

## Introducing the incoming WMA 2022 - 2024 National Board!

### President - Ann Crittenden



Ann served on active duty from June 1981 to October 2006. She was an admin officer (0180 that is now 0110). Married for 41 years to the same person (!). Ann has three children and one grandchild. Her oldest son is a major in the Marine Corps and is currently an experimental pilot for the 53 K. She lives in Stafford, VA since 1991, and is originally from Darien, CT.

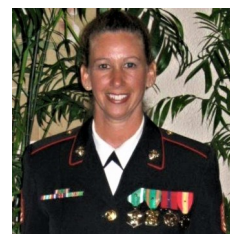
(The photo on the right was taken at the 1996 San Antonio convention!)



### Vice President - Patty Collins



Patty served in the Marine Corps from November 1982 - November 2004 and retired as a Gunnery Sergeant. Her MOS was 0161/0151. She just retired for a second time from teaching JROTC, and currently lives in Colorado. She has two children and two grandchildren and plans on traveling and spending time with family when she's not busy with WMA.



### Director of Finance - Christine Williams



Christine is a retired first sergeant who served from 1986 - 1992 and from 1999 - 2015 in both active and reserve components. She is from Fenton, MI but now lives in Ocala, FL. Widowed since 2021, Christine has two children of her own as well as five additional from their blended family. She has eight grandchildren with one on the way in January 2023. She has been the owner of Military Outlet of Ocala since 2012 that serves veterans, active duty, reserves, and all First Responders.

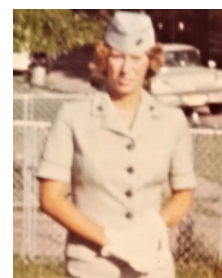


### Director of Administration - Kathy "Kat" Montira



Born in Omaha, Kat moved all over when she was growing up. She went to boot camp in July 1975, Platoon 7B, and attended 0151 Admin school at PISC. She was then transferred to the Commanding General's building at Camp Pendleton where she served until May 1977 when she had to get out because she was pregnant. Kat joined the USMCR in El Toro and served on active duty orders from September 1977 through November 1978. She also served six years in the Nebraska Air National Guard and three years in the Hawaii Air National Guard.

Kat moved back to Omaha to be closer to her three boys after retiring from fulltime ministry in December 2021. Her plan was to travel every month during the first year of retirement, but she has been working with small churches since January 2022. She discovered that she likes to eat daily, and traveling costs money! Kat has been widowed six and a half years, is at a wonderful place in her life, and enjoying her "retirement." She looks forward to new things happening in WMA and is proud to be a part of them! Semper Fi!



### **Director of Development & Fundraising - Karen Laino Giannuzzi**

Originally from Philadelphia and raised in Levittown, Karen graduated from the University of Mary Washington with a BA in German in 1971, from Pepperdine University in 1973 with an MA in Education Administration, secondary level, and from Troy University in 2014 with an MS in International Relations. She was commissioned in June 1971. Her MOS's were 2502, 2602, and 4302. She served as a regular until June 1979, then reserve until August 1980 as a captain. Karen was commissioned in the Navy in August 1980 as a lieutenant with a cryptologist MOS. She retired in October 2001 as a Navy captain with tours overseas and as a CO several times. Karen then entered Senior Executive Service DOD/NSA in September 2001 with tours at NSA, White House, SHAPE, and NATO and retired in January 2013. She is a widower with no children and living in York, PA. She has visited 170 countries, sung in choirs and churches around the world, likes to cross stitch, and is a beginning knitter.



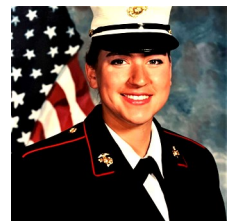
### **Director of Marketing & Communications - Margaret Lazarus**

Margaret joined the USMC in 1973. Her MOS was 4312, Press Information Person, or Newspaper Journalist. She is originally from Red Hook/Rhinebeck areas in New York and currently lives in Rockledge, FL with her partner of 13 years, Mike Hachee. She has three children and three grandchildren. Although retired from her job as a Satellite Engineer, she stays busy running an online antique and vintage shop, ABGGoodStuff, an online store on Etsy where individuals can buy and sell antiques and vintage items. Golfers, pay attention! Before that she was an assistant coach and head coach for women's golf at Eastern Florida State College.



### **Lelia E. Garcia - Director of Member Services**

Lelia served from November 1990 - February 2000 and 2010-2013, with several MOS's: 0131, 0121, 0151, 0111, and as a 4421 under 0121. She joins the board with full-service legal and administrative business roles, and has worked as a contract paralegal and database administrator for several companies, one of which being Lockheed Martin in Reston, VA, and Newport News Shipbuilding. Lelia is married to an active duty Corpsman and has a 30 year old daughter, both of whom she is so proud of. She works for Navy JAG as a paralegal specialist, and has completed two full Marine Corps Marathons (MCM). She is hoping to do more. Lelia loves the MCM events. She is originally from Prescott, AZ and currently lives in Suffolk, VA. She is a member of the VA-3 Hampton Roads Chapter.



### **Director of Programs - PK Horton**

Pat was born in Indiana, raised in Wisconsin, and now lives on a 119-acre ranch in northeast Arizona. She joined the Corps on 20 Aug 1970 and retired 23 Nov 2010, but not all of it was active duty. She retired from the reserves but had 12 years active duty, 10 years drilling with reserves, and the rest was IRR. Pat started as an Aviation Electronics Technician doing ground radio repair, aviation radio repair, and finished up on the FTS program as a Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Warfare Chief. Pat retired as a master sergeant, is married, has three children, 12 grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. She is living the dream and enjoying retirement.



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For questions and comments regarding the new governance structure.

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## **Reporting In...National President**

As we approach our Biennial Convention at the end of September, I find myself writing my last quarterly article for 'Nouncements as the WMA National President. As you all know, WMA has seen some significant changes these past four years and I am proud to have been a part of and fully support the new way forward. I want to thank the current Board for their support these last two years: Betty Moseley Brown as Immediate Past President, Ann Crittenden as 1VP, Jeanine Franz as 2VP, Pat Lewis as 3VP, Mary Ellen Stone as Secretary, Peggy Reiber as Treasurer, and Jennifer Homan as Membership Secretary. We are all dedicated to help in the transition with the incoming Board as they prepare to step into their roles as the new Board of Directors.



You will see more information on your new Board in this issue but let me welcome **Ann Crittenden** as our new President, **Patty Collins** as Vice President, **Christine Williams** as Treasurer/Director of Finance, **Kat Montira** as Secretary/Director of Administration, **Karen Laino Giannuzzi** as Director of Development/Fundraising, **Margaret Lazarus** as Director of Marketing & Communications, **Elizabeth Garcia** as Director of Member Services, and **Pat Horton** as the Director of Programs. A great combination of experience and new members who will provide the leadership WMA needs to move forward. I have full confidence in their abilities to lead WMA to a bright new future.

