

Empty Hearts

The only surviving founder of the Women Marines Association, Theresa "Sue" Sousa, has died of natural causes in Middletown, CT at the age of 96. Sue passed on May 5th after a brief illness. She was Life Member #4.

Born in Winchester, VA she graduated from Stephens City High School in 1945 and took a job in Washington, D. C. In 1950, she enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves and was called to active duty during the Korean Conflict. Based in Camp Pendleton, her first assignment was driving a jeep to deliver mail, providing occasions to chauffeur and socialize with the stars of the film "Flying Leathernecks" (John Wayne, Robert Ryan, etc.).

She said in an interview that when she was in high school she had a brother in the Army and one in the Navy and she thought she should be in the Marine Corps. She said she never would have been able to do or accomplish what she accomplished without that Marine Corps training. She felt sure of it.

Passionate about softball, Sue played semi-professionally in D.C., and at Pendleton she played on the Women Marines' team and the top-rated civilian team - the California Ramblers - in Los Angeles.

Her 32-year federal government career began in 1952 at the Department of



the Interior, U. S. Geological Survey, and covered a broad range of assignments — notably being Exhibits and Information Officer for a joint venture between the Department of the Interior and NASA. This cooperative effort resulted in NASA launching the first satellite devoted exclusively to the study of the Earth and its resources (Landsat). As a government representative, Sue designed, installed, and manned exhibits about the project for the Spokane World's Fair and scientific conferences in Stockholm, Manila, Cairo, San Juan, Paris, etc. (Landsat 9 continues to orbit the

earth, sending back data about climate change and helping to power Google Earth.)

Sue ended her government career as Chief Visual Information Officer for all of U.S. Geological Survey.

In 1960, she was invited to join a committee spearheading a new organization—the Women Marines Association. Engaged and active in every facet, she served as National President from 1974-1976 and was a presence at every national convention until the year before her death, lending her wit and wisdom as Mistress of Ceremonies and Installing Officer. Among WMA members, she is affectionately known as "Our Founding Mother."

Sue is survived by her sister Nancy and brother-
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in-law Wood-bridge D'Oench of Old Saybrook, CT; her longtime friend Eileen Scanlon of Essex, CT; nieces and their husbands and a great nephew. She was predeceased by a sister, three brothers, and a nephew.



Sue with Gloria Steinem at the 2017 Women's Hall of Fame

Sue's graveside service and inurnment at Arlington National Cemetery will take place on August 10 at 11:00 A.M. Those wishing to attend should meet at the Administration Building at 10:15.

A celebration of life service will be held at the Military Women's Memorial outside Arlington Cemetery on August 12. Sue served on the founding board of the Memorial for 17 years.

Her friends and fans, the lives she touched, span the nation and circle the globe. Semper Fi.

Obituary provided by Doolittle Funeral Service

Remembrance

A true pillar of WMA from our very beginning in Denver 1960 and through all these remaining years.

All of our Sister Marines have to be rejoicing in heaven to have Sue aboard at their final and best posting ever...their holy place...sacred space.

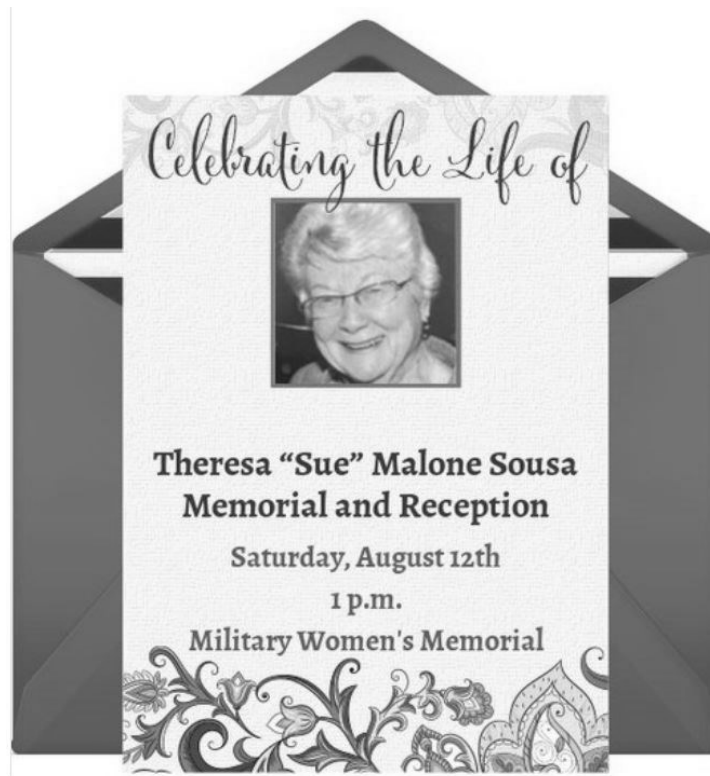
CA-5 was graced with Sue's support and membership through our 50 years. She was "golden!"

Blessing be upon She and all of Thee that have known Sue these beautiful years on our life's earthly journey.

*Gratitude to all...Semper Tua
Patricia Singer*



Photo by Lillian Cross



Remembrance

I met Sue in the early 60s when I joined WMA. She was referred to as the "Mother of WMA." Sue, along with Ruth Broe, Nita Bob Warner, and Eileen Scanlon were the "movers and shakers" of this great gathering of women Marines—young, old, lifers, or short-timers. The purpose was to gather for sharing, volunteering in local communities, and providing an educational opportunity for those in need. Their combined organizational abilities to draft a document that would do all this was due to the camaraderie they shared and wanted to share with their fellow women Marines. They formed chapters, organized conventions, and had a communication network second to none!

