



Our Marine-in-Space, LtCol Jasmin Moghbeli, celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday in the International Space Station and took a walk in space to do some repair work.

CA-2 has a new 100 year old member! Lois Gregory turned 100 on October 16. She served during WWII and has fond memories of the good friends she made in the Corps. She celebrates with CA president Barbara McCurtis.



Submitted by Barbara McCurtis

Eileen Neiler turned 100 on December 16th and celebrated with the help of many Marines and friends. She is a life member of TN-1.



And just so you can prepare, Mary Ann Rogers of CA-5 is having her 100th birthday on July 27th.

Mary Ann served as President of CA-5 more than five times. She remains bright, still drives and never misses Mass. She is the mother of 11 children. Two of her sons have left earth's bounds. Her husband John, a Marine officer, is interred in Riverside National Cemetery. An absolutely lovely, incredible Marine, Mom, friend.

Submitted by Patricia Singer

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82 years ago, the slogan “Free a Marine to Fight” drew 19,000 women to the Women Marine Reserves during World War II. Today we have gained in our ranks from 7% to 9.8%! Women are increasingly finding themselves in almost all combat military occupational specialties and serving across the globe in many dangerous places.

Every generation questions if the next generation will fill the shoes of the past. Ask the Women Marines who have recently completed a six-month long deployment or more importantly ask the Women who have transitioned to the integrated platoons about their experiences. They are the ones that are continually growing and creating our historical legacy.

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. And you bring an experience to the ranks of veterans that cannot be matched anywhere else. There is no other service that can claim our title.

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 and honored Anniversary, we should 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!

Ann L. Crittenden
WMA National President

Reporting In...National Vice President

I hope everyone had an amazing holiday season. I am really looking forward to seeing



what 2024 will bring not only for WMA but all of its members.

I plan on continuing hosting member networking events on a quarterly basis. I will try and do a couple each quarter in the different time zones. Hopefully this will allow more members to join. These events are open to all members of WMA. So please pass the word around. Not all topics will be WMA related. I want to talk about how to rejuvenate chapters, start a chapter, and I would like to hold one for all our MALS. I would also like to discuss other topics like finances, fitness, dietary and health. If you have expertise in these subjects and would like to be a guest host please contact me.

If you have a topic that you would like to discuss please email listening@womenmarines.org. I monitor this email as well so I will get your topic ideas.

I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as I can at the convention. I will be making myself available during the convention if anyone would like to meet with me. Times and places will be determined as we get closer to the convention. If there is anything you would like to ask me prior to that please contact me. My email is: wmavp@womenmarines.org.

If you would like me to join one of your meetings via zoom please send me an invite and I will do what I can to join. Also I would like to get out and see some chapters. If your chapter would like for me to come visit please let me know. Especially if you have multiple chapters that are close enough to get together. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Patty Collins

Dues Increase!

Women Marines Association (WMA) is adjusting their membership dues to cover the costs of printing and mailing services starting **1 July 2024**. The life member dues are structured based on age groups. Here is a breakdown of the membership dues:

Term: \$60 for 2 years

Life by Age Groups

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| 30 and below: \$395 | 60-69: \$250 |
| 31-39: \$360 | 70-79: \$220 |
| 40-49: \$310 | 80-89: \$100 |
| 50-59: \$280 | 90 and up: Free |

News from the US Post Office

The U.S. Postal Service has proposed new prices for 2024, which are scheduled to take effect on Jan. 21, 2024. The new rates include a 2-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp, from 66 cents to 68 cents. The cost of a domestic postcard stamp would rise to \$0.53 from \$0.51, and international postcards would bump from \$1.50 to \$1.55. These price adjustments are needed to provide the Postal Service with much needed revenue to achieve the financial stability sought by its Delivering for America 10-year plan.

Taken from US Post Office website

Got up at 5 am, ran 4 miles, came back, made a vegetable smoothie for breakfast, did 2 loads of laundry, mopped and vacuumed floors, and that's all I remember about my dream.

Do you know...?

We have a few Marines who need identification. The first was discovered by Kathryn Fox, who sent the following email:



"Hi, I met this woman in the Ft Myers Airport on April 12, 2021. It was her 100th birthday. I asked about the decal on her chair and she told me (and everyone else listening) about her time in the MC during WWII. I suspect she has probably passed now, but I would love to see an article about her if you can find her family.

Thanks
Kathryn Fox"



Next is a great photo labeled "Philly Naval Base 1950."

If anyone knows who any of these ladies are, please let the Editor know. Thank you in advance!

editor@womenmarines.org

CA-7 and some of the toys they collected for Toys for Tots.

L to R: Kathleen Ables, Mary Anthony, Brenda Hockenull, Clara Tucker, Charlene Itchkawich, Chuck Ables, Dennis Kovats, and Lillian Cross. Seated is Chapter President Iris Biggers.



Molly Marines

Company P, Platoon 2049

PFC Karla L. Servin-Perez, Hampton, GA
Graduation: 21 July 2023

Company H, Platoon 2065

PFC Natasha C. Bryant, Las Vegas, NV
Graduation: 1 September 2023

Company H, Platoon 2105

PFC Lewis K. Paris, Clinton, MI
Graduation: 8 December 2023

Company K, Platoon 3041

Pvt Isabelle C. Hutmacher, Akron, OH
Graduation: 14 July 2023

Company L, Platoon 3049

PFC Molly E. Greene, Kensington, NH
Graduation: 11 August 2023

Company N, Platoon 3069

Pvt Marian Angel Ellevera, Springfield City, OH
Graduation: 15 September 2023

Company K, Platoon 3081

PFC Roxanne T. McFarlin, Summit Point, WV
Graduation: 27 October 2023

Company L, Platoon 3089

Pvt Daylin Diaz, Miami, FL
Graduation: 21 November 2023

Molly Marine News

Hello! I have served in the WMA National Molly Marine Liaison billet since 2014. Since that time, there have been a lot of changes and I would like everyone to understand the process of presenting this award.

A lot has changed with presenting this award over recent years with the integration of training companies and deactivation of 4th RTBN. The following covers the current process.

You have noticed that we no longer have photos of the Molly Marines. Under the direction of the previous CG, MCRDPI no longer provides support for photos of the Molly Marines. The Recruit Training Order (RTO) at Parris Island now includes a comparable award for the male training platoons, the Iron Mike award. Currently, the Iron Mike award has no official sponsor and is coordinated by the respective training company.

At Parris Island, the training company provides a copy of the essay and information sheet of the Molly Marine(s) to me (the MMA Liaison) and uses a certificate template to create and print the certificate for the Molly Marine. I forward this information to WMA National along with the recipient tracking spreadsheet. The Molly Marine is presented with a WMA/Molly Marine challenge coin at the ceremony. The coin was designed specifically for Parris Island, which was the only enlisted female training command at the time they were created. It is presented the Wednesday prior to graduation and is overseen by RTR.

As for changes, Fourth Battalion has been disbanded and the remaining three battalions have integrated training platoons. November Company is now a permanent part of 3rd RTBN and Oscar and Papa Companies have been retired.

The Iron Mike Award has become part of the Recruit Training Order (RTO) but still has no official sponsor. Some companies follow the new RTO and have awards presented to one Marine from each

platoon, respectively; some companies only present the Molly Marine Award, and Delta Company has consistently not participated in either award.

The essays, information sheets, and award recipient tracking spreadsheet only go to necessary WMA personnel (like the Editor).

Please let me know if I can provide any further information or answer any questions. I look forward to bringing the MCRDSD Molly Marine award program in line with Parris Island.

Serenity Button



Tricia Byrne, WMA and DC-1 Life Member, met MajGen Roberta Shea on 15 June immediately following the deactivation ceremony at MCRD Parris Island for 4th Recruit Training Battalion. During the general's speech, Tricia realized she was the executive officer of WRTC when the general was a private going through recruit training. During their brief meeting, the general shared that in addition to being a recruit at WRTC, she was also a 4th Battalion series commander, company commander, and battalion commander.

Submitted by Tricia Byrne

From the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, November 1973, Anaheim Convention Center, CA-5 members, left to right: Patricia Singer; deceased members, Luz Castro-Joyal, Helen Hannah Campbell, Allis Wall, Connie Kocheim.



Photo submitted by Patricia Singer



My Twenty Years Before the Mast

An only child of John and Edna Morgan, I was born in East Conemaugh, PA on 16 December 1923.

Growing up during the Great Depression required moving many times as my father sought work.

Most of my elementary school years were spent in Rochester, PA but Conemaugh for my high school years after we returned.

In my freshman year my music teacher asked me to play the glockenspiel in the marching band. This required me to translate music of the first trumpets for my instrument so I played every note they did. When we finished training outside, we were tutored by two brothers who had served in the Army during WW I, so I was familiar with drill commands.

I was honored to be chosen to play in the All County Band, sang second alto in the All County Chorus, and performed a solo on graduation night in 1944.

