



President's Message

Richard B. Rothwell



Our Events Committee has been working hard to prepare for our 2018 Gala to be held on Oct. 6 at the Pacific Views Event Center.

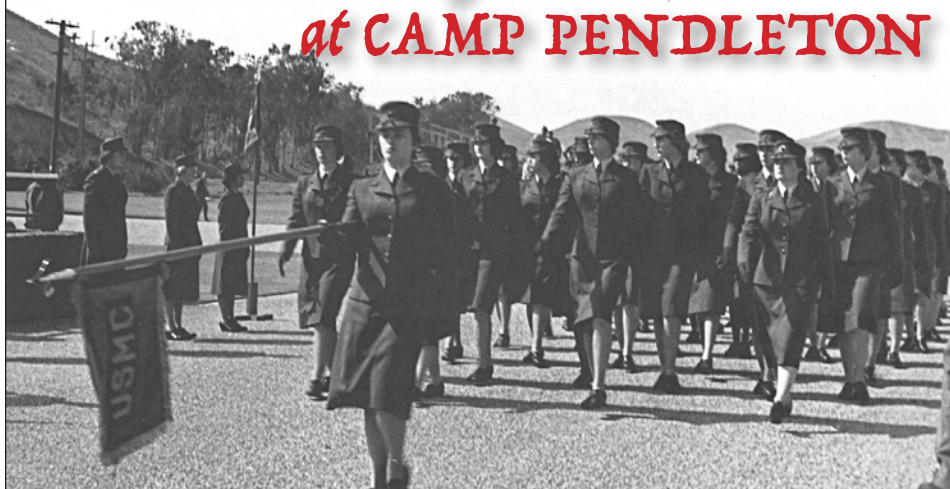
We will be celebrating 75 years of service by women Marines aboard Camp Pendleton. I hope that you will join us. If you cannot attend perhaps you will consider making a donation to help us continue our efforts to preserve and tell the history of Camp Pendleton. Your generous support is vital to that effort.

On July 13 CPHS officially began a new major project by submitting a donation offer to the Base commander to place a monument to Major General Joseph H. Pendleton aboard his namesake base, Camp Pendleton.

General Pendleton's vision was a catalyst for establishing a permanent Marine Corps presence in Southern California. Within days of arriving in San Diego in 1914 as commander of the 4th Marine Regiment, he advocated a permanent Marine presence there. Colonel Pendleton encouraged his superiors in Washington, DC to accept his vision. Following World War I, Marines built Marine Barracks San Diego as a home for the 4th Marines. Today we know it as Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

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WOMEN MARINES 75 Years of Service at CAMP PENDLETON



Women Marines marching in formation for a ceremony at Camp Pendleton.

by Faye Jonason,

Camp Pendleton History and Museum Division

It is said that the U. S. Marine Corps Women Reservists (USMCWR), also known as "WRs", did much more than "Free a Man to Fight" in World War II. Volunteering to serve in positions as typists, clerks, bookkeepers, radar technicians, telephone operators and truck drivers, these women Marines replaced nearly a combat division.

Following President Franklin D. Roosevelt's dedication of Camp Joseph H. Pendleton on Sept. 25, 1942, the contractor's barracks was relocated in order to house the incoming Women Reservists.

The first woman Marine to report to Camp Pendleton was Capt. Lillian Daly, USMCWR; she reported aboard on March 5, 1943 as the West Coast Liaison for Women Reservists.

Thirteen months after the base's dedication, on Oct. 26, 1943, the first contingent of 95 women Marines (2 officers and 93 enlisted Marines) arrived at Camp Pendleton. The base newspaper, *The Pendleton Scout*, covered the arrival of the women Marines. A flag-raising ceremony was held in honor of the arrival of the Women Reservists, followed by a base-wide tour and the presentation of a pedigreed bulldog for their company mascot.

The women Marines were established in wooden barracks in Camp Pico in the 24 Area, located by the former base headquarters near the junction of Vandegrift Boulevard and Basilone Road. The barracks had enough room to house 40 officers and 600 enlisted Marines. A fence surrounded the barracks to discourage male Marines,

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and was locked nightly when liberty expired.

