recreational-lodging-travel-camp/>); Cherry Hill Park (cherryhillpark.com); Burke Lake Park (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burkelakepark/burkecamp/>)

Very Important Logistics Note: There are **TWO** Marriott hotels in Crystal City. The 2018 Biennial WMA Convention and Professional Development Symposium will be at the **Crystal Gateway Marriott**, 1700 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202; (703) 920-3230. The Crystal Gateway Marriott is 2 miles from Washington National Airport.

2018 Table Reservations for Meals – Please Reserve Tables NOW!

All meal events will be OPEN SEATING with the exception of reserved tables. We would like to provide your chapter or special group the opportunity to reserve a table for up to 10. This will be your table during any particular meal event. Your chapter or special group name will be placed on a reserved table, and you will be informed of your table assignment.

Reservations and checks must be submitted by July 1, 2018.

Cost to reserve a table will be \$50.00 per event for each chapter or special group.

Make your check payable to:

WMA 2018 Convention, and write
"Table Reservation" in the memo block.

Mail check and the form to:

WMA 2018 Convention (Table Res),
P. O. Box 741268, New Orleans, LA 70174.

Additional Information:

Please fill out form and return to Mary Billingsley, 2018

WMA Convention Roommate Coordinator, at ml2billingsley@yahoo.com or mail to:

Mary Billingsley, 2018 WMA Convention Roommate Coordinator, P.O. Box 128, Quantico VA 22134. Mary may be reached by phone at 540-645-1515.

Call for Convention Ads

A reminder that you may submit your chapter or member ads now! This is a good time to begin thinking about when and where you want to take your chapter group photo or decide which motivating chapter photo you will submit for your chapter ad. You can also advertise your business, memorialize members who have passed, or buy an individual ad to show your support for the 2018 Centennial Convention. If ad copy is submitted in its original form and is not submitted via email or CD, please submit an additional \$10.00 for scanning fee. Ads can be sent as portrait or landscape.

Ads should be sent to ConventionAds@womenmarines.org; checks should be sent payable to WMA 2018 Convention and mailed to Women Marines Association (Attn: Ads) 110 Constitution Street, New Orleans, LA 70114. Please note donations to WMA are tax deductible as prescribed by law. Please check with your tax advisor.

Chapter or Reservation Name:

POC Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



(Standard B/W — Camera — Ready Copy Only) Program Ads

Full Page	7.5 w x 10 h	\$200
Half page horizontal	7.5 w x 5 h	\$100
Half page vertical	3.75 w x 10 h	\$100
Quarter page horizontal	5 w x 3.75 h	\$50
Quarter page vertical	3.75 w x 5 h	\$50
Business Card	3 w x 2 h	\$25
2-Line Ad	1 w x 1 h	\$20
Name Only Ad	One Line	\$10

2018 Convention Roommate Request

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Date of Arrival: _____

Date of Departure: _____

1. Smoker? Y N
2. Early riser? Y N
3. Night Owl? Y N
4. Need more than 20 min in the bathroom to be ready for the day? Y N
5. Prefer to sleep in a very cool room (68° or less)? Y N
6. Do you have an age preference for a roommate? Y N
If yes, then age range: _____
7. Room Preference: *2 per room _____ *3 per room _____
 *4 per room _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Point of Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State _____ Zip: _____

Camera-ready ad enclosed on CD _____

Sent via email on _____. Please verify receipt.

Please note donations to WMA are tax deductible as prescribed by law. Please check with your tax advisor.

Loyal Escorts

It is hard to believe that before we know it this year will be over and we will be celebrating 2018 and the event of the year. In 2018 we will be looking towards all of the events that showcase women in the military for 100 years. There is a lot to look forward to.



I can't stress enough the importance of recruiting. Recruiting not just because it makes the Loyal Escorts grow but recruit because it will help your chapter grow. New auxiliary members mean fresh ideas and new hands to assist you at your various events. Peter DePaola went thru and organized the LE's according to areas and this has been sent to your area directors. Look at your chapter. Has every member sponsored at least one auxiliary member? Keep in mind that recruiting is the next important step is participation. At meetings, they can assist by selling raffle tickets, passing out paperwork, and a variety of other items. At events, many chapters utilize them and give them areas to supervise and run. Let us help boost your activity levels with those extra hands to help.

Just like the National Organization, WMA, we will be holding elections. All positions will be open for nominations. New officers for the 2018 – 2020 term will be held at convention. Nominations are held at the 1st general membership meeting and then voted for at the 2nd general membership meeting. All positions are open for nominations from the floor.

The history of the Loyal Escorts by Walt Powers, PhD

We have had questions about the history of the name of our organization. I hope this history, also published on our site, will help.

The Women's Marine Association, "Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter", had its beginning at the Hawaii convention in 1972. Twenty-four men who accompanied their wives

started a social group to support WMA. Two years later at the Texas convention, they admitted friends and relatives as Leggettes. Later, they dropped the title Leggettes and all became LEGGS (Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter). In 1982 at the Arizona Convention, WMA incorporated as a veteran's group, at which time LEGGS ceased as a social group and became a veteran's auxiliary. In 2006, the acronym LEGGS was dropped in favor of its original name, or Loyal Escorts for short. In 2009 the Loyal Escorts became a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

There are numerous accounts of the origin of the Most Noble Order of the Garter. The most picturesque history of its founding occurred in 1348 by King Edward III when a Lady of the Court lost one of her garters. While bending down to pick it up, she blushed while the crowd laughed. King Edward tied the green garter on his own leg and remarked, "I shall turn it into the most honored garter ever worn." Another account quotes him as saying, in French, "Shame be he that thinks evil of it." Chivalry includes a combination of courage, honor, courtesy, justice, and a readiness to help.

The Order became a noble fraternity into which knight-hood was bestowed upon those admitted. Over the years they were given the right to add "Sir" before their Christian names. Each member is given a banner that hung in the Chapel at Windsor Castle's Order of the Garter during their life and removed upon their death. In 1805, the Order was extended to include lineal descendants. Earlier, ladies were received as "honorary members" but this practice died out until Edward VII established a title "Lady of the Garter". On the 23rd year on St. George's Day, during the ceremonies, members wear elaborate robes and gold medallions. In 1990, the Order again admitted women with the Duchess of Norfolk as Ladies' Companion.

Michael Pearce

Tentative Schedule of Events for 2018 Biennial Convention Washington DC

*****Subject to Change*****

Wednesday 29 August

Registration
Happy Hour
*Moonlight Trolley Tour of Washington DC

Thursday 30 August **First Official Day**

Registration Daytime
*Trolley Tour of Washington DC 2016-2018
WMA Board of Directors Meeting 2016-2018
Loyal Escorts (LE) Board Meeting
PX Open Active Duty and First Timers Orientation
Opening Banquet

Friday 31 August

Registration
WMA Business Meeting #1
LE Business Meeting #1
1st VP/ADs/Chapter Presidents Meeting
Workshops
PX
Evening Parade at Marine Barracks 8th & I

* Additional fee; see registration form.

Saturday 1 September

WMA Business Meeting #2
LE Business Meeting #2
Recognition and Awards Luncheon
PX
Trip to Women In Military Service for America (WIMSA)
Church Services
Fireside Chat
LE Hospitality Room

Sunday 2 September

Annual Run/Walk
Memorial Service
Trip to National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC)
LE Hospitality Room

Monday 3 September

Last Official Day
Installation Luncheon
Closing Banquet

Tuesday 4 September

2018-2020 WMA Board of Directors Meeting

LOYAL ESCORT MEMBER APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Date of birth:

Phone:

Cell:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Email:

New Renew Reinstated Life (Sponsor must be Life member)

2 YR \$30 LIFE 40 AND UNDER - \$180 41-45 - \$150 46-60 - \$130 61-70 - \$105 71-80 - \$80 81+ \$55

SPONSOR INFORMATION

WMA Sponsor Name:

Recruited by:

Chapter Affiliation:

Do you live with sponsor Y N

Sponsor Life Member # if applicable

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of a relative **not** residing with you:

Address:

Phone:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Relationship:

SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE

Name:

Date of birth:

Email:

Phone:

SERVICE INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE

Dates of Service

Branch:

How long?

MOS

Duty Stations:

ABOUT MYSELF

How did you hear about the Loyal Escorts?

Recruited By:

WMA Newsletter is sent electronically to members with an email

SIGNATURES

Signature of member:

Date:

**Make checks payable to Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter
Mail to: Michael Pearce, 1645 E Madge Ave, Hazel Park, MI 48030**

Convention PX Tables - \$30

Show off your chapter's unique Marine Corps merchandise and make some revenue for your chapter by reserving a Convention PX Table. For just \$30, chapters can host a table throughout the Convention during PX hours. Remember we will be celebrating 100 years of women serving in the Marine Corps so get creative! If you have questions, please contact 2018 Convention PX Coordinator, Brenda Carrias, at deviviesb@aol.com

Cash Door Prizes at the 2018 WMA Convention

Enter the "Best Envelope Contest" while also adding to the fun of winning one of them filled with cash! Each WMA chapter is asked to contribute at least one \$25 cash donation and envelope for the cash door prizes. While \$25 is the minimum requested, feel free to donate more envelopes and money, thanks!

Monetary contributions from members at large and Loyal Escorts are also welcome with your creatively designed envelopes. A special gift will be awarded to the chapter or individual whose envelope is judged as the "The Best Envelope".

Criteria for the contest: Envelope should most reflect the 2018 Convention theme: 100 Years Proud 1918 - 2018. Chapters or individuals submitting envelopes should include chapter or individual's name in left hand corner on the front end of the envelope. Envelopes must be received by August 29, 2018.

Cash only please - Please No Checks

Send envelopes to:
2018 Convention Envelope Contest
4250 Southwinds Place, Apt. 211
White Plains, MD 20695.

Envelopes should arrive no later August 29, 2017.

Questions should be addressed to Donna Genovese at dmgmarine@verizon.net.

TOUR THE WHITE HOUSE

Carve out time to tour the White House when you're in the Nation's Capital. Tours are free of charge and are scheduled on a first come, first served basis. Requests can be submitted up to three months in advance and no less than *21 days in advance*. Submit your request through your Member of Congress 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 with you and they are a citizen of a foreign country, they must contact their embassy in Washington, DC for assistance in submitting a tour request.

For more information, go to: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/participate/tours-and-events>



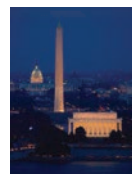
Old Town Trolley Tours
Don't Just Visit Washington - Believe It!



THE MONUMENTS BY MOONLIGHT

Wednesday, August 29, 2018 @ 8 p.m.

Sign up for a 2-1/2 hour tour of the National Mall. It's a beautiful sight to see all of the monuments illuminated at night. Pickup will be at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. The private tour will go by the Capitol, the White House, the Smithsonian Museums, the Washington and World War II Monuments. The Trolley has stops at the Iwo Jima, FDR and Lincoln Memorials for great picture taking opportunities. Friendly conductors narrate the tour with a fascinating and fun mix of trivia and humorous stories. Reservations must be made in advance. **\$40 per person when registering for Convention.**



THE DAY TOUR

Thursday, August 30, 2018 @ 8:30 a.m.