I hope to see many of you at this year's Convention in Las Vegas to renew/rekindle our friendships and camaraderie after this long period of not being able to meet in person due the recent pandemic. Each member is the heart and soul of WMA and we all must support our new Board who are acting on our behalf to ensure WMA is around for at least another 60 years. Be supportive, be active, and get involved. Like in Vegas where the theme is, "you can't win if you don't play," the same holds true for our Association. Be a part of WMA, you are our future!

*Semper Fidelis,*  
*Rhonda Amtower*  
*WMA National President 2018-2022*

## **Reporting In...1st Vice President**



The summer months usually mean that it is time to slow down, get outdoors, have fun, go on vacation and enjoy life! For WMA, not this summer! We are stepping out and going in a new direction!

Our new and improved website has been launched, we are gearing up for Convention in Las Vegas, 28 September to 2 October, at the Golden Nugget, getting our new Board of Directors oriented to how WMA works prior to convention and, we are still on track for having Networking events that are wildly successful! We continue to increase our attendance at these events. The best part of holding them is to find out who will be on the call, discovering new ideas and what everyone enjoys in their life.

Join us – next one is 21 July at 7 PM – announcement went out to personal email addresses. If you did not receive, please check your membership information and update your information so you do not miss out.

This will be my final article as 1st Vice President. I am very excited to become the WMA National President during the 2022 Convention and look forward to an exciting, successful term.

There has been a lot of hard work and effort put forth during the last two years since we all met in Virginia in January 2020 for the two-day working group. We have held true to course and with the assistance of our management company, Virtual, have made necessary, yet modernizing changes for the benefit of WMA.

Our strategic vision is sound, we will continue to improve the member experience and make WMA the choice for our active, retired, former Marines and FMF Navy. We will continue to modify and change as we grow and find valid opportunities to continue to serve our Veterans and our Nation.

See you all at Convention and have a fun, safe summer!!!

*Semper Fidelis,*  
*Ann*

## Women of the Corps Collection

Last July (2021) we published a letter in *'Nouncements* providing the background regarding the mutual care and maintenance of the Women of



the Corps Collection (WOCC), or commonly referred to as “The Collection,” an extensive gathering of the history of women in the Marine Corps. Originally a CO-1 Chapter Project, WMA National assumed the responsibility of ownership and oversight of the Collection in 2011 while the Women of the Corps Foundation (WCF) assumed financial and operational responsibility to support the storage, preservation, and public display of The Collection. As reported in last year’s article, WMA and the WCF decided it was in the best interest of The Collection that the WCF assume ownership and full responsibility and as such, we have been working to finalize a Transfer of Ownership Agreement (TOA) that will set forth the terms and conditions to which both organizations will ensure that the transfer is orderly and The Collection is properly preserved for generations to come.

We are finally at the point where the Agreement is ready to sign and we intend to do so by 1 September. Thereafter, the WCF will assume full responsibility of The Collection. The WCF will act in the best interests of each donor and that of the Collection itself and will offer each donor the opportunity to provide their druthers as to the disposition of their items currently in the possession of the WCF. More details are forthcoming regarding this process in upcoming issues of *'Nouncements*.

On behalf of WMA and the WCF we are proud to be a part of this opportunity to have established the WOCC and to ensure that we are promoting and preserving the history of women in the Marine Corps. We look forward to your continued support.

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## DAV-Supported Bills Signed into Law

On June 7, five important veteran-related bills were signed by the president and became public law.

The Dr. Kate Hendricks Thomas SERVICE Act – named after Marine officer Kate Thomas, who served near a burn pit in Iraq and died of breast cancer – expands eligibility for VA mammography screening to veterans who served in locations associated with toxic exposures. (P.L. 117-133)

The Veterans Rapid Retraining Assistance Program Restoration and Recovery Act gives VA the authority to restore important education benefits to veterans who were unable to complete a course or program as a result of the closure of an educational institution or the disapproval of a program by the state approving agency or the VA. (P.L. 117-138)

The Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options for Veterans Act (MAMMO Act) strengthens and expands access to high-quality breast cancer screenings and life-saving cancer care for veterans nationwide. (P.L. 117-135)

The Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) Extension Act extends a program that compensates individuals who were exposed to radiation from atomic weapons testing, or uranium mining or processing, and who subsequently developed specified cancers or other medical conditions. (P.L. 117-139)

The Strengthening Oversight for Veterans Act gives the VA’s Office of Inspector General the authority to subpoena witnesses as necessary to carry out the duties of the office. (P.L. 117-136)

In addition, on May 18, the U.S. House of Representatives passed several other DAV-supported bills, which are now being considered by the Senate. These include:

- H.R. 5738, the Lactation Spaces for Veteran Moms Act;
- H.R. 7335, the MST Claims Coordination Act;
- H.R. 6961, the Dignity for MST Survivors Act;
- H.R. 6064, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine for a review of examinations to individuals who submit claims for compensation for mental and physical conditions linked to military sexual trauma;
- H.R. 2724, the VA Peer Support Enhancement for MST Survivors Act; and
- H.R. 6052, the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General Training Act.

Andrew Marshall, DAV National Commander  
Lynn Prosser, Auxiliary National Commander



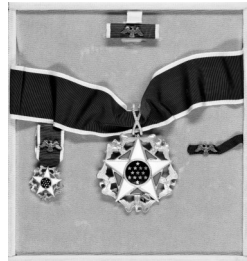
## Presidential Medal of Freedom

President Joe Biden presented 17 individuals with the Presidential Medal of Freedom on July 7, including BGen Wilma Vaught.

The award, the nation's highest civilian honor, is presented to individuals "who have made exemplary contributions to the prosperity, values or security of the United States, world peace" or other significant endeavors.



"Wilma's one of the most decorated women ever to serve in the United States military," Biden said during the ceremony. "She enlisted in the 1950s because she wanted to be a leader. She did that and more, becoming the first woman in almost every leadership role she held" in nearly 30 years in uniform. When she retired in 1985, she was one of only seven women generals in the Armed Forces.



BGen Vaught is President Emeritus of the Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation, Inc., stepping down as President on January 1, 2016, after 29 years in the position.

She has worked hard and long to bring the Military Women's Memorial to fruition, taking a dream to build the first major national memorial honoring those of us

who signed on the line to defend America and making it a reality. Catch that? She did it for ALL OF US.

Her nomination came from a single letter sent to President Biden and signed by ALL the female senators and representatives in Congress.

Congratulations, Brigadier General Vaught! And thank you!

