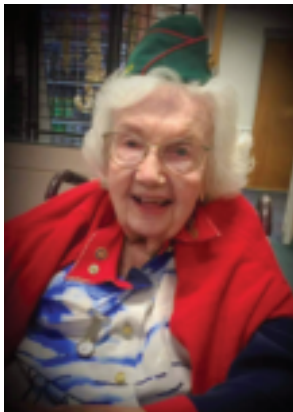


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Catherine G. Murray

The Loss of a Leader

On December 20th we lost one of our historic "firsts." Retired Master Sergeant Catherine G. Murray, 100, passed away with dignity and peace at her home in Ft Lauderdale. She was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on January 23rd.

MSgt Murray was the first woman Marine to retire with 20 years of service. She was also the first enlisted woman

Marine to transfer to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserves in 1962. She enlisted in March of 1943 and attained the rank of master sergeant in 1950. She began her Marine Corps career driving a 5-ton truck during WWII and ended it with a nationwide broadcast announcement of her retirement by Walter Cronkite. Not many of us can say that! When she retired, she was fourth on the women's seniority list.

During her service, she received the Good Conduct Medal (six awards), American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.



With LtCol Jenny Wrenn

She started her training at Hunter College and then Camp Lejeune. For three years afterward she drove sedans and trucks. In 1945 she was assigned to Hawaii where she served as a driver until the end of the war. MSgt Murray was retained on active duty when the war ended. During her career, Catherine served in 15 duty stations. While at Quantico, she was instrumental in planning and writing many of the military exams used by women Marines.



With Col R.D. Strickland when she joined the Reserve

Catherine was a woman of great faith through her whole life. While stationed at Quantico, she would get all the Roman Catholics up in the barracks every Sunday and drive them to mass. When she returned with one group, she picked up another. She helped the nuns prepare the altar and spent three consecutive Saturdays cleaning and arranging altar

cloths.

This carried over to civilian life. At the time of her death, Catherine was a member of St John the Baptist Catholic Church and Mercy Associates, and was also a retired volunteer at Holy Cross Hospital.

If you are interested in getting to know Catherine, check YouTube. Yes, I said YouTube. You will be amazed at the number of videos by her that you will find there.

I learned something while watching one of the videos...her favorite word was "providential." One of her favorite sayings was, "Show up, pay attention, and don't quit." Good advice from someone who spent 100 years on this earth.

Semper Fidelis, MSgt Murray. Thank you for helping create the path so many women have and are traveling today.



With Col Margaret Henderson when she retired

Sondra Metzger



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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

On behalf of all Marines, I am honored to congratulate the Women Marines Association on the 75th Anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. This is a significant milestone. For three-quarters of a century, female warriors have played an ever-increasingly vital role in the growth and success of our Corps. We take great pride in the service and remarkable accomplishments of Women Marines...past, present and future.

When Opha Mae Johnson became the first female to enlist in the Marine Corps in 1918, few could have foreseen the depth of contributions women would make to national security. In every conflict since, women have answered our Nation's call with utmost courage, patriotism, and devotion to duty. This past December, we sadly bid farewell to Master Sergeant Catherine Murray. The legacy of Master Sergeant Murray and all trailblazing Marines serves as a reminder that the title Marine is not restricted by gender, color, or creed – it is a warrior spirit and distinguished role earned by a diverse and elite group.

As you celebrate this anniversary, know that all Marines take great pride in the innumerable achievements and contributions you have made over the past 75 years. Congratulations on this milestone anniversary, and thank you for your dedicated service to Corps and country.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Neller
General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps



February 13, 2018

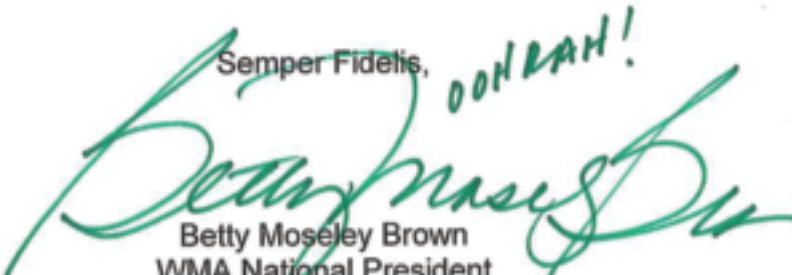
Today, we celebrate the establishment of women in the Marine Reserves on February 13, 1943. This year's anniversary holds a distinction as we reach 100 years since Opha M. Johnson was sworn in as the first female Marine. Each decade our ranks have been filled with professional, skilled and proficient women who have earned the eagle, globe and anchor and who continue to blaze new trails (in uniform and beyond). As we reflect on what we've learned, this must continue to be part of our fabric as we grow the next century as Marines:

- **Humble Service** - Never forget who we serve, support and work side-by-side with - our fellow Marines. We are one team for one mission - Always.
- **Determination and Grit** - Be tenacious in solving any challenge - demonstrate your passion for mission accomplishment, publicly. Above all else, deliver on your commitments.
- **Uncompromising Integrity** - Remain above reproach on all things. Keep your promises and maintain the highest ethical standards.

As members of the Women Marines Association (WMA), we must:

- **Grow Leaders** – Each Chapter needs to grow members to serve in a Chapter leadership billet and help grow their membership. All of us are responsible for grooming the next generation of WMA members TODAY.
- **Inspired Imagination** - Within your Chapter, inspire creativity and innovation. Mentor your flock and watch them deliver solutions and exceed expectations.
- **Appreciation for Service** - Thank you for your service to this country, to our Corps and to the Women Marines Association.

I hope to see you all at our 2018 Women Marines Association National Convention and Professional Development Conference in Crystal City, Virginia, August 30 – September 3, 2018. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your 19th National President. It is guaranteed this 30th Biennial event will be the perfect culmination of a century of service...we are women by gender, and Marines for life!

Semper Fidelis, OOHRAH!

 Betty Moseley Brown
 WMA National President

Reporting In...

1st VP

2018!! Here we come!! 100 years old! We have so much to look forward to. From 1918 and our very own Opha Mae Johnson to today's combat warrior, female Marine astronaut and MARSOC intel leader. The future looks wonderful!

Many have asked the question, how can we support the Women Marines Association? The answer is simple...TEAMWORK...VOLUNTEERISM. Have you visited our donations page? Has your chapter decided on an event to promote? Have you looked at a billet within WMA and submitted your nomination package? Collectively, we must all come up with a solution. Please share your ideas with your area directors/chapter presidents!

How do we get the next generation to join this organization? The answer is social media. The membership has many outlets in which to spread the word. Joining WMA may even look different as we move forward. The option is yours. This is our organization. Thank you for your continued support as we move towards the convention.



Laura L. Brown

2nd VP

Hi everyone! Thanks to the volunteers from VA-1 and DC-1 who promoted WMA at the last Modern Day Marine Expo and made it a success! Please see the photo of our updated display set up at the last Expo.

The next Expo is Marine West on February 7-8 at Camp Pendleton. We hope you will take the time to stop by if you are in the area. WMA participates in these expos with the purpose of advertising the Women Marines Association; promoting our 2018 convention; and promoting the history



*Jeannine M. Franz
2nd Vice President*



of women Marines. For information on assisting with the WMA booth at the next Marine West Expo, please email me at 2VP@WomenMarines.org and I will forward the information to the correct point of contact.

Welcome to Heather Stevens-White who has assumed the position as our new WMA MCJROTC Program Manager. We look forward to working with her! Thanks to Barbara Chagnon for her dedication during her time as the program manager and for leading a successful program!

National Treasurer

Greetings Marines!

Just a reminder...all mail that concerns WMA business should be mailed to: Women Marines Association, PO Box 377, Oaks, PA 19456-0377. Please do not mail official WMA mail to my residence. Mailing to my residence delays processing! Additionally, all checks should be addressed to either the Women Marines Association or WMA.

WMA has internal control and budget processes. WMA's financial records are examined by a CPA consulting firm and are reviewed/audited by a financial auditing firm. Our admin contractor prepares monthly and quarterly financial statements, which includes balance sheets and income statements, the same as major corporate and non-profit entities.

A process is in place to ensure that fraudulent activity does not take place. The bills are reviewed by the Admin Contractor and myself for correctness and forwarded to the 3rd Vice President for approval. Reimbursements are forwarded to the 3rd Vice President for approval and then they are returned to me and the Admin Contractor, where we examine for proper receipts, accuracy and correctness. If incorrect, I then forward back to the 3rd Vice President for re-approval. Upon approval, checks are cut and forwarded to me and the 1st Vice President or the President. Each check requires two signatures. On the very rare occasion when we utilize the WMA credit card, two members of the Executive Board of Directors must approve the use, and they can't be involved in the transaction. For example, if the 2nd Vice President needs to purchase supplies, the 3rd and the 1st Vice President are the credit card approvers.

WMA participates in a yearly budget process, which covers a two-year period. The 3rd Vice President is responsible for creating the two-year budget. The budget is scrutinized by the Board of Directors, taking into account the requirements of their respective Standing Committees, Appointed Representatives, and Special Appointments. Once this is completed, the Board of Directors will vote on the yearly spending plan. Any deviations in spending must be returned to the Board of Directors for their approval, usually via ballot vote. Mid-year we review the budget, using the Budget Allocation Summary, to see if we are "on track" or the Board of Directors can decide not to spend funds and "reallocate" them to another use.

Please remember to mail official WMA business to the address listed at the beginning of this article, ensuring that checks are completed correctly. Our internal review and budgeting processes establish a sound financial management program for our organization and prepare us for long term financial sustainability. These make effective and efficient use of our resources, as we are accountable to you, our donors and members. Thank you.

*Semper Fi!
Adrienne McLarahmore*

Reporting In...AD10

Greetings Lady Leathernecks!

The year is coming to a close and we have had so many things accomplished and sadly chapters that had disbanded. Not because of lack of interest but because of Marines leaving us too soon for their final resting place. We are all young at heart but our bodies remind us of how quickly time has passed.

I know new chapters will be formed and some chapters re-established but most important we will not be forgotten and we will have a place in history for years to come.

I want to strongly encourage all of Area 10 chapters to start preparing to come to the Biennial Convention in Washington, DC in 2018. We will be celebrating 100 years, which is a historical event for women in the Marine Corps. Invite your family to celebrate with us, have your friends join in to learn about our Loyal Escorts. There will be something to do for everyone.

A reminder to read the SOP and to keep up with deadlines and timelines for scholarship entries, JROTC awards presentations, and 990-N tax filing. You need to plan on entering your chapter to compete for awards at the DC convention. Prepare and get the entry forms for the newsletter award, the website category, the chapter achievement binders and Loyal Escort recruiting award.

I am proud to know we have leaders among leaders in each chapter and soon that time will come for one of you who might want to step up to the next level and work toward a National position to help keep our organization moving forward.

*Semper Fidelis,
Soledad Kennedy*

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Oops!

My sincerest apologies to all the 8th&I senior enlisted ladies out there who caught my misstep in the last issue.

Area 6 Director Angela Maness served as the first female Sergeant Major at 8th&I, not the first senior female Marine. My apologies to SgtMaj Maness as well for not properly recognizing her accomplishment.

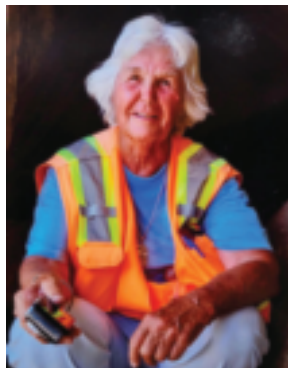
And my thanks to Dorothy Coyle who was the real first senior female Marine to troop and stomp on the grounds of 8th&I and who called my attention to the error.

Sondra Metzger

Retired Marine Receives Award

Retired Marine Carmen Lucas is a Kwaaymii Laguna Indian from San Diego County and has been a student of her Indian heritage throughout her life. She learned about cultural landscapes and ancestral human remains from her father, the late Tom Lucas, a well-known San Diego Indian, and has learned about essence of place and intangible cultural resources from working on her homeland and burial grounds at the former Laguna Indian Reservation, now Lucas Ranch, as the caretaker for over the last forty years.