She had the leadership qualities necessary to "move things along." She had the ability to surround herself with like-minded helpers from all walks of life; a great sense of humor, dedication to the task at hand; and was a friend and mentor to many, of which I was privileged to be one who benefited in knowing her.

She was one of a kind and will be greatly missed by all who knew her, especially her family, both Marine and personal. "God Bless, my friend" which is the way she ended our many telephone conversations.

Jeanne Botwright



Reporting In...National President

Just when I thought the summer would bring a lull (you know the song: Summertime, when living is easy) – ough no.

WMA has been ON THE MOVE! Over 1200 Marines appeared overnight in Parris Island to observe the decommissioning of the 4th Recruit Battalion in June. It was a very somber, humbling experience. It was quite emotional but at the time incredibly exhilarating to have so many former Marines back on THEIR territory to observe the ceremony. Unfortunately for those that could not see it live as the links went down prior to the ceremony there are links that have been posted to Facebook and LinkedIn to see it. WMA had three board members in attendance: Patty Collins, VP; Christine Williams, Director of Finance; and myself. We made sure we were out in front and meeting as many Marines as we could. The tribute ceremony conducted by the 4th Battalion Chaplain, Lt Clark, was amazing. Our own retired SgtMaj Robin Fortner did her crowd raising “BLEED BURGUNDY” and our Chaplain Melinda Townsend also took part with adding some meaningful words. It truly was an amazing two days of events.

One of the links is “The Legacy of 4th Battalion: A Time For Celebration and Reflection,” and you can watch the video here: <https://www.facebook.com/ParrisIsland/videos/722231089658867>. There is one of the actual ceremony at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/887312/4th-recruit-training-battalion-deactivation-ceremony>.

The decommissioning of 4th Battalion has given WMA a great opportunity and one that we will capitalize on. We have become the “keepers” of that rich history. We will ensure we never forget the importance of that Battalion and what it meant to so many members.

In August we have a team going to Kerrville, Texas to begin the dissemination of uniforms and other memorabilia from the Women of the Corps Collection. I wrote about this in the last Monthly Minute so it should not come as a surprise. WMA will take possession of as many uniforms as possible for use in events (like Convention) and if we can find some of the photos eventually create a photo book that can be published and purchased by members. I would also like to disseminate some of the photos to our Marine Corps publications such as Leatherneck. Anything remaining will be sent to the National Marine Corps Museum. And the Women Marines exhibit at the Museum, which currently

is basically a corner in one small area will be expanded. They (the museum) will be creating a Colonel Julia Hamblet area with her uniforms on display. When its completed, I will be sure to let everyone know.

Immediately after the 4th Battalion decommissioning, WMA was present at the Modern-Day Marine Exposition. WOW! That was also an amazing event. We had a small presence there (myself and Elaine May Stem) as well as volunteers from DC-1. Had a lot of foot traffic by the booth and I was able to network with many outside entities that have an interest in partnering with WMA (Marine for Life, Headquarters Education and Library Programs who have offered to send our ‘Nouncements to all base/installation libraries through their website!) and other potential sponsors. It was great to network and see so many old friends.

August will also bring the inurnment ceremony and a reception for our founding Mother, Theresa “Sue” Malone Sousa. There have been many notices about the event on Facebook (dates are 10 August for the inurnment at Arlington Cemetery and 12 August for a reception at the Military Women’s Memorial facility also located at the Arlington Cemetery). Please notify Leila Jackson (laajacks@aol.com) if you plan on attending.

There is a lot going on! Stay motivated, stay cool and most importantly, take care of each other.

Semper Fidelis, Ann

Reporting In...National Vice President



Happy Summer, Marines!

Since it is summer time and we all get a little busy, I will not be hosting any chapter networking, or new members' Meet and Greets until September. I have also rescheduled June's Fire Watch presentation until Sept. I am always looking for ideas on networking subjects. If you have something you would like us to discuss please contact me at listening@womenmarines.org.

Want to start a chapter in your area. Please let me know and we will assist you in getting started. We are currently working with members to stand up a few new chapters. I am excited to see how many new chapters we can stand up. We are also working on some networking ideas to bring more members together to include or members at large. I look forward to meeting as many members in my travels as I can.

Hope your summer has been great so far. If you

have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. wmavp@womenmarines.org.

Have a great summer.

Patty Collins



Fare thee well, 4th Battalion

As most of you are aware, the Marine Corps has integrated training on both Parris Island and San Diego.

What you may NOT know is, on June 15th, 4th Recruit Training Battalion on Parris Island was deactivated.

Many of us didn't serve in 4th Battalion. We served in WRTBn, Woman Recruit Training Bn, or WRTC, Woman Recruit Training Command. There were no yellow footprints, no spanking new barracks. But there were still DIs moving our behinds in their own "unique" way.

I was stationed at PI when they opened the new barracks. Worked in WM Clothing. Up until that time, we were living in the World War II barracks at the other end of the street. Interesting facts about the new barracks: when the complex was being built, a heavy rain washed out a lot of the dirt/sand underneath it causing a delay in moving in. And then, when it did open, someone had run a bra up the flagpole in front of the recruit administrative offices sometime during the night. The fountain in between the permanent personnel barracks was given a cleaning when someone poured bubble bath into it.

