



## WMA Past President Helen H. Laukes, 1923 - 2016

Helen H. Laukes, WMA Past National President (1988-1992) was born on December 4, 1923 in Evanston, Illinois to Marie and Anthony Hamen. She passed away on 1 February at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, IL.

Helen worked for Illinois Bell until she enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in February of 1943. She tried to enlist earlier by lying about her age, but her father would not sign so she had to wait until after December 4, 1943.

Upon Marine Corps boot camp graduation, Helen went to Motor Transport School and was stationed on Parris Island, SC.

She was married to Emil Laukes, a fellow Marine, in September, 1944 and transferred to Camp LeJeune-Bus Section, where her husband was stationed. Unfortunately, he was transferred out a week before Helen arrived.



Helen as a PFC in 1944.

After receiving an Honorable Discharge from the Marine Corps in December of 1945, Helen went back to work for Illinois Bell Telephone until the birth of her first child in 1946 and did not go back to Illinois Bell until 1956. She finally retired from Illinois Bell in 1981 as a National Accounts Service Manager.

Helen joined the Women Marine Association as a charter member, but dropped out while raising a family and working. She joined again when the IL-2 Chapter was formed in 1972. Helen held all offices in the chapter at one time or another, including National President of the Women Marine Association from 1988 - 1992. She also chaired the Recognition and Awards Committee 1984 - 1986, 1st Vice President 1986 - 1988, Chairman of the Financial Advisory Committee and Chairman of the Plans and Policy Committee.

“Helen was a important cog for our chapter (Blanche S. Osborne, IL-2). She filled a every officer post when there was on one else to take it. In past dozen years or so, she made it possible for chapter meetings to meet in her retirement community’s dining room”, said Muriel Underwood. She continues: “I, for one, as president of the chapter, will truly miss her. Since I had a stroke a couple of years ago, she sat next to me at the meetings, and helped me remember the order of business, remember to call for second approvals, and other niceties of conducting a meeting. All of us ‘running the chapter’ are 92+ years old, and Helen was the youngest! She was our historian - filled us in on past events when it was needed”.



Helen Laukes in 2015.

Helen was the beloved wife of the late Emil Laukes. In lieu of flowers donations to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation at [www.mcsf.org](http://www.mcsf.org) would be appreciated. Interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery- Elwood, Illinois will be held at a future date.

*Information courtesy of the Laukes family*

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

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Women Marines Association on the 73rd Anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. When Opha Mae Johnson became the first female to enlist in the Marine Corps in 1918, few could have foreseen the depth of contributions women would make to national security. In every conflict since, women have answered our Nation's call with courage, honor and devotion to duty.

Since women joined the active ranks of our Corps, you have each played a vital role in our growth and success. As we continue to open more roles up to women, that legacy continues. Today, women have unprecedented opportunities to lead and excel because of your willingness to step up and serve. All Marines continue building on the illustrious legacy each of you helped forge. We are proud to follow in your footsteps.

As you celebrate this anniversary, know that all Marines take great pride in the innumerable achievements and contributions of our sisters-in-arms. We remain grateful for your distinguished and dedicated service as well as your unwavering commitment to our Corps. May this year's gathering continue to strengthen the bonds we enjoy as Marines. On behalf of all Marines, I wish you a memorable reunion.

Sincerely,

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

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





February 13, 2016

What a great time to celebrate the establishment of women in the Marine Reserves, seventy-three years ago in February 1943! I'm certain that those pioneers could never have dreamed that a day would come when all military occupational specialties (MOSs) would be open to females and that all opportunities would be available for the best candidate, regardless of gender. Females are not only attending virtually all training institutions, but are excelling at infantry training schools (with other such schools opening soon). We continue to be a volunteer force and are very proud of our long history as contributors to our Corps. As in the past, when eligibility is opened and requirements set, we, as women by gender and Marines for life will not only meet the new standards, we will exceed them.

As we prepare for our 2016 Women Marines Association (WMA) Biennial Professional Development Symposium in Portland, Oregon, July 22-25, 2016, (where our theme is "Everything is Coming Up Roses") it is important for us to offer workshops that include both active duty attendees and WMA members. This year's focus will include forums for mentoring, life resiliency, and work life balance (just to name a few). These are great times for great opportunities and we want to ensure we are all ready.

During this last year we rededicated our commitment at three monumental events. In May, Area 3 Director Barbara Chagnon coordinated an educational event in Florida. Great job Barbara to you and all your Area 3. We then traveled to New Orleans where Melanie Young and her awesome team of Molly Marine Chapter Marines hosted a "once in a lifetime" remembrance at the original Molly Marine Statue. Then, off to Parris Island, South Carolina to celebrate 100 years of training Marines and witnessed at the Molly Marine Rededication Ceremony the many faces of Molly Marine (that included Aviation Molly, Combat Molly, Admin Logistics Molly, Recruiter Molly, Maintenance Molly, Drill Instructor Molly, and a reenactment by Sgt Murray). Fourth Battalion Commander, LtCol Kristin McCann and SgtMaj Donna Dunbar displayed how we will be relevant today and tomorrow, just how our country needed us in 1943.

Thank you (and Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday) to Colonel Julia E. Hamblet, for serving twice as the Director of Women Marines and to Sergeant Major Grace Carle (who was last to serve as Sergeant Major of Women Marines). You are among our many Sister Marines who paved the way during our early years of service to our Marine Corps.

Semper Fidelis,

Betty Moseley Brown  
WMA National President

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## From The Editor:

Happy Anniversary, Marines! As we observe the 73rd anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve, we have so much to celebrate. Every MOS in the Marine Corps is now open to women. Many of you who joined in 1943 probably never even imagined that this would happen. I joined in 1999, and I didn't think it would happen. I can't say that I would want to serve in a combat MOS, but there are many who want to and they now have that opportunity. Not every woman who tries will succeed, but at least we have the opportunity to try.

We can't stop celebrating in February. The 2016 Convention in Portland is only months away. You'll find lots of information in this issue on where to stay, how to get there and what to do while you're there. The purpose of the Convention is to conduct the business of WMA, but there is plenty of time for fun. You can register now and be ready in July for a spectacular time.

If you are wondering what to watch on TV this spring, look no further. VA-1's own Tawanda "Tee" Hanible. The recently retired GySgt will be starring on the new FOX series "American Grit." Hanible will be a mentor (along with three other servicemen from elite units) for civilians competing in military and survival-themed challenges. Tee is the only woman and only Marine mentor. Let's support one of our own. Congratulations, Tee! "American Grit", hosted by John Cena, airs in April.

Speaking of April, the deadline for all submissions for the next issue is April 15. Per WMA bylaws, this issue needs to be in members' hands 45 days prior to Convention. Because of this, I cannot accept late submissions.

Once again, Happy Anniversary. I hope all chapters have something phenomenal planned.

*Wanda Antoine,  
Editor*

## In This Issue:

### 2016 Convention!

Marines, it's almost time to gather again! We've put together all of the information you'll need to complete your plans to join us in Portland, Oregon next July.

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### 2016 U.S. Marine Corps JROTC Award Winners



Our award winners and presenters.

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### A Tribute to Past WMA President Helen H. Laukes

Late Past National President Helen H. Laukes with 35th Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James Amos and wife Bonnie. See page 14 to find out how this meeting occurred.



Photo by Sgt. Mallory S. VanderSchans

### Our History: Lucy's Legend

A look at the legend of Lucy Brewer, the first Lady Leatherneck.

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## From the 1st Vice President: Some Reflections about WMA

WMA is very unique and gives us all a place to connect with other women who love our country and our Corps as much as we do. Marines share a bond so strong it cannot be broken by time or distance.



funerals and honor all our deceased sisters at conventions. And every two years, we gather at convention to share the unique camaraderie that only Marines can appreciate.

We are like modern day Musketeers – One for All and All for One. For 2016, I ask that you support each other, encourage each other and support WMA in any way you can.

Individually, we can make small differences in small ways, but collectively, we can make big differences in big ways.

As I get older, I find that time passes more quickly with each passing year. This makes me realize that I need to make a concerted effort to remember friends and family I rarely see. For that reason, I want to

share some of my New Year's Resolutions with you all:

1 - I want to thank my WMA sisters and friends for their friendship and support. Thank you my friends!

2 - I want to thank my WMA pen pals for their wonderful letters. Thank you, my pen pals!

3 - I want to thank my e-mail friends for all the positive and funny e-mail messages they share with me. Thank you, my e-mail friends!

4 - I want to thank the friends I served with years ago for staying in touch. Thank you, my cherished old friends!

5 - I want to wish each of you a Blessed 2016 filled with Health, Happiness and Joy!

Semper Fi,  
**Kathleen Wright**

## Message from the Loyal Escorts President



Happy 2016 to all the WMA Members & Loyal Escorts out there.

This coming year, a few new changes will be happening regarding *'Nouncements*, so pay attention. Starting at the end of this year, those people who have e-mail addresses with us, and receiving a physical copy of *'Nouncements*, will be switched to the Digital Copy. This will help us reduce costs. All new members will be receiving the electronic copy only. (This comes in a PDF format.) For those with a deep desire to continue receiving the Hard Copy, you can contact me at [President@loyalescorts.org](mailto:President@loyalescorts.org) in order to ensure that you continue to receive your hard copy.

Convention is right around the corner. With July approaching so quickly, I'd like to remind everyone

about Portland, and the fun to be had. There is public transportation that will take you into the heart of the city, and the hotel has a free shuttle that can take you there. It's also not a very long 'UBER' trip. There is plenty to see. If you haven't booked your room, I know they are going fast, so make sure you book early!

Remember, if there's a Loyal Escort you believe deserves special recognition, tell me about it. I enjoy hearing about the different ways your Loyal Escorts are supporting WMA, veterans, and their country. If you send me an E-mail, make sure you put in the subject line "Outstanding Loyal Escort" to grab my attention. Don't forget to include pictures!

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

**Loyal Escort Lanyards Still Available!** Price is \$8.50 (includes shipping)

Send Check or money order to Loyal Escorts, c/o Mike Pearce, P.O. Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065



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## **“Everything Is Coming up Roses” for the 2016 Convention!**

### **Traveling to the Red Lion on the River, Portland, OR**

How are you traveling to the Convention? Is your transportation going to be by planes, trains or automobiles?