She has worked in the field of Cultural Resource Management (CRM) as a Native American Monitor, Consultant, and Educator for nearly thirty years, bringing a tribal perspective to cultural resource surveys and other efforts. Carmen has helped archaeologists in sifting dirt and identifying fragmented human remains as well as archaeological deposits. She is a strong advocate for the increased use of non-invasive technology in identifying resources, including the use of historic human remains detection canines.



Carmen Lucas

Carmen helped to write and successfully nominate at least four historic properties to the National Register of Historic Places, based on their tribal cultural values: Ah-ha Kwe-ah-mac' (Cuyamaca Village), Wiipuk uun' yaw Trail (Cottonwood Trail), The Kwaaymii Homeland, and University House at the University of California, San Diego, the rehabilitation of which won the 2015 Governor's Historic Preservation Award. Her comments and participation in consultation, at both the planning and individual project levels, has led to the protection of tribally-significant properties, such as the Padre Dam property in San Diego County which has been protected from development and repatriated to the Kumeyaay Diegueño Land Conservancy for protection in perpetuity. Carmen's efforts also helped result in the adoption of innovative mitigation measures which have served as constructive precedent elsewhere in the state.

She provides Cultural Resources Sensitivity Training on utility and other projects for all workers who will be in the field to help them identify resources of concern, and is a frequent presenter at local reservations to train new classes of tribal monitors.

One of Carmen's greatest joys is walking the land with tribal youth from local reservations, sharing her passion for

the ancestors and their lifestyles. At 81 years of age, she continues to be an inspiration to all who work to preserve California's treasured heritage.

Because of all the above, Carmen was one of eight recipients of the 2017 Governor's Historic Preservation Award from the Office of Historic Preservation and California State Parks on November 2.



The presentation of the award to Carmen (second from left).

Established in 1986, the Governor's Historic Preservation

Awards are presented annually to projects, individuals, and organizations whose contributions demonstrate significant achievements in preserving the heritage of California.

Her contributions far outnumber the amount of space we have to publish it! But along with her preservation efforts, Carmen has also served two terms on the Board of the San Diego Archaeological Center, and served through appointment by the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors to the County Historic Sites Board.

Retiring in 1974 as a chief warrant officer, Carmen continues to take college-level classes at Kumeyaay Community College on the Sycuan Indian Reservation in San Diego. She continues to inspire future generations with her participation and insight. One of her greatest joys is walking the land with tribal youth from local reservations and sharing her passion for the ancestors and their lifestyles.

Congratulations, Carmen!

NE-1 Lady Leathernecks Signature Quilt

Do you want your signature to live on? Do you want your contribution as a woman Marine to be a tangible part of our history?

NE-1 Lady Leathernecks are planning a signature quilt. We will have fabric squares and fabric pens available at the 2018 Convention for each attendee to sign. We will be asking for a freewill donation when signing these squares. The money donated will be given to the WIMSA Memorial.

After the convention, I will put all signed squares into a quilt. It will have the designation of Women in the Marine Corps for 100 Years. I plan on showcasing the quilt at the 2020 Omaha Convention. After the 2020 Convention, then disposition of the quilt will be decided on. A couple of possibilities are: donate the quilt to be displayed at the WIMSA Memorial, donate it to be displayed at the National Marine Corps Museum at Quantico, or raffle it off.

I am getting excited about the 2018 Convention! Are YOU?

Tami Schmidt

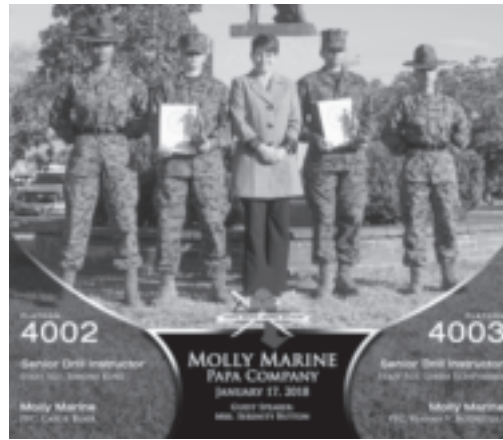


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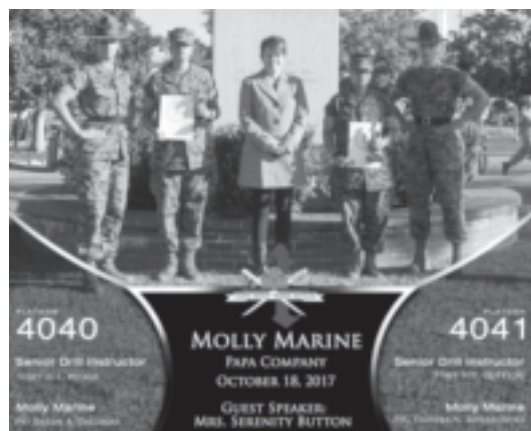


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Elections

So here we are in the New Year with the 2018 Convention just around the corner. We all look forward to celebrating 100 years of women’s service in the Marine Corps. WMA has been in existence for more than half of those 100 years and exemplifies the very code of conduct that we uphold as Marines. Your membership support at all levels is key in promoting its values and ensuring its future.

There is a total of 18 members who serve on the National Board of Directors that manage the affairs of the Association per our National Bylaws to include 10 officers: the National President, Immediate Past President (IPP), 1st/2nd/3rd/ Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary; along with 10 Area Directors. All but one position (IPP) are elected by the membership every two years to coincide with the biennial convention. Note: the IPP position is one that automatically falls to the outgoing President so is not an “elected position.”

All 17 positions are open for nominations. To run for any office you must be a member in good standing with WMA National. All dues must be current prior to submitting your nomination form. Basic skills in MS Word and Excel are required. If you have any questions or are interested in submitting a nomination please contact us at: nominate@womenmarines.org. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS 15 MARCH!**

ELECTION BALLOT PROCESS

For your information, after 15 March the Nominating Committee will publish an election ballot for those positions having two or more nominees (considered “contested”). A ballot for any “contested” National Officer position will be sent to all WMA members and a ballot for each “contested” Area Director position will be sent to just those members within each area. In other words, all WMA members vote for National Officers and only members within the area where they live vote for their specific Area Director. E.G., I live in Virginia, within Area 2, so I only vote for the Area 2 Director.

One last note for clarification, if we do not have any contested positions, only one member running for each position, we will not publish a ballot in accordance with our Bylaws, Article Ten: Elections, Section 3: Ballots (Bylaws can be found in your copy of the Resource Manual and Directory (RM&D)). Results of the new members of the board will be published in

‘Nouncements, on our website, and of course, recognized at the Installation Ceremony at Convention.

Thanks to you all for your continued support to WMA.

Semper Fidelis,
Rhonda Amtower
Chair, Nomination/Convention Site Committee
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Convention Program Book Ads

Now is the time to submit your ad for the convention program booklet, which every registrant will receive. Your support benefits the convention 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.

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 2018 Convention and mail to Women Marines Association (Attn: Ads) P.O. Box 741268, New Orleans, LA 70174. Enclose your hardcopy ad or email electronic ads to ConventionAds@womenmarines.org. All ads must be post-marked or emailed by **15 May 2018** to allow time for the layout and printing. Questions may be addressed to convention@womenmarines.org.

If ad copy is submitted in its original form and is not submitted via email or CD, please submit an additional \$10.00 for scanning fee. Ads can be sent as portrait or landscape.

AD SPACE COSTS and SPECIFICATIONS

(Standard B/W — Camera — Ready Copy Only)
Program Ads

Full Page	7.5 w x 10 h	\$200
Half page horizontal	7.5 w x 5 h	\$100
Half page vertical	3.75 w x 10 h	\$100
Quarter page horizontal	5 w x 3.75 h	\$50
Quarter page vertical	3.75 w x 5 h	\$50
Business Card	3 w x 2 h	\$25
2-Line Ad	1 w x 1 h	\$20
Name Only Ad	One Line	\$10

Please note donations to WMA are tax deductible as prescribed by law. Please check with your tax advisor.

Name: _____
 Phone: _____
 Point of Contact: _____
 Email: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____
 Camera-ready ad enclosed on CD _____
 Sent via email on _____. Please verify receipt.

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Hotel Information for 2018 Convention, Washington DC

The 2018 **Women Marines Association 30th Biennial Convention and Professional Development Symposium** will be held at the **Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel 1700 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington VA 22202**. Below you will find all the info you need to make your hotel reservations:

- Convention attendees must make their own reservations. **The nightly room rate is \$99 plus 13.25% hotel room tax.**
 - Reservations can be made online at <https://aws.passkey.com/event/49425513/owner/1487/home> or by calling **703.920.3230** (mention 2018 Women Marines Association Convention to get the discount room rate)
 - Reservations must be made by **6:00pm on August 7, 2018** to get the discount room rate
 - Hotel room accommodations: 2 two queen beds or 1 king bed, refrigerator, microwave, flat screen TV, in-room COMPLIMENTARY WIFI
 - Guests have access to indoor pool and heated outdoor pool, hot tub and whirlpool, state-of-the-art fitness center and exercise room
 - The hotel is ADA accessible (recommend call hotel for special accommodations)
 - Pet Policy: Service dogs are allowed free of charge (bring any documentation you have for your service dog). Other pets are not allowed.
 - If you would like a roommate to help offset the cost of your stay, fill out the roommate request form

Convention Shirt

Pre-order your commemorative t-shirt for the 2018 WMA Convention and Professional Development Symposium. All shirts are only \$14 pre-convention. Save \$3 per shirt by pre-ordering during the 2018 Convention Commemorative T-Shirt Campaign. Go to the 2018 WMA Showroom to order now: <http://www.idmktgpromo.com/showrooms.htm>



Convention PX Tables - \$30

Show off your chapter's unique Marine Corps merchandise and make some revenue for your chapter by reserving a Convention PX Table. For just \$30, chapters can host a table throughout the Convention during PX hours. Remember, we will be celebrating 100 years of women serving in the Marine Corps so get creative! If you have questions, please contact 2018 Convention PX Coordinator Brenda Carrias, at deviviesb@aol.com.

Calling ALL Authors

Are you a WMA member who has written a book? Do you know someone who has written a book about women Marines? WMA authors and those who have written books about women Marines are invited to participate in the 2018 WMA Convention where you will have a chance to sell your book and be prominently placed to ensure you have wide visibility by convention attendees.

Twenty percent of the author's proceeds will go toward the 2018 WMA Convention. To sign up or for more information, email convention@womenmarines.org.

Tentative Schedule of Events for 2018 Biennial Convention Washington DC

*****Subject to Change*****

Wednesday 29 August

Registration
Happy Hour
*Moonlight Trolley Tour of Washington DC

Thursday 30 August **First Official Day**

Registration Daytime
*Daytime Trolley Tour of Washington DC
2016-2018 WMA Board of Directors Meeting
2016-2018 Loyal Escorts (LE) Board Meeting
PX Open
Active Duty and First Timers Orientation
Opening Banquet

Friday 31 August

Registration
WMA Business Meeting #1
LE Business Meeting #1
1st VP/ADs/Chapter Presidents Meeting
Workshops
PX
Evening Parade at Marine Barracks 8th & I

* Additional fee; see registration form.

Saturday 1 September

WMA Business Meeting #2
LE Business Meeting #2
Recognition and Awards Luncheon
PX
Trip to Women In Military Service for America (WIMSA)
Church Services
Fireside Chat
LE Hospitality Room

Sunday 2 September

Annual Run/Walk
Memorial Service
Trip to National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC)
LE Hospitality Room

Monday 3 September

Last Official Day
Installation Luncheon
Closing Banquet

Tuesday 4 September

2018-2020 WMA Board of Directors Meeting

Shipping Instructions: Getting Your Items to the Hotel

The Crystal Gateway Marriott will allow complimentary receiving of no more than 75 convention-related packages to be stored prior to convention (e.g. chapter flag, PX items). Your packages should not arrive before August 25 and should not weigh more than 50 pounds.

