



## Sarah's Story: "We Marched Everywhere..."

**Note:** My mother was the first trailblazing woman I ever knew. In 1967 she joined the Army and was a secretary for General Westmoreland in the Pentagon during the Vietnam war and in 1973, when I was two, she was the first woman accepted for officer candidate school in the Florida National Guard, where she served as a recruiter for three years. Over the years I have met other trailblazing women who have served our country and recently had the honor of meeting another, Sarah Frost. Sarah, who will be 95 this summer, was just 22 in July 1943 when she answered America's call to "Free a Man to Fight." I asked her to share her story.

-- Michelle Wright Weaver

Sarah Austin grew up just outside of Monroe, NC where her father kept a farm and worked at the hardware store and her mother raised Sarah and her younger sister and two brothers. After high school she went to college at UNC Greensboro and earned a Bachelor's Degree in math and began teaching math and coaching girls' basketball near Winston-Salem, NC.

Her father was an Army veteran of WWI and her parents supported her decision to enlist. When she arrived at the recruiting office with her mother she said she intended to enlist in the Navy and become a WAVE (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Services). The Marine recruiter had other ideas. The recruiting offices were located on the second floor of the post office in Charlotte, NC. When she asked him for directions to the Navy office he asked why she wanted to be a WAVE when she could be a Marine and be the best.

She decided right then to join the Marine Corps; a decision she says gave her the wonderful life and opportunities she

enjoyed in the Marine Corps and in the nearly 72 years since.

After meeting with the Marine recruiter she went by train from North Carolina to Atlanta, GA for her physical and in September 1943 she received her orders to report for boot camp at Camp Lejeune. She rode the bus from home to Camp Lejeune, which she says looked like a college campus. For the next six weeks "We marched everywhere, to our classes, to meals. We had to study everything about the Marine Corps: tradition, how to behave, how to dress." For two weeks after boot camp she had mess duty at Camp Lejeune. Sarah said her first choice was to be assigned to an air station and when she graduated boot camp she received orders to MCAS Cherry Point, NC.

Sarah spent the month of December on mess duty at Cherry Point and in January 1944 she was sent to Radio School at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. For the first five months of 1944 Sarah attended classes with WAVES and women Marines to learn Morse code, typing and radio operation. Sarah continued a friendship with two women, Avis and Ann, that began at Camp Lejeune and they would spend weekends in Cincinnati,



Sarah Frost in 1943.

Dayton and Chicago and even got to see the poet Robert Frost speak at their school. At the end of May Sarah graduated from radio school and received orders to Radio Materiel School in Omaha, Nebraska along with Avis and Ann.

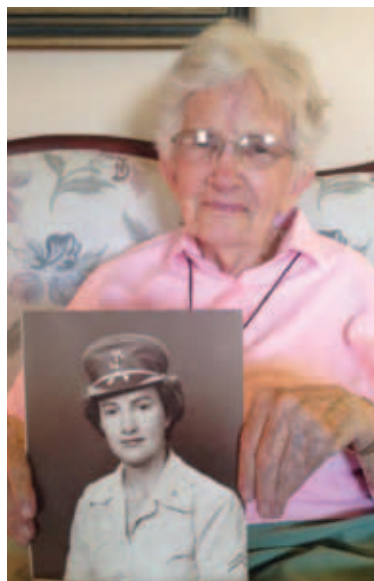
In Omaha the WAVES and women Marines were billeted at the Fontanelle Hotel,

four ladies to a room. They took their meals in the basement of the hotel and marched the several blocks to school every day. The classes were in the back of an old store where she learned to build and repair radios. Before she graduated Radio Materiel School in October 1944 she was promoted to Cpl. Sarah, Avis and Ann all received orders to MCAS Santa Barbara-Goleta and arrived by train on October 24, 1944. "We had never been that far from home before and it was a long and boring train ride."

In Santa Barbara the radio shop was located behind the air traffic control tower and Sarah worked shifts and took turns being on duty all night.

There was a Coast Guard Station in Santa Barbara and Sarah said she liked to work on the radios on their boats because their food was better than what the Marines served. "When we were in Santa Barbara we would go to the USO or we would hitchhike to Los Angeles or San Francisco for the weekend.

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Sarah Frost with her 1943 portrait.

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## From The Editor: New Chapters Needed!

Marines may wonder what they can do for WMA if they are not a member of a chapter. This is usually because they don't live anywhere near a chapter. If you don't know if you live near a chapter, check the latest edition of the Resource Manual and Directory to see where your closest chapter is, or contact your area director.

Michelle Wright Weaver is a Member at Large (MAL) in middle Georgia. She does not live near a chapter, but if you've noticed, she has a few articles published in *'Nouncements* over the past couple of years. In fact, she wrote the cover story for this issue. I put out the call for anyone who was interested in writing or proofreading for our publication and Michelle (and a few others) answered that call. This Marine may not be a member of a chapter, but she is doing valuable work for our organization. Thank you, Michelle.

I just witnessed another solution to the problem of faraway chapters—start one. One of WMA's newest chapters,

TX-6, The Gruene Marines, just received their chapter charter on May 16th. President Kirsten Sultemeier started the groundwork nearly two years ago to get this chapter up and running and her work paid off. Over twenty Marines attended the installation ceremony! This chapter is ready to take on the world, so watch out for them in Portland!

There is always something that you can do. You can find out what you can do to make a difference in the organization in this issue from our 1st Vice President's article. This is my last term as editor, and although I have a successor, she is going to need help when she



Like this one, for example... TX-6 Gruene Marines.

takes over next year after the convention. So, join a committee. Run for an elected position. Help me proofread (because my toddler's *not* helping!) Volunteer at the VA. Or better yet, start a chapter.

I hope everyone has a great summer.

**Wanda Antoine**  
Editor

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# President's Message: Those Priceless Moments

OOHRAH!

Priceless moments. That is what serving as your President bestows upon me daily...many priceless moments. I'd like to share just a few of them with you as we celebrate the spring with longer days, warmer temperatures and the blossoming flowers.

April is the month when the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation awards the best. Yearly, I'm in awe at our Marines (past and present) who come to the National Museum of the Marine Corps to celebrate the honorees: the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, and our Brigadier General Helen G. Pratt, USMCR. The Women Marines Association members were shining brightly with our dig-



the most to further the recognition of the history of women who have earned the title Marine. The 2015 Recipient was Colonel Ruth Hammond Broe (USMCR) posthumously. Theresa "Sue" Malone Sousa shares stories of Ruth Broe and how WMA would not be in existence without her tenacity, commitment and dedication to females earning the eagle, globe and anchor.

What a priceless moment to see Past National Secretary, Eileen Scanlon (who is also the MCHF Liaison for WMA) accept the award for Colonel Broe.

Another priceless moment was meeting The Sergeant William Genaust Award winner, Sergeant Tammy Hineline, USMC, for a distinguished documentary and short subject (40 minutes or



Col. Julia Hamblet

(and our newest WMA member). SHE motivated the motivators! As if my moments couldn't be any more priceless... one more moment to share. I had the honor of representing all of you (with Immediate Past President

Rhonda LeBrescu Amtower) to visit OUR Colonel Julia E. Hamblet to celebrate her 99th birthday. Yes, 99 years of wisdom, Marine Corps distinction and elegance. Colonel Hamblet continues to be the sole remaining Director of Women Marines. Within a 12-month period, I have had the honor to meet Sergeant Major Grace Carle (at our 2014 Convention in Kansas City) and now Colonel Julia Hamblet. What an honor!

Sister Marines, continue to make price-



Eileen Scanlon, Immediate Past President Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower, WMA National President Betty Moseley Brown, Sue Sousa, WMA Historian Nancy Wilt, and (seated) retired Colonel Sara Pritchett at the NMMC.

nitaries, Past National Presidents, past national officers, many WMA members and little old me...yes, priceless moments.

WMA awards the Colonel Julia E. Hamblet Award, funded by a bequest from the estate of Lotus Mort. It is given to the individual or team who has done

less) dealing creativity with U. S. Marine Corps heritage or Marine Corps life. Her documentary was *Letters: A Hero's Journey to the Medal of Honor*. It documented letters Corporal Kyle Carpenter wrote to his mother [See back cover]. Sgt. Hineline was a humbled dignitary; the only female award recipient in uniform



Col. Ruth Hammond Broe (center).

less moments wherever you are, because as Colonel Hamblet reminded me, our moments to share together will one day be no more.

We stand on the shoulders of giants... find a WWII, Korea-era, Vietnam, Peacetime, Gulf War Era, Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran or an active duty service member and share your priceless moments because one day, we will have no more. Semper Fidelis!

**Betty Moseley Brown**  
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# Thank You to Our Wonderful Volunteers

As I am sure you have noticed, we have had a huge Area Director (AD) turnover in recent months. Most of the ADs who were elected prior to the Kansas City Convention found it necessary to step down due to work conflicts, health related issues or personal problems that made it impossible to complete their two year assignment. I want to personally thank each of these wonderful women for volunteering to serve and for being strong enough to know when it was time to let someone else take over. In all cases, these women wanted only the best for WMA and when they felt that they couldn't give the AD position 100%, they elected to let someone else take over who could give the position all the attention it requires. I wish each and every one of them a bright and happy future.

All of the ADs report to me as 1VP, so it become my job to find replacements when each of them resigned. The process of trying to find new Area Directors can be difficult because I don't necessarily have personal connections in all of the impacted Areas, so I had to find another way to locate volunteers. I de-



cided to go directly to the source, so I used the rosters generated by National as my starting point. I selected the roster that listed all members of the affected Area and removed any names that did not have an e-mail address. I did this because being an Area Director requires easy access by both the members and by the National Board and our preferred vehicle of communication is email. Next, I removed the names of everyone who is in Compassionate Retention status or older than 80. I did this because these members have done more than enough for WMA and they shouldn't be asked to take on added responsibilities. This left me with a roster of potential candidates that could serve as an Area Director. I sent out an email asking for volunteers and waited to see who would respond.

I must say that this process yielded some wonderful results. Not only did we find wonderfully qualified volunteers to fill the vacated positions, I had the opportunity to communicate with many wonderful members who responded with offers to help in the future, or with reasons why they could not volunteer at this time. I thank each and every member who responded for considering the request and

providing feedback. In virtually all cases, we did find a volunteer within 5-10 days who was willing and able to take on this position and the outgoing Area Directors covered their areas until the new candidates were formally approved by the Board of Directors. I want to personally thank each of the Area Directors for volunteering to serve the members in your Areas. Those members who live in Areas 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9 all have new Area Directors. Please get to know your new Area Directors; thank them for taking on this responsibility; and support them as they work to make your areas and WMA better for us all.

## What Does It Take?

Many of our members wonder what it would take to become a member of the Board of Directors, or one of the various committees that support WMA. The answer is simple - a willingness to serve. All of our National Officers are volunteers. The one thing they all have in common is a strong devotion to the Marine Corps, to WMA and to our members. Even though it may seem as though we see the same names moving from position to position, it is usually because we can't find new volunteers to support all of our critical positions. (Continued page 4)

## Welcome from your 2nd Vice President

This has been a busy time for all of my committee chairs. The Scholarship Committee is busy evaluating applications, MCJROTC presentations are going on around the country thanks to our Area Directors and members willing to stand in for WMA at the various participating high schools, and we have had a change in our Merchandise Chair. Unfortunately America Dones, who has served as National Merchandise chair for several years has found it necessary to step down. I want to take this opportunity to thank America for all her hard work throughout the years.

She has done a great job juggling work, school, reserve commitments and her WMA commitment. Thanks America, Job well done! Now TX- 2 Chapter has picked up the mantle on Merchandise



and they are in the process of reviewing what we have and what the members want so we can make better options available to you.

The primary point of contact for Merchandise is now Karen Beatty. Thanks for stepping up TX-2. We really appreciate it.

You can find the new contact information later in this issue of 'Nouncements'. As you saw in the 1st Vice President's message, we will soon be soliciting volunteers to become part of the National Board or sit on a committee. The specific jobs available are listed in your Resource Manual which you should have received recently.

All positions are open to all members in good standing who would like to run for office.