*Sondra Metzger*

## Stolen Valor Update

The woman who falsely claimed to be a wounded Marine combat veteran who was dying of cancer to bilk veterans charities for more than \$250,000 faces at least two years in prison under a plea agreement with federal prosecutors, according to the Justice Department.

Sarah Jane Cavanaugh, 31, has agreed to plead guilty to wire fraud, aggravated identity theft, forgery, and fraudulent use of medals and to pay more than \$82,000 in restitution, according to her plea agreement, which the Justice Department has posted online. The aggravated identity theft charge carries a mandatory sentence of two years in prison, which would run consecutively to any other sentences imposed by the federal judge.

In return for pleading guilty, prosecutors will recommend that a judge sentence Cavanaugh to a prison term "at the low end of the guideline sentencing range for the offense level" under federal sentencing guidelines, the plea agreement says.

The plea agreement did not specify exactly how much prison time prosecutors believe Cavanaugh should receive. Imposed consecutively, the maximum punishment for the charges she faces is 24

years in prison, a \$450,000 fine, and 3 years of supervised release.

Cavanaugh's sentencing hearing has not yet been scheduled.

*Jeff Schogol*



## Promotion Ceremony Beyond all Others

A picture shared on social media shows Sgt. Jordan James being promoted to his current rank while stoically standing chest deep in chocolate brown water. James is currently the chief scout with Scout Sniper Platoon, Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines.

Sgt James explained that he did not want the entire platoon to focus its attention on him when he picked up sergeant. Instead, James decided to hold his promotion ceremony in the fetid swamp, nicknamed "The Pig Pond," because all the Marines would be equal in that environment.



*Fun Fact: MajGen DeAnna Burt, Combined Force Space Component Command commander, was sworn into the U.S. Space Force with villains from “Star Wars” in attendance.*

## Sailors, Marines reporting sexual assault will not be punished for related ‘minor misconduct’

Sailors, Marines and midshipmen who report a sexual assault will no longer be punished for “minor collateral misconduct,” according to a new Department of the Navy policy implemented June 29.

Sailors and Marines who make an unrestricted report of their assault through the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office or the Family Advocacy Program will not be penalized if they were engaging in underage drinking at the time, or near the time, of the alleged assault; were involved in an unprofessional relationship with the accused perpetrator; or were violating other orders, such as curfews, at the time of the alleged assault.

“Choosing to report a sexual assault is already a major decision for a survivor,” Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro said in a statement. “It is a first step to accessing the services they need and the justice they deserve. Removing this barrier empowers victims and survivors — they should not have to choose whether to implicate themselves by reporting a crime committed against them.”

The new policy directs commanding officers to work with staff judge advocates to determine if misconduct was minor. Even so, commanding officers may refer victims to receive substance abuse treatment or take other non-disciplinary actions in response.

“Collateral misconduct by the victim of a sexual assault is one of the most significant barriers to reporting because of the victim’s fear of punishment,” said Andrea Goldstein, the Navy Department’s assistant director for force resiliency, in a Navy news release. “We’re committed to removing barriers to reporting, restoring victim’s trust and improving victim care.”

The policy also requires data collection so department officials can understand how frequently these protections are being utilized and under what circumstances.

The change is one of several recent updates the Navy has implemented to its sexual harassment and assault policy. In April, the service announced it was stripping commanders in the Navy and Marine Corps of investigative authority over sexual harassment allegations within their own units.

The order instructs commanders, commanding officers, and officers-in-charge who receive sexual harassment complaints to forward the complaint to the “next higher level commander in the chain of command” within 72 hours so an investigating officer can be appointed to launch an inquiry into the case.

Additionally, the Biden administration approved an executive order in January 2022 that includes sexual harassment in the Uniform Code of Military Justice under Article 134. Whereas sexual harassment previously could be prosecuted under Article 92 of the UCMJ as dereliction of duty or under Article 133 as conduct unbecoming, the executive order specifically lists sexual harassment as an offense under Article 134, the “general article.”

*Diana Stancy Correll  
Jul 6, 2022  
Navy Times*

## MOLLY MARINES

### Platoon 4015

Pvt Ivasia E. Foster Chappell, Tuscumbia, AL  
Graduation Date: 6 May 2022

### Platoon 4019

PFC Madison T. Pfaff, Battle Ground, WA  
Graduation Date: 6 May 2022

## IRON MIKE

### Platoon 4014

Pvt Chandler Groff, Raleigh, NC  
Graduation Date: 6 May 2022

### Platoon 4016

Pvt Mark GreenMarshall, Jacksonville, NC  
Graduation Date: 20 April 2022

### Platoon 4018

PFC Fredic E. Marcel, Bayshore, NY  
Graduation Date: 6 May 2022

### Platoon 4020

PFC Joseph R. Marquez, Lakeside, CA  
Graduation Date: 6 Mat 2022

## Viva Las Vegas

As we get closer to our time in Las Vegas we know that there will be plenty of surprises in store. From an Elvis impersonator with his show girls to photo areas galore. Get in the mood while you binge watch some of the iconic Las Vegas movies.

**Viva Las Vegas:** Lucky Jackson arrives in town with his car literally in tow ready for the first Las Vegas Grand Prix - once he has the money to buy an engine. He gets the cash easily enough but mislays it when the pretty swimming pool manageress takes his mind off things. It seems he will lose both race and girl, problems made more difficult by rivalry from Elmo Mancini, fellow racer and womanizer.

You can also watch *Casino*, *Rain Man*, *The Hangover*, *Oceans Eleven*, *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*, *Diamonds Are Forever*, and a host of others.

Under the **DID YOU KNOW** category:

The famous Las Vegas Strip is not located within the city limits of Las Vegas. The strip actually comes under the jurisdiction of Clark County.

With its millions of lights, Las Vegas is considered the brightest spot on Earth.

Legalization of gambling in 1931 encouraged other parts of the country to request the recall of Nevada's statehood. Today there are forms of legalized gambling in 48 of the 50 states.

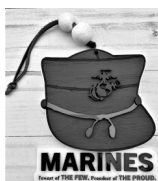
Downtown's Golden Gate is the oldest continuously operating hotel and casino in Las Vegas; it opened in 1906 as Hotel Nevada.

## Raising Funds

The NV3 Chapter is working hard to raise funds for the convention. They need your support. Please think about taking out an ad for the convention book. Or you can make a direct donation as well. Make your check payable to: WMA 2022 Convention, 611 Old Paint Rd, Raymore, MO 64083.

They are selling a WMA Vintage plaque and you can order it here: <https://givebutter.com/vintageplaque>.

They also have an assortment of ornaments (not all shown) For more info contact : NV3@womenmarines.org and check them out on Etsy. <https://www.etsy.com/listing/1129543022/marine-corps-ornament-marines-dress>.