Doing one's part for the war effort required rationing certain foods, car fuel, clothing items; metal items became scarce. The roar and smoke from the blast furnaces in the Bethlehem Steel Mills, the locomotives belching smoke as they kept up the steam in the engines for the Pennsylvania Railroad so necessary to transport material for the war effort kept our small town quite busy and not very atmospherically clean. There also were posters urging women to "Free a Man to Fight" and later, indicating a place in the military.

In February 1943 it seemed as though every house in town had a Gold Star flag in the front window. The town erected a billboard with the printed names of those who had become casualties, some were classmates. A day or two after my birthday in 1944 I took the train into Pittsburgh, enlisted in the Marine Corps, and was called to report for active duty 27 February 1945. After a stop in Washington, it was off to boot camp at Camp Lejeune in 49th Training Company, Co. C, Platoon 5.

Boot camp started with a G.I. Party! Wow! A party, which taught us how to properly clean the barracks, make up our bunks upon which the Sgt. could bounce a quarter to make sure the covers were tight! Other classes consisted in learning military language and courtesy, marching and saluting skill, conquering the obstacle course.

After Boot Camp I received 30 days of mess duty. Because I knew how to dress wild game and fish, I became the meat cutter's helper at one of the best mess duties I ever had. We prepared the meats needed for the day first thing in the morning and then had the rest of the day off!

Next came Cherry Point with AWRS-19, AWRG-1. I became an Engineering Clerk and worked in the Radio and Radar repair lab. Active duty ended on 13 June 1946 and I went back home to take advantage of the GI Bill at the University of Pittsburgh campus in Johnstown.

So many of my classmates were also veterans and sometimes after an evening class we would get together for a beer and talk. I have often wondered if our close talks helped many men escape from what we now know as PTSD; only a couple of us were women veterans. We gals had much in common but I soon learned that civilian women did not know what to do with us.

Although the Marines were in a hurry to discharge us, they soon changed their minds and opened the Inactive Reserves to women. I really liked my job in the Marines and signed up on 16 September 1947, serving until 28 March 1951.

One of the wonderful guys I met at Pitt was John Neiler. He served in the Army as an officer in the 517th P.I.R. and continued his service taking reserve duty every year and advancing in rank to Major General. John was majoring in physics and working toward his Ph.D. He received an AEC Fellowship for two years and Dr. Snell in the Physics Division in Oak Ridge was his mentor. A job offer followed and that is how we came to Oak Ridge. While working at X-10, John and some of his close friends started ORTEC.

After marriage and the birth of our first child it just wasn't working out on two GI bills and living in Pittsburgh without family nearby so I dropped out of college to give John more time to concentrate on his goals. After arriving in Oak Ridge I tried to keep active with the local chorus group but other life factors made regular contact difficult.

My affiliation with Girl Scouts began in 1955 and took me to higher levels of the organization. I was President of the Tanasi GS Council in 1972 when Troop 69 applied for a Reader's Digest Grant to begin the Children's Museum in Oak Ridge and I readily gave my signature; I maintained my closeness by serving as a docent for many years. I have not sought rewards or honors for my service but the Girl Scouts gave me the Thanks Badge in 1965 and another one in 1998; Girl Scout Council Piper 1966 (a National project); 1976 a GSUSA and Council Bicentennial project "Hidden Heroines," chosen twice; 1978 plaque for Devoted Service from Oak Ridge Area Girl Scouts and in 1985 a gold pendant from ORAN in recognition for legal efforts to save local camp. As a writer I am co-author of "And The Fence Came Down," a history of the local Girl Scouts.

In 1965 I became active at Recording for the Blind, one of eight studios across the country. Later the title was amended to include "...and Dyslexic" so that other vision issues could be included. This service began after WWII when many veterans needed reliable readers in order to stay current with their text books, and was started by a lady in New York City. The name has been changed once again to Learning Ally and the office is now located in Princeton. In 1996 JC Penney awarded me the Golden Rule Award for service to Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic.

Today when people thank me for my military service I always respond, "My country and my duty to serve."

Eileen Morgan Neiler



Scholarship Procedures starting Fall 2024 School Year

WMA Memorial Scholarships from \$500 up to \$5,000 are awarded based on the number of applicants and the specific scholarship requirements. Additional scholarships of various amounts may also be given. The purpose is to award grants to qualified applicants sponsored by WMA MEMBERS in good standing. These grants may be used at any accredited college, university, or college-level trade school. The WMA Scholarship Committee administers the numerous scholarships that can be awarded.



There is no maximum amount an applicant can receive over the lifetime of their academic career. These grants may be used at any accredited college, university, or college-level trade school. WMA members may sponsor an unlimited number of applicants per academic school year. WMA members are self-sponsored.

ELIGIBILITY

1. To qualify for review, the applicant must satisfy with proof of one of the below criteria:

- a. Have served, or serving in the United States Marine Corps or Marine Corps Reserve **OR**
- b. Be a direct descendant by blood (*three generations i.e., child, parent, grandparent, great-grandparent*), legal adoption, or stepchild of a Marine on active duty, or who has served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, Regular or Reserve **OR**
- c. Be a sibling, legal adoption, or stepchild of a Marine on active duty, or who has served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, Regular or Reserve **OR**
- d. Be a spouse of a Marine **OR**
- e. Have completed two (2) years in the Marine Corps JROTC program **OR**
- f. Currently active in the Young Marines Program; **AND**
- g. Be sponsored by a current WMA member in good standing.

❖ **PROOF OF MILITARY SERVICE**. If eligibility is based on one's own service, a copy of their Discharge Certificate, DD214 (SSN should be redacted), copy of military ID card (both sides), Veterans Administration (VA) verification letter, or a letter on command letterhead from the Commanding Officer or Administrative Officer is required to verify eligibility.

❖ **PROOF OF RELATIONSHIP TO A U.S. MARINE**. If eligibility is based on the relationship with a Marine, please submit evidence of the relationship. Documents required as proof include a copy of the Discharge Certificate or DD214, VA verification letter, marriage certificates, birth certificates, adoption documents, or military dependent ID (both sides), or a letter on Command stationery. **PLEASE REDACT ANY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS.**

❖ **USMC JROTC STATUS**. If eligibility is based on completing two years JROTC participation, a Senior Military Instructor (SMI) must submit a letter attesting to the applicant's status. The second letter of recommendation is still required.

❖ **YOUNG MARINES PROGRAM**. Unit Commander must submit a letter attesting to the applicant's status in the program. The second letter of recommendation is still required.

2. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY:

- a. Must have maintained a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. (Not weighted)
- b. One copy of the official transcript sent from the school to the Scholarship Chairperson or included in the application package. (See Note 2)

- c. Letter of acceptance for the following year from the applicant's school of choice. (If acceptance has not been received by the deadline for submission of this application, the decision of grant will be delayed until received. We acknowledge some schools do not send out their acceptance letters until later in the school year.)

3. COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY:

- a. A minimum college GPA = 3.0.
- b. All first-year students (freshmen) must submit: (See Note 2)
- i. Official final high school transcript may be sent from the high school to the Scholarship Chairperson at scholarship@womenmarines.org or included in the application package.
 - ii. One copy of the current official college transcripts may be sent from the college to the Scholarship Chairperson or included in the application package in a sealed envelope.
- c. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th-year students will be evaluated on current official transcripts sent from the school directly to the Scholarship Chairperson or included in the application package in a sealed envelope.
- d. Master/Ph.D. applicants are required to submit official undergraduate transcripts sent from the school/college to the Scholarship Chairperson or included in the application package in a sealed envelope.
- e. Current college and active-duty personnel applicants must be full-time students (12 credit hours) to be eligible for a WMA Scholarship. Master/Ph.D. applicants are required to take at least six (6) credit hours each semester.

NOTE 1: For those applicants that have completed their first enlistment or have been out of the education pipeline for over 10 years, are not required to submit an official high school transcript or ACT/SAT scores.

NOTE 2: Transcripts sent from Parchment are accepted instead of official transcripts sent from the school and must be dated no later than 31 March to be accepted. Schools are encouraged to send transcripts electronically to Scholarship@womenmarines.org. (*Request your transcripts early and do not wait until the last minute to meet application deadline.*)

NOTE 3: If an applicant needs a WMA member sponsor, notify the Scholarship Chair no later than (NLT) 01 March. Requests after this date will not be accommodated. The Chair will try to locate a WMA sponsor for you for the current scholarship year only.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application period extends exclusively from **1 February through 31 March.** Applications and all supporting documents including official transcripts postmarked after the deadline of 31 March will not be considered.

A completely new application package must be submitted each time an applicant applies. Previous submissions and incomplete applications will not be considered, and the applicant will not be notified when the package is received.

Applications will be accepted from students living outside the continental United States (OCONUS) who will be attending an OCONUS college. To compare GPA/Test Scores with U.S. schools, the transcripts from those high schools must include a grading key and any test scores the applicant has. Test scores must have information that can be interpreted as to what the results mean. An acceptance letter from the college is still required.