As more Women Reserves arrived, a battalion was organized. By 1945, more than 1,000 Women Reserves were stationed at Camp Pendleton. Working in 225 military occupational specialties (MOS) in 16 out of 21 functional fields, Women Reserves constituted 85 percent of the enlisted personnel at Headquarters Marine Corps and one-half to two-thirds of the permanent personnel at all large Marine Corps posts and stations. The initial group of Camp Pendleton women Marines were a portion of the 23,000 Women Reservists who entered active duty during World War II.

With the close of World War II, Camp Pendleton became a demobilization center for Marines. The Women's Reserve Battalion, under command of Major Marna V. Brady, was disbanded in May 1946. Of the 20,000 women who had joined the Marine Corps during World War II, only 1,000 remained in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve on July 1, 1946.

The Korean War brought the mobilization of the Women Marine Corps Reserves in 1950 and 2,787 women were called to active duty. Capt. Jeanette Sustad, Technical Sgt. Catherine Murray and Sgt. Beatrice Kent reported to Camp Pendleton on Aug. 8, 1950 to prepare billeting arrangements for women Marines who would soon be arriving to Camp Pendleton. The incoming women were assigned to the same 24 Area barracks previously occupied by women Marines in World War II. The call-up resulted in approximately 1,000 women, veterans and new recruits alike, assigned to extended active duty to work in clerical, recruit, public information, communications, photography, cartographic drafting, disbursing and motor transport fields.



Marine Doris Andrews in front of a Women Reserve Area sign, Camp Pendleton (1944). Photo courtesy of Camp Pendleton Archives.



Marines outside of the women Marine's barracks, circa 1952. Photo courtesy of Camp Pendleton Archives.

Capt. Sustad served as the Commanding Officer of the Woman Marine Company, Service Battalion, Marine Barracks, Camp Joseph H. Pendleton. This Company was activated on June 1, 1951 and would remain a separate women Marine organization as part of the base's Headquarters Battalion. It was re-designated as WM Company in 1962 and remained as such until its deactivation in April 1974. After this, women Marines reporting to Camp Pendleton were assigned and integrated into the unit in which they performed their duties.

In April 1953, the women Marines opened and operated their own recreation center called "The Green Hat Club" in the 24 Area at Camp Pendleton. The base commanding general, Maj. Gen. Oliver P. Smith, dedicated The Green Hat Club, cut the ribbon and officially opened the club.

In the mid-1950s, the infamous chain-link fence which surrounded the Woman Marine Company barracks was unceremoniously torn down; Col. Julia Hamblet, Director of Women Marines, had ordered the fence removed. In 1969, Camp Pendleton's women Marines moved to their new barracks in the 13 Area (Mainside) becoming the nation's first permanent barracks for Women Marines.

From the initial "WRs" of World War II and the Korean war era to our current generation of female Marines, many women Marines serving in Camp Pendleton-based units have been trailblazers in the Corps. Examples of Camp Pendleton women Marines over the past 75 years who have been "firsts" in the Marine Corps are:

- Sgt. Maj. Bertha Billeb was the first woman Marine to be promoted to sergeant major in 1969; she retired at Camp Pendleton in 1973 as the first woman Marine to complete 30 years' continuous active duty service.
- Col. Mary Bane was the first woman Marine in the Marine

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Corps to command a battalion; in December 1973 she was named to command a primarily male unit, Headquarters and Service Battalion, MCB Camp Pendleton.

- Sgt. Maj. Eleanor Judge was the first female Marine in 1980 to serve as Sergeant Major for a Marine Corps base, in this case for Camp Pendleton. It would be 29 years until Sgt. Maj. Ramona D. Cook became the second female Marine to take that post and the last in that position before the official merger of Marine Corps Installations West and Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton in April 2012.

- In 2017, there were a number of "firsts" for Camp Pendleton women Marines. 2nd Lt. Marina Hierl was the first Marine Corps female infantry officer to report for duty as platoon commander with 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. Pfc. Maria Daum was the first female Marine to join the infantry through entry-level training; she and three other female Marines were assigned to 2nd Bn, 4th Marines. 2nd Lt. Mariah Klenke was the first female officer graduate of the Assault Amphibian Officer Course.