Yes, those were the days. Days when we carried purses instead of rifles. Days when make-up classes consisted of red lipstick and eye shadow that went with the uniform and not camouflage. Days when our utility uniform was comprised of blue slacks, light blue shirt, blue cover, navy blue sweater, and oxfords. Cammies were not even a uniform for the men yet. Days when our platoon numbers were alphanumeric...5A, 7B, 10B...based on the month you reported in.

On one hand, it's sad to see it end. But on the other, it's good to see the Corps integrate. Progress. Even our past leaders would be proud. I am proud of my memories of WRTBn/WRTC/4thBn. The battalion will never die. It will live on in our memories.

Please feel free to send me some of those memories for the next issue.

Sondra Metzger



Looking for our Centurions

In our database we have birthdates of many that are missing. We are working on a program to assure that our member milestones are recognized.

You can send the names and dates to me and I will assure that our database is updated.

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By the Way...

Adrianne McLarahmore is your new Director of Membership!

Adrianne is an experienced board member, having served as the National Treasurer from 2016 to 2018. She received the National Service Award for confirming the public charity status of WMA, stopping WMA from becoming a private foundation for that tax period.

Adrianne retired from active duty on January 31, 2002 with the rank of Gunnery Sergeant. After retirement, she returned to Michigan and graduated from the University of Phoenix with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and then a Masters in Business Administration. She is currently the treasurer for MI-2.

Welcome back, Adrianne!



Sondra Metzger

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Platoon 2033, Echo

PFC Savannah R. Tripp, Clinton, MS
Graduation: 2 June 2023

Platoon 1041, Bravo

PFC Mariselys Ortizgonzalez, Reading, PA
Graduation: 23 June 2023

Platoon 2113, Echo, MCRD San Diego

PFC Alexia N. Ward
Graduation: 16 June 2023

PFC Marisol Chavez
MCRD San Diego
Graduation: 4 May 2023

Not a Marine, But Still Noteworthy

Lt Amanda Lee, a native of Mounds View, MN, is the first female to fly with the Blue Angels in the #3 F/A-18 jet during their performances.

Lt Lee began her training as a Navy pilot in 2013, and has accumulated more than 1,400 flight



hours and over 225 carrier-arrested landings.

She joined the Blue Angels in September 2022.

In a recent performance in Oklahoma City, the woman in the photo to the left made the cake they are standing behind. Yes, ladies, that is a CAKE of Lt Lee's jet from the base all the way up.



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Just showcasing what our sister servicewomen are achieving.

Sondra Metzger

The Past and Present Toxins Affecting Military Women at Camp Lejeune

For countless service members, the Army's mismanagement and improper disposal of toxic substances throughout the second part of the 20th century has been the source of long-lasting and irreparable consequences. In cases like North Carolina's infamous Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base, the deplorable extent of contamination left an indelible mark on the unsuspecting troops and civilians who were none the wiser to the chemical hazards leaching into drinking water sources.

While toxic exposure is indiscriminate in its effects, the biological differences between men and women lead to sex-specific health issues and risks. However, due to its largely male-centered focus, the Army hasn't always been as receptive or accommodating toward women's particular requirements as it is today.

Camp Lejeune's Chemical Hazards

For 34 years (1953 – 1987), about a million individuals who lived and served at Camp Lejeune were exposed to volatile organic compounds resulting from decaying solvents, degreasers, oil, industrial chemicals, and even radioactive waste. Analysis of the base's grounds conducted in the early 80s identified more than 70 chemical hazards in water and soil samples ranging 240 – 3,400 times above safety levels, including carcinogens like trichloroethylene (TCE), per/tetrachloroethylene (PCE), vinyl chloride, benzene, and multiple heavy metals.

By 1989, Camp Lejeune's contaminant issues placed it on the EPA's National Priorities List as a Superfund site, with ongoing cleanup projects mandated under CERCLA allowing the base to remain in operation to this day. Despite extensive remedial efforts, testing conducted in the mid-to-late 2010s identified large volumes of a previously unaccounted class of emerging contaminants: per/polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

Colloquially known as "forever chemicals," PFAS are artificial compounds whose durable molecular bonds prevent natural decomposition. Thanks to their flame-retardant properties, PFAS (in particular, the variants PFOA and PFOS) were also the main ingredients in aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF), a firefighting solution used extensively by the military since the early 1970s.

In 2016, the EPA released non-regulatory advisory

guidelines for PFOA and PFOS, restricting acceptable concentrations to 70 parts per trillion (ppt). The levels detected at Camp Lejeune stemming from legacy AFFF use (179,348 ppt) were over 2,500 times above recommendations.

Toxic Exposure's Consequences on Female Veterans

As an unintended consequence of the Army's traditional male-centric outlook, female service members' particular health risks and needs weren't always afforded the attention they warranted. Over the years, the growing awareness of toxic exposure's enduring adverse effects has led to better insights into the egregious risks that Camp Lejeune's toxins posed to women troops and military spouses.

Exposure to PCE and TCE has been linked to cervical, ovarian, and breast cancer, lower birth weight, and miscarriages. Heavy metal exposure is also associated with elevated cancer risks, stillbirths, and miscarriages, while exposure to benzene can lead to higher risks of spontaneous abortions and congenital disabilities.

