



Celebrating Our Lives as Marines

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!** Between July 4<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Day this is one of my favorite holidays. It brings out the patriotism in all of us as well as family, barbeques, fresh corn on the cob, fireworks and just plain fun. Usually it is really hot (this one so far did not disappoint) but we get to spend time with our friends and family and well, chill out.

There is so much going on right now in America – but I would like to pose a challenge to all our members and hopefully soon to be members: post your vacation photos to our National Facebook page! Let's see where everyone is going and even if some of us have to live vicariously through your pictures we can at least enjoy them.

I would like to give the first challenge to Pat and Karl Hackbarth. Pat and Karl are in Yellowstone and Karl's photos are breathtaking. The best I can muster up is a photo of the lighthouse at Assateague Island off Chincoteague, Virginia. My vacation had two days of sun and 5 days of rain! Oh well. Please post away and tell us where you are! It will be a great way to get everyone involved. Even if you have a staycation and an unbelievable garden, post away!

I am going to keep this deliberately short this month. I too need a small break and coming up with great ideas to write about 24/7 needs time to meditate and think about what is important to our members.  
Have a fun July!

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

watch the video here <https://www.facebook.com/ParrisIsland/videos/722231089658867>

VP Notes

Patty Collins

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Marines,

Happy Summer Marines.

If you have something you would like us to discuss please contact me at [listening@womenmarines.org](mailto:listening@womenmarines.org).

This can be a suggestion, a complaint or whatever is on your mind. We want to make WMA the premier Association for our Marines. We do need your input on this.

As WMA grows we know that change, as in all things is coming. Our concentration is on all of our members. In the coming months we will be working to help chapters grow. Saying that we are not forgetting about our members at large (aka MALs). We want to build a network for you to interact with your fellow Marines. If there are enough in an area we can explore starting a new chapter as well. Getting involved volunteering at your local VA is one avenue which we will discuss in the coming months.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. [wmavp@womenmarines.org](mailto:wmavp@womenmarines.org). Have a great summer.

Semper Fidelis,  
Patty

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Were you able to go to the deactivation of 4 th Recruit Training Battalion? For many of us who marched through those catwalks as recruits from 4 th RTBN, WRTC or WRTBN, the deactivation represents a change that may be a bit unsettling. Afterall, for many of us, those catwalks and their surrounding structures represent our USMC birthplace.

Hebrew Scripture reads, “For everything these is a season and a time for every matter under heaven” (Eccl 3:1 NRSV). Whether we like it or not, change is inevitable. Buddhism and Yoga teach that all things are impermanent. Judith Lasater, a well-known Yoga teacher, acknowledges that impermanence can seem “grim” if we fail to see the invitation it offers to a new future. Admittedly change makes us uneasy, sometimes it even feels threatening. Yet, as Marines we are “brave of heart” and capable of embracing this change and any other future changes that come our way no matter how challenging.

**Melinda Townsend**  
**Chaplain@womenmarines.org**



**Our Blogs**

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

**Deadlines for 2023 'Nouncements**

July 10  
October 10  
Chapters get your info in. We want to know what you are doing!

Send us your story to [pro@womenmarines.org](mailto:pro@womenmarines.org)

**Theresa “Sue” Malone Sousa Memorial and Reception & Inurnment at Arlington Cemetery**

Sue's graveside service and inurnment at Arlington Cemetery will take place on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. Those wishing to attend should meet at the Administration Building at 10:15.  
A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2023, at 1:00 PM at the Military

Women's Memorial with a reception following where all will have the opportunity to share stories and personal memories.

If you plan to attend the memorial and reception on August 12, 2023, please RSVP by August 5, 2023, by emailing [wmadc1chapter@gmail.com](mailto:wmadc1chapter@gmail.com) or calling 703-772-5905.

<https://buff.ly/43ZOrxL>



#### **Looking for our Centurions.**

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

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

Adrianne McLarahmore

WMA Director of Membership

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WMA CA-3 participated at the Redwood City July 4th Parade..

CA-3 GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY

chapter email: [ca3@womenmarines.org](mailto:ca3@womenmarines.org)

<https://wmaca3.org/>

Let us highlight your chapter and what you do!

Send your items to [pro@womenmarines.org](mailto:pro@womenmarines.org)



Transitioning? Re-entering the workforce? Just need a job? Check out the WMA Job Board. Feel free to share!

<https://buff.ly/3MXyYlf>

It is more than just a job. They can assist with your resume and so much more. Check out the link.

You can pass this on to your family and friends

"It's not about how many times you fall; it's about how many times you get back up. I am a Marine, and I will always rise again."

**This recruit broke her hip and is in recovery.  
Please send a card**

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STC/FRP ROMEO CO  
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## In Search Of Cindy Treadway

Sally Van Wie is searching for Cindy Treadway. They were together in boot camp 12B 1974 and then stationed in El Toro in 1975.

The picture below was taken in 1975 at the Marine Corp Ball in El Toro. Her last known place was CA. She did marry but no idea of married name

Cindy was from Lima, OH. You can contact Sally at [Sally.vanwie@gmail.com](mailto:Sally.vanwie@gmail.com)



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from that you served with?

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