If you are traveling by plane, after you have claimed your baggage, call the Red Lion on the River at (503) 283-4466 for a **FREE** complimentary ride to the hotel!

How about by train? Your destination is The Vancouver, Washington train depot, **NOT** Portland Union Station! After claiming your baggage, call the Red Lion on the River at (503) 283-4466 for a **FREE** complimentary ride to the hotel!

Are you traveling by vehicle? Well, Red Lion on the River offers 365 **FREE** parking spaces of your choice!

Remember--

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## **PX “Stop and Smell the Roses” -- Register Your Chapter TODAY!**

Have you seen another Marine wearing something you wish you had, or do you want something new and out of the ordinary? Take a break and shop at the PX.

WMA chapters from around the world will be selling their creative talents and wares to send you home with great WMA memorabilia. It will be an experience you will never forget, right in the Red Lion on the River Hotel!

If your chapter wants to register for a table in the market, please send \$35.00 and this form to:

WMA Convention 2016 – (Attn: PX)

P. O. Box 7

Tualatin, OR 97062

Checks must be submitted for a table by **July 1, 2016.**

### ***STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES MARKET RESERVATION FORM \$35.00***

***(a/k/a WMA-PX or Boutique)***

Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

## Hotel Information for 2016 Convention, Portland, Oregon

Convention attendees must make their own room reservations.

Room rate is \$112 plus room tax of 14 ½ % (Oregon doesn't have a Sales Tax!) facing the parking area.  
Room rate is \$127 plus room tax of 14 ½ % (Again, no Sales Tax!) facing the Columbia River, tennis courts or swimming pool.

All rooms are equipped with two queen size beds, refrigerators, microwaves and FREE WIFI.

Access to tennis courts, swimming pool and beautiful river walk.

Pet Policy: Service dogs are FREE. For pets, a one-time charge of \$15.00 (plus tax) is added to your room bill.

**You must mention the Women Marines Convention to get this rate!!**

When making your reservation, be sure to mention your needs for a special room that is ADA approved for disabilities if necessary.

Red Lion on the River, 909 N. Hayden Island Dr., Portland, OR 97217 (503) 283-4466



**A FUN Talent Competition for Members,  
Chapters and Loyal Escorts  
to start our 2016 Convention!**

## WMA Rose Bowl – Come One, Come All!

You are invited to attend the WMA Rose Bowl on Thursday, July 21st, 6 – 10 pm.

You are probably asking, “What the heck is *that*???”

Well, ladies and gents, it will be a **Talent Competition**. It's a chance for chapters and loyal escorts, as a team, or as individuals, to vie for the coveted WMA Rose Bowl Trophies while having fun, fun, fun! Ideas can range from karaoke, or lip-syncing with choreographic moves, or changing the words to favorite songs and maybe skits to go along with the songs.

When we had a similar party back in 2000, a California chapter dressed as grapes and came in singing “*I Heard it Through the Grapevine*”. My Oklahoma chapter changed the words from YMCA to USMC and made fools of ourselves, I'm sure. And I know there is also some serious talent and there are some great voices out there, too. We want to hear it *all*! Be creative. The sky is the limit! So gather your sisters and brothers and see what you can come up with to make this a truly wonderful start to the Convention.

For the mere price of \$8 when you register for the convention, or \$10 at the door, you will get heavy hors d'oeuvres, salads, fruit and desserts, soft drinks at no charge, and a cash bar will be available. Come hungry as there will be enough for a full meal – and at a cheap price – along with free entertainment from your fellow members. Plan to travel in on Thursday and arrive by 6 pm if possible as, tentatively, the food will be out from 6-8 pm, with desserts until 10 pm when we will head to our racks and rest up for the remainder of “Everything's Coming Up Roses!”

**Please contact me if you have any ROSE BOWL questions:**

**Pam Bloustine** at [pamokwm@aol.com](mailto:pamokwm@aol.com) or 405-226-5688. I will arrange for any particular music you may need with our karaoke/DJ. Hopefully we'll have room for some line dancing too! (*You know you want to!*) Mix and mingle with your old friends, and also meet new ones. It will be a truly memorable night.

Come to the **WMA Rose Bowl** and let's start this great convention off with a bang!  
(Or a Touchdown...? Ha!) Let's go for it, ladies!





# Cash Door Prizes to Continue for 2016 Convention

Envelopes should name the donating chapter and reflect the 2016 Convention theme "Bridge to the Future". Each WMA chapter is asked to contribute at least one \$25 donation and envelope to continue to the success of the cash door prizes. If your chapter is able to donate more money and envelopes, thanks!

Monetary contributions from members at large and Loyal Escorts are also welcome with your creatively designed envelopes. A special gift will again be awarded to the chapter or individual whose envelope is judged as "The Best Envelope". The success of the cash door prizes is obviously dependent on the amount of contributions. Help to make the cash door prizes another fun and rewarding part of the 2016 Convention.

Send envelopes to: 2016 WMA Convention

C/O Golda Fabian

P.O. Box 7

Tualatin, OR 97062

Any questions, please contact Golda Fabian, (503) 590 2342



Send us your  
creative  
envelopes!

## Shipping Instructions: Getting Your Items to the Hotel

The Red Lion on the River will allow you to store your packages for the convention as early as July 14, 2016.

There is no charge for this service.

Packages **must** be addressed as follows:

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**C/O WMA 2016 Convention**

**ATTN: YOUR NAME AND CHAPTER**

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**Portland, OR 97217**

Questions for the hotel? Call: (503) 283-4466

## 2016 Table Reservations- 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 or throughout all of the meal events.

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, 2016.**

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

(Questions? E-mail hadees1946@yahoo.com)

Make your check payable to  
WMA 2016 Convention, and write "Table  
Reservation" in the memo block. Mail  
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Chapter or Reservation name: \_\_\_\_\_

POC Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## Tentative Schedule of Events for 2016 Biennial Convention Portland OR

**\*\* SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\***

### THURSDAY 21 JULY

Registration  
Welcome/Greet and Meet

### FRIDAY 22 JULY

**\*\*First Official Day**  
2014-2016 WMA Board of Directors Meeting  
2014-2016 Loyal Escorts (LE) Board Meeting  
PX Open  
Active Duty Orientation  
First Timers Meeting  
Opening Banquet

### SATURDAY 23 JULY

WMA Business Meeting # 1  
LE Business Meeting # 1  
Workshops  
PX  
LE Hospitality Room

### SUNDAY 24 JULY

Fun Run/Walk  
PX  
1st VP/AD's Chapter President's Meeting  
Memorial Service  
WMA Business Meeting # 2  
LE Hospitality Room

### MONDAY 25 JULY

**\*\* Last Official Day**  
Workshops  
Installation Luncheon  
WMA Board Training  
2016-2018 LE Board Meeting  
Closing Banquet

### TUESDAY 26 JULY

2016-2018 WMA Board of Directors Meeting

## 2016 Recognition and Awards - **Deadline for Entries May 26**



Date of Submission \_\_\_\_\_ Date Rec'd by R & A \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name and Chapter Number \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Address: City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sender (Title) Contact Phone # and email \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry (History Book, Newsletter, Chapter Achievement) \_\_\_\_\_

Class required for Chapter Achievement Entries (See Official Rules) \_\_\_\_\_

Person assigned to accompany entry after the luncheon and receive the entry from R & A \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

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Brief Description of Entry:

**Deadline: All entries must be  
postmarked no later than  
May 26, 2016.  
Items posted after this date  
will not be considered.**

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## Area 10 Director's Update, and We Took a Trip on a Train...

Greetings Lady Leathernecks

As the Area 10 Director, I completed my task of visiting all the chapters within Area 10. I had a wonderful time getting to know each chapter and their members. I was able to attend a women's veterans' event and I got to celebrate the WMA anniversary with a few of the chapters.

My next stop will be in Hawaii in 2016, not only for vacation but to meet with Marines at large and help get the HI-1 reactivated. Social media has been a good way to get to them and hopefully get started.

I did a test train ride with Amtrak to the IBM conference last summer. It was a 24-hour relaxing train ride and I enjoyed my experience. It is long, so pack some snacks or enjoy the dining cart for a cooked meal.

I brought my laptop to watch movies and a book to read. Pack your needle point and knitting needles or a fun project to work on. You can get a lot



done in 24 hours on a train.

The group travel arrangements with Amtrak for the chapters in the Area 10 have been completed. Lady Leathernecks wanting to travel by train to the Portland convention, be advised that we have been given an Amtrak Convention group rate. Members can leave from their local train station using the Convention code. Plan to make

your reservation two days out from the actual date. Everyone should be on the train no later than July 19, 2016, and the dates for the convention are July 21-26, 2016. The hotel is off the river and the hotel will ONLY pick up from Vancouver, Washington station, which is just over the bridge from the hotel. Please book to off load in Vancouver, WA.

Amtrak offers a 10% discount off the best available rail fare to (Vancouver, WA) between (July 18, 2016 – July 29, 2016). (See below). To book your reservation call Amtrak at 1 (800) 872-7245 or contact your local travel agent.

“All Aboard” for the July 2016 Bi-annual Women Marines convention in Portland Oregon “Toot Toot”.

Contact me if you should have any questions.

Semper Fidelis,  
**Soledad Kennedy**

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Group Sales Department



### CONVENTION FARE DISCOUNT INFORMATION FOR PASSENGER

You may present this information to the Amtrak Ticket Agent or your Travel Agent to assist them in providing you with this discount

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# WMA Chapter Clippings

## AZ-1 Arizona Roadrunner

On February 11, 2016, Bettie (Pruden) Lerdall made a special visit to Southern California to spend time with Beatrice Ruth "BJ" (Zimmerman) Strong, her bunk mate from recruiting training in 1943.

Their friendship, forged during their initial Marine Corps training, has lasted more than 70 years. During the visit, they reminisced about their time in the Corps, their family's joys and challenges, and their memories of travels around the world.

At ages 92 and 97, respectively, Bettie and BJ epitomize that special relationship as sisters and friends that Women Marines have shared throughout our service history.

