



## Marine Corps Women Reserves 74th Anniversary

This year marks the 74th anniversary of the Marine Corps Women Reserves and WMA chapters across the country have been or will be celebrating this early historic milestone for women Marines.

Even though the first women Marines had enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1918 during World War I, the need for their support decreased at the end of the war and they were all transferred to inactive service by July of 1919.

When the United States entered World War II in 1941, there was once again a need for women in the ranks. Initially though, the idea of women serving in the Marine Corps at the outbreak of the second World War did not have much support from congress or the branches of the military service. It was not until 30 July 1942 that President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the establishment of a women's reserve for the Marine Corps. Then it took until 13 February 1943 before the Marine Corps Women Reserves was actually formed.

Thousands of women flocked to recruiting centers to join the Marine Corps - eager to serve their country and drawn by posters with the slogan, "Free a Man to Fight." The qualifications for these early women Marine recruits were rigid. They had to be at least 20 years old, could not be married to a Marine, and could not have minor children. In addition, they were required to have more education than a male recruit.

The first class of women recruits completed their recruit training at Hunter College in Bronx, New York. The first class of officer candidates trained at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts. By July of 1943 both enlisted and officer training for women Marine recruits were transferred to New River, North Carolina, where almost 19,000 women ended up completing their training.

Once in the fleet, women Marines served in over 200 assignments. Some of the many positions they filled included radio operators, photographers, parachute riggers,

auto mechanics, drivers, aerial gunner instructors, cryptographers, stenographers, post exchange managers, control tower operators, cooks, quartermasters, and telegraph operators.

At first, the Marine Corps didn't know what to call these women reserves, or WRs. A flurry of nicknames were tossed around, including names such as Femarines, Dainty Devil Dogs, Marinettes, and Glamarines. Finally, General Thomas Holcomb, the 17th Commandant of the Marine Corps announced, "They are Marines. They don't have a nickname and they don't need one. They get their basic training in a Marine atmosphere at a Marine post. They inherit the traditions of Marines. They are Marines".

General Alexander A. Vandegrift, 18th Commandant of the Marine Corps, was quoted as saying that women Marines in WWII could "feel responsible for putting the 6th Marine Division in the field; for without the women filling jobs throughout the Marine Corps, there would not have been sufficient men available to form that division."

At the end of the war, demobilization of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve began. By July of 1946, of the approximately 20,000 women who served, only 1000 remained.

On 12 June 1948 women were made a permanent part of the regular Marine Corps when Congress passed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act.

Corrina Martell,  
Editor, WMA 'Nouncements





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

On behalf of all Marines, I am honored to commemorate the 74th anniversary of women serving in our Marine Corps Reserves. Over nearly three quarters of a century, our female warriors have contributed extensively to every mission our Corps has undertaken.

As we look back on our legacy, we remember the courageous women who paved the way for this milestone over the past century. Since Opha Mae Johnson enrolled for duty in 1918, our female Marines have unfailingly answered our Nation's call with patriotism, honor and dedication. It is vital to the heritage of our Corps that we recognize the numerous contributions our female warriors continue to make in garrison and in harm's way. The WMA plays a crucial role in carrying on those traditions and strengthening the bonds of our Corps.

It is an honor to represent all Marines in thanking you for your many contributions. Congratulations on 74 years of outstanding service to Corps and country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert B. Neller".

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





13 February 2017

As we celebrate the anniversary of the establishment of women in the Marine Corps Reserves, let us remember the legacy of those tenacious women who came before us. If our founders could see all the opportunities that are now available to women who earn the eagle, globe, and anchor, they would see that their perseverance was not in vain. I am certain that they would be honored and amazed at how we continue to recognize their actions each year, and still acknowledge how their steps laid the foundation for our success and paved the way for so many. Yes, we will forever celebrate our Marine Corps birthday on 10 November, but we pause every 13 February to celebrate those first women who bravely earned the title of "Marine".

This year holds great significance for not only Marines, but for all women who proudly served our great Nation. As we steadily march towards the 100th anniversary of women serving in the Marines (with Opha May Johnson being our first Woman Marine), we also commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of women officially serving in the military—and receiving full benefits and pay. It was in 1917 that Loretta P. Walsh became the first enlisted female to officially join the military; she later became the first female Navy Chief. Speaking of firsts, let us remember a few living firsts: Colonel Julia E. Hamblet (who served twice as the Director of Women Marines), Sergeant Major Grace Carle (who was the last to serve as Sergeant Major of Women Marines), and to Sergeant Major Angela M. Maness (who retired after 30 years of distinction and ended her career as the Sergeant Major at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, and Eastern Recruiting Region, Parris Island, South Carolina).

Job well done, to these female heroines who laid the groundwork for all of us! One day, there will be no need to count our "firsts", because we will be a total integrated force. But, until then...Let us never forget their esprit de corps and forever remember the significance of their service! We are women by gender...Marines for Life!

Semper Fidelis!

*Betty Moseley Brown* **OOHRAH!**  
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## From the Editor: Our 74th Anniversary



The winter weeks after the new year can sometimes be blasé or monotonous. The excitement of the holidays have passed, the economy slows, and the tulips of the spring seem far off.

For women Marines however, this time of year gives us cause to celebrate in February the anniversary of the Marine Corp Women Reserves. It also gives us opportunity to nominate a Marine for The Colonel Julia E. Hamblet Award, which is given to the individual or team who has done the most to

further the recognition of the history of women who have earned the title Marine.

In our personal lives, every morning brings us another chance at redemption, hope, and opportunity. Remember that for everything, there really is a season.

It's my wish that the remaining winter will give you a chance to reflect on your hopes and dreams for 2017.

**Corrina Martell,**  
*Editor, WMA 'Nouncements*

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# National President's Message: Happy New Year, 2017!



OOHRAH! Happy New Year...2017!

As I place pen to paper, it dawned on me that when you read this, much will have already happened. We'll have said farewell to one U.S. President and installed our new Commander-in-Chief; I will have had the honor to represent WMA as one of our own, Sergeant Major Angela Maness (after so many Marine firsts), retired with 30 years of distinguished service; and, as our female

heroines have done over the centuries, I'll have the honor to join the Women's March on Washington.

I'm excited as we move towards our Centennial Anniversary in 2018, but this March 2017 there is also a centennial to note.



**Sergeant Major Lanette Wright, WMA President Betty Moseley Brown, and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Sergeant Major Ronald L. Green.**

This is the Female Enlisted Centennial that celebrates the historic enlistment of Loretta P. Walsh, the first woman to officially enlist in the military. Without her "first"...there may not have been the others. She went on to also become the first female Chief. The Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service (DA-COWITS) and VA's Center for Women Veterans are co-hosting an event at the Women's Memorial on 21 March 21 (2-3:30 p.m.). Please join us if you are in the area. Enjoy March – Women's History Month! Always remember, we are "Women by Gender – Marines for Life!"

*Semper Fidelis,*  
**Betty Moseley Brown**  
**WMA National President**



**Gathering with the newly retired Sergeant Major Angela Maness at Parris Island, SC on 13 January 2017.**

## From the 1st VP: Happy 74th Anniversary, Marines!



Happy 74th Anniversary to the Women Marine Reserves. Although we all know that the legendary Opha Mae Johnson enlisted in the Marine Corps alongside three hundred other women on 13 August 1918, it was not until 1942 that Congress authorized a women's reserve in the Marine Corps; and on 13 February 1943 the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve was formed. This year

we honor seventy-four years of legacy. We must continue to honor the outstanding women who continue to keep pace with the foundation that was laid for them. Congratulations to the young warriors who break barriers in the Ground Combat Military Occupational Specialties

Whether you came into the Marine Corps in the 1960's or 2017, every woman Marine has a story that will make her nostalgic and reflect on her contribution. Let us celebrate our differences and honor one another's path.

The Colonel Julia E. Hamblet Award is seeking nominations. The Colonel Julia E. Hamblet Award is named for the longest serving Director of Women Marines. It is given to the individual or team who has done the most to further the recognition of the history of women who have earned the title Marine. Do you know of a male/female Marine (active duty or retired) or civilian that has contributed to the preservation of our history as women Marines? Submissions are due 28 February 2017. Please contact Eileen Scanlon at [souscan1@aol.com](mailto:souscan1@aol.com) for specific requirements.