- Pfc. Kira Kozik was the first female Marine to check in to the School of Infantry - West in March 2018 as part of the first male-female integrated Marine Combat Training Company on the West Coast. In late June 2018, Lt. Col. Michelle Macander became the first female Officer in the Marine Corps to command a ground combat arms unit, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division.

- On July 2, 2018, another female Marine with numerous tours of duty at Camp Pendleton, Lt. Gen. Loretta "Lori" Reynolds, was promoted to her current rank, becoming the third female Marine lieutenant general. Lt. Gen. Reynolds is currently the Deputy Commandant for Information.

Happy 75th anniversary of your service at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Marines. Thanks for your many contributions and exemplary service to our Country, our Corps, and at Camp Pendleton!

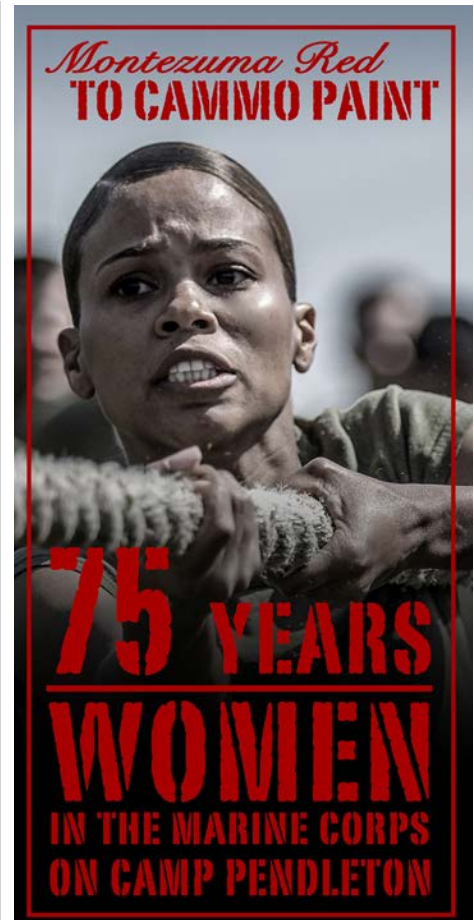
Note: The above was an excerpt, along with updated information, from the article, "Camp Pendleton's Women Marines" by Faye Jonason, Director, Camp Pendleton History and Museum Division that was

published in the August 2018 Oceanside Chamber of Commerce commemorative publication, "Women Marines - Camp Pendleton - Celebrating 75 Years".

Get your free copy of the magazine at the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce or aboard Camp Pendleton.



Lt. Gen. Lori Reynolds was promoted to three star on July 2, 2018 at Fort George G. Meade, Md. Reynolds is the third female Marine Corps three star general. Official Marine Corps photo.