Before all of the official Convention events, kick off your visit to the Nation's Capital by taking a 2-1/2 hour tour. Pick up will be at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. This private tour will go by the Capitol, the White House, the Smithsonian Museums, the Washington and World War II Monuments. The Trolley has stops at the Iwo Jima, FDR, and Lincoln Memorials for great picture taking opportunities. Friendly conductors narrate the tour with a fascinating and fun mix of trivia and humorous stories. Reservations must be made in advance. **\$40 per person when registering for Convention.**

Calling WMA Authors

WMA authors are encouraged to sell your books at the 2018 Women Marines Association Convention and Professional Development Symposium. Author exhibit tables will be prominently placed to assure you have wide visibility by Convention attendees and hotel guests. 20% of the author's proceeds will go toward to the 2018 WMA Convention. For more information, contact convention@womenmarines.org.



Send your name, chapter number or WMA life member number, and book title to convention@womenmarines.org. Share your story! Reserve your table now.

Marine Corps Recruit Training Platoon Books Exhibit

You have your honorable discharge certificate and your DD214, but your platoon photo and platoon book are just as important as is any picture of you in uniform. Marines can call MCRD Parris Island Recruit Photo at 843-228-1555 and get a copy of their platoon photo. However, there is no way to order a replacement platoon book.

In the front of the book there are photos of every phase of training. In the back of the book are individual photos of the women that you trained with, formed a bond with and of the Marines in the chain of command that trained you. Most books include the first names of recruits which help locate platoon mates.

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WMA MEMBERS ONLY

2018 Convention mail in Meal Registration Form



30th Biennial Women Marines Association Convention and Professional Development Symposium
30 Aug - 3 Sept 2018

You can register online at www.womenmarines.org

Late Fee of \$10 will be charged after 15 July 2018 A fee of \$50 will be charged for cancellation after 1 Aug 2018. No refunds after 10 Aug 2018. Refunds will be mailed 30 days after convention finalization.

A SEPARATE FORM IS NEEDED FOR EACH ATTENDEE

-Meal Registration-

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

Date	Event	Package A All Meals	Option B Individual Choice
30 Aug	Opening Banquet	Included	_____@\$70.00
01 Sept	Recognition and Awards	Included	_____@\$48.00
03 sept	Installation Luncheon	Included	_____@\$48.00
03 Sept	Closing Banquet	Included	_____@\$84.00

Trips (FREE Transportation to Registered Attendees Only – Additional Seats \$15 per person)

- (1) _____ Fri, 31 Aug-Parade at Marine Barracks, 8th & I Streets SE, Washington, DC for the Evening Parade
- (2) _____ Sat, 1 Sep-Trip to Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA) Memorial
- (3) _____ Sun, 2 Sep-Trip to National Marine Corps Museum at Quantico, VA

PAID TRIPS

- (1) _____ \$40 DC Trolley tour by night 29 August 2018, 8pm
- (2) _____ \$40 DC Trolley tour by day 30 August 2018, 8:30 am (held during LE Board Mtg, WMA Board Mtg, PX set-up)

Full Name _____ Service Name _____
Email _____ Phone _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Name to be printed on Badge: _____ Primary Chapter & Name _____
____ My First Convention ____ Mobility Impaired ____ I would like to volunteer ____ Special Dietary Needs _____

ALL ATTENDEES MUST PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE. NO EXCEPTIONS.

REGISTRATION FEE \$50	TOTAL \$50.00
MEAL PACKAGE A \$242.00	TOTAL _____
MEAL PACKAGE B ____1 \$70.00 ____2 \$48.00 ____3 \$48.00 ____4 \$84.00	TOTAL _____
FREE TRIPS ____1 ____2 ____3 ____ADDITIONAL TICKETS _____ \$15 EA PER NON-REGISTERED GUEST	TOTAL _____
PAID TRIPS ____1 ____2 @ \$40.00	TOTAL _____
DONATION	TOTAL _____
LATE FEE IF AFTER 15 JULY 2018 \$10	TOTAL _____
	GRAND TOTAL _____

Mail completed form with payment to:
WMA Convention Treasurer, P.O. Box 741268, New Orleans, LA 70174

Make your hotel reservation online <https://goo.gl/8N2SfA> OR by calling the hotel directly at (703) 920-3230
Identify handicap room needs when you book your reservations. Tell them you are with WMA for the preferred room rates of \$99 plus taxes. Crystal Gateway Marriot 1700 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202

To be completed by Convention Treasurer: Date Received _____ Registration Number _____
Registration Acknowledgement Sent On _____

WMA Historian Valerie Shields Breidenbaugh has digitized more than 600 platoon books and counting! She also posts her scanned platoon books onto the WMA Shutterfly page and to YellowFootPrints.com. She has had dozens of women email her copies of their platoon books and in turn Valerie has emailed copies to female Marines...far too many to count! What began as a hobby is now her passion. "I so enjoy helping women Marines receive a piece of their personal Marine Corps history," says Valerie.

Bring your platoon book with you to the 2018 Convention. Stop by Valerie's platoon book exhibit table. It will be co-located with the WMA authors. Valerie will scan your platoon book and add it to the database of books.



The 2018 Convention Coordinating Committee is sponsoring a Luxurious 7-Day Cruise for Two on Holland America Line Sweepstakes.

When you step aboard one of the five-star ships of Holland America Line, you will experience a voyage unlike any other. You can choose any Caribbean or Mexico cruise for two (same stateroom) up to seven days in length (based on minimum unobstructed ocean view stateroom). Your journey will include extraordinary dining, spacious staterooms, elegant surroundings and days filled with new discoveries and gracious pampering by an award-winning crew. You can choose to partake in as many – or as few – activities as you wish, from the renowned Greenhouse Spa and Salon, to cooking demonstrations and wine tasting in the Culinary Arts Center, and much more. Or simply relax and enjoy the spectacular scenery from the beautiful wrap-around teak deck. The certificate has no expiration date. The certificate may be applied to other cabin categories or cruise trades at an additional cost. The certificate has no expiration date!

Airfare to and from departure and arrival ports not included, however guests may purchase at an additional cost. Does not include taxes, onboard charges, shore excursions or hotel services charges. Donated by Holland America Line.

\$5 donation for 1 ticket

\$20 donation for 5 tickets

\$250 will be donated to the WMA Chapter with the most Sweepstakes ticket donations

For more information, contact your Chapter President or email Convention@womenmarines.org.

Long Island Marines Co-Host Race Event To Help Needy Female Veterans

Under the leadership of StaceyAnn Castro, the 5K 4 Fighters race event on October 8th was a huge success. Partnering with StaceyAnn's employer, Economic Opportunity for Council of Suffolk, Inc. (EOC), the WMA enjoyed a morning filled with enthusiasm and patriotism, even through the strong wind and rain, for a great cause to help



Jamie DePaola and StaceyAnn Castro



Long island race-1.jpg: MCJROTC cadets and Marines (from left) Magda Resker, Jamie DePaola, Marie Nuzzi, and StaceyAnn Castro and (far right) Christine Glynn. Several Marines missing in this photo were Fran Wagner, Lisa Fischer, Meagyn Mulieri and Kayla Kelly.

our homeless female veterans on Long Island.

With the support of the MCJROTC cadets from Lindenhurst High School and their instructors, CWO4 Christine Glynn and MSgt Magda Resker, the opening ceremony included an all-female color guard, and the National Anthem was beautifully sung by StaceyAnn's son, Johnny Gregoire (8th grade).

StaceyAnn is starting a chapter in Long Island (NY-7). Her passion for the needy female veterans is enormous. With a population in Long Island of 8 million people and 75,000 of them registered veterans, the awareness of the growing needs our veteran sisters is important. Studies have proven that veteran women are twice as likely as non-veteran women to experience living in poverty and experience homelessness than their male counterparts. That number jumps depending on common risk factors of PTSD and MST. Long Island has limited resources and programs to help these unsung heroes, the invisible female veteran.

The funds raised from the inaugural race event will help these unsung heroes and their unmet needs in collaboration with the Northport VA Hospital. Some of their needs are simply licensing and insurance fees, legal costs, utility and car payments, relocation assistance, support for single moms and their children. The transition back to civilian life can be complicated for all veterans, especially female veterans. StaceyAnn is leading the charge on raising awareness to support our sister veterans. We are all very, very proud of you StaceyAnn!

Jamie DePaola, Area 1

Hotel Information for 2018 Convention, Washington DC

The 2018 Convention Coordinating Committee anxiously awaits your arrival to the **2018 Women Marines Association 30th Biennial Convention and Professional Development Symposium**. The 2018 Centennial Convention will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel. Below you will find all the info you need to make your hotel reservations:

- Convention attendees must make their own reservations. The nightly room rate is \$99 plus 13.25% hotel room tax.
- Reservations can be made online at <https://aws.passkey.com/event/49425513/owner/1487/home> or by calling **703.920.3230** (mention 2018 Women Marines Association Convention to get the discount room rate)
- Reservations must be made **by 6:00pm on August 7, 2018** to get the discount room rate
- Hotel room accommodations: 2 two queen beds or 1 king bed, refrigerator, microwave, flat screen TV, in-room COMPLIMENTARY WIFI
- Guests have access to indoor pool and heated

outdoor pool, hot tub and whirlpool, state-of-the-art fitness center and exercise room

- The hotel is ADA accessible (recommend call hotel for special accommodations)
- Pet Policy: Service dogs are allowed free of charge (bring any documentation you have for your service dog). Other pets are not allowed.
- If you would like a roommate to help offset the cost of your stay, fill out the roommate request form

Crystal Gateway Marriott
1700 Jefferson Davis Hwy,
Arlington VA 22202 – 703.920.3230

Shipping Instructions: Getting Your Items to the Hotel

The Crystal Gateway Marriott will allow complimentary receiving of no more than 75 convention-related packages to be stored prior to convention (e.g. chapter flag, PX items). Your packages should not arrive before August 25, 2018 and should not weigh more than 50 pounds. Packages weighing more than 50 pounds, packages arriving after the 75 package limit, and packages arriving prior to 25 August 2018 will incur a fee that will be charged to the sender.

If mailing personal items, please address them to yourself so they will not be counted against the 75 package limit. Packages must be addressed as follows:

Crystal Gateway Marriott
 C/O WMA 2018 Convention
 ATTN: Your Name and Chapter
 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway
 Arlington VA 22202

Women Marines Association Essay Contest

The WMA and the Marine Corps Association (MCA) have joined forces to celebrate the centennial of women serving in the Corps. From 1918 to present, women have proudly served this great nation. Join us in honoring the bravery, accomplishments, and service of the women who have worn and continue to wear the United States Marine Corps uniform. Enter the Women Marines Association Essay Contest.

The contest theme is the Significance of Women Who Began Serving Officially in Uniform 100 Years Ago in the United States Marine Corps. Contest entrants have great latitude in their submission as long as the essay corresponds to the contest theme. The essay could address a specific woman Marine and how her accomplishments paved the way for other women and contributed greatly to the Corps' mission or a specific era. It could compare and contrast certain aspects of women in Marine Corps history over the past 100 years. The essay could also discuss how women Marines' accomplishments have led to new challenges and efforts for the Marine Corps to open new occupational specialties or opportunities as part of the Marine Corps Forces today.

Prizes: 1st - \$500 and plaque, 2nd - \$250 and plaque, 3rd - \$150 and plaque

Contest Criteria:

- Contest is open to all who have earned the Eagle Globe and Anchor.
- Essay should be between 500 - 750 words, Times New Roman, 12 pitch and double-spaced.
- Essay must correspond with contest theme.