For application status (qualified/disqualified only), the Scholarship Chairperson will respond to one email per applicant at scholarship@womenmarines.org. Subject line should read **STATUS OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR (NAME OF APPLICANT).** **No telephone calls, postcards, letters, or multiple inquiries. No exceptions. Emails from parents, grandparents, or sponsors will not be answered. Applicant's email address only.**

Applicants are urged not to wait until the end of the application period of 31 March to mail in applications. Weather could affect the postmark date of the application. It is recommended applicants use certified mail as

proof of delivery. The postmark date must be legible. If there is no postmark date visible, the application will not be accepted if it is received after the 31 March deadline. The Post Office will hand-cancel a stamped postmark upon request for confirmation to the applicant. Remember to use the correct postage.

Mail applications to Scholarship, c/o Dorothy Stover-Kendrick, 6005 Widmer Road, Shawnee, KS 66216

NOTIFICATION PROCESS

The recipient will be notified by letter via email. Applicants will be notified on or before 01 June. Non-recipient applicants will be notified by email as to why they were not selected.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Upon selection of successful applicants, the checks will be mailed directly to the applicant's university of choice after receipt of evidence that applicants have enrolled in the designated university/school. (*August or September*)

ESSAY SUBMISSIONS

All applicants must complete the following two statements, a maximum of two pages per statement. Each essay must be on a separate piece of paper. Do not bullet list, we are looking for your ability to communicate in writing.

1. Tell us about the Marine you are related to when applying for this scholarship. (This could be your WMA sponsor if related, your mother, grandmother, father, grandfather, brother or sister, aunt, or uncle for example.) If self-sponsored e.g., WMA member, JROTC or Young Marines, write about yourself.

2. Tell us about your goals after college.

WMA SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

- COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM.** The application must be typed. Handwritten applications will not be accepted. The application form can be downloaded at <https://www.womenmarines.org/scholarships>.
- ESSAY SUBMISSION.** Include the two statements, a minimum of one page per statement, and a maximum of two pages per statement. Each statement is on a separate page. "Tell Us" Essays about your Marine descendant, and your goals after college.
- PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY.** See requirements under eligibility for acceptable documents.
- TWO PROFESSIONAL LETTERS OF REFERENCE.** (Letters from relatives are not acceptable.) Letters must be written within the **last 12 months, dated, and signed**, and attest to the applicant's character, attitude, leadership ability, and scholastic participation. High school students must include two letters from school personnel on official letterhead, signed and dated, and in sealed envelopes. **DO NOT SEND** copies of personal accolades. Other acceptable letters of reference may come from employers, military personnel, or anyone who can attest to your ability to succeed. Request your letters of reference/recommendation early on. Do not wait until the last minute.
- COPY OF TRANSCRIPTS.** All high school and college transcripts are sent to the Scholarship Chair or may be included in the applicant's package or sent electronically to scholarship@womenmarines.org. Parchment transcripts are acceptable. Applicants that have completed their first enlistment or have been out of the education pipeline for over 10 years are not required to submit an official high school transcript. Students living outside the continental U.S. (OCONUS) and will be attending an OCONUS college should provide transcripts and any test scores the applicant has and must include a grading key to compare GPA/Test scores with U.S. schools. Request your transcripts early on. Do not wait until the last minute.
- LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE.** A letter of acceptance for the following year from the applicant's school of choice. Funds will not be released until proof of acceptance/enrollment is received.
- BE ENROLLED FULL-TIME.** All applicants must be enrolled as full-time students (12 credit hours) to be eligible for a WMA Scholarship. Master/Ph.D. applicants are required to take at least six (6 credit hours) each semester. Copies of course schedules are acceptable.
- MALE APPLICANTS ONLY.** (Age 18-27) must submit proof of selective service registration.

NOTE: All applications must be completed as stated in these procedures to be considered qualified. Incomplete packages will not be considered. **Pay attention to the details.** You will be responsible for notifying your WMA sponsor as to whether you were selected or not.

IF UNSURE OF WHERE YOU ARE ATTENDING COLLEGE, THIS INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED WHEN NOTIFIED OF SELECTION. STUDENT/COLLEGE ID MUST BE PROVIDED AT THE SAME TIME.

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| REFER TO THE WMA WEBSITE FOR UPDATES under WMA PROGRAMS at: https://www.womenmarines.org/scholarships |
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



WMA

School year starting Fall Semester 2024 and is to be TYPED

Name Student/College ID No.
Address Home Phone:
City State Zip Code Cell Phone:
Country Males Only: Draft Registration No.
Applicant's E-mail
(College or Personal email address only. **Not** your parents email.)

Applicant Status:

Previous Applicant Year Applied Previous Winner Year Selected
I was/am in the Marine Corps or Marine Corps Reserves Yes No Rank Held

Sponsor Information must be a WMA member in good standing.

Name Relationship
Parent, Grandparent, Friend, etc.
Sponsor's email address: Sponsor's Phone:

College/University you will be attending fall 2024, if

known: Major/Minor (If known)
School Name
Financial Aid Address

HS Seniors/College Freshmen MUST submit the following documentation. No exceptions.

GPA (3.0 Higher) ACT/SAT

Undergraduate and Graduate Students MUST submit the following documentation. No exceptions.

GPA (3.0 Higher) Hours per Semester Projected Graduation Year

Mail completed application along with all required documentation as stated in the WMA Scholarship Program Procedures. Application period is 01 February through 31 March. All submissions MUST be postmarked on or before 31 March.

MAIL TO: Dottie Stover-Kendrick, 6005 Widmer Road, Shawnee, KS 66216 Email: scholarship@womenmarines.org

Signature Date

If unsure of where attending college, this information must be provided when notified of selection. Student ID must be provided at the same time. Application is for school year beginning with the Fall 2024 semester.

A downloadable, type able form can be found at <http://www.womenmarines.org/scholarships.aspx>



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Lunch – 11:30 Grand Ballroom

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National Women's Hall of Fame

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Lt Colonel Ann Crittendon, USMC (R)

National President, Women Marines Association

Sponsor Levels

The Women Marines' Association is honored to CO-Sponsor this conference and welcome our new Women Veterans Representative at the DMVA in Colorado! Amy Demenge is serving in this position and is doing great work. We welcome her and hope you will do the same by sharing info on this event!

Sponsors benefiting the Women Marines Association (WMA) are needed to help the Association complete their mission of serving veterans and active duty in Colorado. The WMA CO-1 Chapter provides emergency financial assistance where other organizations may not be unable to help. We provide Christmas cheer to the troops at Buckley with our "Breakfast for Buckley" event. We also support Marine Corps Junior ROTC Units with awards annually. Your support will help us serve these veterans and young people more fully! Consider sponsoring this event at one of the following levels:

\$200 - Colorado sponsor – includes a 3 x 6 table at the event with name listed in the program and on our website. Also includes 1 meal at Luncheon. - 2 sponsorships at this level available.

\$500 - Eagle Sponsor – 2 meals at luncheon; name/logo included in the program & website – size commensurate with the level of sponsorship – also includes a table in the lobby – 2 sponsorships at this level available.

\$1000 – Globe Sponsor - 4 meals at luncheon; name/logo included in the program & website and banner – size commensurate with the level of sponsorship – also includes a table in the lobby. - 2 sponsorships at this level available.

\$2500 – Anchor Sponsor - 6 meals at luncheon; name/logo included in the program & website and banner – size commensurate with the level of sponsorship – also includes a table in the lobby and time to speak at the PME explaining your benefits to women veterans in Colorado. - 1 sponsorship at this level available.

\$5000 – USA Presenting Sponsor – Prominent headline on program and banners as well as website; table in the lobby; - 8 meals; time at the luncheon to speak as well as the PME. - 1 sponsorship at this level available.

There are only 8 sponsor tables available so register at WMACO1.org early!



Enjoy Atlanta while attending the 2024 WMA National Convention!

Convention Registration and Hotel reservations are now available.

<https://www.womenmarines.org/wma-national-convention/>

These are the 10 top items that should be on your bucket list while at our convention!

The Georgia Aquarium: One of the largest aquariums in the world, featuring a variety of marine life.

Atlanta Botanical Garden: Explore beautiful gardens, plant collections, and art installations.

Piedmont Park: A large urban park offering walking trails, sports facilities, and scenic views of the skyline.

Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site: Visit the birthplace and historic sites associated with the civil rights leader.

The Fox Theatre: Attend a performance or take a guided tour of this iconic Atlanta landmark.

High Museum of Art: Explore a diverse collection of art, including European paintings, contemporary pieces, and decorative arts.

World of Coca-Cola: Learn about the history of Coca-Cola through interactive exhibits and tastings.

Atlanta History Center: Discover the city's history through exhibits, historic homes, and gardens.