Specific job descriptions can be provided to you by contacting me or any other board member. You only need to ask. Nomination period will commence later in the fall. Details of what would be required to submit your nomination will be in the next issue of 'Nouncements'. The elections will take place in Spring 2016 and results announced at the Convention in Portland.

The Board will be meeting in Portland in July for the Interim Board meeting to discuss WMA business and potential available positions that will need to be filled for the 2016-2018 term.

Please think about stepping up and helping us make the organization stronger and better going forward.

**Kathy Sheppard**  
2nd Vice President



## Thank You , Volunteers

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If you want to see what kinds of positions we have, look at your new RM&D because that lists all our National positions and tells you how to contact the current incumbent.

Basic requirements for all positions include access to e-mail because our National officers are scattered all across the USA and we do most of our work electronically. You would also need to have access to some basic tools such as Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. You need to be willing to support one 1-hour training teleconference each month - normally on a Saturday afternoon. Once a year, the Board Members travel to support face-to-face board meetings and here is a small budget to help defray the cost of this travel. Normally, these board meetings are held at the next convention site. Many members wonder how much time is required to support the various positions and the honest answer is that it depends on the position. Some of the committees meet on an as needed basis and other positions involve almost full time availability. We can always provide position descriptions and answer any questions you may have.

What are the benefits of serving? That answer is simple as well. You get to meet and interact with many of our wonderful members. You get to make a difference in the lives of those you serve and you get to enjoy the camaraderie of sister Marines. WMA will soon be asking for volunteers to serve during the 2016-2018 term. If you have an interest or a desire to serve at the National level, please contact any of the current officers now so that you can have time to explore the available positions and decide whether or not you would like to run during the next election cycle. A great place to start is as an Area Director. You get to visit other chapters in your area; get to help start new chapters; assist chapters and/or members to resolve any problems they might have; be the interface between National and your Area; and learn a great deal about how WMA functions on the National level. You would also get exposure to the executive board positions which would allow you to make an informed decision about running for higher office. If you have the time and the interest, please consider researching possible options so that you are in a position to respond when the request for nominees is sent out by our 2VP, Kathy Sheppard. Get on board and help to make WMA a stronger association. Semper Fi,

**Kathy Wright, 1st Vice President**

# The Story of the Lady Marine Rose

*The WMA Convention is scheduled for Portland, Oregon in 2016. Here is some of the story of the Lady Marine Rose:*

## **The Lady Marine Rose**

(This is from the Chapter Handbook, written and published circa 1994). The Greater Oregon Chapter from Portland (known as the City of Roses) worked for ten years to have a rose developed in the color of Montezuma Red.

It was presented at the Biennial Convention in 1980, and it was named the official WMA flower.

A WMA National Rose Committee was formed to handle the orders for the rose, and by 1982 there were more than 2,000 Lady Marine Roses blooming all over the United States, with the profits going to the scholarship program. But alas, in the severe winter of 1983-84, the nursery that handled the stock lost all and was forced out of business.

*For more of the story, I called long time member and our chapter historian Helen Laukes, a Past National President.*

"My son planted one for me at one of his homes in California. When I say one of his, I mean that he planted one plant and moved it each time to the three of his homes when he moved. The rose took to the move and bloomed every year but when he moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, the rose did not do too well and when they moved from there, he did not think it would take the move again. That is the last I know of any of the roses surviving, so I guess they are just out of business".

*Helen also found in her files this email from Doris Keane, written in November 2001: "The significance of the rose to women Marines: That goes back to the days when there was a Director of Women Marines. It was started*

by Col. Randolph McPate, Director of Division of Reserves during post World War II period, to give a bouquet of roses to the Director of Women Marines on 13 February, the anniversary of women Marines, one rose for each year being commemorated".

Major Julia Hamblet received the first bouquet. Each succeeding Commandant continued the tradition, until about 1973. Col. Jeanette Sustad was presented the last bouquet or roses from General Leonard F. Cushman, Jr. In 1976, the year prior to the last tour of duty of a director of Women Marines and the integration of women into the Marine Corps, WMA held its biennial convention in the city where our nation was founded, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Boston convention was dedicated to the women Marines who had served during World War I. Each of the WWI-derfuls in attendance were presented with a single, long-stemmed rose.

At each succeeding WMA convention, a bouquet of red roses in a WWI-era ladies' boot, graced the dais at each function (meals, memorial service), to always remember our past, to honor the women who have gone on before us and to pay tribute to the high standards of the tradition they established as women Marines.

***Submitted by IL-2***



# PORTLAND, 2016

29TH BIENNIAL WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION CONVENTION &  
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## Meet Molly Marine Next October!

*Ladies and Loyal Escorts,*

Molly Marine LA-1 cordially invites you to pay a visit to the Big Easy (New Orleans, LA) where you will have the pleasure of meeting a picturesque beauty: the *original* Molly Marine. She proudly stands on the corner of Canal Street and Elk Place--the first statue of a woman in uniform erected in the United States! How *historical* is that?

This special event is scheduled to take place on 9-10 October 2015. Molly Marine LA-1 promises you a historical, memorable event and a VERY good time!

The hotel chosen for lodging and the welcoming reception is the Best Western French Quarter Landmark Hotel, 920 N. Rampart Street, New Orleans, LA 70116-3011, Phone: (504) 524-3333. The hotel is quaint, with antique-style furniture, and modern amenities.

The cost is \$159 per night; two or more can share the room at the same rate. The welcome reception will be held in the dining/courtyard area on Friday evening, 9 October 2015. The following day will consist of a program (with special guests), a field trip to "meet Molly", plus the Joan of Arc Statue, Café Du Monde, have lunch and/or whatever else we decide! If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful event, please RSVP to Allison Stein (Secretary) at [ahstein2014@gmail.com](mailto:ahstein2014@gmail.com) not later than 15 July 2015, so that we can plan accordingly. She will reply with further details (i.e., low cost registration fee, etc.)

Hotel reservations must be made no later than 1 August 2015.

If you have any questions, please call Allison Stein at (205) 487-9277 or Melanie Young (President) at (985) 285-7007.

## New Orleans, LA • 9 & 10 October



# Our History Continues to Grow

## Colonel Margaret Henderson, A Texas Marine

Colonel Margaret Henderson was born in 1911 in Cameron, Texas. Cameron was a small town and ranching community that remains much as it was in the years when Margaret was young. Her family were ranchers and one of the WOCC's Henderson Collection most treasured items is a photograph showing her as a young woman branding a head of cattle.

Margaret finished high school and she was accepted at the University of Texas in the School of Business.

Another treasure in the Henderson Collection is the record book she kept each year she was in college. Yearly she would present the book to her father for his review, the book contained her past years classes, grades, activities, accomplishments, friends and contacts as well as the next school years monetary needs for school clothing, tuition, food, lodging spending money, etc. She graduated in 1931; one of a handful of UT women to earn degrees that year.

Margaret then taught in Lubbock, TX for a decade, but as America went to war, she wanted to do her part and join the USMC-WR. She was commissioned a Second Lieutenant June 29, 1943, and had assignments at Camp Lejeune, N.C. as Officer

in Charge of the Business School, Marine Corps Institute, Washington, D.C., and Executive Officer, Marine Corps Women's Reserve Battalion, Camp Lejeune.

Colonel Henderson left active duty in May 1946 and returned to Lubbock where she served as an instructor at Texas Tech University.

She was selected to be one of the first Regular Woman Marine officers and returned to active duty in 1948. In addition to her regular duties, she helped develop personnel assignment policies for the newly integrated Women Marines. She served consecutively as Commander of the Women's Recruit Training

Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. and Commander of the Women Officers Training Detachment, Quantico. She also saw duty at Camp Pendleton, California.

Colonel Henderson served in Washington D.C. as the fourth Director of Women Marines. Stately in stature, at nearly 6 feet tall with strawberry blond hair and a sprinkling of freckles, she was known for her natural vitality and enthusiasm.

Upon her retirement on January 31, 1966, she returned to Washington D.C. as Executive Director of the Navy Relief Society. In 1967, she was named Director of Lubbock's Community Planning Council and Volunteer Bureau, a division of the United Way. Later that year she was invited to

Washington, D.C. to witness the signing of a bill that removed restrictions on women in the service. As an honored guest at this event, Colonel Henderson was presented a photo with President Lyndon B. Johnson signing the historic legislation, and she received one of

the pens used to sign the document, both part of the WOCC today.

While on a recent trip I spent a night in Fort Davis, Texas, a very small and historic West Texas town. My husband and I stayed in an 1800's hotel in a large sunny room that accessed an equally large 2nd floor porch. Deciding to enjoy the cool night air, we went out on the porch and joined other lodgers in conversation. One gentleman and his wife had attended Texas Tech and knew Colonel Henderson when she taught there. He remembered the great respect the students and city had for her and her ability to get things done.

It was amazing to be in a very small rural town and learn more about one stellar member of the Few, the Proud, the Women Marines.

## On The Road Again

The WOCC was on the road again in April with an exhibit at Red Rocks College in the Denver area.

This exhibit was focused on World War II and we were the only woman's service with an exhibit. WWII Uniforms and a photo exhibit of a hundred photos were presented.

The booth was manned by Historian/Curator Nancy Wilt and the event hugely received by students and guests. College organizers indicated that the woman Marine booth had the largest number of visitors at the event. We have been requested to return next year for the event honoring Korean War veterans.

It seems true that the American public is fascinated by their Marines.

## Calling All WWII Marines- "Please Help Us if You Can"

Nancy Wilt has been contacted by a Marine Historian in England who is researching material on uniforms in WWII. This historian is seeking a number of items and photos, but one of his requests is a copy of the 1943 Uniform Regulations of the USMCWR. The year 1943 was a hectic one for the USMCWR, with their establishment in February 1943 and the focus on recruiting, training and uniform production often taking precedence over publishing materials of instruction and regulations.



Standing tall among her peers: Colonel Henderson at right, in this photo from 1960.



This requesting historian's daughter recently visited with WMA members in California who suggested she and her father contact me. Thanks to the chapter for their gracious hospitality given by our WMA members who met with this young lady and forwarded her to me. The historian and I have been working for about 2 months on a number of items; the WOCC has been able to provide everything *but* a copy of the 1943 Uniform Regulations.

If you have a copy or even pages of the 1943 uniform regulations, please contact Nancy at 303-663-3747 or 303-588-3594, niwilt@aol.com. Our goal will be to *copy* your treasure, so please do not feel you need to donate it at this time.

## Photo Assist

The WOCC was recently able to provide a needed photo of WWI woman Marine Jane [Edsinga] Blakeney, for use in the upcoming book on the 100th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

Back in 2006, the WOCC was contacted by a 1st cousin, twice removed, and the last family survivor to have known his cousin Jane Blakeney personally.

The gentleman in his 80's wanted us to know about his cousin; her pride of service as a Marine and that she had been one of the women Marines riding a famous WWI recruiting parade float in 1918.

He identified each woman Marine on the float, by position, including Jane Edsinga Blakeney.

The WOCC forwarded a copy of the photo to Colonel Walt Ford, author of the upcoming reserve book.

Unfortunately, the WOCC photo copy was not of high enough resolution to be used, but our identification of Blakeney and knowledge of the photo lead Col. Ford on further search for a copy with higher resolution.

Former Marine Linda Hewitt Seagraves, who authored the WWI History of Woman Marines, for History Division HQMC in the 1970's, possessed a higher resolution copy of the photo in her personal files.

The WOCC copy of this photo was received in a copy of the Hewitt book presented to the collection by Eileen Scanlon and Sue Sousa when the WOCC was quite young.

## Did You Know...?

Television, film and Broadway star Bea Arthur served in WWII as a member of the USMCWR.

Born Bernice Frankel, she enlisted on 20 Feb 1943 and entered boot camp at Hunter College in March of 1943.

Upon graduation she was assigned to HQMC, Washington DC as a typist while awaiting motor transport school. Bea had requested an aviation MOS, however her service records indicated she also knew how to drive cars, station wagons and small trucks and held an operator license, skills that would see her moved to the motor transport field.

Few women were licensed drivers in the early 1940's and having a license made you a valuable asset to the Corps.

