

Photo updates of our Marine at the International Space Station (ISS).

The one on the left is of LtCol Nicole Mann maneuvering the robotic arm to guide in a resupply cargo spacecraft named the SS Sally Ride.

The one on the right is of her looking out the right window of the cupola of the ISS.

1st Female Expeditionary Force SgtMaj

Sergeant Major Joy M. Kitashima has been selected to be the top enlisted advisor at III Marine Expeditionary Force.

When she takes her post in July, she will become the first female force-level Sergeant Major in the history of the Corps and will join the command of LtGen James W. Bierman, Jr.

Originally from Bloomington, IN, she enlisted in the Corps in May 1996 and was assigned to MP School. She currently serves as the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing Sergeant Major.



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Silent Drill Platoon gets first female commander

Starting on November 21, 2022, the Silent Drill Platoon is now commanded by a woman.

Capt Kelsey M. Hastings assumed leadership of the platoon. She was selected because of her tireless work ethic and high standard of performance.

Hastings was commissioned in the Corps in 2017 and is a Naval Academy graduate.

She is a native of Seattle, and has trained as an artillery officer, has been a platoon commander, a fire direction officer, and battery executive officer at MCB Hawaii.



Capt Hastings was selected in 2020 to serve at Marine Barracks. She considers being selected to lead them an honor, and looks forward to working with her Marines and "being a face that a little girl can see and envision herself being."

Marine Corps Times

Marine, Law Student, Wizards Dancer

2ndLt Lily Goff is working on a law degree and in her spare time, she is part of the NBA Washington Wizards dance team.

She will graduate from law school in May and plans to be a judge advocate when she goes on active duty. Lily also hopes to dance for the Wizards for several seasons.



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79 years ago, the slogan "Free a Marine to Fight" drew 19,000 women to the Women Marine Reserves during World War II. Today we are 14,000 strong. We have moved from performing mainly clerical positions to filling combat infantry MOS slots worldwide.

Every generation questions if the next generation will fill the shoes of the past. Ask the Women Marines who have recently completed the 54-hour Crucible recruit training or those who have completed the once male only infantry and artillery training. They are creating legacies every day.

Earning the title of "Marine" is held with great pride. We wear the eagle, globe, and anchor for life. To be a Woman Marine you are part of a sisterhood. You are never alone.

Our Marines of today are still breaking the barriers, making history, and in doing so, honoring those who came before. As we stop and celebrate this historical Anniversary, we should take pride in our accomplishments and the role we have each played in our Corps history and recognize how those contributions have led to today's integrated Marine team.

As you celebrate, it is a time to reflect not only on the past - it is a time to reflect on the future and know that we all have a stake in forming the shape of our next generation of Marines. Thank you for your service. Your service to the Corps, WMA and the community. Happy Anniversary Marines.
Semper Fi!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann L. Crittenden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Ann L. Crittenden
WMA National President

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Reporting In...National President

2023 is finally here. It felt like an eternity for Christmas to arrive with its bone chilling temperatures and raging winter storms. Here it's January 2023, and it is a balmy 60 degrees, sunny and the daffodils in the front yard are beginning to sprout! WAIT!! It is winter – don't tease us like this and then the bottom falls out again.

I feel like that in the beginning of a New Year. We all start with a clean sheet of paper, waiting for us to write in our accomplishments, our challenges, and other issues that are creating dilemmas for us. This year, the Women Marines Association is going to address many issues that typically are part of the resolution process at the beginning of each new year: fitness, emotional health, finances, entrepreneurship and the sort. Mental health is going to be our "north star," our aiming point and focus of effort. Many of our networking events will be focused on these topics. Be on the look out for those.

I found a great article posted on LinkedIn: "the start of a new year typically means a spike in gym memberships — but more people are focused on a different kind of fitness this time around. According to a new survey conducted by Forbes Health, 45% of adults aged 18-25 listed improved mental health as one of their top New Year's resolutions, compared to 39% who listed improved physical fitness. Many are also thinking about their financial wellness heading into 2023. Sticking with resolutions tied to money and health can improve your productivity and happiness at work."

(#MentalHealthMonday)

WMA is going to focus its efforts for this year on Mental Health awareness. Members will soon be seeing mental health resources being posted on our *Monthly Minute*, on the website, and in our *Nouncements* that will provide members information on how to tap into these many resources. Nationally, the stigma associated with mental health is finally beginning to wane. And it is about time. Our entire nation is immersed in some very dangerous behaviors that has affected how we treat one another and prevent our children from enjoying the many adventures that life brings. My intent is to also explore partnering with other veteran organizations with like minded efforts to see how we can expand our reach – and of course always on the recruitment effort to obtain more members.

And to fill out the first quarter of the year, we have our Woman Marines Reserve Anniversary to celebrate (13 February) followed by Women's History Month in March. The President's message is included in this month's *Nouncements*. Also, I am adding in a link in honor of the first woman to enlist in the Woman Marines Reserve, Pvt Lucille McClarren. In an article published in 1943 by her hometown paper "Private Lucille Ellen McClarren, attractive 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. McClarren of Nemaquin, has won the distinctive honor of being the first private of the United States to join the U. S. Marine Corps Women's Reserves". It is humorous to read that she "won" the spot – somehow that just does not seem right! If you would like to read the whole blog go to the following link:

<https://womenmarines.wordpress.com/2011/07/05/lucille-ellen-mcclarren-the-first-woman-marine-1943/>

Also, members will soon see the roll out of our new membership database program, VMX, that will allow members to go online and update their information (addresses, email, NOK etc) without having to come through their Chapters or WMA Membership. Understanding that some of our older members may not be able to complete this themselves, we are ensuring that someone else (family member or Chapter representatives) will be able to assist. This is a huge achievement for WMA – and one a long time coming. (See Page 5)

It is a New Year, full of opportunities. You have 365 days to fill out your clean sheet of paper and write your book for 2023. I am very excited about the achievements WMA is experiencing and very happy to ensure that the members are receiving what they want from their Association. Happy New Year, Happy Anniversary, and Semper Fidelis.