Centennial Olympic Park: Built for the 1996 Summer Olympics, this park features fountains, gardens, and the SkyView Ferris wheel.

The BeltLine: A former railway corridor transformed into a multi-use trail, providing a unique way to explore various neighborhoods, parks, and public art.

Reserve Your PX Table Spaces for 2024 WMA Convention – Atlanta, GA

Strength in Diversity, Unity in Service PX will be a great place to show off your Chapter wares and earn a bit of cash to fill your coffers. We invite you to bring your enticing goods and lead the charge on your Chapter path to financial security.

Table cost is \$50 per table.
Make your check payable to:
WMA Convention, 611 Old
Paint Rd, Raymore, MO 64083

Credit Cards Accepted

Strength in Diversity, Unity in Service

Chapter : _____ POC: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

ITEMS TO BE SOLD: _____

Reservations close on August 1st, 2024



FAQ's

- **Conventions Dates.** You can book 3 days prior and 3 days after at convention rates.
 - 08 Aug Meet and Greet
 - 09 Aug Formal Opening
 - 11 Aug Formal Closing
- **Convention Room Rates**
 - When booking your room use the WMA Group Code: **WMA**
 - Hotel reservations at group rate cut-off date is **7/16/2024**. Book early.
 - Online reservations can be made at
<https://book.passkey.com/qt/219470135?qtid=731ad10255444e86731c692332e2de32>
 - Attendees can make reservations by calling 1-800-HILTONS and providing WMA's Group Code.
 - The room rate is \$149.00/night plus Georgia hotel fee and taxes. (*\$149+tax+\$5 GA Hotel Fee (\$30.53) = \$179.52/per night*)
 - Upon checking in the hotel will put a \$75 hold on your credit card/debit card per night for incidentals. Check with your bank policy on returning funds on Credit/Debit cards.
 - Free wireless internet, 2 water bottles daily (pick up at front desk), in-room coffee maker, and mini-fridge.
 - The Hotel will add an early checkout fee of \$75.00 to that guest's account if they check out before the reserved checkout date.
- **Registration Fee**
 - **Online registration ends on July 31, 2024.**
 - **Mailin registration ends July 18, 2024.**
 - All attendees will pay the registration fee. This includes guests who are attending paid events such as banquets. All meals are "pay to enter" events.
 - **Earlybird Registration: For online registration only.** 10% discount on the \$81.00 registration fee only before April 1, 2024. Discount Code: **wma2024**
 - **NOTE: Once you register online you will NOT be able to update or edit your registration for any add ons.** Ensure you register your guest when registering yourself. Will need this information to assign table seating if attending any banquets.
 - Onsite registration will be limited, and you may not be able to purchase a meal event ticket. Do not wait until the last minute to register.
 - Registration Fee includes:
 - Entrance to the Meet & Greet,
 - Pays for the printing of event programs and name badges.
 - Welcome bag and badge, and
 - All other administrative costs in putting on a convention.
- **Cancellation Policy**
 - A \$81.00 fee will be charged for cancellations after July 8, 2024.
 - No refunds after July 25, 2024.
 - Refunds will be mailed within 30 days of convention finalization.
 - In this event, you will be mailed the welcome bag and bolo.
 - Send an email to ctreasurer@womenmarines.org to confirm this would apply to you if you canceled and to confirm your mailing address.

- **Table Seating Assignments**
 - Opening/Closing banquets will have assigned seating.
 - R&A Luncheon has open seating.
 - Assignments are based on a first come first served based upon registration.
 - Chapters will NOT be able to pay to reserve a table.
- **Dress Code**
 - Opening and Closing Banquets
 - Civilian: Semi-Formal/Cocktail
 - Military: Evening Dress/Dress Blues/Service A uniforms
 - All other events:
 - Civilian: Business Casual
 - Military: Service C uniform
- **Fun Run**
 - More information is forthcoming.
- **Pet Accommodation**
 - Service Dogs are allowed at no charge.
 - Hilton Atlanta welcomes two pets up to 75 lbs for an additional fee of \$50 per night. Both dogs and cats are permitted, and well-behaved pets may be left in rooms unattended if a phone number is given to the front desk
- **Covid Restriction**
 - Read their protocols <https://www.reservationcounter.com/fag/>
- **Parking**
 - Self-parking is reduced by \$5.00 based on the prevailing rate. Check the hotel webpage for parking rates.
- **RV Parking**
 - Stone Mountain Park Campground. Phone 770-498-5710. Website: <https://stonemountainpark.com>
 - Atlanta Marietta RV Park. Phone 770-427-6854. Website: <https://amrvpark.com/>
 - Sweetwater Creek RV Reserve. Phone 770-743-4378. Website: <https://swcrv.com/>
- **Transportation**
 - The Hotel is connected via sky bridges through the Atlanta Marriott Marquis to “Peachtree Center” Station. Attendees can board at baggage claim and go North Bound to Peachtree Center. The Price is \$2.50 One Way plus \$1.00 for the Breeze Card. Attached are Directions to Peachtree Center from the airport and also from the hotel. The following is a MARTA link: [MARTA \(itsmarta.com\)](https://itsmarta.com) *(Published map and walking instructions in ‘Nouncements.*
- **Handicap Scooter Rental – Individual Responsibility to Reserve.**
 - Bruce Locke Scooter Rentals phone: 770-309-3699
 - Reliable Medical Supply - <https://reliablemedsupply.com>



WMA 2024 ATLANTA NATIONAL CONVENTION GEORGIA

August 8 – 12, 2024 | Hilton Atlanta, 255 Courtland Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

ALL GUESTS MUST ALSO REGISTER TO ADD ON MEALS

NO REFUNDS AFTER July 25, 2024

| REGISTRATION TYPE | | AMOUNT | |
|--|-----------------|----------|----------|
| WMA Member Registration Does not include meals. | \$81.00 | \$ _____ | |
| Loyal Escort Member Registration Does not include meals. | \$81.00 | \$ _____ | |
| Active Duty On Orders Includes all meals. | \$280.00 | \$ _____ | |
| Non-Member/Guest(s) Required Does not include meals. | \$81.00 | \$ _____ | |
| MEAL PLANS | PRICE | QUANTITY | AMOUNT |
| All meal events are PAY to enter. | | | |
| All Meals | \$199.00 | | \$ _____ |
| Opening Banquet | \$77.00 | | \$ _____ |
| R&A Luncheon | \$51.00 | | \$ _____ |
| Closing Banquet | \$74.00 | | \$ _____ |

Are you planning to attend the Meet & Greet on Thursday, August 8th. Yes / No

Are you attending your first WMA Convention? Yes / No

Dietary Restrictions:

- Vegetarian
- Dairy Allergies (nuts/seeds)
- Medical (diabetic, gluten)

DONATION

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| Consider an additional donation to the WMA 2022 National Convention. | \$25 | \$50 | \$100 | \$ _____ |
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PAYMENT SUMMARY

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| Total Fee Enclosed (Registration Type + Meal Plan Selections + Donation): | \$ _____ |
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

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|-----------------------|--------|-------|----------------------|----------------|--|
| Full Name: | | | | | |
| Mailing Address: | Street | | | | |
| | City | State | | Postal Code | |
| Email Address: | | | Primary Phone: | (###) ###-#### | |
| Name for Badge: | | | Chapter Affiliation: | (xx-##) | |
| Guest(s) Name: | | | | | |

Make check payable to WMA CONVENTION

Mail application with payment to:

WMA Convention Treasurer
c/o Mary Ellen Stone
611 Old Paint Road
Raymore, MO 64083

2024 WMA Biennial Convention & Professional Development Symposium August 8 – 11, 2024, Hilton Atlanta

Thursday 08 Aug 2024

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Registration – Prefunction North
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Meet and Greet – Grand Ballroom West

Friday 09 Aug 2024

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM WMA Board Meeting – Room 209
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM LE Board Meeting – Rooms 210/211
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Registration – Prefunction North
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM PX set-up – Rooms 213/214
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM PX OPEN – Rooms 213/214
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM – Active-Duty Orientation – Rooms 210/211
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM – First Timers Meeting – Grand Ballroom D
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Flag Ceremony Rehearsal – Grand Ballroom East
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Opening Reception – Grand Ballroom East
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Opening Banquet – Grand Ballroom East



Saturday 10 Aug 2024

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Registration – Prefunction North
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM WMA Business Meeting – Grand Ballroom East
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Loyal Escorts Business Meeting – Rooms 210/211
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM Recognition & Awards Luncheon – Grand Ballroom East
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM PX – Rooms 213/214
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM Workshop #1 – Grand Ballroom D
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Workshop #2 – Grand Ballroom D
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM Loyal Escort Hospitality – Grand Ballroom C

Sunday 11 Aug 2024

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Run/Walk
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Registration – Prefunction North
10:00 AM - 11:30 Loyal Escorts Business Meeting – Rooms 210/211
10:00 AM - 11:30 Workshop #3 “Chapter & MALs” – Room 209
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM PX Open and Pack up – Rooms 213/214
11:30 PM - 12:30 PM 2024-2026 LE Board Meeting – Room 210/211
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM WMA Business Meeting/Installation - Grand Ballroom East
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Memorial Service - Grand Ballroom East
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Closing Reception - Grand Ballroom East
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Closing Banquet - Grand Ballroom East

Monday 12 Aug 2024

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM WMA 2024-2026 Board Mtg – Room 209

DRESS CODE

Opening and Closing Banquets

- Civilian: Semi-Formal/Formal/Cocktail
- Military: Evening Dress/Blues/Service A

All other events:

- Civilian: Business Casual
- Military: Service C

Active Duty on orders must attend all events.