Her records indicate she was promoted to corporal while assigned to HQMC; she then reported to Motor Transport School at New River and then was assigned on permanent orders to MCAS Cherry Point.

Promoted to sergeant in January 1944 and sent on temporary orders to Norfolk, Bea returned to Cherry Point in July 1944 and was soon promoted to staff sergeant. By August of 1945, the tide of the war

and the American victory was considered close.

Marines were starting to be released, and based on SSgt Arthur's early enlistment date of February 1943 she was discharged on 20 September 1945, her SNCO rank being an indicator of outstanding performance of duty.

While on active duty Bernice Frankel had married Marine Robert Arthur which led

to her name change while on active duty.

This marriage ended in divorce, as did many war time marriages. However, she kept the name Arthur for the rest of her life.

After WWII, Bea entered actors' school and started performing on the NY stage.

She remarried, but again the marriage did not last. Bea adopted two children during her second marriage. Her rise to stardom was steady and covered from the late 1940's until her death in 2009. She was the recipient of multiple Emmy Awards and Broadway recognitions

Recently, an author has contacted the WOCC for information on Bea Arthur for an upcoming book on her life and career. The author indicated that Bea Arthur has been criticized for

never admitting to her service years as a Marine.

While it is true when publically asked if she had served in the WWII USMCWR, Bea Arthur would avoid the question and on occasion had stated "no", she had not served.

Yet, as this book is being written, it appears Bea Arthur's personal papers indicate great pride in her service. It was not uncommon for WWII women veter-

ans to not disclose their service, to avoid prejudice in the work place, or their communities.

The early and later photos show that Bea Frankel Arthur's confidence increased while serving as a Marine.



Bea Arthur as Maude.

*Nancy Wilt*

*WOCC Historian /Curator*

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# Loyal Escorts President's Message

Dear Loyal Readers,



I hope everyone is having a great summer. I have been entrenched in yard work, landscaping, and all that fun stuff, and I am not sure I am even half way done. At least it appears as if I am making progress. Many of you may have noticed that some of our merchandise sales have been removed from the back of 'Nouncements.

After doing an inventory, there were a lot of things that we were out of, and others that were in poor

condition. We will be working this summer to come up with new merchandise in the near future. We are still selling the Woman Marine lanyards (See below).

The Loyal Escorts will be looking to provide additional good quality products in the future, so keep an eye out. We're the *only* organization authorized to use our special Loyal Escort Logo, which was designed by our very own Ken Cross many years ago.

We know it's important for you to show off your commitment to WMA as well as the Loyal Escorts, and wear our logo proudly, and provide such items to loved ones

that support your local chapters.

As always, get in touch with me if you have stories to share about the great works you have been doing with your chapters. And if there are Loyal Escorts out there that chapters would like to recognize, please let me know. [president@loyalescorts.org](mailto:president@loyalescorts.org)

If you have any product ideas, please share them. Either e-mail me, or send me a message through our Facebook fan page.

**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

## Molly Marine Award Recipients



Molly Marine Award Recipients from Series 4014 are Pfc. Gemina Anglade, of Brooklyn, NY and Pfc. Victoria Odell, of Santa Fe, New Mexico. The Marines received their awards on May 1.





# Application for membership in Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

The Auxiliary of the Women Marines Association

## LOYAL ESCORT MEMBER APPLICATION

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Date of birth:

Phone:

Cell:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Email:

☐ New

☐ Renew

☐ Reinstated

☐ Life (Sponsor must be Life member)

SSN# (last 4 digits only)

**2 yr \$30   Life   40 and under - \$180   41-45 - \$150   46-60 - \$130   61-70 - \$105   71-80 - \$80   81+ \$55**

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WMA Sponsor Name:

Recruited by:

Chapter Affiliation:

Do you live with sponsor?   Y   N

Sponsor Life Member # if applicable

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

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

Address:

Phone:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Relationship:

### SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE

Name:

Date of birth:

Email:

Phone:

Dates of Service

Branch:

How long?

MOS

Duty Stations:

### ABOUT MYSELF

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

Signature of member:

Date:

Make checks payable to **Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter**  
Mail to: Kaitlin Connell, 3126 Lexham Lane, Rochester Hills, MI 48309

## WMA Chapter Clippings

### CA-2 San Diego County

Our very own Ruth Gallivan was on the Honor Flight from San Diego on May 1-3 2015.

Ruth's name was given to Honor Flight by her daughter in law. She was selected two days before takeoff! Ruth was accompanied by her son, Danny Gallivan. Their journey started on Friday at 6:00am. They boarded a charter flight to Baltimore, Maryland.

On Saturday they woke up to beautiful weather, had a wonderful breakfast and boarded buses to Washington DC. They toured the city and all of the Military Memorials. They were treated as special guests at Arlington Cemetery and they observed the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Ruth mentioned that only 5 women were on the trip. The bus took the ladies to their memorial, the Women in Military Service for America Memorial. While at this museum they were greeted by the founder, Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught, USAF, retired.

Each woman was presented with a picture of the museum and their Memorial profile of service. Sunday was the last day, left with reflections and memories to pass on.

When Ruth and Danny arrived back to San Diego, the aircraft passed under an arch of water cannons from the fire department.

As soon as they stepped off the plane, there were hundreds of supporters, active duty military, veteran organizations and Boy and Girl Scouts troops, all to thank her for her service.

Thank you, Ruth, for serving our beloved Marine Corps and paving the way for future generations of Women Marines.

Honor Flight San Diego (HFSD) is a hub of Honor Flight Network, which consists of over 130 independent non-profit "hubs" across America. Each hub is funded separately by private donations from individuals, foundations, associations, business owners and corporations wishing to thank our veterans for their service to the United States and our citizens.

HFSD is an all-volunteer non-profit created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. We transport our heroes to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorials at no cost to the veterans.

*Members of CA-2*



Danny Gallivan accompanies his mother, Ruth Gallivan of CA-2 chapter on an honor flight to Washington, DC.

### CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

Several members of CA-3 traveled to Alameda to attend the 7th Annual Women in Military History celebration. Our very own Betty Moseley Brown was the guest of honor. She gave a very motivating speech – talking about her childhood. Am I the only person who did not know that Betty could SING! She broke out in song a couple of times during her speech. When I mentioned this to some CA-3 members at a later meeting telling them about this event, the reaction was – didn't you know? If you have not heard Betty sing – it is something to look forward to. At the conclusion of her speech, Betty received a quilt from the Quilts of Honor! After her speech, the women veterans were treated to a tasty lunch.

There were several organizations in attendance, to offer information about the service they offer to veterans, and to women veterans in particular.

A highlight of the lunch was the door prize drawings, during which the emcee welcomed each service individually, inviting one member to come up and sing a little bit of their hymn. Towards the end, when the Marine Corps had not yet been mentioned, one of our members said – what about the Marine Corps? The emcee invited one member to come up and sign a little bit of our hymn. As a group, we all stood and said – we will ALL sing it, and we all proceeded to sing the entire verse!



At our March meeting, our hostess, Loyal Escort National Director Sarah Rivera planned a special surprise for the ladies. In attendance, in full dress blues, were GySgt Jorge Minjares, SSgt Adriatico, SSgt Richard McTague, and SSgt Matthew Orrick from the local recruiting station. The ladies were thrilled. Several of our ladies had served on recruiting duty, one at the very recruiting station these gentlemen are working. There was lots of lively conversation, as each lady told the recruiters when they had served, and what they did. We often do drawings for door prizes at our meetings, and, of course, each and every one of these recruiters won one of the door prizes!

*Susan Johnston*

### CA-6 Mt. Diablo

On 9 May, the Mt. Diablo Chapter CA-6 held its final meeting as we have decided to disband after 43 years as an active WMA Chapter. We held our final gathering at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant in Pleasant Hill because it is one of our favorite restaurants, and they have always taken great care of our members. We had 16 members and guests in attendance and it was a wonderful opportunity to share great memories with wonderful friends.



Our president read a very nice message from our Area 10 Director, Soledad Kennedy. Most of our members are WWII veterans which means we are in our 90's and it is getting increasingly difficult for us to get to the meetings. Even though we will no longer meet as a chapter, we will try to get together at least once or twice a year to share camaraderie with our sister Marines.

We decided to send our treasury balance to the WMA General Fund in honor of our remaining chapter members.



The photo shows all CA-6 members in attendance as follows: Susan Johnston, Kathleen Wright, Doris Machholz, Jane Silva (Secretary), Maggie Hart, Ernestine Gonzales, Catherine Sinnott (Vice President), Alice Engle (Treasurer), Dolores Callero (President), and Doris Panzer. We would also like to thank all our Loyal Escorts and Guests to include Roland Engle, Angie Fredekind (LE), Don Johnston (LE), Francie Jones, and Ernestine's Daughters - Sunday and Maureen. Without their support, many of us would not have been able to attend recent meetings.  
Semper Fidelis,

*All the Members of CA-6*

## CA-7 Edith Macias Vann So. California

Our lack of article submissions has not been because we have not been doing anything, but quite the contrary. Where to begin... CA-7 celebrated the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve 72nd anniversary with a luncheon on Camp Pendleton on 14 February 2015. Our guest speaker was Major Luca McConnell, CO of CoA, Wounded Warrior Battalion-West who gave an informative talk on the mission and accomplishments of the Wounded Warrior-West in providing care, support, structure, and assistance in the recovery of our ill and injured Marine warriors. In attendance were Marines from different eras, to include some from the WWII era.



WWII CA-7 members (l-r) Alyce Williamson, Grace Carle, and Dorothy Munroe cheesing it up at the Marine Corps Women's Reserve 72nd Anniversary luncheon on Camp Pendleton.

In our continued effort to support the Veteran's Association of North County (VANC) and our chapter, we held our first garage sale in March at the VANC facility. For not having done much advertising, it turned out pretty well and resulted in some of the local businesses offering to assist with future garage sales events. We plan to make it a regular event. The proceeds for this event went towards our scholarship fund.

Also in March, members Msgt Bonnie Diaz and SgtMaj Jennifer Simmons were the Mistress of Ceremonies and guest speaker, respectively, at the 1st Annual Military Women's Symposium held on 30 March at the Pacific Views Event Center on Camp Pendleton. About 250 men and women attended the event. Attendees could choose to participate in two of the four classes offered.

The Symposium was based on the book Lean In. Following lunch and classes, a panel of six or seven, composed of officer and senior enlisted, held a Q&A session. Our "Lil" (Lillian Cross), set up a WMA information booth that was visited by many of the attendees.

At our April meeting, our President, Nancy Arroyoavila introduced guest speaker Eva Belanger, an Air Force Academy graduate and current Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder of Warriors Live On ([warriorliveon.org](http://warriorliveon.org)). WLO is an organization of vets dedicated to helping other vets transition from combat to community.

They use a holistic whole person approach (mind, body, spirit, and heart) to help veterans cope with PTSD and learn essential skills. Members were moved and encouraged to assist in the program either as mentors or to, perhaps, participate in an upcoming "Life & Liberty Trek" on the Pacific Crest Trail.

On 19 April, CA-7 members and their families participated in the Annual Walk for Multiple Sclerosis at Legoland in Carlsbad, CA. The event consisted of 1.25 and 3-mile walks and had over 3000 participants. Team Women Marines CA-7 walkers consisted of our Vice President Kristina Johnson, Kathleen Ables, Kathy Kincaid, and their families and friends. It was a fun event and the team raised \$1,000.

On 7 May, the local MCJROTC Awards were held at El Camino High School in Oceanside. The guest speaker and guest of honor was SgtMaj Miguel Ortega, currently stationed at Advance Infantry Training Battalion, School of Infantry West. Our newest member (she just joined in April), Karla Jessup, volunteered to represent the WMA CA-7 chapter as a presenter along with one of our trusty Loyal Escorts, Dennis Kovats as the photographer.

The WMA awarded a certificate and ribbon to two outstanding cadets (one from Oceanside HS and one from El Camino HS), selected by the Senior Marine Instructor.

The recipients of the WMA awards were Cadet Cpl Ana Palacios and Cadet Cpl Alicia Torres.