**Laura Brown**  
**WMA First Vice President**

**Left to Right: SgtMaj Lanette Wright (4th MLG Sergeant Major), SgtMaj Irene O'Neal, USMC (Retired), SgtMaj Micheal P. Barrett, 17th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Retired), and SgtMaj Laura Brown, USMC (Ret), 1st VP, Women Marines Association.**







# *Save the Date*

## Female Enlisted Centennial Anniversary Celebration



*The Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services ([DACOWITS](#)) and VA's Center for Women Veterans ([CWV](#)) are co-hosting an event celebrating the historic enlistment of Loretta P. Walsh, the first woman to officially enlist in the military.*

21 March 2017  
2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.



Women in Military Service for America Memorial  
located at the entrance of Arlington National Cemetery

# Chapter Sets up Account for Marine Injured in Vehicle Accident

On Sunday, 5 December 2016, MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks Chapter was notified of a motor vehicle accident involving Pvt. Olivia Nord, a recent boot camp graduate from Parris Island, SC, and her mother, Jenny.

The accident occurred after family friends had picked up Jenny and Olivia from the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport and were traveling on Interstate 494 to meet other acquaintances. Their vehicle was struck by a driver traveling the wrong way on the Interstate. Both Jenny and Olivia were taken to the Hennepin County Medical Center for treatment of their extensive injuries. On or about 11 January 2017, Olivia was transferred to the Minneapolis VA Health Care System, where she will continue to receive medical care and treatment for her extensive injuries.

A Caring Bridge website (<https://www.caringbridge.org/signin>) was set up for the Nord family. Once a login has been created, you can search for Jenny & Olivia Nord to view past journal entries and be kept up to date on Olivia's progress. Under the "Ways to help Jenny & Olivia" you can donate by clicking on the "Support Links – Olivia Nord Fund". This will take you to a PayPal screen. This is where you can donate specifically to the fund that has been

set up by Chapter MN-1 at Wells Fargo for Olivia Nord. (**Please note:** it is NOT a GoFundMe page, which takes a portion of any donations, nor is it a donation to the Caring Bridge website. Some may have donated under the belief that they were donating to the Nord Family fund but may have accidentally donated to the Caring Bridge website.)

For more information on how to redirect a donation made in error to Caring Bridge and not to the Olivia Nord Fund, please contact MN1@womenmarines.org.

Alternatively, donations via check can be payable to the Olivia Nord Fund and mailed to Linda Munson, Chapter Treasurer, 6391 Madison Street NE, Fridley, MN 55432.

If you would like to send get well wishes and words of encouragement to this young Marine, please forward mail to Olivia Nord, c/o Eva Benedetto, 17744 Galery Drive, Farmington, MN 55024. Eva will see that the words of encouragement make their way to Olivia. Both Olivia's grandfathers served in the Marine Corps as well as her Aunt Eva.

**Submitted By Vicki Latiolais**

## Taps

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

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

### Life Member

			Membership No.
Anderson, Evelyn (Gordon)	8/29/16	NJ	#1630
Coleman-Hodges, Iris (Shaffner)	12/27/16	CA-10	#2224
Darvin, Gwendolyn (Dalton)	07/19/16	TX-1	#1871
Davis, Constance (Keenan)	01/03/17	CA-3	#2440
Gessleman, Florence (Harris)	11/20/16	TX	#1800
Haffey, Marie (McClung)	11/6/16	OH-1	#1102
Hirschmann, Ozetta (Groff)	12/13/16	PA-1,2	#992
Holt, Laura (Love)	9/29/16	ID	#2770
Jones, Frances (Waterbury)	3/23/16	FL	#1650
Koenig, Helen (Cleveland)	2/25/16	WA	#1909
Machholz, Doris (Mueller)	10/26/16	CA-6	#1475
Miller, Faith	01/04/17	CA-7	#191
Rahmoeller, Georgia (Breitenstein)	01/09/17	MO-1	#661
Smith, June (Buchanan)	1/11/14	VA-1	#2516
Vogel, Barbara (Gibson)	9/18/15	WI	#2482

### Term Members

Ataman, Elaine (McDonald)	11/22/16	WI
Bradbury, Rose Marie (Vargo)	10/00/16	OH-1
Brown, Genevieve (Callahan)	11/13/16	CA-5
Collins, Betty (Starin)	10/3/16	TN
Koering, Darlene (Haerther)	12/9/16	IA
Nelson, Lois (Fulford)	7/16/16	WA



## Chaplain's Corner:

No one likes to talk about our death, but for the sake of those we leave behind, we owe it to them to prepare them for what they'll have to deal with when the inevitable happens.

Very few people are aware of the high cost and the difficulties that lie ahead for your family because of the complexities of last minute arrangements. It's always a good idea to plan ahead!

**Eileen Skahill, WMA Chaplain**

### Notify Immediately:

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|------------------------|---|
| 1. Cemetery            | 6. Relatives                            |
| 2. Funeral Director    | 7. Friends                              |
| 3. Physician(s)        | 8. Employer                             |
| 4. Clergy              | 9. Insurance Agents (Life/Health, etc.) |
| 5. Executor for Estate | 10. Organizations                       |
| 6. Relatives           | (WMA, Am. Legion, Church, WIMSA)        |
|                        | 11. Obituaries                          |



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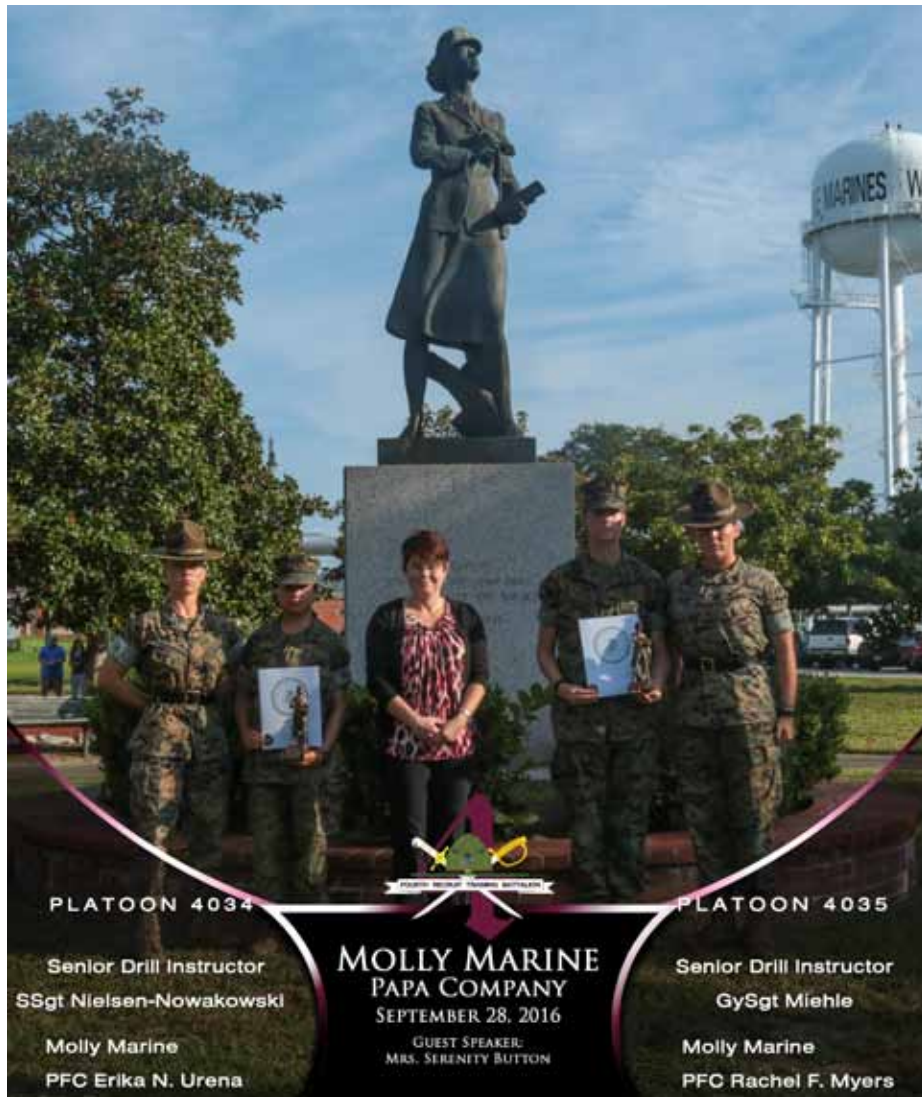
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| 1. Birth Certificate           | 7. Bank/Investment Statements  |
| 2. Cemetery                    | 8. Insurance Policies          |
| 3. Social Security Information | 9. Car Title                   |
| 4. Marriage/Divorce Papers     | 10. Income Tax Receipts        |
| 5. DD-214 or discharge         | 11. Property Deeds             |
| 6. Will or Trust Document      | 12. Disability, Pension Claims |