Admittance to meal events and business meetings require your bolo

Please be sure to attend the Business meetings.

SAT 10 Aug at 09:00 – Grand Ballroom East

SUN 11 Aug at 12:30 – Grand Ballroom East

Includes Installation of new officers

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE



WMA 2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION ATLANTA GEORGIA

Dear WMA Chapters and Members,

The Women Marines Association (WMA) will host the Biennial Convention and Professional Development Symposium Aug 08 thru Aug 12, 2024, in Atlanta, GA

These ads will be in our 2024 Biennial Convention and Professional Development Symposium Program Booklet, which every registrant will receive. Your support benefits the convention, the host chapter, and WMA National programs and initiatives. Your chapter can memorialize those called to their final duty station, honor a fellow member, share all your accomplishments, and show your support to WMA.

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Ads will be accepted in BLACK & WHITE, camera-ready hard copy or CD, and electronically. Ads can be designed for you at no charge. Just contact us at ConventionAds@womenmarines.org.

Please make checks payable to WMA Convention and mail them to Women Marines Association (Attn: Ads) c/o Mary Ellen Stone, 611 Old Paint Rd, Raymore, MO 64083. You can also pay for your ad via credit card +processing fee. Enclose your hardcopy ad or email electronic ads to ConventionAds@womenmarines.org. All ads must be postmarked or emailed by **08 July 2024** to allow time for the layout and printing. Questions may be addressed to conventionads@womenmarines.org.

AD SPACE Standard B/W Camera Ready

WMA MEMBER AD PRICES. Please mark the ad rate you would like.

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|-----------------|-----------|-------|--|
| Full page color | 17.5 x 10 | \$400 | |
| Full page | 7.5 x 10 | \$300 | |
| Half page | 7.5 x 5 | \$150 | |
| Quarter page | 5 x 3.75 | \$100 | |
| Business Card | 3 x 2 | \$50 | |
| 2 line | 1 x 1 | \$25 | |
| Name only | One line | \$15 | |

Ads can be sent as portrait or landscape

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Point of Contact: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Please find my camera-ready ad enclosed on CD

I have sent my ad file via email on _____. Please verify when it is received.



WMA 2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION ATLANTA GEORGIA

Strength in Diversity, Unity in Service

Online registration to attend the 2024 WMA Convention in Atlanta, GA is now open. Please note this is a two-part registration process. First, click on the hotel link to make your hotel reservation:

<https://book.passkey.com/gt/219470135?gtid=731ad10255444e86731c692332e2de32>.

Second, click on the link to register to attend the convention:

https://whova.com/portal/registration/wmaco_202408/.

For example: if you register to attend the convention it does not create your hotel reservation. That is a separate action.

WMA is using the WHOVA application for registration and other functions that will become available to attendees a few weeks before the convention starts. More information on how to use the WHOVA application will follow.

Register online only before April 1, 2024, to receive a 10% discount on the \$81 registration. Enter Discount Code: **wma2024** in the field. Does not apply to mail-in registrations.

All credit card transactions fees are included in the pricing. As you select your options the blue title bar on the left of the screen will show you how much your card will be charged without additional fees. **ALL MEAL EVENTS ARE PAY TO ENTER.** You will not be allowed into the banquet room, no exceptions.

The most essential information to remember is once you have registered to include purchasing your meal packages and your credit card has been swiped you **cannot update** your registration.

Examples:

1. You registered yourself and your guest and selected your meal options and your credit card was swiped therefore closing the transaction. Your guest only wanted to attend the Opening Banquet, but now wants to attend the Closing Banquet as well or vice versa. You will not be able to update your original transaction to add on another meal package. The application will require you to pay another \$81 registration fee. Everyone who attends pays the \$81 registration fee. If this is the case, please email ctreasurer@womenmarines.org to work an alternative payment method.
2. The above example works the same way if you registered yourself but did not purchase any meal package or you want to purchase another meal. The application will require you to pay another \$81 registration fee. If this is the case, please email ctreasurer@womenmarines.org to work an alternative payment method.
3. You have completed registration for yourself and down the road you want to bring a guest. You will create a new non-member registration for your guest using their information to include the \$81 registration fee and any meals you may purchase for your guest. As you work through the form pages, in the "Guest" field just annotate yourself as the guest and we will attempt to keep you both together.

After your purchase you will receive a registration receipt through the email address you provided. Bring the registration receipt with you to the convention to prove payment in case there is a discrepancy with your order.

It is particularly important to attempt the registration process only once. Ensure you know what you want to purchase ahead of time as those options will shut down as we approach the convention.

As registrations are received table assignments will be made. Every attempt to keep you and your guest(s) together at the same table for both the Opening and Closing Banquets will be made. The R&A Luncheon has open seating. However, table assignments are based on paid events. If you want to sit with someone ensure that the person has also registered and paid for those meal events. You can then email ctreasurer@womenmarines.org and request you be assigned the same table or one close by. Note the closer we get to convention the more impossible these requests become. Table assignments are based on first come first served.

<https://www.womenmarines.org/wma-national-convention/>

WMA Needs YOU and Your Talents on the WMA Board

What better time than now to volunteer as a WMA Board member? With our rebranding and partnering with Virtual, as a volunteer you will be able to better serve WMA and the members.

Regarding the upcoming elections for the Women Marines Association (WMA), notable changes have been implemented in the organization's governance structure. The hierarchical barriers that previously slowed down projects have been eliminated. Tasks are now efficiently divided based on commonality and placed under the oversight of dedicated directors who manage various projects, tasks, and committees. Directors play a more influential role in determining the scope of their responsibilities. The introduction of Virtual support ensures a quicker and more streamlined implementation of necessary changes, aimed at relieving volunteers from handling administrative tasks with limited support.

All eight (8) of the WMA Board billets are up for election. A short summary of each position is listed below. If you have the skills for a position, please seriously consider running for one of them, or tell a friend who may be interested. WMA needs you!

The process to apply for a position is three-fold: complete the WMA Nomination Application; have a current resume in a business format; and, your picture on a white or light background. Email your application, resume and picture to Nominate@womenmarines.org. You will be contacted upon receipt and notified about the interview process.

The deadline for submission is **22 March 2024**.

President

- Represents the Women Marines Association (WMA) membership and serves as an Ambassador to support the Association.
- Legally responsible for the corporation, including financial and program accountability.
- Defines and implements the mission, vision, and values of the WMA, based on their understanding of the assets, needs, and goals of the WMA members.
- SKILLS: Excellent communication skills to include both verbal and written, and interpersonal skills. Familiarity with Microsoft Suite, Google Suite, and Video Conferencing. Familiarity with Parliamentary procedures and Roberts Rules of Order.

Vice President

- Represents the Women Marines Association (WMA) membership and serves as an Ambassador to support the Association and the WMA President.
- Legally responsible for the corporation, including financial and program accountability.
- Defines and implements the mission, vision, and values of the WMA, based on their understanding of the assets, needs, and goals of the WMA members.
- SKILLS: Excellent communication skills to include both verbal and written, and interpersonal skills. Familiarity with Microsoft Suite, Google Suite, and Video Conferencing.

Treasurer/Director, Finance

- Oversight for budgeting, forecasting, account reconciliation, and profit and loss reporting as well as working with the Investment Committee (IC).
- Oversee all accounting activities related to income, auditing, donations, accounts payable processing, accounts receivable processing, accounts receivable collection, IRS compliance, and contracts; collectively with the Finance Committee are legally responsible for the Association, including financial and program accountability.
- Define and implement the mission, vision, and values of the WMA, based on their understanding of the assets, needs, and goals of the WMA members.
- SKILLS: Knowledge of non-profit management. Impeccable mathematics and analytical skills. Familiarity with Microsoft Office Suite, Google Suite, and Video Conferencing. Proficient in Microsoft Excel spreadsheets. Familiarity with Quick Books accounting software. Expertise in Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). CPA or bookkeeper experience or experience in the Marine Corps as a disbursing officer/comptroller or other related experience in finance.

Secretary/Director, Administration

- Oversight for all administrative procedures/processes to include official organizational oversight in coordination with WMA's management company for the WMA Board meetings, agenda development, archiving of records/results, and if required, voting procedures required as per the Bylaws and SOP.
- SKILLS: Excellent communication skills to include both verbal and written, and interpersonal skills. Proficient with Microsoft Suite, Google Suite, and Video Conferencing.