In addition, in May, our Scholarship Committee awarded the 2015 CA-7 Scholarships to three local high school students preparing to attend college this year.

The awardees are Emma Scott (San Pasqual High School), Ramil Mercado (Oceanside High School), and Rachel Alman (Escondido Charter High School), who will attend Brigham Young University, UC Berkley, and CalPoly at San Luis Obispo, respectively.

Our 90ish globetrotting and long-time member, Gladys Wood, is back in town for a spell. We are hopeful that after a good rest, she will share stories of her adventures at a future meeting. We are happy she found time to renew her membership - yea!

Many of our members are very active in our community providing hours of support through various organizations to support programs for charitable and educational purposes and to promote the civic and social welfare of our community. Our very own Jackie McCoy was recently recognized at a luncheon for her volunteer work at the local VA outpatient clinic. Keep up the good work ladies!

Lastly, we have established a Recruitment Committee to bring in new members. As we prepare for our Summer Social event and other activities, our focus will include finding ways to attract new members, active duty and veterans alike. We need to show our fellow Lady Leathernecks that we are not just a bunch of ladies meeting for lunch once a month. We do things!!! A shout out to our members that have relocated outside of the area, but continue to support CA-7 through membership and donations. We appreciate you!

*Glynis Rates*

## CA-8 Palms to Pines

We would like to welcome Sharon A. "Peppe" Catlett to our Loyal Escorts. Peppe served in the Army and Navy. I know she will be an asset to our group. Welcome aboard.

Dorothy Irwin was selected for the Freedom Flight to Washington. Her son was her escort. She was thrilled to be a part of it and had a great time. She is one of the few women Marines that can still wear her uniform and still looks great at 91.

Dorothy fell at the beginning of the Palm Springs Veterans parade and cracked her wrist. Being a true Marine, she rode in the parade with an ace bandage, had it checked after and found it was cracked. She has fully recovered.

On 21 February, Area 10 Director Soledad Kennedy was our guest of honor at the Cowgirl Café in Norco. It was nice having her and we hope she can come back again.

On 21 March, Johnnie was out of town due to a death in her family. There were only three members and one Loyal Escort at the meeting. There was a celebration of Women's Military History Week in Fontana that some members attended.

Our 18 April meeting was canceled so the ladies could be in the Salute To Veterans Parade in Riverside. Johnnie Williams, Ozell Barkdale, Cassandra Thompson-Jervis and Loyal Escort Sharron Catlett rode on the Loma Linda Women Veterans float with ladies from the Army, Navy and Coast Guard. Sybl Acree and Helen Page, Loyal Escorts National Secretary, took pictures.

Ozell Barksdale, Sybl Acree and Loyal Escort Helen Page attended the MCJROTC ceremony in Hemet. It was held early due to a scheduling conflict at school.

Ozell Barksdale and Johnnie Williams turned in the pull tabs at the Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda. The total was 54,705.

Have a blessed summer. Semper Fi,

*Sybl Acree*

## CA-11 Central Coast

Greetings Lady Leathernecks, Central Coast Women Marines have been moving forward with events on the golden coast of California. Our chapter is a commemorative partnered up with the Vietnam Veterans War 50th Memorial program and we have supported two events in Guadalupe and Santa Maria. The mayors of both communities showed up

for these events and state Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson of district 19 was there in support as well. Chapter CA-11 attended the Lompoc Valley Fallen Warriors Memorial project fundraising dinner in support of building a memorial in the Lompoc area.

Our ongoing movement has given us exposure within the communities and we have been able to locate Marines to join us.

*Soledad Kennedy*

## CA-29 Twenty Nine Palms



The Women Marines Association Chapter CA- 29 Palms recently held their April chapter meeting at the home of Jodi Callahan in 29 Palms. President Elaine Bowden welcomed the twenty members, loyal escorts and guests. The chapter was honored to host the Women Marines Association Area 10 Director, Soledad Kennedy who came down from Lompoc, CA and spoke on upcoming events, to include the 2016 WMA convention and a planned Amtrak train trip to the convention site in Portland, OR.

President Elaine Bowden presented Cadet 1st Sergeant Jewell Lillard, the top female cadet of the Desert Hot Springs Marine Corps JROTC Unit, with a donation check in honor of her achievements.

President Bowden also presented the Mojave Vipers Young Marines representative, Kathleen Arbaczewski with a donation check in recognition of the continued outstanding service that this unit provides to youth in the Morongo Basin.

The chapter members also welcomed Keith Brown-Miller, Commander of the Disabled Veterans Association (DAV) Morongo Basin Chapter #60. Commander Brown-Miller spoke on the programs available to all veterans to include women veterans and encouraged the members to sign up and look in to their services before they were needed. He also encouraged members to volunteer to assist and stated that drivers were particularly needed to drive veterans to hospital appointments using the DAV van.

The Women Marines Association, Chapter 29 Palms welcomes all former, retired and active duty women Marines to share in the camaraderie.

The chapter will hold their next chapter meeting on Saturday, September 26th. The chapter members also participated in Memorial Day events in 29 Palms and at the Joshua Tree Memorial Park.

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

*Elaine Bowden*

## CO-1 Colorado Columbine

The CO-1 chapter has been working with the US Marine Corps Memorial in Golden, CO to complete planning for the 2015 Marine Memorial 5K. We hope to move the run closer to the Memorial and are teaming up with new partners to improve the results. Check out the registration on our new website at [WMACO1.org](http://WMACO1.org) – coming soon.



WWII Marine and American Folk Artist, Marge Alexander was asked to paint a piece about the Navajo Code Talkers for the retiring National Executive Director of the Young Marines – Colonel Mike Kessler, USMC (Ret). It was presented to him at their annual Adult Leadership Conference in Las Vegas on 9 May during the roast for the colonel. Past National President, Paula Sarlls and Young Marine leader, Mary Eckhout taped Marge's explanation and that also was a part of the presentation as Marge could not make the trip. Congratulations Marge and thanks for a great effort to recognize this extraordinary Marine.

Terri Sidwell provided a beautiful giant red, white, and blue wreath for the Memorial Day ceremony at the Marine Memorial. Our Women Marines Association boulder was flanked by boulders on the "Circle of Honor" that were dedicated that day to "War Dogs" and to chaplains. Dignitaries included the family of Cpl David Sonka, USMC, who was killed in Afghanistan in 2013 along with his dog Flex. The Jefferson County Police Department has a dog on the force named for Flex and Aurora Police Department has one named for the Sonka Family. Both dog handlers and dogs were also present along with many other dignitaries.

Improvements at the Memorial will also be recognized thanks to the efforts of the Leadership Jefferson County group who adopted the Memorial for their project and to Pack 618 of the Cub Scouts who have been policing the site since January. Long term plans are being made to make some great improvements to the site in preparation for the 40th Anniversary of the Memorial in Aug 2017. The Women Marines Association CO-1 is participating greatly in these efforts as we have a seat on the Board of Directors.

The chapter thanks the Renaissance Hotel Denver Stapleton for helping us with the anniversary celebration in February. Though it snowed a blizzard late in the day our party was a success with women sharing their histories from each generation WWII to today! Each participant received a lovely box of tea from Harney & Son Fine Teas. Cpl Rebecca Clark and LCpl Christiansen from Marine Corps CLB 453 at Buckley AFB are pictured with the gifts.

The chapter will be hosting our annual picnic in June – check the web site for details.

*CO-1 Editor*

## DC-1 District of Columbia

A wonderful celebration of the 72nd Anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve took place 7 February, in Crystal City, VA. WMA members from DC-1, VA-1, Loyal Escorts, and members from WMA chapters around the country united around our shared history as women Marines. More than 150 gathered to reconnect, share stories, laugh, and welcome Marines past and present to the festivities. Special guests included Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught, USAF, Retired, and the President of the Board of Directors of the Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation, Inc. who brought greetings and encouraged women veterans to register and support the memorial that recognizes all women who served in the Armed Forces. Please make sure your service is recognized, register at [www.womensmemorial.org](http://www.womensmemorial.org).

We were inspired by keynote speaker, Brigadier General Lori Reynolds, USMC, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Asia & Pacific Security Affairs, Principal Director, South and Southeast

Asia. General Reynolds's stories about leadership, dedication, and doing the little things to create a highly effective unit, sparked laughter, memories, and the shared pride of service.



[Left to right:] Major Jessica Ryu (youngest Marine), Pat Kelly (oldest Marine), WMA National President, Betty Moseley Brown; BGen Lori Reynolds. Photo by Cheryl Badorek

As Commanding Officer, Camp Leatherneck in Afghanistan, she shared how her focus on leading by example and doing the little things like picking up the trash, inspired an esprit de corps among her Marines where almost no discipline issues existed during her year-long command. General Reynolds reaffirmed the power and purpose of leadership, service, and commitment to the Marine Corps mission.

We are thankful for all our women Marines in uniform who serve and blaze new trails.

*Jenny DuFresne*

## FL-2 Florida Gulf Coast

Members of FL-2 wrote greeting cards to include with Christmas stockings for veterans at the CW Bill VA Medical Facility.

The FL-2 Gulf Coast Chapter celebrated the Women Marines Anniversary at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Largo, FL. Guest speaker for this event was Carol Barkalow, of Heaven on Earth for Veterans, Inc. (HOEV), a local non-profit that provides quality living spaces for veterans in need. HOEV purchases and fully furnishes houses in Pinellas County to offer living spaces for veterans who cannot afford to own or rent on their own. Veterans lease a private bedroom in one of the HOEV homes and share common living areas (kitchen, living room) with two-three other veterans depending on the size of the house. HOEV furnishes the household equipment such as linens, pots and pans, dishes and flatware. Utilities along with cable and internet are paid by HOEV. The veterans pay between \$400-\$600 monthly rent. Carol is retired U.S. Army and was in the first class of women to graduate from West Point. She continues to serve through HOEV to support local veterans. The FL-2 chapter gave Carol a donation of which 100% goes to the ongoing operation and maintenance of the four HOEV homes that provide living space to veterans.

Due to changes at the Marine Corps League building where the chapter has enjoyed holding its meetings for the last two years, the chapter will be meeting at different locations for the foreseeable future. Follow FL-2 chapter news and meeting times and locations on our Facebook page.

*K. Potthoff*

## FL-6 Florida Gators

Well, it's been awhile since I got the Chapter Chatter in on time. FL-6 ended last year with a great Toys for Tots campaign and we were able to reach out to three local USMC families and give them gift certificates for a better Christmas. We hope to continue this for

years to come. We also received word that one of our members, Josephine Del Castilho reported to her final duty station on November 29, 2014. She was 91.

In February, we celebrated the Anniversary of Woman Marines with a meal and cake. We also went to another woman Marine who doesn't drive anymore for a visit and lunch. We all enjoy getting together and we find it so easy to feel comfortable around each other, like sisters should. April brought us to Venice, FL to visit another sister who doesn't drive any longer. We also presented the MCJROTC award to the outstanding cadet. Irene Toth, one of our WWII Marines, presented the award and gave a coin to the cadet as well.

Semper Fi,

*Louise Tamayo*

## IL-2 Blanche S. Osborne

Well, it so happened that our last two meetings we've had speakers from the recruiting duties of the Marine Corps. In February, member Mae Skerce, a long time postal worker had gotten acquainted with the recruiting personnel because their office was near the post office. She invited the Staff Sergeant to come and speak to us, and Staff Sergeant Tychell Wallace accepted to come to our February meeting. She did, and also brought along Lex Hayworth, one of her new Marines who had just graduated from boot camp. Their audience, mostly WW II and Korean vets, heard about boot camp training now in contrast to what the training they had. And wondered if they would have made it.

Also at the February meeting was George Mulvaney, the liaison for the Marine Corps Coordinating Council of the Chicago area. The council meets about once a month, to hear what each of the four Marine Corps organizations are planning, and how to help one another.

For our May meeting, Ann DiValerio, earlier this year was at a luncheon honoring veterans in her retirement community had sat next to a woman Marine Corps major.