Don't forget to register for your PX table (see Page 10). Cost is \$50 (the hotel is charging WMA for **each** table).

Check out the shows that will be going on in Vegas while you are there.

9/23 - 9/30 - Rod Stewart

9/23 - 9/30 - Miranda Lambert

9/25 - Justin Young: Saxophonist

9/30 - Ray Romano & David Spade

9/30 - David Blaine

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10/1 - Rod Stewart

10/1 - Ray Romano & David Spade

10/1 - David Blaine

10/1 - 10/8 - Miranda Lambert

10/2 - 10/5 - Aerosmith

Check out the wealth of things to do and see: <https://www.vegas.com>

We are looking forward to seeing you!

*Your 2022 Convention Committee*

## Shipping

Most of you will have to ship your PX items, R&A items, and your Chapter colors to the hotel. Be sure to mail your packages and flags so that they will arrive on **28 September or later**.

They must be addressed as listed below.

WMA (Sept. 28-Oct. 2) Bel Air Rm.

Guest Name: Lucrecia D. Abrego

c/o Golden Nugget Business Center

19 East Fremont Street

Las Vegas, NV 89101

## Ads & PX Tables

Time is fast running out to place ads in the convention program book. Please do so at your earliest convenience. The forms were included in the April issue, and have been included in this issue (Pages 12 and 13).

Again, you need to fill out the registration form on Page 10 for your PX table. Remember...the hotel is charging **\$50** for **EACH** table. The PX is one of the more popular areas of the convention. Amaze us with your Chapter offerings!



# 2022 WMA Biennial Convention & Professional Development Symposium

## September 29 - October 3, 2022

### **Thu - 29 Sep 2022**

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Registration  
Bel Air Foyer Registration

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Meet and Greet  
Bel Air 2

### **Fri 30 - Sep 2022**

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Registration  
Bel Air Foyer

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM WMA Board Meeting  
Pebble Beach

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM LE Board Meeting  
Shoal Creek

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM PX set-up - Bel Air

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM PX OPEN - Bel Air

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Flag Ceremony Rehearsal  
Grand Ballroom

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Open Reception  
Grand Ballroom

6:30 PM - 10:30 PM Opening Banquet  
Grand Ballroom

### **Sat 1 - Oct 2022**

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Registration - Bel Air Foyer

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM WMA Business Meeting  
Grand Ballroom

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Loyal Escorts Business Meeting  
Shoal Creek

12:00 PM - 2:30 PM Recognition & Awards Luncheon  
Grand Ballroom

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Workshops  
Pebble Beach

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM PX

### **Sun 2 - Oct 2022**

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM Fun Run/Walk

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Registration  
Bel Air Foyer

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Chapter Member Meeting  
Pebble Beach I

9:00 AM - Loyal Escorts Business Meeting  
Pebble Beach II

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Memorial Service  
Grand Ballroom

2:30 PM - 4:30 PM 2022-2024 LE Board Meeting  
Pebble Beach II

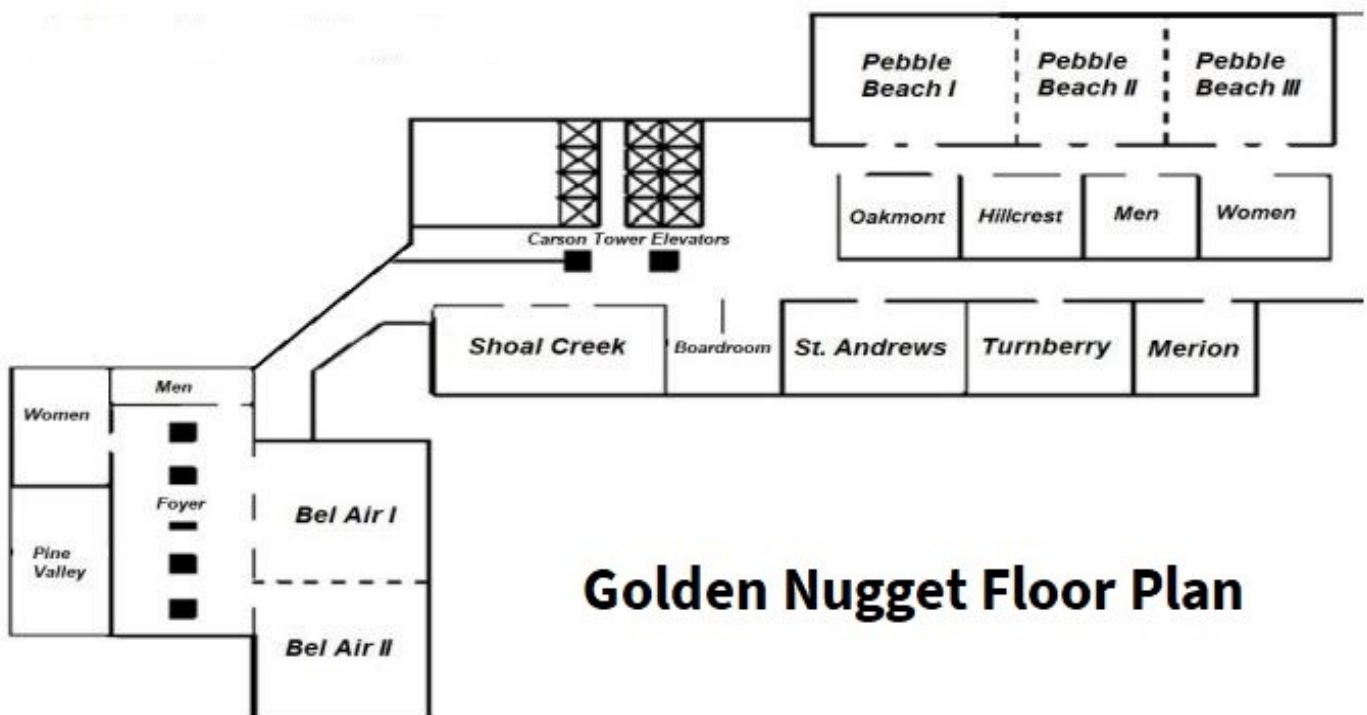
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Closing Reception  
Grand Ballroom

6:30 PM - 10:30 PM Installation/Closing Banquet  
Grand Ballroom

### **Mon - 3 Oct 2022**

8:00 AM 12:00 PM WMA Board Meeting  
Pebble Beach I

**Tentative Schedule Subject to Change**



**Golden Nugget Floor Plan**

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### **Blue Angels name first woman to serve as demonstration pilot**

PENSACOLA, Fla. – The Blue Angels flight demonstration squadron announced six new officers to join the team for the 2023 air show season, two of which are F/A-18E/F Super Hornet pilots.

Although hundreds of women have served with the Blue Angels in a variety of capacities over 55 years, Lt. Amanda Lee, of Mounds View, MN, will be the first woman to serve as a demonstration pilot.