Director, Development, and Fundraising

- Oversees WMA's donor relations program and manages fundraising initiatives.
- Responsible for developing non-profit fundraising campaigns, communicating with current and prospective donors, and building a stronger development team for WMA.
- Position involves managing individual and corporate gifts as well as planned and annual giving campaigns.
- Work in partnership with the Convention Coordination Committee (CCC) to enable the success of the event.
- SKILLS: Experience in Business Administration, Communications, Finance, or related field is helpful. Applied understanding of basic fundraising principles and development of best practices. Experience in fundraising. Experience with online fundraising, email marketing, and internet research. Working knowledge of investment strategies and markets. Familiar with Facebook, Twitter, and Zoom. Familiarity with Microsoft Office Suite, Google Suite, and Video Conferencing. Database and spreadsheet proficiency. Excellent written, interpersonal, and verbal communication skills.

Director, Marketing & Communication

- Oversight for all association activities related to communications, marketing, advertising, and public relations.
- Oversees telling the WMA story to stakeholders and other audiences via social media channels, news media, member communications platforms, the WMA website, and other available communications platforms. Administrative competence (may be useful to have USMC Admin background), advanced skillset in verbal and written communications, comfort and familiarity with social media and their platforms.
- SKILLS: Working knowledge of Internet websites and intra facing, working knowledge of social media websites, excellent communication skills to include both verbal and written, and interpersonal skills. Familiarity with Microsoft Suite, Google Suite, and Video Conferencing.

Director, Member Services

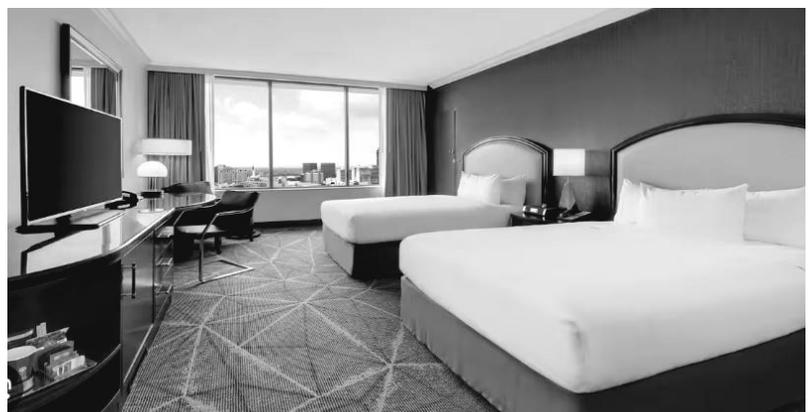
- Membership Database, Member Experience to include Chapter Members, Members at Large (MALs), and Chapter Education and Training.
- SKILLS: HR Experience. Excellent communication skills to include both verbal and written, and interpersonal skills. Proficient in Microsoft Excel spreadsheets. Familiarity with Microsoft Suite, Google Suite and Video Conferencing.

Director, Programs

- The liaison to the President and has oversight for all Program procedures to include the official organizational oversight.
- Coordinates with WMA's management company for WMA Board meetings, agenda development, the financial health of the Programs, and the annual reporting requirements.
- SKILLS: Excellent communication skills to include both verbal and written, and interpersonal skills. Familiarity with Microsoft Suite, Google Suite, and Video Conferencing.



Convention Hotel, Hilton Atlanta





Nomination Package for those interested in applying for a position on the 2024-2026 WMA National Board. Please indicate your interest no later than **22 March 2024**.

This form is to be completed by any current WMA member in good standing. Send your completed application and required documentation noted below to the Nominating Committee at nominate@womenmarines.org. **The Subject line should be: Nomination – First/Last Name – Position.**

Required Documentation:

- Nomination Application
- Current Resume in a business format
- A current professional-looking “head and shoulder” photo on a plain background/wall.
**Picture to only be utilized upon new board selection announcement.*

Position interested in applying for:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary/Director, Administration
- Treasurer/Director, Finance
- Director, Development & Fundraising
- Director, Marketing & Communications
- Director, Member Services
- Director, Programs

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

LinkedIn URL (if applicable): _____

WMA Member Type: _____ Life Member _____ 2 Year Member

USMC Service Dates: _____

Chapter Affiliation: _____ MOS: _____

Previous WMA experience: _____

Education:

Previous Volunteer Experience (if any):

Affiliations or organizations, especially positions of leadership (e.g., professional, civic): *(Please list any offices held or board membership in any organizations, including WMA. Include dates of when positions were held)*

Why would you like to serve in this position?

Skills & Experience (See specific position description):

Please share what expertise and experience you have that is most relevant to the position. (No more than 200 words)

I agree to serve and fulfill all requirements and qualifications listed for the position as described in the position description as well as noted in the WMA Standard Operating Procedures if elected.

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| Signature: | |
| Date: | |

Special Someones

DC-1 Chapter Says Farewell to Betty Printz Sims, Oldest Living Woman Marine

Members of the DC-1 Chapter were very saddened to learn that their long-time Chapter member, Betty "Printzy" Sims, passed away on December 4.

Printzy was born on October 30, 1919, and had recently celebrated her 104th birthday. On July 29th of last year, having served in World War II and while still just 103 years old, received a Living Legends Award from the Women's Memorial and was featured in a televised NBC news story.

Printzy graduated from Grinnell College in Iowa in 1941 and was teaching music in the town of Tripoli, Iowa, when Pearl Harbor was bombed and the United States entered the war. Upon completion of her Marine Corps training, she became a Fixed Gunnery Instructor, often training seasoned pilots returning from the Pacific war zone.

After serving in the Marine Corps, Printzy met and married her husband, Ralph Sims, who was in the Navy, and they had two daughters, Sarah and Bekki. Printzy resumed working in the music field, both teaching and frequently volunteering and organizing performing groups wherever she lived.



Top photo: Printzy with members of the DC-1 Chapter along with SgtMaj Robin Fortner, USMC (Ret.) (2nd from left).

Bottom photos: Printzy in her World War II uniform, and with DC-1 Chapter members.

Printzy followed in her path – an individual we appreciated and honored, and one, who like many others, honorably served in the Marine Corps during a time of great need.

When the DC-1 and VA-1 Chapters co-hosted the WMA National Convention in 2018, she (at 97 years old) was actively participating in the planning meetings beforehand and surprised many of the Chapter members when she spontaneously raised her hand and inquired as to the music that would be used at the Memorial Service. She then volunteered to bring her keyboard and play the music for the Memorial Service rather than using a CD player – and play she did! She impressed everyone with her skills and accompaniment!

In an interview with her mother's Grinnell College newspaper on the occasion of Printzy's 104th birthday, daughter Bekki described her thusly: "She had a side to her that we called her Marine side. She didn't take any guff or disrespect. I could talk to her about my school peers and their behavior, and she always had a good perspective." She described her mom as "fair and kind but also not allowing much to intimidate her."

DC-1 Chapter members will truly miss this gracious, wonderful, and talented woman in the years ahead. She will be remembered for her many contributions and for serving as an excellent role model for those of us who



Printzy's burial arrangements have not yet been finalized, but she will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery with her husband.

Donna Campbell

(Donna wrote a wonderful piece on Printzy. But being new to WMA, she may not know the rest of the story. Forgive me, Donna, I have to add a little more.

For more years than I know, Printzy has been what some have called a real taskmaster in leading a choral group called the WMA Sometimes Singers. This group was made up of members who only performed at conventions. When it came time for rehearsals, she put on her "Marine" face and did not tolerate any foolishness. And she got the job done, getting everyone in tune and playing the piano, which wasn't easy when you only saw one another every two years. So it was no surprise to read where she took her keyboard to the 2018 Memorial Service.

Most of the singers are gone now, sadly. I feel blessed to have been involved with WMA when they were around. They wouldn't have won a Grammy, but you couldn't beat the experience.

Yes, gone, but not forgotten. Semper Fidelis, Printzy, and thank you. ~ Sondra Metzger)

Bonita Marie Salamanca

Bonita wasn't 104; she was 89 and passed away on October 10, 2023. Before joining the Corps, Bonita was a member of the Tacoma Figure Skating Club and performed in many Ice Reviews and Ice Cycles.

She completed boot camp at Parris Island. Her next duty station was where she met her husband, a Naval officer, and was discharged. From 1954 to 1975 she was a Navy officer's wife and mother of two children. Stationed with VR-24 squadron at Port Lyautey, Morocco and Rota, Spain, she participated in Officer's Club activities, traveled throughout Europe and the Near East, and served as Girl Scout Leader.

Upon returning from overseas in 1966, she taught swimming and water safety to the Red Cross. In addition to her love of swimming, she was an avid tennis player, artist, gourmet cook, master knitter, played piano and was a longtime member of the Doylestown Methodist Church choir. She was a member of the Doylestown Tennis Club, and volunteered many hours at the Pearl Buck Foundation and Meals on Wheels.