### Necessary Information:

- |                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Name, Address, Phone   | 9. Father's Name               |
| 2. How Long in State      | 10. Father's Birthplace        |
| 3. Occupation/Title       | 11. Mother's Name              |
| 4. Social Security Number | 12. Mother's Birthplace        |
| 5. Military ID Number     | 13. Mother's Maiden Name       |
| 6. Date of Birth          | 14. Passport Number & Location |
| 7. Place of Birth         | 15. Computer Passwords         |
| 8. U.S. Citizenship       | 16. Location of Tax Records    |

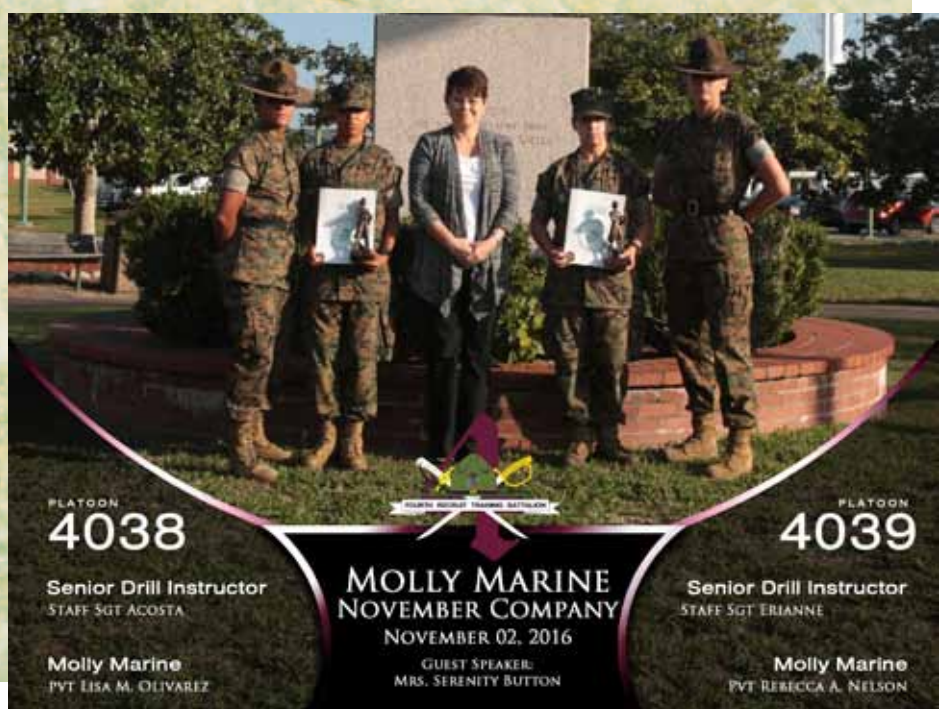


# Molly Marine Award Recipients



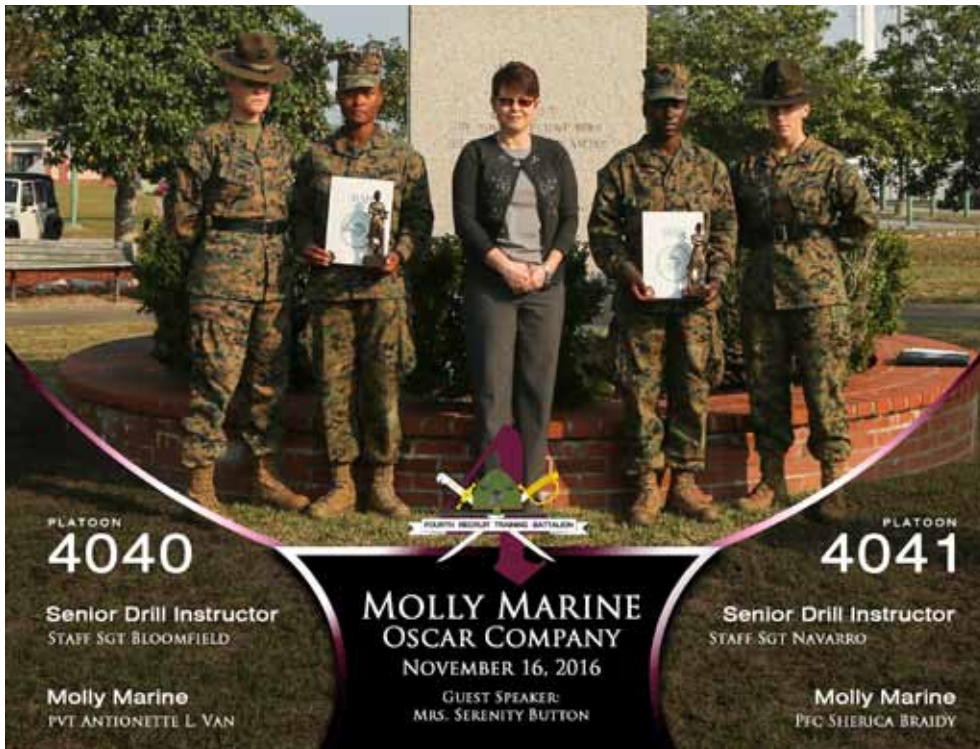
26 September, 2016 - Platoon 4034:  
Senior Drill Instructor:  
SSgt Nielsen-Nowakowski  
Molly Marine Award Recipient:  
PFC Erika N. Urena  
Platoon 4035:  
Senior Drill Instructor:  
GySgt Miehle  
Molly Marine Award Recipient:  
PFC Rachel F. Myers  
Guest Speaker: Mrs. Serenity Button

2 November, 2016 - Platoon 4038:  
Senior Drill Instructor:  
SSgt Acosta  
Molly Marine Award Recipient:  
Pvt Lisa M. Olivarez  
Platoon 4039:  
Senior Drill Instructor:  
SSgt Erianne  
Molly Marine Award Recipient:  
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Guest Speaker: Mrs. Serenity Button