After some interesting conversation, Ann asked her if she would talk to our group. When the date of the luncheon was set, Ann called Major Shanelle Hunter, and she accepted. Major Hunter is the Commanding Officer, Recruiting Station, of the Northern Illinois area. We heard about the training the Marine Corps gives the young recruits -- to build respect in them for others and to try lead them to do the right things. Major Porter also said that us original woman Marines were very much appreciated in the way that we had paved for them.

Sadly, we lost one of our longtime members, Mae Glassbrenner. 94, who had a storied career. In the Marine Corps, she was one of the few who were selected to teach the newly invented radar to the Marine pilots. It was housed in the one building on Cherry Point that caught fire and burned to the ground. Mae barely escaped, but several did not, including one or two women. After being discharged she went back to her home in Pittsburgh, and enrolled in college under the GI Bill. In college she was taking classes in the use of a stenograph used in machine shorthand. She had a call from the Stenograph Machine company to come to Chicago and teach in their court reporting school. After several years of teaching, the company wanted to sell the school, and Mae and a friend bought the school, the Chicago College of Commerce in 1955 and ran it until she sold it in 1999, retiring at age 78. During her years of teaching, she was asked to set up schools around the world --

Hong Kong, England, Australia, Nigeria, Northern Ireland. She received many honors and awards. Mae was National WMA secretary 1992-1994.

Also noted in Taps column in last issue of 'Nouncements, that two of our chapter members who had been in nursing facilities for many years had passed away: Virginia Kotwas and Amelia Metelak. Both had been active members and supported the chapter.

*Muriel Underwood*

## KY-1 Winning Colors

A hard winter and travel schedules kept us from regular meetings, but several members managed to get together and help with dismantling unserviceable cammies we have been collecting. By the next issue we should have a picture of a completed quilt and some other items we are planning on making. We donated another carload of coffee and snacks to the hospice unit at the VA Hospital. In March, the chapter sponsored the annual BGen Margaret Brewer Award for the outstanding female Officer Candidate at the Richard Higgins Memorial Mess Night. In May, Mary Broussard, Brenda



Moore and new member Cherish Joostberns raised over \$100 and participated in Brain-Walk 2015 in support of the local chapter of the Brain Injury Foundation. WMA awards were presented to cadets at the four local MCJROTC units.

*Mary Broussard*

## LA-1 Molly Marine

The 72nd Anniversary of Women Marines was celebrated on 21 February at the original Molly Marine statue on the corner of Canal Street and Elk Place in New Orleans. Before the ceremony we cleaned the area in and around the monument; sweeping the sidewalks, raking leaves, pulling weeds, and picking up litter. Immediately following clean-up, we had a very intimate ceremony. Mary Draughn, chaplain, read the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the National WMA President 72nd Anniversary messages; ending the ceremony with a tribute and prayer in honor of all women Marines past and present. The celebration wasn't over; we all went to Harrah's Casino to enjoy a champagne brunch! Photographed in front of the statue are Mary Draughn and Patricia Huttering (front row) and Felix Romero (LE), Dan Kinsey (LE), Victoria Kinsey, Melanie Young, Lyn Franklin (guest), Allison Stein, Deloris Romero and Jack Huttering (LE).





The March meeting was a potluck held at the lovely home of Alison Stein. During this meeting we discussed the details to get the ball rolling for the "Meet Molly Marine in 2015" event being held in New Orleans, 9-10 October 2015!

On 23 March, April Bell and Melanie Young went to the Lambeth House nursing home to visit our eldest member (91), WWII veteran, Frances Hoffman. All WMA members should try to take the time to visit those that paved the way. Show them they are appreciated and not forgotten. You definitely make their day by doing so!

Our annual Easter Egg Fundraiser was held on the 1st and 2nd of April at the Marine Corps Support Facility in New Orleans. Plastic eggs filled with candy were sold; each included a slip of paper with an Easter greeting or gift item listed. The Marines, sailors and civilian employees of Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces Northern Command look forward to this event each year and remain strong supporters of the Women Marines Association. The fundraiser was a huge success once again!

In the spirit of the Easter holiday and coming to the aid of those less fortunate, LA-1 members went by the New Orleans Mission on 6 April to drop off a monetary donation. The check was presented to Gary Crosby, the Development Officer. Mr. Crosby expressed their sincere thanks for the many donations of supplies, volunteer hours and monetary donations LA-1 has provided them during the past seven years.

The Marine Support Group of New Orleans invited chapter members to a luncheon held on 10 April at Andreas Restaurant in Metairie, LA. The Marine Support Group is active in the New Orleans area providing support to all Marines; Marine Forces Reserve, Marine Forces Northern Command, Recruiting Station Baton Rouge, etc. The guest speaker for the luncheon was John Casbon, a member of the Board of Directors, New Orleans Police and Justice Foundation. He spoke on the importance of *Management of Law Enforcement Resources in New Orleans*.

Members that had the opportunity to attend the luncheon were Patricia Huttering, Jack Huttering (LE), Linda Allen-Boseman (LE) and Melanie Young.

On 28 April, Melanie Young presented Mason Emma Noel of Mandeville High School in Mandeville, LA the WMA MCJROTC Certificate for meritorious service.

Marian Ives, WWII veteran and LA-1 member, was interviewed on 30 April by Dan Olmstead of the WWII Museum, New Orleans. The purpose of the museum project is to preserve the legacy of our veterans by hearing true accounts of those who actually participated in or served during WWII. The interviews will be archived in the National WWII Museum. We are proud to say that Marian is making history, once again!

The month of May began with presenting the WMA MCJROTC Certificate for Meritorious Service to several outstanding cadets in the area. On 1 May, Mary Draughn and Darlene Graves (LE) presented the award to Bryanna Perez, Ponchatoula High School, Ponchatoula, LA and Jennifer Koon-Fink presented the award to Courtney Easterling, Germantown High School, Madison, MS. On 7 May Dalia Robles presented the award to Brooks Simons, Jesuit High School, New Orleans, LA and MGySgt Judith Rivera and SSgt Alice Ramos presented the award to Tyler McNabb, New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy, New Orleans, LA. On 15 May, Jennifer Koon-Fink will present the award to Jillian Tyler, Gulfport High School, Gulfport, MS.

On 9 May, our eldest member Frances Hoffman celebrated her 92nd birthday at the Lambeth House in New Orleans. Several members visited with her, sang happy birthday and ate a delicious cake decorated with the Marine Corps emblem, along with scarlet and gold icing. Frances enjoyed the surprise visit and the cake! Celebrating with her were Patricia Huttering, April Bell, Georgia Hildebrandt, Darlene Graves (LE), Tommy Merrick, Edna Greenbaum and Melanie Young.

On 9 May, Jennifer Koon-Fink visited the Pillars of Biloxi, a retirement community home. She took corsages to 10 women residents that weren't going to have visitors on Mothers' Day. She had a brief visit with each lady. The ladies were very touched. Molly Marine LA-1 takes pride in serving the community. Special thanks go out to Ms. Barbara Currier Kruse, WWII veteran and member of the Paumanok Chapter, Long Island, NY, for sending our chapter an inspirational letter, along with a beautiful photo of herself and Marines she served with while on recruiting duty in New Orleans in 1943! Yes, I said it, "New Orleans in 1943". We hope to see Barbara Kruse and many others 9-10 October to "Meet Molly Marine in 2015"!

*Melanie L. Young*

## **MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks**

The chapter lost charter member, Betty Norcross on Monday, November 24, 2014. Betty enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve, 4th Infantry Battalion, in Minneapolis on June 1, 1953. The battalion was re-designated the 26th Rifle Company, then as an MP company. She retired on 1 June, 1980 as a Master Gunnery Sergeant. A private service was held on 3 December, 2014.

MN-1's January event was scheduled to be held at Elsie's on 10 January in NE Minneapolis, but was cancelled due to illnesses and the cold Minnesota weather. Instead we had a nice turnout on 21 February to celebrate the 72nd Anniversary of the Women Marines Reserve despite the Minnesota weather. Good food, good camaraderie and great take home goodies provided by Julie Williams was enjoyed. Holiday greetings were shared from Mary McGee, Ruth Klett, Marilla Schaefer, Kristi Johnson, Kim Johnson, Liz Whitbeck, Mary Lou Bolton and Dianne Couples.

Dot Witcher lost her balance and fell in her home on 4 December, 2014 fracturing her right humerus. She has now returned home following therapy and rehab. Marilla Schaefer continues to heal from her shattered hip.

A small group of members then met on 21 March at Kramaczuk's, a Polish deli & restaurant, in Minneapolis where attendees had a hard time deciding what to order.

The chapter also reports the passing of June Cirkel on 25 March. June was a long-time member of the Chapter, bright and bubbly individual who stayed in touch after moving to Illinois to live with her daughter when she required assistance in her day to day activities. Services were held on 30 March.

On 16 May the last Honor Flight for 2015 was flown from Minneapolis. WWII and Korean Veterans can get now get on the waiting list for the first combined WWII and Korean veterans Honor Flights in the spring of 2016.

On 20 May, the Como Park Senior High School, St. Paul, Minnesota was their annual awards ceremony. Kaitlyn Thomas was the 2015 recipient of the Women Marines Association Award and Ribbon.



**MN-1 Attendees at the Chapter Holiday party .**

As in the past, women veterans from all branches, including Chapter members, will be participating at the Ft. Snelling annual Memorial Day ceremony on May 25, 2015.

The Chapter will meet on June 13th at Lorraine Morgan's residence for their annual picnic and extend a welcome to join us if you'll be in the area.

The Women Veterans of Minnesota have set September 26, 2015 for their annual fall luncheon and MN-1 will be involved in some capacity.

*Vicki Latiolais*

## MO-2 MO-KAN



May 2, 2015 was another great day, as the city of Grandview was introduced to the MO KAN 2 Chapter of the Women Marines Association. It was mutually great because we were a part of the 2015 Harry S. Truman Heritage Festival. This year, the Truman Heritage Festival hosted the 2015 Military Expo featuring the 9/11 "Never Forget" Mobile Expo and Remember Our Fallen. Our chapter was honored and excited to be a part of this celebration. We would like to give a huge OOH-RAH to "Army Truck Mike" for providing our transportation.

<http://grandview.org/index.aspx?page=1>

*Deniese Elosh*

## NC-2 Wings

NC-2 Wings officers attended a dinner on 16 January 2015 involving other local chapters of veterans organizations.

'Vets Talk About Vets 2015' was sponsored by the Veterans Employment Base Camp and Organic Garden to bring awareness to and for the other various veterans groups that come together to provide assistance for the local veterans in Eastern North Carolina.

Several members of the local American Legion, DAV, VFW and



**Pictured from left to right; Rita DeSanno, Dayna Barrow, Mayor Dana Outlaw, Betty Kramer and Holly Prafke**

Marine Corps League came together to share information about their group with attendees. It was the first time for many to learn about the Women Marines Association and the newly formed NC-2 Wings chapter. We were able to mingle with the crowd, learn valuable information and also bring awareness to the New Bern City Mayor, Dana Outlaw about all the organizations.

*Mitzi Manning*

## NC-3 Semper Fi



**NC-3 members at their May chapter meeting.**

The chapter met on Saturday, May 2nd at the home of member Michele Crandall. In addition to a very productive business meeting, the chapter participated in a wine tasting put on by Wines for Humanity, a non-profit raising funds for charities across the country.

The Durham VA sent a letter of recognition to the chapter for their donation, making them a "patron sponsor" for the upcoming National Veterans Creative Arts Festival which will be held in Durham and Chapel Hill, NC October 12-18, 2015.

Our Vice President, Catherine Barker, reported on the new National responsibility that our chapter has taken on...the Matching Funds and Grants Committee.

When the \$6,000 allotted by National for emergency grants ran out in February, Catherine's request to raise the budgeted amount was approved and the National Board voted an additional \$5,000 to be distributed in accordance with our SOP.

Needless to say, Catherine and her assistant CJ Scarlet, as well as our President Tracy Crow, who assists in this process, have been busy processing applications.

Vice President Catherine Barker and Secretary Mitzi Manning both attended the Area Three Regional gathering in Orlando, FL in May, and will attend the Interim Board meeting in Portland, OR in late July, early August as well. Good news for chapter members: 1) CJ Scarlet became a first-time grandmother...of twins! Tracy Crow's new book "On Post: A Guide to Writing the Military Story" is out (and available on Amazon).