But in 1975, Bonnie reenlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve as the USMCR's oldest Lance Corporal. After meritorious promotions to Corporal, Sergeant, and Staff Sergeant, Bonnie entered the Warrant Officer program. At age 65 she retired at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4. Memorable assignments included teaching combat swimming, serving on promotion boards, duty in Okinawa, Japan, serving as a General's aide, and participation in numerous joint exercises. All told, Bonnie had 22 years of service to her beloved Corps.

Her daughter, Beth, also served in the Corps. She was



one of two women officers to get the EOD Officer designation in 1977.

The family is requesting for anyone who would like to donate in Bonnie's memory to send your donation to WMA: <https://www.womenmarines.org/product/wma-donation/> and the Bucks County SPCA <https://buckscountyspca.org/donate/>.

Semper Fidelis, Bonnie.

Muriel Underwood



I have not been in WMA long enough to list accomplishments by this member. What I do know is that she was what I would call a fire cracker. Sweet, but when someone lights her fuse, get out of her way!

In the October issue of 'Nouncements, the IL-2 Chapter celebrated with her on her 100th birthday.

During my first term as editor, Muriel would write or call and give me suggestions on format and such. Every

now and then she would send an article. She was a Chicago-based book designer into the first part of the 21st century. Part of her collection consists of her papers pertaining to her professional work as a book designer; another part focuses on her work as an officer for the Society of Typographic Arts.

A WWII veteran, Muriel was born in Chillicothe, Ohio and joined the Corps in 1943 serving as a mimeograph machine operator. While stationed in San Diego, she attended the San Diego School of Art. After her discharge in 1946, she attended the Art Institute of Chicago.

In the 1960s, Muriel began her own company, Miscellaneous Graphics, so she could freelance doing book design. Before she passed, she was printing and binding her own miniature books. She has designed, printed, and bound about three dozen books, mostly miniature size, 2 3/4" by 3" on a variety of subjects.

In March of 2010, Muriel was named Veteran of the Month in Chicago during the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs' "Salute to Women Veterans" as part of National Women's History Month.

Muriel, you will be missed in so many ways. Semper Fidelis.

Sondra Metzger

Chapter Clippings

CA-2 San Diego

It has been a busy start to fall for our chapter.



Longtime member Lois Gregory turned 100 on October 16th.

Members Aurora Gandy, Babs Meairs, Patsy Jones, Sylvia Allston, Randy Tidmore and Loyal Escort Nancy Brock attended the annual Women in Military luncheon.

Molly Marine Awards at MCRD San Diego: Maria Rodriguez Callejas presented the Award to PFC Emma Vincent of L Co on September 13th; on October 25th, Barbara McCurtis presented the Award to PFC Kyaria K. Fullington of Co D Plt 1061; on Friday, November 4th, CA2 members Bennadine Johnson and Barbara McCurtis presented the Award to PFC Brendlee D. Wolf, platoon 3265, M Co.

Many members have signed up to celebrate the Marine Corps birthday at various VFW and Marine Corps League events and we are looking forward to riding with the Marine Corps League in the San Diego Veterans Day Parade in November. Our chapter also collected and donated professional clothing and accessories in support of Operation Dress Code for military women new to the business community.



CA-2 members participated on December 18 laying wreaths at Miramar National Cemetery and Singing Hills Cemetery.



CA-2 members gathered at the Admiral Baker club in San Diego for a Christmas party and gift exchange. We were happy to welcome two new members to our group.



Barbara McCurtis

CA-3 Greater San Francisco Bay Area

Greetings from CA-3 and the Greater San Francisco Bay Area. This was a busy quarter for CA-3.

In October, we celebrated Halloween at our monthly meeting in San Leandro hosted by CA-3 member Lily Brockmeier. Although our number was small, a great time was had by all.

In November, CA-3 celebrated the 248th birthday of our Marine Corps at the meeting hosted by CA-3 member Janet Johnson. We held a traditional birthday celebration, with our oldest Marine present – Loyal Escort Vern Smith – receiving the first piece of cake, passing it to our youngest



Marine present – CA-3 member Carolina Rudisel.

Also in November, the following events were attended by members:

On 4 November, CA-3 member Lily Brockmeier, CA-3 member Nancy Zaunbrecher-Payne, and Marine Corps Veteran Ricky Payne attended the 23rd Marines Birthday Ball held in San Jose. Over 1000 attendees enjoyed the festivities. For some, it was the first Birthday Ball they had attended since serving on active duty!



On 7 November, Lily Brockmeier coordinated a Veterans Day event where the senior leaders of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Center Redwood City met/greeted the Kaiser Permanente Military Veterans from that medical center. Poster boards of the employees who served were displayed, military related swag was given, and of course, lunch. It was a great way for the veterans to share their military experience with their senior leaders.

On 9 November, Lily Brockmeier attended the San Mateo County 8th Annual Veterans Recognition Luncheon sponsored by Kaiser Permanente. Marines from the 23rd Regiment did the colors.



On November 11th, Susan Johnston participated in the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Tracy War Memorial. A short ceremony was held, including the reading of the names of the military members from the City of Tracy lost in action, followed by the firing of rifles, and the playing of taps. After which, all veterans enjoyed a free lunch provided by the VFW Auxiliary. The West High School Air Force ROTC provided a POW/MIA table, with a ceremony explaining each object of the table.

On November 18th, Lynne and Paul Gaudrone attended the Stockton Marine Corps Birthday Ball, at which they were honored to be key note speakers.

On 4 December, Lily Brockmeier participated in the Kaiser Permanente toy drive. A name was picked, and then a gift was purchased for the recipients wish when they were a child! An interesting twist for a toy drive!

Our sister chapter, OR-1 – reached out to us on behalf of the Recruiting Station in Portland to ask if we were willing to sponsor an activity table at their Santa's Workshop for families. CA-3 happily partnered with OR-1 Lady Marine Rose Chapter. CA-3 provided the donations to purchase the craft kits, and OR-1 oversaw the table and assisted the children in creating the crafts. The success of the event could not have happened with the partnership between CA-3 and OR-1.

On 16 December, CA-3 held its last monthly meeting of the year, hosted by CA-3 member Angelina Miller and Loyal Escort Elaine Vallecillo-Miller. At this meeting, we had a formal sit-down luncheon, highlighted by our annual contributions to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.

We also continued our annual "Adopt a Marine/Marine Family" for Christmas program. Corporal Adam Ciloglu, HQ Co, 23rd Marine Regiment, S-1 was our recipient this year. Cpl Ciloglu is currently a reservist attending school at a local community college, with plans to transfer to a 4-year college to study architecture. Lily Brockmeier presented our monetary donation to him.



On 20 December, Lily Brockmeier and CA-3 member Carolina Rudisel supported the 23rd Marines at their holiday event, providing a stocking craft table. Each child made a stocking, which was then stuffed with stuffed animals, jingle wreaths, and lots and lots of candies.



During this quarter, CA-3 member Susan Johnston participated in two Memorial services as part of the combined American Legion/VFW Honor Guard.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year from CA-3, hoping that everyone had a Happy Holiday.

Susan Johnston

CA-7 Edith Macias Vann Southern California

CA-7 wishes everyone a Happy New Year!!! Did you make any New Year's resolutions? We hope you include joining our chapter or attending more meetings or become more involved within the chapter.

On November 11 we had a wonderful time celebrating the Marine Corps Birthday at Hunter Steakhouse.



On December 16, Bonnie Diaz (Secretary) and Lillian Cross (Treasurer) participated in Wreaths Across America. According to Lillian: "We have been going to Miramar National Cemetery but this year we went to Escondido Oak Hill Cemetery. As formal as Miramar and Fort Rosecrans are, Oak Hill was informal. It was somewhat refreshing, but surprising,



and much hillier. It is a beautiful cemetery but climbing the hills was a bit much for this 76 year old body. I went with our new chapter secretary, Bonnie Diaz, her husband and grandbaby, and Dennis, my brother. They picked people out of the audience to present the military wreath, and I was selected.

They probably had 75 people in attendance.”

Don't forget about our Women Reserves luncheon on Saturday, February 10, at The Broiler in the Oceanside Harbour. If you can, please donate a basket (or two) filled with goodies for a drawing. The money from the drawing will go to our Scholarship Fund. More information will be in the chapter newsletter. Semper Fi.

Iris Biggers

DC-1 District of Columbia

Our Chapter, like many others, always makes extra time and a special effort to recognize the past service, contributions, and birthdays of our World War II Woman Marine veterans. We always enjoy the opportunity to celebrate the “Century” birthdays of these individuals with balloons, decorations, cakes, cookies, and congratulatory messages. In the past year, we honored Mary Ann McKenzie on February 6, Norma Rambow on September 2, and Josephine Drummond on October 23 when they celebrated their 100th birthdays. We were preparing to celebrate with another of our Chapter sisters, Muriel Kupersmith, who would have been 100 on November 6. We were sad that, instead, several of us attended her Memorial Service shortly after she passed away on October 1, and we also plan to attend her burial services at Arlington when scheduled.