Lee grew up in Minnesota, and while attending the University of Minnesota in Duluth and working at UPS, she decided to enlist in the Navy. She graduated from Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, IL, in 2007.

Her enlisted career as an aviation electronics technician led to her selection into the Seaman-to-Admiral Commissioning Program. Lee earned her commission in August 2013 and was designated a naval aviator in April 2016.

In 2019, Lee was part of the first all-female flyover as part of the funeral service for retired Navy Capt. Rosemary Mariner, one of the first female



Navy jet pilots and the first woman to command an operational naval aviation squadron.

"Capt. Mariner really was the starting point of female aviation," Lee said at the time. "She's one of the first eight original female pilots allowed in the Naval pipeline...young kids growing up not thinking whether they can do something or not because of their race, gender, ethnicity; they just go out and say, 'This is what I want to do.' ... It all starts with Capt. Mariner and some of the doors that she broke down."

While Lee is the first woman who will fly an F/A-18E/F for the squadron, she isn't the first woman to take to the skies with the Blue Angels. That honor goes to Marine Maj. Katie Higgins, who flew the team's C-130 Fat Albert transport plane 2014 to 2016. In 2019, while discussing why no woman had yet flown in formation with the Blues, Higgins said the pool of female pilots qualified to apply for the demonstration squadron is small, and the number of pilots within the pool who are at the right point in their careers to apply is even smaller.

In an interview in 2019, Lee said: "I wouldn't say that there's a gender bias but it's really, you need a certain mental toughness to get through the program. So you really need that strong will to get through, to succeed."

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## **Requirement for Women to Register for the Draft Back on the Table in Annual Defense Bill**

A fight over whether women should be required to register for a potential draft has been revived in Congress.

Last year, Congress appeared on the precipice of making women register with what's formally called the Selective Service System, but the idea was dropped from the defense policy bill signed into law after closed-door House-Senate negotiations despite having bipartisan support.

Now, the proposal is back in the version of the National Defense Authorization Act, or NDAA, making its way through the Senate, and conservatives are again vowing a fierce fight against what they refer to as "drafting our daughters."

The U.S. military has not drafted anyone since the Vietnam War, and defense officials have repeatedly said they have no intention of moving away from the all-volunteer force.

But men ages 18 through 25 still have to register for Selective Service in case of an emergency catastrophic enough to activate the draft. If they fail to register, men face consequences such as losing access to federal financial aid for college.

Earlier this month, the Senate Armed Services Committee voted 20-6 to require women to register for the draft as part of its version of this year's NDAA. The version of the NDAA advanced by the House Armed Services Committee last week does not contain a similar provision, despite the committee supporting the idea last year.

The makeup and political dynamics of Congress have not changed since last year, and the same group of conservative lawmakers who opposed the provision then are vowing a fight again this year.

"The reality is that if we are a country that actively chooses to forcibly conscript our daughters, we are past the point of salvation," Rep. Chip Roy, R-Texas, wrote in a letter this month to the leaders of the House Armed Services Committee. In a separate tweet opposing women registering for the draft, Roy claimed, without citing specific evidence, that "even volunteer women in the military cause the standards to be reduced."

In the Senate, 12 Republicans wrote a letter saying including the Selective Service provision in the NDAA "would be a grave mistake and would needlessly inject divisive social policies into important debates over our national security."

In 1981, the Supreme Court ruled that a male-only draft was justified because women were excluded from combat jobs.

But all combat jobs were opened to women in 2015. Congress followed that decision by including a requirement for women to register for the draft in initial versions of the 2016 NDAA. It was jettisoned from that year's final version of the law in favor of a commission to study the future of the draft.

The commission finished its work in 2020 and recommended that draft registration be expanded to include women, calling it a "necessary and fair step."

The Supreme Court last year declined to revisit the issue, citing the expectation that Congress would soon act.

With the commission's recommendation providing support, lawmakers tried in last year's NDAA to require women to register. But despite being in both the House and Senate versions of the bill and having bipartisan support, the requirement was again dropped from the version of the NDAA that got signed into law amid adamant opposition from a small but vocal group of conservatives.

After last year's defeat, supporters of female draft registration vowed to keep working to update the Selective Service requirements.

"To say only men are needed in that moment of a national emergency is outrageous and obscene," Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., said at a news conference after last year's NDAA was finalized.

In a statement this month, Gillibrand highlighted the Selective Service provision in this year's NDAA as one of the "important programs and measures [that] are now on their way to becoming law."

*Rebecca Kheel  
Military.com*

## **How pregnant Marine officers can borrow maternity uniforms at no cost**

A new Marine Corps pilot program will allow pregnant Marine officers near Quantico to borrow maternity uniforms at no cost — saving them hundreds of dollars.

Enlisted Marines are given a one-time issue of maternity uniforms for free, but officers are required by law to pay for the uniforms out of pocket. With the average maternity uniform cost at \$500, it can be costly to Marine officers looking to have families.

The pilot program will allow pregnant Marine officers in the national capitol region to make an appointment with the Individual Issue Facility at Quantico to pick up the maternity utility uniform, green tunic, short and long-sleeve service blouses, service maternity skirts and slacks, and service tapes, according to a March Marine Corps press

release. The Marines will have an opportunity to try on the various articles of clothing at the facility.

Dress blue skirt and slacks will be available in fiscal year 2023, the press release noted.

Marines are required to get command approval before taking part in the pilot program.

Though they will be issued used uniforms, the facility will ensure that everything is fully serviceable. After a Marine's pregnancy ends, she will need to return the uniforms to the facility, according to the release.

If the uniform has stains or is worn down enough that it is no longer serviceable, it will be retired at no cost to the Marine, the press release said.

Making the Marine Corps more accommodating to Marines who want to start and grow families has been a point of focus of Marine Corps Commandant Gen. David Berger.

Since 2019 he has vocally pushed for giving Marines up to a year in parental leave after the birth or adoption of a new child.

Bumping into federal laws that cap parental leave for primary and secondary caregivers, the Marine Corps has sent out administrative messages encouraging Marines and commanders to use regularly issued leave in conjunction with either primary or secondary caregiver leave.

If used to its fullest, Marines who give birth could take up to five months of leave at once, primary caregivers who did not give birth could take up to 3.5 months of leave at once and secondary caregivers could take almost three months of leave at once.

*Military Times*

## Chaplain's Corner

Do you ever get caught up in the beauty of nature? Living in Colorado, surrounded by the majestic Rocky Mountains, I am often overwhelmed by God's creation and am reminded of Psalm 121:1-2 (NRSV):



"I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come?"

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

For many of us, nature lifts our souls and we can say with this Turkish Muslim woman:

When I stand, I pray with the trees  
That stand upright in the forest,  
Praising God with them.