Packages weighing more than 50 pounds, packages arriving after the 75-package limit, and packages arriving prior to 25 August will incur a fee that will be charged to the sender.

If mailing personal items, please address them to yourself so they will not be counted against the 75 package limit.

Packages must be addressed as follows: Crystal Gateway Marriott, C/O WMA 2018 Convention, ATTN: Your Name and Chapter, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington VA 22202.

Traveling to the 2018 Convention & Professional Development Symposium Crystal Gateway Marriott

Have you thought about how you will travel to the convention? The great news is you will not need your personal vehicle once you arrive at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. Transportation to special commemorative events will be provided at no charge to attendees, and key sightseeing locations are all accessible by the easy to use Washington, DC metro system.

Traveling by Plane:

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) is the closest and most convenient airport to the Crystal Gateway Marriott.

- **Complimentary Shuttle every 20 minutes** to Crystal Gateway Marriott from 6:05 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; pickup locations are the A Gates and Doors 5 and 9, in the B and C Concourse Lower Level.
- **Subway/Metro Service** - \$3.10
Take blue line (toward Largo) or yellow line (toward Fort Totten), go one stop to Crystal City
- **Taxi / Uber** - Estimated fare: \$10 (one way)

Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) is 37 miles from the Crystal Gateway Marriott. The hotel does not provide shuttle service from BWI. Alternate transportation: Super Shuttle - \$51 (one way), reservation required. Estimated taxi fare - \$90 (one way).

Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) is 27 miles from the Crystal Gateway Marriott. The hotel does not provide shuttle service from Washington Dulles. Alternate transportation: Washington Flyer - \$45 (one way), reservation required. Estimated taxi fare - \$45 (one way). Super Shuttle is also available from Washington Dulles Airport at \$30 for a shared ride (van w/stops) and \$60 non-stop ride (one-way).

Traveling by Bus

Washington Greyhound Station is five miles from the Crystal Gateway Marriott. The hotel does not provide shuttle service from the bus station.

Traveling by Train

Union Station is five miles from the Crystal Gateway Marriott. The hotel does not provide shuttle service.

Traveling by Car or Personal Vehicle

We strongly encourage not traveling by personal vehicle because parking is expensive. The Crystal Gateway Marriott is conveniently located near the Washington DC Metro System. Easy to follow metro maps will be given to all attendees.

Parking

Hotel parking is \$29 per day self-parking; Valet Parking is \$34 per day.

Crystal City Parking: \$21 weekly, free entry after 4 pm weekdays, all day weekends and holidays. For more information, go to: www.crystalcity.org/_files/docs/parkingmap.pdf.

RV Parking: There are several RV parks and campgrounds in the DC area. Here are a few:

- ★ Fort Belvoir Camp: <https://belvoir.armymwr.com/programs/recreational-lodging-travel-camp>
- ★ Cherry Hill Park: cherryhillpark.com
- ★ Burke Lake Park: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burkelakepark/burkecamp/>

Wheel Chairs

The 2018 Convention will be accessible for all. Persons requiring a wheelchair can contact Scootaround at 1-888-441-7575, or <https://www.scootaround.com/mobility-rentals/wheelchair-rentals>. Scootaround comes highly recommended by the Crystal Gateway Marriott.

Metro Access Paratransit

MetroAccess is a shared ride public transportation service for people who are unable to use fixed-route public transit due to disability. "Shared ride" means that multiple passengers may ride together in the same vehicle. The service provides daily trips throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan region offered in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

MetroAccess operates 7 days a week, 365 days a year, providing service within a three-quarter mile corridor around existing fixed-route services such as Metrobus, Metrorail, and jurisdictional bus services, at least during all hours of operation that service is operated on these modes.

MetroAccess fares are two times the fastest comparable fixed-route fare, with a maximum fare of \$6.50. The lowest available fare 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the requested pick-up time will be provided during the booking process. Customers are required to pay the fare to the driver prior to boarding the vehicle. For more information: <https://www.wmata.com/service/accessibility/metro-access/>.

Very Important Logistics Note: There are **TWO** Marriott hotels in Crystal City. The 2018 Biennial WMA Convention and Professional Development Symposium will be at the **Crystal Gateway Marriott**, 1700 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202; (703) 920-3230. The Crystal Gateway Marriott is 2 miles from Washington National Airport.

WMA MEMBERS ONLY

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03 sept	Installation Luncheon	Included	_____@\$48.00
03 Sept	Closing Banquet	Included	_____@\$84.00

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Full Name _____ Service Name _____
 Email _____ Phone _____
 Mailing Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Name to be printed on Badge: _____ Primary Chapter & Name _____
 My First Convention Mobility Impaired I would like to volunteer Special Dietary Needs _____

ALL ATTENDEES MUST PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE. NO EXCEPTIONS.

REGISTRATION FEE \$50	TOTAL \$50.00
MEAL PACKAGE A \$242.00	TOTAL _____
MEAL PACKAGE B <input type="checkbox"/> 1 \$70.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 \$48.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 \$48.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 \$84.00	TOTAL _____
FREE TRIPS <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> ADDITIONAL TICKETS _____ \$15 EA PER NON-REGISTERED GUEST	TOTAL _____
PAID TRIPS <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 @ \$40.00	TOTAL _____
DONATION	TOTAL _____
LATE FEE IF AFTER 15 JULY 2018 \$10	TOTAL _____
	GRAND TOTAL _____

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Full Name _____ Service Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name to be printed on Badge: _____ Primary Chapter & Name _____

____ My First Convention ____ Mobility Impaired ____ I would like to volunteer ____ Special Dietary Needs _____

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REGISTRATION FEE \$35	TOTAL \$35.00
MEAL PACKAGE A \$242.00	TOTAL _____
MEAL PACKAGE B __1 \$70.00 __2 \$48.00 __3 \$48.00 __4 \$84.00	TOTAL _____
FREE TRIPS __1 __2 __3 ____ ADDITIONAL TICKETS _____ \$15 EA PER NON-REGISTERED GUEST	TOTAL _____
PAID TRIPS __1 __2 @ \$40.00	TOTAL _____
DONATION	TOTAL _____
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	GRAND TOTAL _____

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be recorded as part of this collective history.

You can pre-register with the Women's Memorial prior to the convention and see your profile during the visit. It is as simple as going to the following link: <https://womensmemorialstore.wufoo.com/forms/online-registration-and-donation-form/>

Marine Corps Recruit Training Platoon Books Exhibit

You have your honorable discharge certificate and your DD214, but your platoon photo and platoon book are just as important as is any picture of you in uniform. Marines can call MCRD Parris Island Recruit Photo at 843-228-1555 and get a copy of their platoon photo. However, there is no way to order a replacement platoon book.

In the front of the book there are photos of every phase of training. In the back of the book are individual photos of the women that you trained with, formed a bond with and of the Marines in the chain of command that trained you. Most books include the first names of recruits which help locate platoon mates.

Valerie Shields Breidenbaugh, WMA History & Document Curator, has digitized more than 600 platoon books and counting! She also posts her scanned platoon books onto put WMA Shutterfly page and to YellowFootPrints.com. She has had dozens of women email her copies of their platoon books and in turn Valerie has emailed copies to female Marines...far too many to count! What began as a hobby is now her passion. "I so enjoy helping women Marines receive a piece of their personal Marine Corps history" says Valerie.

Bring your platoon book with you to the 2018 Convention. Stop by Valerie's platoon book exhibit table. It will be co-located with the WMA authors. Valerie will scan your platoon book and add it to the data base of books. Valerie can be contacted at historian@womenmarines.org or sgtvshields@yahoo.com.

Tour the White House

Carve out time to tour the White House when you're in the Nation's Capital. Tours are free of charge and are scheduled on a first come, first served basis. Requests can be submitted up to three months in advance and *no less than 21 days in advance*. Submit your request through your Member of Congress as early as possible since there are a limited number of spaces available.

Please note, all information submitted (e.g. name, date of birth, city, etc.), must exactly match the government-issued photo ID you will present when arriving at the White House.

Self-guided tours are available from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (excluding federal holidays or unless otherwise noted).

If you are bringing guests to tour the White House with you and they are a citizen of a foreign country, they must contact their embassy in Washington, DC for assistance in submitting a tour request.

For more information, go to: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/participate/tours-and-events>.



Old Town Trolley Tours

Don't Just Visit Washington - Ride It!



THE MONUMENTS BY MOONLIGHT

Wednesday, August 29, 2018 @ 8 p.m.

Sign up for a 2-1/2 hour tour of the National Mall. It's a beautiful sight to see all of the monuments illuminated at night. Pickup will be at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. The private tour will go by the Capitol, the White House, the Smithsonian Museums, the Washington and World War II Monuments. The Trolley has stops at the Iwo Jima, FDR and Lincoln Memorials for great picture taking opportunities. Friendly conductors narrate the tour with a fascinating and fun mix of trivia and humorous stories. Reservations must be made in advance. \$40 per person when registering for Convention.

THE DAY TOUR

Thursday, August 30, 2018 @ 8:30 a.m.

Before all the official Convention events, kick off your visit to the Nation's Capital by taking a 2-1/2 hour tour. Pick up will be at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. This private tour will go by the Capitol, the White House, the Smithsonian Museums, the Washington and World War II Monuments. The Trolley has stops at the Iwo Jima, FDR, and Lincoln Memorials for great picture taking opportunities. Friendly conductors narrate the tour with a fascinating and fun mix of trivia and humorous stories. Reservations must be made in advance. **\$40 per person when registering for Convention.**



The 2018 Convention Coordinating Committee is sponsoring a *luxurious 7-Day cruise for two on Holland America Line.*

When you step aboard one of the five-star ships of Holland America Line, you will experience a voyage unlike any other. You can choose any Caribbean or Mexico cruise for two (same stateroom) up to seven days in length (based on minimum unobstructed ocean view stateroom). Your journey will include extraordinary dining, spacious staterooms, elegant surroundings and days filled with new discoveries and gracious pampering by an award-winning crew. You can choose to partake in as many - or as few - activities as you wish, from the renowned Greenhouse Spa and Salon, to cooking demonstrations and wine tasting in the Culinary Arts Center, and much more. Or simply relax and enjoy the spectacular scenery from the beautiful wrap-around teak deck. The certificate has no expiration date. The certificate may be applied to other cabin categories or cruise trades at an additional cost. The certificate has no expiration date!

Airfare to and from departure and arrival ports not included, however guests may purchase at an additional cost. Does not include taxes, onboard charges, shore excursions or hotel services charges. Donated by Holland America Line.

★ \$5 donation for 1 ticket

★ \$20 donation for 5 tickets

★ \$250 will be donated to the WMA Chapter with the most Sweepstakes ticket donations

For more information, contact your Chapter President or email Convention@womenmarines.org.

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01 Sept	Recognition and Awards	____ @ \$51.00
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Full Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name to be printed on Badge: _____

____ My First Convention ____ Mobility Impaired ____ I would like to volunteer ____ Special Dietary Needs _____

ALL GUESTS MUST PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE IF ANY MEAL IS ORDERED. NO EXCEPTIONS.

REGISTRATION FEE \$50	TOTAL \$50.00
GUEST ____1 \$73.00 ____2 \$51.00 ____3 \$51.00 ____4 \$87.00	TOTAL _____
FREE TRIPS ____1 ____2 ____3 ____ADDITIONAL TICKETS _____ \$15 EA PER NON-REGISTERED GUEST	TOTAL _____
PAID TRIPS ____1 ____2 @ \$40.00	TOTAL _____
DONATION	TOTAL _____
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	GRAND TOTAL _____

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LOYAL ESCORT MEMBER APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Date of birth:

Phone:

Cell:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Email:

New Renew Reinstated Life (Sponsor must be Life member)

2 YR \$30 LIFE 40 AND UNDER - \$180 41-45 - \$150 46-60 - \$130 61-70 - \$105 71-80 - \$80 81+ \$55

SPONSOR INFORMATION

WMA Sponsor Name:

Recruited by:

Chapter Affiliation:

Do you live with sponsor Y N

Sponsor Life Member # if applicable

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of a relative **not** residing with you:

Address:

Phone:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Relationship:

SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE

Name:

Date of birth:

Email:

Phone:

SERVICE INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE

Dates of Service

Branch:

How long?