*Mitzi Manning*



## NM-1 Sandia



Our members attended our meeting held on February 7, 2015. Pictures, left to right. Front row Gay Doman, Billie Mitchell (President), Stella Delgado-Kinnison. Top row, Linda Raney, Kimberly Palacios (Secretary), Susan Spicer, Chaplain and Eve Stith.

## NY-3 New York Paumanok



NY-3 Women Marines were honored by the Vietnam Veterans for our military service. On a bright sunny day at the VA Hospital War Memorial in North Port, NY we were given certificates of appreciation. From right to left; Bill Ober past Commandant MCL792, Barbara Kruse WWII, Robert Eaton & Florence Lohen Cuban Missile Crisis, Mary Burns Vietnam War, Jean Littman Korean War and Richard Kitson Vietnam War.

*Florence (Novak) Lohen*

## OH-2 Chesty Puller

We have had our share of ice, snow and cold, so we were more than ready for nice spring weather for our meeting in Westerville on March 22nd, which included a motivating USMC fashion show and -- even more motivating -- a visit with WWII Marine Corps Women's Reserve recruiting poster model (Sgt) Florence (Jelsma) Fawley. Florence is still beautiful and sharp as a tack at 90+ years.

Chapter members are involved in preparations for a number of veterans support events, to include the Stand Down, a Women's Resource Fair ("Coming Together") on May 16, and the Ohio Women Veterans Conference in Columbus on September 12.



Pictured Back row (l-r): Marilyn, Ellen, Susan, Phyllis, Lora, Tania, Elva; Front row (l-r): Jenny, Paula, Leslie, Florence.

Although increasing numbers of women have served in combat, thousands of women don't consider themselves veterans because they served in peacetime or didn't deploy into a hazardous duty zone. Let's get the word out to all women who served in the armed forces -- we have 69,000+ women veterans in Ohio alone -- to check in with the VA for the benefits they rate because they earned the title "U.S. Marine."

Three women Marines helped light the candles at God and Country Services. Our members collected enough new and gently used clothing to fill three boxes, and donated the items to the Columbus Veterans Free Clothing Store. Members also participated in an event to box up care packages that'll be sent to wounded/injured/ill Marines at Naval Hospital Balboa in San Diego.

A big shout out to all our OH-2 members -- although we are so spread out and it's hard to get together, we are together in spirit. We have other members with medical problems and I will not mention names but you are in our prayers.

The Ohio State Buckeyes won the first Big Bowl Title, and the Cavs are looking good to bring another big championship to the state.

*Jenny Jenkins*

## OR-1 Lady Marine Rose

Greetings from OR-1 Lady Marine Rose Chapter.

It was a busy fall, winter, and spring for the members of this chapter. Hattie Kelley and Golda Fabian were honored guests at the Marine Corps Ball in November. They received a beautiful crystal paper weight.

Golda Fabian attended "Living History Day" at two local high schools in November. There was a brief assembly to introduce the honored veteran guests. The honorees then went to classrooms to talk about their experiences in the military and answer questions from the students. Golda remarked that the students were very attentive, respectful, and asked thoughtful questions.

Every November, the Hollywood District in Portland, honors veterans with a Veterans' Day Parade. This year, Heidi Tanada, Golda Fabian, Sally Van Wie, and Hattie Kelley were active participants. Golda and Sally walked the parade route while Heidi and Hattie rode in a vehicle. After the parade, the group went to Applebee's for a free lunch to honor them as veterans.

We are sad to report that two longtime members of OR-1 died last fall. Nadine (Condit) Liebertz and Marcia (Wahl) Dean were both WWII veterans. They brought humor and thoughtful insight to the meetings. They are missed by our members.

Our December meeting was the annual Toys for Tots luncheon. It was an afternoon of fun for OR-1 members, family, and friends. Many toys were donated for children in the Portland area. The luncheon was held at The Old Spaghetti Factory at Clackamas Town Center.

Celebrating the 72nd anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve was February 14th at the Stockpot Restaurant at Red Tail Golf Course in Beaverton.

Heidi Tanada was installed as President, Hattie Kelley, Vice-President, Sally Van Wie, Secretary, and Golda Fabian, Treasurer. Steve Easterday and Gary Brannan introduced the oldest and youngest Marines at the luncheon. Dolly Ruble received the first bite of cake as the oldest Marine attending, and Sheryle Loberger was the youngest Marine. Everyone enjoyed their lunch, visiting with each other, and the cake was delicious!

We look forward to you and your family attending the Women Marines Convention in July of 2016!

*Judy Rankin*

## SC-2 True Grits



In our sophomore year of start up, we are still trying to find our voice in our community. In doing so we've currently begun a Visiting the Vets program. Once a month our group, along with family and friends, visit the local VA Hospital, chatting, smiling, sharing war stories and bringing treats. We also donate new clothing items as needed, and requested, by the VA Volunteer Coordinator.

*Anne Ostapij*

## TX-2 Texas Gulf Coast

We're back, for all of those wondering what happened to Texas -2! We had a wonderful Valentine's Day with our 72nd Anniversary Luncheon at Sylvia's Restaurant in Houston. Our very special guest speaker was the Ooh Rah Sweetheart of the WMA, President Betty Moseley Brown, so the festivities were fun and exciting. We also welcomed three new members to our chapter, Brittany Burton, Christina Klein, and Sara Somara.

On 11 April we had our spring meeting at the Bayland Community Center and there were 8 members present and 2 guests. We had a very informative meeting with lots of plans for the chapter's future. Karen Beatty informed us that TX-2 is now going to be the new National Merchandise Sales Coordinators.

Our new members, Christina Klein and Sara Somara addressed us on their collaboration with the University of Houston, Concerned Veterans for America Organization ([www.cva4a.org](http://www.cva4a.org)) and the Student Veterans Association (SVA). A motion was made and passed by a show of hands to help out with food and snacks for finals cram week, May 1-4 with a budget of \$150.00 to purchase snacks, quick meals, fruit and drinks for the event. We were also invited to attend a banquet at the Student Veterans Association on 1 May at 6pm at the University of Houston and President Judy Anderson, Vice President Karen Beatty, Christina Klein and Sara Somara attended.

We discussed our plans for Memorial Day, Karen motioned that we have our ceremonies at Grandview cemetery in Pasadena this year where the Marine Corps League has a plot, Jackie Bazile seconded and it carried by a show of hands. Plans were made for members to still place flags Sunday prior to Memorial Day ceremonies at the National Cemetery in Houston.

We discussed the Molly Marine chapter's Meet Molly event scheduled for October 9-10, and interest in attending, presentations for upcoming MCJROTC awards, and team bonding. Judy suggested a kayaking/fishing trip at Galveston Island Park west beach for our June 6 meeting and possibly attending a Houston's Dash women's soccer game where there is possibly a new prospect for TX-2 playing on the team.

Discussions were made for us to hold our November meeting at the Junior League of Houston to celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday and Prospect Karrii Billiard, Commandant for the Marine Corps League in Brazoria, extended an invitation for us to attend the Angleton Marine Corps Leagues Ball.



The meeting was adjourned, and the raffle was on for door prizes and we all smiled at the rebirth of our chapter for our photo. We're back and hope to see you in New Orleans for the Meet Molly Celebration.

*Marti Raney*

## VA-1 Crossroads

Greetings from the Crossroads of Virginia!

The warm weather is upon us and VA-1 is ready to get out doors! On May 9th, members of Chapter VA-1 participated in one of our annual events, the Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure, in Washington DC.

VA-1 has made this race an annual event since 2006 as a way to give back to our community and make a contribution to a cure for breast cancer. We also participate because most of us know





someone who has survived breast cancer and unfortunately some of us also know someone who has not survived the disease. Our spirits are always high during the race as we join together as a band of sisters with our friends and loved ones to walk in honor of those we've lost to breast cancer and to celebrate the lives of those who battle the disease and are still with us. Each year we have a group of ladies (with a few who have participated each year since 2006) who bring their unique brand of fun. We wear our pink camouflage t-shirts, sing chants, call cadence, get photo-ops (and sometimes photo bomb) all in the name of charity and camaraderie.

On April 30, I had the honor and privilege to present the Women Marines Outstanding Cadet award at Garfield HS, in Dale City VA, to JROTC Cadet Evelyn Ovando-Flores ...Oorah!

We are always looking for opportunities to give back to the community. If you are in the Quantico VA area and have an idea for a community event for VA-1 to participate in, reach out to us at [va1@womenmarines.org](mailto:va1@womenmarines.org) and send us your ideas.

Have a safe and fun summer!

Semper Fidelis!

*Parisa Fetherson*

### WA-3 Evergreen State

After enjoying one of the mildest winters on record, WA-3 members met on May 2nd. The meeting got off to a slow start --as it seemed a day of traffic from all directions. The guest speaker was the Director of Washington State Department of Veteran Affairs, Lourdes E. Alvarado-Ramos (Alfie). Alfie is a retired Army Sergeant Major and just a wonderful woman. We discussed the many benefits that women do not take advantage of! Alfie drove all the way from Olympia to speak, as she says we need to be her ambassadors to help get the word out to all veterans, but especially women to use their benefits! All veterans need to register, as this will increase the funds that can be made available. It was a wonderful day of friendship, information, and of course some good food--and some skipped straight to dessert!

*Peggy Reiber*

### WI-1 Wisconsin Women Marines

Winter has flown by and spring is now upon us which has brought new beginnings to WI-1. Connie Allord, who usually submits the articles for this column has decided to retire.

She is putting her pen down so she can spend more time with her many great grandchildren. No one has volunteered yet to take over her duties, so I guess I will be writing and submitting them in the meantime.

I would like to take this opportunity to truly thank Connie Allord for all her hard work and for the many years she wrote our column for 'Nouncements.

In January, Connie Allord celebrated her 95th birthday with a surprise birthday lunch that her daughter, Julie, planned. Family members, friends and chapter members were in attendance.

Needless to say, Connie wasn't expecting a big party lunch, but she sure enjoyed seeing everyone. National WMA sent a beautiful plaque to commemorate the occasion and as President of the chapter I was honored to present it to her. Oohrah!

On 19 November our chapter lost sister Marine Marceline Paulin, nee: Hilgart, at the age of 91. Marceline was a veteran of WWII and a life member of WMA. She was an active member of our chapter and also served as President of WI-1 for several years. She enjoyed traveling especially to the National WMA conventions. Linda O'Hara and Linda Dancker attended the evening funeral services.

On 25 March, Linda Dancker represented the chapter at a street dedication ceremony at the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center.

The street in front of the memorial center was renamed in honor of our hometown Medal of Honor recipient Gary G. Wetzel, who distinguished himself as an Army helicopter door gunner during the Vietnam War.

Along with the renaming of the street a stone marker was placed on the side of the roadway with Gary's name, rank, unit on one side and the citation of his heroism on the other.

After the ceremony, Linda met and chatted with Gary's mother, Hazel Wetzel, 91 years old, who just happens to be a WWII Army veteran. Gary is very active in many veterans' organizations and helps all veterans. He is also on the board for Fisher House Wisconsin.

On 2 May our chapter spring meeting was held in Madison to make decisions on the upcoming year's activities. With Memorial Day fast approaching there will be flags that need placing on the veterans graves at the State Veterans Cemeteries, the Rose Ceremony at the state capitol building on Memorial Day and several parades.

It looks like it may be a busy spring for WI-1.

*Linda Dancker*



## Sarah's Story *(Continued from front page)*

There were always at least two of us and it was not dangerous then." In August 1945, about the end of the war, Sarah was promoted to Sgt.

On December 12, 1945 Sarah was discharged from the Marine Corps. Avis and Ann were discharged at the same time and the three made plans to drive cross country, on Route 66 in Avis' car, to their homes: Ann in Nebraska, Sarah in North Carolina and Avis in Massachusetts. The road trip also included Avis' nephew and a dog. It snowed the entire way and the first part of the trip was made with a broken heater but they

all made it home in time for Christmas. The three stayed in touch until Avis' and Ann's deaths.

