

May is Military Appreciation Month



Honor and Remember

WMA is working to raise \$5,000 in honor of Sgt Jeannette Winters. WMA National will match up to \$1,000. Please be generous. Please share. This money will be donated to the VMGR MEMORIAL MONUMENT PROJECT
FB <https://buff.ly/3ljwv8i> or
WMA <https://buff.ly/41QmEOe>

Semper Fidelis Marine *|FNAME|* *|LNAME|*

May. Glorious May. Warm coming back, flowers are finally getting going, vegetable gardens getting started. Almost too nice to sit indoors! But this is May. May bring Mothers Day and Military Appreciation Month and Memorial Day. The Marine Barracks in Washington DC also starts the evening parades and sunset parades in May. Lots of things to do.

But first, let us remember one of our founders, Sue Sousa. Sue passed away peacefully on 5 May in the company of her companion Eileen Scanlon and her family. Rhonda and I had the opportunity via text to send her messages of love and support before she passed away. She knows she was loved and revered by all of us. We got this now Sue. Rest in peace, WMA will forge on with you always watching out for us.

Military Appreciation Month is a great opportunity for WMA Chapters and Members At

Start a fundraiser, host an event, and help spread the word about the Women Marines Association!

I had the opportunity to attend the semi-annual meeting of the National Marine Corps Council here in Quantico 5-6 May. It was attended by almost 31 Marine Corps Association and Commissions. Very interesting and I was able to obtain some great information about the VA Center Health for Life Program and VET Center. There is also a mobile vet unit that provides free counseling, referrals, schedule appointments for you and community engagement. These mobile Vet Centers can be scheduled for any event your chapter is hosting – all you need to do is ask. Link to the Vet Center is: www.va.gov/find-locations or call: 877-WAR-VET (927-8387).

Lastly, many of you know through social media that 4 th Recruit Training Battalion will be deactivated on 15 June 2023 at Parris Island

Large to use their experience and volunteer “want to help” in many ways. Here are some great suggestions that the Marine Corps University Foundation came up with:

Express gratitude! Be sure to tell a military member and their spouse how much you appreciate their service and sacrifice. Honor a Gold Star Family. If you know someone who fits this category, send a card, drop off a gift, meal, or flowers to let one of these military families know that you appreciate their sacrifice.

Help a military spouse. Military spouses handle so much back at the homefront when their partner is deployed. Offer a helping hand during those challenging times. Visit a War Memorial, Military History Museum, or National Cemetery. Take your children to learn about the history of our great Nation and honor the sacrifices of those who fought for our freedom.

Fly the American Flag. Proudly display your patriotism and appreciation for our military by flying the American Flag at your home or office.

Recruit Depot. WMA will be certain to have a large presence at this ceremony. As disheartening as it is to those of you who have an affiliation with Parris Island (which is almost all of you!) It is a necessary part of growth for our Marine Corps. The Commandant took all recommendations under advisement. The transition to women being integrated for training with the male Marines was just a matter of time. WMA will continue to work with the Depots to ensure that our women are provided all the necessary tools to successfully become strong and healthy Marines.

This is supposed to be a short message on a monthly basis but lately it just keeps coming our way! I guess the price of a successful organization is being asked to be present. And WMA is just that – we are gaining ground and making progress.

Semper Fidelis Marines,
Ann

The Legacy of 4th Battalion: A Time For Celebration and Reflection

<https://4thBNCelebration.eventbrite.com>

Wednesday 14 June 2023 5PM

Fourth Recruit Training Battalion Gymnasium

Description: 4th Recruit Training Battalion has long played a special role in the United States Marine Corps. For those who have served or trained here, it has been a place where lives have been transformed. As we prepare to say goodbye to the battalion that we love, join us for a special evening of celebration and reflection. We'll honor the past and look with hope to the future by sharing stories and memories, listening to an inspirational message, and expressing our gratitude. All are welcome. Join us afterwards for food and drink!