The large concentrations of PFAS detected at Camp Lejeune drive further anxieties among the base's current and former female residents, as chronic exposure to forever chemicals has been associated with lower birth weights, longer pregnancies due to impaired fertility, preeclampsia, as well as thyroid and hormonal disruptions. Notably, recent research and systematic reviews of the available medical literature also link PFAS exposure to higher breast cancer risks.

In 2012, Congress adopted the Camp Lejeune Families Act aiming to improve veterans' and military dependents' access to adequate health benefits and compensation through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). However, while the VA recognized 8 diseases as presumptive conditions linked to the base's hazards in 2017, women-specific afflictions weren't afforded the same status. In turn, women veterans and civilians affected by Camp Lejeune's toxins must first demonstrate that their disease is service-connected before being provided any assistance.

Military Women's Challenges and Traumas

With nearly 230,000 active officers and enlisted personnel across every branch of the armed forces, women represent the highest-growing demograph-

ic and also comprise about 10 percent of the veteran population (approximately 2 million).

Despite increasing in numbers, the public perception of women as military professionals or veterans remains concerningly low. While 14% of adult US men are veterans (1 in 7), only 1.5% of women carry the same distinction (1 in 69).

As a result of reduced social visibility, non-VA healthcare providers tend to omit inquiring if women previously served in the armed forces. By not accounting for potential prior military careers, non-VA physicians could inadvertently overlook important details regarding chemical exposures and distinct stressors during service, which could fundamentally change their diagnosis.

Following planned reforms in the military health system, women veterans and pregnant military spouses at Camp Lejeune have reported week-long delays between appointments and difficulties accessing obstetric & gynecological care. Sadly, the obstacles that female troops and Marine wives continue to encounter are unwittingly reminiscent of the base's grievous legacy of infant fatalities.

Addressing Women's Health Needs

While both male and female Camp Lejeune veterans are affected by the VA's high rejection rate of disability claims, military spouses seeking disability or survivor compensation have also had to contend with bureaucratic obstacles impeding their access to the benefits they're entitled to. Despite the setbacks, the continuous discussions surrounding service members' toxic exposure risks have been the catalyst for critical legislative actions over the past several years.

In 2020, the Breast and Gynecologic Oncology System of Excellence was established under the VA's National Oncology Program, specifically aimed at improving the quality of care and building the appropriate infrastructure required to screen for and treat women's reproductive cancers.

In January 2021, the signing of the Deborah Sampson Act brought additional improvements meant to eliminate barriers encumbering women veterans' access to specialized care. By virtue of the bill, funding was allocated to retrofit VA medical centers to better serve women patients' needs, providing more privacy and ensuring that facilities are adequately equipped to deliver quality care and benefits, including hiring medical staff specialized

in women's primary healthcare.

Last year, the adoption of the bipartisan PACT Act sought to address a comprehensive range of issues affecting veterans and military families affected by toxic exposure. Under the bill, 23 new diseases are recognized as presumptive conditions, former Camp Lejeune residents can once again file lawsuits, and the burden of proof for plaintiffs was significantly reduced. Although not explicitly listed as presumptive conditions, the vital progress brought on by the PACT Act now extends VA disability coverage to breast cancer diagnoses and miscarriages linked to Camp Lejeune's contamination.

About the Author

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The United States Marine Corps Memorial Foundation invites you to help keep the flags flying and lit at night. Major repairs are needed and flag supplies are a continued expense.

Dear Marines,

The United States Marine Corps Memorial Foundation has been raising funds to remodel the United States Marine Corps Memorial dedicated to "all Marines for all time" serving to "Honor Marines and remember all who serve" by Commandant Louis H Wilson, USMC 1977.

Funds dedicated to the flags and their lighting are getting low and significant electrical repairs are necessary after the heavy rains this spring. Flags need to be replaced often due to the heavy winds in the area. The current electrical estimate is over \$15,000!

Donations dedicated to this function of the Memorial are dedicated to that purpose only and are sorely needed.

Paula Sarlls, President

United States Marine Corps Memorial Foundation

(for more information and how to donate, go to the following website: <https://usmcmemorialfoundation.org/>)

WMA MCJROTC AWARDS



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South Iredell
High School
Statesville, NC



Aubrey Ytuarte
Rio Rancho High School
Rio Rancho, NM



Maria Elena Riveria
Cibola High School
Yuma, AZ



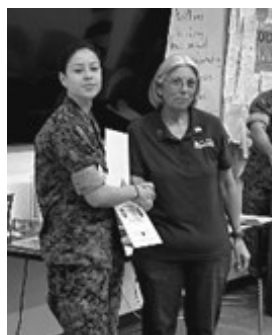
Nicolette Howard
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Shiprock, NM



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Mexico High School
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Cpl Manny showing Bruno the ropes on the confidence course.



Pvt Bruno working on his martial arts training.

In the last issue, the new “recruit” at San Diego didn’t get a proper introduction. This is Bruno. He is taking over morale and ceremonial duties for Cpl Manny who is retiring to Philadelphia to live with another Marine who is also retiring.

Discover Atlanta, GA: WMA National Convention 2024

Atlanta, Georgia, is set to be the vibrant host city for the upcoming WMA National Convention, taking place from August 8th to 12th, 2024. Known for its rich history, diverse culture, and southern hospitality, Atlanta promises an unforgettable experience for convention attendees.