Last, but certainly not least, our sister Marine, Betty Printz Sims, turned 104 on October 30; however, we are now grieving her passing which occurred on December 1 and are awaiting information from her family regarding her interment at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date. (See separate article in this issue.)

These ladies are all treasures whom we have held and continue to hold in high regard. We love hearing the stories of their time in the Marine Corps and hope to create more opportunities to spend time with them.

On a positive note, we had a very enjoyable Holiday Get-Together in early December. Karyl Moesel, our host, organized a wonderful lunch and a Toys-4-Tots Collection to help our local Marine Corps Reserve Unit. Fun games were provided by Vivian Price-Butler. Thanks to both of them! It was a great afternoon!

We're looking forward to our joint DC-1 and VA-1 Women Marines Anniversary Luncheon in February as well as the National Convention in August.

Donna Campbell

LA-1 Molly Marine

On November 1, the Molly Marine Chapter LA-1 participated in the Parade of Patriots/ Medal of Honor parade.

On November 10, the Chapter celebrated the Birthday of our beloved Corps at the largest Marine Corps ball of the year across the Globe, at the Superdome. The guest speaker was our 20th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, SgtMaj C. A. Ruiz.



On November 11, members attended the Our War Too/Veteran's Day event at the WWII Museum.

On November 18, the Chapter held our monthly meeting. After the meeting the Chapter put together stockings that were donated to the Holiday Stocking for Heroes.

On December 9, the Chapter held our annual Holiday Party. The gathering was full of laughter and camaraderie. It was a time to appreciate our members.

Stay tuned for LA-1's next quarter adventures.

Alice Ramos



MI2 Motor City

The last quarter has been a busy one for sure. In November we held a packing party for our troops overseas. Our member Kim has a son who is stationed in a remote area and his unit needed a few supplies. MI-2 and the community came together to ship out 50 boxes filled with goodies and letters of support from our area schools. The communities are always so willing to help to support us.



In December we donated \$500 worth of items to the Michigan Veterans Home in Chesterfield, MI. The items came from their annual wish list.

We also co-hosted a tea for the women from the Veterans Home. This included the spouses of the veterans who currently reside. We had a total of 50 people who attended this event to honor these special guests. Many of the guests brought in items for the home.

One of the highlights of this month was that our Loyal Escort Member Cathy Cousino started a group that meets monthly called Coffee, Community & Charity



& Charity Friends of Macomb. Together we will work on community projects with our other non-profits to benefit our community and those in need.

Mary Ann Merritt



NM-1 Sandia Chapter

The last quarter of the year is always a whirlwind of activities. From the Marine Corps Birthday through the holidays our members have been as busy as can be.

Our November started off at the Placitas, NM Holiday Market where our members manned a booth promoting our Chapter as well as being a designated Toys for Tots donation site. We are grateful to the patrons attending the holiday market who kindly donated \$450 in monetary donations in addition to filling more than two boxes with toys and games to help brighten Christmas morning for local children.



Also in November, member Roleen Younis and her son Shush took a trip to Washington D.C. and took time from sightseeing to break out her brasso to shine up the Marine Corps emblem at the base of the flagpole at the entrance to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Definitely showing her Marine Corps pride!

to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

During our November quarterly meeting our generous members collected non-perishable food items and we were happy to contribute to one of the local food banks serving some of the more rural areas in New Mexico.



And of course, our November meeting would not be complete without celebrating our 248th Marine Corps Birthday with our own cake cutting ceremony. With our oldest and youngest Marines present, Christine Bates and Kierstan Bustos, happy to take part in this time honored tradition.



As we roll from November into December, we are all so busy with holiday preparations and gatherings, so a group of our members took a little breather in our holiday planning to take a trip to Santa Fe on our local Rail Runner train (where all veterans ride free every day). We enjoyed visiting the many unique shops in Santa Fe, had a great meal at one of the many restaurants on the Plaza, and even a raised a few glasses to toast the holidays. It was great fun and we shared stories and laughs for a nice break in the holiday bustle.

On the train to Santa Fe: Roleen Younis, Lorena Sims, Geri Yahnozha, Carla Gonzales-Schwarz, Tracy Tillerson, and Stephanie Pugh (not pictured Barbara Pickering and Dawn Gonzalez).



Sharing a yummy meal in Santa Fe: Lorena Sims, Carla Gonzales-Schwarz, Roleen Younis, Tracy Tillerson, Stephanie Pugh, Dawn Gonzalez, Astrid Morreal, Geri Yahnozha, and Barbara Pickering

As we all look forward to a new year and a fresh start we send our best wishes for a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2024 to all. Semper Fidelis.

Stephanie Pugh

TX-3, TX-6 Yellow Rose of Texas, Gruene Marines

TX-3 Yellow Rose of Texas and TX-6 Gruene Marines participated in the annual New Braunfels 4th of July Parade. We walked the parade together and handed out candy and other goodies to the kids along the route. It was a warm day but not hot enough to cause any heat casualties. After the parade, we gathered and had a picnic lunch and chit-chatted. It was so much fun being together as sister Marines. Semper Fi.

Ludi McAuley



Taps

"If the Army and the Navy ever look on Heaven's scenes, they will find the street 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

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| Betty Cook (Tuthill) | 1193 | 12/29/2023 | CA-11/MAL |
| Essie Dowler (Lucas) | 643 | 03/24/2023 | MAL |
| Iona Gilbert (Crim) | 1192 | 07/07/2019 | DC-1 |
| Catherine ("Louise") Grieger (Rongey) | 1988 | 05/24/2022 | MAL |
| Marguerite E. Johnson (Davis) | 1399 | 06/22/2023 | CA-3/MAL |
| Mary ("Patsy") Johnson (Nelson) | 2660 | 11/01/2012 | AZ-2 |
| Muriel Kupersmith (French) | 866 | 10/01/2023 | MAL |
| Margaret Miniclier (Creel) | 1519 | 07/2023 | FL-12 |
| Penny Papke | 2210 | 12/08/2021 | MI-2 |
| Holly Rooker (Master) | 3561 | 11/18/2023 | MAL |
| Bonita ("Bonnie") Salamanca (Carlisle) | 144 | 10/10/2023 | PA-2 |
| Betty ("Printzy") Sims (Long/Printz) | 1748 | 12/06/2023 | DC-1 |
| Eleanor Smith (Symton) | 1531 | 05/01/2014 | MAL |
| Muriel Underwood | 1586 | 01/02/2024 | IL-2 |
| Marjory Westphal-Gonzalez (Alden) | 1900 | 04/14/2023 | USA-3 |
| Joan Wright | 2112 | 03/16/2022 | TX-1 |

Chaplain's Corner

As Marines, our lives have been characterized by a commitment to service. Service to God, country, Corps and comrade. Being of service is not a foreign concept to us nor do we shy away from it. We have been blessed as Marines to know our lives mattered. Sure, there were times some of the work we did in the Corps seemed mundane. Yet, even then, we knew we were part of something bigger than ourselves and this "something bigger" made a difference in the world.



A life isn't significant except for its impact on other lives. ~ Jackie Robinson

A pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all directions. Each one of our thoughts, words and deeds is like that. ~ Dorothy Day

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ~ 1 Pt 4:10 (NRSV)

As we begin 2024, I invite you to join me in asking ourselves the following questions: How can I make this world qualitatively better over the next year? Whose life can I touch in big ways and/or small ways? How can I make a difference to our sister Marines?

In thinking about these questions, the WMA is developing a Chaplain Corps and we are looking for members to join our effort and who reflect the diversity within the WMA, including those who are not Christian. If you would like more information, please email me at: chaplain@womenmarines.org.

Melinda Townsend

Our Commandant

The Commandant of the Marine Corps, who was hospitalized after suffering a cardiac arrest, has been released from the hospital after open heart surgery to repair a valve that doctors say directly contributed to the incident.



Gen Smith suffered cardiac arrest on October 29. Washington, D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services connected Smith's incident to reports of a man who collapsed during a run near the 8th and I Marine Barracks where the general resides. Bystanders began CPR on Smith until emergency services took over and the general was transported to the hospital. According to Penn Medicine, a bicuspid aortic valve means that a heart has only two "flaps" to control the flow of blood instead of three. Bicuspid aortic valves can either leak or narrow, which could cause heart failure, according to the University of Pennsylvania's medical school.

Earlier, the Marine Corps announced that Smith would be transferring to an inpatient facility, meaning that he spent roughly a week in inpatient status before being released home. He is currently undergoing rehabilitation and will return to full duty afterwards.

*Drew F. Lawrence, Military.com
edited by Lillian Cross and Sondra Metzger*

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