

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 others 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 around 12,000 out of 20,000 women who had served in the Corps. This mailing list gathered by the Scuttlebutt Gang was later used by the WMA 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 Anna "Meg" Young 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 then, OR-1 has continued raising money for the \$1,500.00 annual scholarship. Chapter member Margaret Apel bequeathed in her will in 2014 OR-1 ten percent of her estate dedicated towards scholarships. In memory of Margaret Apel, our chapter requested WMA to start the Margaret Apel Scholarship and fund it in perpetuity. The remaining funds were dedicated towards local scholarships. 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.



OR-1 Women Marines Association

Requests the pleasure of your company as we commemorate the 81st Anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve.

On February 13, 1943 the U.S. Marine Corps Women Reserve was formed. We honor the courage and spirit de corps of each woman who volunteered to serve her country during a time of great need.

Women Marines were once ordinary women who chose to do something extraordinary by becoming a United States Marine

and it would be our honor to have you all join us !

Where: Dauntless Wine Company, Forest Grove, OREGON

When: Saturday February 24th, 2024

Time: 1400-1600

Dress code: Business Casual

Reservations Required by February 16th, 2024

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