A Glimpse into Atlanta's History:

Atlanta, the capital city of Georgia, played a pivotal role in American history. Founded in 1837 as a transportation hub, the city rose from the ashes of the Civil War to become a symbol of resilience and progress. Atlanta served as the birthplace of the Civil Rights Movement, led by influential figures like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Today, the city stands as a testament to the triumphs and struggles of the past, offering visitors a chance to delve into its fascinating history.

Must-See Places in Atlanta:

- Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site: Pay homage to one of the most prominent figures in American history by visiting this site. Explore Dr. King's childhood home, the Ebenezer Baptist Church where he preached, and the powerful exhibits at the National Civil Rights Museum.
- The Atlanta History Center: Immerse yourself in the city's past at this sprawling complex. The center features the Atlanta History Museum, the Swan House, and the Smith Family Farm. Discover artifacts, interactive exhibits, and beautiful gardens that bring the history of Atlanta to life.
- The World of Coca-Cola: Experience the fascinating story of the world's most iconic soft drink at this interactive museum. Learn about the history, culture, and global impact of Coca-Cola through engaging exhibits and sample beverages from around the world.
- Piedmont Park: Take a break from the convention and soak in the beauty of Atlanta at Piedmont Park. This urban oasis offers scenic trails, picturesque views of the city skyline, and recreational activities such as jogging, picnicking, and sports.
- The Georgia Aquarium: Dive into an underwater wonderland at the largest aquarium in the Western Hemisphere. Explore a diverse range of marine life, including whale sharks, dolphins, and penguins. Don't miss the opportunity to witness awe-inspiring aquatic shows and behind-the-scenes experiences.
- Atlanta Botanical Garden: Escape the hustle and bustle of the city and find tranquility in the lush greenery of the Atlanta Botanical Garden. Wander through stunning themed gardens, including the tropical rainforest, Japanese garden, and rose garden.

As you prepare to attend the WMA National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, in August 2024, get ready to experience a city deeply rooted in history and culture. From the significant landmarks commemorating the Civil Rights Movement to the vibrant attractions that showcase the city's progress, Atlanta offers a unique blend of past and present. Embrace the opportunity to explore this remarkable city, create lasting memories, and engage with fellow convention attendees against the backdrop of Atlanta's captivating charm.



Marines left without a confirmed commandant for 1st time since 1910

A Monday morning ceremony marking the end of Gen. David Berger’s four years as commandant involved all the usual trappings.

It had the music and marching onto the Marine Barracks Washington parade field, the passing of the Corps’ official battle colors, and the reading of Berger’s orders to relinquish command and retire. But as Berger passed the colors to Assistant Commandant Gen. Eric Smith, the ceremony’s narrator did not read orders for Smith to take command of the service. And the “Home of the Commandants,” the nearly 220-year-old white house at the end of the parade field, will sit empty upon Berger’s departure.

For the first time since 1910, there is no Senate-confirmed commandant of the Marine Corps at the helm of the service.

While Smith and his wife, Trish, won’t be moving their boxes into the house quite yet, he will have the powers of a confirmed Marine commandant.

“To make sure that there is no confusion: All orders, directives and guidance in effect this morning remain in effect, unless I direct otherwise,” Smith told the crowd attending Berger’s retirement ceremony. “Further guidance to the force will follow.”

Federal law required Berger to step down July 2, four years after he became commandant.

The lack of Senate confirmation means Smith, who was nominated in May to become the 39th commandant, will perform the duties of the No. 1 and No. 2 Marines simultaneously, without a set person to whom he can delegate tasks.

The White House hasn’t yet nominated the next assistant commandant, who also would be subject to the hold on nominations by Sen. Tommy Tuberville, R-Alabama.

Tuberville has single-handedly blocked hundreds of general-officer promotions in protest of a Pentagon policy that gives troops leave and travel expenses to help them access out-of-state abortions. Neither the Pentagon nor Tuberville shows signs of backing down.

The Senate does have a possible workaround: voting on individual nominees one by one, rather than relying on unanimous consent of senators to speed them through in batches. But that would require several weeks of Senate floor time for the five nominees for the Joint Chiefs of Staff alone, Defense News previously reported.

Until Smith gets confirmed, he will still be called Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Smith said after the ceremony that he is the first

acting commandant since 1910, when Maj. Gen. George Elliott aged out of the job and the Marine Corps did not have a replacement ready. Maj. Gen. William Biddle became commandant three months later.

As acting commandant, Smith will focus on continuing the overhaul of the Marine Corps while making sure the force is ready to respond to global crises, he said.

By Irene Loewenson and Megan Eckstein
Edited by Sondra Metzger

Taps

“If the Army and the Navy ever look on Heaven’s scenes,
they will find the streets are guarded by United States
Marines.”

(Third stanza of the *Marines’ Hymn*)

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

Esther (“Heathy”) Bish (Heath)	1713
05/04/2023 OR-1/CO-1	
Fairy (“Tex”) V. Cornwell (Oliver)	1851
10/12/2020 CA-2	
Arlon M. Edwards (Buckingham)	2342
10/19/2020 CA-2	
Barbara (“Barbe”) E. Hosier	956
06/24/2023 OR-1	
Michelle Kramek (Leshley)	3424
10/27/2019 CA-2	
Kathryn Lohmeyer (Hauenstein)	1167
12/23/2022 OH-2	
Jacqueline McCoy (Baugher)	2718
03/17/2023 CA-7	
Barbara, Preli (Elovich)	1764
07/04/2023 MAL	
Irene M. Pripish (Wyrick)	1319
11/23/2022 IL-2	
Cynthia Saling	3950
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Theresa (“Sue”) Sousa	4
05/05/2023 DC-1	
Phyllis A. Wallace (Burke/Fitzgerald)	2847
09/05/2022 TX-3	
Vivian I. Wood	1198
12/19/2022 AZ-1	
Mary S. Zingg (Cookson)	1896
12/06/2022 CA-7	

Term

Doris Panzer	03/28/2023	CA-3/CA-9
Mary Lou Voigt (Clough)	05/24/2023	CA-7

Attention on Deck!