Pictured from left to right are BJ, Linda Ballinger, and Bettie. Linda's late mother, June (Welsh) McCoy, also served in the Corps and was a good friend to both Bettie and BJ.

*Lynn Martin*



## CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

On Saturday, 24 October, one of the members of CA-3, Lily Brockmeier, attended a workshop in San Francisco. The workshop was hosted by Swords to Plowshares, the Women Veterans Professional Network (WVPN). This workshop is part of a series of workshops that fosters career advancement opportunities and builds connections among women veteran professionals. They have other workshops that assist you with building your LinkedIn profile: how to optimize your profile, and provide personalized advice, dress for success, etc. At this workshop, Lily connected with other Woman Marine veterans, and was able to inform them about WMA and CA-3.

On Friday, 6 November, CA-3 members Kathy Wright and Barbara Nass attended the 35th Annual Marine Corps Birthday luncheon at the Elks Club in San Mateo. Marines from all over the Bay Area were in attendance, and it was a very pleasant afternoon. They held a competition for the best sea story, and our own Kathy Wright came in second. It was a very nice event, and we will be happy to participate again next year.

On Saturday, 7 November, CA-3 members Kathy Wright and Maggie Hart attended the Annual All Service Women Veteran's Luncheon at His Lordships Restaurant in Berkeley, CA. Additionally, Kathy brought two of her WWII Navy WAVE friends with her – Ginger Jacobson and Gladys Bernis.

It was a beautiful day and the restaurant was surrounded by water on 3 sides and gave great views of the San Francisco skyline. Both Ginger and Gladys won great raffle prizes. Ginger won a US Silver Dollar celebrating WIMSA and Gladys won a beautiful patriotic quilt hanging. There were two tables of veteran's from the Veterans' Home in Yountville, and it is always great to see those ladies.

On 11 November, CA-3 member Kathy Wright was honored to be the guest speaker at a Challenger School in Sunnyvale, CA. She addressed three assemblies of students ranging from Kindergarten through 8th grade.

Each group selected one class to sing each of the services songs and they did a wonderful job. Additionally, the student council put on a brief program about the history of Veteran's Day. It was a most enjoyable day. The students were attentive and all 750 of them gave Kathy a hand slap, a hand shake or a hug as they left the assembly area.

CA-3 monthly meetings and get togethers continue to be well attended – averaging 20- 25 members and guests at each meeting. At our October meeting – many of our members dressed up for Halloween!



**The cake from the CA-3 celebration.**

At our November meeting, we celebrated the 240th birthday of the Marine Corps. Our oldest Marine present – Lucille Danielson – received the first piece of Birthday cake, and passed it to our youngest Marine present – Bonnie Dabalos-Castro. Then cake was had by all. For many years, CA-3 has donated toys to "Connies's Kids", a tradition started by CA-3 member Connie Guaraglia. We continued this tradition by bringing new unwrapped toys to be donated to the Davis Street Foundation which helps local families in need.. They were most grateful to receive the toy donations for their children.

*Susan Johnston*

## CA-2 San Diego County



**CA-2 selected Cpl. Cynthia Luna as its first-ever Woman Marine of the Year. She was presented her award by Col E. Hastings during the Marine Corps Ball.**

The CA-2 San Diego County chapter choose to honor an active duty Marine with the first ever Woman Marine of the Year Award. The individual selected must meet and exemplify the seven pillars of the WMA. The woman chosen was Corporal Cynthia Luna. She was selected from many Marines aboard the Marine Corps Recruit Depot. Luna is attached to the 12th Marine Corps District. Cpl. Luna is the Marine Program representative for her command. She has volunteered to the community, helping with the homeless, various veterans' organization and habitat for humanity. She has also worked with Father Joe's Village with the feeding the homeless program while still doing her duties as an active duty Marine. Luna is planning a trip to China to help students learn English. She hopes to pursue her education once she returns from China. She was presented the WMA CA-2 award by Colonel E. Hasting during the Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

The holidays are a time to enjoy with friends, comrades and family. CA-2 did just that. This year, the Chapter Christmas Party was celebrated with a pot-luck luncheon 19 December at the Alterra Apartment Complex Club House. Michele Kramek is a resident and hosted the event. It was a wonderful time to enjoy the company of our fellow sisters, enjoy good food, desserts and drinks. Everyone had a good time.

The chapter held their January 16th meeting at the Veterans Village of San Diego. VVSD staff presented a comprehensive presentation about the facility and their mission. Following the presentation, we toured the facility and the meeting ended with a luncheon in the dining hall.

The mission of VVSD is to extend assistance to veterans and their families with housing, food, clothing, substance abuse recovery, mental health counseling, job training, and job search assistance and legal services. It also provides a continuum of care in prevention, intervention, treatment and aftercare.

This event gave us the opportunity to understand the challenges facing veterans today and what VVSD is doing to help veterans. This knowledge will help us to understand problems facing veterans and become involved. Knowledge is a very powerful tool and can give veterans the loudest voice ever heard.

**Michele Kramek**

## CA-5 Orange County

We have had changes in CA-5's command. Our president, Connie Schroller, stepped down due to health issues. Her enthusiasm and direction gave CA-5 a leap forward in commitment and activity. Thanks Connie! Well done!

Carlene Wojciechowski is President Pro Tem and Ellie Fox graciously came forward to be Vice-President Pro Tem. Both of these women are outstanding in talent, dedication and have fierce work ethics.

The 240th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps was celebrated at the Long Beach, California VA thanks to our Chapter Secretary Eileen Sampson's resourcefulness. The VA had cake, ceremonial honor guard, music, recognition of Navy Corpsmen (because they always aid Marines) and two of them were women! There was special recognition for Cpl. "Leon" Justice, USMC, WWII. It's a small world indeed, Leon's wife was Alma Justice. She was a Life Member of CA-5 and WMA.

12 November we celebrated the life of Sgt. Jean Hatch Bottaro, USMCWR WWII. She was interred with full military honors at All Soul's Cemetery, Long Beach, CA.

We, her Sister Marines (Carlene, Ellie, Eileen and Patricia) paid tribute with giving the Prayer of the Woman Marine after Taps was sounded.

Ellie Fox chaired our Wreaths Across America Project for 2015. Her planning and follow through to completion has been A+. Thanks Ellie! There were sponsors for almost 200 wreaths thanks to our Chapter's members, friends and family. All wreaths have been given to Riverside National Cemetery. We know for certain that more than 60 are personally dedicated to our Sister Marines and we will place them on their graves. We attached tags with red ribbons for each to be added to the bow. The tag shows, on one side, their name, rank, grave site and a picture of them. The other side of the tag shows a WMA logo, Orange County California Chapter, Women Marines Association, and a penny for remembrance.

We celebrated Toys for Tots 6 December at our ever faithful Claim Jumper banquet room in Fountain Valley, CA with eleven members and eight guests. It took a Suburban SUV to haul away the "loot" our women contributed. Two big ticket items were bikes, and yes, our "Wojo" rode the girl's bike around the tables to make sure it was working. Watch out Tour de France, we have a winner!

12 December, five faithful CA-5 Members trekked to Riverside National Cemetery to lay more than 60 wreaths at our Sister Marines' gravesites. We had "Chapter Champions" join us to help. We are beholden to all.

**Patricia Singer**

## CA-7 Edith Macias Vann So. California

With great sadness, we report the loss of our member, Dorothy "Dot" Monroe, on 31 October 2015. Dot had been a member of the WMA since 1967. She was a founding member of the Bay State Chapter of WMA and held various positions at the national and chapter levels. A memorial service was held for her at the Eternal Hills Memorial Park in Oceanside. Semper Fidelis, Dot.



For the past few months, our Kathy Kincaid has been spearheading the establishment of a Marine Corps League detachment here in the Oceanside area. She is acting as the organizing officer and interim adjutant. Her determination to have a local detachment is paying off. Many local veterans are signing up to become charter members.

In November, some of our members participated in the Annual BVL Tournament. Bowlers to Veteran's Link (BVL), is a national nonprofit charity that supports veterans and active duty service members through various efforts that include raising funds to provide equipment for VA hospitals and other facilities.

In celebration of the 240th Marine Corps birthday, we opted to have a casual birthday luncheon on 14 November in lieu of our regular monthly meeting. Our oldest and youngest members Veronica Alford and SSgt MaryAnn Miller, respectively, were honored in the traditional cake-cutting ceremony. The celebration continued with several of our members attending the Wounded Warrior Battalion-West's Marine Corps Birthday Ball in San Diego on 20 November.

In keeping with our holiday traditions, chapter members donated toys to the Toys for Tots drive and participated in the Wreaths Across America wreath drive to include the laying of wreaths at the Miramar National Cemetery in San Diego.

On 9 December, CA-7 members Lillian "Lee" Tusa, Norma Wohlfarth, and Loyal Escort Jerry Wohlfarth attended a holiday party at the Pacific Views Event Center, Camp Pendleton. The event was hosted by the Commanding General of Marine Corps Installations West-Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Brigadier General Edward D. Banta and Mrs. Banta. The theme was A Winter Wonderland. In attendance were active duty and retired military members, representatives of local governmental agencies, and school officials. The guests donated a large quantity of toys for the Toys for Tots drive. The evening was most enjoyable.

With the 2016 WMA National Convention closing in on us, the chapter has been busy with preparations. Our Chapter President, Nancy Arroyavila, was appointed by National to be the Recognition & Awards (R & A) Chair. As such, all CA-7 members planning to attend the convention were "selected" to be members of her committee. We have been busy with judge selections and working out the R & A luncheon ceremony logistics. Our Loyal Escorts have been doing their part continuing to work on plans for the 2016 Convention Hospitality Room, the River Rouge Pub.

**Glynis Rates**

**Kathy Kincaid**

**Lillian "Lee" Tusa**

## CA-8 Palms to Pines

Taps was sounded for another CA-8 Charter member. Janice Linares, was given her final orders on 11 November. She was 94 years old and had been in failing health for a number of years and couldn't attend meeting but we talked on the phone as often as we could. Semper Fi, my friend, and save a seat for me.



(Left to Right): Mary Eliseo, Ozell Barksdale, Linda Moore, Jo Walker (LE), Johnnie Williams, Sybl Acree, Sharon Catlett (LE).

