



Celebrating Our Lives as Marines

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

Merry Christmas to all!!!

As we enter into the holiday season and the year comes to an end members are encouraged to consider year-end donations to support WMA initiatives. Words alone cannot express gratitude for the ongoing commitment of members and the impact that contributions make in advancing the WMA's mission.

Looking ahead, WMA will be announcing an upcoming change in the dues structure, set to take effect on July 1, 2024. This new structure aims to enhance member benefits and sustain the organization's growth, ensuring a more robust experience for all members. This will require a National Board vote and as dues have not changed within the timeline outlined in our By Laws and Standing Rules, a member vote is not required, but I am notifying all at least 6 months prior that this change is coming. As an organization, we still have the lowest dues of other like Veteran groups.

The proposed dues structure will be as follows:

Term \$60 for 2 years

30 and below: \$395

31-39: \$360

40-49: \$310

50-59: \$280

As JFK said "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." In this case the Women Marines Association!

Become a part of the future for the WMA and consider taking your time and energy to fill a National Board member position. **WE NEED YOUR ENERGY AND GREAT IDEAS.**

Our Association Management Company, Virtual Inc., ensures that our administrative needs are taken care of so that our Board Members can focus on the strategic and communication initiatives that will continue to ensure our growth. Our membership has grown significantly in large part due to the great ideas our Board Members continue to express, but we are sure that there are many more members out there who can add to our growing mission and vision. Please consider filling a National Board position. The Nominating Committee will be sending all Board positions descriptions out soon. All positions are open for election. Talk this up with your Chapters and Members at Large. This is an exciting time – so be a part of it!!!

In the spirit of the holiday season, We extend warm wishes to the entire WMA community, encouraging members to celebrate with those

60-69: \$250  
70-79: \$220  
80-89 \$100  
90 and up free

**Nominations:** The Women Marines Association is quickly coming into the nomination process for voting in a new Board of Directors. This is an exciting time to not only be a member of WMA, but to also volunteer your time and GREAT IDEAS to continue our growth and importance for our Women Marines active, retired and former!

## VP Notes

**Patty Collins**

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Marines,  
Happy Holiday's

As we head into the holiday season I want to express how grateful I am to be a part of such a great organization. It's been my pleasure serving on the board and meeting members from all over. I know this time of year can be hard for some. If that is the case please reach out. We are all here for each other. If you know someone who is having a difficult time, reach out to them. This association has helped so many members and veterans this past year. I can't wait to see what we as an association can do in 2024.

I am always looking for ideas on networking subjects. If you have something you would like us to discuss please contact me at [listening@womenmarines.org](mailto:listening@womenmarines.org).

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

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. [wmavp@womenmarines.org](mailto:wmavp@womenmarines.org). If you are a new member we will have a new member orientation on 12 Dec at 8pm ET. Most of you have already gotten your zoom link. If you haven't, contact me and I will send to you. This your your opportunity to find out more about

dear to them. We emphasize the importance of fostering connections and unity within the organization, reinforcing the sense of camaraderie that makes the WMA a supportive and inclusive community. If you have senior members who are alone invite them to share the holidays or take time to visit them.

In closing,

Happy Holidays to all!! Enjoy!

Semper Fidelis,  
Ann

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Have a Favorite Recipe? Send it to us at [WMADirComm@womenMarines.org](mailto:WMADirComm@womenMarines.org) for inclusion in Monthly Minute

## POLISH RUM BABKA



### Sponge:

1 cup milk (warm, no hotter than 110 F)  
2 (1/4-ounce) packages/4 1/2 teaspoons active dry yeast  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

### Batter:

4 large eggs  
1 cup sugar  
1 pinch salt  
11 tablespoons butter (1 stick + 3 tablespoons, melted and cooled)  
2 3/4 cups flour (all-purpose)

### Rum Syrup:

1 cup water  
7 ounces/200 grams superfine sugar  
1 tablespoon lemon [zest](#)  
2 tablespoons lemon juice (1 lemon)  
1/4 cup dark rum

## Make the Sponge

WMA, find chapter or how to start one in your area.

My email is [wmapv@womenmarines.org](mailto:wmapv@womenmarines.org).

Happy Holiday's.  
Semper Fidelis,  
Patty



**Christmas Day (December 25):** The most widely celebrated Christmas holiday, commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a time for gift-giving, festive meals, and spending time with family and friends.

**Christmas Eve (December 24):** Many people in the U.S. celebrate Christmas Eve with special church services, festive dinners, and family gatherings.

**Hanukkah** (dates vary): Also known as the Festival of Lights, Hanukkah is an eight-day Jewish celebration that usually falls in December. Families light the menorah, exchange gifts, and enjoy traditional foods.

**Kwanzaa** (December 26 - January 1): A week-long celebration of African-American culture and heritage, Kwanzaa involves lighting the Kinara (candle holder) and observing seven principles, one for each day.

**Winter Solstice** (around December 21): While not a holiday with specific celebrations, the winter solstice marks the shortest day and longest night of the year. Some people observe it with gatherings or reflective activities.

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During this Holiday Season, our different religious traditions remind us to be people of peace and reconciliation. Yet, many of us find ourselves overwhelmed by how divided we are as a people and how little peace there is in the world.  
Yolanda Garcia, a member of our Chaplain Corps, prays:

Gather the ingredients.  
Heat the milk. Add yeast, 1  
tablespoon sugar, 1 tablespoon flour  
and mix with a fork.  
Set aside in a warm place to become  
foamy, about 15 minutes.