You are cordially invited to join the Women Marines Association's AZ-1 Roadrunners Chapter's **Operation Rose Garden** on February 10, 2024 at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona.

We are the official women Marines chapter in Arizona. We keep our legacy alive by engaging active duty Marines, retirees, and veterans together in networking and community events by and for Marines.

The Women Marines Association AZ-1 Roadrunners established in 1966 is holding **Operation Rose Garden's** 4th Annual rose laying ceremony on February 10, 2024 at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona at 9 a.m. We are the Fewest of the Few and would be honored to have you in attendance for a short ceremony and assist with placing roses on graves in a coordinated, organized manner. Earlier this year we had an outstanding outpouring of support and an incredible event you won't want to miss, to include local media coverage.

Background: Annually we honor and remember women Marine trailblazers interned by laying one long stem rose on their graves. The cemetery historically has not tracked women plus Marines, therefore a few years ago, AZ-1 Roadrunners took matters into their own hands. AZ-1 members canvassed over 78,000 graves and found 130+ women Marines interned. Our chapter then submitted information collected to the National Cemetery Administration. It is important our Marines are honored and remembered - please join us.

Thank you for supporting women Marines of past and present! PLEASE RSVP!

We are truly the *Fewest of the Few, we are United States Marines.*

Event Details

- Event: **Operation Rose Garden**
- When: February 10, 2024
- Where: National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, 23029 N. Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85024 (meet at the big USA flag pole near the visitors' center)
- Time: 0900 - 1130 hours (arrive by 0845)
- Host: Women Marines Association AZ-1 Road-



who-serve/operation-rose-garden-honors-history-of-women-in-us-marine-corps/75-da160efb-94cf-4f9e-98ea-317d33adb963

- **2022 news coverage:** <https://www.12news.com/video/life/people/those-who-serve/valley-celebrates-79-years-of-women-serving-in-the-us-marine-corps/75-4fa1205a-a673-4660-9544-f0a41c1fb84d>

NEED:

- Marine Corps Color Guard (need to fill)
- Marines in uniform!
- Cash Donations: contact AZ-1 Chapter President Gladys Nichols at az1@womenmarines.org
- Flag line, prayer circle, Lee Greenwood song (performed by Patriot Guard Riders, Bill Wildhorse's team)
- Young Marines, Sea Cadets and Scouts - we need you in attendance!
- Any appropriate suggestions for our "run of show" are welcome if you'd like to participate in the ceremony





Chaplain's Corner

With the deactivation of 4th Recruit Training Battalion (June 15, 2023), and the integration of recruit training, a few people have expressed to me their concern that as women Marines we might lose a sense of our distinctiveness. There was probably a similar concern in 1976 when the separate structure for Women Marines was eliminated and WRTBN became WRTC.

With the integration of recruit training will women's experience be the same as that of men's experience? Objectively, it will be the same but will it be subjectively? One could argue that no one person has the same experience as another whether male or female. Of course, that is true, but it is my hunch, that we are bound together in a special way as women just as men are bound together in their unique way. We are a sisterhood of Marines and will continue to be so into the future.

So I pray...

Blessed be God
who has created me a woman according to God's will:

who sustains me with sisters;
who grounds me with friends;
who blesses me with desire;
and gives me delight in the company of women,
and the strength to struggle with them when they struggle,

for the enlarging of my soul,
for service to God, country, Corps and comrade
and to the glory of God's holy name. Amen.

(Adapted from *All Desires Known* by Janet Morley, p.74)

Melinda Townsend

Chapter Clippings

CA-2 San Diego County

CA2 members gathered for a summer social at Studio 54 where we welcomed a new potential member, Vickie.



Breakfast meeting

Member Randy Tidmore was recognized at a memorial service at Mt Soledad Memorial Park in San Diego. Randy posed for a photo

with San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria, CG of MCRD BGen Ryans, and Marines from Marine Band San Diego.

The membership continues to collect clothing for the fall fundraiser for veterans, Operation Dress Code, and we are working with the MCRD San Diego Marines at RTR to recognize the new Molly Marines.

Semper Fidelis
Barbara McCurtis



CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

CA-3 continues to be busy, holding monthly meetings. April's meeting, hosted by long-time CA-3 member Maggie Hart, celebrated Easter. Although Maggie was unable to be with us in person, she nevertheless ensured that we had cake and raffle prizes. Unfortunately, we also lost one of our members – Doris Panzer passed away. I will always remember her great love of the opera!

Our May meeting celebrated Mother's Day and was hosted by Loyal Escort Angie Fredekind.

June was hosted by CA-3 member Susan Johnston and Loyal Escort Vern Smith. We celebrated both Father's Day and the 75th anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948, that allowed women into the U.S. military on a full-time, permanent basis.

There were several activities during this period. On April 26th, CA-3 member Bonnie Dabalos-Castro attended the Del Mar High School JROTC Award Night in San Jose.

