



## The Excitement is Just Beginning



October is here, 2022 Convention in the rear view mirror and WOW, is all I can say. This Convention was one for the history books. What a tremendous opportunity for those who could attend to rekindle friendships, make new acquaintances and just enjoy themselves. Links will be provided in "Nouncements that those of you who were not able to attend can see the opening, closing banquet speeches and the Memorial Service Tribute. All wonderful events.

We are already into the planning for 2024 in Atlanta. Be on look out for more on that. GA-1 (Dogwood Chapter) will be in support and National will be deeply engaged in the planning. We will be looking for volunteers. And, there is a post-convention survey coming out very soon - if you attended, please fill it out. We need to hear what was great, not so great and well, next time, let's not.

October is a bellweather month as it brings us to many events for WMA engagement: Marine Corps Birthday, Veterans Day and all the celebrations that go along with that, Wreaths Across America (WMA always is in support), Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years! Also, we will be continuing our efforts to continue social networking events, creation of multi-interest squads, and cultivation of increased membership to widen our interests and diversity.

I am very excited to be a leader in this organization and you will be hearing from me frequently.

Use the [listening@womensmarines.org](mailto:listening@womensmarines.org) to communicate your good ideas and issues that need to come to the Board. We are here to support you, the MEMBERS.

Chapters: I encourage you to please let us know what you are doing! Use the [event submission form](#) so we can catalogue your activities.

In closing, I am so looking forward to leading WMA into the future with a sound strategy, opportunities to partner with other Veteran organizations, fundraising for philanthropic activities and getting to know all of you.

Remember the mission is first, but we need membership. Recruit just one person a month!

Semper Fidelis, Ann



### November Presidential Initiative

It is that time again to reach out and make a difference in our communities. Last year collectively we made a difference in the communities that we live. Any member can participate. Here are some of the suggestions:

- Invite a recruiter to have Thanksgiving. Many are away from home and alone.
- Adopt a family in need and provide a food basket or items for children
- Conduct a food drive in your community and donate to a local food pantry.
- Contact the Foster Program in your area. They are always looking for items for children that just got in the program and may not have a Christmas
- If there is a single member in your chapter or a neighbor take them a surprise, some cookies or jam, or invite them to lunch or dinner.

We can make a difference as individuals or chapters. Be sure to share your pictures.

**Convention was FANTASTIC!**

**We had close to 400 in attendance!**

**Next we are on our way to Atlanta. Start planning and start saving.**



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## October Dates

-**Oct 01 1880** – John Philip Sousa becomes leader of the United States Marine Band.

**Oct 1, 1997**, Colonel Gilda A. Jackson, became the first African-American female Marine to achieve the rank of Colonel

-**Oct 3, 1974** PFC Regina T Musser became the first woman Marine tank mechanic.

-**Oct 13 1775** US Navy Established

-**Oct 17 1997** Karen Fuller Brennon became the first female strike fighter pilot to earn the "Wings of Gold".

-**Oct 23 1983** – Lebanon: Terrorist attack on Marine Barracks in Beirut kills 220 Marines and 21 other U.S. service members.

## Post your EVENTS!

WMA wants to help you promote your chapters to see continued strength and growth! But we need your help!

Please be sure to post your events online. It is a simple process and then they will appear on the WMA National Calendar

Send us pictures of your events so that we can promote your chapter on social media. From our National FB page to Instagram and Flickr.

Post your [EVENTS HERE](#)

Have a story to tell? Send it with pictures to [pro@womenmarines.org](mailto:pro@womenmarines.org) for inclusion to the WMA National Blog.



-Oct 31 1942 Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox authorized the Marine Corps to create a Women's Reserve and accept women applicants for commissions and enlistments.

## Run Walk #VegasStrong #WMAStrong

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