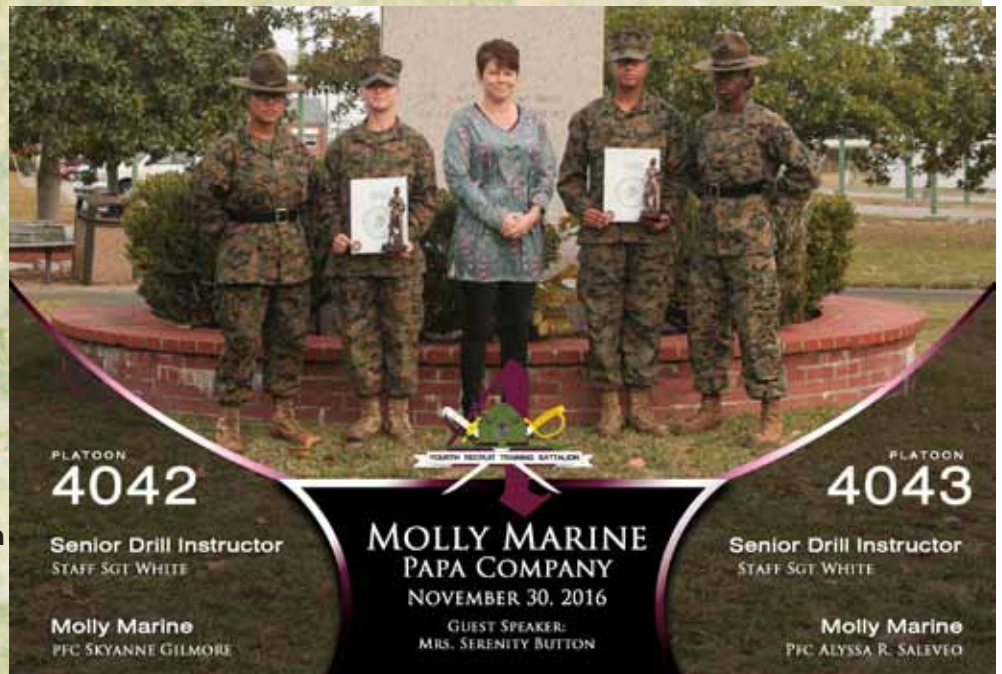


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16 November, 2016 - Platoon 4040:  
Senior Drill Instructor:  
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Molly Marine Award Recipient:  
Pvt Antionette L. Van  
Platoon 4041:  
Senior Drill Instructor:  
SSgt Navarro  
Molly Marine Award Recipient:  
PFC Sherica Braidy  
Guest Speaker: Mrs. Serenity Button

30 November, 2016 - Platoon 4042:  
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SSgt White  
Molly Marine Award Recipient:  
PFC Skyanne Gilmore  
Platoon 4043:  
Senior Drill Instructor:  
SSgt White  
Molly Marine Award Recipient:  
PFC Alyssa R. Saleveo  
Guest Speaker: Mrs. Serenity Button





## Area 1 Director's News

Over 50 women Marines from New York and New England landed on the shores of Connecticut to celebrate the 241st birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps. We were honored to have our WMA President and 1st Vice President join us in this celebration.



We experienced an afternoon of fun sisterhood and camaraderie at the beautiful Manchester Country Club. Other highlights included the CT-1 Chapter hosting a silent auction, our guest speaker author Kirsten Holmstedt (who is now a Loyal Escort of the Green Garter), and the modified traditional cake cutting ceremony celebrating four WWII Marines, Rosalina (Roz) Mucaria from MA, and Agnes (Aggie) Zdrojowy, Dorothy (Dottie) Dee, and Doris Stevensen (from CT) as the oldest Marines present who passed the cake to the youngest Marine present, Sergeant Sadie Victor, assigned to the Portland New Hampshire Recruiting Station. Everyone left with goodie bags (donated by CT-1) and great memories of a fun afternoon. MA-1 Chapter donated the door prize and the Memorial table and Micaila Britto of MA-1 was our official (and amazing) photographer. A big thank you to CT-1 for helping me host the first Area 1 luncheon. These ladies added the final perfect touch with their talents and teamwork. And the MA-1 Chapter has volunteered to help me host the next Area 1 luncheon, date to be determined.

A few weeks earlier, I had arranged a TV interview for Aggie, Dottie and Doris (WWII vets) on Connecticut's CBS local affiliate WFSB Channel 3 TV about their experience as Marines. It aired on Veterans Day and we couldn't have been prouder of these trailblazers! They did a fine job representing Women Marines and sharing a few of their untold stories.

The enthusiasm from this Area 1 luncheon has sparked a new interest to have other regional luncheons throughout the area. On



February 18th, we will be having a metro New York region lun-

cheon on Long Island to celebrate our 74th anniversary of United States Women Marines. And we are in the early stages of planning another luncheon in New Hampshire this summer. As women, we've come a long way. From World War I to current day, women have evolved into combat-ready machines with physical and emotional strength and skills that far outweigh that of other women. We are sisters, we are family. Nobody gets us, but us. We are United States Marines. We are veterans. We all volunteered and we all earned the title "Marine." Regardless of where or when we served, we all have walked our post in a military manner as we served our great country. It is good for us to take the time to remember our sacrifices we have made.

A new mission that Area 1 has focused on during the holiday season has been the homeless female veteran. So many of us get caught up in the traditional Toys-for-Tots programs and good will toward senior citizens (which is all very important); however, many forget about the homeless who enjoy simple things like a clean pair of socks or their own wash cloth and toiletry items. So, with the help of our own WMA Public Relations Officer (PRO), Mary Ann Merritt, we launched a successful campaign via Amazon to provide needed items to two separate shelters for homeless female veterans; one in Ballston Spa, NY and the other in Bridgeport, CT. The homeless female veteran population seems to be growing with the increase of military women, but there are fewer services to help them at this point. These sister veterans are slow to ask for help – because, like us, they have always had to do it on their own and learn to carry their own pack.

I have continued to seek more information on ways Area 1 can support the homeless shelters for female veterans in the New York and New England states. It's a bit overwhelming right now, but "we take care of our own" and we are committed to making a difference for our sister veterans going forward. I'm discovering that, although there are shelters for women, few are designated just for female veterans. The states are working hard at improving the options for our sisters. Each shelter has a limited number of beds (avg. 12-20) and there is a limited amount of time a veteran can stay at the shelter (usually 90 days).

In addition to collecting Toys-for-Tots at the holiday meeting, CT-1 also collected items for the shelter in Bridgeport, CT. Chapter President, Jennifer Jackson, personally delivered the items to the shelter. Everyone experienced great joy in the giving, as well as those in the receiving. Thank you to everyone in WMA for supporting this mission of helping our homeless sister veterans.

Lastly, the inaugural Connecticut Veterans Day Patriot Race, co-founded by my husband and I, was a huge success. After all the expenses, we donated \$1,000 each to the Area 1 WMA, the local American Legion, the local VFW and the DAV; members from each organization assisted in making the race day successful. It was decided at the luncheon to fund a \$500 WMA scholarship for a qualified Area 1 student for 2017.

The Marines from Area 1 are on the move, marching forward and in step, and full of esprit de corps!

**Favorite Quote:** *You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.* -- CHRISTOPHER ROBIN.  
Winnie the Pooh.

*Submitted By Jamie B. DePaola*  
*Area 1 Director*



# WMA Chapter Clippings

## AZ-2 Arizona Saguaro

AZ-2 Saguaro Chapter in Tucson, AZ hosted The Women Veterans Luncheon on 5 November 2016. The event was held at The Viscount Hotel with Arizona Department of Veterans' Services Director Wanda Wright (Colonel, ret.) as the keynote speaker. Representative Martha McSally was also a speaker and sang the national anthem.

*Miriam Contreras*

Arizona Department of Veterans' Services Director Wanda Wright (Colonel, ret.) speaks at the Women Veterans Luncheon in Tucson, AZ on 5 November 2016.



## CA-29 Twenty Nine Palms



CA 29 Palms Chapter has been very active the last quarter of 2016. The chapter participated in the 29 Palms Pioneer Days Parade in October. They shared their entry with the Mojave Vipers Young Marines unit that carried the chapter's banner in front of the float. Chapter member Dorothy Angil, a veteran of WWII and Korea, was honored to be the Military Grand Marshal in the Pioneer Days Parade 2016.

Our members celebrated the Marine Corps 241st Birthday at various events to include the retiree Marine Corps Ball in 29 Palms and the Marine Corps League's celebration in Desert Hot Springs. Members also attended the Marine Corps uniform pageant and lunch at the mess hall aboard the MCAGCC in 29 Palms. The chapter looks forward to a very active 2017 with many events planned. The next chapter meeting will be on Saturday, January 21st at 11:00 AM. The chapter has a permanent meeting place at the Elks Club in 29 Palms and encourages all active duty, veteran and retired women Marines to join them. Information on the

Women Marine Association, 29 Palms Chapter can be obtained from Elaine Bowden at 760-367-6187 or email: [elbow29@earthlink.net](mailto:elbow29@earthlink.net).

*Elaine Bowden*

## CA-3 Greater San Francisco

The Greater San Francisco Bay Area Chapter CA-3 held three of their monthly meeting during this recent time period. At the October meeting hosted by CA-3 Vice President and Treasurer Kathy Wright, and Loyal Escort Angie Fredekind, we celebrated Halloween, with many members coming in costume.