- Essay will be evaluated based on historical accuracy, originality, use of language, and appropriateness to contest theme.
- Please include the following in the byline of your essay: Name, rank at separation, MOS, years you served (i.e. 1943 - 1947 or 2015 to present), email, and phone number.
- Electronically submitted entries are preferred.
- Attach the entry as a Word document file and send to Convention@womenmarines.org.
- Articles will be published in various medium leading up to the 30th Biennial Women Marines Association Convention and Professional Development Conference - August 2018.
- Essays will become the property of the Women Marines Association and the Marine Corps Association.
- Winners will be individually notified of the results by phone or e-mail.
- Questions pertaining to the essay contest should be sent to convention@womenmarines.org.
- Must be received by **December 15, 2017**.

Nominations for National Board

WMA WANTS YOU! Now is the time to let your voices be heard and to share your experience and leadership capabilities. Nominations to elect the members of the National Board of Directors are now being accepted. The election process is open to any member who wishes to run and who is qualified to serve in any given office. (See Nomination Form for qualifications) A specific job description for any office for which you are interested, can be provided by the Nominating Committee. All 17 elected offices to include the 7 officers; National President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, 3rd VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and all 10 Area Directors are open for nomination. If you have any questions on any particular office you are interested in please contact us at nominate@womenmarines.org. **Please fill in the form on next page and send your submissions no later than the deadline of 15 March 2018** to the Nominating/Convention Site Committee at nominate@womenmarines.org or mail to the address of the Chair of the Nominating/Convention Site Committee as listed in the *WMA Resource Manual & Directory (RM&D)*.

The official Election Process is described in our National By-laws Article Ten: Elections, that states that the Nominating/Convention Site Committee shall, only if and for the office(s)/convention site which have received more than one nominee, prepare a ballot, a copy of which shall be mailed by 1 May of the even-numbered year to each active member of record as of 1 April of said year; envelopes returning voted ballots must be postmarked no later than 1 June of such year. Ballots for the 7 officers will be sent to all active members of WMA while separate ballots for each Area Director are sent to only the active members in each particular Area. So in other words all members vote for the 7 officers while each Area Director is elected by only the members who live in that respective Area. If any office does not receive more than one nominee, the office is declared by fiat so there is no need for a published Ballot. Results for Elected Officers, Area Directors and Convention Site, elected and/or declared by fiat, will be published in 'Nouncements and on the WMA website.

Semper Fidelis, Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower
Chair Nominating Committee
nominate@womenmarines.org



WMA ELECTED BOARD POSITIONS NOMINATION FORM

Now is the time to let your voices be heard and to share your experience and leadership capabilities. Nominations are now being accepted for the WMA elected Board positions.

The election process is open to any member who wishes to run and who is qualified to serve in any given position. Specific job descriptions for any specific position can be provided by the Nominating Committee.

Please return the completed Nomination form to nominate@womenmarines.org or mail to the address of the Chair of the Nominating/Convention Site Committee as listed in the *WMA Resource Manual & Directory (RM&D)* no later than March 15, 2018.

Thank you for your interest in serving on the WMA National Board of Directors.

Please place a check in the box below for the position for which you are interested.

<input type="checkbox"/>	President	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 st Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 nd Vice President
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 rd Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Area Director	<input type="checkbox"/>	Current Board Member

Please note the following qualifications to hold any elected position:

- Read and understand the WMA SOP for the position as well as how it interacts with other positions.
- Be a member in good standing prior to applying for position. NOTE: Members in Compassionate Retention (CR) status within 6 months of nomination are not eligible to run for office.
- Be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher and PowerPoint.
- Have a working computer, printer and internet connection.
- Possess good communication skills and the ability to work with members.
- Be available for conference calls as scheduled.
- Use and maintain the official WMA email address for the position you hold. E.G. SEC@womenmarines.org.
- Vote on all ballots that are sent to the official WMA email for that position.
- Attend the annual Board of Directors (BOD) meetings at the WMA Biennial Convention and the Interim Board Meetings (IBM).
- Communicate with chapters if applying for Area Director. This may include chapter visits, phone calls, emails, newsletters and other forms of communication.

Please provide the following information:

- Name
- Email
- Address
- USMC Service Dates
- City, State, Zip Code
- Chapter Affiliation
- Phone

Provide a short resume (no more than 150 words) that shows how your background experience qualifies you for the position for which you are running. Include a clear current professional looking "head and shoulder" photo on a plain background/wall. This picture will be used for the ballots.

Please return completed form to nominate@womenmarines.org or mail to the address of the Chair of the Nominating/Convention Site Committee as listed in the RM&D no later than March 15, 2018.

By my signature I attest that I can fulfill all qualifications listed on this form for the selected position as well as noted in the WMA SOP material that has been forwarded to me.

Signature

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS 2018

Area Directors are the points of contact for the Chapters regarding Recognition and Awards(R&A) information. Should they have questions that are not covered by the current edition of 'Nouncements, the WMA Bylaws, or this guide, they should contact the R&A Chair for that convention. See your Resource Manual and Directory for the current chairperson.

All chapters, large and small, are encouraged to enter the competition in at least one category. The rules and prizes are delineated below for your information. It's time to begin planning your entries! If your chapter did not enter any category at the last convention, pick one and concentrate on submitting the best entry possible for this convention. Remember, you can't win if you don't enter.

The award selection committee will consist of people cognizant of the purposes of the Women Marines Association. They may or may not be WMA members. Awards in any or all the categories may be withheld when, in the judgment of the committee, no entry in a category warrants recognition. Constructive feedback will be given to each chapter that enters. Forms used for Recognition and Awards include:

- Sample judging worksheets for Chapter Achievement, History, Newsletter, and Chapter Website awards.
- Sample Judging Tally Sheet
- Official Entry Form for Recognition and Awards

The decision of the judges is final!

All entries will be displayed at the convention during the Recognition and Awards (R&A) program for one hour afterwards or as the schedule allows. Each chapter with a submission will be required to provide an escort for their entry during that time period. This escort will answer questions regarding their project and is responsible for securing the entry. The escort names shall be submitted with the entry. Entries will be released after the luncheon to the chapter president or her designee. The designated escort will contact the R&A Chair for seating information at the R&A luncheon.

The Women Marines Association Official Entry Form for R&A MUST accompany each entry to be considered for awards.

Newsletter Competition

Purpose: To inform and stimulate interest in improving communications within and among chapters of the Women Marines Association.

Submit: One copy each of two (2) issues created since last convention in either electronic (.PDF) or printed hard copy form along with the Women Marines Association (WMA) Official Entry Form for Recognition and Awards.

Pages: No restrictions (brevity should be considered where appropriate). Newsletter will be judged on the following format and contents.

Identification - WMA Chapter name and number, date, volume number, issue number, name of editor, address, phone number, and Chapter email address (if applicable). Also, list each chapter officer and their contact information.

Masthead – artistic, attractive, and original.

Story Types – Contributor – number of articles that have bylines.

- ◆ WMA national news – not extensive – items to keep members current on National.
- ◆ Personalities – biography of members.

- ◆ Local Chapter news – community involvement, volunteer work, meetings, etc.
- ◆ Personalize activities of members, trips, sick call, etc.
- ◆ Special Events.

Layout

- ◆ Arrangement of copy should be neat, readable, orderly, pictures identified, and graphics may be used.
- ◆ Does not have to be slick magazine presentation.

Awards

◆ **1st Place** – A perpetual plaque inscribed "Editor's Award for Outstanding Chapter Newsletter," which is to be returned before the next convention. When returned, the chapter editor will receive at the convention, an individual award plaque reading "Editor Award for Outstanding Chapter Newsletter" and bearing the winner's name, chapter, and dates. Chapter will also receive a green streamer for their chapter colors and a certificate.

◆ **2nd & 3rd Places** – Receive certificates for their chapters.

Judging Criteria

- Newsletter well documented.
- Creative and attractive Masthead.
- Number of articles with bylines.
- WMA news for member information.
- Member profiles.
- Local Chapter news, community involvement and volunteer work.
- Personalize activities of members, trips, sick calls.
- Special Events.

History Book Competition

◆ **Purpose:** History books tell the current story of your chapter. They should contain photos, newspaper clippings, program books, chapter memorabilia, and memories you wish to be documented. They should be informative, fun, enjoyable, attractive, meaningful, and interesting.

◆ **Period:** Two-year period from fiscal year of convention to end of fiscal year before convention. (July 1st to June 30th.) Example for convention 2018 July 1, 2016 to June 30th, 2018.

Book Layout

- ◆ Chapter name and number on cover page.
- ◆ Brief history of Chapter's beginning.
- ◆ Table of Contents
- ◆ Identify Chapter Officers and members.
- ◆ Short biographies and photos of new members who joined during the time frame.
- ◆ Chapter activities should be told in chronological order. All-important chapter events and programs held during the year should be included. Examples of Chapter activities may include newspaper articles, thank you letters, activity programs, photographs, and short biographies (with photos) of members who joined during that time frame.
- ◆ Examples of Chapter activities may include newspaper articles, thank you letters, activity programs, and photographs.

- ◆ Only one book per Chapter will be accepted for judging.

Format

- ◆ The chapter must submit a bound book. Binding may be a 3-ring binder, soft cover with spiral binding, or a bound book created utilizing online programs such as MixBook (www.MixBook.com) or Shutterfly (www.shutterfly.com). If using an online program, the book MUST be printed to be submitted.
- ◆ Name and address of historian on the inside front cover in the lower left-hand corner.
- ◆ Layout of title page or cover page to be done in a creative fashion.
- ◆ Table of Contents with page references. Page numbering for content.
- ◆ Articles and photos should have names, places and dates. Remember the Who, What, When, Where, and Why. Blurry and foggy prints will not enhance your finished product.
- ◆ Table of Contents with page references

Awards

- ◆ **1st Place:** A perpetual plaque inscribed "Outstanding Chapter History Book Award," which is to be returned before the next convention to the R&A Committee. When returned, the chapter historian will receive an individual plaque reading, "Historian Award for the Outstanding Chapter History Book" and bearing the winner's name, chapter, and dates. The chapter will also receive a white streamer for their chapter colors and a certificate.
- ◆ **2nd & 3rd Place:** Receive certificates for their chapter.

Judging Criteria

- Only one book will be judged per Chapter.
- Material enclosed in a bound book with an attractive cover.
- Chapter properly identified and indexed.
- Presentation and documentation (Use of a descriptive brief of the project, newspaper clippings, photos, letters of thanks, etc.) Remember Who, What, When, Why, and Where.
- Chapter member participation. The more members involved the better.
- Proper time frame covered.

Chapter Achievement Award

All activities and events that support and promote the purposes of WMA should be included in a Chapter Achievement book:

- ◆ Preserve and promote the history and traditions of women in the Marine Corps from World War I to the present (Formerly CAT A)
- ◆ Conduct programs for charitable and educational purposes. (Formerly CAT B)
- ◆ Counsel, assist and mutually promote the welfare and well-being of elderly, disabled, and needy women Marine veterans, as well as women serving in the Marine Corps (Formerly CAT C)
- ◆ Provide entertainment, care and assistance to hospitalized

veterans and members of the armed forces of the United States (Formerly CAT C)

- ◆ Promote the civic and social welfare of the community (Formerly CAT B)
- ◆ Sponsor or participate in activities of a patriotic nature, particularly those that perpetuate the tradition and esprit de corps of the United States Marine Corps (Formerly CAT A)
- ◆ Foster, encourage and perpetuate the spirit of comradeship of women who have served or now serve the United States Marine Corps, regular or reserve components. (Formerly CAT A)

Chapter achievement classes are as follows:

- Class I: 5-20 members in a chapter
- Class II: 21-45 members in a chapter
- Class III: 46 + members in a chapter

Book Layout

- ◆ Chapter name, number, Class and purposes covered on cover page.
- ◆ Table of Contents
- ◆ Chapter activities should be told in chronological order. All important events and programs held during the year by the Chapter should be included.
- ◆ Identify purpose to which the activity relates.
- ◆ Examples of Chapter activities may include newspaper articles, thank you letters, activity programs, and photographs.
- ◆ Only one book per Chapter for each Category will be accepted for judging.