Sarah had a job waiting for her when she got home: a family friend lined up a teaching job. Always the adaptable Marine, Sarah took her two wool uniforms to be dyed, one blue and one brown, to wear to her new job. She was teaching where she had gone to school when her father suggested she use her GI Bill and further her education at Columbia University. She was accepted and started school in the fall. She earned a Master's degree in math and continued her teach-

ing career, first in Winston-Salem and later in Dublin, GA where she retired in 1985.

It was in Winston-Salem where Sarah met her husband, Bill Frost, an Army veteran of WWII. They had two children, Betsy and Billy. Bill passed away in 1991. Today, Sarah keeps herself busy with her word puzzles, reading and Braves games, with the volume turned down if they're losing. She says she wouldn't take anything for her time in the Marine Corps. I wouldn't take anything for the opportunity to have met her and hear her trailblazing story.



Her platoon from boot camp. (the arrow is above her head). She said they only wore these unusual covers in boot camp. Have you ever seen them before?



Radio-W Training School Graduation, May 1944.



Her platoon from radio school. She has the arrow pointing at her. Two ladies she went to bootcamp and school with were also stationed with her at MCAS Santa Barbara-Goleta. They stayed in touch all their lives.



Sarah's photo in the base newspaper.

The base newspaper at MCAS Santa Barbara-Goleta, "the Beam". Sarah worked in the shop behind the control tower.



She made "Buck Sgt" as WWII was ending in August 1945 and she still has this purse.



This framed license plate with her maiden name hangs in her dining room.



# A Roundup of Area Directors' Reports

## Area 7

I assumed the role of Area Director this spring. After some computer issues, illnesses, and a back sprain, I am up and running.

CO-1 is a very active chapter, and I am looking forward to attending one of their meetings soon.

On April 8, charter members of NE-1 met to begin the assembly of a chapter. Subsequent meetings have been rescheduled due to the weather, but if you are a WMA member in Nebraska, please see our Facebook site "Women Marines in the Cornhusker State."

**Rebecca Lowell**

**Area 7 Director**

## Area 8

Area 8 chapters have been busy with their meetings, such as AZ-1's recent meeting where General Mutter was the guest speaker, as well MCJROTC WMA award presentations throughout the spring.

AZ-1 Members Bettie Lerdall (WWII Marine) and Lynn Martin presented the award to Cadet 2ndLt Seryna Johnson at Casa Grande Union High School in Casa Grande on April 22.

Your new AD8 had the pleasure of participating in her first award presentation as well, to Cadet Kelly Tolayo-Nunez at Desert Pines High School in Las Vegas! It was heartwarming to see the young cadets so smartly dressed in their Marine Corps uniforms – their pride clearly showed in their bearing and enthusiasm. One graduating female cadet was actually heading for boot camp shortly, along with a couple of her male peers.

Area 8 may be growing new chapters in 2015, as there has been considerable inter-

est voiced from Arizona (Apache Junction and Yuma), and potentially Nevada.

We are excited about the prospect of welcoming new chapters and new members to our rolls! I had the pleasure of meeting AZ-1's new President, Kathryn Baarson in mid-April while on a business trip to Phoenix, and am hoping to meet NM-1 President Billie Mitchell in late June, as well as AZ-2 President Lynn Stephens later in the year. I also want to acknowledge Lynn Martin's gracious help as I navigate the duties and responsibilities of AD8, and to recognize her many years of selfless service as AZ-1's President, which she turned over this year to Kathryn.

**Val Simon**

**Area 8 Director**

## Area 10

Greetings Lady Leathernecks!

This year seems to be moving faster than last year and I have been running to keep up with the goals I have set for myself moving forward with visiting chapters in Area 10. I had a great time with Chapter CA-15 San Fernando Valley at a wonderful Chinese's Restaurant Wednesday, November 12, 2014. They installed their Chapter Officers and shared what they do for their community. They support the Canine Companions and are passionate about supporting other veterans group they do their research to find the most promising that organizations. They are steadily searching the valley for our lady leathernecks.

It was a pleasure attending Chapter CA-8 Palms to Pines on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at the Cowgirl Café. They are actively involved in the community and enjoy each other's company working at recruiting and moving forward with other veteran's orga-

nization. They have a great support group and it is great to know that they don't go anywhere without their LEGGS.

I enjoyed my visit with CA-29 in the desert of Twenty Nine Palms, on April, 25, 2015 in a nice casual home setting with the lady leathernecks. I was introduced to their members and had the opportunity to congratulate the JROTC cadet. They shared their ongoing support with the Marine base activities and the local community events. We enjoyed each other's company, shared a wonder meal and stories.

Unfortunately, I was informed that CA-6 wants to disband and I did not get an opportunity to meet with them.

I have plans to finish up my travels to the following chapters CA-3 on June 20th and CA-7 in July by the end of the year.

Marines living in Hawaii have been contacted and it is time to form a chapter in Hawaii "HI-1" in the near future.

Plans to travel by train for all the Area 10 Chapters is in the making. I have been working with Amtrak to find the best group rate. Each Chapter may leave from their local community using a group code for the July 2016 Bi-annual Women Marines conference in Portland Oregon. The best stop for hotel pick is in Vancouver Washington which is just across the water for the hotel. I would like to see at least one member from each Chapter come out and represent their Chapter. I will keep you posted on further information for the upcoming Amtrak movement.

Semper Fidelis.

**Soledad Kenedy**

**Area 10 Director**

## Apply for Matching Funds Available to WMA Chapters

The Matching Funds and Grants Committee of the WMA reviews and approves or disapproves matching funds requests from chapters who are using chapter resources to assist veterans. The Matching Funds application form is available in Appendix A of the WMA How To Book, along with matching funds examples.

Funds awarded to any chapter are limited to \$250.00 per chapter, per fiscal

year (1 July-30 June); and the funds to be matched must be used to provide services, supplies or equipment for military veterans. The term "matching" means that the chapter funds half of the expense, and WMA matches the amount paid by the chapter up to the annual maximum of \$250.00.

Matching funds applications and supporting documentation should be

emailed to [mfg@womenmarines.org](mailto:mfg@womenmarines.org), or mailed to:

WMA MFG Committee  
Suite 107111  
11312 US 15-501 North  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Regards,

**Catherine Barker**

# Madsen Recognized for Outstanding VAVS Service

April was Volunteer Appreciation Month at the VA. Congratulations to all our volunteers who received recognition. I received word that Angela Madsen received a plaque for 5,000 hours as a Paralyzed Veterans Association volunteer. I know there are others out there who also volunteer at VAMCs but for other organizations. Congratulations to all the volunteers who were recognized.

Remember, WMA needs to have volunteers accruing hours for us if we are to stay as part of the Department of VA Program. We have appointed two new representatives this year, Mitzi Manning at Durham, NC, and Patricia Gallagher

in Charleston, SC. Pat's new deputies are Anne Ostapiej and Kathleen Cassels. Consider being a VA Volunteer if you have a few hours to spare. Mitzi has also accepted to be my Assistant National VAVS representative.

The VAVS program tracks hours at Department of VA Medical facilities and state homes who have signed memorandums of agreement with the local VA hospital. The hours are tracked and I receive a tabulation annually and as I request it. The local reps get a monthly listing of volunteers and hours.

The VAVS organizations with representation at 15 hospitals are members of

the VAVS National Advisory Committee that meets annually. This committee's job is to present recommendations for improvements to the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs. We are presently an honorary member, which means we can attend but not vote on the recommendations. I have just returned from this year's meeting.

Please feel free to contact me about the program. To you WMA volunteers, keep up the good work.

**Kay Croll**

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

## VA Voluntary Service Survey for the Plans and Policy Committee

This survey has been put on the WMA web site and is being distributed through the electronic media WMA routinely uses.

If you do *not* have access to electronics and want to be part of our data collection, which will drive our plan for expanding VAVS participation, please answer these questions and mail them to: Mitzi Manning, Chair, Plans and Policy for WMA, 1129 Checkerberry Dr., Morrisville, NC 27560.

Women Marines Association has increasing the scope of voluntary service to VA hospitals as one of its long term goals. In order to create a plan, we are asking for member input.

VAVS stands for Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service. WMA has a long-standing association with VAVS, based on the thousands and thousands of volunteer hours that registered volunteer WMA members have contributed to VA hospitals all over the country. Please choose all answers that apply to your association with VAVS:

☐ This is the first time I have heard of VAVS  
☐ I currently volunteer through VAVS  
☐ I do not currently volunteer for VAVS  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you belonged to WMA?  
☐ Less than 1 year

☐ 1-10 years  
☐ 11-20 years  
☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

What is your age group?

☐ 18-30  
☐ 31-51  
☐ 52-65  
☐ 66+ (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following best describes you?

☐ Employed full time  
☐ Employed part time  
☐ Not employed, but looking for work  
☐ Not employed and NOT looking for work  
☐ Retired  
☐ Disabled, not able to work

Do you go to a VA Hospital or Clinic?

☐ As a client receiving medical care  
☐ As a registered volunteer with VAVS  
☐ As an informal, occasional volunteer  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check all that apply)

What VA Hospital is closest to your location, and what is the approximate distance in miles?  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you volunteer at a VA Hospital, which organization receives credit for your

volunteer hours?

☐ WMA  
☐ Marine Corps League  
☐ American Legion  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(please specify)

One of WMA's goals for the next 5 years is to increase participation in VAVS. Do you have an interest in becoming a volunteer through the VAVS office at your hospital?

☐ yes  
☐ no  
If "Yes" please share name and contact information \_\_\_\_\_

If you have previously volunteered at a VA Hospital, please share the reason that you no longer volunteer.  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you have no interest in volunteering at a VA Hospital, would you share the primary reason you are not interested?

☐ Full time employed  
☐ Personal health restrictions  
☐ Distance from home to VA Hospital  
☐ Other types of volunteer work  
☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your help!





## 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

### Membership No.

Albrecht, Virginia	9/26/13	MAL MI	#1026
Anderson, Marjorie (Chandler)	2/15/15	MA-1, CA-5	#414
Avedisian, Jimmie (Wright)	3/3/15	MAL GA	#3453
Barnett, Doris (Adams)	3/20/14	MAL AZ	#2123
Berglund, Phyllis (Schmidt)	3/18/15	CT-1	#834
Blackwell, Dorothy (Fisher)	1/8/15	MAL SC	#806
Crooks, Shirley (Johnson)	3/14/15	MAL MI	#939
Fisher, Dorothy (Martinovich)	5/15/15	CA-5	#117
Glassbrenner, Mae	5/4/15	IL-2	#1431
Hammond, Helen L.	3/14	MAL CA	#534
Hartley, Thelma (Brown)	3/2/15	MAL NH	#2758
Kelliher, Mildred (Cornwell)	3/16/15	MAL FL	#2109
Knapp, Helen (Pasierb)	12/22/14	MAL PA	#476
LeeLoy, Ruth (Lingert)	2/2/15	MAL HI	#1561
Matye, Anna (Van Tuyl)	8/30/13	MAL WA	#1962
Mossor, Ekizabeth (Armstrong)	2/25/15	MAL PA	#2776
O’Boyle, Gloria (Stiglich)	4/16/15	CA-5	#741
Ozimek, Marie (Arenaro)	2/8/15	CA-5	#2215
Parker, Anna (Griffith)	4/26/15	WV-1	#1617
Pranger, Ingrid	3/15/15	MAL CA	#2233
Riedmueller, Betty (Hubert)	2/10/15	MAL FL	#1426
Rosch, Jeanne (MacLellan)	2/19/15	MAL AZ	#2026
Scarbrough, Eleanor (Barnes)	9/7/13	MAL CA	#355
Scott, Armello “Trudy” (Nix)	3/3/15	MAL WA	#732
Simpson, Margaret	3/28/13	MAL CA	#296
Spencer, Alice (Martin)	2/25/15	MAL FL	#1061
Taylor, Helen (Hjelm)	2/20/15	KY-1	#2612
Wier, Carol (Hewitt)	3/28/15	MAL AL	#2768

### Term Members

Ayers, Dorothy (Doud)	4/13/15	MAL NY	Riddlehoover,	
Bogar, Betty	2/22/15	MAL NY	Shirley (Caruso)	4/10/15 MAL VA
Boles, Ruth (Spiewak)	1/16/14	OH-1	Rinker, Dorothy (Ruffner)	1/25/15 PA-2
Havelock,			Tarrant, Kathleen (Lundquist)	1/2/15 NY-3
Sr. Mary Jeannette (Curle)	5/4/14	MAL GA	Woodward,	
Overman, Marilyn	12/27/13	IA-1	Coralie (McKenna)	1/18/13 MAL VA
Polacek, Anna (Cuma)	10/25/14	VA-1		

## Chaplain’s Corner: Flags for Remembrance of the Fallen

As I write this, we are preparing for various local Memorial Day activities. One of them is sponsored by an organization named Flags 4 Vets. Volunteers form the letters “USA” with 15,000 flags at our waterfront park. The flags remain there, watched over by volunteers throughout the weekend and can be seen by drivers on two interstate highways as a reminder of the true meaning of this holiday. On Vet-



erans Day, these same flags are placed on veterans’ graves at area cemeteries. Sadly, this week we also lost one of our sister Marines. Cpl Sara A. Medina, a combat photographer, died in a helicopter crash while in Nepal in support of earthquake relief efforts. As I join other volun-

teers, my first flag will be placed with a quiet prayer in memory of Cpl Medina. While Flags 4 Vets is based in Louisville, they have placed flags on graves in 42 states. If they come to a city near you or if you have a program at a local cemetery for Memorial Day and Veterans Day, I hope you will lend your support in memory of our fallen Marines and all other veterans.