When I bend, I pray with the animals  
That walk on all fours,  
Praising God with them.

When I lie prostrate,  
I pray with the grass and flowers  
And the insects of the earth,  
Praising God with them.

I praise God for all creation...

*(Excerpt by an Anonymous Turkish Muslim Woman)*

*Melinda Townsend*

## Taps

*"If the Army and the Navy ever look on Heaven's scene,  
They will find the streets are guarded by  
United States Marines."  
(3rd verse - Marines' Hymn)*

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

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**Laurel Hull**  
**Cadet Lt Jade Diaz**  
Atrisco Heritage High School, Albuquerque, NM



**Iris Biggers, Cadet Jennifer Mendoza, Lillian Cross**  
El Camino High School, Oceanside, CA



**Cadet SSgt Brooke McGee**  
Walker High School



**Cadet SSgt Avery Mack**  
(3rd from left)  
Mexico High School, Mexico, NY



**Alexia Mateo**  
Gloucester High School, Gloucester, MA



**Tyanna Montgomery**  
**Maj Robert Patmore**  
Kelly Walsh High School, Casper, WY



**Lorena Sims, Cadet Sgt Rory Claussen**  
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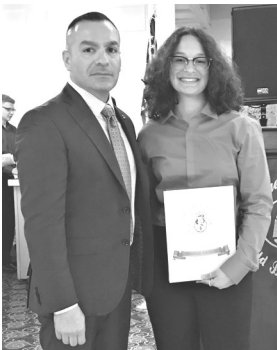
**Cadet PFC Zoie Cromis**  
**SgtMaj Jeff Smith**  
Kellogg High School, Kellogg, ID



**LtCol (Ret) Mary Broussard, Cadet Baraka Nyirabaganda**  
Fern Creek High School, Louisville, KY



**Bethany Sager**  
**Maj Kenneth White**  
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Tottenville High School, Staten Island, NY



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Olive Branch High School, Olive Branch, MS



**LtCol (Ret) Mary Broussard, Cadet Emily Weaver**  
Seneca High School, Louisville, KY



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Central High School, Pageland, SC



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# MARINE CORPS JROTC AWARDS



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**Pam Kubczak**  
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Reading, PA



**Stephanie Pugh**  
**Cadet Sgt Monique Hernandez**  
Rio Rancho High School  
Rio Rancho, NM



**Elaine Stem, Cadet Sgt Briana Sarfo**  
**Franklin High School**  
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**Cadet Sgt Shayanne Knight**  
**Joni Seymour**  
Rio Grande High School  
Albuquerque, NM



**Meadow Sander (2nd from left)**  
Fallbrook Union High School  
Fallbrook, CA



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**MSgt (Ret) Brenda**  
**Moore**  
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Jeffersontown, KY



**Cadet SSgt Kanfee**  
**Dukuly, Pam**  
**Kubczak,**  
Bensalem High  
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**Cadet 1stLt Rebecca Winget**  
Alexandria Senior High School  
Alexandria, LA



**More than one cadet from the New Orleans**  
**Military and Maritime Academy received the**  
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## No Photos

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AL

## Limited Abortions Will Continue On DOD Bases Despite Roe v. Wade Reversal

Defense Department facilities will continue to perform some abortions in states that ban the procedure, the Pentagon announced.

The June 28 memo from Gilbert Cisneros, the defense undersecretary for personnel, is an attempt to give troops the same benefits regardless of where they are stationed, now that 13 states have moved to ban abortion after Friday's reversal of *Roe v. Wade*. It's unlikely, however, that the policy would hold in a Republican administration, according to legal experts.

"The Supreme Court's decision does not prohibit the department from continuing to perform covered abortions, consistent with federal law," the memo says. "There will be no interruption to this care."

The memo says the court's ruling will not change the services provided by Defense Department facilities or covered by Tricare. The department and Tricare are allowed to perform and pay for abortions only in cases of rape, incest, or where the life of the pregnant person is at elevated risk—limitations imposed by the 1976 Hyde Amendment.

Since the court's ruling, some states have quickly imposed more severe limits. Several states, including Texas, which is home to a large number of service members, now forbid abortions even in cases of rape or incest, making the Pentagon's policy more lenient than state regulations for those stationed there.

This sets up potential conflicts. At Fort Hood, for example, the lease agreement between the military and Texas gives the state "concurrent jurisdiction," meaning state officials can enforce local laws, according to Sean Timmons, a managing partner and military attorney at Tully Rinckey law firm. Timmons predicted the Pentagon's policy is likely to spark a court fight with states like Texas, but that any legal effort would likely find that federal laws take priority.

The Pentagon will work with the Justice Department to provide lawyers for troops and civilian employees if states try to prosecute Defense Department personnel who perform abortions in states where it is banned.

"It is the Department of Justice's longstanding position that states generally may not impose criminal or civil liability on federal employees who perform their duties in a manner authorized by federal law," the memo says.

Some experts slammed the policy as insufficient to support troops or military doctors. Rachel

VanLandingham, a former Air Force judge advocate who is now a professor at Southwestern Law School, called the memo "really weak" because it does not explicitly mention the supremacy clause of the Constitution, which gives federal law precedence over state law.

The department's leave policies are also not affected by the court's ruling. Troops can still travel as necessary to get an abortion, the memo says.

There's also the question of how this policy would change if a Republican is elected president. Timmons said the president, as commander in chief, could lawfully order commanders to follow state law wherever they are based, rolling back what services troops can access in some states. That would set up a fight with Congress, which passed the Hyde Amendment in 1976 saying that the military could provide abortions in cases of rape, incest, or an elevated risk to the pregnant person's life.

There's precedent for following local laws rather than federal regulations, Timmons said. Possessing pornography is legal under U.S. federal law, for example, but a felony in Kuwait. Troops stationed there follow the more restrictive laws of the country rather than U.S. law.

Some Democratic lawmakers have been trying to codify troops' and dependent's access to abortion with legislation that would last regardless of who is in the White House. More than 80 Democratic members introduced a bill June 3 that would allow military medical facilities to perform and pay for abortions for service members and dependents.

"Abortion care isn't a privilege, it is standard health care essential to one's ability to determine their own destiny," said Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., chair of the House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee. "Our brave servicemembers deserve the same access to basic health care as the people they are fighting to protect."

*Jacqueline Feldscher  
Senior National Security Correspondent  
June 28, 2022*

## Pentagon is not defying the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade

Despite viral tweets claiming otherwise, the Pentagon is not defying the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

In the wake of the Supreme Court's overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said he was "committed to taking care of our people," and that the Pentagon is "examining this decision closely and evaluating our policies to ensure we

continue to provide seamless access to reproductive health care as permitted by federal law.”