Format

- ◆ The chapter must submit a bound book that accommodates no larger than 8 1/2 x 11 inches pages. Binding may be in the form of a 3-ring binder, soft cover with spiral binding, or a regular bound book created utilizing online programs such as **MixBook** (www.MixBook.com) or **Shutterfly** (www.shutterfly.com). If using an online program, the book MUST be printed for submission.
- ◆ Name and address of compiler – inside front cover/lower left hand corner.
- ◆ Layout of title page or cover page should be done in a creative fashion.
- ◆ Table of Contents with page references.
- ◆ Page numbering for content.
- ◆ Articles and photos should have names, places, and dates. Remember the Who, What, When, Where, and Why. Blurry and foggy prints will not enhance your finished product.

Awards

- ◆ **1st Place:** Each class will receive a certificate from WMA, plus a blue streamer donated by the Loyal Escorts for their chapter colors.
- ◆ **2nd & 3rd Place:** Receive certificates for their chapter.

Judging Criteria

- ◆ Attractive Cover.
- ◆ Chapter properly identified and indexed.
- ◆ Presentation and documentation who, what, when, where and why.
- ◆ Degree to which the project relates to the category entered.
- ◆ Quality of project.
- ◆ Proper time frame.

Website Awards

Purpose

- ◆ To inform members and recruit new members by showing the activities of the local chapters.
- ◆ To promote the goals of the Women Marines Association.

Period: Two-year period from fiscal year of convention to end of fiscal year before convention. (July 1st to June 30th.) Example for convention 2016 July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016.

Submit

- ◆ Chapter Website address (URL) on Official WMA Recognition and Awards entry form
- ◆ Identify chapter member webmaster.

Judging Criteria

- ◆ The amount of local information.
- ◆ Site design—how appealing is it? Does it catch your attention?
- ◆ Appropriateness of the information. Does it meet the organization objectives?
- ◆ How easy is it to navigate through the site? Do all the links work?

Awards

- ◆ **1st Place:** A perpetual plaque inscribed "Outstanding Chapter Website Award," which is to be returned before the next convention. When returned, the chapter webmaster will receive an individual award plaque bearing the winner's name, chapter, and dates, and reading "Outstanding Chapter Website Award".
- ◆ Chapter will also receive a silver streamer for their chapter colors and a certificate.

Recruiting Award

- ◆ This award is coordinated with the 1st Vice President. She and the National Secretary sign the award certificates. She also helps obtain the specific numbers for the Individual and Chapter winners from the WMA Administrative Support Contractor. Numbers for the Loyal Escort winners are provided by the Loyal Escorts along with the Recruiting Award Streamers.

Individual Award

- ◆ Recognizes the individual who recruits the most new WMA members during the contest period. The recruiting member's name MUST appear on the application form in the section titled "Enrolled By" or "How did you hear about WMA" if "Enrolled By" was not completed.

Prizes

- ◆ **1st Place:** Individual Recruiting Award Plaque along with the member's name and date of award plus a WMA Certificate of Recognition.
- ◆ **2nd & 3rd Place:** WMA Certificates of Recognition

Chapter Awards

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

Prizes:

- ◆ **1st Place:** Streamer for their chapter colors and a WMA Certificate of Recognition
- ◆ **2nd & 3rd Place:** WMA Certificates of Recognition
- ◆ One award within each chapter Class (e.g. Class I: 5-20 members; Class II: 21-45 members; Class III: 46+ members).

Loyal Escorts

- ◆ A gold streamer is presented to the chapter that recruits the most new Loyal Escort members during the contest period. The chapter will also receive a Certificate of Recognition noting this achievement.
- ◆ One streamer/certificate will be given within each chapter class as noted above.
- ◆ The affiliated chapter must appear on the application form in the section titled "Sponsor Chapter Code."

Women In Military Service For America Memorial

The Convention Planning Committee is pleased to announce that it will be providing a trip at no cost to Convention attendees to the Women In Military Service For America Memorial (the Women's Memorial) —the only major national memorial honoring all servicewomen—past, present and future. Over 2.5 million women have served or are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and the Women's Memorial honors their legacy.

To specially mark the centennial, the Headquarters Marine Corps Public Affairs Office (PAO) has partnered with the Women Marines Association to produce a video honoring the service of female Marines.

The Salute to Women Serving in the Marine Corps video will be unveiled at the Women's Memorial during the Convention. It will highlight female Marines' milestones and achievements spanning the past 100 years.

In addition to viewing the film, attendees will have an opportunity to tour the beautiful Memorial with docents standing by to answer questions. Attendees will surely work up an appetite with such exhilarating activities. Not to worry! Mission BBQ is partnering with WMA to offer their delicious BBQ. There will be no charge to Convention attendees.

Visitors to the Women's Memorial will experience the collective history of women in the military through the individual stories of service, sacrifice and achievement. Each profile honors the distinct contribution women have made since the American Revolution, and additionally, provides inspiration for future generations.

To help make sure this legacy of women's service to the nation is never forgotten, women Marines are encouraged to take the time to register their own story by submitting a profile of experience along with a photograph. Let your unique story be recorded as part of this collective history.

You can pre-register with the Women's Memorial prior to the convention and see your profile during the visit. It is as simple as going to the following link: <https://womensmemorialstore.wufoo.com/forms/online-registration-and-donation-form/>

You might recognize the following profile:





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WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM FOR RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

Date of Submission _____

Date Received by R & A _____

From:

Chapter name and Chapter Number

Chapter Address: City State and Zip

Name of Sender(Title), Contact Phone #, and email

Type of Entry(History Book, Newsletter, Chapter Achievementetc.)

Class required for Chapter Achievement Entries(see official Rules)

Person assigned to accompany entry after R & A luncheon

Brief Description of Entry:

MAIL TO:

Tami Schmidt
20445 SW 103rd Road
De Witt, NE 68341
(402)239-1964
RA@womenmarines.org

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES

All Entries must be postmarked NO LATER THAN
May 25, 2018
Items posted after this date will not be considered

Taps

Retraction: Carol Gaines was mistakenly included in the last issue of TAPS. I am pleased to inform you that she plans to attend the 2018 Convention.

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

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

Life Members

Brown, Dorothy (Durant)	817	08/06/17	MA-1
Cooper, Phyllis (Cook/Deming)	1019	08/03/17	NC
Crowell, Shirley (Magowa)	1356	07/23/17	AZ-2
Ganzel, Thelma (Severin)	2521	07/08/17	MI
Gredicek, Catherine (Pawlick)	1921	05/05/17	TX-1
Powers, Myrtle Mae (Mueller)	2041	08/22/17	WA
Ross, Evelyn (McGovern)	1420	07/17/17	FL2/CA-10
Vaughn, Mary Gwen	910	08/04/13	CA
Worsham, June (Hengstler)	891	03/09/17	TX

Term Members

Goodall, Stella (Andrews)	10/01/17	FL-6
Hediger, Audrey (Marts)	06/19/17	NY
Stowell, Ernestine	08/01/17	MA

Chaplain's Corner

This Thanksgiving will be bittersweet for so many. I cannot remember a time when nature has dealt us so many devastating blows. And still, I hear the stories of so many who have lost everything, being thankful and grateful for their lives and whatever charity they have been given. Let those of us who have not suffered loss this year find some way to demonstrate our thankfulness of good fortune by sharing more than ever before.



Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest person it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow.

~Edward Sandford Martin

LOYAL ESCORTS ONLY

2018 Convention mail in Meal Registration Form



30th Biennial Women Marines Association Convention and Professional Development Symposium
30 Aug - 3 Sept 2018

You can register online at www.womenmarines.org

Late Fee of \$10 will be charged after 15 July 2018 A fee of \$50 will be charged for cancellation after 1 Aug 2018. No refunds after 10 Aug 2018. Refunds will be mailed 30 days after convention finalization.

A SEPARATE FORM IS NEEDED FOR EACH ATTENDEE

-Meal Registration-

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

Date	Event	Package A All Meals	Option B Individual Choice
30 Aug	Opening Banquet	Included	____@\$70.00
01 Sept	Recognition and Awards	Included	____@\$48.00
03 sept	Installation Luncheon	Included	____@\$48.00
03 Sept	Closing Banquet	Included	____@\$84.00

Trips (FREE Transportation to Registered Attendees Only – Additional Seats \$15 per person)

- (1) ____ Fri, 31 Aug-Parade at Marine Barracks, 8th & I Streets SE, Washington, DC for the Evening Parade
- (2) ____ Sat, 1 Sep-Trip to Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA) Memorial
- (3) ____ Sun, 2 Sep-Trip to National Marine Corps Museum at Quantico, VA

PAID TRIPS

- (1) ____ \$40 DC Trolley tour by night 29 August 2018, 8pm,
- (2) ____ \$40 DC Trolley tour by day 30 August 2018, 8:30 am, (held during LE Board Mtg, WMA Board Mtg, PX set-up)

Full Name _____ Service Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name to be printed on Badge: _____ Primary Chapter & Name _____

____ My First Convention ____ Mobility Impaired ____ I would like to volunteer ____ Special Dietary Needs _____

ALL ATTENDEES MUST PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE. NO EXCEPTIONS.

REGISTRATION FEE \$35	TOTAL \$35.00
MEAL PACKAGE A \$242.00	TOTAL _____
MEAL PACKAGE B ____1 \$70.00 ____2 \$48.00 ____3 \$48.00 ____4 \$84.00	TOTAL _____
FREE TRIPS ____1 ____2 ____3 ____ADDITIONAL TICKETS _____\$15 EA PER NON-REGISTERED GUEST	TOTAL _____
PAID TRIPS ____1 ____2 @ \$40.00	TOTAL _____
DONATION	TOTAL _____
LATE FEE IF AFTER 15 JULY 2018 \$10.00	TOTAL _____
	GRAND TOTAL _____

Mail completed form with payment to:

WMA Convention Treasurer, P.O. Box 741268, New Orleans, LA 70174

Make your hotel reservation online <https://goo.gl/8N2SfA> OR by calling the hotel directly at (703) 920-3230
Identify handicap room needs when you book your reservations. Tell them you are with WMA for the preferred room rates of \$99 plus taxes. Crystal Gateway Marriot 1700 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202

To be completed by Convention Treasurer: Date Received _____ Registration Number _____

Registration Acknowledgement Sent On _____

NON-WMA MEMBERS ONLY

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A SEPARATE FORM IS NEEDED FOR EACH ATTENDEE

-Meal Registration-

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

Date Event GUEST Meals

30 Aug Opening Banquet _____@\$73.00
01 Sept Recognition and Awards _____@\$51.00
03 sept Installation Luncheon _____@\$51.00
03 Sept Closing Banquet _____@\$87.00

Trips (FREE Transportation to Registered Attendees Only – Additional Seats \$15 per person)

- (1) _____ Fri, 31 Aug-Parade at Marine Barracks, 8th & I Streets SE, Washington, DC for the Evening Parade
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- (3) _____ Sun, 2 Sep-Trip to National Marine Corps Museum at Quantico, VA

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Full Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name to be printed on Badge: _____

_____ My First Convention _____ Mobility Impaired _____ I would like to volunteer _____ Special Dietary Needs _____

ALL GUESTS MUST PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE IF ANY MEAL IS ORDERED. NO EXCEPTIONS.