Ann

Reporting In...National Vice President

Welcome to 2023. This year is going to be a very exciting year. I am looking forward to all the new things that will be coming this year. A lot of you know that I am very passionate about the member experience. I will do my best to try and make your experience great. Some of the things I will be implementing is a quarterly new member meet and

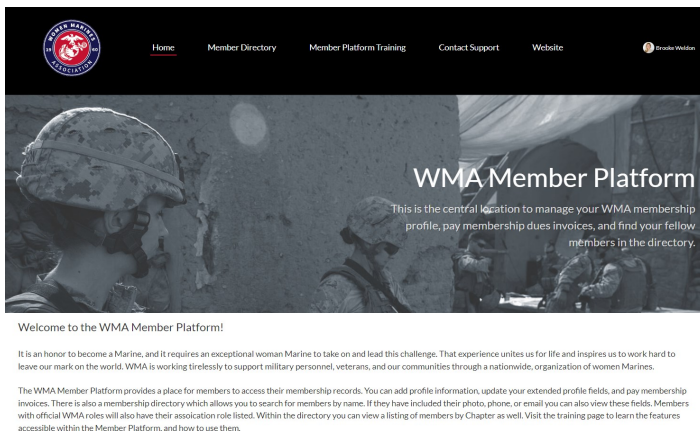


greet. There will also be Chapter training quarterly. If you have any suggestions for Chapter Training please email all ideas to listening@womenmarines.org. I monitor that email.

I would like to share some of my visions for the year with you. I would really like to get out and visit as many Chapters/Areas as possible. I know I will not be able to get to everyone this year but will do my best to get as much in as I can. If you would like me to come to your Chapter/Area, please let me know at WMAVP@womenmarines.org. I can't wait to meet as many of you as I can.

Please help me by reaching out and letting me know what I can do to assist your Chapter and you as a member. Together we can make this a great year for WMA.

Patty Collins



Launching WMA Member Platform January 30

We are excited to announce the launch of the WMA Member Platform. This member-only portal will provide a place for you to access and update membership records and pay membership invoices. There is also a membership directory, which allows you to search for members by name.

On January 30th, all WMA members with an e-mail address on file will receive an invitation to create a password for the site. Your username will be your primary e-mail address. If you do not receive an e-mail invitation, please contact membership@womenmarines.org to ensure we have your current e-mail on file. If you do not have one, you can provide an e-mail of someone who could log-in on your behalf to maintain your records, such as a family member or Chapter representative. You are not required to log in and can instead call us at 1-888-525-1943 with updates to your record at any time. We will be providing online demos of the

Member Platform in February and March to help ensure members know how to access and utilize the new site. To register for these please navigate to the calendar on the WMA and choose the event date that you can attend. The demo will be recorded and added to the Member Platform training page post-event.

Membership Satisfaction Survey

It is time again to get a pulse from our members on how we are doing with our new initiatives and what we can do to improve our member experience. It is our focus to promote the importance of making WMA the veteran association of choice for all female Marines and FMF qualified. This is your chance to let your voices be heard and be part of WMA's future. Please take the survey by going to: bit.ly/2023WMAsurvey or scanning this QR code:



*Brooke Weldon
Virtual, LLC*

A Thank You

I would like to thank the WMA for the beautiful memorial they did for my aunt, Grace Carle. I know she was with us every day of the convention.

I would also like to thank the Nebraska chapter for renaming their chapter in her honor. Grace was aware that this was something they wanted to do in her honor. Nebraska was where she grew up.

I had a wonderful time at the convention. Thank you to all of you who made me feel so at home. You all are the best.

Jennie Larsen



Body Comp

Starting the first day of 2023, the Marine Corps implemented a new policy that will revise the way it measures the body composition of its troops.

The Corps announced in August 2022 that it would make the change to be more accurate and conscious of gender-specific differences following the conclusion of a yearlong study.

Marines previously were subject solely to the tape test method, which measures a service member's neck, waist, and other body parts against their height. Under the new guidelines, troops will not be subsequently assigned to the service's body composition program — which helps to manage weight or separates them for not meeting standards — until their body composition also is calculated using the new X-ray scanners and other tech employed in the study.

The Marine Corps' Training and Education Command already began fielding 257 of the machines to prepare for the upcoming requirement, according to a release from the command. The whole purpose of this issue is to ensure that the Corps has a good proper balance between performance, health and well-being of the force, and readiness.

Maj. Tamara Velding volunteered for the body composition study at The Basic School in Quantico, becoming one of more than 2,000 Marines who signed up to participate. She said that all of the equipment and technology was really simple, and that the whole data collection took about 30 minutes in total.

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Jonathan Lehrfeld
Marine Corps Times

A Piece of WMA History

I received an email from member Patricia Singer. She had a short but interesting story to tell. Now, that said, this may be more interesting to me as editor than it will be to you, but here it is.

Don Smith left earth's bounds on 9 December. Don was one of the four honorees in



the first National Service Award ceremony for 1972-1974. The other three recipients: Capt. Charles J. Covert, USN, 1979; Harriet Creighton, 2005; Fredine Haynie, 1989.