MOS

Duty Stations:

ABOUT MYSELF

How did you hear about the Loyal Escorts?

Recruited By:

WMA Newsletter is sent electronically to members with an email

SIGNATURES

Signature of member:

Date:

**Make checks payable to Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter
Mail to: Michael Pearce, 1645 E Madge Ave, Hazel Park, MI 48030**

Taps

"If the Army and the Navy ever look on Heaven's scenes, they will find the streets 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 their souls and the souls of all our departed sisters rest in peace.

Life Members

Amato, Joyce (Nesheim)	1466	12/16/17	WI-1
Anderson, Agnes	555	09/16/17	PA-2
Balchunas, Ella (Los)	1657	11/09/17	MA
Collins, Helen (Geilfuss)	711	06/21/17	PA-2
Dobrynski, Alice (Messing)	2841	11/25/17	MI
Glaze, Hazel (Fenimore)	1244	12/12/17	IA-1
Gould, Virginia Ann (Ingram)	1997	12/28/17	AR
Grbinich, Bebe (Berner)	1581	11/30/17	FL-3
Kenny, Marianne (Huttle)	957	10/17/17	MA-2
Killefer, Carolyn (Clothier)	2769	11/19/17	CA
Kostyn, Loretta (Morrison)	1853	03/23/17	VA
Merk, Jeanne (Pinon)	3208	11/23/17	NV
Murray, Catherine	3054	12/20/17	FL-3
Neil, Marietta (Roeder)	1447	08/13/17	CA
Powell, Claire (Pinney)	623	11/25/17	MO-2
Russell, Margaret (Ewing)	1329	06/15/17	MA
Sloane, Betty (Correll)	1671	11/23/17	FL
Witcher, Dorothy (Anderson)	2031	11/22/17	AZ
Zeigler, Yvonne (Rudacille)	1793	10/14/17	PA

Term Members

Austin, Avis (Landers)	10/17/17	CA
Fay, Alice (Early)	11/02/17	NY
Frost, Sarah (Austin)	12/21/17	GA
Huffer, Dorothy	11/09/17	PA
Sullivan, A Doris (Caldwell)	12/10/17	MA

Chaplain's Corner

The close of 2017 brought an end to a woman Marine legend, Master Sergeant Catherine Murray, USMC, Ret. Catherine was the first woman Marine to become part of the Fleet Marine Reserve Force; the first woman Marine to retire from the Marine Corps. She lived all of her 100 years exemplifying our core values: honor, courage, commitment. She was committed to telling the story of her service in the Marine Corps, as evidenced by the many nuggets found on social media. She continued to serve as a hospital volunteer for many years, giving enough hours to equal several years. She faced her declining health with courage and grace, never complaining about what she couldn't do, but excited about what she could still do! I pray I can be as positive an influence in the years to come as she was. Fair winds and following seas, dear lady, your tour of duty is complete.

In the course of my duties I am informed of many Woman Marine deaths of non-members. One in particular, touched me deeply and I mourn that we all did not have the pleasure of knowing her:



Christine Strain died peacefully in her sleep early in the morning of December 5, 2017 in Camarillo, CA. She had been alert and active until her recent decline. Her three beloved caregivers, Mitch, Bona, and Norma had been taking turns staying with her night and day - holding her hand, lying next to her, singing her favorite songs, always bringing a smile to her face with their loving ways.

A naturalized citizen, born nearly a century ago in the UK, Christine Strain had a deeply-instilled appreciation of our American democracy. She recognized the value of public education and was herself a lifelong learner. After graduating from Hollywood High, she attended UCLA and Columbia, graduating with a degree in history.

During WWII, she enlisted in the Marines and taught celestial navigation to the young recruits. Continuing as an educator, she became a high school-level US history instructor. Eventually, she became a girls' vice principal and principal in the L.A. City Schools.

She returned to her passion of teaching young adults about the value of our constitution when she retired and became a docent for the Superior Court of Ventura County. She read three newspapers each morning, always watched Washington Week in Review, never missed voting day, and proudly displayed the American flag on patriotic holidays. Christine donated funds to Democratic candidates, especially women, all of her adult life.

As a little girl, her father would pay her a penny a word if she could memorize an entire poem without making a mistake, and so her love and knowledge of poetry began. Even in her late nineties, she could offer inspiration with a few choice lines of classic verse. Christine also loved to sing and often began the day with one of her favorite songs. Additionally, she was an accomplished flute and piano player, and for years, while living in Pacific Palisades, played flute with the Palisades Symphony.

In her twenties, Christine had the opportunity to shake Eleanor Roosevelt's hand when the first lady visited Hollywood. She had a different kind of celebrity encounter when she was chosen to compete on the radio version of You Bet Your Life. She won enough money to buy her first car and later turned Groucho down when he called and asked her for a date!

A natural teacher, Christine was always eager to lend a hand. At 98, Christine gave piano lessons to Carlo, Bona's son, and helped her cherished companions with their English skills.

Up until a few weeks before she died, she took great pleasure visiting the public library. From Stephen Hawking's books on theoretical physics to Garfield comics, she loved to read. Among other daily pastimes (past and present) were practicing Tai Chi, walking, doing double acrostics, knitting beautiful sweaters, gardening, and listening to classical music.

Christine lived an exemplary life. She was disciplined and brave, devoted to God and her county, and supportive of worthy causes worldwide. Not only did she remain spry and healthy for just short of a hundred years, she was always the smartest one in the room, any room, right up until the end. A+, indeed!

We miss you and will carry you in our hearts forever. "Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me."

Catherine G. Murray: "I've had a good life!"

CA-3 – Greater San Francisco Bay Area

CA-3 continues to hold well-attended monthly meetings. The October meeting, hosted by Loyal Escort Sarah Rivera and her daughter, Deanna May, celebrated Halloween. All attendees wore Halloween themed attire, with several coming in costume. The November meeting was hosted by Vice President/Treasurer Kathy Wright and celebrated the Marine Corps' 242nd Birthday. The annual message from the Commandant of the Marine Corps was read, the POW/MIA table was set up, and CA-3 held the Birthday Celebration, with our oldest Marine present, Barbara Naas, passing the first piece of birthday cake to our youngest Marine present – Bonnie Dabalos-Castro.



Cake cutting ceremony

In addition, CA-3 also collected Toys for Connie's Kids, in memory of Connie Guaraglia and her avid interest in this event. More than an entire box of toys were collected and donated. In December, the meeting hosted by Scholarship Chair Lily Brockmeier celebrated Christmas. Christmas gifts were exchanged among all who attended – CA-3 members, Loyal Escorts, and their families.

We also helped to celebrate Loyal Escort Sarah Rivera's son's birthday. Joseph turned 16 in December. In keeping with our newly formed tradition – CA-3 wanted to help out someone who needed help this Christmas season. Last year we helped a woman Marine veteran and her family have a brighter Christmas. This year we decided to help one of our own members who needed help. A collection was taken up, and Loyal Escort Cheryl Christensen received the funds to help her in this time of need.

CA-3 members continue to be busy. CA-3 Vice President/Treasurer Kathleen Wright, Loyal Escort Angie Fredekind and Paula Paterno (Angie's sister visiting from Germany) spent the Saturday of Fleet Week aboard the SS Jeremiah O'Brien sailing around San Francisco Bay. They sailed under both



December meeting

the Golden Gate and the San Francisco Bay bridges and the weather was absolutely perfect. After touring the bay, the ship took up a position on the bay where they could watch a 3 hour air show featuring our own Blue Angels. The food was

provided by Boudin Bakery which is located at the entrance to Pier 45 where the ship is anchored. It is one of only two WWII Liberty Ships still in service. On November 4, the Bay Area WAVES (BAW) sponsored their 31st All Service Women Veteran's Luncheon at His Lordships Restaurant in Berkeley Marina. CA-3 Vice President/Treasurer Kathleen Wright and BAW Ginger Jacobson attended this annual event representing the South Bay. The Veteran's Home at Yountville brought down a bus full of women veterans to include several women Marines. Unfortunately, attendance has dropped each year as the older veterans pass or become unable to get around. In spite of that, everyone had a great time. Amador Valley Quilters presented patriotic quilts to six of the veterans in attendance and the ladies really appreciated getting them. The guest speaker was Kaela Joseph, Ph.D., who is a Staff Psychologist and Women Veterans Program Manager

with the San Francisco VA Healthcare System. While at this luncheon, they ran into Marge Waggoner who was a long time member of the BAW detachment in San Jose. She now lives in Sacramento but managed to come down for this event.

Also in November, Loyal Escort and Marine veteran Vern Smith was interviewed by ABC concerning the petition to have a warship named after local WWII combat correspondent Joe Rosenthal. Vern also attended the 27th Annual Marine Corps Birthday Cruise sponsored by The National Marine Corps Business Network. About 200 were in attendance. After gathering at the Benicia Yacht Club, an outstanding SOS breakfast was served. All in attendance introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their Marine duties. Afterwards, everyone boarded one of eight yachts that sailed off for the Vallejo Yacht Club. Once there, a fantastic lunch was served, along with a cake cutting ceremony. One of the highlights this year was falling into formation with a female DI drilling everyone! It was such fun to watch old Marines trying to troop and stomp. No one remembered how to "about face!" Afterwards, all re-boarded the yachts and returned to Benicia.

During this time period, as a member of the combined American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard, CA-3 President Susan Johnston participated in five memorial/funeral services and a graduation ceremony. Susan also participated in a Veterans Day event at two local schools – New Jerusalem Elementary, and Delta Charter School. Susan and Joe Perez, representing the American Legion, participated in a flag folding ceremony, and, along with several other members of the local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War posts, spoke to every class in both schools about their military service, and answered a multitude of questions from the students. Susan also participated in the local Veterans Day ceremony for the City of Tracy, consisting of several guest speakers, the firing of a gun salute, and the reading of all the names of Tracy service members who paid the ultimate price in service to their country from World War I to the present.

Susan Johnston

CA-5 – Orange County California Members-at-Large

We Marines of Orange County, CA - nee CA-5, are still marching on. It was a grand gathering for the Long Beach VA's invitation to join them in celebrating Wonder Women Veterans Luncheon, 21 October. We did, seven of us! All vets were requested to come in costume as Wonder Woman...Carlene managed to have us wearing Wonder Woman crowns, Sonia's daughter sent her with the real garb...check out the belt, chest crest and beautiful wrist-to-elbow gauntlets! We were spoiled with wonderful food, accolades for our service



and gift handbags with toiletries. We were a group of 200 women representing every branch of service. There were at least 50 gift certificates donated by Target; Carlene and Eileen were lucky winners of \$20-GC's. We behaved ourselves like queens. From the left: Carlene Wojciechowski; Goldie Nannes; Patricia Singer; Ellie Fox; Sonia Gryske; Eileen Sampson; and Ann Erb. Already, we

have been asked to return next year. That will be a real celebration as it is the 25th year celebrating Women Veterans for the VA.

We returned to the VA on 9 November to participate in the Marine Corps Birthday cake cutting ceremony. Our Goldie Nannes was again the reigning senior Marine to receive the first slice of cake. Our second senior MAL, "Tippy" Paine, joined the celebration with us. Those that ate cake: Carlene, Ellie, Eileen, Goldie, Sonia, Tippy, and Patricia.



Gerry, Ellie and Amy putting on the Ritz and going to the Music Center.

Ellie Fox celebrated her birthday spectacularly on 17 November. Her daughter was able to procure tickets to Placido Domingo's 50th Anniversary concert in Los Angeles. I have yet to find out if he sang "Happy Birthday" to her!!