REGISTRATION FEE \$50

TOTAL \$50.00

GUEST _____1 \$73.00 _____2 \$51.00 _____3 \$51.00 _____4 \$87.00

TOTAL _____

FREE TRIPS _____1 _____2 _____3 _____ ADDITIONAL TICKETS _____ \$15 EA PER NON-REGISTERED GUEST

TOTAL _____

PAID TRIPS _____1 _____2 @ \$40.00

TOTAL _____

DONATION _____

TOTAL _____

LATE FEE IF AFTER 15 JULY 2018 \$10

TOTAL _____

GRAND TOTAL _____

Mail completed form with payment to:

WMA Convention Treasurer, P.O. Box 741268, New Orleans, LA 70174

Make your hotel reservation online <https://goo.gl/8N2SfA> OR by calling the hotel directly at (703) 920-3230
Identify handicap room needs when you book your reservations. Tell them you are with WMA for the preferred room rates of \$99 plus taxes. Crystal Gateway Marriot 1700 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202

To be completed by Convention Treasurer: Date Received _____ Registration Number _____

Registration Acknowledgement Sent On _____

AZ-1- Roadrunner

The chapter met on October 21 with 13 members attending. We celebrated the 242d Birthday of the Marine Corps. Our chapter president, Patricia Hernandez, read Gen Lejeune's message to Marines and cut the cake.



Our three WWII ladies: Bettie Lerdall, Vivian Wood and Helen Weller.

The first piece went to our oldest Marine in attendance, Vivian Wood. The second to our youngest, Toni Buchner. We had three wonderful WWII ladies, Vivian 95, Bettie Lerdall 94, and Helen Weller 93. We are blessed that they are able to attend our meetings. Our chapter only meets three times a year, and

we are hopeful to gain some new members as our numbers are dwindling.

Jeanne Botwright



Patricia Hernandez cutting the birthday cake.



Helen Weller, Jeanne Botwright, Vivian Wood, Bettie Lerdall, and June Dempsey

Edwards and her daughter, Fran Styles; Grace Carle; Maura; Barbara McCurtis; and Loyal Escort Robert Lewis.

A meeting and social event marked September 15th. The play, "Tea with El-



Living History Social

eanor" sparked the imagination and gave the audience a glimpse into the past of our history. One felt like they were a part of the afternoon tea with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Annette Hubbell, a veteran actress from southern California, brought

the First Lady alive during the performance during a difficult time in our history,



The Stand Down

the period of the Great Depression and World War II. This tea included tea, delicious desserts, stories about the president and the men and women who guided the nation during this era. Sharing this experience with fellow women Marines was quite the experience and we all enjoyed the event.

Angelique and Loyal Escort Dan Murray went on an Honor Flight on October 1st.

Michele Kramek

CA-2 – San Diego County

On July 4th, Barbara McCurtis participated with the Marine Corps League in the 4th of July Parade. On the 6th, Angelique Murray and Barbara McCurtis attended the VIP Opening of "Heroines in Arms" Women of the American Military at the Women's Museum of California. On the 7th, they attended the Military Historic Clothing Show also at the museum. The Stand Down was held from July 21-23. Angelique and Barbara were joined by Mikki Hurst, Gail Hanna, and Maria Franco.

In August, a bowling team comprised of Barbara McCurtis, Maura Donnelly, Angelique Murray, Kassie Wurts, and Mikki Hurst was formed with Barbara as the team captain. On the 1st and 2nd, Angelique attended the Annual Purple Heart Truck Run held at the Veterans Museum in Balboa Park. She also attended the Women In Military Service for America "Arc of Service - The Journey Continues" event held at the Women's Museum of California on the 6th, the Making Strides against Breast Cancer Breakfast kickoff on the 8th, and was joined by Loyal Escort Dan Murray and Mikki Hurst making root beer floats at the Spirit of 45 event held at Veterans Museum in Balboa Park.



Bowling team

On the 21st, Angelique also attended the Military Women across America Region 1 Conference. Chapter members attended the Living History Social at the Command Museum on board MCRD San Diego on the 25th, touring the exhibit of WWI and heard how Marines were involved. Attendees included Angelique Murray; Gail Hana and friend, BJ Strong and her aid Carrie Becker; Bucky



Spirit of 45 event

CA-3 – Greater San Francisco Bay Area

CA-3 continues to hold well attended monthly meetings. The July meeting, hosted by Secretary Bonnie Dabalos-Castro and Loyal Escort Pattie Ellison, celebrated Independence Day with a patriotic theme. The August meeting was hosted



CA-3

by Vice President/Treasurer Kathy Wright and Loyal Escort Angie Fredekind. In September, the meeting, hosted by Nancy Zaunbrecher-Payne, recognized POW/MIA Day.

CA-3 members also continue to be busy. The CA-3 Scholarship Chair participated in the inaugural Mission City VeteRun 5k/10k at Levi's Stadium on August 6th, sponsored by Kaiser Permanente. All proceeds went to improving the lives of veterans in the local community. There was a distance for everyone: 1.5 mile walk, 5K, 10K, and if you were feeling like you could (still) ace boot camp, a participant could try the signature VeteRun Challenge and tackle both the 5K AND 10K! All finishers received commemorative VeteRun dog tags.

Loyal Escort Angie Fredekind (and her sister Paula who is visiting from Germany) and Vice President Kathy Wright attended Fleet Week in San Francisco on 7 Oct. They spent the day cruising the bay on one of only two remaining WWII Liberty Ships - the Jeremiah O'Brien. The weather was absolutely

perfect. They sailed under both the Golden Gate and the Bay Bridges, saw the military ships that were in port for Fleet Week and watched the air show featuring the Canadian Snowbirds and the Blue Angels while anchored in San Francisco Bay. It was a terrific day and a wonderful way to recognize our Navy, Marine and Coast Guard personnel who patrol the seas to protect us all.

During this time period, President Susan Johnston participated in six memorial services, and also participated in the first annual Tracy ceremony to bury the ashes of discarded American flags as part of the combined Honor Guard of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

It is with a very heavy heart that I must report the loss of one of our charter members – Connie Guaraglia. Connie passed away on October 3rd. Connie (Concetta Musumeci) Guaraglia joined the Marine Corps in 1951, and was discharged in 1957. She was stationed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard from 1951-1956, and then at Treasure Island from 1956-1957. She always said one of the reasons she joined the Marine Corps was to travel, and then she was originally stationed at home – in Brooklyn! She worked with the 2nd Signal Company, Communications, teletype – she typed the orders to send Marines to Korea.

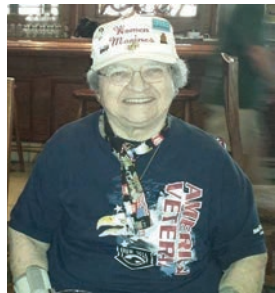


Connie Guaraglia

Some of her favorite memories of the Marine Corps: She marched on 5th Avenue in New York City for a Veterans Day Parade; she was chosen to model the new Marine green uniform on a TV program "Musical Jackpot" hosted by Paul Brenner: her picture was taken, and put in the book, "Women Marines in the Korean War Era" by Peter A. Soderbergh.

Connie was active in many veteran organizations such as the Marine Corps League, the 1st Marine Division Association, the Combat Correspondents Association and the Women Marines Association. She joined WMA shortly after it was founded in 1960. She was also a founding member of CA-3, one of the first six chapters chartered by WMA in 1964. She was active in for their entire 53-year history and served in a variety of positions from chapter president to chaplain.

Connie loved our country and our Corps and was particularly fond of all our veterans – both male and female. Unfortunately, Connie had a brother who was listed as MIA during the Korean War. She had a MIA/POW table that she set up at veteran events throughout the Bay Area and read the memorial for our missing brothers and sisters in honor of her own brother. Every time one or more were identified and returned home, she immediately informed all of us at one of our chapter meetings. When I took over as chaplain, she told me that she appreciated that I always included prayers for our POW/MIA's. She made sure that the POW/MIA table was also set up at our Marine Corps Birthday celebrations. We are reasonably sure that Connie has now been reunited with her brother in Heaven.



Connie Guaraglia

Another of Connie's passions was children. One of her important activities was to serve as Mrs. Claus for the Davis Street Family Resource Center. Each year, CA-3 collected toys for "Connie's Kids" and she donated all the toys she collected to the center and joined in at their Christmas event where she dressed up as Mrs. Claus. Even though Mrs. Claus cannot be at this year's event, CA-3 plans to collect toys for the kids and donate them to Davis Street in her honor. Carloads of toys have been donated to these children in the past years because of Connie's efforts.

As her physical strength began to erode, Connie was confined to a wheel chair. That did not stop her from continuing to attend our monthly chapter meetings and participate in our events. She always dressed up for our Halloween meeting – the only meeting where she did not wear one of her many military/patriotic shirts. She rode in the jeep for the 4th of July Parade in downtown Redwood City.

Connie continued to be very proud of her Marine Corps service the entire time I knew her and will be missed very much. Semper Fidelis, dear friend. Rest in Peace.

Susan Johnston

CA-5 – Orange County CA Members-At-Large

CA-5 may be "retired" but a few of we OCCMALs (Orange County CA MALs) do continue to stay in touch and march on!

On 15 September, we trekked to Camp Pendleton to help SgtMaj Jennifer Simmons celebrate her retirement of 30 glorious years of God, Country and Corps! More than 200 were in attendance to honor her. The richly earned accolades were outstanding. "Jen" had all of us join her for lunch after wards and we loved her menu choices...lobster and individual carrot cakes.



(l-r): Ellie Fox, Patricia Singer, SgtMaj Simmons, Carlene Wojciechowski, and Eileen Sampson.

Not only do we have fun, but we remain dedicated to the code of WMA to honor, volunteer and donate... our time, our talent, and our treasure. The

VA in Long Beach has again invited us to their Marine Corps Birthday Cake cutting ceremony on 9 November. Our "guy" Gabriel also put us on notice that we women Marines would be front and center for the program celebrating 100-years of Women in the Corps at the 2018 USMC Birthday ceremony.

Jibber-jabber to titillate! Our 99-year young Goldie Nannes is out of the VA and now in an assisted living residence at Long Beach. A few of our ladies have had health issues: "Tip-py" Paine, Sonia Gryske and Beverly Daugherty, that we know of. Six of our cherished sister Maries have left earth's bounds during the first six-months of 2017: Gerry Czarnecki, 2-27; Rita Stonebraker, 3-12; Dottie Sieben, 3-20; Dottie Hershey, 4-28; Luz Castro-Joyal, 6-16; and Lois Tepas, 6-19. Mary Ann Rogers' family had a 93rd birthday luau to celebrate the occasion. Being that Mary Ann is the mom of 11; any family gathering exceeds 100+. No doubt for the party to celebrate Mary Ann's century birthday they will need to rent the Angels' base-

ball stadium! Eileen Sampson had a family reunion aboard two-houseboats on Lake Mead. Lot of excitement as they had a non-family-member bull snake for a time on board...until the wildlife rescue team came aboard to remove all 5-feet and relocate. Not the family, only the snake! Carlene Wojciechowski and her Marine husband Bob headed a group in Orange County that retires American flags no longer serviceable. A moving and respectful ceremony.



The statue is the monument for Wounded Warriors BTN West, Camp Pendleton. It is magnificent!

