

United States Marine Corps
Women's Reserves Anniversary Luncheon

WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION



OR-1

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Retired Sergeant Major Angela Maness is the First Vice President of the Women Marines Association 2018-2020. She entered the Marine Corps in June 1987 and completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC and went on to her primary military occupational training school at Camp Johnson, NC. Upon completion of Administrative school, she was assigned to the following duty stations: Headquarters & Service Battalion, Quantico, VA; 2d Maintenance Battalion, 2d Fleet Service Support Group, Camp LeJeune, NC; 4th Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC; Officer Candidate School, Quantico, VA; 9th Engineer Support Battalion, Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan; Marine Air Logistics Squadron 24 in Kaneohe Bay, HI; Weapons and Field Training Battalion, MCRD Parris Island, SC; Combat Logistics Battalion 8, Combat Logistics Regiment 2, Camp LeJeune, NC; Combat Logistics Battalion 3, Combat Logistics Regiment 3, Kaneohe Bay, HI; Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, Marine Barracks, 8th & I Streets, Washington, DC and Marine Corps Recruit Depot and Eastern Recruiting Region, Parris Island, SC. She has served forward deployed to multiple combat locations in Fallujah, Iraq, and the Helmand River Valley in Garmsir District of Afghanistan from 2007-2011.

Sergeant Major Maness' personal decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and Navy Achievement Medal.

On 1 July 2017, Sergeant Major Maness retired as the Depot Sergeant Major at Marine Corps Recruit Depot/Eastern Recruiting Region, SC, completing over 30 years of service to the Corps and Country.

In October 2018, she received the Distinguished Sea Service Award - Senior Enlisted from the Naval Order of the United States.

She is planning to pursue her education in Spring 2020 at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK. Her field of study is Business Management and she is expected to graduate in Fall 2022.

Sergeant Major Maness currently serves as the Senior Vice Commandant of the Alamo Detachment, Marine Corps League, San Antonio, TX. In her spare time, she volunteers as a member of the Honor Guard at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

She has three grown children and two grandchildren.

Welcome

Past President, Jacqueline Caputi

Invocation

Ruth Falconbury

Commandant & WMA President Message

Kelly Young, Jeanette van Niekerk

MIA Table

Jeanette van Niekerk

Lunch

London Broil
Grilled Salmon

Installation Ceremony

Flag Ceremony

Guest Speaker

Retired Sergeant Major Angela Maness,

1st Vice President of the WMA

Cake Cutting Ceremony

Oldest & Youngest Marine

National Awards Presentation

Retired Sergeant Major Angela Maness,

Chapter Awards Presentation

Past President, Jacqueline Caputi

Closing Remarks

President, Heidi Tanada

Benediction

Evangelist Delsie Sutherland Young

LADY MARINE ROSE OR-1 CHAPTER HISTORY

In the 1940's, veterans, including women veterans, were returning home after World War II. Many wanted a place for a military bond and camaraderie, looking primarily to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. In Oregon, Anna "Meg" Young Dawes, Muriel "Dolly" Ruble among other women veterans from WWII became members of the American Legion Post #1 in Portland.

Meg Dawes wanted to keep in touch with fellow Women Marines. In 1947, as members of the American Legion, Dawes and a staff of volunteers would meet at her home to write, copy and mail a newsletter to Women Marines called "The Scuttlebutt". Word spread of the newsletter and of talk about forming a National Group. She collected letters and post cards from Women of the Corps all over the states, amassing contact information for about 12,000 out of the 20,000 women who had served in the Corps. This mailing list was later used by the WMA National Organization as the basis to reach potential members in their newsletter, "Nouncements".

The D.C. area organized the first chapter in 1962. By 1964, six additional chapters had formed; including the Portland chapter which was then called OR-1 The Greater Oregon Chapter of Portland. OR-1, with charter members Edith Aanderud, Norma Acheson, Toni Baker, Eva Rae Briscoe, Marie Bulletset, Dottie Cleary Schultz, Bea Covert, Anna "Meg" Young Dawes, Marian Elston, Carol Koch, Dorothy Krager, Julia Laas, Thoma Livingston, Betty Ream, Jane Reeves, Millie Santos, Sylvia Simpson, Marian Smith, Edna Swearingen, Muriel "Dolly" Ruble, was established.

In 1980 The Greater Oregon Chapter changed its name to Lady Marine Rose in honor of the official WMA flower introduced by the chapter. When "Meg" Dawes passed away on 25 February 1998, in her honor for the accomplishments she did for the chapter and towards her assistance of the WMA, the chapter established the *Meg Dawes Scholarship*. Her family donated \$1,000 towards the first educational scholarship award. Since 1998, OR-1 has continued raising money for the \$1,500 annual scholarship. Chapter member Margaret Apel bequeathed to OR-1 in 2014 ten percent of her estate dedicated towards scholarships. In memory of Margaret Apel, our chapter provided WMA Nationals a significant portion of the bequest to start the Margaret Apel Scholarship and fund it in perpetuity. The remaining funds were dedicated to support the Meg Dawes scholarship. OR-1 Lady Marine Rose Chapter has continued to grow with members from WWII through current, including active duty members. Like our rose, we are strong, resilient and dedicated to those who have served.

For more History go to our website <http://wma-or-1.org/>