Don was Ruth Broe's go-to-guy. When Ruth learned that Don was a printer and designer she laid out her vision of 'Nouncements and asked him to do the job. And he did. The original masthead was all his design, and "The Colonel" (Ruth Broe) loved what she saw. He did the layout of each issue after Helen Hannah Campbell provided all the content; he did the printing; and Ada Dodson and CA-5 members pitched in to address, sort, and mail to WMA members. A genuine labor-of-love by all of us.

Patricia Singer

A Poem by Charlotte Ayers

*To greet all those ranks above us "boots,"
We daily practiced snappy hand salutes!*

*Then came the day, our training's complete!
In spite of the sand fleas and PI's so hot heat!*

*I stood at attention, sorta nervous inside.
Shoulders back, I felt such pride!*

*I raised my hand, swore to protect and defend
The Constitution, our Country, our Flag to the end.*

*I will be loyal, committed, and strong
Serve my Country, never doing it wrong.*

*I loved the challenge, the discipline, the drill.
The friends I made, I think of still.*

*Those weeks were special, never had a regret
For that decision to serve, now I am a Vet.*

*Yes, I came south when I was eighteen
And proudly earned the title of U.S. Marine!*

Charlotte M. Ayers
Sgt, 1952 - 1957

Molly Marines

Platoon 3078, San Diego

Pvt Sarai E. Barr, Glen Mills, PA
Graduation Date: 10 October 2022

Platoon 3074

PFC Araceli Priego Hernandez, Bound Brook, NJ
Graduation Date: 28 October 2022

Platoon 4045

PFC Julia Spinak, Raleigh, NC

Platoon 4049

PFC Emily Ponce, Pompano Beach, FL
Graduation Date: 4 November 2022

Platoon 3082, San Diego

Pvt Aaliya R. Crawley

Platoon 4052

PFC Anya N. Ayyash, Kingman, AZ

Platoon 4053

PFC Rafaela E. Martinez, Eureka, CA
Graduation Date: 10 November 2022

Platoon 2149, San Diego

PFC Taylor J. Ownbey, Cheney, WA

Platoon 2150, San Diego

PFC Hana K. Inouye, Hacienda Heights, CA
Graduation Date: 2 December 2022

Platoon 2090

PFC Paxton E. Duesing, Pensacola, FL

Platoon 2094

PFC Elizabeth A. Griffith, Hokes Bluff, AL
Graduation Date: 9 December 2022

Platoon 4055

PFC Ruvid E. Sandoval, Houston, TX
Graduation Date: 21 December 2022

Platoon 2006

Pvt Natalie E. Kraft, Turlock, CA
Graduation Date: 13 January 2023

Iron Mike

Platoon 4044

PFC Darren D. Phanordriche, Ft Lauderdale, FL

Platoon 4046

PFC Grant C. Lucas, Fort Myers, FL

Platoon 4048

Pvt Ryan R. Sevilla, Delaware, OH

Platoon 4050

Pvt Keoni J. Lauer, Glen Rock, PA
Graduation Date: 4 November 2022

Former Marine, Current Lieutenant Governor Selected for the Semper Fidelis Award

Virginia Lieutenant Governor Winsome Earle-Sears has been selected by the Marine Corps University Foundation to receive the Semper Fidelis Award at a dinner in March.

Winsome Earle-Sears is a native of Kingston, Jamaica. She immigrated to the United States at the age of six, and joined the Marines when she reached adulthood.

She is the first female Lieutenant Governor of the commonwealth and the first Black female elected to statewide office.

Among her various appointments, she has served as the Vice President of the Virginia State Board of Education; as a presidential appointee to the US Census Bureau, as co-chair of the African American Committee and the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

LtGov Earle-Sears was a program manager for the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, a VISTA volunteer, a trained electrician, and successful businesswoman. She is most proud of her community work leading a men's prison ministry and as director of a women's homeless shelter. She holds a B.A. in English with a minor in Economics, and an M.A. in Organizational Leadership, with a concentration in Government. She and her husband have two daughters.



Marine Corps University Foundation

Member Honors

Member Ruth Holman was honored with a 100th birthday celebration on November 4th at Lasata Senior Living in Cedarburg, WI.

Ruth was honored for being a pioneer in joining the Marine Corps but also as a dedicated single mom. Her son, Dan Pierce, presented her with an 8 X 10-inch framed photo of herself in her Women's Reserve uniform. She was 18 years old in the photo.

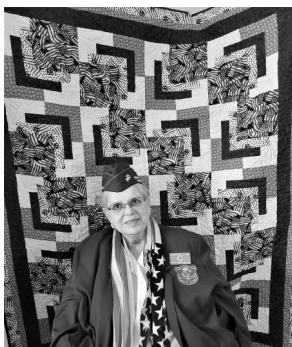
Born and raised in Old North Milwaukee, she enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1944, serving two years and being honorably discharged as a corporal.

Ruth married a fellow Marine after the war, and had three children, but the marriage didn't last. She was very devoted to her children, encouraging them, helping them, and making sure they knew how to learn. During her time in WMA, she wrote the *Chapter Clippings* for her chapter.

Her secret to reaching 100 years old: "everything in moderation. Don't deny yourself anything, just do it in moderation."

Congratulations, Ruth, and belated Happy Birthday!

*Colleen Jurkiewicz
Ozaukee County News Graphic
Edited by Sondra Metzger*



It's unfortunate that this is in black & white, but Valorie Lephart was honored with a red, white, and blue Quilt of Honor by the Quilts of Valor Foundation in October 2022.

Another member of CA-5 was recognized for all her volunteer time not only for her chapter, but also her church and her community.

Beverly Daugherty was selected by the City of Irvine as the Veteran of the Year. Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris and Beverly's daughter Denise present her with the citation.

Congratulations to both of these ladies!