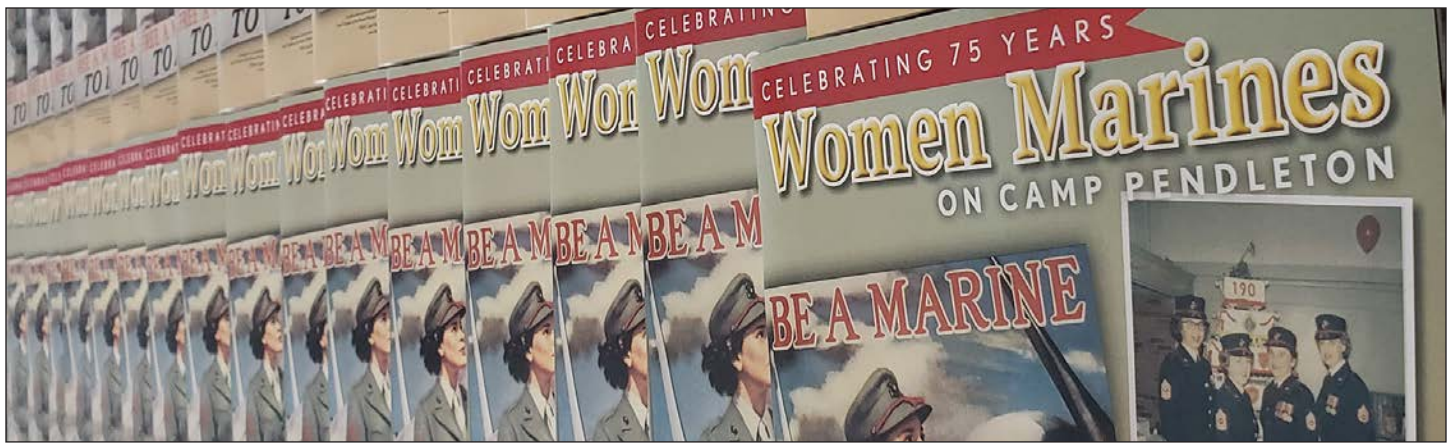


To honor these pioneer women patriots, the History and Museum Division proudly announces an exhibit of artifacts and memorabilia showing their history to open mid-September at the Mechanized Museum.

Bldg. 2612
Vandegrift Blvd.
Camp Pendleton

Museum hours
Mon.-Thur. 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

To arrange a tour, PME, event or for the Santa Margarita Ranch House National site contact MCBCAMPEN_history@usmc.mil or call (760) 725-5758



On Monday, Aug. 13, the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce released a 56-page commemorative magazine celebrating 75 years of service by women Marines at Camp Pendleton. The magazine was a collaborative effort between the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce, the two Southern California chapters (CA-2, San Diego and CA-7, Oceanside) of the Women Marines Association (WMA) and the Camp Pendleton Historical Society (CPHS) along with support from the Camp Pendleton History and Museum Division.



(Left to Right): Lt. Cmdr. Adrienne T. Benton, USN from Marine Aircraft Group 39; Sgt. Maj. Grace Carle, USMC (Ret); Col. Marianne Waldrop, USMC (Ret), PhD; and Col. Patricia F. Halsey-Munroe, USMC (Ret)

Representatives from the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce, City of Oceanside and San Diego County, and Camp Pendleton along with sponsors and advertisers, Women Marines Association members, and female Marines (veterans, retired, reserve, and active duty) attended the magazine release/reception. The Oceanside Mayor, Peter Weiss, and Base representative, Col. Jeff Holt, Deputy Commander, MCIWEST-MCB Camp Pendleton were in attendance. Of particular note, Sgt. Maj. Grace Carle, USMC (Ret) was at the reception.



Active duty and veteran women Marines pose for a group photograph at the reception. Photos by Deb Hellman

Sgt. Maj. Carle was the sixth and last Sergeant Major of Women Marines. A Camp Pendleton Marine, she enlisted in the Marine Corps in April 1943 and retired in October 1976.

CEO and President of the Chamber, Scott Ashton, welcomed the many guests and introduced the VIPs in attendance. Scott introduced CPHS representative, Bo Hellman, who then proceeded to thank the Chamber representatives, those who authored articles, women Marines who provided their stories and photos, sponsors and

advertisers, and numerous women Marines who were in attendance. Bo also introduced Faye Jonason (Director, Camp Pendleton History and Museum Division), Col. Marianne Waldrop, USMC (Ret), PhD (responsible for researching and writing a majority of the women Marines' stories), and Mike Lewis (CPHS Events Director), all who briefly spoke to the assembled guests.

A number of active duty women Marines, who had participated in an earlier historic uniform pageant at Marine Corps Air Station Pendleton in celebration of the 100th anniversary of women Marines in the Marine Corps, attended the reception and were noticeably engaged with all attending the reception.

The Chamber magazine release and reception event was a great way to celebrate a very successful magazine project and kick off distribution of the 20,000 printed copies of the magazine of which over 12,000 copies were provided to CPHS and the local WMA Chapters. Print copies are available at the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce and aboard Camp Pendleton. If you need copies for your organization or business and are in the local Oceanside area, please contact CPHS at cphsmembership@gmail.com. We can also mail print copies but at the cost for packaging and postage.



Join us for the 2018 Camp Pendleton Historical Society Gala celebrating 75 years of Women Marines proudly serving aboard Camp Pendleton

CPHS is hosting its annual gala event on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018 at the Pacific Views Event Center on Camp Pendleton. The theme of this year's gala is "honoring 75 years of service by women Marines aboard Camp Pendleton".