We have our forms in hand for Wreaths across America. Again, Ellie Fox stepped forward to head our fourth year of remembrance for us OCCMALs. There are 60+ members from CA-5's past that we remember and honor each year faithfully in their Garden of Stone at Riverside National Cemetery. Some of those you may remember: Beth Albert; Lena Basilone; Lola Bean; Jane Black; Ruth Broe; Gen Brown; Irene Bunch; Polly Buzan; Dottie Cheslin; Ada Dodson; Rachel Doocy; Dottie Fisher; Gertrude Glad; Alice Hill; Dorothy Hufford; Hazel Kussman; Vi Lambert; Evelyn Liringus; Mary Madore; Edna Martin; Melba Meehan; Grace Murray; Nina Murray; Rosemary Murray; Gloria O'Boyle; Peg O'Connor; Marie Ozimek; Mary Rasmussen; Marie Shearer; Dottie Sieben; Irene & Madeline Spencer; Jewell Schultz; and Catherine Sullivan. If there is a name above that you would like to sponsor their wreath, please contact Ellie Fox...we do need financial support. Patricia tags each wreath with the picture, name, rank and site before it is laid. She can even add you name as the donor!

We Members-At-Large of Orange County, CA wish each of you, our sister Marines, a holiday season of joy and a New Year full of beauty, health and adventures.

Patricia Singer

CA-8 – Palms to Pines

September was our first meeting after summer break. We had three new members. Holly Kivett was a member of CA-8 some years ago but life got in her way so she left for a while. Welcome back Holly. Her mom Shirley Kivett from Colorado, a WW II Marine and WMA life member, attended with her. Not sure how long she will be here but we have made her a guest member of CA-8 for as long as she's here. Also attending was Joleen Lannie. Glad to have her.

Our October meeting is the same day as the VA Loma Linda Women in Service Luncheon a yearly event sponsored by the Women Veterans Program managed by Lisa Roybal, a veteran Navy Nurse and whose mother was a WWII Marine.

CA-8 decided to have our meeting at the luncheon. The guest speaker is Lindsey Sin, Deputy Secretary for women veterans, California Department of Veteran Affairs. She served 8 years in the Navy and was discharged with the rank of Petty Officer First Class.

Until next time, Semper Fidelis.

Sybl Acree

CA-11 – Central Coast

Greetings Lady Leathernecks,

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

We were honored to participate in the color guard for the Chumash Powwow in the San Ynez Valley. Our chapter carried the California flag and the local escort carried the Tribal flag. We were honoring women in the military for the first time at this very special event involving Indians from across the United States.



We will be joining our brothers in the Marine Corps League in support of the Santa Maria local Stand Down for veterans and homeless veterans on October 21. We enjoy 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' 242nd Birthday celebration preparation is underway and this chapter has a table just for us.

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 as we team up with the Season of Hope and

work with local communities in toy-collecting events. Semper Fidelis

Soledad Kennedy

KY-1 – Winning Colors

The Marines of the KY-1 chapter have been working hard to support the WW1 Poppy Project for the Kentucky veterans who served in WW1. We have worked with residents of the



Nazareth Home, where one of our members resides. They have all enjoyed this project and to date we have delivered over 1,000 poppies to the KDVA in Frankfort. Great job to all.

The chapter is now working on craft items to be sold at a craft fair in November. These funds help us support our local mission of supporting the hospice unit at the VA hospital.

Brenda Moore

LA-1 – Molly Marine

LA-1 had a great summer. In July Sylvia Silva, one of our most active members, spent time visiting Ms. Vera and celebrating her birthday with her. Ms. Vera is one of our WWII Marines who is now 93 years young and still living on her own with the



Ms Vera and Sylvia

help of her best friend and neighbor. To celebrate her birthday Sylvia took her to see our Molly Marine statue, to visit her old house where they sat on the driveway and Mr. Vera was able to tell her stories about her plants and garden. Then she took Ms. Vera to her favorite restaurant, Rocky & Carlos. They finished the special day by taking flowers to Ms. Vera's husband (Marine Veteran) and her son and placed them at the cemetery. Sylvia, you gave Ms. Vera a wonderful gift by giving her an AMAZING DAY. You make us proud. That month Sylvia also visited Melanie who is handling her hip replacement like a CHAMP!! We all THANK Ingrid for looking after Melanie as she gets back on her feet! On July 16 we had our July meeting hosted by Karl & Pat Hackbarth at their lively home. We discussed plans for several upcoming activities like the Marine Corps Ball, volunteer time, and the convention. We enjoyed a good time.



July meeting

The chapter was able to give back to the community at the New Orleans Mission on August 1. The Mission is very active in the coalition to aid homeless veterans. It felt good to give some of our time to something bigger than us. First we had to set up the tables, then we served dinner, and then we finished with clean up. They kept telling us how quickly we got everything done and were



At the Mission



Retirement

always ahead of schedule. That's right! The chapter also donated \$100 worth of laundry detergent and trash bags. During this quarter on August 4th we also attended the beautiful Retirement Ceremony of one of our own, GySgt Crystal Reynolds. LA-1 will miss her as she left the area to be close to family. Farewell and Following Seas. And Welcome to 1st Civ Div!

The August monthly meeting took place in the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Home in Reserve, LA. The chapter first had brunch, then prepared and served fruit tray and pudding for the residents and later assisted the home with bingo. It was a fun event where the members mingled with the residents of



NOMMA visit

the facility. On 25 August, LA-1 members visited the New Orleans Military & Maritime Academy (NOMMA) where SSgt Lesley McGovern gave a

class on grooming and hair regulations for 200 plus cadets. Other members present had a chance to answer questions on a one on one basis. The school is in need of a female Marine presence and guidance, and LA-1 is glad to have been able to offer some assistance. Other members and Marines present were Sgt Brittany Okonkwo, Cpl Camile Ramirez, Cpl Megan Lord, Melanie Young, and Dalia Robles.

On September 17, the Chapter had another great monthly meeting at the Wine Market in Slidell, LA. We had a great turn out of member as well as Loyal Escorts. We are very grateful for our awesome Loyal Escorts and thankful for the support they give us. On September 30th some chapter members attended the Pink Prom. The dance was a fund raiser for breast cancer by Krew de Pink. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and we like to remind everyone to check the tatas! The prom was a lot of fun. There was a lot of dancing and members really enjoyed a good time.

We are excited for the upcoming quarter full of holidays and festivities. Until next time...Semper Fidelis.

Dalia Robles



Veterans Home visit

MI-2 Motor City

It may be the end of the year but MI-2 is not slowing down. October was a quiet month except for planning for 2018.

At the end of the month our chapter will host a #WMARocks painting party. We will paint rocks and on the bottom will be the key of #WMARocks so people can check in with their rocks on Facebook. We will be shipping some of these rocks that will be decorated to our deployed troops. It is different and it is fun. Great way to get the community involved. We will also be collecting for the troops and the local veteran food pantry.



Chapter packing party

November has us volunteering at the VA Hospital and then our holiday packing for our deployed troops. This packing is usually one of our largest. It is our hope to ship approximately 500 boxes out.

Now, 2018 will be a busy year for our chapter. We will do four packings for our deployed, volunteer at the VA Hospital, host a women veterans make over, a golf outing to make the Major Megan McClung Scholarship perpetual, a special veteran event at the local orchard that will include a 5K, a Marine Corps encampment and a special corn maze that

will pay tribute to our service as Marines for 100 years.

Mary Ann Merritt

MN-1 – Minnesota Leathernecks

It has been quite a year for WMA life member Elizabeth (Liz) Steele Whitbeck who was awarded the 2017 Minnesota Woman Veteran of the Year in May by the Women Veterans Initiative. Liz was selected in August by the Minnesota Humanities Center as one of 21 awardees who have honorably served and have shown exemplary community service beyond their military service. The week before the awardee announcement, unfortunately Liz fell and broke her left hip, requiring surgery and rehabilitation. However, Liz could attend the ceremonies held at St. Thomas University in St. Paul on September 11 and was one of 12 "Legacy" awardees. Awardees, honored for their military and community service, consisted of veterans from all ranks and branches of service from across Minnesota.



Liz, front row, center with the other Legacy Award recipients.

Excerpts from the CaringBridge Journal entry for Olivia Nord by Eva Benedetto (her aunt) dated 9/10/2017:

Monday 8/28/17 marked another milestone in Olivia's remarkable recovery, she moved to the PTRP (Polytrauma Transitional Rehabilitation Program) unit on the first floor of the Minneapolis VA. The goal of this therapy emphasizes health and wellness promotion, providing community integration opportunities and ongoing leisure education to eliminate activity limitations and restrictions for Veterans. Recreation Therapy is designed to restore, remediate and rehabilitate a person's level of functioning and independence in life activities.

PTRP Recreation Therapists work closely with community-based programs to help transition leisure involvement outside of the VA. Therapeutic community integration opportunities are designed to practice the skills learned in group settings and apply them while out in the community. Examples of outings may include: sporting events, grocery stores, museums, dining out, libraries, fishing, golf, movies, parks, cooking groups, Mall of America and special events.

Participants work closely with Recreation Therapy staff to gain community independence through pathfinding activities (utilizing bus, light rail, biking and/or walking). Participants also engage in leisure education, health and wellness, outing planning, cooking, social skills both individually and in a group.

So far in the PTRP program, Olivia has visited the Minnesota State Fair, and the MN Zoo. Each veteran has a staff member with them and are generally PTRP group only events, so this has freed up a little of Jenny's time now that she is back at work full time. PTRP also is a group dining environment so Olivia is able to choose what she wants to eat and how much she gets. She still enjoys playing games with other veterans at the VA and has recently learned how to play Cribbage. She has

also been kayaking with her mom and has been doing much better at walking with her cane requiring minimal support.

The VA has case workers and social workers assigned to Olivia's case, and along with the Wounded Warrior Regiment and other organizations, have been very supportive to both Jenny and Olivia. Their support will be invaluable when Olivia moves on to her next phase of recovery in hopefully the next couple of months.

If WMA members would like to send a card, please forward to Olivia Nord, c/o Eva Benedetto, 17744 Galery Drive, Farmington, MN 55024.

Chapter members Lorraine Morgan, Julie Williams, Michelle Livingston, Linda Munson, and Vicki Latiolais attended the Women Veterans of Minnesota Luncheon held on October 14 at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776. Michelle Livingston and Julie Williams assisted with raffles prizes. Michelle, as chapter president, also gave the chapter report.

Michelle continues to attend various meetings including the Minnesota Marine Corps Coordinating Council and Toys for Tots which will be soon underway. Attendance at these meetings provides the chapter with valuable information regarding other Marine Corps associations in Minnesota. Members have been attending Metro Marine dinners held on the



Luncheon attendees

last Thursday of the month and will again be participating with Metro Marines at the Anoka Halloween Parade to be held on October 28 in Anoka. We hope to be

able to gain new members to the chapter as well as possibly a new Loyal Escort.

Several chapter members have committed to participate in the Woman Veteran Build for the Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, organized by the Women Veterans Initiative. The Build, with women veterans only, is held during the week of Veterans' Day. The Habitat house project is scheduled this year for November 10. Following the Build, chapter members plan to meet at Keegan's Irish Pub to celebrate the 242nd Marine Corps Birthday. Plans are being made to attend one of the Birthday Balls including: the Recruiting Command Birthday Ball, Intercontinental Hotel in St. Paul, October 28; the 4th Law Battalion on November 4; and/or the MWSS 471 Birthday Ball on November 11.

Coming to Minnesota? Please feel free to contact or join members in upcoming events.