A Graduation of Six

Six women — a record high — graduated from the grueling Marine Infantry Officer Course in fiscal year 2022, the Marine Corps has confirmed.

A total of 12 women have now completed the course out of 39 female Marines who have attempted it.

The notoriously rigorous 13-week training based in Quantico prepares officers to lead in infantry and ground intelligence units. Officers who work in reconnaissance, sniper, and light armored reconnaissance units also take the course to gain infantry knowledge.

In early 2020, Commandant Gen. David Berger stated that one of his goals was to have more women attending the challenging Infantry Officer Course.

The first three women who attempted the course in 2014 on an experimental basis were dropped after being unable to keep up with the hikes which involve carrying heavy equipment over long distances.

In September 2017, then-1st Lt. Marina A. Hierl became the first woman to graduate from the Infantry Officer Course. She went on to lead an infantry platoon.

A second woman graduated from the Infantry Officer Course in June 2018. No women completed the course in fiscal years 2019 or 2020, according to Training Command data.

In fiscal year 2021, four out of seven women who attempted the Infantry Officer Course completed it. The completion rate for women in fiscal year 2022 was six out of eight.

Of fiscal year 2022's six female Infantry Officer Course graduates, there are four in the 0302 infantry officer MOS.

Three of those Marines are now infantry officers in the 1st Marine Division, which is based at Camp Pendleton. The fourth is a platoon commander assigned to the 2nd Marine Division, based at Camp Lejeune.

The other two recent female graduates have the 0203 MOS, ground intelligence officer. One is an intelligence tactics instructor at the 1st Marine Division, the other is assigned to the 4th Marine Division; information about her billet was not immediately available.

*Irene Loewenson
Marine Corps Times
Edited by Sondra Metzger*

Vintage Female Marine Uniforms Sought

If you or someone you know is looking for a reputable place to donate or sell female Marine WWII era uniform items, please consider this.



Female Air Force veteran Mel Bloom, Executive Director 3-5-0 Girls, is seeking uniforms from 1943 - 1952 to use in programs highlighting the contributions of the 350,000

women who served in WWII.

Mel's programs are presented at schools, museums, and special events. The uniforms she utilizes bring the programs to life and she is badly in need of female Marine uniform items.

WMA member Tricia Byrne observed one of Mel's programs at the Naval War College Museum last fall and said "it was outstanding." In addition to the Naval War College Museum, Mel also partners with the Battleship Cove in Fall River, MA and Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park in RI and MA.



To learn more please go to threefiveohgirls.com.

To sell or donate a uniform item, Mel may be reached via email at threefiveohgirls@gmail.com or cell (508) 494-2443, and she is happy to provide references.

Let's help this young, industrious vet get the word out about the many contributions of women in the military.

*Thank you.
Tricia Byrne*

Change in Hair Regulations for Women

A MARADMIN message gives female Marines leeway to wear their hair loose at a slightly greater length than before, allows some half-up hairstyles, lets women wear short twists and authorizes a wider range of styles for women with long hair. It also explicitly removes the expectation that women wear their hair slicked back.

The Marine Corps divides women's hair into three categories: short (less than one inch from the

scalp), medium and long. Women with short or medium hair are allowed to wear their hair loose rather than securing it up.

The new guidance, effective immediately, defines medium hair as shorter than two inches below the bottom edge of a uniform collar in the back and long hair as anything longer than that. Previously, medium hair couldn't extend below the collar's lower edge.

In practice, the new rule means that female Marines can get away with wearing their hair loose at slightly longer than shoulder length, rather than just bob length, as long as the hair doesn't obscure the rank insignia on the collar. Per the new rule, women with medium-length hair can wear their hair half loose and half in ponytails or in one or two braids while in the combat utility uniform, flight suit or physical training uniform.

Women with short hair can now wear their hair in twists, a hairstyle that is common among Black women but previously was available only to women with medium or long hair.

The MARADMIN's guidance lets women style long hair in a wider variety of ways than before. Previous guidance dictated that long hair be secured so that it didn't extend below the base of the collar's lower edge, except in the physical training uniform. That meant most female Marines with long hair wore it in a tight bun.

Now, long hair must still be tucked up, but it can extend to two inches below the base of the collar's lower edge. They are still not authorized to wear ponytails, except when they are in their physical training uniforms.

Another policy in the MARADMIN makes clear that female Marines with long hair shouldn't be expected to slick their hair back in order to minimize potential damage from daily hairstyling. Marines are encouraged to avoid alcohol-based styling products, styling wet hair, and hairstyles that cause undue tension on hair follicles.

With only 9% of its troops being female, the Marine Corps is the service with the lowest ratio of women to men. Increasing the number of women in the ranks of the Marine Corps has been one of Commandant Gen. David Berger's stated priorities.

*Irene Loewenson
Marine Corps Times
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(See Page 10 for examples)

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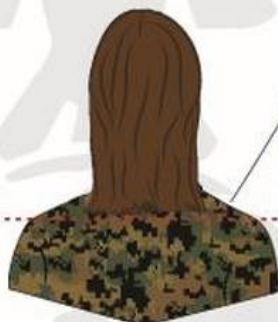
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LONG HAIR

WHEN STYLED, LONG HAIR WILL BE SECURED UP, NOT TO EXTEND MORE
THAN TWO INCHES BELOW THE BOTTOM OF THE BASE OF THE COLLAR

License plate campaign to honor Virginia's female veterans

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) is trying to create a specialized license plate for female veterans. DVS needs to get 300 more applications from female veterans across the Commonwealth to get the initiative before the General Assembly this year.

DVS's women veterans program manager explained how this campaign goes far beyond just having a license plate.