(Front L-R): Helen Page (LE), Cassandra Thompson-Jervis, Rosemary Abrego-Homes.

Our new meeting place at Coco's in Moreno Valley is great. We have a closed off room that we don't have to share with others and can get down to business.

Johnnie Williams, Sybl Acree, Ozell Barksdale and Helen Page attended the Wreaths Across America Dedication at Riverside National Cemetery. As always, it was very moving.

Veterans can now have "Veteran" put on their California driver license or ID. You need to take your DD214 to the County Veterans Service Office to obtain your Veterans Status Verification Form, take to the DMV, fill out your application, pay \$5 and you're all set. You can call your local DMV or go online for additional information.

Our Christmas Party was a lot of fun. We had 7 members and 3 Loyal Escorts. The door prize was 2 lb. 8oz. box of Whitman's Chocolates, won by Mary Eliseo. She donated it to the Saint Francis Church Food Bank in Moreno Valley in the name of WMA CA-8. They were really happy to receive it.

I want to thank everyone for their well wishes in my recent shoulder replacement surgery. I am ahead of schedule on my recovery. Mr. Dr. said he would expect nothing less from a Marine.

See you in Portland!

Semper Fi,

**Sybl Acree**

## CA-11 Central Coast

Greetings Lady Leathernecks,

Central Coast Women Marines have been moving forward on the golden coast of California. We have two great achievements starting off 2016.

Our chapter has been accepted for the Adopt-A-Highway program and we are located on Route 1 for a two mile radius. Due to the rains, we have not had the opportunity to start our clean up, but our sign is up and as soon as it stops raining, we will be strapping up our boots to start cleaning up and getting the job done. This advertising for the Women Marines in the local community is a giant step for our chapter.

We have officially been given an office space and a name plaque for the Veteran's Memorial building in Lompoc.

Our chapter is a part of the community we are involved in the veterans' council, and are working with other veterans groups to keep the building functional.



We continually interact with fellow veterans and when we least expect it, we are finding women Marines among us. Are chapter is growing one Marine at a time.

Semper Fidelis,  
**Soledad Kennedy**

## CA-29 Twenty Nine Palms

The CA-29 Palms chapter was very active the last quarter of 2015. The chapter participated in the 29 Palms Pioneer Days Parade and shared their entry with the Mojave Vipers Young Marines unit that carried the chapter's banner in front of their float.



Chapter members, Michelle Harrison, Lorraine Chamberlain and Elaine Bowden participated in the wreath laying ceremony at the traveling Vietnam Wall exhibit and Lorraine Chamberlain and Congressman Paul Cook were guest speakers at this event.

Our members celebrated the Marine Corps' 240th Birthday in various locales 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 is sad to report the loss of long time and founding chapter member, Denne Howard, who passed on December 29th, 2015 after a long illness. Denne contributed much to our chapter and WMA National. Many may remember that Denne played the bugle at the memorial services at many of the WMA conventions as well the USMC honor detail at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, CA.

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**

## FL-6 Florida Gators

This is a bittersweet update, as I sold my home in Southwest Florida and am in the process of moving to the Reno, Nevada Area to be closer to our son's family and our first grandson. I know that the mighty FL-6 chapter will continue with their monthly gatherings and community services. We have embraced our Motto of Semper Fidelis in helping our sisters in need.

The USMC birthday was celebrated across our area with luncheons and dinners alike. We never looked so good! Barbara Pinkston took the time to visit a WWII WM that is in an assisted living facility, in uniform. OOH-RAH!



**Standing (Left to Right): Sally Goodall, Ty Moulds, Joann Wallace, Barbara Pinkston, Maria Maldenaldo, Louise Tamayo, Beth Waniewski, Ashlee Reid, Sitting (L-R): Carol Mayne, Eleanor Purser, Irene Toth, Lori Howard and Joan Miller.**

For Christmas we had a wonderful lunch and collected for our annual Toys for Tots campaign, we also collected funds for three families in need during this Holiday season. I feel blessed for having become a part of this Chapter and will remain close to all of them. These sisters are great examples of what WMA stands for. Semper Fi,

**Louise Tamayo**

## IL-2 Blanche S. Osborne

Last Fall, at the November meeting I asked a few members what they did last summer that would be interesting in the next newsletter. I got several interesting ones. Sitting next to me was Helen Laukes, and immediately showed me a copy of her retirement community's newsletter showing two photos of her with General Amos, and others. You'll see a photo somewhere in this issue of 'Nouncements. but printed here is her explanation of how she got there:

"My son got to know Dakota while working on 'Hire a Vet' for Toyota. Somewhere along the line he met the Commandant General Amos, and when he said that both his father and Mother were Marines and that his mother was still living, he said I would like to meet your mother.

My son said 'invite her, and she will come', so he invited me to his retirement parade at 8th & I. My son was invited and he made all the arrangements for me to go, so I did. That is how my son was invited (as well as me)".



Patty Klop, the chapter's webmaster, and now LtCol, USMCR, Active Reserves responded by telling what she did in her time on active duty and what was coming up.

Patty Klop was selected for Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. She is thrilled for her upcoming promotion and is expected to pin on colonel in July. Patty has been extremely busy as a Detachment Commander for 3D Civil Affairs Group (CAG), Great Lakes. From 10 - 28 August, she deployed with a 3D CAG detachment to Okinawa, Japan and Busan, South Korea in support of Ulchi Freedom Guardian (UFG), which focuses on peace and stability in the Pacific Theater. From 26 October to 6 November, she attended the Intermediate Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Information Operations (IO) Practitioner Course (MIOPC) at II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Finally,



she is assigned as a member of the upcoming Fiscal Year 2017 Reserve Major Promotion Board, scheduled 11 - 30 January, at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Quantico, Virginia. Patty and husband, David, celebrated their son's first birthday on 9 October and are thoroughly enjoying their little cherub, Davey.

Helen Ehlers sent a listing a few things happening to her: She went with a friend to a local school where the 7th graders were selling tee shirts with the proceeds going to Honor Flight organization. She also had a Marine running in the Marine Marathon with Helen's photo pinned to her shirt. And at a Marine Corps League's 240th Birthday Celebration, she being the oldest one there, shared honors with the youngest in cutting the cake.

*Muriel Underwood*

## IN-1 Indiana



IN-1 chapter met in November to celebrate our 240th Birthday. The ladies had a small meal and held a Cake Cutting Ceremony, with newly promoted Gunnery Sergeant Mai-Lee Smith doing the honors of cutting the cake. Our oldest Marine was Diane Ward and our youngest Marine was Chelsea Santos. In addition to celebrating the birthday of our Corps, the ladies finalized their donations for the year.

Our small chapter has been blessed to be able to donate money to several organizations this year, including Roubush VA Medical Center, two Young Marine Units, Wreaths Across America, WIMSA, Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Tree of Lights and the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. One of their favorite donations each year is sent to the Lafayette Veteran's Home. The money was used to provide each woman in the facility with a gift certificate for the beauty salon, a bouquet of flowers for each of them, and a "goody bag" which contained candy, cookies, candy canes, cheese chips, a pair of socks and a snowman light. This year, flowers were also taken to two homebound women veterans. Looking forward to a wonderful 2016!

*Kay Ross*

## KY-1 Winning Colors

KY-1 has been busy! After spending the early part of the year making our camouflage quilt, we went into craft mode preparing for a show sponsored by one of our MCJROTCs. It was extremely successful, but we still had plenty of items for another show a few weeks later. Brenda Moore hosted a Marine Corps Birthday celebration.



Late November and most of December was spent supporting our area Toys For Tots program, attending events and picking up and sorting toys for distribution. Sadly, we ended the year with the sudden death of one of our most faithful members, Jacqueline Rector. Mary Broussard, who is also the National Chaplain, led a joint visitation service attended by several chapter members and more than 30 Marine Corps League members. KY-1 member Rev. Dr. Kathryn Allen presided at her committal service. Despite bitterly cold weather, all 7 members attended our first meeting of the New Year. It was hosted by our newest member, WWII veteran Sarah O'Quinn, at her retirement home. We also welcomed back former member Joyce Rogers. Stay tuned in the next issue for the winner of our quilt raffle and news of our convention scholarship.

*Mary Broussard*

## LA-1 Molly Marine

The first meeting of the quarter was held at the Wine Market in Slidell, LA on Saturday, 17 October. An after-action report was given regarding the "Meet Molly Marine in 2015" event held during 9-10 October. Everyone in attendance shared their positive comments. The event was a huge success! Planning will begin for the next exciting WMA event; the First Timers' Meeting in Portland, Oregon, 21-26 July 2016, which our Chapter has been requested to host! We look forward to the 2016 Women Marines Association Conference and coordinating another wonderful event!



Helping those less fortunate is one of LA-1's goals and in line with the WMA mission. On 18 October, members volunteered at the Ozanam Inn to come to the aid of the homeless in New Orleans. Duties included loading and serving food to the homeless community. Members that selflessly volunteered their time to help feed the homeless were GySgt Crystal Reynolds and SSgt Hideshi Dyer.

On 20 October, LA-1 met the WMA challenge of donating two wreaths for "Wreaths Across America" for placement in Arlington National Cemetery. Donations (of \$150 each) were also made to place wreaths in two local cemeteries; Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery in Slidell, LA and Biloxi National Cemetery in Biloxi, MS.

The city of Slidell had their Annual Arts and Crafts Street Fair on 24 October. LA-1 members joined the local Marine Corps League (MCL) Detachment in asking the community to write a greeting in Christmas cards to send to our troops abroad. The MCL collected more than 500 cards! Members that assisted were Mary Draughn, William LaPratt (LE) and Melanie Young.

Members were invited to attend the dedication of the Enrique 'Alferez Sculpture Garden' in City Park, New Orleans on 28 October. The dedication also consisted of two lectures; one about Enrique Alferez' work and the other about his life. The slides shown during the lectures unveiled numerous pieces of this talented artist's work that have never been seen. Following the lectures, everyone enjoyed a reception where delicious wine and cheeses were served. Members that had the pleasure of learning more about the sculptor of the 'original' Molly Marine statue were Angela Merrell, Linda Allen (LE) and Melanie Young.