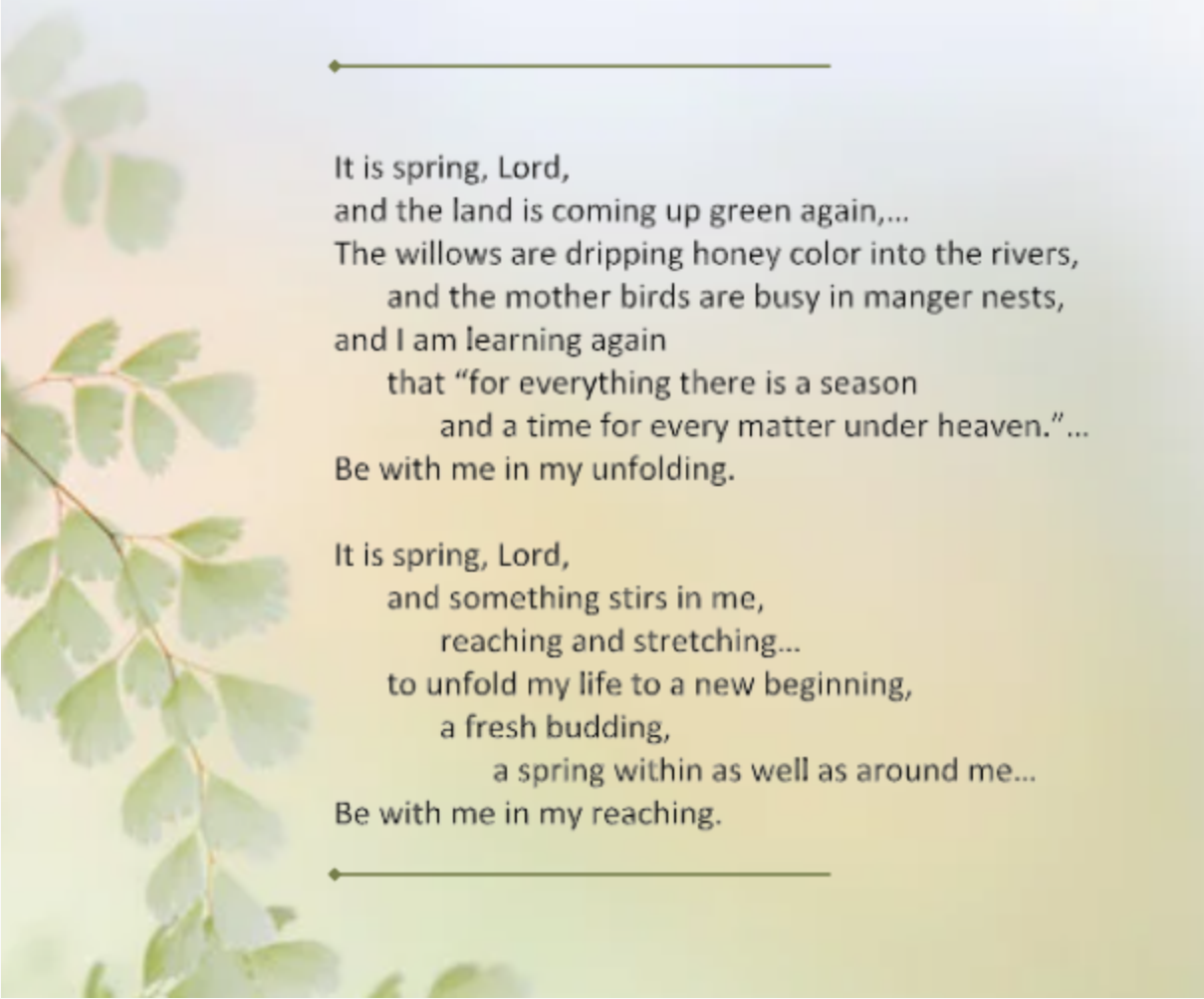
Fourth Recruit Training Battalion Deactivation Ceremony

<https://4thBNceremony.eventbrite.com>

Thursday, 15 June 2023 9AM

Fourth Recruit Training Battalion

Description: Join us in celebrating the legacy of the Fourth Recruit Training Battalion in a Deactivation Ceremony, where the Fourth Battalion Colors will be cased, and our history celebrated.
RSVP By 7 June 2023



It is spring, Lord,
and the land is coming up green again,...
The willows are dripping honey color into the rivers,
and the mother birds are busy in manger nests,
and I am learning again
that "for everything there is a season
and a time for every matter under heaven."...
Be with me in my unfolding.

It is spring, Lord,
and something stirs in me,
reaching and stretching...
to unfold my life to a new beginning,
a fresh budding,
a spring within as well as around me...
Be with me in my reaching.

Isn't spring a wonderful time of year? We are surrounded by brilliant colors, warming air and the beautiful sounds of birds. The above excerpt from Ted Loder's poem, *"Be with Me in My Unfolding"* (Guerillas of Grace) invites us to think of ways to "unfold" our own lives as nature unfolds around us.

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How Do You Belong? Take our small survey and let us know how what organizations you belong to.

Take the Survey

The WMA Seal vs the WMA Logo

Lately we have seen quite a bit of usage of the WMA seal by chapters. Please note that the WMA seal is the official seal for WMA. It is show below on the left. This seal is NOT to be used by chapters at all. Each chapter has a logo that was designed for them. This logo can be found in the Drive that is attached to your WMA chapter email. Look under "shared with me" or search chapter logos. Each chapter has a folder.





Our Blogs

Do you have a story to tell? We would love to know more about our members. Are you a first in your MOS? Are you one of many generations of Marines? Share your boot camp pictures and memories of your time in.

Send us your story to pro@womenmarines.org

Deadlines for 2023 'Nouncements

July 10

October 10

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

ISO Saturdays

Are you looking for that person from boot camp? Someone that you served with? WMA wants to help you get connected. This is what we need:
Your name (both married and service name)
Name of person you are looking for.
Any details you may have such as state they were born in. Dates of boot camp/duty station
Most important is a picture(s)



Donate -

WMA EMERGENCY FUNDS GRANT

WMA has established an Emergency Fund for Veterans who have short-term emergency financial needs, such as skills training, loss of support, severe illness, and catastrophic accidents. It is a one time per person grant, limited to no more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).

More info can be found at

<https://www.womenmarines.org/serving-others/>

You can also make a donation to this fund at the link on the left. Together, we can make a difference.

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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.

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

When you log in and update your information it is automatically updated in system and rosters.

Please keep your information updated

[WMA Member Portal Guide](#)

[Sign in here to update your information](#)

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