"We want to be able to be seen and heard," veteran Beverly Vantull said. "We're not invisible." Having a designated license plate is a way to honor and recognize a female veteran's service to the country.

Veteran Lois Withers started the campaign with Loretta Gully so women who have served receive the same respect as male veterans. A special license plate is also a way to stand out among the existing military plates.

The campaign not only honors female veterans; it starts an important conversation to bring the community together to open the eyes of some of the male veterans to understand that some of their sisters in arms are struggling and hurting and need them to be our voice.

The campaign needs to get to 450 applications by January 10 for the General Assembly to approve it. It costs \$10 to submit an application for the license plate.

*Isabella Ledonne
Roanoke, VA*

A Member's HERstory

Greetings from Clovis, CA. My name is Barbara Hoadley and I am a proud WMA Life Member, #379. I recently attended the WMA Convention in Las Vegas and have also attended conventions in Buena Park, Minnesota, Charleston, and the WIMSA Memorial Dedication in October 1997. These events have given me the opportunity to renew fond memories of friends (then and now) who live in our hearts forever, including June Dempsey, Frances Hill (partner of 28 years), Mary Spall, Sandra Detwiler among others.

I, along with school friend Nancy Bayman, signed with the USMC in Columbus, OH (my hometown) in September 1950. I told my Dad when I graduated from high school that I wanted to join the Navy. He

said "NO WAY!"

I worked for Ohio Bell until I turned 21, joined the USMC at that time, then on my way to boot camp at Parris Island. I was lucky to be one of Sgt. June Andler's Angels, Platoon 3A. I was sent to El Toro (MCAS) and took my first train ride, only to



Nita Bob Warner

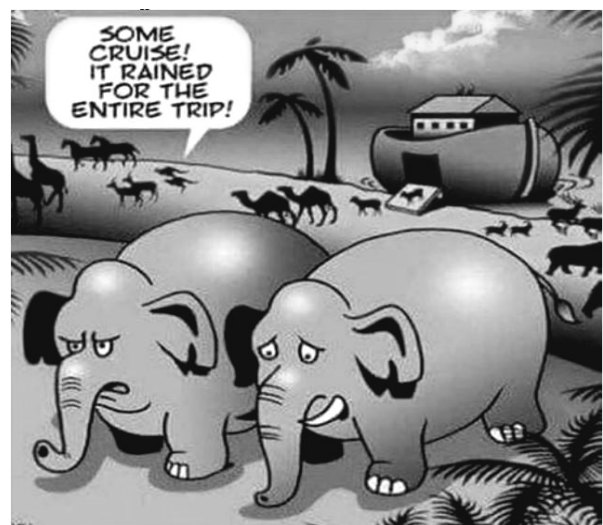
find the women's barracks un-livable, having been closed since WWII. Under the amazing leadership of Nita Bob Warner and with a lot of hard work (cleaning), we accomplished our task! Nita Bob Warner was a friend, coach for our sports teams and a role-model for all who were fortunate to have known her. Great times were had on the base: our jobs (MOS), mess duty, ceremonies and parades as well as participating in sports, including trips to other bases by car, bus, plane, etc.

After serving at El Toro and San Francisco, I was discharged in 1953 as a Staff Sgt. Teletype Operator. I moved to Los Angeles and joined the reserves (USMCR) and was last discharged in 1964 as Tech. Sgt. Teletype Operator.

After that I worked for Howard Hughes (Western Union) in Culver City for four years and then went to college and became an elementary teacher in Los Angeles for 14 years and then for 19 years in Fresno, CA. I retired from teaching in September of 2015.

If I may quote a golfing friend...."The Good Lord willin' and the creek don't rise," I may see you in Georgia.

*Semper Fi
Barbara Hoadley*



Chaplain's Corner

Many years ago, an Orthodox Jewish Rabbi told me, "With the practice, comes the meaning." As Marines, we should know this. When you were going through boot camp or OCS, were there not times you asked yourself (never out loud), "What is the point of doing this?" or "Why?!" Then with time, the purpose became clear and eventually you formed a discipline around doing it. Sometimes the discipline itself *was* the meaning.

Breathing is something we do unconsciously. We need breath to live and without breath there is no life. Yet, rarely do we breathe consciously. Have you ever thought about how breath links us back to essence of who we are as human being – spiritually, emotionally and physically? In Yoga, breath is understood to be the best means we have available to connect to the life force (*prana*) within us. In the Judeo-Christian tradition Scripture tells us that it is God's breath that gives us life as human beings. "Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being" (Genesis 2:7).

If you do not already have a breathing practice, in this new year, would you be willing to join me by finding a daily time to breathe consciously – in and out? At first, the practice may seem pointless. However, in the practice, I believe you will find the meaning. Breathing in and breathing out. For in conscious breathing, we are better able to control our emotions, we deepen our spiritual awareness of the God-given life force within us and we nourish our physical bodies.

Will you join me?

Melinda Townsend



A young girl did this tree as a tribute to her father whom she lost recently.

With thanks to CA-5's friend, Julie Nelson.



Taps

"If the Army and the Navy ever look on Heaven's scene, they will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines."

(Third stanza of the *Marines' Hymn*)

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

Life Members

Allord, Lorraine M. (Conley)	1183	11/15/2022	WI-1
Comeau, Lidwine (Deveau)	3833	10/07/2022	MAL
Fish, Vernetta (Mades)	3083	10/09/2022	WI-1
Harlacker, Margaret J.	3116	12/06/2022	MAL
Van Tubergen, Marjorie ("Peggy") (Adams)		11/16/2022	CR

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Bandy, Margaret ("Peg") (Bittel)	12/14/2022	MAL
Bieber, Florence A.	07/20/2022	CR
Campbell, Adeline (Evans)	11/10/2022	CR
Steele, Barbara Evelyn (Beltran)	09/30/2022	CR

Loss of Note

Lorraine "Connie" Allord, a long time life member of WMA joined the Corps in 1943 and became an air traffic controller at Cherry Point. Connie was discharged in 1945 as a staff sergeant, and became the first woman in Wisconsin to use her G.I. Bill to earn her pilot's license.



