### **Celebrating our Members and Their Families**



### Heartfelt thanks to our members



Thanksgiving is here. On behalf of the WMA Board of Directors, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our members (and followers on social media) for your support and participation with WMA over the past year. WMA has a lot to be thankful for - we are forging a path which will ensure our legacy and history as women who earned the title Marine will continue to reinforce. Holidays can be a tough time. WMA would like to reach out and ensure that all of you look to the WMA as a safe haven. WMA welcomes all women Marines and our Navy FMF certified partners into our fold. This is your professional association. WMA has a lot to be thankful for and our members are key to ensuring we remain your association of choice. As this holiday season moves rapidly from Thanksgiving to Christmas and the New Year it can be overwhelming at times. Take the time to reflect and recount all you have that is a blessing. Happy Thanksgiving to all. Semper Fidelis, Ann



#### Presidential Initiative for November and December

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

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

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

# **Card Alert**

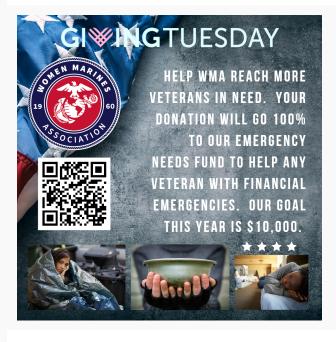
Cpl. Eileen Morgan Neiler, USMC(R), WWII, will be entertained at a SURPRISE birthday party to help her celebrate her 99th birthday

Her chapter would appreciate any cards to assist her in this celebration to be received prior to 8

December at the following address:

Cpl. E. Neiler c/o Henderson P O Box 472 Tellico, Plains, TN 37385





Giving Tuesday is 29 November and WMA is working to raise funds that will go to our Emergency Needs Fund this year. Our goal this year is \$10,000.

The QR code on the left will take you to our WMA National Page. All donations there have no transaction Fees. You can also donate on the WMA page and even pick what area you would like to donate to.

https://www.womenmarines.org/donate/

Every donation counts. In this time of uncertainty WMA will be there for our Veterans in need. With your help we can help even more. Please be generous this year.

### **November Dates**

**4 November 1948** - First group of 3 wartime WR Officers sworn in.

**7 November 1942** - Approval by CMC LtGen Holcomb for formation of Women's Reserve. **7 November 2019** - LCpl Alexa Barth became

first female Marines to pass Basic

Reconnaissance Course

### Post your EVENTS!

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

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

Send us pictures of your events so that we can promote your chapter on social media. From our

**10 November 1948** First eight enlisted women were sworn in as Regular Marines.

**10 November 1775** Founding of the Marine Corps

10 November 1921: This date marked the first formal commemoration of the birthday of the Marine Corps as 10 November. On 21 October 1921, Maj Edwin McClellan, OIC of the Historical Section, HQMC, sent a memo to MajGen Commandant John A. Lejeune, suggesting that the original birthday of 10 November 1775 be declared a Marine Corps holiday to be celebrated throughout the Corps. Accordingly, on 1 Nov 1921, Gen Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order No. 47 summarizing the history, mission, and tradition of the Corps, and directed that it be read to every command each 10 November.

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13 November 1982: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, containing the names of more than 13,000 Marines who lost their lives in Vietnam, was dedicated this date at the Memorial site in Washington, D.C.

National FB page to Instagram and Flickr.

Post your EVENTS HERE

#### WHAT TO SEND WHERE

Have you changed your address? Your email? Has there been a death in your chapter?
Please send all information to wma@womenmarines.org

Have a suggestion? Something bothering you? Email listening@womenmarines.org

Have a story to tell? Need to promote your chapter? Send it with pictures to pro@womenmarines.org for inclusion to the WMA National Blog.



#### WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

On December 17, 2022 at 12:00 pm, Women Marines Association National Level (MI0040P) will be helping Jacksonville National Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you. Our Goal is 250 this year.

https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/20065/ Overview/

## **Our Then and Now Photos**





WMA would love to hear from you. Be sure to follow us on our links below.











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