Preserve the Past
Honor the Present,
Ensure the Future.

Thanks to our members and supporters, The Women Marines Association has recently accomplished much. We:

• Annually provided 15-20 college scholarships of at least $1,500 each
• Provided grants of up to $1,000 each to those veterans in need
• Provided matching funds to WMA chapters to match their assistance to veterans locally
• Awarded an average of 225 Marine Corps Junior ROTC certificates to outstanding high school cadets in addition to Lamp of Learning ribbons to high schools
• Matched funds collected from our members to support military victims such as those in Hurricane Katrina
• Sent care packages to Marines serving overseas

With your help, there’s much more we can do.

Our members, their families and their friends believe in our objectives and increasingly support us through donations and/or bequests. This is essential, because there’s still much more that we need to do. In the future, help is needed to:

• Increase our assistance to Marines in service and our hospitalized veterans
• Promote the welfare of our seniors
• Continue to offer college scholarships/grants
• Preserve the history of Women Marines Association and women Marines
• Perpetuate the traditions and esprit de corps of the US Marine Corps.

Please consider the options outlined in this brochure, support us in every way you can. You can send us a check or use our online donation form at www.womenmarines.org/donate.aspx to direct your support to the project of your choice.

THE MISSION OF THE WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION

Since 1918, American women have answered their country’s call to serve. We have served proudly with distinction and honor; each generation evolving but always retaining our proud traditions.

The WMA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit veterans organization comprised of women who have served or are serving honorably in the United States Marine Corps regular or reserve components.

1) To preserve and promote the history and traditions of women in the Marine Corps from World War I to the present.
2) To conduct programs for charitable and educational purposes.
3) To counsel, assist and mutually promote the welfare and well-being of elderly, disabled and needy women Marine veterans, as well as women serving in the Marine Corps.
4) To provide entertainment, care and assistance to hospitalized veterans and members of the armed forces of the United States.
5) To promote the civic and social welfare of the community.
6) To sponsor or participate in activities of a patriotic nature, particularly those that perpetuate the tradition and esprit de corps of the United States Marine Corps.
7) To foster, encourage and perpetuate the spirit of comradeship of women who have served or now serve in the United States Marine Corps, regular or reserve components.

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Your tax-deductible voluntary contribution to one or more of the Women Marines Association projects is needed to help with these worthy efforts. Your support of these programs is both appreciated and vital as we strive to fulfill the Purposes of our Association as listed in Article Three of the WMA Bylaws. Your donation will also be recognized in a future issue of WMA 'Nouncements.

**OUTRIGHT GIFTS**
For most people, the easiest and most convenient gift arrangement is an outright gift of cash or other property to WMA. You, as the donor, would receive a charitable contribution deduction for the full fair market value of the gift. For gifts of appreciated assets, you would also avoid all up-front capital gain taxation on property appreciation. Simplicity and ease of delivery make cash the most common type of charitable gift.

**BEQUESTS**
Bequests are revocable provisions made in your will that specifically set forth the portion of your estate or the actual dollar amount that you wish transferred to WMA after your death. While cash, securities, real estate, and personal property are most commonly used to fund charitable bequests, other assets such as savings bonds, may also be considered. Regardless of the type, you can specify where the gift is to be applied. There are several types of bequests:

- **General Bequest:** This is a gift that is payable from the general assets of your estate. The usual general bequest directs that a certain sum of money be paid to WMA.
- **Specific Bequest:** This designates a particular item of real estate or personal property to be bequeathed to WMA.
- **Residuary Bequest:** This provides WMA with the remainder of your estate after all of your debts, expenses and taxes have been paid, and all general specific bequests satisfied.
- **Contingent Bequest:** This makes WMA a beneficiary of your estate only when designated beneficiaries fail to survive you.
- **Bequest by Codicil:** If you already have a will and wish to make a bequest to WMA without rewriting the entire document, a codicil can be prepared by your attorney to accomplish this.

**PLANNED GIFTS**
In addition to a significant gift to WMA, revocable planned gifts such as bequests or beneficiary designations, offer estate tax savings when the donor passes away. Moreover, most irreversible planned gifts, such as gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts, offer one or more of the following benefits in addition to an immediate income tax deduction:

- Increased income stream to the donor or selected beneficiaries
- Bypass or reduction of potential capital gain for gifts of appreciated assets
- Reduced estate and/or gift taxation

Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) and Life Insurance beneficiary designations provide another simple method to have your wishes followed for gifting to the Women Marines Association. Simply request your financial advisor or life insurance agent to forward necessary forms to complete the request.

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