Connie (right) with her buddy Joan Willauer at one of the conventions.

She and her Seabee husband, Larry, spent their lives in Wisconsin

and raised three children. Connie had an active career as a ceramics instructor, secretary, retail sales, and realtor, as well as being greatly involved in numerous veterans committees and organizations, and the Senior Olympics.

Connie leaves behind her three children, five grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and many, many friends. Her husband Larry passed in 2001.

The family requested donations in lieu of flowers be made to the WMA Scholarship Fund.

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New Memorial at Lejeune

A new memorial was unveiled at the Lejeune Memorial Gardens on October 13, 2022 in honor of Navy hospital corpsmen who have long fought alongside Marines.



The dedication ceremony, held just outside Camp Lejeune, was attended by Navy and Marine leadership, current and former service members, and the Navy Corpsmen Memorial Organization, a group that fundraised for the memorial's creation for over a decade.

"A group of people, both civilian and military, gathered together and discussed the feasibility of creating an organization to build a memorial honoring the Fleet



Prototype

Marine Force Corpsmen," Kris Burritt, a founding member of the Corpsmen Memorial Foundation, said. In January 2008 such an organization was founded comprised of active duty and retired corpsmen, Marines and civilians.

The foundation notes that 2,227 corpsmen have been killed in the line of duty since the inception of the corpsmen rate, according to the release. Walkways around the statue will be paved with bricks cast with the names of those fallen.



The statue itself, which depicts a life-size corpsman shielding a wounded Marine from further injury, was created by artist Abbe Godwin of Colfax, NC, who

also created The Peacekeeper statue at the nearby Beirut Memorial.

The Navy's hospital corpsmen, which are considered to be the most decorated rating in the Navy, trace their roots back to 1898, according to Naval History and Heritage Command.



"The bond and relationship between Navy Corpsmen and Marines is sacred and unbreakable! They are a united team of brothers and sisters who don the cloth of a grateful nation," Raymond Applewhite, a Corpsmen Memorial Foundation member and retired senior chief hospital corpsman, said.

"The memorial is our way of saying 'Thank you, Doc' to those magnificent Corpsmen who, in many instances, risked their own lives to treat injured Marines," Applewhite continued.

Navy Times

Chapter Clippings

CA-3 San Francisco Bay Area

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

August – barbecue/potluck at CA-3 member Bonnie Dabalos-Castro's house. Paul Castro manned the grill – cooling hamburgers, hot dogs, and chicken to order. New CA-3 member Amy Bernard joined us – welcome to Amy! Salads, desserts, and appetizers were provided by all, and as usual, a great time was had by everyone.

September's meeting was a very small crowd – hosted by Loyal Escort Cheryl Christensen.

Our October meeting was a 'no-host' meeting – everyone helped, providing various raffle prizes and table decorations.



Our November meeting was hosted by CA-3 member Kathy Wright. We had the traditional cake cutting ceremony, with our youngest Marine, Angelina Miller, receiving the first piece of cake from our oldest Marine present, Maggie Hart. At this meeting, we also collected toys for Toys for Tots, which Lily Brockmeier took with her to drop off.



In our last article, I reported that CA-3 marched in a 4th of July parade. Well, a few days after the parade, I found out that in this year's Fourth of July Parade in Downtown Redwood City, the largest Independence Day parade in Northern California, first place in the Military Group was won by the marching unit comprised of the Marine Corps League Detachment 10, Women Marines Association Chapter CA-3, and the Golden Gate Young Marines! Way to go Marines!



CA-3 member Lily Brockmeier attended the San Mateo County annual Veterans Recognition Lunch, which included the local USMC color guard, POW/MIA table, and guest speaker Congresswoman Jackie Speier.

CA-3 member Susan Johnston participated in the Veteran's Day ceremony in Tracy, CA. At the Tracy War Memorial, the names of all the Veterans who gave their lives while serving were read off, one by one, including a bell ringing and the verbal "no response." Afterwards, lunch was provided free of charge to all veterans. The local ROTC unit provided a POW/MIA table and ceremony.

Our December meeting was our annual Christmas celebration, where we continued with our Christmas tradition of "adopting" a local Marine/Marine veteran and their family. This year, we supported two local active-duty Marine families, both of which had two small children, and another one on the way. We obtained "wish lists" from each Marine family and were able to fulfill everything on each list, while also inviting each family to enjoy Christmas lunch with the Chapter.



Chapter members participated in a "crazy hat" contest, won by Sgt Machado, one of the active-duty Marines! We also had a Christmas sock exchange.

During this period, CA-3 member Susan Johnston participated in four Memorial Services as a part of the combined American Legion/VFW Honor Guard.

Susan Johnston

CA-7 Edith Macias Vann Southern California

HAPPY NEW YEAR from CA-7!

August 2nd, Chapter President Iris Biggers attended the retirement ceremony for 1stSgt Stephany W. Almonte — serving an honorable and dedicated 22 years of service. 1stSgt Almonte believes in “If you take care of your troops, the troops will take care of you.” Our chapter presented her with a card and bouquet of flowers.

August 13th, Melinda Willett, was gracious to host our Annual Summer Social at her home. The chapter provided the hamburger, hotdogs, bun and condiments. Chapter members contributed side dishes, salads, veggie trays, beverages and desserts. Melinda’s husband Bryce was the grill master and did a fabulous job. Those who attended really had a fun time.