Wreaths Across America group

We really had our act together for Wreaths Across America at Riverside National Cemetery on 16 December thanks to the efforts of our "enforcers:" Carlene and Ellie, they did all the paper work, finding donors and sponsors, personalizing each wreath with photo-name-rank, organizing wreaths for distribution, finding drivers and wreath bearers, laying out routes and giving instructions for all. Well done, Marines, and thank you for your service! Thanks to them and the many others that supported our endeavors we sponsored 224 wreaths as of 21 November and laid 76 wreaths on our beloved and cherished Marines, family, and friends' graves. We are blessed!



Susan Malone now

Jibber-jabber to titillate! Chatting with Susan Roley Malone recently (a long ago member of CA-5 in our early years, but now a resident in MD), she commented that this year's 242nd Marine Corps Birthday was truly significant for her...it marked the 50th year of her being sworn in as a United States Marine on that day.

Pearl Harbor Day, 7 December, had Beverly Daugherty recalling that special date 62 years past. She was discharged. She is so proud that she served in Hawaii and earned her "yellow ribbon" for service. Bev claims that being an active duty Marine for 3.5 years were the best and most memorable years of her life.

Ellie Fox is preparing for a stint in Kenya mid-January along with her husband Gerry. Their church has been involved in mission work building schools and helping small communities for years. The church mission is now going to visit several villages and decide where their next endeavors will be. The Foxes have been avid supporters and proponents of helping others for decades. Thank you, Chaplain Gerry and Ellie for sharing and caring for those in need. Be safe, be successful.



Sister Eileen Parker

Sister Eileen Parker was evacuated for six days from her "nunnery" with 70+ other senior nuns due to the Skirball Fire. Fortunately the convent has always been aware of safety and has drills for how to and what to do in emergencies. Eileen assures me that they had their "beads" in double time.

Best wishes to all for the season of spring and all of its promises.

Patricia Singer

CA-7 – Edith Macias Vann Southern California

Sally Falco, a long-time member of CA-7 as a young sergeant and then a staff sergeant who later went on to become an officer, wrote to us from Germany to let us know she was in the promotion zone for LtCol. Way to go Sally. We are so proud of her and wish her continued success.

A very nice ceremony was held on Veterans Day at the Veterans Association of North County (VANC) with many in attendance, including chapter members Lil Cross, Lee Tusa, Shirley Downey, Mary Anthony, Mary-



CA-7 members attend the Veterans Day ceremony.

lou Voigt, Charlene Itchkawich, Ana Johnson, and Kathy Kincaid with Loyal Escorts Rob Young, Dennis Kovats, Ken Cross and Wayne Renneker. Charlene gave the invocation.

We also donated toys to our Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive.

CA-7 also participated in Wreaths Across America. Our goal for 2017 for sponsoring wreaths was 150. We, as a group, sponsored 115 or 75%. Many thanks to Phyllis Bourque for all the work she did in acquiring sponsorships for 83 wreaths. All of our wreaths went to Miramar National Cemetery.

Chuck and Kathleen Ables attended a Marine Corps Birthday Brunch on November 10. It was organized and hosted by Col Len Hayes, USMC, Ret. Col Hayes was Kathleen's battalion commander when she was a company commander.

The brunch followed the traditional format of a ceremony and a meal. The meal included the Marines' favorite: SOS! The ceremony included MajGen Lejeune's order, the Commandant's message, the cake-cutting, and remarks by the guest of honor, LtCol Richard L. Bianchino, USMC, Ret.

As usual, the Ables found several attendees with whom they had served "eons ago." There were four Marines who had attended AWS together, including Kathleen and Chuck. It is a tradition that Col Hayes and Kathleen attend the same birthday celebration and this year was no exception.

Our anniversary committee has been very busy in planning the 75 year anniversary of the Women Marine Reserves. This committee has everything planned. We got venue, meals, entertainment, historical items display, goodie bag, raffle, etc. This committee even had an envelope stuffing party to get invitations out in the mail.

Iris Faye

CA-8 – Palms to Pines

This has been a difficult year for California. First the fires in Northern Cal, then the disastrous fire in Southern Cal followed by the mud slides with the first rain in months. Part of Highway 101 is still closed and folks are still missing.

The October meeting was at the VA Loma Linda Women Veteran Luncheon sponsored each year by Lisa Roybal, Women

Veterans Program Manager at the VA Hospital in Loma Linda (Lisa's mother was a woman Marine). CA-8 members who



Loma Linda Women Veterans luncheon.

attended were Mary Eliseo, Cassandra Thompson-Jervis, Sybl Acree, Shirley Kivett, Holly Kivett, Rosemary Abrego-Holmes, Joleen Lannie and Ozell Barksdale. GySgt Jennifer Richardson, USMC, was the guest speaker. She joined us for lunch. We had a fun

time talking to her.

CA-8 presented COCO'S Restaurant with a certificate for their support of CA-8. Jennifer Rangel, COCO'S manager, accepted the award. Jennifer's grandmother, Shirley Curry, was a woman Marine and is now a member of CA-8. COCO'S is one of the few restaurants in the area that has a meeting room and is always ready for our meetings. Mary Eliseo, Shirley Kivett, Cassandra Thompson-Jervis, Holly Kivett, Sybl Acree, Joleen Lannie, and Helen Page were present for the presentation.

Rosemary Abrego-Holmes's (CA-8 VP) friend CW Officer Billy Singfield was just hired to start a Navy ROTC Program at Martin Luther King High School in Riverside. CA-8



Certificate presentation to COCO'S.

donated \$50 to help him get started. We do what we can for our fellow service members. We wish him luck.

Our former president Johnnie Williams for years did all the buying for Toys for Tots. It was amazing how many toys she could get from our small budget. This year with her gone, we had to do the shopping. We split it up and did ok but we sure miss Johnnie. GySgt Pena, Toys for Tots coordinator at Camp



Toys for Tots donation.

Pendleton, sent three women Marines to pick up the toys, SSgt Dominique Hart, Sgt Kimberly Chavez, and PFC Citlaly Aviles. Rosemary Abrego-Holmes, Cassandra Thompson-Jervis, Shirley Curry, Joleen Lannie, Sybl

Acree, Mary Eliseo, Ozell Barksdale, and Helen Page helped with the donation. We had our Christmas party also. It was fun having the girls join us for our party.

Hope 2018 will bring love and happiness to all. Semper Fidelis.

Sybl Acree

CO-1 – Colorado Columbinas

The year ended with the chapter presenting Breakfast for Buckley. We gather gift cards/gifts for a drawing and bring breakfast burritos, donuts, coffee, juice to the NOSC at Buckley AFB in Aurora. The Combat Logistics Battalion 453 and I&I staff there as well as the naval units and other Marine companies enjoy the morning and we share information about Marine events in Colorado and offer our assistance to those who need it.

In November, August and May we supported ceremonies at the US Marine Corps Memorial in Golden. If you're every out our way check it out or on the web at www.usmarine-corpsmemorial.com.

In September we conducted the US Marine Corps Memorial 5K. We had our summer picnic in June and our annual anniversary event in Febru-



Breakfast for Buckley

ary. We also attended and supported the Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon hosted by our Rocky Mountain Marines unit which is a group of Marine organizations that have hosted this for over 25 years. Guest speaker this year was the distinguished Bud MacFarland! What a great day – and our own WWII Marine Babe Houser was the senior Marine for the cake cutting. Marge Alexander's "Tun Tavern" and a box of cards with her paintings on them are the gifts for the event for a number of years now.

We have a few new younger members and are delighted to have them with us! Semper Fidelis, Marines!

Paula Sarlls

DC-1 District of Columbia

The DC-1 Chapter held a special recognition ceremony on Veterans Day 2017 to recognize their World War II and Korean War Era Marines. These trailblazing women came from all walks of life and were each personally inspired to make a difference in the lives of others by joining the Marine Corps.

Catherine Louise Frazier was a retired Marine Corps Reserve public information officer whose career spanned from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam.

Mary Ann McKenzie served as a secretary in the Office of the Commandant, plans and policies in an electronics subsection, from 1943-1945, an uncommon feat in her time. She rose to the rank of staff sergeant.

Pat Kelly, who enlisted just one year after the creation of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve, said, "I wanted to do something special and thought I'd join the Navy like my twin brother, Charlie. Charlie told me to join the Marines because they had better looking uniforms."

Betty Printz Sims, who was a music teacher at the time inspiration hit her, joined the military when an announcement about the Japanese attacking Pearl Harbor interrupted the music she was listening to on the radio. "I thought, I can't stay here and teach music, I've got to do something for my country," Sims said.

Other inspirational women recognized during the event were: WWII Iona Gilbert, and Korean War Elsie Anderson, Lois Beadling, Donna Genovese, and Theresa "Sue" Malone Sou-



(l-r): Dr. Lynda Davis, WWII Marines Louise Frazier, Mary Ann McKenzie, Patricia Kelly, Betty Printz Sims

sa who enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in November 1949. Sousa is one of the founding members of the WMA, which was created in 1960.

Major General Lori Reynolds motivated and inspired everyone as she presided over the event. Dr. Lynda Davis, the Department of Veterans Affairs' Chief Veterans Experience Officer and former Army Signal Officer, and Brigadier General Roberta L. Shea were also on hand to celebrate these fine women.

Retired Marines Vivian Butler, the chapter president, and Lelia Jackson co-chair for the 2018 WMA Convention and Professional Development Symposium were also on hand. WMA will be celebrating the centennial of the first woman Marine to enlist in August 2018—which will surely be another inspiring moment.

Lelia Jackson

FL-3 – Florida Gold Coast



Catherine Murray

Happy New Year from Florida Gold Coast Chapter FL-3!

The year 2017 was a good year and a bad year. We lost our dear friend and comrade, Catherine Murray, in December. Catherine served 22 years in the Marine Corps, and lived to a wonderful age of 100. Our chapter honored her with a memorial luncheon. Catherine will be buried in Arlington.

Two chapter members were recipients of the South Florida Honor Flight to Washington, DC. Mary Jane Kane said she was very honored to be among the WWII veterans on the trip. It was a beautiful and very emotional event. From the color guard greeting at the airport, to the changing of the guard at Arlington, to the WWII, Korean, and Iwo Jima memorials, to mail call on the return flight, and final welcome home parade and greeting by hundreds in the community, the Honor Flight team made it a truly special day to be remembered.

Hurricane Irma had different plans for Natalie Champagne who was scheduled on the September flight. The event was cancelled and we hope that she will have the honor this year to attend the special event in honor of veterans.

Our first meeting for 2018 will be on January 21st at the Cooper City VFW. We wish all our members a blessed and safe new year.

Mary Jane Kane

IN-1 Indiana

In October, members of IN-1 attended the 2017 Lieutenant Governor's Leadership Luncheon to celebrate 100 years of Girls Scouts in Indiana at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in downtown Indianapolis. In addition to a wonderful lunch, four Hoosier women who were chosen as this year's honorees received awards for their wonderful examples of the Girl Scouts' mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and



character, and who make the world a better place. This is Girl Scouts of Central Indiana's largest annual fundraising event, and those in attendance raised over \$350,000 of the \$500,000 goal the Lt. Governor set in celebration of the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana's centennial anniversary. The IN-1 members in attendance are all proud Girl Scouts alumna.

The members also got together in November to celebrate the 242nd birthday of the Marine Corps. After having lunch and a quick business meeting, they read both General Lejeune's and the Commandant's birthday messages and enjoyed birthday cake.

Kay Ross

KY-1 Winning Colors

The Marines of the KY-1 chapter have been busy these last few months. During the holiday, members were volunteering with the local Toys for Tots organization, working in the warehouse sorting and packing up toys and bikes for thousands of children in our local areas.



Mission BBQ and Bluegrass Honor Flight.