*Mary Broussard*

# 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:

Effective July 1, 2010 Revised

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



# 100th Anniversary of Parris Island... *Let's Be There!*

PISC is celebrating their 100th Anniversary of training men and women to be Marines. On 15-16 October 2015, there will be special events, that are being planned now, to celebrate the history of PI since their existence. One of these events is the re-dedication of the Molly Marine statue, scheduled to take place at 1530 on Friday, October 16.

Women started training there in 1949, so it is part of our history also. We should all consider attending this event, if possible. Four of our members: Angie Hanson (DC-1), Doris Keane (TN-1), Elaine May-Stem (DC-1) and Lynn Giaudrone (CA) are celebrating their 50th year they graduated from boot camp. They are returning to the place that shaped their future during this special time to be acknowledged at a ceremony.



If there are any other WMA members, who graduated during 1965 and are attending, please contact Elaine May-Stem, SgtMaj, Retired at: [Cell] 443-340-8017 or E-mail [elainemaystem@gmail.com](mailto:elainemaystem@gmail.com), and give her your information (Name, state chapter, platoon and graduation date).

## Chapters Offer New WMA Merchandise Items



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

### Dog tags

Come in a variety 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: TX-2  
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 an unique color and no two are the same.  
Hand carved by artist sisters Silvia and Elva of San Diego Arts for the Women Marines.  
Cost: \$15 includes shipping & Handling  
Chapter, CA-8  
Contact Sybl Acree, 5015 Pedley Rd.  
Riverside, CA 92509, [syblee@att.net](mailto:syblee@att.net)  
(951) 231-4531



### Flip Flops

Created especially for Women Marines!  
The left shoe is yellow, and is labeled "Recruit" - The right shoe is red, and is labeled "Marine"  
The flip flops come in two sizes - Large and Medium.  
Cost - \$15/pr (plus \$3 postage)  
WMA, TX-2,  
P.O. Box 1821  
Pasadena, Texas 77501

## NOTE: WMA National Merchandise Sales has MOVED!

Gulf Coast Texas Chapter 2 (TX-2) is excited to be the appointed the WMA National Merchandise Sales Committee! We look forward to hearing from members to let us know what you would like to see in the inventory. Help us make National Merchandise Sales successful by sharing your creative ideas and/or suggestions.

### Note our new contact information:

Make checks payable to:  
WMA  
Mail to: WMA, TX-2,  
P.O. Box 1821  
Pasadena, Texas 77501  
Contact:  
Karen E. Beatty, (281) 487-8205  
sales@womenmarines.org

We want to extend a Texas-size thank you to America Dones for her years of service as the National Merchandise Sales Representative.

TX-2 is committed to growing sales and creating new inventory for WMA.

Semper Fi,  
**Karen E. Beatty**

## WMA National Merchandise Sales - Your Purchases Support Our Association!

WMA Patch, small . . . . . \$5.00  
WMA Patch, large . . . . . \$5.75  
WMA Pin, Hat (pin or clutch) . . . \$5.00  
WMA Pin, Life . . . . . Call for pricing  
WMA Flag . . . . . \$185.00  
50th Anniversary Medallions . . . . \$7.00  
Book, "Above & Beyond: Former Marines Conquer the Civilian World" Call for pricing  
WMA Afghan Throws. . . . . \$45.00

Denver 2010 Convention Coin . . . . \$13.00  
Philadelphia 2012 Convention Coin \$15.00  
50th Anniversary Medallions . . . . \$5.00  
Woman Marine Matted Quote . . . . \$12.00  
WMA Digital Drawstring Bag . . . . \$12.00  
WMA Digital Briefcase Bag . . . . \$25.00

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

### Make All Checks Payable to WMA

Contact: **Karen Beatty**, 5227 Oak Ave., Pasadena, TX 77503-3919 • (281)487-8205  
email: [sales@womenmarines.org](mailto:sales@womenmarines.org)

## 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)



### 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

### 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

**Your Purchases Support Our Association  
and Chapters, so ...  
Please Buy Something!**



## WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

### Candy

**Item:** WMA & Letting 3" Insignia/Logo  
Green, White, Milk Chocolate or Special Order

**Cost:** Singles .....\$1.50  
Box of 8 .....\$6.50  
Box of 15 .....\$13.50  
Mints Box of 12 .....\$10.50

**Item:** WMA Mint 1" round Insignia/Logo  
Green, White, Milk Chocolate or Special Order

Singles .....\$1.50  
Box of 12 .....\$10.50

**Chapter:** CA-11 – Central Coast

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

Fax/Office: (805) 733-2175 Cell: (805) 588-0650 centralcoastwomenmarines.com  
[usmcrfemale@yahoo.com](mailto:usmcrfemale@yahoo.com)



### Shirts and Sweats

**Item:** Golf shirt Dark (Hunter) Green with WMA logo (matches green covers) embroidered in white. Available in sizes (S) to (XXL) Red and also Khaki solid polo shirts. WMA notation spelled out under acronym.

**Cost:** \$28.00 (includes postage) Chapter: VA-1 Crossroads  
Make checks payable to: WMA, VA-1  
**Contact:** Dorothy Gordon, 93 High Ridge Dr. Stafford, VA 22554

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

Short Sleeved T-Shirt (S-XL)  
\$17.00

Adult	Ladies Polos (S-XL)	(2XL)
	\$30.00	\$18.00
	(2XL) \$31.00	(3XL)
	(3XL) \$32.00	\$19.00
	(4XL) \$33.00	(4XL)
	(5XL) \$35.00	\$20.00
	(6XL) \$36.00	(5XL)
Youth	Youth Polo (S-XL) \$22.00	
	Short Sleeved Tee (S-XL) \$15	

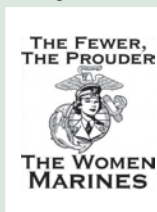
**Infant/Toddler Long Sleeved T-Shirt** **Short Sleeved Tee**  
(6M-4T) \$16.00 (6M-4T) \$15.00

#### Embroidery Options:

Option 1:

Option 2:

Option 3:



**Website:** <http://home.comcast.net/~or-3> to see shirt specs, color options and pictures.

**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)

**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

### 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



## WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

Item: Charm "Semper Par"   
 Cost: \$15.00  
 Chapter: Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)  
 Contact: Cleary Creations, 2225 NE 130th Ave., Portland, OR 97230-1704

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)  
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## WWII Veteran visits Washington, DC War Memorials:

### ***"Don't Forget the Lady Marine!"***

WMA Charter member and WWII Marine veteran Eileen Neiler participated in HonorAir Knoxville's 18th Flight to visit the Washington DC war memorials on April 16, 2015. Eileen, along with three other veterans, was escorted by another charter member, Lindsay Long.

HonorAir Knoxville did a wonderful job in preplanning and ensuring everything ran smoothly from beginning to end. Eileen felt that even though they visited many memorials, she never felt rushed at each site.

From the onset of the adventure area VSO's, military units, and community members made sure the veterans received a fitting "bon voyage" including the fire spray tribute from the airport fire company.

Once the veterans arrived in Washington D.C., the airport personnel, a local VSO, and community choirs gave an OUTSTANDING welcome that began on the tarmac and continued throughout the airport. The veterans were smiling from ear to ear and an occasional tear also flowed.

The group had two police escorts that made sure the buses carrying the precious veterans had unimpeded access to the streets of Washington, D.C. These officers stopped traffic at every corner and even drove on the wrong side of the road at times when traffic was at a stand-still. One of our escorts argued with the local police officers when they were stopping our progression because a gyrocopter landed on the Capitol lawn. We thought this misguided gentleman's timing was fabulous and the buses were abuzz with excitement trying to figure out what happened.

Eileen and Lindsay were traveling on the white bus and we had a wonderful tour guide. She is the wife of a veteran and her conversations with veterans enhanced their experience and helped to put them at ease each time the veterans reboarded the bus filled with memories and emotion.

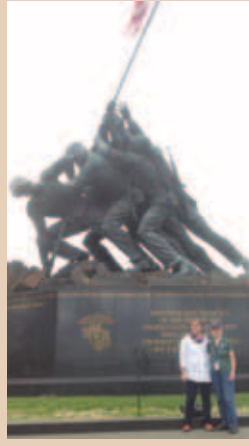
The veterans visited the Air Force Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, and WWII Memorial. They then traveled to Arlington National

Cemetery to watch the changing of the guard and then we traveled to the Marine Corps Memorial.

To have a chance to actually stand in front of the Marine Corps Memorial and see how large and impressive it is meant a lot to Eileen, as each time she had previously visited the D.C. area she had never stopped at the memorial.

Veteran camaraderie at its finest. When Eileen first arrived at the airport the local television station was interviewing the veteran next to her and then moved on to the veteran sitting on the other side of her. Lindsay pointed out to the reporter that Eileen was a WWII Marine.

There were other instances while still in Knoxville that people assumed Eileen was a wife or a woman escorting the veterans. Before long the three other veterans on the team picked up on what was happening



and began to chime in, "Don't forget the Lady Marine." By the end of the day, everyone on the bus was saying, "Don't forget the Lady Marine".

An old-fashion "mail call" took place on the return flight. Family members, friends, sister Marines, and coworkers all sent mail for Eileen to have a bundle to read as we have all had in the past.

The rest of the flight was quiet as the veterans tired and reflective all contemplated their day. Once we arrived in Knoxville, the airport was filled with Military Units, VSO's, family and friends, and just the community supporting them as a whole so that it was elbow room only. I am sure the fire code was violated that day. The veterans filled with a spirit walked a little lighter, smiling broadly or tears flowing. Eileen was presented with a bouquet of flowers and had a Young Marine as her escort through the airport. There was no mistaking she was a WWII Marine this time.

For Lindsay, it was a privilege to be able to escort Eileen and the other three veterans. It gave her a chance to get to

know Eileen a little better and to meet other WWII, Army of Occupied Germany, and Korean War veterans. It was a day to share in a bit of history.

*Lindsay Long*

## Sgt. Tammy Hineline Receives Award for Documentary *"Letters: A Hero's Journey to the Medal of Honor"*

Sergeant William Genaust Award recipient, Sergeant Tammy Hineline, with 18th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Sgt. Maj. Ronald L. Green at the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Awards.

Sgt. Hineline was awarded for a distinguished documentary and short subject (40 minutes or less) dealing creativity with U. S. Marine Corps heritage or Marine Corps life.

### View it Here

The documentary, *Letters: A Hero's Journey to the Medal of Honor*, can be viewed at [www.military.com](http://www.military.com) at the following link:

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