At the November meeting, hosted by Kathy Wright, CA-3 celebrated the 241st Marine Corps Birthday. After the reading of the Commandant's Birthday message, and a message from Women Marines Association President Betty Moseley-Brown, the traditional cake cutting ceremony was modified using cupcakes, with the first one presented to the oldest Marine present – Barbara Naas, passed along to the youngest Marine present – Bonnie Dabalos-Castro.

At the December meeting, hosted by Scholarship Chair Lily Brockmeier, members, Loyal Escorts, and guests celebrated the Holiday season with festivities, and raffle prizes being awarded to all present.

CA-3 continues to be very busy. On October 29th, Kathy Wright attended the 31st Annual All Service Women Veteran's Luncheon held in Berkeley, California. Kathy was accompanied by two Navy WAVE veterans of WWII – Ginger Jacobson and Gladys Bemis. Several veterans from the California Veteran's home in Yountville also joined them at their table.



On Veteran's Day, 2016, CA-3 members Kathy Wright, Lily Brockmeier, Zita Cussary and WWII Navy WAVE Ginger Jacobson were honored at the San Jose Veteran's Day parade. Lily and Zita each rode in a corvette and Kathy and Ginger rode in

a Lincoln MKZ. The parade organizers specifically wanted to honor WWII and female veterans. It was a beautiful day and the crowd was very supportive of all the veterans. After the parade, the ladies attended the static display at Santana Row. Also in November, Kaiser Permanente sponsored a table for their employees who are veterans at the First Annual Veteran of the Year Luncheon along with the San Mateo County Veterans Commission in honor of Veterans Day.

## CA-7 Edith Macias Vann So. California

There were 6 veterans who attended – 1 Navy, 3 Army, 1 Blue Star Mom, and 1 Marine – CA-3 member Lily Brockmeier. Kaiser Permanente provided coins to all veterans who attended this event. Awards were presented to “Enterprise of the Year, Patriot of the Year, and Veteran of the Year”. Lily also had the privilege of meeting a woman WWII pilot!



This holiday season, a local Woman Marine Veteran whose husband had recently lost his job reached out to WMA National for assistance. She was asking for Christmas presents for her two young daughters, so they would have a Merry Christmas.

CA-3 stepped up to the plate, and went the extra mile. Not only did our members, Loyal Escorts, and friends purchase a multitude of Christmas gifts for the two young girls (using wish lists obtained from their mother), but we also found out that the veteran in question was pregnant, about to give birth to her third daughter. So CA-3 also provided needed supplies for the new baby, and took up a collection to provide the family in need with a couple of gift cards, one to a local supermarket for groceries and perhaps a ready-made holiday dinner, and additional funds to be used for whatever the family needed. Way to go CA-3. We defiantly adhere to the slogans, Once a Marine, Always a Marine, and a Band of Sisters. It was our pleasure to help this woman Marine Veteran out.

During this period CA-3 President Susan Johnston participated in 9 funerals/memorial services as a member of the American Legion Post 172 Honor Guard.

I am also sorry to report that CA-3 lost two of their treasured members during this quarter. On 20 October 2016 we lost member Lucille Thyrring. Lucille served in the Marine Corps in the early 1940's, being discharged in 1945. Kathy Wright, Angie Fredekind, Nell Marie Forsey, and Maggie Hart attended Lucille's service. Lucille hosted several CA-3 events at Paradise Valley Estates where she spent her final years. And, on January 3rd 2017, CA-3 lost their oldest living member, Connie Davis. Connie was a WMA Life member, and she served as CA-3's chaplain for many years. Kathy Wright and Nell Marie Forsey attended her Memorial Service, reading the Memorial to a Woman Marine. Both ladies will be greatly missed.

*Susan Johnston*



**Lucille Thyrring,  
1922-2016.**

The fall season started out on a somber note, as Taps was sounded for one of our members, Lillian Hagener Bell on 23 October. A memorial service was held on 11 November at Eternal Hills in Oceanside. Semper Fidelis, Lillian.



On 29 October, several of our chapter members travelled to Miramar to attend the 27th Annual Military Women's Luncheon at the MCAS Miramar Officers Club.

November was full of activities. We welcomed two active duty members

to WMA and the chapter, Yesenia Ruiz Dianas and Lucia Lopez. Welcome Yesenia and Lucia!

In celebration of the 241st Marine Corps Birthday, chapter members spread out to attend several events. WMA CA-7 and Marine Corps League (MCL) Detachment #21 held a joint informal luncheon; complete with a Color Guard from Camp Pendleton and a cake cutting ceremony. Members from both the chapter and detachment took part in the hosting, cake ceremony, and chaplain responsibilities. For the formal celebrations, some members took to the highways and the skyways. Some travelled to San Diego to attend the Wounded Warrior Battalion-West Marine Corps Birthday Ball and the San Diego Recruiters Ball. Others decided to travel a little further and go to Las Vegas to attend the Marine Corps League Greater Las Vegas Ball. CA-7 chapter members celebrated!



For the Christmas holiday season, the chapter kept to its tradition of participating in the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Campaign and Wreaths Across America campaign.

Thanks to one of our newest members, Lucia Lopez, we branched out into the world of social media and set up a GoFundMe account, as well as used our online pages, to bring awareness to the Wreaths Across America's mission and solicit wreath donations. True to form, member Phyllis Bourque, with the assistance of Lillian “Li” Cross and Lillian “Lee” Tusa, ran point on soliciting wreath donations from the local bowling community during an annual bowling tournament. Members also participated in the laying of wreaths at the Miramar National Cemetery.





In closing out 2016, the chapter once again teamed up with MCL Detachment #21 for a holiday celebration. Members, family, and friends went aboard a Hornblower ship for their Holiday Sunset Dinner Cruise and enjoyed a wonderful buffet dinner, music, and esprit de corps while taking a three-hour tour in the San Diego Harbor. After dinner, many went topside and took in the breathtaking view of the skyline and the military ships that were docked. Members from both organizations shared their knowledge of the ships as well as their stories from the old days. It was a memorable and enjoyable experience.

*Glynis Rates*

## CA-8 Palms to Pines

We realize that not everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We pray for accident victims like Private Olivia Ford and her mother Jenny, as well as other victims of accidents, storms, fires, wars, and illness, whether here in the states or in some foreign country. May God give them love and happiness for all eternity.

We wish the same love and happiness for those that had a blessed holiday season. You will always be in our prayers.

On 29 October Ozell Barksdale, Cassandra Thompson-Jervis, Vivian Pranger and Sybl Acree attended the 2nd Women Veterans Appreciation Luncheon in Redlands. The Master of Ceremonies was CA-8's own Loyal Escort Sharon Catlett (US Navy).

The luncheon featured guest speakers Juliene Karicas, California Department of Women Veterans Affairs, Dr. Lamees Khorshid, Health and Wellness Coach, and Mel Austin, Squeaky Clean Comedy.

On 9 November Ozell Barksdale, Sybl Acree and LE Helen Page attended the concert by the Women in the Air Force reunion band. CA-8's own Vivian Pranger plays trumpet. Vivian joined the Marines with the promise she would be in the band only to find out they no longer had women in the band. After her tour as a Marine she joined the Air Force and become a member of their band. When the Air Force Band disbanded in 1961, most band members opted discharge. In 1997 the first Women Air Force reunion was held and every year since they hold a reunion and alternate between the East and West Coast at their own expense. In 2016 it was in San Bernardino. They always play free concerts at colleges, VA Hospitals, VFW's, etc. These ladies really rock. The oldest is past 80. If you ever get a chance to see them you will really enjoy them. Their next reunion will be in Florida.



**"Toys for Tots"** Back left: Johnnie Williams, Sgt Joresa Bonney, SSgt April Burnett, PFC Mercedes Roddy, Sybl Acree. Front left: Rosemary Abrego-Homes, Cassandra Thompson-Jervis, Ozell Barksdale and Loyal Escort Helen Page. Photo by Mary Eliseo.

