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## Application

Annual membership \$25.00. Life membership \$150.00. NATIONAL MONTFORD POINT MARINE ASSOCIATION (NMPMA) will work cooperatively with local and national community organizations that are dedicated to constitutional liberation; (life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness). We work within our own communities to build a better life for ourselves and our neighbors. The MPMA Association or auxiliary will stimulates, motivates and activates loyalty and responsible leadership in the Armed Forces of the United States. It will assure all veterans, and their families, the necessary assistance to acquire those benefits promised them.

Membership to the Auxiliary is open to wives, mothers, sisters and daughter 16 and older of active duty or honorably discharged service members of the armed services.

Ladies not otherwise eligible for membership, having objectives in consonance to those of NMPMA, and who have demonstrated dedication to these objectives shall be considered eligible for membership.



## The Auxiliary Executive Council

President-Mrs. Judy James  
Vice President- Ms. Latasha Alexander  
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Treasurer- Mrs. Clustie Ford  
Sergeant of Arms- Mrs. Lavonne Robinson  
Public Relations Officer- Dr. Gina Francis

### Auxiliary Preamble

We, the members of the Auxiliary of the National Montford Point Marine Association, Inc. having a keen sense of responsibility, being true Americans, and keeping in mind the preamble of the National Montford Point Marine Association, Inc. band together to aid, assist, and promote all matter pertaining to the welfare, social and patriotic work for the benefit of the Montford Point Marine Association, members and their families. We associate and declare these principles to be the foundation and the Preamble to the constitution and By-Laws of the Auxiliary of the Montford Point Marine Association, Inc.

### --- Special Projects ---

~ NMPMA, Inc. Memorial~  
~ Montford Point Museum~

Visit our Memorial and websites and make a donation, Purchase a Brick or Bronze Plaque. You can even make a purchase using the secure PayPal links at [www.mpmamemorial.org](http://www.mpmamemorial.org)



## National Montford Point Marine Association, Inc. Auxiliary



Websites:  
[www.montfordpointmarines.org](http://www.montfordpointmarines.org)  
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# THE LEGACY OF MONTFORD POINT

It was 1941 months before the attack on Pearl Harbor. The United States was still un-bloodied by the horror gripping Europe and the Pacific, times were tense. It was against this backdrop, the urging of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and threatened by activist A. Phillip Randolph marched on Washington for the 25th President Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) to sign what was to be known as Executive Order 8802. It established the Fair Employment Practice Commission which prohibited racial discrimination by any government agency. With a stroke of a pen, FDR officially opened to the Negroes one of America's most celebrated all white bastions: THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.



The integration of the Marines marked the beginning of the end, for the officially sanctioned segregation in America. Recruiting was to begin on June 1, 1942. The basic instructions were sent out in a letter from the Commandant on May 15th. This letter set a quota of 200 recruits each from the Eastern and Central Divisions, while the Southern was to furnish 500 of the initial 900 recruits. These men were to be citizens between 17 and 29 years of age, and they were to meet the existing standards for enlistment within the Marine Corps. They were to be enlisted in Class III © status, Marine Corps Reserve and assigned to inactive duty in General Service Unit of their Reserve District. Both the service record book and the enlistment contracts were stamped "COLORED". On August 18, 1942, Headquarters and Service Battery of the 51st Composite Defense Battalion was activated at Montford Point North Carolina.

The first African American recruit to arrive at the camp was Howard P. Perry of Charlotte, North Carolina. He arrived on August 26th, and was later joined by 119 other privates who began recruit training in September. Over the next two years Montford Point would be the training site for the 51st and 52nd Defense Battalions. From July 1942 through the end of the war, approximately 20,000 African American men were trained at Montford Point and inducted into the Marine Corps. In late May 1943, the recruit battalion's field sergeant major and the last white drill instructor 1st Sgt Robert W. Colwell was transferred and replaced by Sgt Gilbert "Hashmark" Johnson from Mount Hebron, Alabama.

From the time Sgt Johnson took his post Black NCO's conducted the entire recruit training at Montford Point. Of the 19,168 African Americans who served in the Marine Corps during WWII, 12,738 went overseas in the defense battalions, combat support companies, or as stewards. These Marines served with valor at Peleliu, Iwo Jima, Guam, Ellice Islands, Marshall Islands, Guadalcanal, Okinawa, Saipan, Tinian, Mariana Island and other campaign stops.

Those who remained in the United States performed numerous duties as stewards at various headquarters; staff members at Montford Point; service troops at Supply Depots in Philadelphia, Norfolk, or the Naval Ammunition Depot at McAlester, Oklahoma.

One thing is certain, the post WWII Marine Corps could never return to the racial policy of 1940. African Americans continued to serve in segregated units until the fall of 1949 when an executive order from President Harry S. Truman established a policy of full integration. From Montford Point to Iwo Jima, Camp Lejeune to Korea, Vietnam to Beirut, from Grenada to Panama, Desert Storm to Kosovo, Mogadishu, Iraq and Afghanistan, African Americans and other Marines of color have served proudly and with honor.

## Montford Point Marines are the recipients Congressional Gold Medal



### Auxiliary

In 1973 the National Convention was held in Cleveland, Ohio. The National Ladies Auxiliary was formed. Mrs. Willie Mae Hill of Philadelphia Chapter was elected the first National President. Twenty-eight ladies were present at the convention. This number included representatives of local chapters from Camp LeJeune, NC, Washington, DC, Philadelphia, PA, and Chicago, IL. It has been a long time since that day that retired Sgt. Major Johnson proposed that the NMPMA needed a Ladies Auxiliary.

Since 1775, the United States Marine Corps has served our country in peace and war. Today, the Marine Corps still serves the nations as a force in readiness, prepared to serve whenever the Nation requires. The National Montford Point Marine Association (NMPMA) is proud to be a thriving part of the Marine Corps family.

Inquire How you can help by  
contacting the National Auxiliary  
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[www.montfordpointmarines.org](http://www.montfordpointmarines.org)



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[www.montfordpointmarines.org](http://www.montfordpointmarines.org)  
there you will find full details and other  
information as well

We have Auxiliaries located in the  
following states:

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Atlanta, Georgia  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina  
Beaufort, South Carolina  
Washington, DC



### GOALS

1. To build auxiliaries wherever a Montford Point Marine Association Chapter exists.
2. To develop and implement realistic community action programs in coordination with the Montford Point Marine Association.
3. To Support in both letter and spirits the goals established by the Montford Point Marine Association/and the Auxiliary.
4. To promote unity, companionship and respect among the members of the Montford Point Marine Association and the Auxiliary.
5. To donate annually at the National Convention to the United Negro College Fund and the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation.

### OBJECTIVES:

1. To increase the Auxiliary Membership.
2. To assist veterans, serviceman and their families within the limits of available assets.
3. To work within local communities and support civic organizations whenever possible.

**THEME:**  
WORKING TOGETHER WORKS