Vicki Latiolais

NE-1 – Lady Leathernecks

NE-1 Lady Leathernecks started out the year celebrating the Women Marines Anniversary hosted by our Area Director at Nebraska Brewing (AKA Tun Tavern, Nebraska Style) in Papillion Nebraska. There, we had extraordinary and unexpected support from the local Marine Corps League, and the reserve unit sent all their female Marines and a few male Marines to celebrate with us.

We spent a cold night in January painting and drinking wine at Pinot's Palette in Omaha. Pinot's Palette provides a relaxed, fun environment, and expert guidance on painting techniques from local artists.

NE-1 attended and competed in a Chili Cook-off with our brothers and sisters in the Marine Corps League. The competition was fierce but hey, "We're Marines!"

In June we took a road trip to Lincoln to see the premier of the "Megan Leavey" movie which was based on the true life story of a young female Marine corporal whose unique discipline and bond with her military combat dog saved many lives during their deployment in Iraq. All who attended confirmed the Megan Leavey movie is a must see.



(l-r) Diane Fuss Okeefe, Pam Voss, Patricia Reh on the road to see the Megan Leavey movie

In July NE-1 headed to Seward for our first 4th of July Parade. Can't beat throwing candy out to the kiddos but what was M.O.T.I.V.A.T.I.N.G. was having the young and old of the community either standing up and saluting or crossing their hearts acknowledging our service. Yours and mine! God Bless America!

August brought us to the range. Platte Valley State Park, Louisville, has a shooting range with a wide variety of weapons to shoot at a very reasonable price. And we did not have to clean them afterwards. We shot 22 caliber rifles, pellet guns and used 20 gauge shot guns to trap shoot. The range master, who was in the Peace Corps when those of us were active duty Marines, was pretty happy that our group was no longer protecting the country. We celebrated our sore shoulders with a bit of grub and called it a good day.

Later in the month a call came in that a female Marine in Marne, Iowa, was celebrating her 100th birthday. Elleen Wheatley brought in her hundredth year with a group of sisters she never knew she had. She was spry as a whip and continues to search for 1943-45 WWII era vets who served in Camp Lejeune. She told us the reason she joined the Marine Corps was because her husband and brother had joined the Army and she wanted to join a respectable branch. She chose correctly in my book! If you or a WWII veteran you know would like to reach out to Elleen Wheatley, contact NE1@womenMarines.org.

In the fall, NE-1 Lady Leathernecks held our annual community service project "Ditty Bag Collection for Veterans". These ditty bags were collected and delivered to the LFS at Ease program in Omaha. LFS at Ease provides confidential, individualized counseling services for active military personnel, veterans and their loved ones regardless of ability to pay. Afterwards, we enjoyed time together at Bellevue Berry Farm in Bellevue.



4th of July Parade, back row (l-r) Tami Schmidt and son; front row (l-r) Diane Fuss Okeefe, Jeannie Morehart, Penny Miller Hardiman, and NE-1 member

We had a busy year and have a few classified bits of information for the future. Keep watching NE-1 Lady Leathernecks continuing to honor our traditions, continue engaging women veterans in our community and providing leadership to identify and develop future Marines. Follow us on our Facebook page too, "NE1 Lady Leathernecks."

Penny Hardiman

OH-2 – Emma Holmes

Our chapter has been very busy doing different projects this year.

Our members belong to different organizations but we all work for the veterans and community. We held a picnic for our women at the Veterans Home in Sandusky. Betty Jean and Don Canon came in from Michigan, and Dorthea who lives at the home all had a good time. Loyal Escort Marilyn Cunningham and sister Elva Pounders helped set up and clean up. Mission BBQ, owned by veterans, donated pulled pork and it was GOOD. A side note...every day at noon everyone in the Mission BBQ Restaurant stands and sings the National Anthem. It is beautiful and the voices just blend.

Ellen Leidy chaired the 12th annual Laura Dunlop Summit County (Ohio) Stand Down this year. Ellen did a lot of traveling between vacation and conferences but put together a great event. She was joined by Elva Pounders and Karen Pressler. About 300 veterans attended the event, at which chaplain and medical care services, winter coats and boots, blankets, toiletries, clothes, and haircuts were provided to those in need.

Jenny Jenkins visited with WWII woman Marine Pearl (Youst) Capraruolo and her sister Marie (Youst) Graham at Pearl's home in eastern Ohio. Pearl enlisted in the Corps in August



Pearl Capraruolo (left) and her sister Marie Graham

1943. Her main duty station was Camp Lejeune, where she worked at the only official Navy branch post office staffed entirely by women. Postmistress Lt. Pauline Beckley was the officer-in-charge.

Pearl's post office disbanded in the spring of 1944, and she was sent to Washington, D.C. She worked at the Navy Annex in Arlington. Pearl was promoted to the rank of Corporal and then discharged in November 1945. Marie also served proudly during World War II. She was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Women's Reserve, the SPARS. Pearl has been a bit under the weather recently. Well wishes are always welcome – write to her at 313 Thompson Ave., East Liverpool, OH 43920.

Dr. Betty Mosley Brown was our guest speaker for our Ohio Women Veterans Conference and another great day. We try to tell our other women veterans it is a "Marine Thing" and you have to be a Marine to understand. She is a wonderful speaker. Thank You, Betty.

Our members helped out at several state fairs. It is fun meeting so many women veterans.

The IX Center in Cleveland held a car show sponsored by Summit Auto and honored women veterans. We had women Marines marching and leading the parade.

We have members volunteering at our VA Clinics doing a super job handing out donated items, making cookies and sandwiches, and handing out lots of candy. The veterans get many hugs and give many hugs and a kiss on the cheek. We have a small library and it is used. You can donate books, take books or exchange books. Thank you for all your help during our picnic and cookie week.

A big Welcome Aboard to our new Area 4 Director Judy Ward and new member Gretchen Minnich Bishop.

Judy Tullis, who lives in Wilmington, NC and works for Sam's Club, helped deliver supplies in Texas during the floods. You never know where she is going to show up. We love you, Judy.

Lora LeWay was gathering supplies for disaster relief and nursing her new knee. Hope it is healing and you will be ready to run some races.

Our own "Thelma and Louise" (Diane Durden and Donna Perdue) have been traveling around the world. They keep us young with their travels. Diane was on Let's Make a Deal and won \$100.00.

Jenny Hawkes Jenkins has been traveling again, checking out her British roots. She is still busy with her kids and their school activities.

OH-2 wants to wish everyone a Happy Marine Corps Birthday, Happy Veterans' Day, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and any special day you may celebrate.

Elva Pounders and Jenny Jenkins

OH-3 - Florence Jelsma Fawley

Esprit de Corps was strong on 10 September in Gahanna where three Ohio WMA chapters plus trailblazing WWII women Marines were represented at OH-3 Florence Jelsma Fawley's fall meeting. OH-2's Karen Pressler, OH-1's Jenn Jaded, and MAL Barbara (Currier) Kruse (WWII) joined Susan Daood, Marilyn Jones, Leslie Piatt, Paul Banks, Janet Kemmerer and Jenny Jenkins.

The official business was good, the chow was great, but the sea stories – especially Barbara's – were the best. Barbara, 94 years young, discussed her WWII service. She enlisted in the Corps on 20 February 1943 – the day she turned 20 years old. "I didn't know where I'd go or what I'd do – I just knew I wanted to be a Marine," Barbara said, adding, "I still have that attitude." Barbara's recruit training took her to Hunter College for six weeks.

Barbara's MOS was enlistment and recruiting – a field which placed her in assignments in New Orleans and Oklahoma City. While in New Orleans, she attended the Molly Marine



Pictured (l-r): Jenny, Paula, Leslie, Jenn, Susan, Marilyn, Janet, Barbara, and Karen.

statue's dedication ceremony on 11 November 1943. Barbara said of recruiting duty, "We put in long, hard hours and though

we griped, there was camaraderie and morale was high. After all, we were serving our country and we were proud to be called U.S. Marines."

Barbara served at New Orleans for about a year and then transferred to Oklahoma City at the rank of Staff Sergeant. She was discharged in November 1945 from Henderson Hall. Barbara used the G.I. Bill to get her Bachelor's Degree in Occupational Therapy at the University of New Hampshire. "Did I ever regret enlisting in the Corps? Never. I look back on it as an excellent education/experience and perhaps one of the nicest/best things I've ever done for myself ... until I met my husband," Barbara said. OH-3 members voted to make Barbara an honorary member of the chapter. Semper Fidelis!

Jenny Jenkins

OK-2 Heartland Chapter

Members of the Heartland Chapter started the fall jumping for joy! Every October the chapter co-sponsors the Oklahoma Women Veterans Recognition Day which actually begins with a hospitality room the night before. Entertainment for the evening was a 10-year-old who was a ventriloquist. She was great and we all gave her a standing ovation at the end of her routine. Two years later, that girl, Darci Lynn Farmer,



Darci Lynn on America's Got Talent

appears on the show America's Got Talent and wins the million dollar prize! We're so proud of you, Darci! Congratulations!



Darci Lynn at our event in 2015

As mentioned above, we just held the 33rd Annual Oklahoma Women Veterans Recognition Day. A great time was had by all. Each year donations are collected for WIMSA and given to BGen Wilma Vought (who's usually in attendance). She did not come this year, so Pam Bloustine and Lynda Waldroop (Oklahoma Women Veterans Organization) took the donations with them to the WIMSA 20th Anniversary celebration and presented a check for \$10,000!

The two Oklahoma chapters are very small, so when something happens in one, the other feels it too. Our sincerest sympathies go out to the members of OK-1 and the family of Virginia Kruizinga. Ginny was a hardworking, highly motivated member of their chapter, always had a smile, and was always glad to see you. She will be missed by both chapters.

Member Betty Raines has been moved to assisted living, and member Pat Goss has recovered from her illness.

Happy Birthday to all Marines from the Heartland Chapter! Semper Fidelis!

Sondra Metzger

OR-1 - Lady Marine Rose

It was a busy summer for OR-1. Our summer begins with all members present at our meeting receiving a Marine Corps mug and scarf! Thank you Jacqueline Caputi for the gifts!

It was a hot summer, too! We crawled out of our air conditioned cars to do our annual Adopt A Highway clean-up in Salem. Many WMs brought their kids to help for a great learning experience. Great looking highway, for a while!



Old Glory Relay team

Talk about hot! President Christine McCarty, Chapter Historian Sarina Criswell, and Vice President Rosy Macias were running for the Team Red, White, and Blue Old Glory Relay. This is where veterans and their communities come together to run one American flag in relays, from Seattle to Tampa, FL. Go Marines!



Strawberry Social

Our summer was so busy with booths, bazaars, and events that we delayed our June Strawberry Social until July. Hosted at Heidi Tana-da's community center, the luncheon began many years ago when Dolly Ruble picked and prepared strawberries for the chapter's summer luncheon. Sally Van Wie has continued the tradition of being the "strawberry person". The day was very warm and everyone had a good time eating the buffet of salads and main dishes brought by the members and Loyal Escorts.



Gifts from Jacqueline Caputi

Fall weather is approaching fast. Our next meeting will be at Jacqueline Caputi's brand new home. Can't wait to see what is coming next!

*Sally Van Wie and
Judy Rankin*

TX-2 - Texas Gulf Coast



House in Montgomery County where we assisted in clean-up.

Hurricane Harvey came and we overcame as a state, a location and as a chapter. Our members only suffered minor damages from Harvey and the inevitable flooding from the substantial rainfall. We as Marines prepared and prevailed over the storm, but unfortunate-

ly Houston and some of our neighboring cities didn't do as well. As for myself, the flooding of 14 feet of water came within three blocks of my home and my driveway looked like a river flowing through my back yard.

