



In February 1943 our first women lined up to go to Mount Holyoke on their journey to be a Marine.

Here it is: February. The Welsh call February "y mis bach"; which means "little month" and it is the third month of winter. For such a short month, there are so many events and holidays that are taking place: Groundhog Day, Anniversary of the Women Marines Reserve, Valentine's Day, Black History Month, the largest American sporting event of the year, the Super Bowl, Spunky Old Broads Month, Fat Tuesday and Mardi Gras just to name a few. And February also means Solmonath, "cake month". This is because cakes were offered to the gods during the month of February.

WMA is already in planning mode for the 2024 WMA Convention (Atlanta Hilton). Due to a strong response on the convention survey, we have already been developing great ideas for workshops and professional development that many members will see in the coming months as social networking events (topics such as fitness, entrepreneurship, finance planning). Members will also note that our new membership database rolled out! In two days alone we had over 283 log ins to update personal profiles (address and email, phone number). Now, that is progress!

Also, in this Monthly Minute please take a moment to log into the WMA Annual Survey (via link). This survey is different from the Convention Survey as it will ask you about how well we are doing in certain areas. This survey is a Satisfaction survey which will provide me some numbers on where we are doing well and where we still need some work. Please take a moment to fill it out and let us know!

Our Board of Directors is working hard in their areas to make the member experience better. We still have a long way to go, however, it takes all of us to continue our membership growth. Please recruit when you find another Marine!

I have already provided WMA an Anniversary Message but just want to state again: Happy Anniversary Marines! I hope you all can gather with your Chapters or even other Members at Large and enjoy YOUR day. One month to go and spring will be here!

Semper Fidelis,
Ann Crittenden
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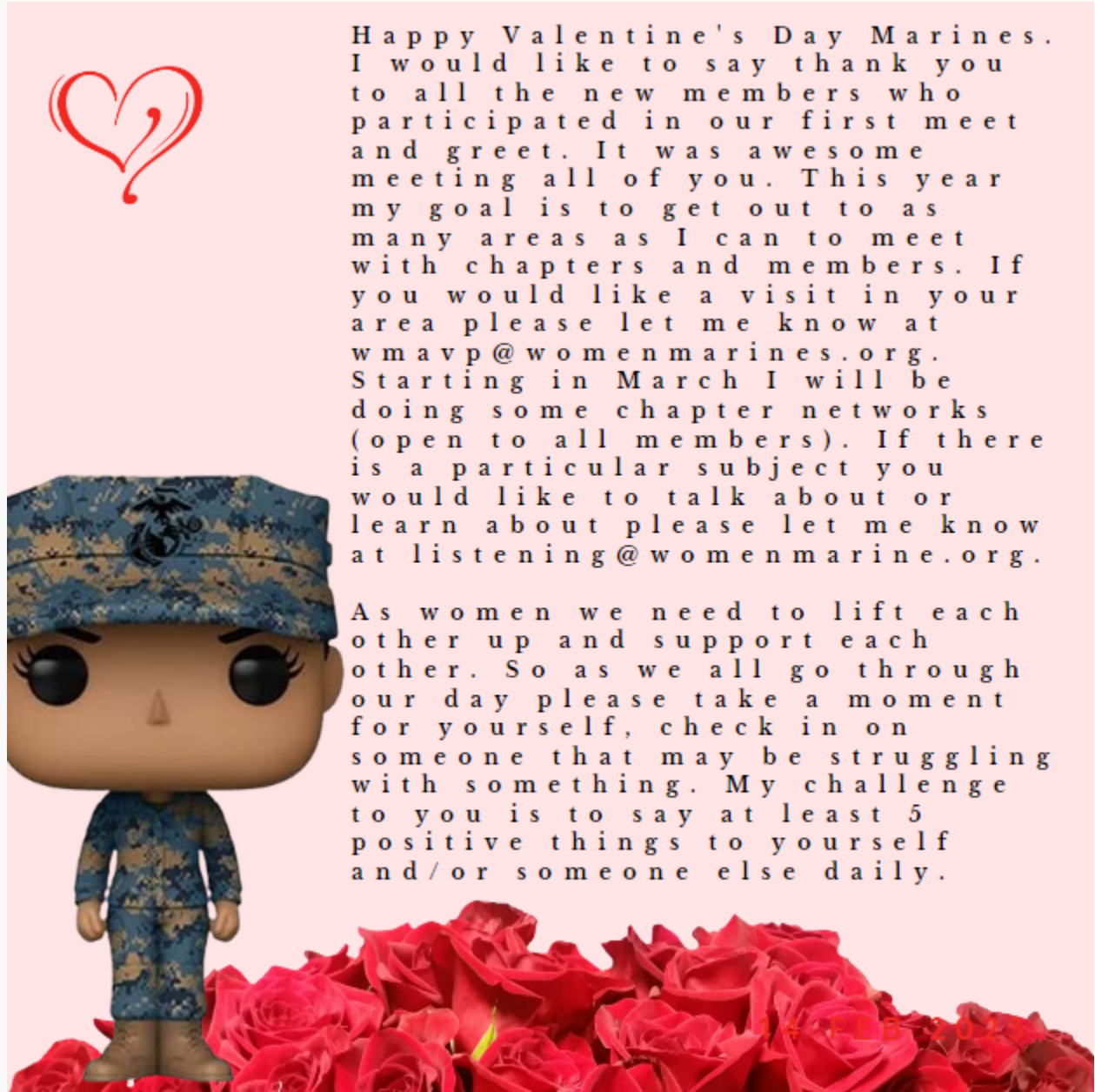
Membership Satisfaction Survey