The Occupy Democrats Twitter account said the Pentagon was defying “the extremist Supreme Court, announced that it will not recognize any anti-abortion laws enacted by states.” A similar tweet from an account called BNN Newsroom falsely claimed the Pentagon had announced that abortion laws “enacted as a result of the Supreme Court’s decision will not be recognized.”

Those claims are, of course, not true. But it didn’t stop the tens of thousands of retweets and likes from pouring in, including combative responses from lawmakers like Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.), who further amplified the misinformation.

“When the leadership of the Department of Defense wages an insurrection against the Supreme Court, they must be removed,” Greene tweeted on Sunday morning.

“This doesn’t have anything to do with *Roe v Wade*,” said retired Air Force Lt. Col. Rachel VanLandingham, a former Air Force judge advocate and professor at Southwestern Law School, told Task & Purpose on Monday. “Women in the military have been grappling with denials of access to reproductive care for decades now.”

The military does not provide abortions except in cases of rape or incest, or when the mother’s life is in danger. Typically if a woman in the military was seeking an abortion of a pregnancy that did not fall into those categories, she had to use her own money and go off-post to a civilian provider. That was also the case for anyone stationed overseas in a country that did not offer abortions. In that instance, VanLandingham said, a woman would have to request leave and fly back to either a nearby European country where she could get help, or back to the U.S.

And because of the Hyde Amendment, which restricts the use of federal funds for most abortions, the service member would be responsible for footing the bill.

Now, with the recent Supreme Court decision, that will also apply to women in the U.S. who are stationed in states with restrictive abortion access, which includes many of the military’s largest installations.

Ultimately there is little the Pentagon will be able to do aside from standardizing its leave policy, said Lory Manning, the director of government affairs for the Service Women’s Action Network (SWAN). Manning and VanLandingham mentioned policies in the Army and Air Force that do not require service members to specify why they’re asking for leave

aside from a medical procedure, but they both mentioned that more should be done Pentagon-wide.

Ultimately, what the Pentagon can or cannot do comes down to laws enacted by Congress. As Austin said in his statement, the department will provide care “as permitted by federal law.” Currently, federal law has left women in the military with few options, which will dwindle further with more restrictive state laws being introduced.

*Haley Britzky, Task & Purpose*

## Another Gem Gone

When I think of Juanita June Dempsey, I see her as a diamond, tough, unbreakable. She had quite the stubborn streak! And a great sense of humor.

She went by “June,” and June left her home in Apache Junction, AZ, to report to her final duty station on the afternoon of June 25. June the Unbreakable had many health issues thrown at her in recent years and fought through all of them so she could complete her bucket list - to reach the age of 93 and to pass in her home, which she did six days after her birthday.

June joined the reserves in 1949 and was called to active duty in 1950. She was a property clerk at El Toro, and played on both the softball and basketball teams. She was released from active duty in 1952 and returned to her civilian job in St Louis, where she was born, in the Department of Parks and Recreation, and retired from there in 1990 after 42 years. She was still in the reserves until 1958 when her job interfered with making drills.



June spent much of her life in WMA as the president of WMD-1 USA-3 since 1980. She was the longest serving president in the chapter’s history.

She also spent a good deal of her later years driving their 40 foot Class A RV, which she loved, visiting every state in the continental U.S. until she was sidelined by lung cancer.

She is survived by her partner of 32 years, Jeanne Botwright, as well as nieces, nephews, and their children.

June was laid to rest in San Joaquin National Cemetery, Santa Nella, CA. When the van departed her home for her final trip, the Marine flag was flown at half staff, her photo was displayed, the streets were lined with residents rendering a salute, and the *Marines’ Hymn* was playing as she passed through the gate. Semper Fi, June. You are missed.





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Would you like information on a WMA Chapter within your area?			
Enrolled By / How did you hear about WMA:			

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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 or as Navy FMF qualified. I will abide by the WMA Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Women Marines Association  
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Wakefield, MA 01880-8501



# LOYAL ESCORT MEMBER APPLICATION

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Date of birth:

Phone:

Cell:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Email:

New   Renew   Reinstated   Life (Sponsor must be Life member)

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

## SPONSOR INFORMATION

WMA Sponsor Name:

Recruited by:

Chapter Affiliation:

Do you live with sponsor   Y   N

Sponsor Life Member # if applicable

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Name:

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Dates of Service

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How long?

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## ABOUT MYSELF

How did you hear about the Loyal Escorts?

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Would you like to get your copy of the WMA Newsletter electronically via email?

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Date:

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# Chapter Clippings

## CA-3 San Francisco Bay Area

Greetings from the San Francisco Bay Area. CA-3 continues to meet most months.

At our April meeting, hosted by member Maggie Hart, we celebrated Easter.

Our May meeting, hosted by member Kathy Wright, celebrated Memorial Day.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of May, member Lily Chow Brockmeier attended a Memorial Day Remembrance event at Kaiser Permanente. The Redwood City Police Department did an awesome job



posting colors and conducting the folding of a flag. Their dedication and contribution made the remembrance event successful.



On May 28<sup>th</sup>, member Susan Johnston participated in the placing of flags on the gravesite of every veteran buried at the two Tracy Public

Cemeteries, in excess of 2000 sites.

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, Susan participated in Memorial Day ceremonies as part of the combined Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Honor Guard.

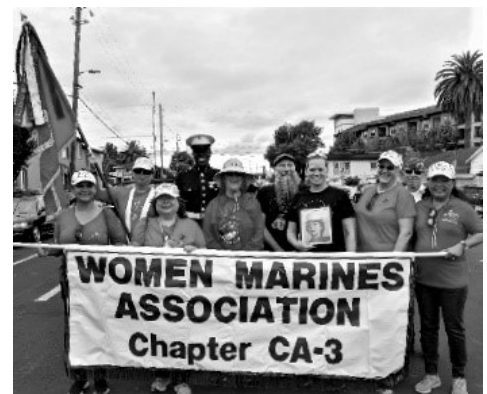
The first ceremony was held at the Tracy Public Cemetery, where Marine Corps Colonel Tiffany N. Harris (Distribution and Installation Commander for the Defense Logistics Agency's Defense Distribution Depot in Tracy) was the guest speaker, after which dignitaries, community groups, and the public were invited to place wreaths on behalf of groups and/or loved ones. This was followed by a volley of rifles, and the playing of "Taps."

Immediately following this ceremony, the Honor Guard traveled to the Tracy War Memorial, where a second ceremony was held honoring those Tracy residents killed while on active duty dating from World War 1 to current. Each and every name was read out loud, and a "no response" was voiced. Again, a firing of rifles and the playing of "Taps" followed.

After the events, the VFW Auxiliary hosted a luncheon where the AFROTC from a local high school conducted a Prisoner of War (POW) table ceremony, explaining each and every item on the table and its meaning – a very moving presentation. The two young ladies did an excellent job.