The gala includes a reception, historic uniform pageant and women Marines' exhibit, silent and live auctions, and a three course meal. CPHS has requested an active duty Marine Corps female General Officer as our guest speaker for the gala. As of the printing of this newsletter, the guest speaker has not yet been identified.

The gala event is scheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., beginning with a no-host social hour and silent auction followed by remarks from the CPHS President, historic uniform pageant, dinner, guest speaker remarks and a live auction.

Besides CPHS Members, invitations have also been extended to members of the local chapters of the Women Marines Association (WMA), active duty, retired, and veteran women Marines, local businesses and support agencies, and multiple other parties. CPHS is using Constant Contact and Eventbrite along with the CPHS website and Facebook page to extend invitations to all interested parties. Additional information about the gala will be published via those communication medium.

Tickets are on sale now through Sept. 29 and can be purchased via the Eventbrite web site - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/camp-pendleton-historical-society-gala-tickets-49249504594>

We welcome you to spend the evening meeting and speaking with our veteran, retired, reserve and active duty women Marines who have proudly served at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. Many of these women Marines were and are trailblazers for our current and future generations of Marines.

If you are unable to join us and our Camp Pendleton women Marines, please consider donating to the CPHS via the Eventbrite ticket site. Proceeds from this gala event and other CPHS events throughout the year allow your Historical Society to continue funding various projects that help to preserve and promote the history of the Camp Pendleton land area. We sincerely appreciate your continued generosity.

Hope to see you there at this year's gala event!



(Left to Right: Lance Cpl. Ashtyn Hammer; Lance Cpl. Alexis Oliver; and Lance Cpl. Morgan Doyle wearing uniforms representing the various decades at a uniform pageant held on Aug. 13. Photos by Deb Hellman

EVENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Contact Charlie Kershaw if interested at
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history of Camp Pendleton was given by Barbara to an audience of 43 people at the Temecula Historical Society (32075 Wolf Store Rd, Temecula, CA 92590) on July 23. The next day, attendees at the Escondido Senior Center (210 E Park Ave, Escondido, CA 92025) were treated to a talk about Sgt. Reckless, the horse that supported 5th Marines during the Korean War.

Presentations currently scheduled are as follows:

- Sept. 24, 6 p.m. - Temecula Historical Society "Las Flores and the Magee Family"
- Oct. 15, 1 p.m. - Mission Viejo Presbyterian Church (presentation TBD)
- Nov. 3, 10 a.m. - Grossmont Center Oasis "History of Camp Pendleton"
- Nov. 7, 10 a.m. - Grossmont Center Oasis "Women Marines at Camp Pendleton"
- Dec. 13, 6 p.m. - Fallbrook Library (presentation TBD)
- Jan. 14, 2019 6 p.m. - Murrieta Public Library "History of Camp Pendleton"

As a reminder, if you would like a presentation about the history of Rancho Santa Margarita y Las Flores or Marine Corps Camp Pendleton, please contact Barbara at cphs.speakers@gmail.com.



Barbara Greenbush at a recent talk.

Speaker's Bureau Chairperson, Barbara Greenbush, has been very busy getting the word out about the illustrious history of Camp Pendleton, pre and post Marine Corps.

In July, the CPHS Speaker's Bureau provided presentations to the Temecula Historical Society and the Escondido Senior Center. A detailed presentation on the

National Archives... a treasure trove of Camp Pendleton history

While at the National Archives Still Picture Branch (College Park, MD) in July, Deb Hellman researched the National Archives collection of U.S. Marine Corps photographic prints.

In light of the 75th anniversary of service of women Marines at Camp Pendleton, Deb's primary focus was on obtaining additional photographs of Camp Pendleton women Marines not currently contained in the Camp Pendleton Archives collection.

Combing through the paper records of Record Group 127, Deb found a number of boxes with metadata descriptions of photographic prints of Camp Pendleton women Marines along with photographs of other women Marines at various Marine Corps installations. Requesting the retrieval of (8) boxes of photographs, each containing hundreds of photographs, she spent two days at the National Archives, digitally capturing a total



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Photo of Pfc. Rose Duffy of Yonkers, N.Y., Jerry Colonna, Pfc. Sue Terry of Jackson, Mich. Pfc. Lorraine Naimo, of Boston, Mass., Bob Hope, and Pfc. Nancy Stock of Detroit, Mich.