On December 7th, our local Mission BBQ restaurant hosted a luncheon celebrating our WWII veterans. They all received a free lunch, and all were thanked for their service by many. The Bluegrass Honor Flight program, spoke to the group about their upcoming flights for 2018 and Cpl Mary Bailey signed up to take the flight, with our own Mary Broussard as her escort.

We have welcomed home from deployment Phoebe Riner and will be sending off Susan Vogedes soon. So far this year our main goal is to work hard to get as many of our members to attend the WMA convention in August. Semper Fidelis!

Brenda Moore

LA-1 – Molly Marine

Before we knew it, it was time to get ready to end the 2017 calendar year. And despite very busy months full of holidays, the members were able to come together for a few festivities and events.

On 30 October at St Vincent's Cemetery, the family of Captain Lois Meyer interred her ashes with that of her husband (also Capt Meyer). Captain Meyer was one of the 1st female Marines to be commissioned in the Marine Corps Reserve in 1943 and served until 1946. She gave her oral history to the WWII Museum in 2011. Although not a member of the chapter, we had the honor to attend. Mary Draughn added to the beautiful service as she has in the past for other fallen sisters. We are thankful for Capt Meyer for paving the way for our future.



Capt Meyer interment

On 3 November, Molly Marines, LA-1, attended the MARFORRES 242nd Marine Corps Birthday Ball at the Superdome, New Orleans where all in attendance had a wonderful time.



Birthday Ball

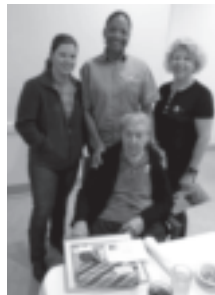
MARFORRES sure know how to have a Marine Corps Ball. On 11 November, chapter members celebrated the 242nd Marine Corps Birthday at Luke's. The block party was hosted by Chef John Besh, a Marine veteran who each year invites Marines past and present to drink at Luke's for free in celebration of the occasion. They served food and drinks, and handed out t-shirts; of course, there was a cake cutting ceremony as well. Another event where sister Marines and Loyal Escorts shared awesome comradery. On 12 November, the chapter joined forces with Louisiana Women Veterans to represent women veterans in downtown Baton Rouge for its 2nd Annual Veterans Day Parade. It was a wonderful joint venture for the two motivating groups! After the parade, sweet Sylvia Silva stopped by to see Ms. Vera (WWII Marine). Unfortunately Sylvia found that Ms. Vera's health is declining. She is in our prayers.



Veterans Day Parade

On 18 November the chapter had another monthly meeting at the West Bank. Details for the Christmas party where worked out, the WMA Sweepstakes was discussed, and a warning order was given for the Mardi Gras participation at Muses. It was a very productive meeting.

On 1 December, LA-1 also visited another WWII member and eldest chapter member, Frances Hoffman, at the Lambeth House. The members showed up with Christmas cheer, joy, a card from the chapter, and gifts! She was very happy to see us! Photographed is Frances with Sgt Park, Melanie, and April. On 16 December, the Molly Marine



Visit with Frances Hoffman



Christmas party

Chapter held their annual Christmas party. Our most gracious host, Shynell Bennett, opened her beautiful home to our members and Loyal Escorts. Everyone brought a covered dish and we shared a delicious meal together. We exchanged gifts and played several games. A big thanks to our president, Melanie Young, for coordinating this event and to all those who helped make the Christmas party a huge success. Earlier that day, some members also volunteered with Wreaths Across America by placing wreaths at Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery, Slidell.

Molly Marine Chapter is very grateful for the wonderful year we have had, are looking forward to the new adventures of the New Year, and are excited about the 2018 WMA Biennial Convention. Oo-rah and Semper Fidelis!

Dalia Roble

MI-2 Motor City

The Motor City ended the year on a great note. We shipped out over 500 boxes from our last packing party. The postage, \$10,000+, was hard to take as it pretty much cleaned out our treasury but it was well worth it. We collected a full truckload of food for the VVA 154 food pantry. They were happy to have the extra food right in time for the holidays. We donated two turkeys to area food baskets for two veteran families in need.



14 6 feet long tables filled on top an underneath with supplies that were donated for shipment.

December saw us volunteering at the VA Hospital taking care of our veterans after church services. We had three members plus three Loyal Escorts come out to help give out donuts, cider, coffee, juice, and of course, fresh fruit. They enjoy the time spent talking as much as we do.

Our elections were held at the final meeting of 2017 in December. We are excited to announce our new slate of 2018 - 2020 officers: president, Rose Muth; vice president, Mirella Lang; secretary, Sylvia Riley; treasurer, Adrienne McLarahmore. They will be sworn in at the February meeting and take over from that point on.



MI-2 members, back row, standing (l-r): Adrienne McLarahmore, Natalie Ziegler, Mary Merritt, Jean Persely, Linda Keeley, Jenifer Homan. Kneeling (l-r) Jenn Moffitt, Mirella Lang.

We worked with the local coffee shop that was giving free coffee to those in need. We helped raise awareness and raised money for this "Suspended Coffee." We gave Kim

Doll the donations to keep the coffee pot full for the winter months.



25 bags filled and ready for our homeless and hospitalized women veterans.

Our other holiday venture was collecting and donating items to the Macomb Foster closet. We worked with Kim Doll of Rule 63 Cafe as the collection point and were able to provide diaper wipes, gloves, hats, clothes, and other needed items for children newborn to 18 yrs. old. Many times these children leave their home with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. We know we made a difference here.

Our year started out just as busy as it ended. We collected and delivered 15 bags for our women veterans. These bags held a robe, slippers, socks, a bag with personal hygiene items, a journal, a manicure set, a full size throw, and a small box of chocolates. We also donated 25 winter coats, 50 hats, 24 pairs of gloves and 20 scarves for the veterans in the VA Domiciliary. We were able to bring in 20 crocheted lap robes that were made by our Loyal Escorts.

February will see us doing our Valentines for Veterans packing. A coffee hour at the VA is in the works, and of course, our celebration of women Marines.

Mary Ann Merritt

MN-1 Lady Leathernecks

Several chapter members attended the Women Veterans of Minnesota fall luncheon held on October 14 at the Apple Valley American Legion. Michelle



MN-1 chapter members

Livingston nominated Olivia Nord for a care basket donated by the Albert Lea women veterans group and then also delivered the care basket to Olivia. Chapter member Carol Isnardi was able to recently visit with Olivia and enjoyed having lunch with her at the Minneapolis VA Hospital.

On November 5, we met for lunch at McCormick & Schmick's Seafood & Steak Restaurant in Edina, enjoying an excellent meal along with a nice time chatting and catching up. We were also happy to have Lori Huffman and Pat York Christians join us.

On November 10, Michelle Livingston, Julie Williams, Linda Munson, and Vicki Latiolais participated with the Woman Veteran Build, coordinated by the Women Veterans Initiative organization's Day of Service, held during the week of Veterans Day. The Habitat house project involved plenty of work inside the Blaine home due to the weather. We look forward to participating in the 2018 Day of Service.

Following the completion of the Women Veteran Build, we regrouped at Keegan's Pub to celebrate the 242nd birthday of the Marine Corps in NE Minneapolis. The annual gathering of Marines, of all ages, starts at 4:30 p.m. You'll want to get there early to grab a seat, have a piece of cake, and just enjoy the atmosphere. Every Marine who comes in gets their first beer free.

Several members continue to attend Metro Marines dinners, participated with the Metro Marines in the Anoka Halloween Parade and providing assistance at the warehouse for the 2017 Twin Cities Toys for Tots Campaign. This year the Metro Area Toys for Tots Campaign met their goal achieving donations of over 238,000 toys in the eight-county area.

The chapter gathered at Lorraine Morgan's house in Minneapolis for their annual holiday party on Sunday, December 10. Attendees signed holiday cards for chapter members and other Marines unable to attend and also had a white elephant gift exchange.

On December 20, chapter members gathered at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery for the memorial service of Dorothy Louise Witcher, Life Member #2031 and mother of WMA Life Member Gayle Herseith. Dot passed away on November 22. We remember her fondly for her wit, guidance, and leadership roles in the chapter. Dot was very involved as co-chair in the 2002 Convention held in Minneapolis.

On January 27, the chapter met at the Hopkins VFW for a game night hosted by Michelle Livingston.

On February 17, the women Marines of MN-1 held an anniversary party celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. The celebration was held at a chapter favorite location - Elsie's in NE Minneapolis and hosted by Julie Williams.

If you are planning to be in Minnesota, please feel free to contact or join members in upcoming 2018 events: May 19th - Happy Hour; June 16th - Chapter Picnic; October 27th - An-

ka Halloween Parade; November 10th - Keegan's Pub for the Marine Corps Birthday; or December 8th, Chapter holiday party. For further details on the chapter, noted, or additional upcoming events, please email us at mn1@womenmarines.org.

Vicki Latiolais

NC-3 - Semper Fi Chapter

At our October meeting we really began to get excited about the upcoming 100th anniversary that we will all celebrate at our 2018 Convention. We met at Michele Crandall's house in Clayton so that we could monitor progress on our projects for the convention PX...no, we AREN'T going to share what we will be selling, but bring money!! We also kept our fingers crossed for our member Del Mims, who was running for a County Commissioner's seat in Granville County. And Del won!!! Other news is that CJ Scarlet's new book, "The Badass Girl's Guide: Uncommon Strategies to Outwit Predators," will be launched on January 18th at an event in Raleigh. On the heels of that, Tracy Crow Weidemaier's new book "Cooper's Hawk," is hot off the presses. Our entire chapter is looking forward to reading both.



2dLt Daniel Barker with Catherine and Brad Barker

The Durham VA sent us two letters this month...one thanking the chapter for the generous donation of a commercial popcorn machine to be used by the residents of the Community Living Center, and the other thanking us for the donation of a Keurig coffee maker for the hospice family lounge.

And our happiest news of the fall...the graduation from Marine OCS of Daniel Barker, son of Vice President Catherine and Loyal Escort Brad Barker, both retired Marine colonels. Daniel joins a long line of Marines on both sides of this Marine family...including another Marine couple (Brad's mother and father) and a former Commandant of the Marine Corps (Catherine's grandfather).

Mitzi Manning

OH-2 Emma Holmes

It seems we are all having a strange winter and climate conditions. I hope our members are safe and their families are safe.

Some of our members and Loyal Escort Bridget Castricone took a Make-a-Wish list for Christmas to the women at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky. The women said this was the first time their list was answered. There were many tears. Other organizations will bring in presents but this was individual requests. Our women Marines, Dorthea and Helen, were happy to see us.



Dorthea, Karen, Ellen, and Helen at Veteran's Home Christmas for women vets.

We had a meeting at Mission BBQ on 3 December and welcomed our new member Michelle Bedy. Member Gretchen Minnich Bishop welcomed a new baby boy.

Our runner Diane Durden just ran her 86th marathon and also ran in Disney World with Mickey and friends. She is working on 100 marathons.

Our WMA Anniversary meeting will be held at 2:00, 18 February, at Mission BBQ in Canton.

There will be a Resource Expo in North East Ohio for all women veterans. It will be held at the Tri C Eastern Campus, 2 March from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The address is 4250 Richmond Road, Highland Hills, Ohio 44122.

If you are going to our 30th Biennial WMA Convention, get in your reservations. One hundred years, ladies, and look how far we have come. It is going to be a wonderful convention.

I hope we get some nice weather and a heat wave above 30 degrees. Everyone stay healthy and happy.

Elva Pounders

OR-1 – Lady Marine Rose

Out with the old and in with the new! What did OR-1 do last year? Well to start with, we added seven new members to our chapter. We had a large turnout of participation from our chapter members and families for our Adopt a Street Project. Many of our members are involved in Team Red, White, and Blue while others are involved in the making and selling of auto litter bags at bazaars and events. We can never forget the Fourth of July Parade and Volcano Baseball in honor of veterans, the Strawberry Social, and Veterans Day Parade. But we're not done for 2017. Our Annual Toys-4-Tots Christmas Luncheon was a success held at Jacqueline Caputi's home.