On May 23, Kaiser Redwood City Medical Center held a Memorial Day Ceremony coordinated by CA-3 member Lily Brockmeier. The theme was "Taps." The Redwood City Police Department Honor Guard posted colors. GySgt Kristina Perieff from the 23rd Marine Regiment in San Bruno, a Regiment Career Planner, performed "Taps." A history of "Taps" was provided, as well as a "Mindful time of Gratitude" where the names of military service members of the Kaiser employee family and friends who died during a conflict were announced aloud.



On the 27th of May, CA-3 member Susan Johnston participated in the placing of flags on the gravesite of every Veteran buried in the Tracy Public Cemetery – close to 3000 of them, dating back to the Spanish American War. As it is said that a Veteran is not forgotten until after the last time their name is said



out loud, we paused at each gravesite, placed the flag, saluted, and spoke aloud – saying the Veteran's name and thanking them for their service. We even had a Service Dog with our group.

On the 29th of May, CA-3 member Susan Johnston, as a member of the combined American Legion/Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard, participated in Memorial Day ceremonies. First, we all gathered at the Tracy Public Cemetery, where wreaths were placed in honor of organizations (such as the Gold Star families), and individuals who are no longer with us. Then everyone moved to the Tracy War Memorial, where a reading of the names of all those who died in service to their country were read aloud, and the response "No Response" was voiced, followed by a volley of rifles and the playing of "Taps."

On 20 May 2023, CA-3 members and spouses Lily Brockmeier, Bonnie Dabalos-Castro, Paul Castro, Nancy Zaunbrecher-Payne and Ricky Payne attended The 1st Marine Division Association Silicon Valley Chapter 7th Annual SOS Breakfast at the Moffett Field Museum. After the breakfast, there was a guest speaker and several raffles.



On June 3rd, CA-3 member Lily Brockmeier supported the 23rd Marines Regiments car wash at the American Legion Redwood City. Donuts, snacks and beverages were provided to the Marines working at the car wash.



On the 4th of July, members of CA-3 marched in the Redwood City Parade as part of the Marine Corps contingent which included

CA-3 members Lily Brockmeier, Bonnie Dabalos-Castro, Carolina Rudisel, and Janet Johnson. Paul Castro also attended the parade as the CA-3 photographer. They marched with the I-I staff 23rd Marines, and the Marine Corps League. Also including a jeep, miniature tank, a 7 ton vehicle, and a mascot!



During this time period, CA-3 member Susan Johnston participated in 2 memorial services as a part of the combined American Legion/ Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard.

Susan Johnston

CA-7 Edith Macias Vann Southern California

Woohoo, summer is here. I'm sure many of you will be traveling, gearing up for some family BBQs or just relaxing at home. Our chapter is dedicated to increasing our membership. The board decided to send postcards out to local members at large. Lillian Cross, Treasurer, created a nice postcard and mailed them out. Natalie Gordon from Oceanside received the postcard and attended our May muster. We enjoyed Natalie's company and she said she will be attending chapter musters in the near future.

CA-7 offers three scholarships to local high school seniors. Unfortunately this year, we only had one winner so she received \$3000 and it was awarded to Gabriella Medley from Carlsbad High School. She will be attending University of California, Santa Barbara this fall.



CA-7 was happy to present the Women Marines Association Award to three outstanding MCJROTC



female cadets at our local high schools. On May 11th, Jamie Anderson presented the award to El Camino High School cadet SSgt Fale Lolo-matauama. On May 15th, Iris Biggers presented the award to Fallbrook High School cadet Valerie Castro. On May



18th, Iris Biggers presented the award to Oceanside High School cadet Sgt Ashley Colores.

CA-7 members and Loyal Escort were excited to participate in the 27th Annual Oceanside Independence Day parade on Saturday, June 24th.



We are deeply saddened by the news of two of our chapter members passing. Jacqueline McCoy passed away on March 17, 2023. She was a lifetime member of WMA and our chapter. Her service was presented with military honors at Miramar National Cemetery. MaryLou Voight passed away on May 24, 2023. She was a lifetime member of WMA and our chapter. MaryLou was a mustang. She's buried at Eternal Hills in Oceanside. We're looking forward to seeing chapter members getting together for our Summer Social on Saturday, August 5th. Information is in our chapter newsletter. Happy Summer!

*Semper Fidelis
Iris Biggers*

LA-1 Molly Marine

On April 15, the Molly Marine Chapter LA-1 held a monthly meeting. Some topics of discussion were the new LA-1 shirts, the Louisiana Veterans Festival, and the WMA Convention 2024.



On May 5, Mary Draughn and MGySgt Miriam Jenkins presented the WMA MCJROTC Certificate to Cadet Anita Dunigan at Germantown High School in Madison, MS. She was selected as their most outstanding Cadet of the Year.

During the month of April, Molly Marine Chapter, LA-1 participated in the Stop Soldier Suicide (SSS) 30 Mile Challenge. The purpose of the challenge was to bring awareness to veterans' suicide. All funds raised were donated to benefit SSS and the great work they do. Total funds raised



were \$140 and our chapter completed a total of 367 walking miles for the month.

On May 3, 2023, in recognition of 4th Battalion deactivating on July 15, 2023, Marine Forces Reserve held a commemoration at the Parris Island sign that is currently being used for a movie set. Molly Marine LA-1 member GySgt Alice Ramos spearheaded the event; 10 other chapter members also participated. Some spoke a few words about what the deactivation of



4th Battalion meant to them.