It was a busy day on 17 December. Ozell Barksdale, Johnnie Williams and Loyal Escort Helen Page attended Wreaths Across America. The remainder of CA-8 went to Coco's to set up for the meeting and Christmas party. We delivered the "Toys for Tots" to three active duty women Marines, SSgt April Bonney, Sgt Joresa Burnett



**CA-8 saying goodbye to Johnnie Williams, our chapter president 2013 – 2016.**

and PFC Mercedes Roddy, who came from Camp Pendleton to pick up the toys and attend our party. As always Johnnie had shopped for the toys and did an excellent job. We'll sure miss her shopping.

It was sad saying goodbye to Johnnie Williams. She has been a member of CA-8 for a number of years and served two terms as chapter president. We will miss you dear friend, and wish you the best in your new endeavors

in Atlanta, GA. If the snow gets too high come on home.

Cassandra Thompson-Jervis ran in a race "I Run to Remember" in Hemet to honor Ednae "Eddy" Stephens. She received a medal in Eddy's name and presented it to Eddy's son Ron and daughter-in-law Pam.

We are looking forward to a great 2017 for all.

*Semper Fi  
Sybl Acree*



**Cassandra Thompson-Jervis presenting the "I Run to Remember" medal to Ron and Pam Stephens in honor of their mother, Eddy Stephens, CA-8.**



## KY-1 Winning Colors



WWII veterans Mary Bailey (left) and Sarah O'Quinn (right).

As the ladies of KY-1 begin our 2017 year, we reflect on 2016. We found some new members and we lost one of our members. We now have 2 WWII members who met each other for the first time in December. Mary Bailey will turn 95 in February, and Sarah O'Quinn turned 92 in 2016. We were excited to finally introduce these ladies.

As a chapter we worked on making merchandise to sell at local craft shows and the 2016 WMA convention. All proceeds go back into our local community helping our veterans in need.

Mary Broussard and her husband Al were indoctrinated into the Kentucky Veteran Hall of Fame. Susan Vogedes, Phoebe Riner, and Mary Broussard presented our MCJROTC awards. As a small chapter, the KY-1 members were proud to make a \$500.00 donation at the 2016 WMA convention to the convention planning committee. We would like to say thank you to all WMA members that purchased tickets for our camouflage quilt to help make this happen. Thank you to all our ladies that helped work on the quilt.

As 2017 begins we are planning our WMA anniversary luncheon. We look forward to spending time with all our members and hope to find more of our women Marines in our area.

Happy New Years to all, we send prayers for a healthy and prosperous 2017.

*Semper Fi,*

*Brenda Moore*

## LA-1 Molly Marine

The second meeting of the fall season was held at the Wine Market in Slidell, LA on 15 October. The turnout was huge! We had an installation ceremony for the appointed offices of Chaplain (Mary Draughn), Parliamentarian (Georgia Hildebrandt) and Historian (Angela Merrell). Each officer was presented a Certificate of Appointment and a gift.

On 17, 18 and 19 October we had our Annual Book Sale Fundraiser at the Marine Corps Support Facility, New Orleans, LA. We sold hard and paperback books, CDs, DVDs, ID card holders and coasters. The Marines, sailors and civilian employees of Marine Forces Reserve (MFR) always support our efforts. Even the MFR Commander, Lieutenant General Rex McMillian bought a few books. The fundraiser was a huge success! Members that volunteered and worked extremely hard on each of these days were Janet Heriot, Cpl Shereka Slater, Cpl Tasha Terrack, April Austin,

Patricia Huttinger, Theresa Harmon, Pat Hackbarth, Jodi Lara and Melanie Young.

A reception honoring veterans was held at the Slidell Auditorium in Slidell, LA on 6 November. Delicious food was served and musical entertainment provided. Each branch of service was given special recognition. Our very own chaplain, Mary Draughn, paid tribute to prisoners of war and also introduced the guest speaker, Captain Raymond Delgado III, Chief of Staff of Naval Meteorology and Oceanography, Stennis Space Center, MS. Members attending this special event were Mary Draughn, Lyn Franklin, Georgia Hildebrandt, April Austin and Melanie Young.

Veterans Day was very busy for LA-1! Several members went to restaurants in the area to celebrate, partaking in the free meals local restaurants so generously provided. Members hanging out that day were Terri Anderson, April Austin, Mary Draughn, Lyn Franklin, Georgia Hildebrandt and Lesley McGovern.

Sylvia Silva and Jennifer Koon-Fink celebrated the Marine Corps birthday and Veterans Day in Philadelphia with the Parris Island Marine Corps reunion group. They spent the birthday at the infamous Cookies Bar. There were many other WMA members from all over the United States, including Maggie Rogers (Florida Chapter), Lora Leway (Ohio Chapter) and many others. On Veterans Day a park ranger saw Jennifer Koon-Fink's Marine Veteran hat and said, "Follow me Marine I have a birthday surprise!". He took the Marines into a closed museum. It was the "Military Hall Museum." He let them in with his key! It was the first pentagon and war room of the United States, a museum filled with Marine Corps history. To close the birthday and Veterans Day week, Sylvia Silva gave a speech about the history of the "Landing Party." Marine and writer Dunbar Campbell (Blood of Belvidere) gave a historic speech about leaving Grenada to become a Marine. They couldn't have thought of a better place to spend the Marine Corps birthday and Veterans Day, than the birthplace of the Corps!

Veterans Day commemorations ended in the evening with Starlight Missionary Baptist Church, Slidell, LA putting on a very nice program entitled "A Word of Thanks to Our Veterans". Melanie Young spoke on the history of Veterans Day. Veterans from every war were in attendance and recognized. Each veteran was introduced and received a gift.

The Jans F. Hursey Detachment of the Marine Corps League celebrated the Marine Corps birthday on 12 November at the VFW Post in Slidell, LA. Mary Draughn (LA-1 Chaplain) is the Commandant of the Detachment and put on a very nice birthday dinner and cake cutting ceremony. Members attending the celebration were Lyn Franklin, Mary Draughn and Melanie Young.

This year's Marine Corps ball was celebrated at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans, LA on 19 November. Over 1800 people were in attendance.

The guest speaker was General James Amos, the 35th Commandant of the Marine Corps. It was a joy to hear him speak once again! Numerous VIP's were in attendance; including our National President, Dr. Betty Mosely-Brown. Everyone enjoyed our 241st birthday!

We started the holiday season off right by having our First Annual Christmas Book Sale Fundraiser on 6 and 7 December at the Marine Corps Support Facility in New Orleans, LA. The Marines, sailors and civilian employees supported us once again. Another success!



The Marine Corps Ball at the Mercedes-Benz Super Bowl in New Orleans, LA. From left to right: Pat Hackbarth, Jennifer Koon-Fink, Melanie Young, Sylvia Silva, Diane Schlyer, Tashal Williams, April Austin, Cheryl Ellis, Allison Stein, Cpl Shereka Slater, Betty Mosely-Brown and Maggie Rogers. Members that attended and not in the photo were Nora Huete, Tim Huete (LE), Karen McCann, James McCann (LE), Deloris Romero, Felix Romero (LE), Chase Romero (LE), Patti Huttinger and Jack Huttinger (LE).

Members volunteering their time were Patti Huttinger, Janet Heriot, Cpl Shereka Slater, Jodi Lara, Deloris Romero and Melanie Young.

On the evening of 7 December, several members attended the Santa Meets Sousa Christmas concert at the Northshore Harbor Center in Slidell, LA. The Marine Forces Reserve Marine Band put on an awesome holiday concert! Admission was a toy for "Toys for Tots". Nicole Bailey, Darlene Graves (LE), April Austin, Sylvia Silva and Melanie Young enjoyed the fine tunes of the Marine Corps band!

A donation was made to Wreaths Across America on 15 November to provide wreaths for the Southeastern Louisiana Veterans Cemetery in Slidell, LA. The ceremony to place wreaths on the headstones was held on 17 December. Members remembering those who served were Mary Draughn (Chaplain) and Darlene Graves (LE).