The last and most important event of 2017 was OR-1 wishing Dolly Ruble Yandle a Happy 95th Birthday! Born on December 24, 1922, this WWII woman Marine heard the call when our country needed women to "Free A Man to Fight!"

Dolly recounts her time in the Corps:

It was a warm morning when I walked into the Navy and Marine Corps Recruiting office on Pine near Wall Street in Manhattan, NY on March 17, 1943. My boyfriend (later to be my husband), Bob Ruble, was an aircraft mechanic in the Army Air Corps stationed at Mitchell Field based on Long Island. He was soon to be shipped overseas and I decided to join the military to do my part to help our country by enlisting as a WAVE. While waiting for the Navy recruiter, I saw a poster of the newly formed Women Marine Corps and thought, 'That's one smart uniform!' The Marine recruiter came out of his office first. I filled out the paperwork, was interviewed, and sworn in as a United States Marine by noon.



Dolly Ruble then.

I arrived for boot camp at Hunter College in New York City on May 1. The WAVES lived in the first six floors of the building and women Marines on the seventh. We got some of our physical expertise by running up and down the stairs several times a day. Boot camp was a month long. We were kept very busy but had time to meet many wonderful women. We marched and marched everywhere! We finally graduated, and I went by train to Bloomington, IN. Prior to my enlistment, I worked for the NY Telephone Company for several years and thought the Corps would use my experience as a telephone operator. Instead, I was sent to the University of Indiana to start



Dolly Ruble now.

Storekeeper School where I learned about disbursing payroll, quarter mastering, inventory, and all kinds of record keeping.

My first post was at MCAS Cherry Point, NC. There were several outposts that watched for German subs along the coast line and river that was close to the base. Cherry Point had barracks for women and it was a pleasant place to live. On the weekends, some of the women would go into town on the bus but many stayed behind and went to the beach or wrote letters to their boyfriends in the military. I wrote many letters to Bob. I had no idea where he was.

In 1945, I was transferred to Philadelphia Naval Air Supply. There wasn't a barracks for women, so I lived in a room at a private residence near the base. My days were spent typing orders for airplane parts to be shipped overseas. I knew how important it was to be accurate in my typing. The safety of the plane and men depended on me to order the correct part. I ate my meals on base or at a restaurant. Sometimes on the weekends, I would go home to my mother on Long Island. I missed my friends at Cherry Point and I missed Bob.

The war in Europe was coming to an end but still had some action in the Pacific. We were all hopeful that the war would soon be over on both fronts and our loved ones come home safely.

I had enough points and was discharged from the Marine Corps on September 19. While somewhat sad at leaving the Corps, I was also happy to finally make plans with Bob who safely returned from CBI (China, Burma, and India) duty and discharged from the U.S. Army Air Corps.



2017 Christmas Luncheon, back row (l-r): Jacqueline Caputi, Michelle Malike, Sally Van Wie, Sheryl Loberger, Melissa McPartland, Christian Peralta. Middle row (l-r): Rosy Macias, Tony Sanders, Gwindy Foote, Heidi Tanada, Ruth Falconbury. Seated (l-r): Sandra Spatz, Hattie Kelley and Golda Fabian

Bob and I were married on October 28, 1945. We headed west in a 1937 brown Packard and made it all the way to Oregon. Our first home was just outside of Portland. It was a housing area of small manufactured homes reserved for returning veterans. We started our family and had four children. I joined the Portland American Legion Post #1 in the early 1950s. I was a member of the first all women color guard in Oregon. We marched in the Rose Festival Parade and several other local activities. We were as good as the famous Rockettes in precise marching and fashion!

WMA OR-1 was formed by many members of Post #1, including me, in 1964. We became a large group so Meg Dawes suggested we start a newsletter to keep each other informed of the chapter activities. My job was to compile and help keep current, the names and addresses of members, type the newsletter, and roll it up for mailing. This humble newsletter later became WMA 'Nouncements, still used with the same purpose...to keep members informed of activities.

Semper Fidelis.

Sally Van Wie, Judy Rankin, and SSgt. Muriel 'Dolly' Brown Ruble (Yandle) USMCR

SC-1 Phyllis Alexander



Members enjoying the Christmas Social are (l-r): Donna Garcia, Chris Wildenthaler, Tammy Mathison, Linda Priest, Rosa Robertson and C.C. Puppek.



Veteran's Day Parade participants are (l-r): Tammy Mathison, Chris Wildenthaler, Linda Priest, and Rosa Robertson.

TN-1 Rocky Top



Stuffing meeting, Lindsay, Barbara, Doris, Eileen (WWII), Debra, Teresa, and Angiela

Yes, our chapter is alive and well here in East Tennessee. We have added a few new members to the National WMA roles and our chapter in the past few months as well. These include Shannon Harlan,

Mayra Diaz and the new National MC JROTC Program Manager Heather Stevens-White.

We have been having meetings quarterly for the past two years, unfortunately we don't get many of our members to attend the meetings, mainly because a number of them are still working full time and traveling with their jobs. We have tried having the meeting on Sunday afternoon and also Saturday at lunch time. We are hoping that more of our members will attend as it makes it very difficult to have a quorum to conduct the business of the chapter.



Items for the backpacks

In December the chapter purchased back packs and filled them with care and comfort items such as: dry shampoo, body lotion, regular shampoo, conditioner, Q-tips, small cosmetic bags, deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brushes & holders, make-up cleanser wipes, tissues, rain ponchos, hand lotion, hand sanitizer, mouth wash, pill cases, and chap sticks.



Items for the Christmas bags

Doris was able to get the first names and shoe sizes of the ten women veterans who are currently residing in the domiciliary at Mountain Home V.A. in Johnson City. We purchased ten Christmas bags, and to each of those we added small manicure kits, slippers in their sizes, fleece

throws, small tins of shortbread cookies, a 2018-2019 calendar planner with a gel pen, and a Christmas card.

Doris and Barbara Chagnon delivered all the back packs and Christmas bags to the women veterans on December 11th at a Christmas Party hosted by another veterans organization who invited us to "tag along." It was a great evening and two of the women veterans at the facility are Marines.

Doris Keane

TX-2 Chapter clippings

HAPPY NEW YEAR MARINES-THIS IS OUR 100TH YEAR TO SHINE PROUD

Burr, has it been cold on the Gulf Coast of Texas. We definitely aren't used to this kind of weather. Believe it or not we had an inch of snow on December 8th, so we're setting records in this part of Texas. We all woke up in amazement at the site of a blanket of snow covering the ground that Friday morning. We've had enough snow to make snowmen two feet high and even a friendly snowball fight!



VA hospital visit (l-r): Rosa Osborn, Audrea Killalea, Shelia Thorne (kneeling), Marti Raney, Lisa Dijkman holding Baby Brianna, Erin Previe, Kiara Dijkman, President Judy Anderson (kneeling), Allison Davis and Betty Huggins.

On December 2, our chapter decorated the psychiatric ward in the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Hospital again this year, and even though we didn't win any awards, we were told we did a wonderful job. I guess we just know what makes the psychiatric ward tick and I even met a nice patient to help me. Rosa Osborn, a newly retired Marine, and Audrea Killalea who is also retired and Area 6 Director Angela Werner Maness' sister showed up at the VA to help us decorate and are planning on joining our chapter at the next meeting in February. It was a joy to meet them both and we can't wait to make them permanent members of the WMA and TX-2! Betty Huggins brought her granddaughter Allison to help us and Lisa Dijkman showed up with her daughters, Kiara and baby Brianna, along with Kiara's friend Erin. So we had family members on board helping us. It always feels more festive when the families come to help. Baby Brianna wasn't much help, but it sure was a delight to have a baby in our midst joining us on this occasion.

The next day on December 3, our chapter went to Houston Veteran's Cemetery and laid garland at the graves of our departed sisters, and small eagle, globe, and anchor bell hangers on the columbines of our departed sisters. We would stop at each site and President Judy Anderson would say a sentiment or we would talk about a favorite memory from times past with our chapter sisters. It is always an emotional

day, remembering the Marines that have laid the footprints that we have followed here on earth and knowing they are laying the footprints that we will eventually follow to guard the gates.

We are all looking forward to the 2018 Convention in Washington, D.C., and hope to see all of you there. TX-2 would like to wish each woman Marine a Happy Anniversary!

Marti Raney

WA-3 Northsound

WA-3 has had a busy and fun holiday season, but took time out to adopt their local VA Clinic in Mt. Vernon. Holiday cheer was spread over both floors of the facility and also included a giant snowman pictured in the elevator. WA-3 takes responsibility to remove decorations and will be active spreading cheer throughout the year for various holidays.



(l-r) Peggy Reiber, Bettie Glassey, and Sue Duncan in the elevator.

The chapter is also very happy to report that Betty Strand, former area 9 director, had successful surgery and is out of the hospital and rehab, and convalescing at home with her niece to assist.

The chapter held a great meeting and USMC birthday celebration on 11 November. Our next meeting will celebrate the Marine Corps Women's Reserve anniversary on 10 February at The Village Restaurant in Marysville.

Hope to see you all at convention!

Peggy Reiber

WV-1 West Virginia MARTCOTO

Marines of WV-1 recently took to the road, traveling to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Members were hosted at the Academy by Midshipman Second Class Ellie McClung, daughter of WMA member Donna McClung.

They toured the Academy campus, aka "The Yard," visiting the many buildings, memorials, and monuments that



Members with Midshipman 2dClass Ellie McClung

bespeak the rich history and traditions of the Academy. The tour included visits to Lejeune Hall, which houses two Heisman trophies and the competi-

tion swimming and diving pools, the beautiful Chapel which famously houses the crypt of Naval hero John Paul Jones, the majestic Memorial Hall, which commemorates fallen graduates, and Bancroft Hall, the largest dormitory in the United States, where all midshipmen reside.

Following the ceremonial Friday noon meal formation at Tecumseh Court, members enjoyed a rare opportunity to dine in King Hall, as special guests of the Brigade of Midshipmen. The ladies shared personal stories of their Marine Corps experiences with their 14th Company lunch mates. It was noted that 25 percent of Naval Academy graduates are commissioned as officers in the Marine Corps.

The concluding highlight of the trip was the Friday night "Spring Tour Concert" by the USNA Women's Glee Club. At concert's end, a number of the Midshipmen First Class (Seniors) of Women's Glee proudly revealed that they would soon be commissioned as officers in the United States Marine Corps. It was a fitting ending to a wonderful weekend for the ladies of WV-1.

Donna McClung



Members in Memorial Hall



Yes, I'm a dog fanatic, but this was one item that had to be shared. Parris Island has a new mascot replacing Cpl Legend. Meet PFC Opha May, who successfully completed recruit training and assumed her official duties as Depot Mascot on November 17th. ~Editor

WMA National Membership Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____
 Current Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Date of Birth: _____ SSN: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____

Alternate Address Information

Name: _____ Reason for Alternate _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Start Date: _____ Stop Date: _____

Emergency Contact

Name of relative not residing with you: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Relationship: _____

Spouse Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Military Information

When Served: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Name(s) Served Under: _____ Maiden Name: _____
 Plt. and Series: _____ MOS: _____ Molly Marine Y N

RMD Preferences

The Resource and Member Directory (RMD) will be sent in CD format. If you prefer another format please check one only: Electronic copy Hard Paper copy

Membership Information: New Renewal Reinstatement

2 Year Membership \$40

Chapter Name if Known: _____

Enrolled by/How did you hear about WMA: _____

Life Membership: Pick One

Age 30 & Up \$295 **Age 50-59** \$180

Age 31-39 \$260 **Age 60-65** \$150

Age 40-49 \$210 **Age 66 & Older** \$120

Signature and Verification

By my signature, I verify that all information contained within is correct and that I am eligible to apply having served or honorably serving in the United States Marine Corps.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Fill in application, print and mail with payment to:

Women Marines Association

P.O. Box 377, Oaks, PA 19456-0377

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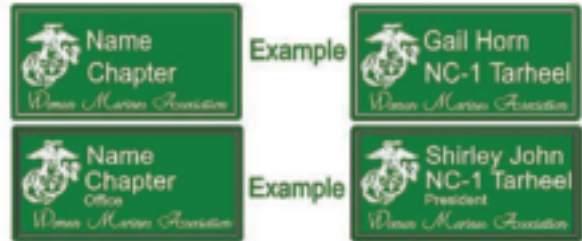
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 Gold EGA for WMA Cover. . . . \$10.00

WMA Life Member Pin. \$ 10.00
 WMA Ceremonial Flag. \$200.00

YES!!! The new Ceremonial Flags have arrived!