Love was in the air on 1 November! Chapter members Karen Williams and James McCann (LE) were united in holy matrimony at First Baptist Belle Chasse, Belle Chasse, LA. Members witnessing this joyous occasion were Patricia Huttinger, Jennifer Koon-Fink and Melanie Young.

During the afternoon of 1 November, several members attended the annual "Honoring Our Veterans" tribute at the Slidell Auditorium, Slidell, LA. The event honored veterans of all eras. Darlene Graves (LE) played a huge role in the event by being the spokesperson for the Southeast Louisiana Cemetery "Wreaths Across America" campaign; along with performing the tribute to Prisoners of War (POWs). Members in attendance were April Bell, Jennifer Koon-Fink, Darlene Graves (LE), Colleen Oltmann (LE) and Melanie Young.

On 11 November, four members of LA-1 went to the Lambeth House to celebrate the Marine Corps birthday and Veterans Day with Frances Hoffman, our eldest member and WWII veteran. We walked in singing the Marines Hymn to her and her eyes lit up with the recognition. Patricia Huttinger, Allison Stein, Dalia Robles and Deloris Romero enjoyed the cake and mimosas.

The Christmas party was very nice this year with a very good turnout! The party was hosted on 12 December at the lovely home of Loyal Escort member Dr. Tlaloc Alferez, daughter of Molly Marine statue sculptor Enrique Alferez. We played Christmas games for prizes, had a white elephant gift exchange, ate delicious food and enjoyed wine, beer and cocktails. On 22 December, Patricia Huttinger, Dalia Robles and Melanie Young celebrated Christmas at the Lambeth House in New Orleans with our eldest member, Frances Hoffman (93), who enjoyed the camaraderie, gifts and refreshments!



**2015 LA-1 Christmas Party. First row: Jack Huttinger (LE), Patricia Huttinger, Barbara Ruffin (LE), Georgia Hildebrandt, Dalia Robles, Cheryl Ellis. Second row: SSgt Hideshi Dyer, April Bell, Darlene Graves, Janet Heriot. Third row: Melanie Young, Allison Stein, Angela Merrell, Teresa Anderson, Virginia Stockton, Dr. Tlaloc Alferez.**

On 31 December, Mary Draughn and Melanie Young had the pleasure of meeting Ernie Andrus, WWII veteran (91+ years old) in St. Tammany Parish in LA. He is currently running coast to coast the next 3 to 4 years to raise money to return LST 325 to Normandy for the 2019 D-Day memorial service (75th Anniversary). "The Return of LST 325" recently aired on the History Channel. It's the only LST left that is still operational. Molly Marine LA-1 donated \$50 towards the cause.

The 9th of January was a very busy, fun-filled day! It started out with a meeting held at the lovely home of Jennifer Koon-Fink in Biloxi, MS. Following the meeting, she served delicious refreshments with a Mexican theme.

After the meeting, we headed over to the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) in Gulfport, MS.

It's always heartwarming to volunteer at the AFRH. Many of these veterans never receive visitors. It made their day to have us there helping with Valor Bingo. Members that played bingo with the veterans were Teresa Anderson, Darlene Graves (LE), Mary Draughn, SSgt Hideshi Dyer, Dalia Robles, Patricia Huttinger, Barbara Ruffin (LE), Sylvia Silva, Jennifer Koon-Fink and Melanie Young. Such a gratifying experience for the members of LA-1!

*Melanie L. Young*

## **MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks**

On 17 October, the chapter met at the residence of Lorraine Morgan and enjoyed the opportunity for a little camaraderie, a review of photographs from time in service and boot camp albums. We appreciated the chance to talk about the multitude of changes throughout the years from World War II to present day.

On 8 November, a small group of MN-1 members (Sandra Heredia and friend Judy Johnson, Liz Whitbeck and her daughter, Betsey Whitbeck Nelson, Michelle Livingston and Vicki Latiolais) met and enjoyed a meal at McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants in Edina, MN. Joining us at our table were veterans Judy Ayers (Navy), Colleen Crew (Air Force) and her husband, Bud (Navy).

MN-1 had their annual Holiday Party on 12 December at the home of Loyal Escort Mary Frances Feiler. Attending were Liz Whitbeck, Sandra Heredia and friend Judy Johnson, Linda Munson, Geri Shei, Julie Williams, and Vicki Latiolais.

We were joined by Lieutenant Colonel Kimberly Johnson, Inspector-Instructor, of the 4th Law Enforcement Battalion. We signed cards and sent holiday greetings to Chapter members and a few other identified Marines.

Donations for Toys for Tots were collected and dropped off at Liz Whitbeck's residence and we held the always popular white elephant gift exchange.

The chapter met at the residence of Lorraine Morgan on 6 February to celebrate the anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve.

If you are in the area, the chapter extends an open invitation to join us any time.

*Vicki Latiolais*

## OH-2 Chesty Puller

It is with heavy heart to report we loss a member of our chapter. Lois Cameron was a charter member and wrote our bylaws for the chapter. Lois loved the Marine Corps and would have made it a career if she could have stayed in when she got married and became pregnant. She raised her children, and later in her life became active with the Marine Corps League, Women Marines Association and American Legion.

She and Ellen Leidy worked with the Young Marines and Toys for Tots for many years.

Lois was a worker and attended many WMA Conferences where she worked at a table selling items for our chapter.

She worked every stand down for the past 10 years and last September she was sorting, packing and tossing boxes at our stand down warehouse getting ready for handout day.

Lois drove many miles for many years to take care of her mother who is 97 years old. She did not want any services where people would have to stand in the cold. Services will be sometime in the spring with a few words from her minister and folding of the flag.

Lois will be missed by her family, friends and veterans. I bet she is already waiting for us in the Heaven Honor Guard.

The chapter met at Panera Bread and had a nomination of officers.

Several members went to the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky and handed out Christmas presents to the women veterans. We always look forward to delivering OH-2 member Dorthea her Christmas stocking. Ellen Leidy held her yearly Veteran Day Program at her church where each veteran received a gift. Jenny Jenkins is still busy with her children and being a band booster. Donna Perdue is on the mend and should be on her way home. Lora LeWay had a great trip to Parris Island for the birthday celebration. Sharon Jones, our Snow Bird, is back in Arizona enjoying her family.

Ellen Leidy is co-chair this year for the women resource fair held at the veteran service commission building.

Our chapter members are busy with family and work. We finally got some cold weather after going coatless into early January.

Hello to all our WMA members and friends.

*Elva Pounders*

## OH-3 Florence J. Fawley

Greetings from Ohio!

Several members of WMA OH-3 attended the central Ohio USMC Birthday Ball, hosted by the legendary Lima Company 3rd Battalion 25th Marines in Columbus. Other chapter events of note included participation in graveside wreath laying ceremonies in



Members of WMA OH-3 in attendance at the Central Ohio USMC Birthday Ball hosted by Lima 3/25 were (l-r): Susan Daood, Leslie Piatt, Amie Riddle, Lauren Baker and Paula Banks.

support of Wreaths Across America, visits to area veterans, participation in Veterans Day activities at area schools, supportive cards to an injured Operation Iraqi Freedom Marine, and making a slideshow of Lima 3/25's Gold Star OIF Marines for a community band's concert performance of the song "Purple Heart."

Our next meeting is planned for some time in February, to celebrate the anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve founding with our chapter namesake, Florence Jelsma Fawley. More community activities in support of veterans' causes are also planned.

Semper Fi,

*Jenny Jenkins*

## TX-2 Texas Gulf Coast

Happy New Year Marines! We have been extremely busy down on the Gulf in Texas. We started out by celebrating the USMC 240th Birthday by remembering one of our WWI Marines, Lola Prince, in a stone-setting ceremony followed by lunch at Brady's Landing in Houston. It was a gala event and will be described in more detail in its own story.

On Saturday, 5 December, we started the month off with our annual trip to decorate the psychiatric ward of the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Hospital in Houston where the question of the day was, "Who let the MARINES out?"

It was a day filled with fun and fellowship as we decorated the waiting rooms, halls and two wards with ribbon, bows and a whole bunch of garland. We even considered singing some carols, but just hummed instead for fear that they wouldn't let us out again if we sang! So after we ate some sandwiches and cookies, took some pictures of our work and the group, we made our escape for the year with our hopes that we left some holiday cheer.

The following day, 6 December, we gathered as a group at the Houston Veterans Cemetery to lay bundles of pine wrapped in ribbon at the graves and silver wreaths at the columbine markers of our departed members. It was a beautiful day and I know personally as we visited each of the sites and spoke on memories of our sisters past that I felt their presence with us in my heart and heard their laughter in my soul.

It was a beautiful warm Christmas on the gulf and a cooler wonderful New Year when we returned to the Veterans Hospital to remove our decorations for the year. We are busy with our membership drive and can't wait for the Oregon Convention. See ya there!

*Marti Raney*

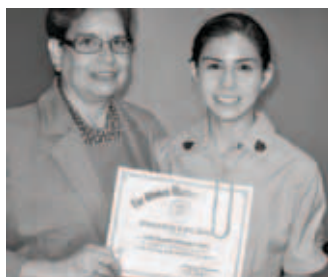




# WMA MCJROTC Award Recipients



Como Park Senior High School,  
St. Paul, MN  
Presenters: Arlene Duncan and  
Vicki Latiolais  
Recipient: Cadet Nijah Williams



Belton High School, Belton, TX  
Presenter: Cathleen Gruetzner, TX-5  
Recipient: Makhayla Perry



Desert Pines High School,  
Las Vegas, NV  
12 May 2015  
Presenter: Valerie Simon, AD-8  
Recipient: Kelly Tolayo-Nunez



Fern Creek High School,  
Louisville, KY  
13 May 2015  
Presenter: Mary Broussard, KY-1  
Recipient: Megan Owens



Desert Hot Springs High School,  
Desert Hot Springs, CA  
6 May 2015  
Presenter: Nichelle Webb, CA-29,  
Recipient: Jewel Lillard



El Camino High School,  
Oceanside, CA  
7 May 2015  
Presenter: Karla Jessup, MAL  
Recipient: Ana Palacios



Oceanside High School,  
Oceanside, CA  
7 May 2015  
Presenter: Karla Jessup, MAL  
Recipient: Alicia Torres



New Orleans Military and  
Maritime Academy,  
New Orleans, LA  
7 May 2015  
Presenter: Judith Rivera, LA-1  
Recipient: Tyler McNabb



Fontana High School,  
Fontana, CA  
7 May 2015  
Presenters: Johnnet Williams  
and Ozell Barksdale, CA-8;  
Recipient: Amaryllis Rodriguez



Fremont High School,  
Fremont, CA  
Presenter: Soledad Kennedy,  
CA-11  
Recipient: Kimberly Amezquitz



Snohomish High School, Snohomish, WA  
27 May 2015  
Presenter: Peggy Reiber, AD-9  
Recipient: Alison Hoeth



J. O. Johnson High School,  
Huntsville AL  
6 May 2015  
Presenter: Theresa Yankey, AL-1  
Recipient: Yulisa Sandoval



Notre Dame High School,  
Utica NY, June 2015  
Presenter: Maj A. L. Miller  
Recipient: Adrienne Smith.



