

CO Columbine-WM History Chapter

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WMA CO-1 is a member of the

Aurora Chamber of Commerce

United Veterans Committee of Colorado

United Veterans Council of Denver

Women Veterans of Colorado

Many of our members are also members of the American Legion and Marine Corps League



WMA CO-1 August 2005

All members in front row except President Sarlls (green shirt) have passed away—Barbara Meeks, Lela Reibe, and Janet Taynor.

See the next issue of WMA's 'Nouncements for the story of how WMA got Janet's ashes to CA where she was born in a story titled "Janet's Journey"

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Columbine Petals

2011 A New Direction and Success for CO-1

From the President.....

CO1 successfully completed the 2010 WMA Convention, closed the books out and completed a perfectly clean audit of our chapter books as requested by National WMA after the convention. Our members can be proud of a job well done. After the convention we realized that the Women of the Corps Collection had grown far beyond a chapter project and we voted in October to turn the collection over to National WMA. This was a huge project that CO1 members can be very proud of. YOU all did a great job preserving the history of Women of the Corps from 2004 to 2011. It is now open to the national membership to continue this great project. Nancy Wilt will remain the curator and Sara Phoenix will

help support the collection through the Women of the Corps (WOTC) Foundation that she and some other Marines formed. We will continue financial support to the best of our ability and urge everyone to support the history project by donating to CO1 and specifying that the donation is for the WOTC Collection. This way CO-1 can still be involved and the collection gets the money in the end.

Our focus has moved to supporting the Marine Memorial and veterans and especially women. Your continued financial support of the chapter & attendance at our events is appreciated. We have several new members and the anticipation of more women joining us through their contacts.

You will read about

all we have done this year in this issue and if you have news for future issues please let me or one of the officers know so we can publish your successes. Each one of you are awesome women and we want to know what you are up to.

We are also assisting the new Women Veterans of Colorado organization with their efforts to help educate women vets and help homeless women vets. See articles herein for more on that.

I think our chapter can make a difference in veterans' lives and help in the efforts to preserve our history AND we always have a good time doing that! My best to each of you. May God richly bless you and as always,

SEMPER FIDELIS!

Members News

Marge Muzillo had wrist surgery and is doing well.

Marge Alexander had wrist surgery and is recuperating well. She also took a fall at our last meeting and said she's okay from that.

Nancy Wilt had back surgery. We wish her well,

but have heard no report on how she is doing.

Velma Brooke, Nancy Henke, LaVerne Sarber have all moved into nursing homes or assisted living facilities and are doing well at last report.

Shirley & Max Brown have

help at home and are doing well. We need information on the following women: **Miriam Thome, Jeanette Zajac, Sara Lower, Tommy Steele** and any other members sick or in distress or who may not have been in contact for a while. Let us know how you are????



2011 Marine Memorial 5K—A Beautiful Day

CO-1 hosted our 5th annual Marine Memorial 5K Run on September 24th.

The day was sunny and warm and the new venue at the Aurora Reservoir turned out to be a marvelous place to hold the run!

This year's run honored the Vietnam Era Veterans and Mark Crowley at KNUS radio Emceed the event for us. The MCJROTC at Adams City High School provided the color guard.

We didn't conduct the run in 2010 because of the convention and the construction in Golden. A

new venue proved difficult to obtain so we were at a bit of a disadvantage because we started late.

Even so we had a great turnout and a lot of help from our Loyal Escorts and the Marine Corps League, Frank J Carroll Detachment and their auxiliary. Our deepest appreciation to them for their undying support.

The shirts and dog tags were designed by Carron Barrella and she did a great job. Everyone loves them! We still have a few for sale if you'd like one. They're \$15 and you get a set of dog tags with it. Both are stunning.

Carron did a great job of organizing the run and thanks to Tami McVay who helped with a new dog tag vendor that saved us money.

Next year we will have the run on September 22nd at the Aurora Reservoir so

SAVE THE DATE!

Tell all your friends about it and register next spring at

WWW.ACTIVE.COM to participate and support the run! It benefits the Marine Memorial and CO-1's charitable purposes.

Thanks to KEZW, JC Automotive and Old Town

*Those who expect to reap
the blessings of liberty
must undergo the fatigues
of supporting it....
Thomas Payne*

WMA CO-1 Christmas Party

Last year we had our Christmas Party at the Double Tree Hotel in Aurora and everyone loved the food and had a good time so we're doing it again!

Make your reservation by calling me at 303-766-9023.

December 3, 2011 6:00PM

Double Tree Hotel

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\$30 per person

The Cameo club will be entertaining us. In case you didn't make it to the convention hospitality suite, they are former miss Senior Colorado women who have a variety act that has had some of their members on late night TV shows. They are outstanding and I can't say enough about them. You won't want to miss this!

The meal will be either chicken or beef and we will have a vegetarian choice, too. You will make your selection at



Veterans' Day Parade—November 5th

The parade in Denver has been one of our annual events for many years. We invite you to join us for a great day!