Name Tags: 1.50" x 3.00" . . . \$12.00

Nametags are laser etched on dark green acrylic with white text and have magnetic or pin hardware. Please indicate your Name, Chapter and Chapter designator exactly as you wish it to appear on your nametag. (See Example)



WMA Cover with Chapter Embroidery and EGA. \$55.00

Cover with Chapter and LIFE embroidery. . . . \$60.00

Sizing: (Measure crown of head 1" above ears, allow for hair style)

XSmall. (20 1/2" - 20 7/8")

Small. (21 1/4" - 21 5/8")

Medium. (22" - 22 3/8")

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XLarge. (23 1/2" - 23 7/8")

XXLarge. (24 1/4" - 24 5/8")



Please specify your cover size, chapter information, if "Life" is requested, shipping address and contact information (phone number and email). Covers are custom ordered, please allow 4 – 6 weeks for delivery.

Chapter Designation is limited to 5 characters max, (i.e. CA-29 or USA 1)

Please verify the size and information you provide—COVERS ARE SPECIAL ORDER AND NOT RETURNABLE

Sale Items!!

WMA Cammo Drawstring Bag. . . \$8.00

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 by Rudy Socha and Carolyn Darrow

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You may order any of these items on our website at www.womenmarines.org, Shop, Members

Or

Mail the item information, quantity, your mailing address and contact info including email address along with your check Payable to **Women Marines Association** to:

WMA Sales
 C/o Gail Horn
 P. O. Box 12518
 Jacksonville, NC 28546

Contact info: sales@womenmarines.org
 Gail Horn (910) 355-0293

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Send chapter ads to Sondra Metzger,Editor@womenmarines.org. **IMPORTANT, PLEASE NOTE:** When WMA sales items are no longer available, please notify Sondra so they can be removed.

Books



Not "Just Another Cookbook" More than 100 recipes by food grouping. Size: 6"x9."
Cost: \$5.75 (includes shipping) Chapter: NC-1
Contact: Naomi Malone, 218 Sunset Rd., Jacksonville, NC 28546-7045 (910) 545-7154 nmalone@ec.rr.com



Thermal bags

12 inches tall by 11 inches wide and 8 inches deep. Great size for shopping. Zipper closure, nice long handles for easy carrying.
1 Bag.....\$6 (plus \$2 postage)
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Molly Marine picture, 8" x 10"

Cost: \$12 each (includes shipping) Chapter: AR-1
Contact: Vickie Davis, Treasurer, AR-1, 415 Maryland St., Benton, AR 72015

Clear Vinyl Bag with Long Zipper, WMA Logo Women Marines Association.

Green/White Size: 9" x 12" Cost: \$6.25 (includes shipping)
Chapter: NC-1
Contact: Naomi Malone, 218 Sunset Rd., Jacksonville, NC 28546-7045 (910) 545-7154 nmalone@ec.rr.com

Flags

Car Flag - WMA Logo
(Clips to car window)
Cost: \$10.00 plus \$6.00 shipping cost

Table Flag - WMA Logo 4"x6" with stand
Cost: \$5.00 plus \$6.00 shipping cost
Chapter: CA-11 Central Coast
Contact: Soledad Kennedy, 4062 Capella Street, Lompoc, CA 93436
Fax/Office (805) 733-2175, Cell (805) 588-0650
Email: usmcrfemale@yahoo.com
website: www.centralcoastwomenmarines.com



Apron, short, three pockets, white with WMA Logo

Cost: \$10.00 plus \$6.00 shipping
Chapter: CA-11 Central Coast
Contact: Soledad Kennedy, 4062 Capella Street, Lompoc, CA 93436
Fax/Office (805) 733-2175, Cell (805) 588-0650

"No Sweat, the WOMEN Marines are on duty" Koozie, bottle or can size sleeve, foldable foam. Green with WMA logo in white on one side, white letters on the other side.

Cost: \$4.00 each, or 20 for \$75.00 (Price includes shipping)
Contact: Pam Kubczak, 1156 Queen Street, Pottstown, PA 19464
pa2@womenmarines.org

NEW ITEM!



WWII Poster Mug

Mug with Vintage Women Marines Recruitment Poster Art, "BE A MARINE • FREE A MARINE TO FIGHT"
Cost: \$12 each, plus \$5 shipping & handling
Checks should be made out to IN-1
Chapter: IN-1 Contact: Kay Ross • Email kayross@comcast.net (317) 698.6637

Women Marines Padfolio

Cost: \$28.50 to include shipping and handling.
They really are great. It zips all the way around, has a pocket on the outside and several on the inside zippered one on the inside. Writing pad is included. Logo is large and it looks great.
Contact: WMA MI-2 Motor City, PO Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065

Travel Mug, 15 oz., white aluminum, green WMA logo (two sides) and gold "Oohrah Sisterhood Women Marines Association" centered

Cost: \$15.00 (includes shipping), (Checks Payable to EMVSC CA-7 WMA)
Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056-4011, (760) 724-9861,
(visit www.womenmarines.net to see the items in color)

Flip Flops Created Especially for Women Marines!

The left shoe is yellow, and is labeled "Recruit" - The right shoe is red, and is labeled "Marine." The flip flops come in two sizes - Large and Medium.
Cost - \$15/pr (plus \$3 postage)
WMA, TX-2, P.O. Box 1821, Pasadena, Texas 77501



Shoes

Shoes will have EGA or WMA Logo on one shoe and wording on the other. Shoes with EGA on both sides add \$10. For custom designs, include photo or description - upon approval of artist - prices may vary.

Woman sizes: 6, 6.5, 7, 7.5, 8, 8.5, 9, 9.5, 10, 11, 12, 13

Men's sizes: 7, 7.5, 8, 8.5, 9, 9.5, 10, 10.5, 11, 11.5, 12, 13, 14, 15

Women's & Men's Vans - \$110

Women's Gias - \$75,

Men's Airwalk - \$85

Contact: Lynn Rarick, MI-3 West MI Chapter, lynfo@aol.com

"The Few, The Proud, The Women Marines" Bumper sticker

Cost: \$1.50 each (Price includes shipping)
Chapter: NM-1, checks payable to WMA-Chapter NM1
Contact: Stella Delgado-Kinnison, 204 General Patch NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123.

Shirts and Sweats

White Golf Shirt with embroidered green WMA logo circled by the phrase, "More Than A Woman A Woman Marine"
 Cost: All sizes (S) to (XXXL) \$28.00 (price includes shipping)
 Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1
 Contact: Heidi Tanada, 17103 S.W. Eldorado Dr. Tigard, OR 97224-2075

Light Gray T-Shirt with small green WMA logo on front and large logo on back; both circled by the phrase, "More Than A Woman A Woman Marine"
 Cost: Sizes (M) to (XXXL) \$16.00 (price includes shipping)
 Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1
 Contact: Heidi Tanada, 17103 S.W. Eldorado Dr. Tigard, OR 97224-2075

Adult, Youth & Infant/Toddler Shirts,

3 embroidery options, prices include shipping:

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		For Infant/Toddler: Please contact for availability and prices.
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Embroidery Options:

Option 1: Option 2: Option 3:



For more information email Stephanie Wilcox at swilcox818@yahoo.com.
 Make checks payable to:
 WMA OR-3 and mail to:
 Stephanie Wilcox, 336 S.71st St,
 Springfield, OR 97478; call (541) 554-6015
 or email or-3@comcast.net

4th BN Shirts Crew neck unisex. Comes in Black and Burgundy. Large logo on back and small crest on front.
 Cost: \$23.50 each Sizes: M, L, XL, 2X
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Ladies cut T-Shirt with V neck. Comes in Vintage Khaki and Gray with logo in hunter green.
 Cost: \$23.50 (with shipping and handling.) Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X
 Make checks or money orders made out to: WMA Motor City, PO Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065. Please state size and color.

Tea Shirts with the WMA EGA logo, center/front. White with green logo and Women Marines Association around the top of the EGA Logo.
 Cost : \$20.00 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling Sizes: M, L, XL
 Please state size.

Sweatshirts White with Green image of 3 WMs from Charles Waterhouse's rendition. Only 6 remaining in inventory and will not be re-ordered.
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 Make Check/Money Order payable to PA-2 Liberty Belles
 Mail to: Pam Kubczak, 1156 Queen Street, Pottstown, PA 19464
 or email: pa2@womenmarines.org

License Plate Frame, aluminum, "Oohrah Sisterhood" on the top, and "Women Marines Association" on the bottom.
 Cost: \$12.00 (includes shipping)
 Checks Payable to EMVSC CA-7 WMA
 Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4011, (760) 724-9861. Visit: www.womenmarines.net to see the items in color.

Jewelry

WMA Logo Earrings available in wire/dangle and clip-on
 Cost: \$10.00/pair (includes shipping)
 Chapter: Make checks payable to: TX-3, WMA
 Please designate one: Wire/Dangle or Clip-on
 Contact: Trish Martin, 7026 Seidel Rd., San Antonio, TX 78209, (210) 824-8441



Charm "Semper Fi"

Cost: \$15.00
 Chapter: Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)
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Dog tags

Comes in a variety of colors, with a variety of sayings: "Fewer... Prouder...."
 "Not all women wore love beads in the 60's and 70's"
 Light weight aluminum with laser printed verbiage.
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 May be ordered in large quantities, with your wording. Inquire for special pricing. Contact: WMA, TX-2, P.O. Box 1821, Pasadena, Texas 77501.

Luggage Tag, 3.5" x 2.5", aluminum, "Proud Member Women Marines Association" WMA logo on one side and "Oohrah Sisterhood" and WMA logo on the other side.
 Cost: \$10.00 (includes shipping)
 Checks Payable to EMVSC CA-7 WMA
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USMC Sun Catchers (also have other military branches)

Cost: \$5.00 each Size: 4" round w/suction hanger
 Chapter: CA-15
 Contact: Pat Murray, 40701 Rancho Vista #92, Palmdale, CA 93551 (661) 718-8324

Travel Neck Pouch, black w/two zippered sections on one side with clear section on reverse with WMA logo, adjustable strap.
 Cost: \$5.00 each (includes shipping) Size: 6-1/2"x4-1/2"
 Chapter: NM-1 (checks payable to payable to WMA-Chapter NM1)
 Contact: Stella Delgado-Kinnison, 204 General Patch NE, Albuquerque, NM



WMA Logo Magnet. Ideal for gift.

Cost: \$2.00 includes postage Size: 2" long, 1 1/2" wide
 Chapter: NJ-2. Contact: Lorraine Nankivell, P.O. Box 208, 38 Point Pleasant Rd, Hopatcong, NJ 07843-0208

"Proud To Be A Marine" Ribbon Magnet, 8"x 3"

Cost: \$6 each (includes shipping)
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 Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4011, (760) 724-9861,
 Visit: www.womenmarines.net to see the items in color

WMA logo Rubber Stamps

Costs include shipping: Large stamp: \$11.00, Small stamp: \$8.00. Chapter: CA-7
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 Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-4011, (760) 724-9861, Visit: www.womenmarines.net to see the items in color.

"Woman Marine" Ribbon Magnet, 8" x 4"

Cost: \$7.00 (includes shipping & handling)
 Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller
 Contact: Ellen Leidy, 1107 Columbus Ave., Barberton, OH 44203, (330) 825-8935, email: leidyrun@aol.com

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