'Tis the season to be jolly and jolly it was at the lovely home of Pat Hackbarth on 17 December! Pat was kind enough to open her home to host the Christmas party. We played games and had a delicious meal, followed by a White Elephant gift exchange. We shared funny stories, laughed a lot, and had one of the best Christmas parties ever! There were 29 members and Loyal Escorts in attendance.

On 11 January 2017, the Visitation Committee dropped by the Lambeth House to check on Frances Hoffman, our eldest member (93 yrs old). She was delighted to see LA-1 members and even happier receiving a box of chocolates. This was a wonderful way to start off the new year!

Molly Marine LA-1 wishes all members and Loyal Escorts of the Women Marines Association prayers for a prosperous new year!

*Melanie L. Young*

## MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks

A small group gathered on 6 November 2016 at McCormick & Schmick's Seafood & Steaks in Edina, Minnesota for its annual Veterans' Day meal. In addition, we also had Colleen Crew, an Air Force Korean War veteran, joining the Marines' table. We enjoyed both the meal and camaraderie as well as chatting with our server, an Army veteran.

On 10 December the chapter met at the residence of Lorraine Morgan for its holiday party. Cards were signed for chapter members who were unable to attend as well as get well wishes for a few other Marines identified by National. Chapter President Michelle Livingston provided the chapter with updates regarding her attendance at the Minnesota Marine Corps Coordinating Council, Marine Corps League and Toys for Tots meetings. The chapter continues to network with other Marine Corps groups in the metro area to generate exposure for the Women Marine Association and the Minnesota Chapter and to gain information about veteran activities available to participate in. Michelle reported that 2016 was the most successful year yet for Toys for Tots, Twin Cities, but the actual donation numbers have yet to be released from the Marine Wing Support Squadron 471 (MWSS-471). Donated items brought by members to the holiday party were turned into the Toys for Tots warehouse. Some assistance was provided by chapter members to the Metro Marines group wherein members contacted restaurants in the area seeking meal donations for the Marines working at the Toys for Tots warehouse.

Our next meeting will be held on 18 February 2017. We have been advised that a female mini-boot camp, complete with female drill instructors, has been scheduled for 18-19 February 2017 by the Recruiting Station Twin Cities to be held at Camp Ripley. Those individuals in the Delayed Entry Program will experience what boot camp will be like.

A Q&A with the drill instructors is planned. Members from MN-1 have been invited to observe and be available to discuss our time in service. They hope to impress upon the attendees that earning the title of U.S. Marine does not end with their enlistment.

Following the holiday party on 10 December, Michelle Livingston and Vicki Latiolais went to the Hennepin County Medical Center to meet with and visit the family of Pvt. Olivia Nord. Pvt. Nord graduated from boot camp at Parris Island, SC, and had just returned to the metro area with her mother, Jenny Nord. The vehicle in which they were riding after leaving the airport was struck by a driver traveling the wrong way on Interstate 494.

If you would like to send get well wishes to this young Marine, please forward to Olivia Nord, c/o Eva Benedetto, 17744 Galery Drive, Farmington, MN 55024. Eva, Olivia's aunt, will see that the words of encouragement make their way to Olivia. Michelle also visited Olivia following her transfer from Hennepin County Medical Center to Bethesda Hospital in St. Paul.

Olivia has now been transferred to the Minneapolis VA Health Care System where she will continue to receive medical care and treatment.

Michelle also had a follow up visit with Olivia's mother, Jenny, who expressed how happy she was to know that people were visiting Olivia and how happy she was with the Marine Corp community and all the support they are receiving.



As always, if you are in the area, the chapter extends an open invitation to join us at upcoming events. For more information on any of the content in our chapter update, please feel free to contact us at [MN1@womenmarines.org](mailto:MN1@womenmarines.org).

**Vicki Latiolais**

## TX-2 Texas Gulf Coast



Pictured left to right: Betty Huggins; Lynn Sparks; Judy Anderson; Marti Raney; Christine Klein; Karen Beatty; Jackie Bazille.

Burr, things are cold as we get into the freezing zone for our one month of winter in the Gulf Coast of Texas! As for the chapter, we have had a busy holiday season.

We celebrated the life of our oldest member, Eleanor Gibbs, after she transferred to her final duty station in September 2016. She was a loyal member to our chapter and never missed a meeting till the end and will be missed for her love and devotion to TX-2 and the WMA.

We had our normal business meeting in October where our new officers were installed. President: Judy Anderson; Vice President: Karen Beatty; Treasurer: Betty Huggins; Secretary: Lynn Sparks; Historian: Christine Klein; Sergeant of Arms: Marti Raney.

The chapter got together again on 3 December to decorate the 6th Ward at the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Hospital for Christmas. We always have the honor of decorating the psychiatric ward. What is it they say about Marines again? If you want it done right?!

On 10 December, the chapter gathered together at the Veteran's Cemetery in North Houston and placed Garland decorations on the graves and Columbins of our departed members. The following Saturday we all met at Dot's Coffee Shop in South Houston for a wonderful Christmas Luncheon.

Hope all Marines are well and had as joyous a holiday as we had down here in Texas and come on spring and bring on the Wild Flowers!

**Marti Raney**

## From the Loyal Escorts: Happy New Year!



Happy New Year!

I would like to wish everyone a happy New Year. By time you read this article, everyone will be well into their New Year's resolutions. Whether it be volunteering more for causes you believe in, dieting, paying it forward, or some other honorable cause, I wish you luck in all you do.

CHEERS TO A NEW YEAR AND ANOTHER CHANCE FOR US TO GET IT RIGHT. — OPRAH WINFREY

This year, my New Year's Resolution continues from last year. What many of you might not know is that about a year ago my weight was at about 385 lbs. Many of you who saw me at the convention caught me when I was around 300lbs.

As of January in 2017, I currently weigh 244 lbs. It is not easy to make changes in our lives, and I have to admit that I procrastinated in changing my habits. However, I am happy that I did. I took the step of talking to a nutritionist at a company that specializes in weight loss (first time ever trying a solution like this).

I was skeptical, but I knew I had to try something. It is always important to try, and never let yourself give up. This journey for me has led to unexpected influences on other people I have interacted with in the last year.

Co-workers, friends, family, and even vendors I have only seen a couple times a year, were inspired to change their lifestyles. I bring this up because we do not always realize how our activities can inspire others. When people see the results of your actions, it can inspire them to do the same.

I hope this year; I can inspire more people, in more ways. Not just in helping myself, but in helping others.

I welcome stories of inspiration, whether you inspired someone, or were the one inspired. Telling our stories could inspire others, and finding new ways to communicate and inspire others is one of my goals for 2017.

So feel free to E-mail me at [President@loyalescorts.org](mailto:President@loyalescorts.org) or send me a letter at 1645 E Madge Ave, Hazel Park, MI 48030. I would like to post inspirational stories to our Facebook page.

In addition, I welcome any feedback or suggestions, whether it is good or bad, from either Women Marines, Loyal Escorts, or outside observers. Feel free to contact me anytime.

I hope everyone has a wonderful New Year.

**Michael E. Pearce, President**  
**Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter**  
[president@loyalescorts.org](mailto:president@loyalescorts.org)



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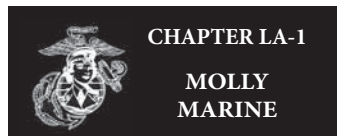
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Size: (1” above ears – allow for hair style)

20-1/2 - 20-7/8 ...XSm	22-3/4 – 23-1/8...L
21-1/4 - 21-5/8 ...Sm	23-1/2 – 23-7/8...XL
22 – 22-3/8 ...M	24-1/4 – 24-5/8...XXL

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

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

Gail Horn, 210 E. Lakeridge Landing  
 Jacksonville, NC 28546-7800  
[sales@womenmarines.org](mailto:sales@womenmarines.org)

Contact: **Gail Horn • (910) 355-0293**

## WMA Chapter Merchandise Sales

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

### Books

Item: Not “Just Another Cookbook” More than 100 recipes by food grouping. Size: 6”x9”  
 Cost: \$5.75 (includes shipping) Chapter: NC-1  
 Contact: Naomi Malone, 218 Sunset Rd., Jacksonville, NC 28546-7045 (910) 545-7154 [nmalone@ec.rr.com](mailto:nmalone@ec.rr.com)



Item: “Parris Island: A Woman’s Memoir of Marine Corps Boot Camp”  
 Signed copy by author Lisa Cordeiro

Cost: \$16.95 (\$3.95 shipping)  
 Chapter: MA-1

Contact: Lisa Cordeiro,  
 35 Berkeley St., Watertown, MA 02472  
 or order online at: [www.lisacordeiro.comhttp://lisacordeiro.com](http://www.lisacordeiro.comhttp://lisacordeiro.com)



### Item: Women Marines Padfolio

Cost: \$28.50 to include shipping and handling.