Seneca High School,  
Louisville, KY  
21 May 2015  
Presenter: Mary Broussard, KY-1  
Recipient: Nallely Garcia





Germantown High School,  
Madison, MS  
1 May 2015  
Presenter: Jenny Koon Fink, MAL;  
Recipient: Courtney Easterling



Granbury High School,  
Granbury, TX  
Presenter: Katherine LorenzTownsend  
Recipient: Destiny Dean



Hendrickson High School, Pflugerville, TX  
16 April 2015  
Presenter: Cathleen Gruetzner, TX-5  
Recipient: Laurel Gaona



Mandeville High School,  
Mandeville, LA  
1 May 2015  
Presenter: Melanie Young, LA-1  
Recipient: Mason Emma Noel



Jeffersontown High School,  
Jeffersontown, KY  
23 April 2015  
Presenter: Mary Broussard, KY-1;  
Recipient: Brittany Drive



Jesuit High School,  
New Orleans, LA  
7 May 2015  
Presenter: Dalia Roble, LA-1  
Recipient: Brooks Simons



Mount Pleasant High School,  
San Jose, CA  
7 May 2015  
Presenter: Kathleen Wright, CA-3  
Recipient Marcelina Armenia



Montgomery High School,  
Montgomery, TX  
14 May 2015  
Presenter: Marti Raney, TX-2  
Recipient: Sandra Martinez



New Braunfels High School,  
New Braunfels, TX  
7 May 2015  
Presenter: Kirsten Coelho  
Sultemeier, TX-6  
Recipient: Ashley Allen



Ridgeland High School,  
Ridgeland, SC  
15 May 15  
Presenter: Serenity Button, SC-1  
Recipient: Tori Bostick



East Coweta High School,  
Sharpsburg, GA  
16 May 15  
Presenter: Ellen Olander, USA-3  
Recipient: Nele Langhof



## WMA MCJROTC Award Recipients



Orange High School,  
Orange, CA  
28 May 2015  
Presenter: Kimberly Skelton, CA-5  
Recipient: Arianna Mejia



Ponchatoula High School,  
Ponchatoula, LA  
1 May 2015  
Presenter: Mary Draughn, LA-1  
Recipient: Bryanna Perez



Quantico High School,  
Quantico, VA  
13 May 2015  
Presenter: Parisa Fetherson, VA-1  
Recipient: Amy Padilla



River Rouge High School,  
River Rouge, MI  
23 April 2015  
Presenter: Wendy Woodward, MI-1  
Recipient: Jamya Giles



Lake Region High School,  
Eagle Lake, FL  
23 April 15  
Presenter: Ceel Kenny, WWII, MAL;  
Recipient: Elena Gomez



Jean Ribault Senior High School,  
Jacksonville, FL  
9 May 2015  
Presenter: Arddy Farrell, FL-7  
Recipient: Kamiya Richards



Palm Bay Magnet High School,  
Melbourne, FL  
29 April 15  
Presenter: Lisa Smith, MAL  
Recipient: Abigail Lapham



Daniel Boone High School,  
Gray, TN  
1 May 15  
Presenter: Ann Larson, MAL;  
Recipient: Madison Combs



Venice High School,  
Venice FL  
24 April 15  
Presenter: Irene Toth, WWII, FL-6  
Recipient: Keely Kohlenberg



George Butler High School,  
Augusta, GA  
29 April 15  
Presenter: Maria Lemus, SC-2  
Recipient: Miyia Patrick



Lithia Springs High School,  
Lithia Springs, GA  
21 April 15  
Presenter: Victoria Turney, GA-1  
Recipient: Trayanna Jackson



Westover High School,  
Albany, GA  
23 April 15  
Presenter: Billie Rankin, MAL;  
Recipient: Keimon Jackson

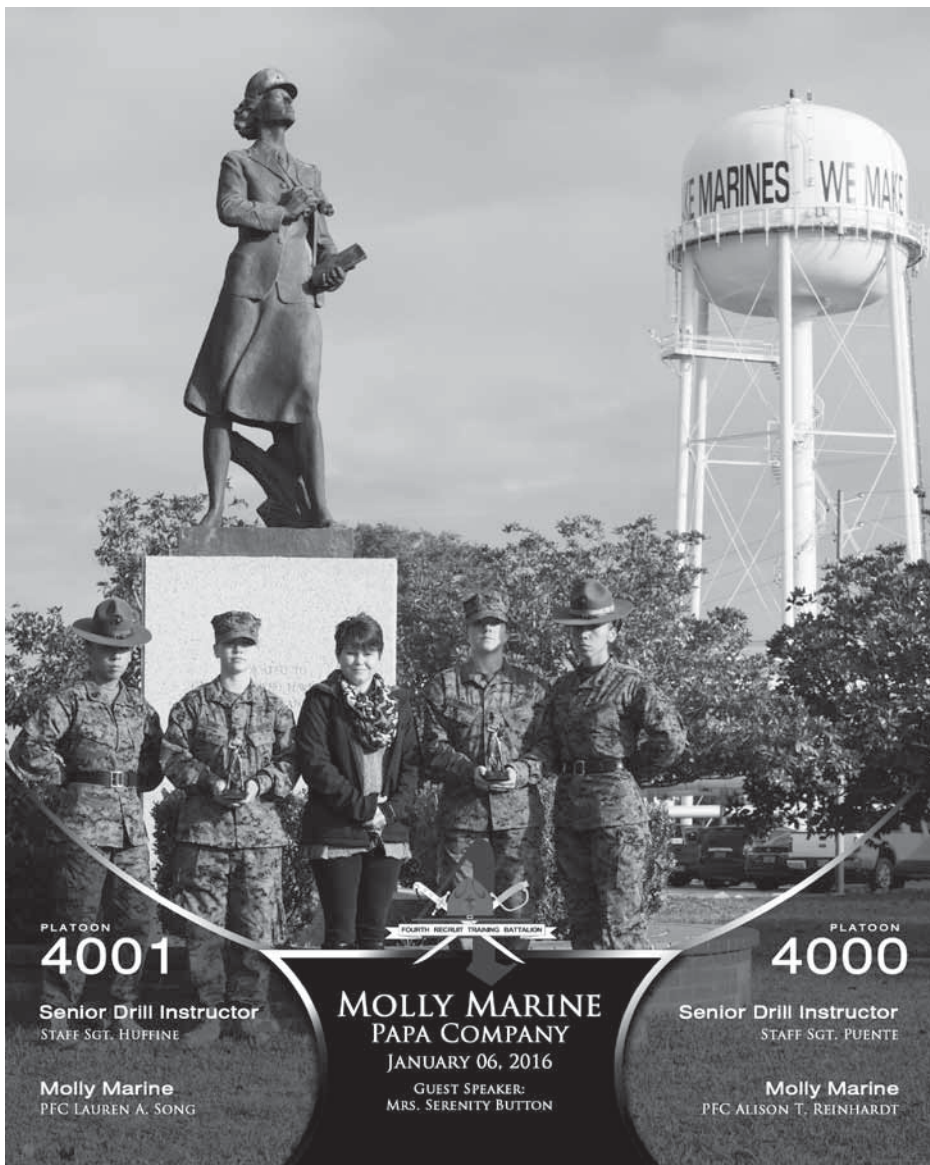
Stranahan High School,  
Ft Lauderdale, FL  
22 April 15  
Presenter: Nicoleen Dillard, FL-3  
Recipient: Reshma Roy



*No photo available at press time:*  
Round Rock High School  
Round Rock, TX  
Presenter: Cyla Huber, TX-5  
Recipient: Caleb Nolan