On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, members of CA-3 – Marines and Loyal Escorts – once again participated in the Redwood City Parade, after a 2-year hiatus. Marching were Susan Johnston, Lily Brockmeier, Carolina Rudisel, Janet Johnson, Sarah Rivera Robinson, Richard Robinson, Donald Johnston (carrying the Marine Corps flag), and Bonnie Dabalos-Castro, who called cadence for us. CA-3 marched as part of the Marine Corps contingent, which included the Golden Gate Young Marines, and the Marine Corps League's General J.C Breckinridge San Francisco Detachment # 10. Bonnie's husband Paul followed us along the mile and a half parade route, taking pictures.



During this time period, Susan Johnston, as a member of the combined Veterans of Foreign Wars/American Legion Honor Guard, participated in 8 Memorial Services, including one for a long-time member of the Honor Guard.

*Susan Johnston*

# Chapter Clippings

## CA-7 Edith Macias Vann Southern Calif.

Hello from CA-7. Summer is here and hope you have some summer fun! CA-7 Summer Social is in August. Pertinent information is in the chapter's latest newsletter. Sign up with your potluck dish.

Edith Macias Vann Southern California new Chapter Officers for 2022-2024 are: President: Iris Biggers Vice President: Mary Anthony Treasurer: Lillian Cross Secretary: Brenda Hockenhull.

On May 10th, Iris and Lil presented the WMA MCJROTC certificate and pin to Jennifer Mendoza of El Camino High School. Jennifer wants to be a nurse. After nursing school, she will join the military but hasn't decided which branch. On May 26th, Iris and Lil presented the WMA MCJROTC certificate and pin to Ximena Bradford of Oceanside High School. Ximena will be attending a local community college. (See *Marine Corps JROTC* pages 14-15 in this issue for photos).



On May 26th, Loyal Escort Dennis Kovats and chapter member Lillian Cross went to Eternal Hills Cemetery in Oceanside to locate and mark gravesites of our fallen sisters buried there. The next day, Iris Biggers met with Lillian and Dennis at 11am and made the circle to lay our roses on the grave sites. We laid 18 roses. Lillian Tusa was the last of our group who passed. We hope that more members will join us to lay roses next year.



On May 30th, Veterans Association of North County (VANC) held a Memorial Day ceremony. Those in attendance were chapter member Lillian Cross, Loyal Escorts Ken Cross, and Dennis Kovats. Lillian represented WMA and placed a wreath upon the makeshift grave. The room was standing room only for the ceremony.

BGen Jason Woodworth, CG, MCI West, Camp Pendleton was key speaker.

On June 25th, Iris, Lillian, Mary Lou Voigt, and CA-2 member Mani Santos participated in the City of Oceanside Annual Independence Parade. We were so glad that Mani was there with us. We were thrilled to have Mary Lou the also. Mary



Lou's birthday is June 21. Her family flew from around the country to celebrate her 93rd birthday. Mary Lou's birthday celebration was happening at the same time as the parade. However, Mary Lou was persistent that she join her sisters in the parade and so her daughter brought her.

Our next chapter muster will be September 10th, at VANC, 1617 Mission Ave, Oceanside CA 92058. Did you know you can attend our muster even if you're not a chapter member? So come visit us. Follow and like us on Facebook: @wmasocalca7 and on Instagram: @ca7womenmarines. See you at the Las Vegas Convention!

*Semper Fi*  
Iris Biggers

## WMA CO-1 Columbines - WM History Chapter

CO1 members Paula Sarlls and Margaret Sebern are both Gold Star Wives as well as Marines. They worked diligently with the United Veterans Coalition of Colorado to get HCR22-1003 through the state legislature. This resolution allows for a measure to go on the ballot granting the Colorado Homestead Exemption for property taxes to Gold Star Spouses of any age. They will be working to get people to vote for the measure in November.

CO1 is also a part of the USMC Memorial Foundation working to remodel the United States Marine Corps Memorial dedicated by Commandant Wilson in 1977 to "all Marines for all time!" They lead the foundation

## Chapter Clippings

and other Marine organizations in this effort. A fundraising dinner was held on April 9<sup>th</sup> with General Allen as the guest speaker introduced by Maj Gen Mullen. Lt Gen Craparotta and Maj Gen Padilla were also present at the dinner. All four GO's are retired Marines. The foundation's PAO is Misty Cook, also a retired Marine and instrumental in making this all happen.



Radio talk show host Kim Monson, Gen Allen, Paula Sarlls, MajGen Mullen, Misty Cook

Lt Gen Lori Reynolds, USMC (Ret) and Maj Candice Creecy both spoke at the Anniversary Luncheon hosted by the chapter on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. An auction was conducted with award winning auctioneer Bryce Elemond helping the chapter raise funds to help veterans and provide awards to MCJROTC cadets. Over \$6000 was raised towards these goals. The chap-



LtGen Reynolds, Bryce Elemond, Maj Creecy

ter also receives a grant from the state to help veterans and this year received additional funding allowing for over \$10,000 in grants to needy veterans. The goal is to increase the grant received from the state annually.

The chapter is pleased to welcome former Area 3 Director Patricia Collins to our ranks as she moves to Colorado. We also welcome our returning secretary, Jan Pawlus after she returned from Kentucky!

We're looking forward to Memorial Day at the United States Marine Corps Memorial and in July our annual picnic!

*Paula Sarlls*

### HI-2 Wahine Koa

HI-2 Wahine Koa Chapter installed our 2022-2024 officers during a Lei Ceremony at Oahu Veterans Center on 25 June.

Treasurer Kathy Kincaid received a green ribbon lei. Green symbolizes Honesty, Integrity, and Prosperity. Secretary Rachel Mickelson's yellow lei represents Fidelity and Constancy of Purpose. The blue lei represents Truth, Wisdom, and Clear Thinking and was presented to Vice President Estella Euclide. President Maggie Gaukler received a purple lei which represents the stately and guiding principles of the office. President Gaukler also received the chapter gavel as a symbol of the office. She was reminded that although the majority rules, the minority always has the right to be heard and was cautioned to use the gavel wisely, courteously, and with judicious leadership.



*Maggie Gaukler*

### PA-2 Tun Tavern Marines

The Joint Veterans Council of Pottstown, PA announced that Pam Kubczak is the 2022 Veteran of the Year. Pam is the President of PA-2 Tun Tavern Marines as well as belonging to several other local veteran organizations.

On Memorial Day, she was Grand Marshall in the local parade. She was also part of a ceremony in a local park following the parade to honor local deceased veterans.

*Pam Kubczak*





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**Ribbon Magnet** - Chapter CA-7  
"Proud to be a Marine"  
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