Let’s talk about the 2022 WMA Biennial Convention & Professional Development Symposium held in Las Vegas. We all had a fun time. Congratulations to NV-3 for doing a wonderful job. Chapter members who attended: President Iris Biggers, Vice President Mary Anthony, Treasurer Lillian Cross, Jaime Anderson, Barbara Cogburn, Danielle Dillard, Kathy Kincaid and Peggy Reiber. Loyal Escorts Ken Cross and Dennis Kovats also attended.



Jason Anderson and Michelle Anthony were present also. Jason became our newest Loyal Escort. Welcome Aboard.



For the Opening Banquet Flag Ceremony, Jaime Anderson carried our flag. For the Recognition & Awards Luncheon, Lillian Cross received the WMA National Service Award (2nd time). A big Oohrah to Lillian; your chapter sisters are very proud of you! We were excited to see that our chapter (1 of 5) received a gold 50th Anniversary streamer and certificate.

Some of the things mentioned at the convention: how to build a better connection between chapter members, promoting our events (newspapers, radio stations, social media), reaching out to MAL and working with other service organizations. Our chapter

will definitely do the above. We hope to get more members proactive and help the chapter when needed.

October 8th, we held our monthly muster. A few members brought in toys for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. We started off with lunch and as we ate, we checked in with one another to see how everyone is doing. Next, we discussed business and discussed the convention. Our new Chapter Historian is Jaime Anderson.



November 12, we celebrate the Marine Corps birthday at Hunters Steakhouse. Several CA-2 members joined us. Guest Speaker was CA-7 chapter member Amy Forsythe. We honored our oldest and youngest Marine. Fun time had by all.

December 10th was our last chapter muster for the year.

Hope to see you at the USMC Women Reserves 80th Anniversary Luncheon February 11, 2023.

Semper Fidelis
Iris Biggers

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HI-2 Wahine Koa

The Wahine Koa, HI-2 Chapter, have been veteran focused this past quarter. Marines led the charge at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (informally known as Punchbowl Cemetery), or "Puowaina," (Hill of Sacrifice in Hawaiian).

First, our Chapter President, Maggie Gaukler, coordinated the Veterans Day Event. Our Wahine Koa were members of the protocol team who greeted distinguished visitors, handed out leis and escorted them to their seats.



Then, we returned in December with members who helped to place 2000 wreaths on graves of the fallen in this annual remembrance/decoration tradition most commonly known as "Wreaths Across America" (WAA). Our very own chapter member, Estella Euclid, did a fantastic job as this year's WWA Hawaii program coordinator and as the WAA program emcee.

In addition, from 7-11 November, another chapter member, Deb Straight, was assigned as a Guardian for a three-war veteran (WWII, Korea and Vietnam) as part of a 50-member team consisting of three WWII, six Korean and 18 Vietnam Veterans, plus 15 Guardians, and eight Network Flight members who made possible Hawaii's first Honor Flight. The Honor Flight Network's mission is to fly our nation's veterans to Washington, DC to visit the memorials and monuments dedicated to honoring their service and sacrifice. The Lone Eagle Honor Flight ensures that all veterans, regardless of their geographic location in the U.S, can participate in the Honor Flight Experience. The Honor Flight Network is hoping to add Hawaii as a hub in 2023 and we hope to be a part of and or contribute to the success of future flights.

Deb Straight

IL-2 Blanche Osborn

IL-2 bid farewell to an amazing year in 2022. We focused on honoring and celebrating our Legacy Marines and building our Women Marine sisterhood.



Helen Ehlers

This year IL-2 celebrated the birthdays of 99 year old Legacy Marines Helen Ehlers and Muriel Underwood. We had a wonderful lunch at Mission BBQ for Helen Ehlers, which included several of her Marine Corps League friends as well as her Marine Sisters from IL-2. Muriel Underwood was able to get on our Zoom and her Marine Sisters, including Marine Helen Ehlers, wished her a wonderful birthday and told her she is very dearly loved.

2022 also saw the second Annual Women Marine Retreat, sponsored by Marine Slown on her property in Michigan. It was a joyous weekend of fellowship and sisterhood.

IL-2 finished the year with members helping with Toys for Tots and our annual Holiday party, which included new members in attendance. Legacy Marines Helen Ehlers and Mary Roa received a Quilt of Valor. Also honored with a quilt of Valor, but unable to attend, was Legacy Marine Muriel Underwood and Gwen DePinto. Thank you for presenting Marine Underwood with her quilt, and Marine DePinto will also receive hers at a later date.



Mary Roa and Helen Ehlers



Muriel Underwood receiving her Quilt of Honor

Weekend to Chicago, continuing our events to foster sisterhood to grow our membership, and to serve and support our Women Marine members when we can.

*Semper Fidelis
Stephanie Kifowit*



MA-1 Baystate

On January 9, MA-1 Baystate Chapter held a "Meet and Greet and How do you do?." Our chapter has dwindled in size and Heidi Hurley is determined with gusto to bring up the numbers. Happy to say that three new members joined the chapter.

During our gathering we had Marines from ALL ages and eras. The youngest of the group just got off active duty, where our eldest guest is turning 99 next month! Millie Cox is a WWII veteran and an amazing lady. As she said, "My doctor says I have nice legs!"

The Chapter is looking forward to a regrowth and will be meeting again soon.

Heidi Hurley

MI-2 Motor City

Our Marine Corps Birthday celebration was a huge success. We had close to 50 WMA members, Loyal Escorts and a few guests. Our oldest Marine was Betty Jean Cannon, who had served in Vietnam and the



youngest was Jessica Hill. Of course the Geico Gecko made an appearance!