In May 19, 2023, a few LA-1 members volunteered with 'Girls on the Run', encouraging girls to finish the 5K run. 'Girls on the Run' is an evidence-based program that inspires empowerment by building confidence, kindness, and decision-making skills for girls. In attendance were Mirna Ramos, Gaby Swanson and Dalia Robles.



On May 20th, LA-1 members and Loyal Escorts attended the Louisiana Veterans Festival. The music, food, and camaraderie were awesome!

Dalia Robles

MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks

On May 18, Chapter Member Princess Dowell attended the annual MCJROTC Awards Ceremony at Como Park High School. Cadet Rihanna Said was presented the Women Marine Association Award/Ribbon.



On May 27, services for Verna J. Deger, a Marine veteran, were held in Hibbing, MN. Attending the funeral service was a detail of women veterans. The veteran detail joined the Mid-Range Honor Guard for the military honors, the playing of "Taps," color guard, and rifle detail. Marines in attendance were Frances Haubrich, Rayne Arnold, Cindy Brown, and Chris Magnusson, organizer of the detail. Six other women veterans from other branches also participated in the veteran detail.

On June 15, Princess Dowell was present at the deactivation ceremony of 4th Recruit Training Battalion at Parris Island. She shared this message:



"Being a woman Marine always carried a special meaning until I revisited the Island. It was something MajGen Shea said in her closing remarks, 'If you're

a woman and you think you have what it takes, we'll train you. And it does not matter if it is 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, we no longer make woman Marines. We make Marines.'

The joy I felt to be able to hug complete strangers was surreal. These ladies could have been sick from COVID-19 or a terminal illness, but we embraced, and we did so all under the title 'Marine.' I am grateful to have been able to represent MN-1 in so many events this year. However, the one event that I will go with until the end, is my return to the Island. The might, mighty Island."

Princess Dowell

Platoon 4012, Nov. Company, June 2005

On July 7, several Chapter members attended the monument dedication honoring Women in Service

at the Veterans Memorial Park of Blaine.

On August 12, the MN-1 Annual Chapter Picnic is scheduled for 12:00 noon. Location is to be determined – contact a chapter member for location confirmation. Spouses, kids, and grandkids are invited to tag along and for those able, bring a side to be shared.

Vicki Latiolais

NM-1 Sandia Chapter

What a busy few months we have had! This spring we had a group travel to MCRD San Diego to attend a recruit graduation. While there we were able to visit briefly with Cpl. Milton's commanding officer Gen Benjamin Watson, enjoy the graduation, load up on goodies from the PX, visit the museum, and share stories while visiting with other Marines on base. It was a fun, and nostalgic, trip for those of us stationed at San Diego during our years of service; all the while enjoying the beautiful Southern California spring weather, and a side trip to the beach of course!



During the months of April and May the Sandia Chapter Marines have been busy presenting our local high school MCJROTC Outstanding Cadet awards for some very deserving young women. It was inspiring to see the number of young women joining JROTC at the high school level, taking on, and succeeding, in leadership roles within their programs. We thank our MCJROTC liaison Laurel Hull, and the WMs making the presentations this year, Carla Gonzales-Schwarz, Phoebe Marzan, Lorena Sims, Roleen Younis, and Stephanie Pugh.

For Armed Forces day in May we went on a group outing with our family and friends to enjoy



watching our local minor league Isotopes baseball team. During the game we were honored to receive a welcome shout out on the scoreboard to the Women Marines Association from the Isotopes. It

was great fun and I have no doubt we will be attending many more games in the future.

On May 29th many of our members were privileged to take part in the Rio Rancho Memorial Day Ceremony. As a part of the ceremony we presented flags to five Gold Star Families along with honoring and paying our respects to all our fallen men and women in service to our country. Additionally, during the National Moment of Remembrance, member Phoebe



Marzan participated again this year in "Taps Across America" by playing "Taps" on her flute at 1500 local time.

And in June some of our members took part in the 2023 New Mexico Women Veterans Conference. Keynote speaker was USMC Major Mariela Pena who gave an inspiring speech on her journey from war-torn Nicaragua to serving our country as a Marine Officer. The conference included many speakers including the Cabinet Secretary of Veteran Services with an update

on the numbers and scope of today's women service members and representatives from the VA with details on the benefits of the new PACT



Act. The annual conference provides women veterans from across the state an opportunity to gather in camaraderie and to share our experiences, learn about benefits, gain information on problem solving resources, and meeting representatives from the many non-profit groups serving veterans in New Mexico.

As we head into what looks to be a busy summer we urge everyone to stay safe on the roadways, check in on neighbors who may be vulnerable to the weather, and to take the time to enjoy the company of family and friends. Have a great summer Ladies!

*Semper Fidelis,
Stephanie Pugh*



WMA AZ-1 Arizona Roadrunner held a social with esteemed guest of honor and Marine Corps trailblazer LtCol Jeanne Botwright (Ret) among other wonderful Marines from other eras. LtCol Botwright, an Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society member, became a Marine in 1954. She's notable for her tireless efforts advocating for various women's & Veteran's issues both in & out of uniform. We're proud she's an AZ-1 Roadrunner. In Arizona, join us. Give it up for the LtCol!

Her Bio: <https://avhof.org/members/membership-directory/jbotwright/>



GySgt Anna Henrickson conducts the Quantico Marine Band in Times Square during Fleet Week New York. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by MC1 (AW/SW) Pedro A. Rodriguez)

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