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 complete the survey by February 28, 2023

VP Notes

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Marine Corps Junior ROTC Presenters Wanted

Soon we will be sending out notices to the chapters and members at large asking for assistance in handling out the awards. If you have a unit in your area we hope you will take the time to personally attend and congratulate the Cadet for their achievements. For more information contact Laura Santiago at mcjrotc@womenmarines.org

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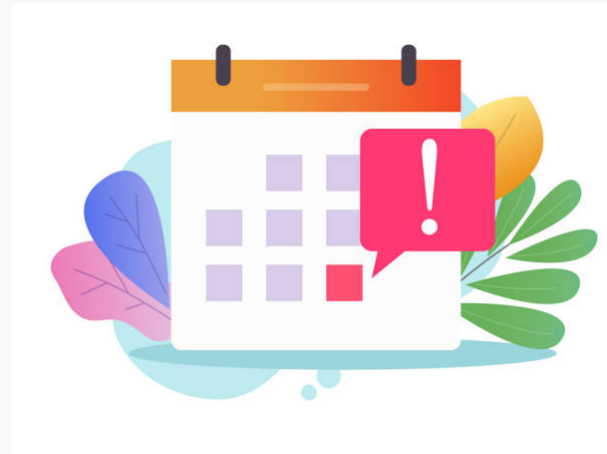
Deadlines for 2023 'Nouncements

April 10

July 10

October 10

Chapters get your info in. We want to know what you are doing!



Prayer of the Women Marines

Creator of us all, Make me ever aware of your presence. Grant me the wisdom, patience and courage to be always faithful in carrying out your purpose for my life. Help me that I may ever live as one, who, conscious of the blessings of country, evidences by my responsible actions, the highest ideals by which I have sought to serve and live. May I do all things to the honor and glory of your holy name.
Amen.

THE USMCWR SONG

Marines, We are the women members of a fighting Corps.
Marines, the name is known for burning sands to icebound shores:
Marines, we serve that men may fight in air, on land and sea:
Marines, the eagle, globe and anchor carries on to make men free.

The 2024 Atlanta Convention

Atlanta Hilton

Thursday 8/8/2024 – Monday, 8/12/2024

The 2022 Convention in Las Vegas was a big success! It was so great to get together again after a four year “post-pandemic” absence. We are already looking forward to 2024 in Atlanta Georgia with the local GA-1 Chapter’s support as our “boots on the ground”. We are booked into the Hilton Atlanta Downtown
<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/atlahhh-hilton-atlanta/> Located right off I-75, the Hilton is connected via skywalk to Peachtree Center Mall
<https://www.peachtreemall.com/en/directory/> and the (Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority) MARTA Station, linking to Atlanta Airport. The Hilton is located six blocks from the heart of downtown, Centennial Olympic Park, and Mercedes-Benz Stadium. They are also a preferred hotel of the Georgia Aquarium, a mile away.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2024!

Scholarship Information

The WMA Scholarship committee administers a variety of awards and the total number of scholarships granted is determined by the annual earnings from the investments (available funds) and the specific scholarship requirements. All submissions completed within the application period by qualified applicants get reviewed for consideration.

Application Period is 1 February – 31 March

Applications that are postmarked after 31 March will not be considered

Eligibility: All scholarship applicants must be sponsored by a WMA member in good standing (apart from Marine Corps JROTC cadets who have a special eligibility requirement as stated Proof of Military Service) and satisfy one of the identified criteria outlined in WMA Scholarship Procedures Applications must be submitted each year; they are not reoccurring.

PLEASE NOTE> MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE STARTING AT \$3,000

February Dates

1943 Historic Happenings

1943 - Colonel Ruth Cheney Streeter becomes the first Director of Women Marine Reservists

1943 - Captain Anne Lentz, first commissioned officer

1943 - Pvt Lucille McClarren first enlisted woman

1943 - First class of 71 officer candidates

1943 - First class of 722 enlisted Women Reserves

1943 - First class of enlisted graduated and report to active duty. Approximately 525 women entered every 2 weeks for courses that averaged about 4 weeks

1943 - First class of officer candidates graduate and report to duty. Classes averaged about 70 candidates, began every month and lasted about eight weeks

Feb Black History Month

WMA Member Portal

The WMA Member Platform provides a place for members to access their membership records. You can add profile information, update your extended profile fields, and pay an open membership invoice if your renewal is upcoming.

There is also a membership directory that includes name, photo, phone, and email fields. Members with official WMA roles will also have their association role listed. On the directory page, you can click the Chapter Directory which will provide a dropdown of Chapters to view the associated member names.

Please download the Member Platform User Guide to learn the basics about the new site, including how to log in, update your profile and extended fields, and update/access membership invoices.

If you have not gotten your password please contact wma@womenmarines.org

[WMA Member Portal Guide](#)





Capt Henry W. Bransom speaks to a group of WAVES who volunteered to transfer to the Marine Corps and work in recruiting offices, such as this one in Washington, D.C. They wore WAVE uniforms until USMC uniforms were ready. Photo courtesy of Marine Corps Gazette



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