Texas-2 members and hurricane victims as a whole would like to just drop a note to thank members of the WMA for their prayers and well wishes during this time of distress. Karen Rudolph and Maggie Rodgers from FL-11, Mary Ellen Ramplin from WA-3, and Shannon Crittenden, a Gold Star Wife from Florida, stayed at my home while they helped out with clean-up at area locations. They also brought donations of funds, supplies, and materials from veteran groups in Florida. Thanks, Ladies for your generosity of time and energy during our time of need.

Marti Raney



(L-R) Mary Ellen Ramplin, Karen Rudolph and Maggie Rodgers (kneeling), Shannon Crittenden, and Marti Raney.

WA-3 - Northsound

WA-3 has been busy helping others. First shout out to member Mary Ellen Ramplin who traveled to Houston to help a call from a fellow WMA sister.

When the call came from our fellow Marines at Puget Sound Marine Corps League #336 for volunteers, WA-3 answered that call.



Mary Ellen and crew

The MCL #336 was hosting their 2nd annual BBQ for the residents at the North Puget Sound VA Hospital. The first year they had plenty of volunteers since the local Red Cross assisted. This year, however, due to the recent hurricane disasters, the Red Cross was not available. So the MCL asked for help, and we responded, along with a wonderful group of local active duty Navy personnel.



MCL barbeque at VA Hospital

The veterans were very excited to be treated not only to the wonderful BBQ, but also the band that played many familiar folk songs, and the visits and talks we all provided.

A big thank you to our newest member, Melissa "Missy" Cox, and Loyal Escort Bill Reiber!

WA-3 would like to wish all a Happy Marine Corps Birthday! Semper Fidelis!

Peggy Reiber

WMA National Membership Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____
 Current Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Date of Birth: _____ SSN: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____

Alternate Address Information

Name: _____ Reason for Alternate _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Start Date: _____ Stop Date: _____

Emergency Contact

Name of relative not residing with you: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Relationship: _____

Spouse Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Military Information

When Served: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Name(s) Served Under: _____ Maiden Name: _____
 Plt. and Series: _____ MOS: _____ Molly Marine ☐ Y ☐ N

RMD Preferences

The Resource and Member Directory (RMD) will be sent in CD format. If you prefer another format please check one only: ☐ Electronic copy ☐ Hard Paper copy

Membership Information: ☐ New ☐ Renewal ☐ Reinstatement

☐ 2 Year Membership \$40

Chapter Name if Known: _____

Enrolled by/How did you hear about WMA: _____

Life Membership: Pick One

☐ Age 30 & Up \$295

☐ Age 50-59 \$180

☐ Age 31-39 \$260

☐ Age 60-65 \$150

☐ Age 40-49 \$210

☐ Age 66 & Older \$120

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

WMA National Merchandise Sales – Your Purchases Support Our Association!

WMA Patch, Large. \$10.00

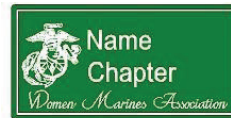
Gold EGA for WMA Cover. . . \$10.00

WMA Life Member Pin. \$10.00

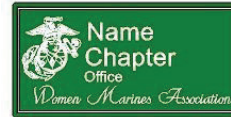
WMA Ceremonial Flag. . . Call for Pricing

Name Tags: 1.50" x 3.00" . . . \$12.00

Nametags are laser etched on dark green acrylic with white text and have magnetic or pin hardware. Please indicate your Name, Chapter and Chapter designator exactly as you wish it to appear on your nametag. (See Example)



Example



Example



WMA Cover with Chapter Embroidery and EGA. \$55.00

Cover with Chapter and LIFE embroidery. . . . \$60.00

Sizing: (Measure crown of head 1" above ears, allow for hair style)

XSmall. (20 ½" – 20 7/8")

Small. (21 ¼" – 21 5/8")

Medium. (22" – 22 3/8")

Large. (22 ¾" – 23 1/8")

XLarge. (23 ½" – 23 7/8")

XXLarge. (24 ¼" – 24 5/8")



Please specify your cover size, chapter information, if "Life" is requested, shipping address and contact information (phone number and email). Covers are custom ordered, please allow 4 – 6 weeks for delivery.

Chapter Designation is limited to 5 characters max, (i.e. CA-29 or USA 1)

Sale Items!!

WMA Cammo Drawstring Bag. . . \$8.00

Turner WMA History Book. . . . \$15.00

Above and Beyond. \$10.00

Turner WMA Pictorial History. . \$15.00

by Rudy Socha and Carolyn Darrow

You may order any of these items on our website at www.womenmarines.org, Shop, Members

Or

Mail the item information, quantity, your mailing address and contact info including email address along with your check Payable to **Women Marines Association** to:

WMA Sales
C/o Gail Horn
P. O. Box 12518
Jacksonville, NC 28546

Contact info: sales@womenmarines.org
Gail Horn (910) 355-0293

WMA Chapter Merchandise Sales

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

Books



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



Thermal bags

12 inches tall by 11 inches wide and 8 inches deep.
Great size for shopping.
Zipper closure, nice long handles for easy carrying.
1 Bag.....\$6 (plus \$2 postage)
6 Bags.....\$30 (plus \$5 postage)
Contact: WMA, TX-2, P.O. Box 1821, Pasadena, Texas 77501



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

Clear Vinyl Bag with Long Zipper, WMA Logo Women Marines Association.

Green/White Size: 9" x 12" Cost: \$6.25 (includes shipping)
Chapter: NC-1
Contact: Naomi Malone, 218 Sunset Rd., Jacksonville, NC 28546-7045 (910) 545-7154
nmalone@ec.rr.com

Flags

Car Flag - WMA Logo
(Clips to car window)
Cost: \$10.00 plus \$6.00 shipping cost

Table Flag - WMA Logo 4"x6" with stand
Cost: \$5.00 plus \$6.00 shipping cost
Chapter: CA-11 Central Coast
Contact: Soledad Kennedy, 4062 Capella Street, Lompoc, CA 93436
Fax/Office (805) 733-2175, Cell (805) 588-0650
Email: usmcrfemale@yahoo.com
website: www.centralcoastwomenmarines.com



Apron, short, three pockets, white with WMA Logo

Cost: \$10.00 plus \$6.00 shipping
Chapter: CA-11 Central Coast
Contact: Soledad Kennedy, 4062 Capella Street, Lompoc, CA 93436
Fax/Office (805) 733-2175, Cell (805) 588-0650

"No Sweat, the WOMEN Marines are on duty" Koozie, bottle or can size sleeve, foldable foam. Green with WMA logo in white on one side, white letters on the other side.

Cost: \$4.00 each, or 20 for \$75.00 (Price includes shipping)
Contact: Pam Kubczak, 1156 Queen Street, Pottstown, PA 19464
pa2@womenmarines.org

NEW ITEM!



WWII Poster Mug

Mug with Vintage Women Marines Recruitment Poster Art, "BE A MARINE • FREE A MARINE TO FIGHT"
Cost: \$12 each, plus \$5 shipping & handling
Checks should be made out to IN-1
Chapter: IN-1 Contact: Kay Ross • Email kayross@comcast.net (317) 698.6637

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

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 EMVSC CA-7 WMA)
Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056-4011, (760) 724-9861,
(visit www.womenmarines.net to see the items in color)

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



Shoes

Shoes will have EGA or WMA Logo on one shoe and wording on the other. Shoes with EGA on both sides add \$10. For custom designs, include photo or description - upon approval of artist - prices may vary.

Woman sizes: 6, 6.5, 7, 7.5, 8, 8.5, 9, 9.5, 10, 11, 12, 13

Men's sizes: 7, 7.5, 8, 8.5, 9, 9.5, 10, 10.5, 11, 11.5, 12, 13, 14, 15

Women's & Men's Vans - \$110

Women's Gias - \$75,

Men's Airwalk - \$85

Contact: Lynn Rarick, MI-3 West MI Chapter, lynfo@aol.com

"The Few, The Proud, The Women Marines" Bumper sticker

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.

Shirts and Sweats

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

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

Adult, Youth & Infant/Toddler Shirts,

3 embroidery options, prices include shipping:

Ladies Polos	Short Sleeved T-Shirt	Youth Polos
Adult	(S-XL)\$18.00	(S-XL)\$22.00
(S-XL).....\$30.00	(2XL)\$20.00	
(2XL)\$32.00	(3XL)\$22.00	
(3XL)\$34.00	(4XL)\$24.00	For Infant/Toddler: Please contact
(4XL)\$36.00	(5XL)\$26.00	for availability and prices.
(5XL)\$38.00		Website: http://wmaor3.wix.com/shirts

Embroidery Options:

Option 1: Option 2: Option 3:



For more information email Stephanie Wilcox at swilcox818@yahoo.com.
 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

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

Ladies cut T-Shirt with V neck. Comes in Vintage Khaki and Gray with logo in hunter green.
 Cost: \$23.50 (with shipping and handling.) Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X
 Make checks or money orders made out to: WMA Motor City, PO Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065. Please state size and 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.
 Cost : \$20.00 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling Sizes: M, L, XL
 Please state size.

Sweatshirts White with Green image of 3 WMs from Charles Waterhouse's rendition. Only 6 remaining in inventory and will not be re-ordered.
 Cost: \$20.00 (with shipping and handling.) Size: 2XL Only
 Please include phone number.
 Make Check/Money Order payable to PA-2 Liberty Belles
 Mail to: Pam Kubczak, 1156 Queen Street, Pottstown, PA 19464
 or email: pa2@womenmarines.org

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. Visit: www.womenmarines.net to see the items in color.

Jewelry

WMA Logo Earrings available in wire/dangle and clip-on
 Cost: \$10.00/pair (includes shipping)
 Chapter: Make checks payable to: TX-3, WMA
 Please designate one: Wire/Dangle or Clip-on
 Contact: Trish Martin, 7026 Seidel Rd., San Antonio, TX 78209, (210) 824-8441



Charm "Semper Paratus"

Cost: \$15.00
 Chapter: Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)
 Contact: Heidi Tanada, 17103 SW Eldorado Dr., Tigard OR 97224-2075.



Dog tags

Comes in a variety of colors, 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: \$3.00 each (postage included)
 May be ordered in large quantities, 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. Visit: www.womenmarines.net to see the items in color.

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

Travel Neck Pouch, black w/two zippered sections on one side with clear section on reverse with WMA logo, adjustable strap.
 Cost: \$5.00 each (includes shipping) Size: 6-1/2"x4-1/2"
 Chapter: NM-1 (checks payable to payable to WMA-Chapter NM1)
 Contact: Stella Delgado-Kinnison, 204 General Patch NE, Albuquerque, NM



WMA Logo Magnet. Ideal for gift.

Cost: \$2.00 includes postage Size: 2" long, 1 1/2" wide
 Chapter: NJ-2. Contact: Lorraine Nankivell, P.O. Box 208, 38 Point Pleasant Rd, Hopatcong, NJ 07843-0208

"Proud To Be A Marine" Ribbon Magnet, 8"x 3"

Cost: \$6 each (includes shipping)
 Checks: Payable to to EMVSC CA-7 WMA
 Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4011, (760) 724-9861,
 Visit: www.womenmarines.net to see the items in color

WMA logo Rubber Stamps

Costs include shipping: Large stamp: \$11.00, Small stamp: \$8.00. Chapter: CA-7
 Checks to: EMVSC CA7 WMA
 Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4011, (760) 724-9861, Visit: www.womenmarines.net to see the items in color.

"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

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P.O. Box 377

Oaks, PS 19456-0377



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