



LADIES AUXILIARY
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It is a pleasure for me to extend greetings and best wishes to the membership and friends of the Montford Point Marine Association and its Ladies Auxiliary as we meet for our Annual National Convention here in San Francisco, California.

In looking back over the years of my tenure as National President of the Ladies Auxiliary, it is heartening to note that we have made some progress in the foundation of our organization, donated to some very worthy causes and increased our membership and friends.

While we rejoice in our accomplishments, let us pause to re-evaluate our services to ourselves and the association. May we realize that there is a greater and more evident need for continued efforts to promote the high ideals of the Montford Point Marines and also the auxiliary.

My thanks to all the members of both organizations for helping me to serve you. You are all beautiful!

Sincerely,
Williemae Hill, National President
Ladies Auxiliary

HISTORY OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY

The Montford Point Marine Association was originated as a Veterans Organization in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1965.

During the Washington, D.C. Convention of 1970, Marine Gilbert "Hashmark" Johnson addressed the session and stated, "We need a Ladies Auxiliary to add strength and prestige to our organization". At the conclusion of Marine Johnson's remarks, he received a standing ovation from the floor. A motion was passed and accepted.

At the National Convention of the Montford Point Marine Association in August, 1971, held in New Orleans, Mr. Jack Loving of Boston was asked by the associations' President to organize a Ladies Auxiliary. Mrs. Almita Woods of North Carolina was selected to act as moderator.

When the National Convention of the MPMA met in Cleveland, Ohio in August, 1973, the National Ladies Auxiliary was formed. Mrs. Willie Mae Hill of the 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 LeJuene, N.C., Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, PA, and Chicago, IL..

¹See Appendix A. (History of the Ladies Auxiliary continued)

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Listed below are the officers and charter members.

1. President - Willa Mae Hill (Philadelphia, Pa.)
2. Vice Pres. - Berneatha Brown (Philadelphia, Pa.)
3. 2nd Vice Pres. - Doris Cunningham (North Chicago, Ill.)
4. Secretary - Peggy Thomas (Philadelphia, Pa.)
5. Financial Sec. - Sarah Conway (Chicago, Ill.)
6. Treasurer - Edith Thomas (Washington D.C.)
7. Public Relations Officer - Almita Woods (Jacksonville,
North Carolina)
8. Historian - Hazel A. Knight (Cincinnati, Ohio)
9. Sargeant-At-Arms - Emma McCoy (Jacksonville, N.C.)
10. Chaplin - Susie Jenkins (Atlanta, Georgia)
11. Grace Bully - Chicago, Ill.)
12. Jessie Clark - (Washington D.C.)
13. Cocena N. Counts - (Chicago, Ill.)
14. Lucille P. Cunningham - (Charleston, South Carolina)
15. Dorothy Dalton - (Cincinnati, Ohio)
16. Donna Flowers - (Chicago, Ill.)
17. Juanity Givens - (Chicago, Ill.)
18. Loretta Griffin - (Chicago, Ill.)
19. Ruth Hamilton - (Chicago, Ill.)
20. Lois Wilkins - (Washington D.C.)
21. Christine Ivy - (Chicago, Ill.)
22. Francis Payne - (Chicago, Ill.)
23. Alma Pickens - (Chicago, Ill.)

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**THE MONTFORD POINT MARINE ASSOCIATION
LADIES AUXILIARY 1996-1997
HISTORY OF EVENTS**

The Montford Point Marine Association, Ladies Auxiliary 31st National Convention was held July 10th through July 14th 1996 at the Westin Crown Center, Kansas City, Missouri. President Sylvia Saxton presided. She gave opening remarks and introduced several new members and potential members. Members from six (6) chapters were present. A beautiful Fashion Show/Luncheon and the Annual Queen Contest were held, both events were successful.

DRESS CODE

Dress code: Members are to wear caps at all meetings and Fridays is dress up day.

Friday July 12, 1996 was Auxiliary Dress-Up Day. The ladies looked lovely in navy blue suits, caps and shoes with white blouses, white gloves and navy blue bags. The scene was beautiful. President Saxton and committee members made presentations and awards. The "Lady of the Year Award for 1996" was not given this year. The following awards for 1996 were:

Ladies Auxiliary Presidents Cup – To Camp Lejeune Chapter #10

Presidents Award – To Doris Cunningham, Chicago Chapter #2

Presidents Award – To Carmeen Elmore, Wash, DC, Chapter #16

The convention closed with a beautiful banquet. The keynote speaker was General Raymond Gilbert Davis, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired), Military Guest of Honor, General Michael C. Wholley, USMC.

**LADIES AUXILIARY M.P.M.A.
LOS ANGELES CHAPTER**

Meetings held at Patriotic Hall — 1816 S. Figueroa Ave.
Every Fourth Saturday — at 7:00 P.M. Sharp

We wish to extend our congratulations
to the San Francisco Chapter for a successful Convention

EDNA JOHNSON	President
BERTHA BOYD	V. President
DEANNE HENDERSON	Secretary
HAZEL DAVENPORT	Treasurer
EVELYN STATON	Sgt.-at-Arms
JACKIE BOLDEN	Pub. Relations
VERONICA COBBS	Ways and Means
GERTRUDE LOCKHARD	Historian