We begin by meeting up at the **Albertson's on Alameda and Broadway at 8:30** or so to depart at 8:45 in our Cadillac escorts for the parade line up.

The Rocky Mountain Cadillac and LaSalle Club have been great supporters and recently began escorting the Gold Star Wives as well. We all enjoy the parade and then have lunch at the Bluebonnett restaurant on Broadway close to the Albertson's. The owner is a great supporter of ours.

We hope that everyone can attend and fill the cars full with our members. Wear your WMA Cover if you have one or a Marine cap of some type and a red shirt with Marine logo or WMA logo.

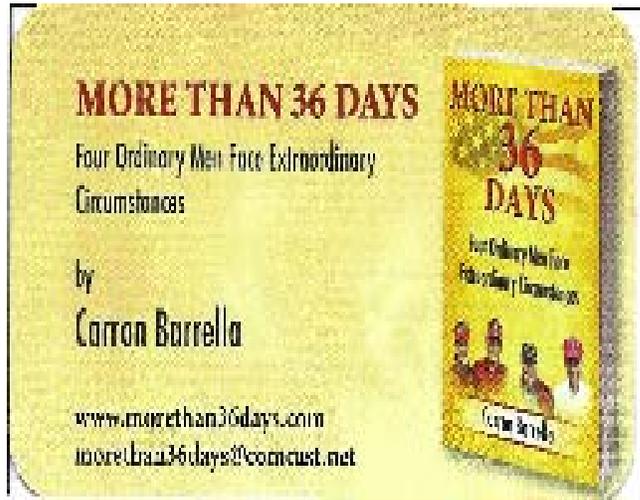
The Buckley Field Young Marines will be supporting us once again with a detail and banner bearers.

CO1 Member Publishes Her First

Book

Carron Barrella published the book “More than 36 Days” and has been marketing it and doing well. We are very proud of her! She just did a book signing in Chicago and we wish her the very best.

The book is about 4 of our Iwo Jima friends and a couple are Loyal Escorts so I encourage you to read it.



Vice President
Terri Sidwell

Marine Corps Birthday Balls and Luncheons

Call me for information on the SOS Birthday Ball in Longmont—November 12
Denver Athletic Club Birthday Luncheon at 13th and Glenarm –November 5

Hero Bar Project

Many of you have heard about the new Hero Bar. It’s a project of a military mom whose sons are a top gun pilot instructor and Navy Seal.

Jody Newton wants to help veteran organizations and get the story out about some of great military heroes. She began with Danny Dietz and Medal of Honor recipients. Their stories are featured—

one on each candy bar.

The Medal of Honor Society has endorsed and used these candy bars at their convention. The Aurora Veterans Salute will use them and many other good organizations.

The candy bar is delicious 65% dark chocolate-single source Columbian. The packaging is marvelously patriotic and classy.

They would make great Christmas presents so I urge you to purchase them from CO-1 to help us raise money for the chapter.

Many thanks to one of our newest members Freda Johnson who took them to work and sold them. She raised \$300 for us! OORAH!

Call us to order them at 303-766-9023

*Fewer, Prouder
Women Marines*

Treasurer—Carron Barrella

Elections—January 21, 2012

It is that time again when our chapter will elect our leaders. If you would like to help out by running for an office please contact

Tami McVay NLT Dec 1, 2011
(720) 548-0491 or Email at tami.mcvay@gmail.com

Your dues must be current at the National and local levels.

Everyone’s dues are due and payable in January prior to the elections for the chapter. They are \$10 for 2 years.

You should send them to **Carron Barrella**
16482 Bluebonnet Drive
Parker, CO 80134

You can also pay your dues on line at

WWW.WMACO1.org

We also urge you to consider the chapter for your charitable donations this year. We are a 501 C 3 and your donations are tax deductible to the extent the law allows.



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AURORA VETERANS HOME

A chance to give back.....

The Chapter decided at our October meeting to adopt the Aurora Veterans' Home. This is a new facility that houses 15-20 veterans and helps them as they develop and leave the facility. We will be presenting them with cards that we made at the meeting and three gift certificates from Wal-Mart on Nov 10th.

We will also be providing a Thanksgiving dinner to the home on Thanksgiving morning.

At Christmas we will bring decorations including trees to the home to help them get into the spirit. On Christmas eve day we will take gifts for each veteran that will include a full set of new clothing, including shoes. We are working with the home to obtain names and sizes for the project.

We have solicited donations from other organizations and have to date received funds from

WOMEN VETERANS OF COLORADO

This is a new organization that seeks to help women veterans. WMA is a member and has assisted with the women's conference in September and will provide band aids for the homeless stand down in November. We plan to work closely with them to fulfill our mission. To learn more see their web page at

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President,

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"We are the voice of women veterans in Colorado"

WWW.WMACO1.ORG



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WWW.INHONOREDGLORY.COM

A great project to promote patriotism by our friend Nick Del Calzo

*God bless each of you and
Semper Fidelis!*