# Molly Marine Award Recipients

PLATOON  
**4001**

Senior Drill Instructor  
STAFF SGT. HUFFINE

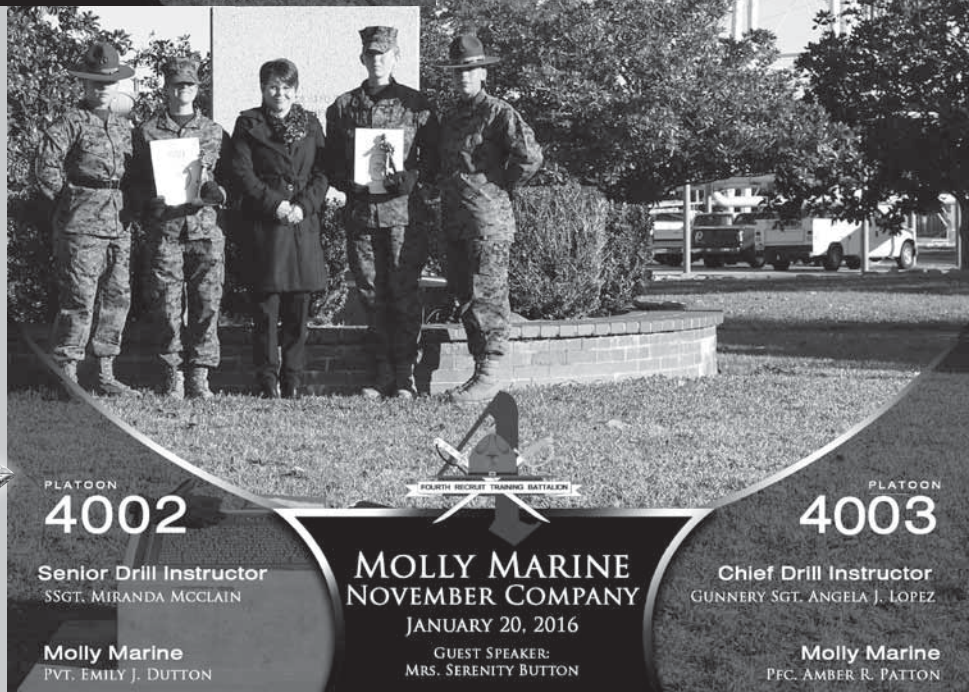
Molly Marine  
PFC LAUREN A. SONG

**MOLLY MARINE**  
PAPA COMPANY  
JANUARY 06, 2016  
GUEST SPEAKER:  
MRS. SERENITY BUTTON

PLATOON  
**4000**

Senior Drill Instructor  
STAFF SGT. PUENTE

Molly Marine  
PFC ALISON T. REINHARDT



PLATOON  
**4002**

Senior Drill Instructor  
SSGT. MIRANDA MCCLAIN

Molly Marine  
PVT. EMILY J. DUTTON

**MOLLY MARINE**  
NOVEMBER COMPANY  
JANUARY 20, 2016  
GUEST SPEAKER:  
MRS. SERENITY BUTTON

PLATOON  
**4003**

Chief Drill Instructor  
GUNNERY SGT. ANGELA J. LOPEZ

Molly Marine  
PFC. AMBER R. PATTON





# Join or Renew Your Membership Today!

## WMA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name:

Current Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Date of Birth:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

SSN:

### ALTERNATE ADDRESS INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

E-mail:

Reason for Alternate:

Start Date:

Stop Date:

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of a relative not residing with you:

Address:

Phone:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Relationship:

### SPOUSE INFORMATION

Name:

Date of Birth:

E-mail:

Phone:

### MILITARY INFORMATION

When Served:

Name (s) Served Under:

Maiden Name:

Plt. and Series:

MOS:

Molly Marine: ☐ Y ☐ N

### RMD PREFERENCES

After 2012 the Resource and Member Directory (RMD) will be sent in CD format. If you prefer another format please check below.

☐ Electronic copy

☐ Hard Paper copy

**One only**

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION ☐ NEW ☐ RENEWAL ☐ REINSTATEMENT

☐ **2 Year Membership \$40**

Life Membership: Pick One

Chapter Name if Known:

☐ Age 30 & Under **\$295** ☐ 31-39 **\$260** ☐ 40-49 **\$210**

Enrolled by/How did you hear about WMA:

☐ 50-59 **\$180** ☐ 60-65 **\$150** ☐ 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:

# Application for membership in Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

The Auxiliary of the Women Marines Association

LOYAL ESCORT MEMBER APPLICATION			
<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>			
Name:			
Date of birth:	Phone:	Cell:	
Current address:			
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
Email:			
New	Renew	Reinstated	Life (Sponsor must be Life member)
SSN# (last 4 digits only)			
<b>2 yr \$30   Life   40 and under - \$180   41-45 - \$150   46-60 - \$130   61-70 - \$105   71-80 - \$80   81+ \$55</b>			
<b>SPONSOR INFORMATION</b>			
WMA Sponsor Name:		Recruited by:	
Chapter Affiliation:			
Do you live with sponsor?   Y   N		Sponsor Life Member # if applicable	
<b>EMERGENCY CONTACT</b>			
Name of a relative <b>not</b> residing with you:			
Address:		Phone:	
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
Relationship:			
<b>SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE</b>			
Name:			
Date of birth:	Email:	Phone:	
<b>SERVICE INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE</b>			
Dates of Service			
Branch:		How long?	
MOS	Duty Stations:		
<b>ABOUT MYSELF</b>			
How did you hear about the Loyal Escorts?		Recruited By:	
Would you like to get your copy of WMA 'Nouncements electronically via email?   ___ Yes   ___ No			
<b>SIGNATURE</b>			
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



# 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).

Remember today our sister, Cpl Sara Medina, who died while on active duty in Nepal in support of earthquake relief efforts. Remember all of our 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				Life Member			
			Membership No.				Membership No.
Ballou, Bertha	11/4/15	NY-3	#881	Mertes, Lynn	10/25/15	MO-2	#2448
Cameron, Lois (Bor)	1/12/16	OH-2	#2089	Munroe, Dorothy	10/31/15	CA-2/CA-7	#18
DeGuiseppe, Barbara (Granger)	12/2/15	FL-5	#1924	Rolf, Bettie (Keeter)	1/8/16	MAL NC	#2301
Gerichten, Joan (Walter)	12/31/15	NC-1	#692	Rector, Jacqueline (Richie)	12/29/15	KY-1	#3389
Goodman, Shirley (Cahn)	11/27/15	FL-2	#3355	Seip, Shirley (Beach)	11/13/15	MA-2	#1495
Hluboky, Barbara (Thompson)	11/14/15	DC-1	#2384				
Haynie, Opal	11/24/15	MAL CA	#206	<b>Term Members</b>			
Howard, Denne (Denton)	12/29/15	CA-29	#2235	Johnson, Geraldine (Grady)	10/15/15	MAL NH	
Laukes, Helen H.	2/1/16	IL-2	#212	Lucid, Eva (Daupert)	10/31/15	IN-1	
Lee, Barbara J.	9/9/15	MAL CA	#1302	Wagstaff, Claire	8/19/15	MS-1	
Lewis, Deborah Alice	10/14/15	AL-1	#3109				
Marks, Carla Mary	12/31/15	MAL NJ	#3312				
Mato, Veronica (Losh)	10/14/15	VA-1	#1667				
Mueller, Delores (Delemater & Baer)	1/17/16	WI-1	#2599				

## Chaplain's Corner: The Story of The Dash



I read of a man who stood to speak  
at the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on her tombstone  
from the beginning...to the end.

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He noted that first came the date of her birth  
and spoke of the following date with tears,  
but he said what mattered most of all  
was the dash between those years.

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For that dash represents all the time  
that she spent alive on earth...  
and now only those who loved her  
know what that little line is worth.

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For it matters not, how much we own;  
the cars....the house...the cash.  
What matters is how we live and love  
and how we spend our dash.

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So think about this long and hard...  
are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left.  
(You could be at "dash midrange.")

If we could just slow down enough  
to consider what's true and real,  
and always try to understand  
the way other people feel.

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And be less quick to anger,  
and show appreciation more  
and love the people in our lives  
like we've never loved before.

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If we treat each other with respect,  
and more often wear a smile...  
remembering that this special dash  
might only last a little while.

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So, when your eulogy's being read  
with your life's actions to rehash...  
would you be proud of the things they  
say about how you spend your dash?

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Author: Linda Ellis

**Mary Broussard**  
**Chaplain, WMA**

# Message from the National Merchandise Sales Committee

Good news! We have recently restocked the "Life Member" pins and the gold, left collar EGAs for the WMA cover. You can purchase these items individually for \$10.00 each.

Additionally, as of this publication of 'Nouncements, the WMA covers will include the EGA. Therefore, please notice the following change in cost for the cover: **WMA cover, Chapter embroidery, EGA and shipping = \$55.00. • WMA cover, Chapter and "Life" embroidered, EGA and shipping = \$60.00**

When you send in the order, please specify the cover size, chapter

information, if "Life" is requested, shipping address, and a contact number.

Please note, it may take a few weeks to process the order; therefore, we cannot estimate a delivery time for the cover.

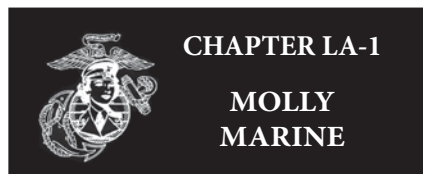
If you have any questions please email [sales@womenmarines.org](mailto:sales@womenmarines.org) or call 281-487-8205.

Semper Fi,  
**Karen E. Beatty**, on behalf of the NMS Committee

## WMA National Merchandise Sales - Your Purchases Support Our Association! (All items include the cost of shipping)

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

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



### SALE ITEMS!

WMA Drawstring Bag ..... \$8.00  
WMA Briefcase Bag ..... \$15.00  
Turner WMA History Books 2 for \$25

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

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

Chapter designation: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

20-1/2 - 20-7/8 ...XSm	22-3/4 – 23-1/8...L
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

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

Texas Chapter 2, Women Marines Association

P.O.Box 1821, Pasadena, TX 77501

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

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

## WMA Chapter Merchandise Sales

Send chapter ads to Wanda Antoine, 117 Silent Country, Cibolo, TX 78108 (228) 243-3845

[Editor@womenmarines.org](mailto:Editor@womenmarines.org). IMPORTANT, PLEASE NOTE: When WMA sales items are no longer available, please notify Wanda 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.com](http://www.lisacordeiro.com)  
<http://http://lisacordeiro.com>



Item: Women Marines Padfolio

Cost: \$28.50 to include shipping and handling.