One of the National Archives photographs.

of (414) photographs, many which included valuable metadata such as names, dates, locations, etc.

In addition her time at the National Archives, Deb spent a half day at History Division (HD), Headquarters, Marine Corps at Marine Corps Base Quantico scanning the fronts and backs of (129) 8 x 10 inch photographs of women Marines at various Marine Corps installations

from the HD Archives collection, though only barely scratching the surface of their entire collection of print photographs of women Marines.

Through her diligent efforts, Deb added a total of (543) digital images of print photographs to the Camp Pendleton History and Museum Division archives collection,

increasing the collection by 466%. Kudos to Deb for her significant contribution to the available collection of women Marines images at the Camp Pendleton Archives.

Upcoming CPHS Events

Save
the
Date!

Monday, Nov. 19

CPHS, working with Pro-Kids/First Tee of Oceanside and the Marine Memorial Golf Course, will sponsor and conduct the next Military Children's Golf Clinic at the Marine Memorial Golf Course on Camp Pendleton.



Pro-Kids/First Tee of Oceanside is a non-profit organization that has evolved from an organization originally established by Ernie Wright after his successful NFL career with the then San Diego Chargers. The

The clinic will include four separate stations, which will provide instructional periods on putting, chipping and driving, and a separate seminar on the history of Camp Pendleton. Each child will be paired with golf professionals in order to enhance that child's golf skills and provide a better appreciation of golf as a life sport. The history of Camp Pendleton will be presented the CPHS Speaker's Bureau.

This event is being conducted during the Oceanside school district Thanksgiving break to ensure there is no interference with school activities. The clinic will be conducted from 12:00 to 4:30 p.m.

mission of Pro-Kids/First Tee is to challenge youth to excel in life by promoting character development, life skills, and values through education and the game of golf. The Oceanside Chapter is partnered with Callaway Golf and TaylorMade Golf, who have helped them develop a world class golf training facility and six-hole, par-3 course adjacent to the Oceanside Golf Course.

This clinic is being supported by a generous sponsor, Lincoln Military Housing.

Further details regarding registration will be forthcoming via the CPHS website and Facebook page and other communication medium.

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General Pendleton died shortly before the Marine Corps purchased Rancho Santa Margarita y Las Flores in early of 1942. In recognition of his visionary efforts, the Marines named the new base after him.

Surprisingly, even though Camp Pendleton is named for him, it does not contain a significant monument to him. CPHS proposes to remedy that. We have commissioned artist Scott Streadbeck to create a larger than life monument in tribute to General Pendleton. You can see examples of Scott's previous works on his website, www.scottstreadbeck.com.

The estimated cost of the project is over \$210,000. CPHS will begin a

fundraising campaign as soon as our donation offer is favorable endorsed by the Base commander. CPHS will match all donations, dollar for dollar up to \$30,000, with funds already on hand. The monument will be a major addition to both the beauty and history of Camp Pendleton. Stay tuned.

Happy 75th anniversary to all women Marines who have served and are currently serving with Camp Pendleton-based units and happy 100th anniversary of women in the Marine Corps. We're grateful for your steadfast service and proud of your many accomplishments.

Richard B. Rothwell



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Many thanks to our loyal members for their recent membership renewal:

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Welcome aboard to our newest members who recently joined our cause:

Dwight Miller • Wayne Parrington



Thanks to the personal involvement by author Robin Hutton ("Sgt. Reckless: America's War Horse") and generosity of the CEO of FedEx, Marine Corps combat veteran Fred Smith (1966-1970), CPHS was able to ship (720) copies of the 75th anniversary magazine back to the 30th Biennial Women Marines Association Convention & Professional Development Conference in Arlington, VA. Through this action, the 700+ convention attendees will

now have a copy of the commemorative magazine about Camp Pendleton women Marines.

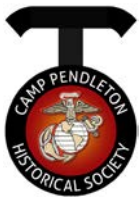
Please thank our fellow Leatherneck, Fred Smith, by letting him know and doing your shipping business with FedEx! Semper Fi, Fred!

Thanks Robin for your assistance and continued support.



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