MEMBERS

LOLA GOODWIN	MABEL GREEN
VIRGINIA LLOYD	SARAH SHAW
BETTY THRWEATT	JEAN ROGERS

**HONOR MEMBER
EAKERNEIL COOPER**

NON ACTIVE MEMBERS

JOAN HAMMOND	TERESA CAESAR
ANN BACON	BEVERLY COLBERT
PATRICIA McCORNELL	RUTH MC GREGOR

**CAMP LEJEUNE CHAPTER
LADIES AUXILIARY
MONTFORD POINT MARINE ASSOCIATION**

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MEMBERS

Brown, Isabell
Burt, Patricia A.
Cunningham, Lucille
Ellerbee, Barbara
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Hall, Mary
McCoy, Emma
Mitchell, Mildred
Smith, Fannie
Swaine, Jean
Thompson, Queenie
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NATIONAL MARINE CORPS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION



The National Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation is dedicated to the development of our Nation's most precious resource . . . the spiritual, intellectual and physical potential of American Youth.

The Foundation has a unique interest in children whose parents have rendered significant patriotic service. In recognition of such service and in the belief that our country will be strengthened by the education of their children, the Foundation awards scholarships at colleges and vocational schools to sons and daughters of United States Marines . . . primary consideration is given to those children whose parent was killed or wounded in action.

Martha Sims, May 5
Peggy Thomas, Dec. 5
Harriet Walters, March 12
Williemae Hill, August 7
Berneatha Brown, July 19
Audrey Hill, Dec. 28
Grace Senior, August 31
Melva Herout, Oct. 31
Blanche Dandridge, June 17

. . . BOOSTERS . . .

Emma McCoy	Alfreida Stevenson
Mildred Mitchell	Mrs. Bertha Taylor
Ruby Glenn	Mr. Arbie Clark Jr.
Barbara Ellerbee	Ms. Vanessa Smith
Lucille Cunningham	Mr. Robert L. Smith
Fannie Smith	Mrs. Ozie Davis
Viola Preston	Mrs. Lais Walker
Gladys Guillory	Mr. John Davis
Almita S.R. Woods	Mrs. Bertha Martin
Lutelia Borden	Mr. W.C. Lambert
Sadie M. Blount	Mrs. Erma Smith
Patricia A. Burt	Mrs. Annie Lambert
Isabell Brown	Mr. Charles Carter
Bernice C. Stewart	Mrs. Lee Person
Bernice Travis	Mrs. Edwina M. Hughes
Mary Hall	Ms. Samantha L. Hughes
Queenie Thompson	Mrs. Joyce F. Graves
Jean Swaine	

April 1995--

The MPMA Chapter #10 Ladies Auxiliary sponsored a testimonial dinner honoring Mrs. Almita S.R Woods . This affair was held at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall Jacksonville, N.C., Saturday, April 29, 1995. Mrs. Woods proposed and organized the Ladies Auxiliary Chapter #10 Montford Point Marines Association . She is also the founder of the National Ladies Auxiliary.

*Montford Point Marine Association Chapter
#10, Inc
And
Ladies Auxiliary
Presents*

*Testimonial Dinner
Honoring:*



Mrs. Almita S. R. Woods

*First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
218 Broadhurst Drive
Jacksonville, Nc*

*Saturday, April 29Th 1995
Five O'clock P.M.*



Ladies Auxiliary



Montford Point Marine Association, Inc.

National Office

Friday, July 21, 2006

As we cross the road again with new leadership, let's think on the level of new ideas and improvement. This year, we have reinstated one of our chapters. The ladies of Indianapolis are very happy to be a part of our organization again. Metro Missouri has merged with chapter thirteen. Unfortunately, we have had some members that have not been so well. This is why we must pray each day a little harder. Let us not be selfish; we must all share when prayer is in our hearts.

Sometimes you must ask yourself, what wonderful thing you can do that no one else can do? Should you complain, feel gloomy, think of how little you have. Please don't do that. Think of kind things and how you can be kinder. If you want peace, be peaceable. So ask yourself, have you; have I missed opportunities to make my life happier? What can I do today to grasp the opportunities presented to me?

It is written that where there's a will there's a way. If a desire is sincere and the results are for the good of everyone, the first giant steps have been taken. So it is with one's attitude.

A positive attitude can be of the greatest joys to experience. To begin days by willing everything good and meeting any obstacle with the idea it has no negative power can be make a dramatic change in one's life. A positive attitude can make a much better day.

Ask yourself: How has my attitude been lately? Do I need to make any change in my attitude?

God has conferred on motherhood, true nobility, and she who gladly fills that role can shape man's destiny. **NO MAN IS POOR WHO HAS HAD A GODLY MOTHER**
(Abraham Lincoln)

Melcine Henderson

Geeter said, on June 25, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order No. 8802 establishing the fair employment practice that began to erase discrimination in the armed forces and paved the way for African Americans to enlist in the Marine Corps.

But it wasn't until 1942 when Roosevelt established a presidential directive giving African Americans an opportunity to be recruited into the Marine Corps. But instead of training at the Parris Island, S.C., and San Diego boot camps, they trained separately at Montford Point Camp - a part of Camp Lejeune and New River, N.C.

African Americans who trained the nation's first black Marines became known as the Montford Point Marines.

"It was a long time coming," Geeter said. "These men had to fight to get into Montford Point."



Montford Point Marine Ellis Cunningham poses with Lucille, his wife of 52 years, during a Feb. 25 reception honoring five of the first African-American Marines during World War II. Photo by Rudi Williams

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