The WMA Motor City Chapter has had a bustling quarter. We have spent a lot of time working with the new Michigan



Veteran's Home in Chesterfield. This year we decided to make Christmas

the best ever for them. With the help of our community partners in late November we were able to fill over 100 Christmas stockings. Loose Threads, a sewing group in Romeo, donated the homemade stockings. They also contributed several twin-size quilts that were service specific. The community brought in t-shirts, socks, underwear, and boxes and cases of snacks and puzzles. We loaded up a van with the items.



At the same time, we worked with Four Corners Diner to have a Veteran Tree. We made tags for every veteran with three items on the tag. The community once again came together to make sure that every wish was filled. Everything from gift cards to an artist's table. We had our WMA members and Loyal Escorts there helping to sort and audit all of the gifts. We collected over 300 gifts for the Veterans. It took three cars



and a truck to get everything there. The town wanted to know what they could do next!

On January 14, we hosted a BBQ for the veterans and staff. We had a team of competition BBQers lead by a Marine to cook up a fantastic meal for all. They did pulled pork, chicken, coleslaw, cornbread, mac and cheese and apple crisp. They were able to feed over 126 people. Sadly we were only able to deliver the items to the facility and help them sort it for the different areas of the home. Word is it was the best thing ever.

We have lots of plans for the coming year to help our veterans and community.

Mary Merritt



“Be Bold. Be Brief. Be Gone”

Among the rows of white headstones in Arlington National Cemetery is one dated December 6, 2006, bearing a distinctive six-word motto: “Be bold. Be brief. Be gone.”



It belongs to Maj. Megan McClung, the highest-ranking female Marine officer to die in the Iraq War and the first female U.S. Naval Academy graduate ever to be killed in action.

Those six words were the instructions McClung gave to fellow public affairs officers for how to deal with the press. But it also was how McClung lived her 34 years.

Coming across those words in Arlington in 2010 led military author Tom Sileo (“Brothers Forever,” “8 Seconds of Courage”) to Google McClung and eventually get in touch with her now-late father, a Marine Vietnam veteran.

After more than a decade of corresponding with McClung’s family, friends, and colleagues, Sileo completed “Be Bold: How a Marine Corps Hero Broke Barriers for Women at War,” published by Fidelis Publishing on November 11, 2022.

“Megan had an awareness of the fact that a few things might be a little harder for her because she was a woman, but it wasn’t part of her daily existence,” Sileo told *Marine Corps Times*. “It was just, ‘I’m going to work as hard as I need to work, and I’m never going to make excuses, and I’m never going to ask for any special privileges.’”

McClung “stood a mere 5 feet 4 inches and weighed only 125 pounds, but her spirit was a giant and had been since childhood,” Mike Barber of the *Seattle Post-Intelligence* wrote. When the signup sheet for her high school’s weightlifting class said, “No girls allowed,” McClung convinced the school board to let her in, and held her own with the boys.

When she didn’t get into the Naval Academy the first time, she went to Admiral Farragut Academy for a year as part of its first class of women and was accepted to the Naval Academy the second time around.

When her body could no longer support her training as a college gymnast, she became a talented marathoner and triathlete.

And when her dreams of becoming a Naval fighter pilot were dashed, she threw her efforts into preparing to be a Marine officer and was commissioned in 1995.

McClung desperately wanted to deploy to Iraq to “go tell the real stories,” as she put it. Becoming a military contractor allowed her to do that, so she became one in 2004 and transitioned to the Reserves.

“For Megan, it was about helping ensure accurate and well-rounded reporting,” Sileo writes. “Yes, death and destruction were part of the story, but so were the humanity and hope Megan witnessed firsthand.”

In 2004 in Baghdad, she survived a gunfire attack that enemy insurgents launched on her vehicle.

McClung went back on active duty in 2006 because she wanted her stories to reach a wider audience. In February 2006, she deployed again to Iraq.

On top of her responsibilities as a public affairs officer in Fallujah, Iraq, and later Ramadi, she completed an online master’s degree in criminal justice and remained an avid runner despite the desert heat. She even founded, directed, and raced alongside 107 other runners in the Marine Corps Marathon-Forward, held in western Iraq on the same day as the popular race in Washington, D.C.

Fellow Marines admired her enthusiasm, humor and leadership. Several local tribal leaders grew to trust her personally. And journalists appreciated her careful planning and her dedication to getting them answers and access.

While McClung was escorting *Newsweek* journalists, who were in the vehicle in front of her, an improvised explosive device detonated under her Humvee. The blast killed her and two soldiers in the vehicle.

McClung has become a part of Corps and Naval Academy history, and there are a half-dozen awards and scholarships that bear her name. But “Be Bold” isn’t just about McClung’s legacy as a Marine. It portrays her as a young woman who was generous to her loved ones and unstinting in pursuit of her goals.

In his first conversation with her mother, Re McClung, Sileo told her he was sorry that the tragedy occurred.

She said, “it’s not a tragedy because Megan died doing exactly what she wanted to be doing.” Her parents both expressed that they believe that if Megan had the opportunity to do it again that she would, despite the fact that she lost her life.

Sileo, who has a young daughter with Down Syndrome, said that McClung’s determination in spite of obstacles has inspired him personally.

“I’m never going to let somebody tell my little girl that she can’t do something just because she has Down Syndrome,” Sileo said. “And, like Megan said about the glass ceiling, she told her mom, ‘There’s only a glass ceiling if you can see it.’”

Irene Loewenson
Marine Corps Times
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(WMA has the Major Megan McClung Memorial Scholarship as one of its scholarships)



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