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

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



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

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

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

### Hand Carved Sea Shells

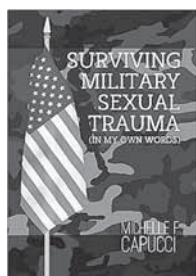
Each shell is unique and one of a kind, since each shell is a unique color and no two are the same.

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

Cost: \$15 includes shipping & Handling

Chapter: CA-8

Contact Sybl Acree, 5015 Pedley Rd. • Riverside, CA 92509, [syblee@att.net](mailto:syblee@att.net) (951) 231-4531



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

Signed copy by author Michelle F. Capucci

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

Cost: \$19.95 (\$3.95 shipping)

Contact: Michelle F. Capucci  
 117 Mann Drive  
 Chesapeake, VA. 23322

Or visit Michelle at: [michelle.capucci@yahoo.com](mailto:michelle.capucci@yahoo.com) to order copies. Or order on line at Amazon.com; Available in paperback and kindle format.

### Thermal bags

12 inches tall X 11 inches wide and 8 inches deep.

Great size for shopping.

Zipper closure, nice long handles for easy carrying.

Sells for \$6/ea (plus \$2 postage) or \$30/6 (plus \$5 postage)

Contact: WMA, TX-2,  
 P.O. Box 1821, Pasadena, Texas 77501



### 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



## Shirts and Sweats

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

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

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

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

Youth Youth Polo (S-XL) \$22.00 Short Sleeved Tee (S-XL) \$15

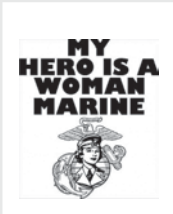
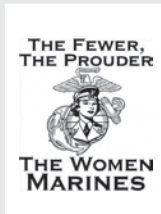
Infant/Toddler: Please contact for availability and prices

### Embroidery Options:

Option 1:

Option 2:

Option 3:



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

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

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

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

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

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

**Sweatshirts:** 2XLg only available. White with Green image of 3 WMs from Charles Waterhouse's rendition.  
**Only 6 remaining in inventory** and will *not* be re-ordered.  
Cost: \$20 + \$5 S&H Please include phone number.  
Check/Money Order payable to PA-2 Liberty Belles

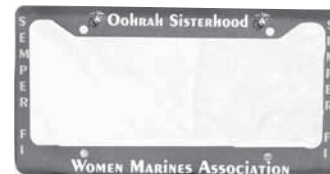
Mail to: Kathy Van Gorder  
584 Barrington Road, Collegeville, PA 19426  
PH:610-489-3756

Item: Apron, Short - Three pockets, White with WMA Logo  
Cost: \$10.00 and shipping cost \$6.00  
Chapter: CA-11 Central Coast  
Contact: Soledad Kennedy, 4062 Capella Street, Lompoc, CA 93436  
Fax/Office (805) 733-2175, Cell (805) 588-0650



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

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



**License Plate Frame**, aluminum, "Oohrah Sisterhood" on the top, and "Women Marines Association" on the bottom  
Cost: \$12.00 (includes shipping)  
(Checks Payable to EMVSC CA-7 WMA)  
Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4011, (760) 724-9861, Website: [womenmarines.net](http://womenmarines.net)  
(visit the website to see the items in color)

## Jewelry

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



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

## WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

### Dog tags

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

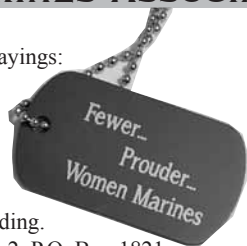
Light weight aluminum with laser printed  
 verbiage.

Cost = \$3/ea (postage included)

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

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

Pasadena, Texas 77501



**Luggage Tag:** 3.5" x 2.5", aluminum, "Proud  
 Member Women Marines Association" WMA logo on  
 one side and "Oohrah Sisterhood" and WMA logo on  
 the other side

Cost: \$10.00 (includes shipping)

(Checks Payable to EMVSC CA-7 WMA)

Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4011,

(760) 724-9861, Website: womenmarines.net

(visit the website to see the items in color)



### Miscellaneous Items

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

Cost: \$5.00 each

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

Contact: Pat Murray, 40701 Rancho Vista #92

Palmdale, CA 93551 (661) 718-8324



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

Cost: \$5.00 each (includes shipping)

Chapter: NM-1 (checks payable to payable to WMA-Chapter NM1)

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

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

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

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

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Item: WMA logo Rubber Stamps

Cost: Large stamp: \$11.00 (includes mailing) Small stamp: \$8.00 (includes  
 mailing) Chapter: CA-7 Checks to: EMVSC CA7 WMA

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

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

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

Contact: Naomi Malone, 218 Sunset Rd., Jacksonville,

NC 28546-7045 (910) 545-7154 nmalone@ec.rr.com

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

Checks: Payable to Bay State Chapter, WMA

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

Item: Molly Marine picture, 8" x 10"

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

Contact: Vickie Davis, Treasurer, AR-1,

415 Maryland St.

Benton, AR 72015



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

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

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

Checks: WMA-Phyllis Alexander Chapter: SC-1

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

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

Cost: \$6 each (includes postage)

Checks: Payable to to EMVSC CA-7 WMA

Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr.,

Oceanside, CA 92056-4011, (760) 724-9861,

Website: womenmarines.net (visit the website to see the items in color)

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Item: "Koozie" Bottle or Can size sleeve for sweat absorption, foldable foam,  
 green, with WMA logo in white on one side, other side in white letters: "No  
 Sweat, the WOMEN Marines are on duty" Cost: \$4.00 each, or 20 for \$75.00  
 (Price includes shipping)

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

e-mail: VanGorders2@aol.com Fax: 610-489-4383

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Item: Bumper sticker, The Few, The Proud, The Women Marines

Cost: \$1.50 each (Price includes shipping) Chapter: NM-1 (checks payable to  
 WMA-Chapter NM1)

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

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

Cost: \$7.00 (includes shipping & handling)

Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller

Contact: Ellen Leidy, 1107 Columbus Ave., Barberton, OH 44203

(330) 825-8935 email: leidyrun@aol.com



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

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

Cost: \$29.75 (Includes Shipping).

Portion of proceeds go to "Paws and Strips".

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

Portion of proceeds go to "Paws and Stripes".

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

Chapter: TX-1 "The Lone Star State"

Contact: Katherine M. Lorenz Townsend and mail to: 4025 Tortoise Lane, Fort Worth,

TX 76135 Orders can now be placed on line using a credit card at:

www.womenmarineskeepsake.com



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

Cost: \$18.50 including shipping.

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

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

Cost: \$15 inc/Shipping and handling.

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

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

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# WMA is Seeking Hamblet Award Nominations



Col. Julia E. Hamblet

## **The Colonel Julia E. Hamblet Award is seeking nominations.**

The Colonel Julia E. Hamblet Award is named for the longest serving Director of Women Marines. It is given to the individual or team who has done the most to further the recognition of the history of women who have earned the title Marine.

Do you know of a male/female Marine (active duty or retired) or civilian that has contributed to the preservation of our history as women Marines? Submissions are due 28 February 2017. Please contact Eileen Scanlon at [souscan1@aol.com](mailto:souscan1@aol.com) for specific requirements.

*Eileen Scanlon*



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

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

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

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

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

**We Hope to See You in 2018!**

***Lelia Jackson and Parisa Fetherson***

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

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**WOMEN OF THE CORPS FOUNDATION**  
**7305 San Dario Ave. G-311, Laredo, TX 78045**

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