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

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



### Thermal bags

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

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

Contact: WMA, TX-2,

P.O. Box 1821, Pasadena, Texas 77501

### 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



## WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

### Cards

Item: WMA Postcard - 5 1/2" x 4 1/4" Wide green stripe top & left margins.  
WMA logo in upper left corner  
Cost: 10 for \$1.60; 15 for \$2.10;  
20 for \$2.60 (prices include P&H)  
Checks: CA-7, WMA Chapter: EMVSC CA7 WMA  
Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056-4011  
(760) 724-9861

### Shirts and Sweats

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

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

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

Adult	Ladies Polos (S-XL) \$30.00	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

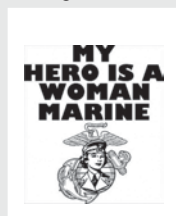
Infant/Toddler: Please contact for availability and prices

#### 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.

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

### 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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Check/Money Order payable to PA-2 Liberty Belles

Mail to: Kathy Van Gorder

584 Barrington Road, Collegeville, PA 19426

PH:610-489-3756



Item: 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)

### Jewelry

Item: WMA Logo Earrings

Cost: \$10.00/pair (includes shipping)

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

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

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



Item: Charm "Semper Fi"

Cost: \$15.00

Chapter: Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)

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





## Dog tags

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



Light weight aluminum with laser printed verbiage.  
 Cost = \$3/ea (postage included)  
 (May be ordered in large quantity, with *your* wording.  
*Inquire for special pricing.*) Contact: WMA, TX-2, P.O. Box 1821  
 Pasadena, Texas 77501

Item: WMA Ring. Jeweler - Jostens  
 Cost: Lustrium (non precious white) \$181.00  
 Questra (non precious gold) \$218.00  
 10 Karat Yellow Gold \$325.00  
 14 Karat Gold \$395.00 (Cost includes three initials inside ring & shipping)  
 Note: Include ring size and phone number when ordering  
 Chapter: FL-7 First Coast  
 Contact: Gayle Plant, President FL-7, PO Box 463, Keystone Heights, FL 32656;  
 (352) 473-7826



Item: WMA Pendant on chain Size: 7/8 inches round  
 Item: WMA Lapel Pin Size: 7/8 inches round  
 Cost: \$19.75 each (including shipping)  
 Chapter: FL-7 First Coast  
 Contact: Gayle Plant, President FL-7, PO Box 463  
 Keystone Heights, FL 32656; (352) 473-7826



## Miscellaneous Items

Item: USMC Sun catchers (also have other military branches)  
 Cost: \$5.00 each  
 Size: 4" round w/suction hanger Chapter: CA-15  
 Contact: Pat Murray, 40701 Rancho Vista #92  
 Palmdale, CA 93551 (661) 718-8324

Item: Travel neck pouch, black w/two zippered sections on one side with clear section on reverse with WMA logo; adjustable strap; size 6-1/2"x4-1/2"  
 Cost: \$5.00 each (includes shipping)  
 Chapter: NM-1 (checks payable to payable to WMA-Chapter NM1)  
 Contact: Stella Delgado-Kinnison, 204 General Patch NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123

Item: WMA Logo Magnet. Ideal for gift. Size 2" long, 1 1/2" wide  
 Cost: \$2.00 includes postage Chapter: NJ-2  
 Contact: Lorraine Nankivell, PO Box 208, 38 Point Pleasant Rd, Hopatcong, NJ 07843-0208



Item: New aluminum license plate in distinctive RED  
 Item: WMA Umbrella, green with WMA logo, Automatic Open Button Size: Collapsed 15 inches long, open 21 inches long and 36 inches wide  
 Cost: \$17.75 (includes shipping) Chapter: FL-7 First Coast  
 Contact: Gayle Plant, President FL-7, PO Box 463, Keystone Heights, FL 32656 (352) 473-7826

Item: WMA logo Rubber Stamps  
 Cost: Large stamp: \$11.00 (includes mailing) Small stamp: \$8.00 (includes mailing) Chapter: CA-7 Checks to: EMVSC CA7 WMA  
 Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056-4011  
 (760) 724-9861

Item: Clear Vinyl Bag with Long Zipper, WMA Logo Women Marines Association. Green/White Size: 9" x 12"  
 Cost: \$6.25 (includes shipping) Chapter: NC-1  
 Contact: Naomi Malone, 218 Sunset Rd., Jacksonville, NC 28546-7045 (910) 545-7154 nmalone@ec.rr.com

Item: Mouse Pad, 7" x 8", white background, WMA logo, "The Few, The Proud" in green Cost: \$10 Chapter: Bay State, MA-1  
 Checks: Payable to Bay State Chapter, WMA  
 Contact: Joyce Barden, 56 Poor Street, Andover, MA 01810

Item: Molly Marine picture, 8" x 10"  
 Cost: \$12 each (includes shipping) Chapter: AR-1  
 Contact: Vickie Davis, Treasurer, AR-1,  
 415 Maryland St.  
 Benton, AR 72015



Item: Handmade soy wax candles (Lavender, White Tea and Ginger, Rose, Lemon and Lovespell)  
 Cost: 9 oz. \$10 (plus \$5 Shipping); 16 oz. \$15 (plus \$5 Shipping)  
 (Two candles or more contact Bonniesbunch@yahoo.com or Rosa\_rmr@yahoo.com for correct shipping)  
 Checks: WMA-Phyllis Alexander Chapter: SC-1  
 Contact: Rosa Robertson, WMA, P.O. Box 5296, Parris Island, SC 29905 (or via email)

Item: "Proud To Be A Marine" ribbon magnet, 8"x 3"  
 Cost: \$6 each (includes postage)  
 Checks: Payable to EMVSC CA-7 WMA  
 Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive,  
 Oceanside, CA 92056-4011  
 (760) 724-9861



Item: "Koozie" Bottle or Can size sleeve for sweat absorption, foldable foam, green, with WMA logo in white on one side, other side in white letters: "No Sweat, the WOMEN Marines are on duty" Cost: \$4.00 each, or 20 for \$75.00 (Price includes shipping)  
 Contact: Kathy Van Gorder, 584 Barrington Rd., Collegeville, PA 19426  
 e-mail: VanGorders2@aol.com Fax: 610-489-4383

Item: Bumper sticker, The Few, The Proud, The Women Marines  
 Cost: \$1.50 each (Price includes shipping) Chapter: NM-1 (checks payable to WMA-Chapter NM1)  
 Contact: Stella Delgado-Kinnison, 204 General Patch NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123.

Item: EGA Zipper Pull (1 inch EGA, 2 inch total length), \$6.00 EGA Yellow Ribbon Lapel Pin (1 inch length) \$5.00, Marine Mascot Christmas Ornament (red ribbon, 2.5 inches in length) \$8.00, EGA Christmas Ornament (red ribbon, 2.5 inches in length) \$8.00, Red EGA Necklace (chain, 18 inches in length) \$10.00.  
 (Plus \$3.00 USPS shipping per above items)  
 Chapter: MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks (make checks payable to MN-1)  
 Contact: Mary McGee, 2652 Marshall St NE #301, Minneapolis, MN 55418  
 (612) 788-1216 or Vicki Latiolais, 7940 Fairfield Road North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55444 (763)560-6401 vlatiolais@comcast.net

Item: "Woman Marine" Ribbon Magnet, 8" x 4"  
 Cost: \$7.00 (includes shipping & handling)  
 Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller  
 Contact: Ellen Leidy, 1107 Columbus Ave., Barberton, OH 44203  
 (330) 825-8935 email: leidyrun@aol.com



Item: This item has been officially licensed by the US Marine Corps.  
 Item: Ornament "The Fewer" Size 2 3/8" x 3 1/8" Limited 3-D, only 300 minted, 24 Karat Gold on Brass  
 Cost: \$29.75 (Includes Shipping).  
 Portion of proceeds go to "Paws and Strips".  
 Cost: 24 Karat Gold on Brass \$29.75 (includes shipping)  
 Portion of proceeds go to "Paws and Strips".  
 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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# Support the Women of the Corps Collection (WOCC)

For many years, WMA has been collecting historical memorabilia relating to women who served in the Marine Corps. This collection is called the Women of the Corps Collection (WOCC) and it is one of the largest and finest collections of historical items about women who served in any branch of the United States Armed Forces. Even though WMA is the formal owner of this collection, most of the funding to maintain the collection is provided by the Women of the Corps Foundation (WOCF) which is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit organization whose sole purpose is to raise money to support the WOCC. All donations to the WOCF are exclusively used to support the WOCC. None of the money donated to the WOCF goes to or through WMA. Even though WMA does not get funding from the WOCF, it does collect donations to be used when WMA requests exhibits from the WOCC for major events such as convention displays. This includes generation of the display and shipping costs to/from the convention site. If you enjoy seeing WOCC displays at conventions, please

consider donating to either the WOCF or to WMA to support such displays. Both WMA and the WOCF are 501(c)(3) Non-Profit organizations and all donations are tax deductible.

Checks for WOCC maintenance should be addressed to the WOCF and should be mailed to the WOCF Treasurer at 7305 San Dario G-311, Laredo, TX 78045.

Checks for WMA to pay for displays at conventions should be addressed to WMA/WOCC and should be mailed to the WMA Treasurer at PO BOX 377, Oaks, PA 19456-0377.

Semper Fidelis

**Betty Moseley Brown,**

WMA President, [President@womenmarines.org](mailto:President@womenmarines.org)

**Kathleen "Kathy" Wright,** WMA 1st Vice President, [1VP@womenmarines.org](mailto:1VP@womenmarines.org)

## ATTENTION MARINES!

Your help is urgently needed to keep the WOMEN OF THE CORPS Collection of valuable historic memorabilia from being sold to junk dealers for lack of funds to pay storage and insurance costs.

### Your contribution is needed now!

Only a dozen years old, the Collection has grown from a few boxes of old uniforms to over 300,000 items now valued and insured for \$500,000. Costs of the Collection were generously funded by our older Marine sisters—now passed away—and new donors are urgently needed! The costs total **\$25,000 annually**.

**Send your check TODAY for \$5.00 or \$5,000.** All amounts are appreciated. Make check payable to WCF and send to:

**WOMEN OF THE CORPS FOUNDATION**  
**7503 San Dario Ave G-311, Laredo TX 78045**

The **WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION** proudly displays the impressive Women of the Corps collection of memorabilia of women Marines at the biennial conventions of the WMA - and especially during the grand 100th year celebration of Women Marines in Washington, DC in 2018.

During this 100th anniversary celebration, the Collection of Memorabilia will be visited by great numbers of the public, including local schools and government officials.

The costs of preparing, cleaning, displays, and shipping this collection for exhibition are paid by the WMA. **The cost for the 100th anniversary celebration will be approximately \$25,000.**

**Send your contribution TODAY to this worthy cause.** All amounts are needed. Make check payable to WMA/WOCC and send to:

**WMA Treasurer**  
**PO Box 377, Oaks, PA 19456-0377**

## **THANK YOU!**



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Carlene "Wojo" Wojciechowski, Sonia Gryske (with WMA cap); Eileen (holding wreath); and Ellie Fox next to her. The others are our "Chapter Champions." We could not have done it without them!