# WMA Committed to Our Women Who Serve



**Celebrating Our Lives as Marines** 

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

Our Commandant's 248th birthday message to all Marines, regardless of status of active, retired or former, focuses on how Marines have earned a reputation as the most disciplined and lethal warfighters in the world. Marines have given, and have been willing to give, their lives for Country and Corps in every fight our Nation has entered. Our actions turned back the tide of tyranny in Europe during the Great War, defeated fascism in Asia during World War II, fought for democracy in Korea and Vietnam, and offered the hope of self-

determination in the Middle East. We go to war whenever our Nation calls, and in the interwar periods we train, we prepare, and we innovate. We have chosen a life of service and sacrifice — an honorable life that has meaning.

The Women Marines Association has taken a deep look into our future and the importance of providing meaning into all of our Marines lives. The Women Marines Association continues to be

We want to ensure that our legacy and history will continue to be shared and our accomplishments and milestones influence the next generation of Marines. This reflection is a never-ending process and as we grow, we will continue to enhance our Marines lives in many ways.

The Women Marines Association is committed to remembering and appreciating all women who have worn the uniform and earned the title of Marine. Since 1960, the Women Marines Association has proudly reflected our great Marine Corps heritage and history and will continue to do so for many more years to come. I am exceedingly proud of the achievements that WMA has accomplished this past year. Keep charging forward Marines – as our Commandant stated, "we will be here for you every step of the way as we prepare for the fights ahead." Take care of each other and yourselves. Happy birthday Marines!

the "go to" organization for all women Marines, active, reserve and retired, and includes our FMF chaplains and corpsman.

Semper Fidelis, Ann

VP Notes Patty Collins wmavp@womenmarines.org

Marines,

The Marine Corps Birthday holds immense significance for women who have served in the Marine Corps. It is a time to reflect on the enduring legacy of female Marines and the extraordinary contributions they've made to our nation's defense. For members of the Women Marines Association (WMA), this day is a chance to celebrate our achievements, honor the camaraderie, and remember the challenges we've overcome. By being active in WMA, we ensure the continuation of this proud legacy, promoting the recognition and support of female Marines past and present. It's an opportunity to unite, advocate, and inspire future generations, reminding the world that women have and will always be an integral part of the Marine Corps story. Join us in upholding this tradition and shaping the future of women in the Marines.

Semper Fidelis, Patty

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We pray in thanksgiving to the God who inspired the very foundation of our Corps on 10 November 1775. God of Inspiration, thank you for empowering each and every Marine who has ever answered the call to serve our country and Corps. Thank you for the unique identity we all share as Marines. Only we understand the depth and meaning of our motto "Semper Fidelis" – always faithful to country, Corps and comrade. We pause for a moment to remember our comrades who paid the ultimate sacrifice in living out what it means to be always faithful.

We stand in their legacy. May they know peace in your presence. May their families know your comfort. In a special way, this evening, we remember our Commandant. Bring healing to him as he recovers from a heart attack. Renew his strength. Spirit of God, we give you thanks for the food we are about to receive. Bless it and bless all who labored to provide it to us. Let us always be mindful of those who labor to serve us. Bless them and their families. As we are nourished by this food, nourish them. As we follow the Commandant's words to "honor the legacy of those who went before us by continuing to

uphold [the Marine Corps] high standards", bless this celebration. In God's name we pray. Amen. Happy Birthday, Marines!

Melinda Townsend Chaplain@womenmarines.org



## WMA Needs YOU!

Are you looking to get involved in WMA but don't know where to start?

#### **Chapters**

One of the easiest places to start is locally with your chapter if one is close to you. All chapters should encourage members to take a term as an officer. This way new ideas can motivate your chapter to new heights. If your chapter is not meeting then help sound the call to get back in the mix of things.

## **National**

Looking to get your feet wet on the National level then think about a committee if you have never been active.

Be part of one of the many committees we have. They are: History, Member Services, Chaplain Corps, Fundraising, Marketing and PR, Convention and Bylaw Committees. Help us build WMA stronger.

Send us your questions to listening@womenmarines.org

## **Update your Contact and Chapter Info**

We have noticed that many have fallen from our lists due to bad addresses and emails. Please work to update your personal information.

Sadly we continue to lose many of our senior members. Please check on your fellow Marines in your state even if they are not in your chapter.

Recognizing the death of a member many years after their death is not acceptable.

Chapters,

According to our National Bylaws and Standing rules chapter officers should be elected in the same year as National officers. Please update your chapter officers. Check the tab on your rosters to check if your officers are up to date. Send all changes to membership@womenmarines.org

Adrianne McLarahmore
WMA National Director of Member Services

#### **Card Alerts**

Cpl Dorothy Dee 88 Scott Swamp Rd #338. Farmington, CT 06032 #CARDALERT 101 years old Corporal Dee serviced from 1943-1945 at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in California.

Cards and letters are appreciated





#### **Reviving Chapters**

AL-1 Heart of Dixie - Can be relocated to any area in AL where there is enough interest CA-1 GREATER LOS ANGELES

officer email: CA1@womenmarines.org https://www.facebook.com/groups/WMACA1Gr eaterLosAngeles/

GA-2 Semper Sororibus - Albany GA area https://www.facebook.com/groups/6378477232 24021/

MI-3 West Michigan

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1443484492629020/



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Celebrating the Marine Corps Birthday!

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