## Make the Batter

In a separate bowl, whip together  
eggs, 1 cup of sugar and a pinch of  
salt for about 3 minutes.  
Add the melted and cooled butter  
and yeast mixture, combining well.  
Add 2 3/4 cups flour and, using the  
paddle attachment of a stand mixer  
or the regular beaters on a hand-  
held mixer, beat until well combined  
- about 5 minutes. The dough will be  
loose. Scrape down the sides.  
Cover and let rise in the same bowl  
in a warm place for 30 minutes.

## Bake the Babka

Place rack in the middle of oven and  
heat to 325 F. Coat a large babka  
pan or 10-inch Bundt pan (or 2  
smaller pans) with cooking spray  
and fill with batter.  
Cover and let rise in a warm place  
for 20 minutes.  
Bake 30 minutes.  
Allow to cool 15 minutes and then  
invert onto a wire rack to cool  
completely.

## Make the Rum Syrup

Boil 1 cup water with superfine  
sugar, lemon zest, and lemon juice.  
When sugar is completely dissolved,  
remove from heat and stir in the  
rum.  
Poke holes all over the cake with a  
toothpick and saturate the cake with  
the rum syrup.

Dear God,  
Our world is torn with war and violence.  
We pray for those who are suffering from the results of it.  
We ask you to provide them with healing.  
We pray for an end to the wars and acts of violence.  
We pray for your peace and reconciliation.  
And for an end to all division between individuals, groups and nations.  
We pray for your healing from all traumas and hurt.  
We pray for your love to reign overall. Amen.

Wishing you all a Holiday Season rich with moments of peace and reconciliation. May these moments then cause a ripple out into our world. Happy Holidays!

**Chaplain@womenmarines.org**

### **WMA Needs YOU to volunteer!**

#### **WMA VETERANS AFFAIRS VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

The Purpose of the WMA VAVS Program

1. To encourage volunteer participation by WMA members in support of the veteran communities found at the Regional Veterans Administration and other medical facilities
2. To provide a record of volunteer hours at Regional VA medical facilities by WMA Chapters and individuals as part of our participation in the Dept of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service Organizations Advisory Committee.
3. To provide a record of WMA member's contributions in support of the Women Marines Association's stated purposes.

WMA VAVS National Rep:

[VAVS@womenmarines.org](mailto:VAVS@womenmarines.org)

#### **WMA Would Like To Recognize Its VA Volunteers**

WMA National records all hours that are worked at the various VA hospitals and clinics. All chapters and members at large should submit complete information to the VAVS National Representative to assure that all hours are properly logged for each working member.

To get registered at your local VA Hospital contact the VAVS reps for the proper paperwork.

Send us your questions to  
[vavs@womenmarines.org](mailto:vavs@womenmarines.org)

### **Searching for our Centurians**

Did you know that WMA has over 100 members that we know of that are 99 and up in age! Many members we do not have dates for, The list below are the ones we know of that are over 100, If you have a member that falls into the category of 99 and above we would love to assure that they are recognized

#### **We have 3 members thar are 104**

Elvira P Dunaier NY

Lorraine D Morgan MN

Gloria Burke CA

#### **3 at 103**

Mildred O Arnold CA

Mary Elizabeth Paine CA

Zelda Weiss CA

#### **7 at 102**

Dorothy Weiss Dee

Dorothee Marie Irwin

Martha Chernoff

Ellen Grim Muriel

Anne Hyland

Juanita B Price

Evelyn White

#### **11 at 101**

Geraldine Y Fiorello CA

Virginia V Frederick MAL

Ruth V Holman WI

Mary Jane Kane FL

Margaret C Miniclier FL

Joan C Murphy MAL

Mary E Paquette MAL

Jean L Schmidt-Smith MAL

Mary E Strong MAL

Iona C Gilbert CA

Evelyn D Montgomery CA

Send info to [membership@womenmarines.org](mailto:membership@womenmarines.org)

Adrienne McLarahmore

WMA National Director of Member Services

### Card Alerts

101years WMA Life member (pictured)  
Stephanie "Stevie" Severson  
c/o The Lakehouse  
501 S Lincoln Rd,  
Escanaba, MI 49829,

Genevieve Jennings  
245 Caledonia Dr #110  
Owosso, MI 48867

Lois Gregory  
500 E. Valley Parkway 216  
Escondido CA 92025

[#CARDALERT](#)



HILTON ATLANTA  
255 Courtland Street NE  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
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[Registration is now OPEN](#)

Don't have a chapter. The link below will take you to a map that will show you our chapters that are active as well as those that are forming

[Map of CHAPTERS](#)

We have many chapters that are the process of reorganizing. We don't want to retire these chapters so are looking for new members to join and rebuild these chapters.

[AL-1 Mobile AL](#)

[CA-1 GREATER LOS ANGELES](#)

[CA-8 PALMS TO PINES](#) Riverside

[MI-3 West Michigan](#)

[NC-4 Queen City](#) Charlotte

[NC-6 Cape Fear](#) Fayette





### What Changes are Needed

The deadline for submitting changes to the WMA Bylaws and Standing Rules is 15 Dec.

Send proposed changes to

[bylaws@womenmarines.org](mailto:bylaws@womenmarines.org)

[Click here to download the form.](#)



In a rush for a Holiday dessert? Try a no bake recipe and wow your guests.

[Click Here!](#)

### What is the US 10th Marine Corps General Order?

~To take charge of this post and all government properties in view.

~To be especially watchful at night and, during the time for challenging, to challenge all persons on or near my post, and to allow no one to pass without proper authority.

~To quit my post only when properly relieved.

~To salute all officer, and all colors and standards not cased.



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## Loving WMA and Her Members

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Capt Margaret M. Henderson (right) reads the order activating the 3d Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina, in February 1949.



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



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If you have any questions please contact us [listening@womenmarines.org](mailto:listening@womenmarines.org).

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